**FGD Lamjung Khudi**

**FGD- 1**

**Recording: 140327\_001 Programme at Amar hither secondary school, Khudi.**

Introduction of ours and introduction of Amar Higher Secondary school.

INTERVIEWER: Your school is beautiful, especially because it lies on the bank of ***Marsangdi*** River, and this is what makes fresh environment. Physical location of this school is wonderful, I am sure that fresh breeze from ***Marsangdi*** can make student fresh and ready for learning activities. This is a great property for school. I have been talking to your head teacher and I found he has great team. Everyone is going beyond the call of their duties. And he also mentioned that the school has successes to maintain a great image among stakeholders despite of having limited resources. I would like to thank you for wonderful welcome. According to head teacher there is no science lab with enough resources. I have bit of connection with Education minister and I am helping to send this message to education minister.

It is small project of bio fuel. We are trying to do focus group discussion and it will take just 15 minutes. Thank you very much for your participation. We have very inclusive team here.

Interviewer: was there any organisation or individuals taking such kind of bio fuel project in your community before?

Male 62: No.

Another man: ***Gyanendra Bahadur Shrestha*** had taken one project in here, he has done his PHD. At that he was taking about producing oil from ***Sajiban*** and ***Tihdu***.

INTERVIEWER: how far did that project go?

Man 62: they collect some of the ***Sajiban*** and ***Tindu*** but they did not produce it. That was in 2045 or 2046 B.S.

Interviewer: how is the importance of bio fuel in your community?

Female 52: it is important. We can take lots of benefits from bio fuel.

INTERVIEWER: can you tell us nature of benefits?

Female 52: if everyone takes benefits from biofuel production than fuel can be more convenient and easily available.

INTERVIEWER: another question to sister here. Can you make us clear why there is more female participation in fuel wood collection and kitchen work than man?

Female 27: Especially in the village women does most of the work relating to fuel wood collection and kitchen work. This is the tradition adapted by community since ages. In urban areas there is gas stove in use in some house hold and there is less discrimination in terms of work distribution relating to kitchen.

INTERVIEWER: we usually named smoke coming from fuel wood as killer in the kitchen. Do you suffer respiratory problem due to smoke and physical pain or injury due to collecting fuel wood?

Female 27: yes we do suffer problem eye irritation, chest pain. We also suffer back pain due to carrying heavy bundle of fuel wood.

INTERVIEWER: how could you take yourself out from these problems?

Female 46: there is no way out for us. We cannot afford gas and we have to rely of fuel wood for cooking and producing spirit. And we have to suffer all those problems.

INTERVIEWER: Nepal had introduced improved cooked stove in various community. Do you have those stoves in your community?

Female 46: there is Annapurna conservation and it has imposed ban in cutting fuel wood. And because of that some village in this VDC have to purchase gas even though it is almost unaffordable for them. Gas is too expensive. Therefore, bio fuel can be the best alternatives for us and it can be more justifiable to the community here.

INTERVIEWER: how is the reliability of electricity in your village?

Male 60: we used to use ***Tuki batti*** previously. Now we have electricity here and brighter light in our home but it is not reliable at all.

Interviewer: Do you have gas or fuel wood?

Male 38: I have gas.

INTERVIEWER: why gas? Why not fuel wood?

Male 38: because availability of fuel wood is poor.

INTERVIEWER: is it due to availability or because you can afford it?

Male 38: we cannot collect fuel wood because of Annapurna conservation and I don’t have fire place for fuel wood at my home.

INTERVIEWER: if there was good availability of fuel wood ant no cap by ACAP than would you have been prioritise fuel wood?

Male 38: if there was good availability than we would have use fuel wood.

INTERVIEWER: Referring to an old man, you said you can afford gas but you have been using fuel wood, why you are not intending to switch it to gas instead?

Male 65: fuel wood does not cost us. Gas is expensive. I use mixed resources. It will be good if there is availability of alternative source like bio fuel.

