

## Field visit report

Project: Deusa Agro Forest Resource Centre

Thulung Dudhkoshi RM, Solukhumbhu

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Team members:

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### Summary of the Activities done during visit:

- A brief planning meeting was done right after the arrival at DAFRC with DAFRC staff members (Keshab Prashad Rai, Dhan Kumari Rai, Roshan Kumar Khadka, Elisa Rai and Prakash Rai) for the monitoring visit.

Tentative plan prepared during the planning meeting is as follows;

- ✓ Hazelnut plantation area monitoring
- ✓ Orientation on annual plan of DAFRC to Mr Keshab Rai, Ms Dhankumari Rai and Mr Roshan Khadka
- ✓ Set up and Handover of Computer, Printer, Scanner,
- ✓ Handover of new Camera and orientation for use.
- ✓ Thermal Gun for fever measurement and orientation for use
- ✓ Orientation to staffs on computer-based reporting, photo documentation and financial report preparation.
- ✓ Meeting with DAFRC Executive committee members
- ✓ DAFRC premises visit, GPS coordinate and DAFRC Plot mapping

### Hazelnut plantation area monitoring

A team of 5 (Narayan Dhakal, Anisha Kharel, Pratik Timlasina, Keshab Rai and Roshan Khadka) visited Hazelnut plantation field, which is located in Kattike ward 7 of Thulung Dudhkoshi RM.

- The team observed each hazelnut plant starting from the bottom to the top of the orchard of 28 ropiness of land.
- The tallest hazelnut plant measured 6.7ft whereas the smallest was 20 cm only. Majority of plants are growing well. This year growth is not satisfactory in comparison of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year. According to Keshab Rai, the height of plant didn't increased even though manuring is done similar like last years.
- Flowering buds are seen in many plants.
- In many plants 10-12 succor are coming.

- We have noticed that the single succor plants are growing better than the multi succors.
- Workers are oriented to keep *mulch materials* at least 10 cm away circle from the main stem of the plant.
- We have found some stem borer and virus issues in some plant.

### **DAFRC annual plan orientation**

- Orientation to staff members; Keshab Rai, Dhankumari Rai and Roshan Khadka are oriented to prepare annual action plan and break it down into monthly and weekly plan for the better performance. on the annual plan of DAFRC
- A brief discussion was made and staffs were guided properly to implement the plan effectively.
- Chairperson of DAFRC; Mr Tilak Rai also participated in the orientation program
- In addition, a representative of INHURED organization also participated and was oriented properly in the activities to be conducted jointly with EcoHimal and DAFRC.

### **Office management:**

- Handed over 1 desk top Computer, 1 Printer with Scanner and copier, a set of Camera and Infrared Thermal Gun to DAFRC chair Mr Tilak Rai.
- All these items were fixed and set up properly in Office room of DAFRC.
- Later, all items were installed and tested for use.
- Staff members' were oriented for proper use.

### **Capacity building orientation to staffs**

- Orientation in different aspects such as reporting, financial management, office management etc. especially to Ms Dhankumari Rai and newly appointed staff Mr Roshan Khadka was conducted as part of Capacity building.
- The orientation was also focused to prepare these two staff members as technology friendly, since it is lacking from the previous team members.
- 2 staffs from EcoHimal and 1 from INHURED was included in detail orientation in the following topics:
  - ✓ Microsoft excel skills
  - ✓ Microsoft word skills
  - ✓ Reporting and Photo documentation, Basic Photography skills
  - ✓ Print, Scan and Photocopy
  - ✓ Use of email
  - ✓ Preparing excel sheet for report and data.
  - ✓ Preparing financial report (finance staff)
  - ✓ Better office management
  - ✓ Use of office equipment and its better management for less maintenance.

### **DAFRC Executive committee - Board meeting:**

The meeting was organized in presence of chair and secretary of DAFRC. Other members of committee were unable to attend the meeting due to marriage ceremony the community.

Discussed about the upcoming plan, staff matter, office management and cooperation with the local government. Tilak is committed for the further improvement of the center and requesting the fund from the rural municipality. The monitoring visit of Mayor was planned and was very successful. The mayor has appreciated the work done, the extension of each year and cooperation with other organization from EcoHimal and DAFRC.

**DAFRC Mapping:** The resource centre mapping was led by Roshan Khadka and Dhankumari Rai. Engineer Pratik has taken GPS coordinate points, altitude and measurement of plots. The objective of the mapping was to prepare a details of resource centre in electronic form and as signage. The hard copy will be printed in metal board after the detail is prepared. Mapping drawing is in progress.

### **Meeting with former chairperson Mr Kul Krishna KC:**

- Since he is not really able to come to AFRC and it has been a yearlong gap of our face to face conversation, we have visited his home and monitored his field as well. The first year tree crop plantation was found very successful in his field. He has harvested apple, nectarine, Almond and peach already. He is very happy what he has done and on the progress of DAFRC. On the way we have observed plantation in the area.

### **Observation of summer season plantation in Rokti and Jhorani Area:**

- The growth of fruits plants, vegetables and citrus fruits found satisfactory. Few plants are attacked by steam borer and pest. Farmers are oriented for the weeding, manuring and treatment. The team recommended to apply Bordeaux pest and mixture spray.
- Two farmers field was observed in detail (Ms Sabitra Khatri in Rokti, and Ms Parbati Rai rokti) and others as sample.
- During visit farmers were satisfied with the plantation system and requested for further support of seed and seedlings.

### **INHURED international support:**

- It has recruited a staff member Ms Alisa Rai and working in the team.
- They have supported a high-tech nursery and that is under construction.

- The INHURED team in the leadership of Executive director visited the project site, stayed two night in the centre.