

Success stories

Cooperative in Need: Helping Farmers with Necessary Services

The majority of Nepalese people depend on agriculture for their livelihoods. However, most of them are restrained from proper and quality resources. There is a huge demand in agricultural sector for necessary and valuable/high quality inputs such as seeds and fertilisers. The situation is similar in Ammachhodingmo rural municipality where mostly people are engaged in agricultural sector, yet, do not have an easy access to agro resources. Hence, need to fetch the required resources from a distant market at Dhunche or Nuwakot.

Agricultural cooperatives could play a vital role to solve these problems and thus provide all the necessary services prerequisite for farmers. Taking these factors into consideration, RMS team decided to establish a cooperative at Goljung, Ammachhodingmo rural municipality with an aim to solve these existing problems. Initial discussions were carried out among the farmers in the area to establish the cooperative. However, very few of them were interested in the approach. The RMS team vigorously created awareness among the farmers about the importance and benefits that could be acquired from the establishment of the cooperative. Hence forth, a cooperative named “Chamgang Tarkari Utpadak Krishi Sahakari Sanstha Ltd” came into operation.

This cooperative is the first agricultural cooperative in this rural municipality with 49 members. Post inauguration, the cooperative has been linked with the vendors from Kathmandu to supply the required agriculture resources like seeds, fertilizers, IPM tools, bio-pesticides etc. The cooperative which started from 49 HHs has extended its service to around 600 HHs in Gatlang, Chilime and Goljung area. The cooperative has been successful in being a reliable friend to farmers of the area providing all necessary services and resources in need. Further, facilitating the farmers by providing the commodities at lower rates compared to that of Dhunche. It has also helped farmers to save their time, energy and money wasted in travel and purchase of the inputs. There is a future plan to establish a collection centre for the collection of vegetables commodities, lentils and potatoes and market it to Kathmandu with proper packaging. Farmers in the area are thrilled and mention about the benefits with pleasure.