Interviewer: is there anyone who uses only fuel wood?

Female 25: there is none. Most of the house uses both of them: gas and fuel wood.

Interviewer: do you have ***gobar gas*** at your home?

Female 25: no

Another Female 42 coming forward saying I have gas at my home.

INTERVIEWER: is there any good impact in your family health and lifestyle due to having ***gobar gas***?

Female 42: it has very good impact in our health. There is good availability of fuel wood but cooking in gas is smokeless and cooking pot and house will look clean.

INTERVIEWER: did government help you to make ***gobar gas*** at your home?

Female 42: yes government gave us 10K out of 26K (total cost). They did not give us cash but they provide technician and equipment.

INTERVIEWER: do you receive free installation or you have to pay now?

Female 42: we have to pay them.

INTERVIEWER: how much do you have to pay in each visit?

Female 42: about 1500.

Interviewer: most of the participation in various community said that if there is good availability of fuel wood than why should we use gas? In this case how can you describe the market for bio fuel in your community?

Male 46: yes there is market. There is very unreliable electricity and lack of other fuel source so I can see good market for bio fuel.

Interviewer: do you think bio fuel can compete with other fuel source currently available in the market?

Male 46: yes it can compete because there is good possibility for biofuel production.

Interviewer: same question to another man?

Male 62: it will compete. Because purchasing bio fuel produced by using local resources will be more justifiable for community than buying fuel coming from international market.

Interviewer: if bio fuel happen to be expensive than the fuel you are using at the moment than what will be the reaction of society? Will they still buy it? Will they take ethical consideration while making purchasing decision?

Professor male 58: yes they will still buy bio fuel. Social consciousness is increasing. Using fuel wood has bad health impact and society knows it. If they can find alternative source which can be produce by using local resources than certainly they will buy it.

INTERVIEWER: some household in your society may not afford to buy bio fuel and in such case society can be divided in to two parts: one is using bio fuel and taking the most of the advantages and another group cannot afford to use bio fuel and cannot grab the benefits of bio fuel? And therefore one will be heading towards prosperity and another will legging behind in the society. What are the chances of creating that kind of situation in your society due to bio fuel production?

Female 63: we have to use fuel wood and cannot afford gas. We suffer health problem due to using fuel wood. If there will be availability of bio fuel then we can get out of these problem. She did not understand the question.

Male 65: we have three layers in our society: higher class, middle class and lower class. Therefore we have to subsidise bio fuel for lower class.

INTERVIEWER: who should subsidise the bio fuel – by the project or government?

Male 65: project cannot be run independently, I think it has to have corporation with government and therefore to subsidise it can corporate with government.

Interviewer: what is the recommendation you have for this project so that the poor and rich can be equally benefited?

Male 58: we are diversified in terms of economic conditions. If economically strong group more benefited from this project and less able people are less benefitted than that could create conflict in the society. Therefore to solve this problem, nationally and locally we all have to corporate with each other.

INTERVIEWER: what is the gender discrimination in your society? From two dimensions: in terms of society as a whole and collection and use of fuel wood?

Female 27: there is not huge gender discrimination here. Male works in the kitchen as well.

INTERVIEWER: whose contribution is more in terms collecting fuel wood?

Female 27: it is female. In the village, most of the time female goes to the jungle to collect the fuel wood and also work in the kitchen to cook for family.

INTERVIEWER: referring to a lady: who informed you about this meeting?

Female 27: teacher informed me about this and I also realised that it will be beneficial for me to understand and learn something if I attend the meeting.

INTERVIEWER: how is the circulation of notice in your village?

Female 27: it is faster now days because of mobile phones. And we have ***Aama samuha*** in every village and it plays vital role in circulating message among villagers.

INTERVIEWER: why there is no Dalit in this meeting?

Female 27: probably they did not get the notice.

INTERVIEWER: why dint them get the message?

Male 46: ***Dalits*** are really few here and we don’t have their contact details. They live bit far from here.

