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Trip Report: Sustainable Management of Agro ecological Resources in Tribal societies of India and Nepal (SMART) project sites, Nepal

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Purpose of the visit:

- To collect data for reassessing farmers' preference on conservation agriculture production systems (CAPS) by using Analytical Hierarchical Process (AHP) surveys after a couple of years of field trials

Sites/programs visited:

- Local Initiatives for Biodiversity, Research and Development (LI-BIRD) headquarter, Pokhara, Nepal
- AHP surveys in SMART project sites of Thumka, Hyakrang and Kholagaun

Description of Activities:

The AHP was resurveyed to understand any changes in farmers' preference on different CAPS systems since the project was introduced in the villages in 2010. The same type of exercise was conducted at the beginning of the project. The same survey methodologies that were used in the previous survey to collect the data were used once again. Altogether, 70 surveys were completed from three villages. The students from Institute of Agriculture and Animal Sciences, Rampur were trained and used as enumerators (translator) for the surveys in all three villages. Surveys in two villages (Thumka and Hyakrang) were done in November, while surveys in Kholagaun were done in December.

Challenges

Because of the general strike in Nepal, the initial planned dates of conducting AHPs in villages had to be changed. With valuable and devoted assistance from our partners LI-BIRD, IAAS and farming communities, the ultimate objective of the visit was achieved.

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