**KII Dolakha**

**KII 1**

**Recording: 140320\_0003 (Interview at mude)**

Interviewer: how did Toilet came here?

Female 74: it was given by one of the group (She does not know the name). This is the only thing that happened in here. We got half of the money for old toilet and Rs 1200 for new one.

Interviewer: How was the situation of toilet previously here?

Male 62: people used to go to open public places like woods for toilet previously. It used to stings everywhere. But now it is good.

Interviewer: do you used to suffer diseases and illness due to not having toilet arrangements previously?

Male 62: yes. Diseases and illness is declining now days.

Interviewer: What kind of illness you used to suffer previously.

Male 62: we used to suffer fever and flu allot previously.

One of the man said ‘other said they received money but I dint get any’.

Female 55: we had decorated our toilet and we received Rs 600.

Interviewer: how did you decorate toilet?

Female 55: we bought pipe, cement and did some maintenance.

Interviewer: Referring to women, what did happen to your leap?

Female 55: it is wound (Ghau).

Interviewer: does it cause trouble while eating:

Female 55: yes it does.

Interviewer: have you done any treatment?

Female 55: No I have not. It would have been recovered if I had done some treatment.

Interviewer: where do you go for treatment?

Female 55: to the health post.

**KII 2**

**Recording: 140321\_0001 Interview of Pujari at Dolakha Bhimsen**

Interviewer: can you tell us your name and age please?

Pujari: (9 Saalko) 64 years. Austa Narayan Shrestha.

Interviewer: how long have you been working as Pujari?

Pujari: since I was 9 year old.

Interviewer: How do you feel here?

Pujari: it is okay. (Thickai chha)

Interviewer: can you tell us something about (Guthi) group/committee. It is co-ordinated by Newar community?

Pujari: We have four Guthi and we serve as pujari alternatively (Three months for each Guthi).

Interviewer: why do people come to worship here?

Pujari: people come here to fulfil their wish.

Interviewer: What did happen to your finger? (He did not have one finger)

Pujari: it was taken by (Mill).

Interviewer: what kind of wishes people often have when they come here?

Pujari: people come for Boka puja, Bhale puja. To wish for children, better education etc.

Pujari: what kind of bless do you give to people who comes here to worship.

Pujari: I do not give anything, it is god.

Interviewer: but still you are a mediator, aren’t you?

Pujari: it is god who blesses people, not me. I am just a human. I just wish their wellbeing.

Interviewer: can you tell us something about the situation when *Bhimsen* sweat (*Pasina aaune*).

Pujari: yes it did happened *Mangsir 30*, Sunday and *Falgun 13* Tuesday.

Interviewer: how does god sweat? What is it all about?

Pujari: It comes on forehead and runs through the face?

Interviewer: is it real sweating or it is just water coming out of stone?

Pujari: No. it is real sweat.

Interviewer: what do you do after the incident?

Pujari: we have to do Puja.

Interviewer: has President of Nepal come here after incident?

Pujari: No, but he did send Prasad.

Pujari: vice president has been here once?

Interviewer: it is Pramananda Jha? What he did here

Pujari: puja and darsan. He came before Bhimsen got sweat.

Interviewer: is it due to his visit?

Pujari: no, it had happened before as well.

We send Prasad and pasina in Kapas to president. After that he will send us some money for xama puja and Bali.

Interviewer: how much was the money?

Pujari: Three thousand.

Interviewer: how much money do you collect in Guthi within a year?

Pujari: I do not know how much.

Interviewer: do you have accounting system for your income and expenses.

Pujari: it will be approximately 3 lakhs per month.

Interviewer: how many people visit this temple in a year?

Pujari: many people. Do not know the figure.

Interviewer: you must have visitor’s registration system to count the visitors.

Pujari: we should have it but we have not.

Interviewer: it Bhimsen *Kuldeuta* of Newar?

Pujari: Yes.

