

Strengthening Smallholder Farmers Organization for Livestock Value (SLVC-II)

Capitalizing and building further synergy on the success of the first SLVC-I Project implemented by Rural Women Development Center (RWDC) from March 2012 to June 2016, the SLVC-II came into existence.



The SLVC-II Project duration has been set for April 2018 to March 2021 and is funded by Heifer International Nepal. The project is being implemented by RWDC in Dang district along with additional districts -Pyutan and Salyan.

The main goal of SLVC-II is to increase the annual household average income by 72% (NPR 557,000) by the end of the project year.

The SLVC-II stresses on increasing the income and entrepreneurship of smallholder goat producers especially women by linking them directly to the cooperatives to buyers and to consumers. The project on the other hand guides the cooperatives to attain their sustainability and internal good governance.

Major Targeted Areas:

1. Improve market system, primarily goat meat and dairy value chain along with vegetable and backyard poultry.
2. Scale up the enterprises of the participating farmers.
3. Introduce new technologies and ideas to increase the overall farm profitability.



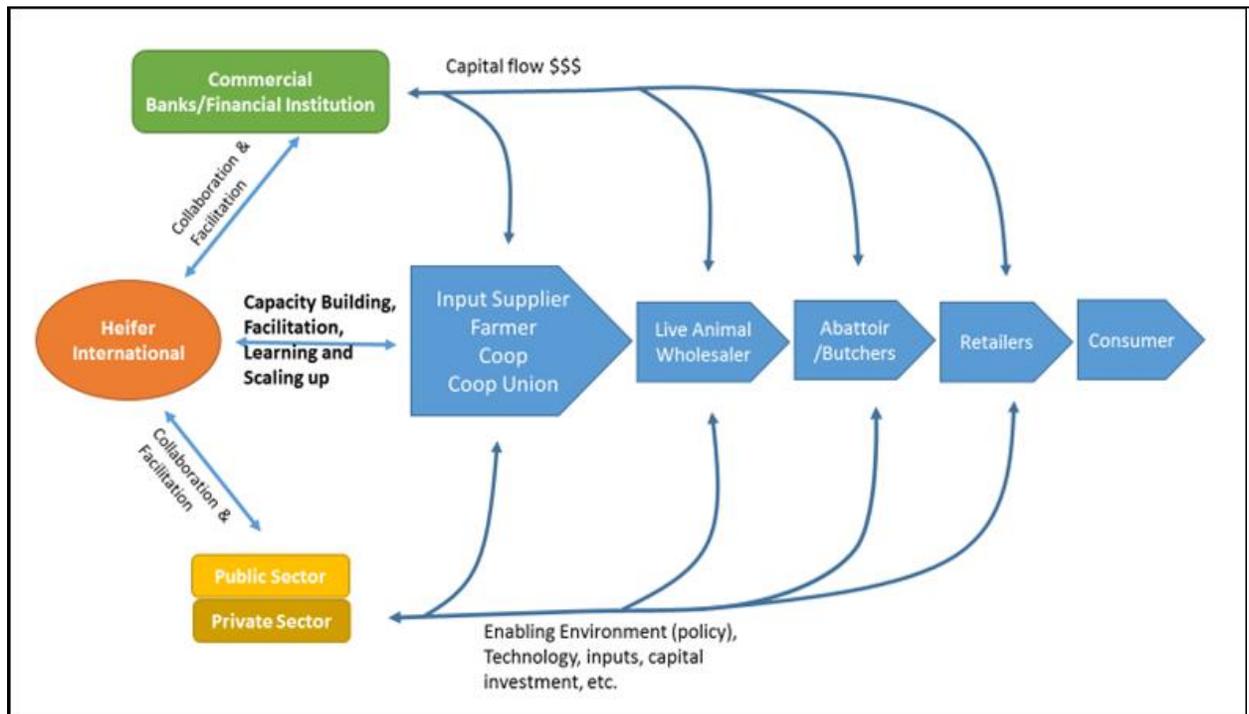
Major Activities:

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1. Bridging the gaps between the smallholder farmers and consumers resulting in income growth and enhancing their quality of life.
2. Strengthening the cooperatives to be financially viable and sustainable entities.

