

## Project Update: June 2016

### Activity: Interviewing farmers and visit to feeding areas

After the departure of black-necked crane from Trashiyangtse habitat, I visited the feeding areas in both Yangtse and Bumdeling valleys. The farmers were found preparing for next rice cultivation. The farmers were ploughing the fields and also dismantling temporary cattle shed in the fields. Farmers were interviewed on availability of food during last winter season and their pattern of cultivation. They also helped in identifying some of the threats in crane conservation.

The farmers of these two valleys cultivated around 14 varieties of rice namely, Bepudep, Sonala, Dagpadep, Ngurmlingbula, Farampa, Parokpa, Karmatekpa, Ruluwa, Mobzangmo, Moleymo, Bartsampa, Meydep, Alidep and Kalumalu in local name during last season. Of these the maximum grain fall was by Bepudep and minimum by Parokpa variety. However, farmers' preferences over the varieties were different because of taste and production.



Left: Farmers using machinery for tilling the field Right: Interviewing the farmers



Looks of rice grains – Left: Sonala grain. Right: Bepudep grain