Interviewer: if bio fuel happen to be expensive than the fuel source currently available in the market than will local consumer buy bio fuel in higher price?

Male 46: community will agree to pay for higher price for bio fuel.

INTERVIEWER: how and why?

Male 46: even though people usually go for cheaper option but if there are new alternatives than people will agree to buy it considering how convenience it is and how healthy it is.

Male 60: we cannot say that much until we actually see the production.

Thank you all for your wonderful participation.

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**FGD 2**

**Recording 140325\_001 Siurung FG discussion. 14 March 2014:**

INTERVIEWER: welcome to the focus group discussion. We have two female and nine males. Female participants are very low because they are busy in cooking for family and for livestock. And some males are heading up hill for puja, god called ***Bhawani.*** They have taken one female goat and ***Baseko Bhale***. I will request my colleague (another interviewer) to ask the further question to participant.

INTERVIEWER: Introduction of Bio fuel: why we are here for and what is this project all about.

Male 70: how can we produce bio fuel? Is it from trees, leaf, flowers or fruits? You may have known ***Chiuri, Ebi and Tido***. We have had mill (***Kol in Gurung*** language) in our time which used to be made by wood. We used to produce oil form Tori in that Mill.

INTERVIEWER: what kind of trees do you use for bio fuel?

Male 70: we use as fuel wood almost all the trees. We use ***Uttis*** most.

Male 72: there used to be few ***uttis*** but now they are allot due to conservation and planting.

Interviewer: how much is the importance of bio fuel in your village?

Male 72: we have ***Ebi, Dhusi and Gaja*** and we used to produce oil. We have readymade pouch oil now a days but our ancestor used to use oil from those trees.

INTERVIEWER: what kind of fuel wood do you use for your Aran?

Biswokarma 62: ***Katus***.

Interviewer: if this project helps you to produce bio fuel in your village using plants and trees available in your jungle and field, how will this benefit you?

Male 65: it will be benefited for us. We will not have to buy it from far town and cities. People will be employed.

Male 43: my grandfather and great grandfather used to go other side of that hill for fuel wood. But now a day it is available nearby.

Male 22: Gas, kerosene and petrol price are increasing day by day. If we can produce bio fuel than we can avoid buying expensive fuel from the market. But we should not destroy jungle for producing bio fuel.

INTERVIEWER: that’s why we are looking for the possibility to plant trees suitable for bio fuel in the field bunds and unused land.

INTERVIEWER: do you think you have good market for bio fuel? You have a village here and you have neighbouring village too and also you can sell it to ***Khudi***.

Male 18: yes we have market and we can sell bio fuel.

INTERVIEWER: how is unity of youngsters in your village?

Male 18: we are uniting within our village. If we received more training regarding this, certainly we can contribute to production of bio fuel.

Interviewer: how do you use fuel wood, do you use it in open fire place or in improved cook stove?

Male 72: some people in the village have improved cook stove but some does not.

Interviewer: (referring to an old lady): do you have improved cook stove at your home?

Female76: No, I don’t have it. I don’t have money to have it.

INTERVIEWER: who goes to jungle to collect fuel wood?

Female 76: we go to carry fuel wood from jungle to home. (Most of the women are not comfortable with putting down the trees and play with ***Banchoro (an axe)***. Therefore the work has been distributed between men and women. Man cut down the trees and women do the transportation.

INTERVIEWER: do you suffer neck pain, back pain and other health issues due to collection of fuel wood?

Female 76: Yes I do suffer pain, I am an old woman and still need fuel wood for cooking and there is no other option. We suffer every day, whole life.

INTERVIEWER: don’t you get help from men?

Female 76: they have son, daughter and wife. We had saved allot for them but now they are in the cities having wonderful life and I am still here. They don’t care about us. These days’ children are like this.

INTERVIEWER: can you tell me your name and age?

