# Unintended Outcomes of Community Forestry Programme in Nepal

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1. **Introduction**

- Pioneer of modern form of Community Forestry (since 1978)
- Forest Area: 5.5 million hectare (39.4%)
- CF Area = over 1.22 million hectares (22%)
- Number of CFUGs = ~14,500
- Population benefited = 35% of the country

2. **Objectives**

- Assess the positive impacts of CF programme
- Analyse and compare the ongoing unexpected activities and unintended outcomes of CF programme

3. **Methodology**

- Analysis of news published in Nepal’s most popular daily news paper
- Analysis of published literatures
- Key informant (forest professional) interviews
- Semi structured interviews, onsite observation and review of practical experiences

4. **Achievements / Intended outcomes**

- Adverting deforestation especially in hilly areas
- Supporting livelihood activities of rural people
- Empowering women and disadvantaged groups
- Creating harmonious relationship between foresters and people
- Local development activities
- Exemplary to other community based development activities

5. **Unintended outcomes**

5.1 Lack of good governance

- Shift of channelized bribery to community executives
- Corruption in a) Public funds b) Sale of valuable products
- Intransparency
- Inequity
- Political interferences
- Conflicts (within and outside)

5.2 Exclusion of indigenous people

4. **Achievements / Intended outcomes**

6. **Conclusions / Recommendations**

- Contemporary forest rules & regulations needs to be amended immediately to incorporate the use rights of distant users in the community forestry
- Strong actions should be taken to those involved in illegal activities
- Indepth pre and post formation supports to the CFUG must be provided by governmental / non governmental organizations

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**Fig. 1** Denuded Daddapokher area in 1978 (left) and rehabilitated (right) after CF program (2008). Source: SDC.

**Fig. 2** Improved grass and organic apiculture in CF.

**Fig. 3** Means of income generation & building school by CFUG.

**Fig. 4** Empowerment of poor, disadvantaged & women.

**Fig. 5** Positive and negative news covered about CF in Kantipur national newspaper (Oct. 2009-Aug. 2010).

**Fig. 6** News about illegal activities in CF on Kantipur Nationnal Daily.

**Fig. 7** Distant users are excluded from CFUG, as in Sarlahi.