**KII 3**

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|  | Key Informants Interview |
| **Questions** | Female, 76 |
| 1. What kind energy do you use for heating and cooking? | Female 76: We use fuel wood for those purpose we have to buy fuel wood sometimes |
| 2. Do you sell fuelwood outside the village or outside your village in the cities?  | Female 76: we supply timber outside the village but we sell fuelwood in the village. |
| 3. How many KG fuel wood does it contain in one Bhari fuel wood? | We measure it by meter.  |
| In which month do you collect fuelwood from community forest? | In Chaitra we put application in the community forest committee and they give us permission to collect fuelwood |
| 4. How much does it cost for fuel wood? | Female 54: we have to pay Rs 50to 60 per meter. There will be discount for people we cannot afford to pay. We can collect fuel wood in our own land without permission and without any cost. |
| 5. Do you cook food in Electricity? | Female 76:No, we Don’t  |
| 6. Why is it? is it because too expensive | Female 54: Yes, we don’t even have gas. We cook feed in traditional cooked stove |
| 7. Do you have Improved Cooked Stove? | Female 76: No, we Don’t. we have open fire place |
| 8. What do you cook in open fire place? | Female 76: we cook food for us, for animals and in festival season we make alcohol |
| 9. How many Bhari fuelwood do you use in a week? | Female 76: two to three Bhari. We were 12 members at that time when we were together.  |
| 10. Does community forest has rules, regulation and policy in terms of collecting fuelwood? | Female 76: yes they have rules and specific time for collecting fuelwood. |
| 11. Do you use fuel wood to make your house warm and for lighting? | Female 76: Yes. We use it for heating but for lighting we have electricity.  |
| 12. Do you have Gobar Gas at home? | Female 76: NO. |
| 13. How many light bulbs do you use at home? | Female 76: Six |
| 14. How much do you pay for electricity?  | Female 76: Rs 80 for up to 20 units. I cannot use much electricity on my own so I am in loss. |
| 15. Do you have any program in the village/ community to make oil from plants and trees available in your field or jungle?  | Female 54: Yes. We have one program. They make oil from Machino. |
| 16. Do you collect Machino for that project? | Female 54: No. No one in this ward (village) does it. people from 7 and 8 do that |
| 17. How do you feel while cooking in fuel wood? What are the health effect | Female 76: I am fine until now. But sometimes I feel eye irritation sometimes |
| 18. Do you face accident in jungle while collecting fuelwood? | Female 76: we do, sometimes. |
| 19. You are carrying Hasiya. Whay is it? | Female 76: It is kind of habit. I can collect fodder for goat on my way home |
| 20. Which trees do you use for fuelwood?  | Female 76: Chilaune, Saal, Katus, Dhangeri, Uttis, Guras. We use almost all the trees for fuelwood. Guras and Uttis are most flammable.  |
| 21. Do you use remaining coal from the fireplace for cooking purpose? | Female 76: we use to do that before but now we don’t use it.  |
| 22. Does everyone follow the rules regarding Community forest? | Female 54: Yes, everyone does. We used to collect fuelwood whenever and however we want but now we can collect fuelwood only two days, Friday and Saturday. |
| 23. Do you have any plan for future to make energy fuel from plant and trees available in your jungle? | Female 54: No. Don’t have any plan. Female 76: Young people may have some plan but I am an old lady.  |
| 24. If we produce oil in your village, will there be enough market? | Female 76: We don’t have enough market. |
| 25. Can you sell fuelwood in the nearest market (***Mude***)? | Female 76: No we cannot. Fuelwood is just enough for us. |
| 26. If project came into you village and happen to be easy transportation to ***Mude***, can you sell fuelwood and energy in ***Mude***? | Female 76: We can do that. That will be nice for us. |
| 26. What do you expect from this program? | Female 76: Development in village will be good. We have road but vehicle cannot come here. It is just waste of our fertile land.  |
| 27. How will your community take this project? | Female 76: They will take it positively. |
| 28. If we produce refined fuel from Plant and trees available in your jungle than will your society be helpful? | Female 76:They will certainly be helpful |
| 29. is there any organisation in your village with these kinds of projects? | Female 76: No |
| 30 Who goes to jungle? Male? Female? | Female 76: it is female most of the time. |
| 31. Who goes to collect fodder?  | Female 76: Female, most of the time. |
| 31. What does male do than?  | Most of them work abroad or in the cities. |
| 32. Who does cooking most of the time? | Female 76: Female. |
| 33. How long does it take to go to jungle? | Female 76: we had to go the jungle far away from here but now a day we collect most of the fuelwood from our near field. |
| 34. How long time do you spend in a week for fuelwood collection? | Female 76: If we go in the morning we get back home around 4 to 5 pm. We used to go to collect fuelwood everyday but now it is kind of easy. |
| 35. How many hours do you spend for fuelwood collection each day? Week? | Female 76: two to three hours. |
| 36. Do you get injured sometimes while collecting fuelwood? | Female 76: Yes. |
| 37. What do you do for treatment in those cases? | Female 76: there is health post for general accident but we have to go to the Cherikot for major injury.  |
| 38. If project came to your village how will your community help us | Female 76: They will unite and work together for the project. |
| 39. do you use plants available in your jungle as a medicine? | Female 76: there are some plants which can be use for medicine in our field and jungle but these days’ people have more trust in modern medicine. |
| 40. How do you protect your community forest? | Female 76: we all unite to protect community forest.  |
| 41. How is the unity among people in your village? | Female 76: they all unite to help each other. |
| 42. does any house have gobar gas in your village? | Female 76: NO |
| 43. Does fuel wood distributed to all the cast equally? | Female 76: Big family will need bigger portion of fuelwood. Each house gets two meters fuelwood no matter how big the family is and what is the cast. |
| 44. Does all cast owned land in this village?  | Female 76: Yes |
| 45. How much land do you owned? | Female 76: they don’t want to disclose it |
|  | The other points: They use kerosene for Tuki Batti when there is no electricity. They don’t use oil made from Machino. They export it to factory outside. They don’t have any training of how to collect fuelwood by protecting jungle. If this project came in the village, she believes that all the cast, rich, poor will be benefited. She said she cannot earn money, sometimes she has to feed herself with water. Fuel is expensive: Khane Tel 150 per liter and Kerosene 140 per liter. One litre oil will be enough for one month. She said she is on her own and one liter fuel will go for two months. She said 'I turn off light and sleep early. In the winter they warm themselves with quilt and stay in front of the fire. They use twice as much fuelwood in the winter. They cannot collect fuelwood as they want in the public forest and fuels are expensive. Foods are expensive as well 1400 per 30 kg rice bag. She does not know exact amount spending in fuel but while it was big family together it used to be more than rs 1000 per month. All the people unite when someone heeded. All cast people unite together to help each other. there is no conflict in terms of collecting and distributing fuelwood. Sometimes if someone collect more fuelwood than certain meters than they will charge for excess.  |

