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MICRO HYDEL PROJECTS

Babiyachaur Myagdi. The nine (9) kilowatt micro hydro power project at Naulisne and 16 kW project at Devistahan have begun operating. After these started supplying power, elated locals staged a rally and held a feast to celebrate the occasion. The projects were constructed with the support of the district energy and environment development section, VDCs concerned, DDC, United Nations Development Programme and the World Bank, local mothers groups, youth clubs and other locals. The project in Naulisne cost Rs. 1.8 million while the one at Devisthan cost Rs. 3.2 million. Some 123 households in Naulisne and 160 in Devisthan are benefitting. *(Source: The Himalayan Times 20 October, 2008)*

EFFICIENT ENERGY MANAGEMENT AND RENEWABLE ENERGY WORKSHOP

Rural Energy Advisor of Rural Energy Development Programme (REDP) Ms. Tara Shrestha has participated in the second USAID/SARIE/Energy Regional application workshop on "Efficient Energy Management and Renewable Energy" at Dhaka, Bangladesh from 17-19 November 2008. The main objective of the workshop was to carry forward the initiatives development in the first workshop "South Asia Women in Energy" held in Trivandrum from 21-25 April 2008. All the participants endorsed the first workshop and as a result, the South Asia Women in Energy (SAWIE) Network was formed. SAWIE involves 32 women professionals from South Asian countries (Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka) and the United States. During the first workshop, following four working sub committees were formed to deal with various issues on efficient energy management and promotion of renewable energy with an objective to mainstream women in the energy sector.



- 1) Gender streamlining and gender auditing
- 2) Renewable energy technology and green architecture
- 3) Micro finance and income generation
- 4) Capacity building, best practices and information sharing

As a whole the Dhaka workshop was fruitful and provided opportunities to learn and share lessons from participating countries. Various topics discussed and considered to be address while formulating and implementing any energy project included: (1) assessment of gender needs, (2) women's vital role in sustaining energy technologies, (3) micro financing to brings the changes in women's lifestyle, (4) technical knowledge to women for improving quality of technology and (5) Income generation for women.. *(Source: Based on information provided by Ms. Tara Shrestha, REA)*

MAINSTREAMING GENDER ISSUES FOR MEETING CONCERNS OF ENERGY AND POVERTY

To incorporate gender concerns in energy service delivery for poverty reduction, it is desirable to assess the gender impacts of major energy programmes including the UNDP initiated REDP, the SNV-supported IWM Programme, being implemented by CRT and BSP. The aim of such assessments and impact analyses should be to develop best practices and guidelines on mainstreaming gender issues into energy programmes.

For addressing drudgery-related aspects of existing energy consumption methods, it would be necessary to upscale the national biogas and ICS programme. It would also be desirable to build the capacities at the VDC/DDC level to mainstream and energy as cross-cutting themes in all their activities. . *(Source: Energy and Poverty in Nepal, UNDP 2007)*