**Female, 42 years.**

INTERVIEWER: I have tried to gather people for focus group. Some are coming and going, and it was hard for me to gather this much people here. I find it really hard to gather female participant for focus group discussion. Why is it like that?

 (Female 42): they have to involve in household work and they don’t have time.

Female 42: They have to cook and feed men (house owner: they called ***Ghar Dhani*** to their husband) before they go to work and feed children and send them to school. That’s why they are busy.

INTERVIEWER: why men don’t cook?

Female42: ask them. They have the mentality that these house hold work has to be done by women. Not men.

INTERVIEWER: what if they don’t have women at home?

Female 42: if there are no women at home they have to do it themselves otherwise it is women most of the time.

INTERVIEWER: women are involving more in collecting fuel wood. How will it be if men involve in collection fuel wood equally to the women?

Male 70: we have to go outside to win the bread and I have to work in the ***Aaran***.

INTERVIEWER: what is your name and age?

**Male, age 25 years**. He doesn’t know his age. He is saying it random.

INTERVIEWER: you must be older than that. Myself 30 years. Which year did you born?

Setu: *ma* ***Asarko*** *ho. I don’t know the year.*

He does not know his age and his name is ***Setu***, I don’t think this name is given by his parents. It may be upper cast people who gave the nick name for him, may be because he is bit white. Eventually it happens to be his legal identity. He is not even allowed to have his own name given by his parents.

INTERVIEWER: what is the situation of community forest?

Female42: it will be good to ask this question to him than me.

Female 48: I have told you yesterday already. We have community forest and private forest. We go more in community forest more comparing to private one. We go on both jungles.

INTERVIEWER: do you go to community forest most?

Female 48: we go to both of them. In community forest, more have to pay for those who need more fuel wood.

INTERVIEWER: is there any conflict while collecting fuel wood?

Female 40: yes, there is some conflict while distributing fuel wood. Some think that they have not got as much as others.

INTERVIEWER: how do you settle that conflict?

Female 40: we have to listen to both party and reach to mutual agreement.

INTERVIEWER: who create the conflict often? Man vs man, women vs women, Man vs women or boy vs girl?

Female 40: man vs man but women get involved as well from the back of the man.

Interviewer: does any household in this village have Gas?

Female 40: yes some household has gas.

INTERVIEWER: what kind of people affords gas?

Female 40: who has better income they use gas.

Interviewer: is it young people who use gas more than old people?

Female 40: yes, some old people do not know how to use gas.

Interviewer: does anyone have received training on how to use gas yet?

Female 40: No, there is no training in this village so far.

Interviewer: how is the market for biofuel production here?

Female 40: market is far from here. But we have local market.

INTERVIEWER: what is the unity in this village? Will ***Aama Samuha, Bau samuha***, corporative unite in production of bio fuel?

Female 40: yes they will unite.

INTERVIEWER: how?

Female 40: all the villagers and group in the village have been helping other organisation working in this village and I believe that this project will get help as well.

Interviewer: is there any NGO and INGO working in this village?

Female 40: yes some of them. There is ***Helbitas*** for drinking water.

INTERVIEWER: (referring to a lady), one sister here taking daughter to the meeting, what is the compulsion in taking your daughter to the meeting?

Female36: there is no one at home.

INTERVIEWER: does your husband lives abroad? Yes. So you have to feed and look after her. And look after the farming as well. Can you tell us about your daily routine?

Female 36: it is hard. I am on my own and I have to handle all the work on my own. It is really hard.

INTERVIEWER: do you go to collect fuel wood as well?

Female 36: NO I don’t. My brother, father in-law or mother in-law go to jungle for fuel wood.

INTERVIEWER: Your brothers collect fuel wood as well. Doesn’t he have to study?

Female 36: he helps in collecting fuel wood while is in holiday.

INTERVIEWER: how many hours does he involve in collecting fuel wood in a week?

Female 36: every Saturday, whole day he collect fuel wood.

INTERVIEWER: what is the age of your brother?

Female 36: Thirteen.