**KII 4**

I have not translated this recording because it only contains information about geography of the village. I have put it on the list for your reference.

**KII 5**

**KII Lakuri Dada**

**Male 70, Purne Gaun 7 Lakuri Dada.**

Asking about the major problem they have in their village he replied; they don’t have road, don’t have shop near to them and fuelwood. I am an old man; I cannot go to jungle to collect fuel wood.

His son lives in Kathmandu but there are him and his wife stay in the village. They have made an effort to take fuel wood from the jungle even though it is hard for them. His wife is 72 years old.

His wife thinks that if they have money to buy a gas cylinder than they may not have to go to jungle to collect fuel wood. But now they don’t have any option.

They get back pain due to carrying fuel wood from the jungle.

The couple knows little bit about Machino oil.

He thinks that if we can produce bio energy in his village will be wonderful.

He said the village is well united.

His village has four main cast: Newar, Thami and Chhetri.

Like other informants, he said that most of the time women go to jungle for fuelwood because male member of the family involve in money making work outside the house.

He and his wife has eye irritation problem and sometimes they face fire related accident. He said: life if too risky in the village and women takes more risk than the man.

He said than produced bio energy in his village can be sold in nearest market like Charikot and even in Kathmandu.

He said it is hard to get kerosene in his village.

When he was small child everything was so cheap. Meat was Rs one per 2.50 kg. Rs 60 for one Buffalo. Now it cost 20000 for a buffalo.

Precisely we have to keep lots of cattle and there were few farm land.

In the question, why there were more cattle than the farm land? He replied because there was not much human population and they did not have to search for fodders.

All the cast used to have cattle in this village.

They did not used to sell potato at that time.

Jungle is more important for us. It has benefits and disadvantages as well. We can collect fuelwood, timber and fodders from the jungle and on the other has jungle has tiger and Monkey which destroy our cattle and farm land.

Machino oil can be medicine.

Villagers will take bio fuel project positively. We have not sold anything other than Machino. I don’t know which plant in our jungle can be useful for bio energy production.

They have to face power cut about two hours per day.

He has electricity at home.

Machino oil was produced by local contractor, it is not government.

He agrees that there is gender discrimination in almost every family. He added that male member is more encourage for education than a women. It has been like that for ages.

Villagers unite if someone needed. They trust each other. However, sometimes not all of the people are trustworthy.

He said there is probability that bio energy can be produce by using local trees and plants. He said ‘if we can produce oil from Machino than we can produce oil from other various plants as well.

I am an old man. I feel powerless. If younger generation unite, these kind of project can be successful. My all the son stay in Kathmandu. My Khet is left uncultivated because I cannot work and my sons don’t want to work in the field.

He said local corporate organisation may help for bio fuel production. Corporate finance does not have any role in currently running Machino project.

Untouchability and cast base discrimination is very low comparing to his time. Now Tamang, Thami can come to our kitchen and have food. And we in theirs too.

However, we have not allowed Damai and Kami in to our kitchen.

He said: they don’t want to come to his kitchen. It has been like that since ages.

In the hotel if Damai and Kami touches me while I am having tea I will not mind but at home I will not drink that tea.

I will not allow them to enter into my home.

He said he will not eat if Damai and Kami offer him to eat something. Why? He replied: If someone saw me having food touches by lower cast other Subedi and upper cast people will exclude my family.

He is aware of law and regulation regarding cast base discrimination.

In the question, in between Kul and law orders, which one would you, choose? He said he will follow law and orders.

Society and Kul, which one is more important? He Said society is more important.

He said Cast based discrimination can be reduce by tightening low and orders.