

NOTHING GREAT WAS EVER ACHIEVED WITHOUT ENTHUSIASM – Ralph Waldo Emerson

AN INNOVATIVE ENDEAVOUR: MICRO HYDRO CALL CENTER AT REDP

REDP has initiated an innovative endeavor to support further the micro hydro communities as well as micro hydro sector with the operation of a call center at REDP office with the toll free telephone number -16600144555. The purpose of this call center is to support the rural micro hydro sector development through the easy access to information and services needed for the establishment, operation and repair and maintenance of the micro hydro systems. The services will also be provided to help solve the management and technical issues related to the micro hydro systems development. This call center will be developed in such a way that the rural communities can get information about productive end-uses, potential micro and small enterprises and market linkages. The users can directly dial this number from their telephone set and they need not to pay any amount for making these calls. *(Information provided by Livelihoods Advisor Mr. Prem Sagar Subedi)*

PROJECT PLANNING WORKSHOP

UNDP Country Office (CO) Nepal organized 5 days long workshop on Results based Planning from June 15-19, 2009 at UNDP conference hall, Pulchowk. The main purpose of the training was to provide better understanding of the planning process within the UNDP environment. The result, benefits, outcomes and concept of PRINCE2 and MSP were provided during the training process. The methodology of the backward planning process to achieve the delivery in stipulated time was discussed during the work shop. The first two (2) days of the training were devoted to provide basic concept of the planning process, risk and issue log, controls in project management and later three (3) days were used for applying knowledge in re-working on the annual workplans of individual projects. The practical exercise on KiND was done on 17 June 2009. Similarly, the exercise on REDP carried out on 19 June 2009. Mr. Kiran Man Singh, NPM, REDP/ KiND, Mr. Manoj Khadka, REDA, REDP, Mr. Keshav Pradhanang, REA, REDP, Ms. Sabina Joshi, AFA, REDP/ KiND, Mr. Yam Lal Tharu, Electrical Engineer, KiND, Ms. Aruna Pant, MCO, REDP and Ms. Sunjita Pradhan, MISA, REDP attended the workshop from REDP and KiND.

TRAINING ON COMMUNITY MOBILIZATION

The Rural Energy Development Programme (REDP) organized a seven (7) days long training to newly recruited Community Mobilizers (CMs) and Community Mobilization Coordinators (CMCs) of different districts from 12 – 18 June, 2009 at Imadol Training Center, Lalitpur. The main objective of the training is to provide theoretical and practical knowledge and skill on various aspects of REDP community mobilization process and its modality at community levels. Experienced practitioners and REDP staffs were the resource persons. All the participants were found very active, attentive and participative. Finally, trained participants indicated that the training was very useful and could be easily replicated or practices efficiently and effectively in the coming days.

ACHIEVEMENTS OF CPAP TARGET (As of May, 2009)

S.N	Name of MHS	Districts	VDC	Output (kW)	HHs #	Ethnic	Dalit	Others
1.	Durlung Khola	Kavre	Milche	15	139	139	0	0
2.	Siring Khola	Pyuthan	Rajbara	7	74	1	0	73
3.	Loli Gad	Baitadi	Hat	8	96	0	2	94
4.	Ruma Khola	Myagdi	Niskot	51	600	346	156	98
5.	Lukurban Khola	Baglung	Khunga	30	140	90	50	0
6.	Daram Khola	Baglung	Malma	50	450	13	51	386
7.	Niduwa Khola	Sankhuwashaba	Nundhaki	12	116	114	0	2
8.	Gadikhet Khola	Achham	Sodasha	10	142	111	31	0
9.	Goduma Khola	Taplejung	Sanwa	20	191	13	1	177
Total				203	1948	827	291	830
Achievements					100%	42.45%	14.94%	42.61%