

Cooperative Strengthening Programme in Nepal supported by UNFAO

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (UNFAO) and the International Labour organization (ILO) have a joint project- Job for Peace with the target of creation of job for youth.

The project has various components/programmes. One of its components/programmes in the strengthening of agricultural cooperatives and the creating of job for their youth members in Rautahat and Parsa districts of Nepal.



In order to implement the programmes, an agreement has been made between FAO Nepal and the National Cooperative Federation of Nepal (NCF/N) which is the apex body of cooperative movement of Nepal.



The cooperative strengthening programme has several activities mostly in the areas of training i.e Cooperative Trainers of Training, Leadership Development Training, Capacity Building Training for Cooperative Managers, Member Awareness Campaigning, Agriculture Marketing Training, Product Diversification on Agro Products, Success Case Replication etc.

Likewise, the project has other activities development of model cooperatives, support to women cooperatives and distribution of seed money for the expansion of agriculture business related to production and marketing through cooperatives.

The project includes some major objectives of enhancing the capacity of existing cooperative through training activities, helping replicate cooperative activities by making study visits and observation and the case studies, developing cooperatives as small and micro-enterprises, supporting for capacity building of community-based



organization through training activities, monitoring and evaluating programme and activities of cooperatives regularly.

In Rautahat 14 cooperatives and in Parsa 16 cooperatives have been selected for the implementation of the cooperative programme.

The project activities have been launched since the date of 17th March 2010 in two districts – Parsa and Rautahat. In Rautahat 205 male and 201 female altogether 406 cooperative members and employees have been trained. Similarly in Parsa, 289 male and 328 female altogether 617 cooperative members and employees have received different types of trainings.



494 male and 529 female altogether 1023 cooperative members and staffs have trained during the activities completed. So far as on going programme is concerned almost 40 percent activities have been already completed.