KARNALI EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMME – TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE (KEPTA)

Client: DFID Nepal

Working Areas: Jumla and Kalikot
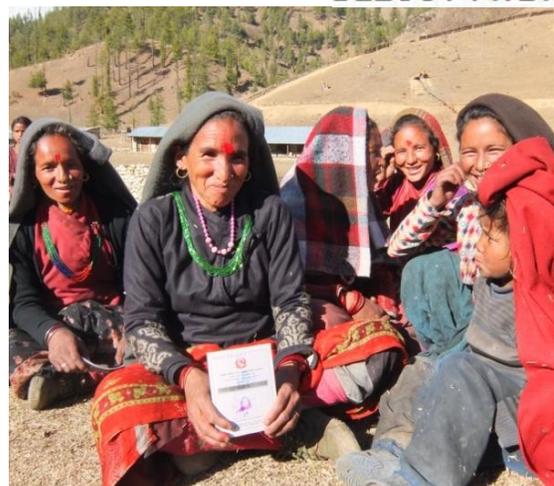
Project period: September 2013 to 2016

Karnali Employment Programme (KEP) is a programme executed by the Ministry of Federal Affair and Local Development (MoFALD) to provide employment to at least one unemployed family member in targeted poor households in the five districts of Karnali. KEP supports the Government of Nepal's social protection strategy and aims to deliver public works programmes and livelihoods improvement projects in a way that reduces poverty and vulnerability by reaching effectively to the poorest communities in the Karnali districts.

KEPTA supports KEP in developing community infrastructure assets that are useful, durable and environment friendly. In doing so, it adopts a participatory planning processes conforming to local government planning guidelines and there is careful consideration to social, technical and environmental parameters in undertaking feasibility studies and a detailed social and technical survey

are carried out to ensure quality and accuracy in assessing social benefits to the poor and technical soundness of the scheme. More recently, there is focus on more climate resilient and economic infrastructures such as water and snow harvesting, land improvement and watershed managements.

From social protection point of view, the wage structure with 2-week interval wage payment reflects the sensitivity and needs of the poor. A job card is given to carefully selected households. A robust management information system (MIS) is developed to provide regular and updated information on the progress of work and employment generated in the CEPs.

Deego, the national partner of the Technical Assistance (TA), provides engineering and environmental services to the KEPTA. Our support includes feasibility and detailed technical assessments while regular measurements of work, environmental and climate change sensitivity, site supervision and reporting using MIS are key features to ensure quality and dissemination of information.