B) Prototype

1. Mainstreaming innovative and new ideas/technologies and scaling it as appropriate.



Total number of cooperatives covered by SLVC-II=12

Project areas:

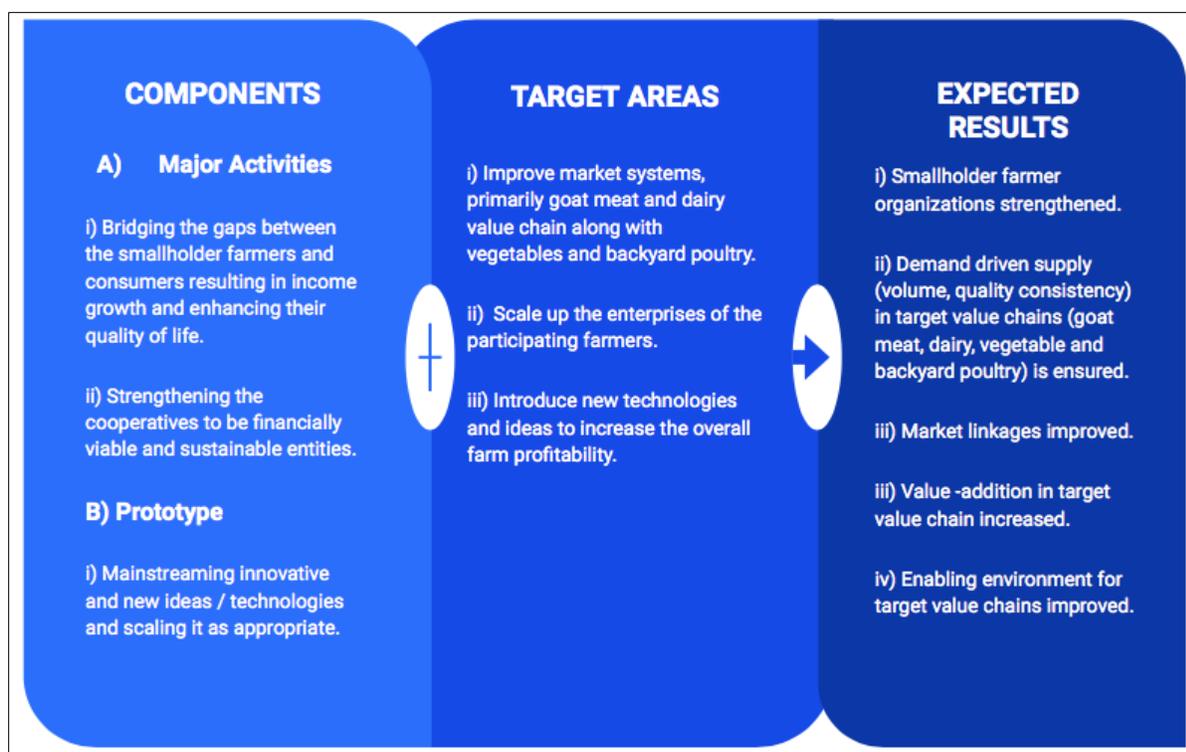
Dang Ghorahi Sub Metropolis, Lamahi Municipality, Rajpur Rural Municipality.

Pyuthan district: Sarumarani rural municipality, Swargdwari town municipality.

Tribeni Rural Municipality.

Total number of beneficiary families=7581 families of members.

Main products of the project=Goat, milk, vegetables and local chickens.



Major Project Interventions

1. Heifer Corner Stone training

RWDC conducted Heifer Corner Stone training for the targeted beneficiaries to bring about positive changes in the behavior of the beneficiary community towards Heifer values for the sake of holistic development of the community. The training was based on 12 corner stones of the Heifer International. The training was held only one time during this project period. The training was allocated for the executive committee, staff and other active members of Durgbhawani Samajik Udhami Mahila Cooperative. A total of 30 participants (males) had proactively participated in the training.†

2. Cooperative Capacity Analysis Seminar Held

Cooperative Capacity Analysis seminars held for all 12 cooperatives involved with SLVC-II in the targeted areas by taking into account 24 indicators to evaluate the capacity development and institutional good governance of the respective cooperates. The training identified the lackings of cooperatives and made actions plans to rectify those lackings ahead. This training was meant for the Cooperative members, staf and active share members. A total of 347 participants had proactively taken part in the seminars which includes 14 males and 333 females.

