

Quarterly Report

EcoHimal Nepal

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A. Activities:

Following **activities** have been conducted from 1st July 2018 to the reporting period¹;

- 1. Coordination and Cooperation with local government:** Two meetings with chairperson of Thulung Dudhkoshi Rural Municipality (RM), Mr. Ashim Rai and other representatives have been done locally and at Central Office Kathmandu to discuss on possibilities of cooperation and partnership for sustainable tree crops promotion in all wards of Thulung Dudhkoshi Rural Municipality. The rural Municipality has already incorporated our programme in government plan and allocated budget for extension of tree crops programme in 1 to 8 wards of rural municipality. (Detail plan is in [Annex 1](#)) Project management has conducted frequent coordination and meetings at local level during field visit.
- 2. Project Sharing Workshop:** The project management conducted a project sharing meeting where there was presence of RM chairperson, vice chairperson, all ward chairpersons, the chief executive officer, and RM staff members. The programme was focused to share the project concept to all ward chairpersons for extension and promotion. There was presentation of a concept of tree crop, its need to promote in the area, its role in the economic development and climate change mitigation. All together there was presence of 18 representatives of RM. (Detail of participation is in [Annex 2](#))

The contents of the presentation of sharing workshop is in [Annex 3](#)

- 3. Procurement and distribution of seeds:** Multiple varieties of vegetable seeds purchased and distributed to local lead farmers of the project areas. In coordination with Everything Organic Pvt. Ltd., Kavreplanchowk, different varieties of vegetable and green salad seeds provided to local farmers.
- 4. Coordination meeting with rural municipality ward offices:** To expand tree crops programme especially satellite nurseries in 1 to 8 wards of Thulung Dudhkoshi Rural Municipality, coordination at ward level has been carried out. The details is as follows:

S.N	Activities conducted	Achievements	Remarks
1	Discussion on satellite nurseries establishment in Lokhim_ward no 9. The project management conducted meeting with ward chairperson, Mr. Bhupal Singh Rai and his team and have brief discussion on land	5 ropani (508 Square meter) land for satellite nurseries has been finalized. Commitment for one lead framer's salary	The training is organized through the funding of ward 9 office

¹ This reporting period covers 4 months because, there were no major activities; nearly one month distrubed due to festive season. The implementation of project will have speed pace afterwards.

	management, human resources mobilization and small building construction	Local 9 lead farmers from each village in coordination with ward office and EVON, trained on nursery management	
2	Discussion on satellite nurseries establishment in Jubu ward no 5. The project staff conducted meeting with ward chairperson, Mr. Prem Kumar Rai and his team and have brief discussion on land management, human resources mobilization and small building construction	Commitments for land management necessary for satellite nurseries have been received from ward office.	
3	Discussion on satellite nurseries establishment in Kangel_ward no 2. Meeting was held with Mr. Udaya Narayan Basnet, ward chairperson and his team. Discussion on land management, human resources mobilization and small building construction has been done by project staff members. In the meeting, feasibility and probability of satellite nurseries in Kangel was discussed.	3 ropani of land for satellite nursery is finalized.	
4	Discussion on satellite nurseries establishment in Mugli_ward no 6. The project staff conducted meeting with ward chairperson, Mr. Phurti Man Tamang and have brief discussion on land management, human resources mobilization and small building construction	Commitment for necessary land management as soon as possible is received. Ward office committed to provide salary to nursery care taker. Committed to allocate budget to construct building in upcoming fiscal year.	
5	Discussion on satellite nurseries establishment in Panchan_ward no 3. The project staff conducted meeting with ward chairperson, Mr. Bhupal Dhoj Rai and have brief discussion on land management, human resources mobilization and small building construction	Commitment for necessary land management as soon as possible is received. Ward office committed to provide salary to nursery care taker. Committed to allocate budget to construct building	

		in upcoming fiscal year.	
6	Meeting with other 2 wards are planned	Coordination with ward chair is being continued	

5. **Conduction of Bio-intensive training:** One day training on bio-intensive plantation has been conducted in Deusa Agro Forest Resource Centre. Project staff facilitated the training on bio intensive plantation to 15 farmers from Deusa and Waku (9 from Deusa and 6 from Waku).
6. **Training on Nursery and tree crops pruning & training:** One day training on improved techniques of nursery care and tree pruning & training has been conducted in Deusa Agro Forest Resource Centre. Project staff facilitated the training to 15 farmers from Deusa and Waku.
7. **Supervision of Hazelnuts:** Regular supervision of Hazelnuts demonstration block is carried out by project staff. There is plan to provide fertilizers to the plants and intercropping.
8. **Upgrading of DAFRC:** DAFRC has been upgraded with a new building on the land in-between main building and kitchen building in financial support of Thulung Dudhkoshi Rural Municipality. The building has been already in use after its overall construction works.
9. **Monitoring from Donor:** Monitoring of the project by Co-Director of The Glacier Trust was carried out in 20-25 October, 2018 for overall supervision of project activities in both Deusa and Waku.

10. Hongkong GSIS Students Visit:

Mrs. Mary Peart in November 2017 visited the AFRC with the group of TGT supporters in the leadership of TGT co-director Dr. Morgan Phillips. During the visit, the school exchange program has been discussed and Mary has planned to discuss with the German Swiss International School (GSIS). She succeeded to materialize it and 12 students' trip was organized from 19 to 27 October in coordination with Sanctuary trek Pvt. Ltd. The trip was accompanied by two teachers of GSIS, coordinator Marry Peart and TGT co-director Dr. Morgan.

The field visit was carried out from 20 to 25 October and planned different activities for students. Introduction of the Bio-intensive farming method, celebration of Dashian festival, exchange program with Deusa secondary school students, observation of AFRC activities and hazelnut orchard, experience of local culture, custom and exchange of local knowledge and practice were the major activities. The trip was very successful and students were very happy to be there.

B. Success stories

Successful organization of students exchange programme with big group of foreign guests (16 foreigner and 2 Nepalis), with the management of food, accommodation and different activities itself was challenging. All the students were from privileged family and

expectation should have been different than the reality. It was the Dashain festival time and people were in the celebratory mood and busy. However; students enjoyed the trip and provided very constructive feedback. This was the first trip big trip organizing experience of AFRC. In other hand, students accompany teachers were also very curious about the consequences. At the end, teachers also satisfied and provided very constructive feedback with high appreciation of management. In general, the programme was very successful with many learning and experience. There are ample room to improve for future and it has created courage for future to organize such programme in a better way. We considered this programme as a success story, since it is the first experience and accomplished without any major complications. The learning and feedback from students, teachers, Merry, Morgan are considered as assets and use as prescription for the future programme.

C. Difficulties

1. This reporting period, in Nepal, is festive time; Dashain and Tihar. People remained engaged in celebration in festivals. So, major activities were not planned during this time.

D. Deviation from the working plan

There were no major works were planned in the reporting period due to festive season, so that there is no major deviation.

E. Next steps

1. Extension of satellite nurseries in other wards of Thulung Dudhkoshi Rural Municipality
2. Cultivation of marginal land for fodder and forage cropping
3. Strengthening of cooperatives
4. Bio-intensive training
5. Plants survival – numbering of plants and categorization (fruits and nuts)
6. Training on farmyard manure
7. Organic Coffee cultivation, processing and marketing training
8. Pest management training
9. Seed and seedlings procurement and distribution
10. Hazelnuts fertilization and intercrop land preparation _
11. Upgrading of DAFRC
12. Continuation of School children climate change education class
13. Continuation of regular monthly farmers training

F. Remarks

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