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ELECTRIFIED ONE MORE VDC IN SANKHUWASABHA

The test operation of the Niduwakhola Micro Hydro Village Electrification Project (MHVEP) of 12 kW constructed in Nundhaki VDC of Sankhuwasabha district has been successfully commissioned on 23 April, 2009. A total of 113 households of community have been benefited by the scheme. The micro hydro scheme has been established by the community people with support of GoN, UNDP and the World Bank. Other support agencies include DDC, DEES, VDC and local support organization named Society Development Center (SODEC). At present, the Niduwakhola Micro Hydro Functional Group is engaged in the undertaking of various end uses as well as the power management activities for ensuring the long-term sustainability of the system.



BUSINESS PLANNING WORKSHOP

On 17-21 April, 2009 the Business Planning workshop has been conducted at Kavre district. The workshop was organized by Churikhola Micro Hydro Cooperative Ltd, Pokhari Chauri VDC. The main propose of the workshop was to discuss and develop business plan for the long-term organizational strengthening and sustainability. More than thirty five (35) representatives of the variuos cooperatives have participated in the workshop. The workshop was facilitated by CMC, Mr. Dilip Sharma and external resource person Mr. Ashok Raj Pokharel. Besides this, REDP has been supporting to two more MHFGs for piloting innovative "Livelihood Packages", namely Mangpang Khola Micro Hydro Functional Group, Dhading and Girindi Khola Micro Hydro Functional Group, Baglung.

ICS PROMOTERS' TRAINING IN FAR-WESTERN DEVELOPMENT REGION

A 7 days long ICS promoters training for the potential entrepreneurs of Far Western Development Region has been successfully completed on 20 April, 2009 at Amargadi Municipality of Dadeldhura district. The main obectives of the training was to develop trained ICS promoters who would promote at least 50 ICSs each by the end of 2009. Altogether 23 participants from 7 districts of the region namely, Bajura (3 participants); Achham (3 participants), Baitadi (3 participants), Bajhang (5 participants), Darchula (3 participants), Doti (3 participants) and Dadeldhura (3 participants). Of the total, two (2) participants from Bajhang were included as per the request made by ESAP/AEPC. Two (2) participants were females from Bajura, of which one was from a hill dalit group. Likewise, there were four (4) males from the hill dalit and one was an IP. Rest 17 participants belong to hill Brahman/Chhetri casts.

During the innaguration session of the training, Acting LDO Mr. Ram Prasad Pandey and DFO Mr. Pancha Lal Shaha have highlighted the importance of ICS from the environmental,health and poverty alleviation aspects. HRDA Mr. Mahendra Neupane focused on the objectives of the training programme. The event was facilitated by Mr. Laxman Prasad Ghimire, Officiating EDO of DEES, Dadeldhura.

BIOGAS PLANTS IN 11,000 HOUSEHOLDS



10,955 hoshholds of Tanahun districts have built Biogas Plants. Similarly, 4,838 households of the district have installed solar home systems. The District Development Committee, Tanahun has stated that 25,732 households of 33 VDCs have the electricity services. There are 46 VDCs in the district.

According to the DDC, 207 kW electric power have been generated from the micriro hydro systems in the district. The DDC official stated that the Rural Energy Development Programme has been implemented in 11 VDCs and the Improved Cookstoves Programme in 12 VDCs. The district has population of 315,237 residing in 62,898 househols. (Source: *Gorakhpatra*)