

How a Migrant returnee changed his Fortune in Nepal. A success Story of Indra Kumar Khatiwada

Indra Kumar Khatiwada is a 41 years old farmer with a family of 4 currently residing in Belkotgadhi, Aarukharkha, Ward no: 1.

He owns 5 ropani of land. He used to cultivate cauliflower on 2 ropani and earn 12000-15000 annually. In rest of the land he used to grow essential grains. It was not possible for Indra to cover his household expenditure through agriculture. Hence, he went abroad (Saudi) for better opportunities. However, he returned after 2 years of his stay in Saudi.

After learning about “vegetable training to migrant returnee program” of CEAPRED, Indra joined the program and started his fortune on agriculture sector again.

“I started with tomato farming. The total yield inside a tunnel was 450 kg and



outside was 21 kg. By selling my tomatoes at NPR 65 per kg, I earned NPR 42,500 only from 4 anna land. This made me very happy. I could earn more here than abroad” said Indra excitedly.

Now he is farming tomatoes inside 4 tunnels. He has also started cultivating cauliflower and onion in rest of the land.

“I learned a lot after getting associated with CEAPRED. I learned about pest control, various diseases, seasonal farming, nursery establishment and fertilizing techniques. I also learned a lot through discussions on farmer’s field day” said Indra confidently.



Indra doesn't want to go abroad again. Rather, he wants to continue working in agriculture sector here in Nepal. However, he feels there are still many scope of improvement in this sector. Lack of quality

seeds and inputs and market connectivity are his major problems.