3. Group Network Meetings Held

As many as 1535 participants including 1484 females and 51 males have participated in the 66 meetings of total 22 group networks which were initiated to share information and networking for activities of the cooperatives in all 12 Cooperatives of Dang, Salyan and Pyuthan districts where 7581 members are involved in 409 groups linked with the Cooperatives.



4. Meeting held between Cooperative JTA and Insurance company

A meeting has been held among the 8 cooperatives out of 12 cooperatives, Cooperative board members, JTA and agents of insurance companies working in the region. All 12 cooperatives have got the license to do insurance for the animals.

5. Meeting for Project Monitoring and Coordination Committee

A Project Monitoring and Coordination committee have been formed in all Municipalities of Dang, Salyan and Pyuthan districts for the effective efficacy of the Cooperatives with respect to production and distribution of goats in the districts. Such committees are coordinated by municipality chiefs wherein 15 to 22 members are involved in the committee. Narulal Chaudhary the Mayor of Ghorahi Sub-Metropolis, Lamahi Municipality Mayor Kul Bahadur KC, Swargwari Municipality Mayor Nar Bahadur Rokaya, Sarumani Rural Municipality chief Jhag Bahadur BK, Triveni Rural Municipality chief Man Bahadur Dangi and Rajpur Rural Municipality ward chair Shyam Roka are the coordinators of respective committees. The Salyan district committee has had such meetings two times with participation of 60 people including 19 females and 49 males.



6. Collection Center Construction and Materials Support Program

Under the Collection Center Construction and Material Support, the Lamahi based Dipan Samajik Udhmi Mahila Cooperative has received Rs 25, 0000.

This cooperative has been collecting milk and goats. Similarly, Ghorahi Sub-Metropolis -13 based Jhyamire Samajik Udhmi Mahila Cooperative has been given Rs 20,000 to buy the Vegetable measuring machine. Likewise, Salyan based Udhmi Mahila Cooperative has been given Rs 160,000 to buy Vegetable carret boxes. Similarly, Nilkamal Cooperative limited has been given Rs .250,000 to buy the Electricity generator.



7. Publication Program for Cooperative's Annual Progress Report

In order to document and bring all activities of 12 cooperatives to the notice of all share holders and stakeholders for transparency and strengthen the SLVC-II Project through the yearly progress report publication and dissemination, the project disbursed a total of Rs 130,000 to 11 cooperatives with each cooperative getting Rs 20,000 including all technical support for the publication of yearly progress report of each cooperative.



SLVC-II Success story

Case -1

Cooperative turning into business hub

The cooperatives located at Lahami municipality formed by Rural Women Development Centers (RWDC) under "Strengthening Smallholder Farmers Organization for Livestock Value (SLVC-II) have now turned into business hub after these cooperatives started selling goats to Nepal's Food Limited during this year's Dashain and Tihar festival.

Most of the farmers have been encouraged after their goats were sold through these cooperatives that acted as major depots to market the goats this year.

In the previous years, the intermediary agents had caused some inconvenience in selling the goats through the Cooperative. But this year a formal agreement was reached in between the

government's food limited and the cooperatives to deal with the marketing of the goats in fair manner.

Hundreds of beneficiary women who participated in this goats marketing at the depot of Cooperative have been encouraged to rear more goats in the days ahead according to Punam Bhandari.

Sammaunnati Samajik Udhmi Women Cooperative chairperson Anju Chaudhary said that their cooperative will sell more number of goats next time after selling 701 goats this time. Similarly, Hem Narayan Chaudhary, the Marketing Manager of Karmatha Samajik Udhmi Cooperative limited said that this time one women of the cooperative sold 21 goats for Rs 318253 and gave an example to the youths going abroad that if one determines to do something within the country it is possible.