INTERVIEWER: which grade he is in?

Female 36: six

Interviewer: This ritual, sacrificing goat to protect village (***gaun chhekne***), since when it has been exercising?

Male 72: since ages.

Interviewer: why do you do this? What is the purpose?

Male 72: after sacrificing goat to god and goddess, this village will be protected from illness, debases or some kind of pandemic and natural disasters. We prey ***Bhawani, Mahadev, Sita Devi***. And sometimes we do Witch puja as well when someone is ill.

INTERVIEWER: when we talk about development of your village we have to talk about government policy on health, transportation, education and others in your village. How is the relationship between villagers and policy makers? Do you talk with them regularly?

Male 72: I don’t know what to say. We are illiterate. Educated one may have known the policies. I know there is *Hakim*. Government says we all the Nepalese in Nepal are equal for them. It is like Nepalese saying: ***bolneko pitho Pani Bikchha nabolneko chamal Pani Bikdaina****.* We cannot say there is not, we have, our VDC office is in ***Khudi***, down there. We don’t have police bit, health post, high school, it is very rural. Government development policy is for who can speak and can come forward and fight for their rights.

INTERVIEWER: There is ***gobar gas*** policy in the district. This village is not so cold as well. Why this village does not have ***gobar gas***?

Male 43: ***gobar gas*** will not be effective due to cold.

Female 42: another thing is that, there is no permanent shelter for buffalo and ***Oxen***. We frequently change shelter uphill to downhill. Most of the time we don’t keep them near home.

INTERVIEWER: why do you do it?

Female 42: by keeping shelter in the field (***khet and Bari***) it avoids carrying mall from home to ***khet***.

INTERVIEWER: what is your background?

Female42: I live here. I have completed my SLC.

INTERVIEWER: completing S.L.C. must have been a big deal at your time, how did you manage to complete your S.L.C. leave?

Female42: my father was in Indian Army and I had his enormous support. I have many brothers and sisters and I had the responsibility to support in their education and I left my study soon without going university. I teach in this school in my village.

Interviewer: let’s talk about political awareness in your community. Do you know who is prime minister of Nepal at the moment?

Male 65: Sushil Koirala (right answer).

INTERVIEWER: which political party Sushil Koirala belong?

Male 70: I don’t know. Government changes more frequently.

Interviewer: when you vote, do you vote for specifically political party or vote it for the right candidate no matter which political party they belong to?

Male 70: we vote to the party.

Interviewer: how did you make that road?

Female35: we received help from ex-army who originally belongs to this village and we all personally contribute.

Interviewer: did government helped to build this road?

Female35: yes we received very little help.

INTERVIEWER: which political party did win form your village?

**Male 64: JMG.**

INTERVIEWER: did he come back to your village.

Male 64: no he has not visited sin he own the election.

INTERVIEWER: why he dint come back?

Male 64: I don’t know how he is thinking. It may be he got very few votes form this village.

Female 40: this is the nature of politician; they make lots of promises before election and once they win them never come back.

Male 40: it may be he doesn’t have time. We have 60 VDC and lots of villages, it may be impossible for him to reach each one of them.

INTERVIEWER: how is the work of community forest committee?

Male 40: they have done ok.

INTERVIEWER: are you satisfied with their work?

Male 40: they are doing all right. They all are busy in farming as well.

INTERVIEWER: do you have water resource group?

Male 40: yes we have.

INTERVIEWER: does water resource group get involved in community forest?

Male 40: yes they help sometimes.

INTERVIEWER: when you collect fuel wood, how do you collect fuel wood? Dry trees or green trees?

Male 40: we use both. But most we cut green trees. We cut the one which is not straight. We don’t cut nice straight trees.

INTERVIEWER: how far is the nearest forest?

Male 40: it takes an hour to reach the jungle.

INTERVIEWER: is your jungle increasing now?

Male 40: yes it is.

INTERVIEWER: is there any particular kind of trees decreasing in number?

