

The Rufford Small Grants Foundation Final Report

Congratulations on the completion of your project that was supported by The Rufford Small Grants Foundation.

We ask all grant recipients to complete a Final Report Form that helps us to gauge the success of our grant giving. The Final Report must be sent in **word format** and not PDF format or any other format. We understand that projects often do not follow the predicted course but knowledge of your experiences is valuable to us and others who may be undertaking similar work. Please be as honest as you can in answering the questions – remember that negative experiences are just as valuable as positive ones if they help others to learn from them.

Please complete the form in English and be as clear and concise as you can. Please note that the information may be edited for clarity. We will ask for further information if required. If you have any other materials produced by the project, particularly a few relevant photographs please send these to us separately.

Please submit your final report to jane@rufford.org.

Thank you for your help.

Josh Cole, Grants Director

Grant Recipient Details	
Your name	Khila Nath Sapkota
Project title	Non-Timber Forest Products (NTFP) Based Enterprises Development for Biodiversity Conservation (NEBC) in Jangjang Village of Sindhuli District of Nepal
RSG reference	04.03.10
Reporting period	Final Report (Sep 2010-Dec 2011)
Amount of grant	£5800
Your email address	ncrpnepal@gmail.com
Date of this report	February 2012

1. Please indicate the level of achievement of the project's original objectives and include any relevant comments on factors affecting this.

Objective	Not achieved	Partially achieved	Fully achieved	Comments
Increasing the Number of Community Forests and Conservation of Natural Species			Fully achieved	Three community forestry users were formulated by first RSG project and two has been added by second project. Now the village has five community forestry users which have been registered with government agency. There was conducted awareness training for biodiversity conservation and medicinal plant promotion.
Promotion of Small Scale Enterprise Based on Sabai grass (One enterprises for Each community Forest User)		Partially Achieved		The community forestry groups were supported by the project to conduct a small scale enterprises based on Sabai grass along with grass plantation and promotion. Farmers are involving to transfer this industry from tradition/ hand making to modern/ manually operating machine. The activity generates opportunity for employment. It has not fully achieved the target goals because machinery production practice is more difficult than hand production.
Development to Small Scale Enterprise Based on Sal (<i>Shorea robusta</i>) Leaves (One enterprises for Each community Forest User)		Partially Achieved but satisfy		Sal (<i>Shorea robusta</i>) covers about fifty percent forests that have been developed for community forestry users group. Thus local grassroots people are trained by the project to product different types of plates from Sal leaves and they are encouraging to supply leaf plates on different occasions such as marriage parties, rituals, worship ceremonies and festivals in both rural and urban areas. Because of the community forestry users, people need to follow certain rules and regulations for using

				<p>leaf. Thus It is really to access to them who want to promote the forest.</p> <p>Therefore, the project supported to these forest user group for rural income generation and employment creation.</p>
Establishment of Distillation Plant for Aromatic Herbs		Partially Achieved		<p>Most of the high value NTFPs was being destroyed because of less knowledge of local people before the project. They were unknown to their market value. When we conducted the project, people have been motivated to promote aromatic herbs. The projects initiated a need for the semi-processing/processing of these raw materials and promote for the market export which convince them to earn more income from community forest.</p>
Increase skill and awareness through training and extension activities			Fully Achieved	<p>The project conducted training on identification of important species, habitats and their conservation, nursery operation and seed treatment, for various NTFP and multipurpose trees, income generation activities through development of agro-enterprises, beekeeping, extraction of essential oils, bamboo craftsmanship, ICS installation, identification and conservation of local best practices on farming, publication of brochures on biodiversity status as a supplementary activity of first RSG project. This campaign really effects better than first RSG.</p>

2. Please explain any unforeseen difficulties that arose during the project and how these were tackled (if relevant).

The following unforeseen difficulties arose:

- Political influences as first RSG.
- In summer season, we were unable to implement the project because of raising sea level and transportation disturbances.
- Difficulties to change their traditional forest using practices.
- Indigenous community members and backward classes having complex problems and diverse needs.
- In crop harvesting season, beneficiaries give less priority to the project.

