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Agreement Signed

A tripartite agreement is signed between World Food Program (WFP), WINROCK International and CEAPRED for the implementation of "Food for Assets" related activities in five VDCs of Dailekh district. The objective of the project is to improve short-term food security by providing safety nets for the most vulnerable communities, to foster improved community resilience through the creation of productive assets and agricultural/livelihood training and, to reduce the prevalence of acute malnutrition in children less than five years of age. The agreement commenced on 1 April 2011 and will remain in force till 31 August 2011.

Household baseline survey conducted

Climate Change is a global phenomenon and Nepal is not an exception. In fact, Nepal ranks among the top four most vulnerable countries for climate change in the world. Considering the adverse impacts of climate change on agriculture and food security, CEPRED over the years has been working to address this issue. Much recently, C E A P R E D



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of two components: a focused household questionnaire, complemented by a more detailed village level survey.

The first component i.e. household level survey has already been completed whereas the village level survey is ongoing. Five districts of Nepal namely Sunsari, Sarlahi, Rupandehi, Banke and Kanchanpur were selected for the

collaborated with International Water Management Institute (IWMI) to conduct a baseline survey to assess the impact of climate change in agriculture and food security in Nepal. The objectives of the survey were to generate baseline information on the existing effects of climate change, to identify areas of potential interventions to help the community for adaptation mechanism and to contribute to knowledge base for the regional consortium on climate change impacts. The survey consists

household survey.

The results of the household survey showed that crops/varieties have been changing since last ten years due to market demand and crop duration. Farmers also have been perceiving changes in rainfall and temperature. Similarly, other results show that number of livestock and level of water (ground or surface) are decreasing while insect pest infestation in the crops is increasing.



NEAT Activity launched

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Nepal Economic, Agriculture and Trade (NEAT) Activity was launched on 29th March, 2011 by Mr. Scott DeLisi, US Ambassador to Nepal, amidst a function organized by USAID/Nepal. NEAT is financially supported by USAID and being implemented by a consortium led by Chemonics International Inc., involving CEAPRED, Fintrac Inc., The Kaizan Company, Land O'Lakes Inc., Making cents International, METCON Consultants and WOCAN. CEAPRED is the major national partner. The overall objective of the project is to contribute to reducing poverty and increasing accessibility and improved basic services in project areas to manage equitable livelihood initiatives that improve the quality of life of people, especially those who are disadvantaged and marginalized, such as women, Dalits and indigenous ethnic groups.

The key project activities include increasing productivity of competitive value chains by providing training of trainers, direct technical assistance and starter kits(improved seed, fertilizer, micro and other key inputs), improving food security and increasing income by creating market linkages, developing information systems for the distribution of commodity prices and other key market information, developing and promoting business events and market fairs, removing market constraints(sanitary and phytosanitary standards, and other technical barriers to trade) and identifying competitive value chains and increasing access to finance.

Home gardening project extended



CEAPRED has been implementing the project titled “Linking home garden in inclusive development programme for contribution in securing livelihoods of resource poor and DAGs in Nepal”, a project funded by SDC, in partnership with LiBIRD since 2007. After completing two successful phases, the project entered into its third phase on 1st April, 2011. The project has been extended after encouraging results of previous phases. Increased household vegetable consumption and improved nutrition, increase in family income through sale of seeds and saplings, and improvement in household sanitation and biodiversity are some of the key outcomes produced in previous phases. As in previous years, the project is operational in four districts: Baitadi, Dadeldhura, Surkhet and Kavre in Nepal with 50 additional households.

CEAPRED initiated action on Knowledge Management

Realizing the depth of experience and traditional knowledge possessed by the large number of beneficiaries that CEAPRED directly worked with over the past two decades, CEAPRED has initiated action towards Knowledge Management by establishing a Knowledge Management Centre. IFAD through ICIMOD and Climate Change and Food Security (CCAFS) will partially provide financial support, and the rest of funding will be through CEAPRED's own core fund. Initial input to the Centre will be provided by ICIMOD and CCAFS. A beginning was made to build the staff capacity by training the staff in this field. Ms. Isha Gharti, Assistant Program Officer, CEAPRED and

designate focal person for Knowledge Management, participated in a workshop on “Adaptation Learning Highway” organized by ICIMOD on 2nd & 3rd of March, 2011 in Ranikhet, India. The workshop was attended by 25 participants from different parts of India and Nepal. The objective of the workshop was to understand various climate change adaptation strategies adopted by the communities and to share the knowledge among various communities and scientists. The workshop was useful in contributing to exchange of knowledge between communities and scientists on climate change strategies and also for future interventions on similar issues.

21st CEAPRED Day Celebrated

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23rd April, 2011 marked yet another milestone for CEAPRED as it completed 21 years of its operation. A reception dinner was organized at Hotel Himalaya on 22nd April, 2011 which was attended by 150 guests comprising donors, partners, members of governmental and non-governmental organizations and other stakeholders. On the occasion, a documentary titled "CEAPRED in glimpse" was showcased. The documentary highlighted CEAPRED's past two decades of work and achievement.

