

## Project Update: July 2009

List of Activities under Monitoring & Information Dissemination	Period
Training on pickle making	April 2009
Enterprise registration support training	April 2009
Biogas support programme	May 2009
Commercial Farming Support (Mango plant distribution)	June 2009
Plantation of trees (replacing those that did not survive)	June 2009
Annual Sharing Workshop	June 2009
Monitoring and Evaluation	June 2009

### Training on pickle making

Training on the production of pickle was conducted in April 2009. The training is part of the skill development training programme. Under the training programme, the participants were oriented on manufacturing different varieties of pickles and on the ways of preserving them.

### Enterprise registration support training

Some households have already started producing and marketing candles and incense sticks. Some others are in the process of starting new enterprises. In order to motivate the households to register their enterprises, the importance of branding and the need to register business were discussed. The training was conducted with the help of an enterprise development expert. The Local facilitator of the RuCLIN project has been mobilized to help the groups with registration process.

### Commercial Farming support

Under this programme, the participants were given mango plants. Keeping in view of the planting season, the plants were given after a short orientation.

### Biogas support programme

As a part of the alternative energy promotion programme, about eight biogas plants have been installed in the proposed project area. The biogas plants were preferred to other alternative energy sources due to the availability of raw materials in and around the households, ease of maintenance, and keeping in view the local demand and sustainability.

### Plantation of trees (replacing those that did not survive)

Plantation of trees was conducted for the second time. It was conducted to replace those trees that were planted earlier but had not survived. The varieties that were planted were shorea robusta (sal – local name), ficus bengalensis (bar – local name), epil, ficus Lacor buch (kabro- local name).

### Annual Sharing Workshop

The annual sharing workshop was conducted in order to access the major achievements of the project with respect to the set objectives and programmes. All representatives from the participating households had participated in the programme. Major achievements of the project and the issues that the project could not address were also discussed in the programme. The one-day workshop identified major changes within the project area after the implementation of project. Some of the major achievements according to the participants were the installation of toilets, improved cooking stoves, skill enhancement and awareness training programmes, formation of working groups among others. Similarly, the participants discussed on the programmes that were needed in future. Some of them were

the need to establish nursery, extension of agricultural roads and introduction of alternative energy sources. The participants also expressed their willingness to afforest barren lands around the project site and asked for support from CRP Nepal and other donors. (provision of different varieties of plants and trees)

### Monitoring and Evaluation

Under this programme, our field team inspected the households to access the use of toilet, improved cooking stoves and observe sanitation in and around the households. Similarly, evaluation workshop was conducted. The main objective of this workshop was to access the activities within the groups, get insights and perceptions of the group members and get their valuable opinion and ideas for sustaining the project beyond the project period to extend maximum possible benefits to the members. A set of questionnaires was distributed to each of the group leaders for discussion within the groups and their feedback.