Male 40: no. they are increasing.

INTERVIEWER: what kind the trees and plant in your jungle can be used in producing oil?

Male 40: I think all the plant and trees which animals have are edible to human as well. We have ***Nirmasi***, it is great medicine. There are two, on is with white flower and with red flower. Which one called ***Nirmasi*** and red one is ***Nir (Bikh)*** poison.

**FGD 3**

**Translation: 140325\_002 Siurung Tamang gaun.**

INTERVIEWER: what do you use for fuel to cook food?

Male 55: we use fuel wood. There is gas as well in the market but we use fuel wood.

INTERVIEWER: why you are depending on fuel wood?

Male 55: it makes us warm.

INTERVIEWER: there is electricity as well, why don’t you use heater?

Male 55: we have small transmitter (15 kb) and voltage will not be enough to run heater.

INTERVIEWER: how is the reliability of electricity? Do you get electricity regularly?

Male 55: no it is not reliable. There is no certainty in when it comes and when it goes. There was not electricity for two hours yesterday.

INTERVIEWER: how many days do you go to collect fuel wood in a week?

Male 76: I cannot hear at all?

Female 81: we old people go some time. My husband is 88 and I am 81. We cannot go to jungle more frequently. We just collect some and use it.

INTERVIEWER: do both of you go to jungle to collect fuel wood.

Female 81: yes we do. Our sons are in abroad and daughter in law and grandchildren are in Besisahar. We ask them to stay here with us but they don’t want.

INTERVIEWER: How many bhari fuel woods do you use in a year?

Female 81: we collect some after finishing work every day.

INTERVIEWER: does people goes to collect fuel wood every day?

Male 65: yes they do. One ***bhari*** will not be enough even for two to three days.

INTERVIEWER: who goes to collect fuel wood more often?

Male 65: we are old and cannot go but sun and daughter in law goes to jungle for fuel wood.

INTERVIEWER: do you suffer eye irritation due to smoke?

Female 81: yes I do. I cannot even see properly no a days. We cannot do anything, we have to burn fuel wood to cook and there will be smoke.

INTERVIEWER: do you suffer chest pain:

Female 81: yes I do suffer sometime.

INTERVIEWER: do you suffer born injury while cooking?

Female 25: yes we do. We have to cook and feed our self. We have no other option.

INTERVIEWER: did it surprise you when I say that it is possible to produce bio fuel using trees and plants available in your jungle?

Female 25: what do we do by surprising?

INTERVIEWER: do you have ***Aama samuha*** in your village?

Female 25: yes we have.

INTERVIEWER: what did they do in your village?

Female 25: we make home for Aama Samuha. And we are involving in more development work.

Deepak: does ***Aama Samuha*** involve in tree planting as well?

Female 25: yes we are just starting it.

INTERVIEWER: do you have community forest?

Female 25: yes we have.

INTERVIEWER: who goes in community forest meeting? Man or women?

Female 40: women and man.

INTERVIEWER: who attend the meeting most?

Female 40: men?

INTERVIEWER: who goes to collect fuel wood most?

Female 40: they all go. Man, women, boy and girl. Whoever has time goes to collect fuel wood.

INTERVIEWER: who has the time to collect fuel wood most of the time?

Female 40: Women have to cook and they will need fuel wood for that. Men don’t go most of the time. They will go when they are free and they feel like going to jungle for fuel wood.

INTERVIEWER: do they just stay doing nothing while women are working?

Female 34: no, they work as well but they like to enjoy spare time with friends.

INTERVIEWER: is it easy to get fuel wood for you?

Female 34: yes it is easy. If I go now I can collect 3 to 4 ***bhari*** fuel wood.

INTERVIEWER: why do you particularly use fuel wood? Why not other energy source?

Female 34: it is easily available and no cost.

INTERVIEWER: does any house have ***gobar gas*** in your village?

Female 34: yes they do but we don’t have it. We use fuel wood. ***Gobar gas*** cost us but fuel wood does not.