In the past two decades, CEAPRED has directly worked with more than 132,000 families through more than 70 development projects, mostly aimed at enhancing the livelihood of the poor and disadvantaged families. CEAPRED's development initiatives have been mainly centered on four thematic areas which are Poverty Reduction and Livelihood Enhancement, Sustainable Ecosystem and Environmental Management, Action/Policy Research and Institution building. The major achievement of CEAPRED has been the economic empowerment of rural poor and disadvantaged communities associated with social and political empowerment. Till now, income earned by participating families has been estimated at several billion rupees- Rs.4.8 billion from vegetables, Rs.1.9 billion from vegetable seeds and Rs.28.84 million from livestock. Similarly, the number of community run cooperatives and CBOs established by CEAPRED has reached 164 and 458, respectively. The center to success of the programs implemented by CEAPRED is the three-pronged program implementation strategy invariably adopted in programs - namely social mobilization, capacity development and local institution building, the rationale of which is the widespread recognition that sustainable development, including poverty reduction, is an internal and human process and that it has its roots on people's own initiatives.

21st CEAPRED Day thus, provided an opportunity to celebrate past accomplishment and learning and encouraged to move forward with more energy and determination.

National Level Stakeholder Consultation Meeting held



National Level Stakeholders Consultation Meeting on Climate Change, Agriculture and Food Security (CCAFA) was held on April 20th 2011 in CEAPRED central office premises. The meeting was attended by more than 30 participants with representation from MOAC, ICIMOD, NARC, IWMI, CIMMYT, DOA, and other esteemed organizations. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Nathu Prasad Chaudhary, Secretary of MOAC. Mr. Bharat P. Upadhyay, Executive Director, CEAPRED welcomed the participants and highlighted the objectives of the meeting.

The meeting proceeded in two sessions; Presentation and Discussion.

In the first session, Dr. Pramod Aggarwal, IWMI-Delhi, India presented on "CCAFA: An Overview and Regional Engagement Strategy." As per the title, his presentation provided an overview of CCAFA initiatives with specific intervention strategies for IGP and action plan for Nepal for the year 2011. Following that, Mr. Chiranjibi Adhikari, Focal Person, Climate Change and Participatory Action Research, CEAPRED did his presentation on "Climate Change Agriculture and Food Security (CCAFA): a Baseline Study". His presentation basically focused on the results of the household survey conducted by CEAPRED in collaboration with IWMI in five terai districts of Nepal on impacts of climate change in agriculture and food security. Later, Dr. Luna Bharati, Head of Office, IWMI Nepal Office, Jawalakhel presented on Climate change and Water: Recent research at IWMI. In her presentation, she discussed on ongoing intervention strategies for sustainable storage development in Nepal.

The discussion session was facilitated by Dr. Hari Dahal, Joint Secretary, MoAC. Discussions were held on various topics such as Policy environment, Rainfall/temperature insurance, Water Management Options, Social and cultural barriers to adaptation, Crop diversification with respect to Climate Change adaptation, Weather forecasting and agro-advisory service, and Seed bank.

Economic upliftment through poultry farming: A Success Story



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Pasang Syangbo, 21, is a woman from Janjati community and lives in Lalbandi VDC of Sarlahi district. Her family consists of her husband, herself and a daughter. Initially, they had just four kattha of land which couldn't fulfill their food demand even for six months. In order to sustain the family needs, her husband used to work as a waged labourer and used to migrate to India occasionally for seasonal work.

Pasang was encouraged by CEAPRED/PAF staff to join the local Samjhana Community Organization. Because of their motivation and her own search for sustainable livelihood opportunities, she joined the CO on Mangsir, 2063 as a secretary. The membership of CO helped her receive a loan of Rs.12000 from which she purchased a buffalo. Within a year, she earned Rs.16000 and paid back all loans. This profit encouraged her to venture into large scale business. She sold the buffalo in Rs.15, 500 and again obtained a loan of Rs.60, 000 for poultry farming from the revolving fund. She earned a bigger profit of Rs.1, 40,000 within seven months

by selling poultry. In addition, health status of her family members also improved due to regular consumption of meat.

She says, “I am highly satisfied from the profit, and have cleared all of my loans.” She even constructed a new poultry house and for that she received a loan of Rs. 50,000 from revolving fund. She started poultry farming at a large scale and made it more scientific. The increased income has empowered her economically. She feels proud of herself to have supported her family and for being able to pave a way for her family's sustainable livelihood. Apart from income generation she has also participated in several trainings conducted by CEAPRED that has helped her strengthen her skills and confidence as well.

Pasang, who once was shy and unable to read and write properly, is now capable of handling her own community organization meetings, account keeping, and also transaction of R.B Bank. She further adds “the project is extremely beneficial to the poor communities, who don't have assets for investment”. She is confident and determined to continue her venture with more investment in the near future.



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