3. Briefly describe the three most important outcomes of your project.

3.1 Three community forestry users were formulated by first RSG project and two have been added by second project. Now the village has five community forestry users which have been registered with government agency. There was conducted awareness training for biodiversity conservation and medicinal plant promotion. Now, it seems most successful project.

3.2. Most of the high value NTFPs were being destroyed because of less knowledge of local people before the project. They were unknown to their market value. When we conducted the project, people have been motivated to promote aromatic herbs. The projects initiated a need for the semi-processing/processing of these raw materials and promote for the market export which convince them to earn more income from community forest.

3.3 Sal (*Shorea robusta*) covers about 50% of forests that have been developed for community forestry users group. Thus local grassroots people are trained by the project to product different types of plates from Sal leaves and they are encouraging to supply leaf plates on different occasions such as marriage parties, rituals, worship ceremonies and festivals in both rural and urban areas. The enterprises promote the income level of people.

4. Briefly describe the involvement of local communities and how they have benefited from the project (if relevant).

There was inclusive participation in terms of project implementation as first RSG project. It is more participation of women and back warded group as compare to first RSG. We encouraged them to participate in the project implementation. Local institutions also participated directly and indirectly in implementation process. After the project implementation, all most all the local people installed ICS, constructed toilets, developed small scale enterprises of local product, and got biodiversity education and working for biodiversity and community forest conservation. The sanitation in and around the households has significantly improved. Similarly with the installation of improved cooking stoves, there has been reduction in the indoor pollution and energy consumption has decreased. The status of personal hygiene has also improved. The community forestry user group formation, small scale enterprises promotion, NTFPs production, and other skill development training programmes have helped some of the households to indulge in income generating activities.

5. Are there any plans to continue this work?

Not yet final plan but we are realising to conduct a small follow up programme every year. We also think to submit a proposal for buster grant scheme of RSG as far as possible.

6. How do you plan to share the results of your work with others?

We are requesting with local FM to broadcast our success stories once a time in each month during the year. Similarly, it will try to broadcast a ten minute programmes from the national level radio. We also plan to publish and distribute a booklet of success stories soon.

7. Timescale: Over what period was the RSG used? How does this compare to the anticipated or actual length of the project?

Our anticipated timeline was 12 months from September 2010 to august 2011. But it took 16 months because of geographical difficulties and constraints in the project location. It is very remote area where transportation facility is not access. As first RSG, we were unable to conduct the project activities in summer season because of river flood during 3 months. There is no bridge facility to cross the river.

8. Budget: Please provide a breakdown of budgeted versus actual expenditure and the reasons for any differences. All figures should be in £ sterling, indicating the local exchange rate used.

Item	Budgeted Amount	Actual Amount	Difference	Comments
Increasing the Number of Community Forests and Conservation of Natural Species	1000	1120	-120	
Promotion of Small Scale Enterprise Based on Sabai grass (One enterprises for Each community Forest User)	1500	1400	+100	
Development to Small Scale Enterprise Based on Sal (Shorea robusta) Leaves (One enterprises for Each community Forest User)	1000	1075	-75	
Establishment of Distillation Plant for Aroma Herbs	600	700	-100	
Increase Skill and awareness through training and extension activities	1000	950	+50	
Project Implementation Support Expenses	700	790	-90	
Total	5800	635	-235	

9. Looking ahead, what do you feel are the important next steps?

We need to minimise activities and should go for specific objectives rather than this project. Although the second RSG project was more specific than first RSG project, we feel it should be



specified as far as can later. It needs to make the project very specific in compare to the budget and time duration in future.

10. Did you use the RSGF logo in any materials produced in relation to this project? Did the RSGF receive any publicity during the course of your work?

Yes, we used RSGF logo for each and every activity during the project period.