INTERVIEWER: do you suffer head ache, eye irritation and other respiratory debases?

Female 34: yes we do suffer but it is cold up here and gas will not make our home warm. So that we have to use fuel wood.

INTERVIEWER: how is the unity in your village?

Female 34: we all stay unite.

INTERVIEWER: is there any conflict relating to fuel wood distribution?

Female 34: no there is not. In terms of collecting fuel wood from jungle there is no conflict but if anyone tries to steal grass from our land than that may cause conflict.

INTERVIEWER: how do you settle those conflicts?

Female 34: this is not major conflict we will not need any group to settle it down. We settle our self.

INTERVIEWER: your name and age?

**Female age 50.**

Another participant: Male Bahadur Tamang, age 50 years.

INTERVIEWER: what do you do at the moment?

**Male 50): I am a farmer.**

INTERVIEWER: is it enough to feed you and your family whole year?

Male 50: no, it will just be enough for six months.

INTERVIEWER: how is the situation of jungle? Is it increasing or decreasing?

Male 50: it is decreasing.

INTERVIEWER: why it is decreasing?

Male 50: unclear answer.

INTERVIEWER: is there fear of tiger and bear in your jungle?

Male 50: No there is not.

Male 38: there will be some fear in monsoon season.

INTERVIEWER: why in monsoon season?

Male 38: the jungle will be thick. People in village are decreasing and they are migrated to the cities.

INTERVIEWER: are you hopeful about the possibility of production of bio fuel in your village?

Male 50: no, I don’t think it is possible.

INTERVIEWER: if I tell you trees, plant and leaf available in your jungle may be suitable for bio fuel production. Does it surprise you?

Male 50: yes it does. It will be good for our community if it really happen in our village.

Even though I will not be able to participate in bio fuel production.

INTERVIEWER: why it is not possible for you?

Male 50: it will require finance and I will not afford that.

INTERVIEWER: what kind of problem do you have in your village? Such as; electricity, water, health and education?

Male 50: it is better now. We have electricity and road.

INTERVIEWER: if you affected by government rules and regulation will you have discussion with policy maker?

Male 50: no there is not.

INTERVIEWER: why it is not happening?

Male 50: I stay abroad most of the time and therefore I am not that updated with these issues.

INTERVIEWER: are you an ex-Army?

Male 50: no I am not. I come home once in 3 to 4 years so I don’t really know the situation of the village.

INTERVIEWER: name and age?

Male 50: Male Bdr. Tamang as and 50 years.

INTERVIEWER: you are 50 years and still working in golf country?

Male 50: there is no other source of income for me and there is no employment opportunity in Nepal. Therefor there is no other option other than going go golf.

INTERVIEWER: it made me sad when you said there is no employment opportunity in Nepal?

Male 50: there is some employment but to get those you have to have your known relatives in the position.

INTERVIEWER: if we open a factory to produce bio fuel than employment opportunity will be available in your community. Isn’t it good for you?

Male 50: yes it is really good. But we cannot do this on our own. We will need some help from government.

INTERVIEWER: It will have good impact on public health as well, isn’t it?

Male 50: yes it will.

INTERVIEWER: how is the unity in your community?

Male 50: it is good.

INTERVIEWER: is it better unity in ***Gurung*** and ***Tamang*** community?

Male 50: yes it is true.

INTERVIEWER: how is the politics in your village?

Male 50: I am not political kind of person. I don’t know.

INTERVIEWER: Is there local politics in your village?

Male 50: I don’t know, ask them.

INTERVIEWER: is there ***Aama Samuha***?

Female 34: yes

INTERVIEWER: will ***Aama Samuha*** help in bio fuel production project?

Female 34: you have to take the project first than we will help you.

INTERVIEWER: Can ***Aama Samuha*** work like co operative?

Female 34: I cannot say on my own. We have to discuss and decide. There could be disagreement.

INTERVIEWER: why all the villagers go to jungle together?

