Expected Outcomes

- Developed skills of 30 Community Forestry User Groups (CFUGs) through intensive interventions and extension to 1000 CFUGs and 30 private land owners in managing forests.
- Improved silviculture practice in 48,000 ha community forests in Kavre and Sindupalchok.
- Increased employment and income from establishment of forest-based enterprises.
- Improved knowledge base of forest industries in province 3 of Nepal.
- Framework for pro-poor and gender equitable governance established.
- Mechanisms in place for integrated planning between community forestry and local government.
- Improved forest policy, planning and governance.

Project Sites

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Background

The Middle Hills of Nepal are home to 44% of Nepal’s population, 66% of whom derive their livelihood from a combination of agriculture and forestry related activities. Forests and agriculture are closely inter-linked systems providing food, energy, income and safety nets. This project builds on the success and lessons of EnLiFT-1 project, enhancing livelihoods and food security from agroforestry and community forestry in Nepal, which primarily enhanced pathways linking forests and food security.

However, there are research gaps in several areas pertinent to optimizing these benefits. They include: understanding of the socio-ecological impacts of active and equitable forest management; improving, and developing an institutional framework for integrated Community Forestry-Local Government (CF-LG) planning in the context of rapid social, economic and political change; enhancing social inclusion and gender equity in community forestry; pro-poor forest-based enterprise models; regulatory reforms for better processing and marketing forest products; and strengthen the research and policy link for improving livelihoods through forestry.

Objectives

The broader objective of this project is to enhance forest management practices in community forests and private land for improved livelihoods and economic development and facilitate improved social equity. The specific objectives are:

- To enhance adoption and benefits from Active and Equitable Forest Management (AEFM) and improved private forestry practices.
- To develop and institutionalize community forestry planning, governance and gender equity frameworks within the new local government system.
- To design and facilitate the establishment of pro-poor small-scale forest enterprises.

Major Themes and Priority Actions

Active and Equitable Forest Management (AEFM)

- Application of AEFM in community and private forests
- Capacity building of communities and stakeholders
- Analysis of changing socio-ecological dynamics
- Research supported policy making in forest management

Planning and Governance

- Develop and apply inclusive planning framework in community forestry
- Test and institutionalize models of Community Forestry-Local Government (CF-LG) planning
- Test and institutionalize gender equity models in community forestry
- Facilitate strengthening of research-policy interface in forestry planning and governance

Forest Based Enterprises

- Analysis of forest enterprises and value chain
- Understand and facilitate regulatory reforms in forest-based enterprise
- Promote pro-poor and gender equitable forest-based enterprises
- Facilitate research backed policy process towards promoting forest-based enterprises