Female 34: ***aaja gau bareko chha****.*

INTERVIEWER: do they sing and dance as well?

Female 34: yes they do.

INTERVIEWER: what do you take from jungle?

Female 34: fuel wood, fodder.

INTERVIEWER: how much does it cost for per ***Bhari*** fuel wood if you sell it?

Female 34: we don’t sell it, no one buys here. We send some fuel wood to our relatives in town ant transportation cost is Rs 100 per ***Bhari***.

INTERVIEWER: what are the problems relating to women in your village?

Female 34: There is discrimination between male and female.

INTERVIEWER: does this village have rich people.

Female 34: most of the rich people are migrating to the town.

INTERVIEWER: how much money do you earn per year?

Female 62: 50 to 60 thousands per year. We can sell goat, buffalo and agricultural production: corn, millet. One buffalo can be sell in 15 to 16 thousand and one boko can be selling in up to 10 thousands.

INTERVIEWER: does female goes to jungle most?

Female 62: female goes to jungle most of the time but men go as well.

INTERVIEWER: and who does the cooking most?

Female 62: female

INTERVIEWER: why female? Why not men?

Female 62: men do other things. They plug the field, they earn money working outside.

INTERVIEWER: how many children do you have?

Female 62: to sons and two daughters.

INTERVIEWER: where are they now?

Female 62: daughters are married. Younger son is abroad for work and elder son works in project?

INTERVIEWER: which project?

Female 62: ***Khudi***?

INTERVIEWER: which country your younger son working in?

Female 62: Malaysia.

INTERVIEWER: how often does he come home?

Female 62: two months ago he was home after three years and he went back for another three years.

INTERVIEWER: Do most of the people lives in village are older?

Female 62: yes.

INTERVIEWER: don’t they want to go to cities and live there?

Female 62: yes we want to but it does not feel good in staying there. I go sometimes. We have to do farming here. There is no job for people like us. The person you talked just a while ago is 87 year old and he is still working. He still can dig the field equivalent to ***ek hall goru*** *(a pair of oxen)* and carry heavy bundle of fuel wood. If he can work like this, I believe I can do it as well. If we produce here than my daughter in law and son does not have to pay for food. It cost allot if they have to buy it.

D: do you face accident or suffer pain due to collecting fuel wood?

Female 62: yes we do and we have to pay for our medical expenses.

INTERVIEWER: who face accident most? Male or female?

Female 62: they all face accident. I had an accident while carrying a ***Bhari*** of fodder eight years ago. Still I suffer pain when I carry heavy weight.

INTERVIEWER: how many kg can you carry?

Female 62: 70 kg. Last year I had carried 70 kg of potato form here to the town. My son weighted that and it was 70 kg.

INTERVIEWER: what did you son said?

Female 62: he said I should not have carried that much weight.

INTERVIEWER: How much kg fuel wood can you carry?

Female 62: I have not measure.

INTERVIEWER: did you get pain after carrying 70 kg?

Female 62: yes I did. I had suffered back pain, neck and neck pain.

INTERVIEWER: does any representative form government visit your village?

Female 62: no, they don’t.

INTERVIEWER: do you vote in election?

Female 62: yes I did.

INTERVIEWER: you vote them and they own and they have never come back.

Female 62: all of them are like that. You came here to listen our problem relating to fuel, farming and way we living but no one come from government.

INTERVIEWER: do you know about ***gobar gas***?

Female 62: yes I know.

INTERVIEWER: why don’t you have it?

Female 62: it is expensive for us to build and fuel wood is easily available. We can collect 1 to 2 bhari each day. So there is no problem in fuel.

INTERVIEWER: who does take most of the decision in your family or in your community? Male or female?

Female 62: both have to agree. Female take most of the decision on taking loan and both has to agree in buying and selling property.

INTERVIEWER: what are the main problems in your village?

Female 62: there is electricity and road. Still there is hard work for everything we do in this village.