



## HICAST: DIRECTORATE OF RESEARCH & TRAINING (DORT)

Besides academic programmes, HICAST has been conducting research and training programmes in various aspects of development and natural resource management. We strongly believe that academic programmes should go side-by-side with research and training activities for promoting the skill of the graduates or the development workers in order to benefit agro-entrepreneurs and to boost the national economy. HICAST conducts such activities under the DORT.

- **Women farmer entrepreneur's skill development programme.** In the financial assistance of the Dept of Women's Development, Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperative, GoN, HICAST conducted the training in five-development regions of the country in spite of difficult conflict situation in the country. A total of 100 women farmers who came from different districts were benefited from this training.
- **Livestock production, animal health and business promotion.** Animal health, artificial breeding services and business management training is designed for private para-vets and was funded by Department of Livestock Service / Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperative. A total of 24 private para-vets, practicing animal health service in central, western and mid-western development regions benefited from that training.
- **Bio-Intensive Farming System Programme.** HICAST is engaged in providing training and technical assistance to local farmers groups / cooperatives for the implementation of Bio-intensive farming system programme. MISEREOR Germany and ICCO, The Netherlands have provided the Financial Assistance under the Integrated Community Development Programmes. Dr. Binayak P. Rajbhandari is the Technical Consultant of that endeavor.
- **Natural Resource Management.** HICAST conducts research and training activities for sustainable natural resource management. HICAST conducted a research on household fuel wood consumptions in Nepal in relation to animal feed preparation focusing on ethnicity and gender. Natural Resource Management Sector Assistance Programme (NARMSAP), DANIDA, Ministry of Forest and Soil Conservation had provided with the financial assistance to conduct that project.
- **Gender, Resources & Technology Management For Sustainable Development.** This is one month long training programme. It is organized for the participants from different NGOs, GOs and INGOs. The aim of this training course is to broaden the vision and promote managerial as well as technical skills of the trainees engaged in sustainable development and human rights protection sector.
- **Field-based Social Science Research Methods.** It is one week long training programme. It is organized for the participants from various NGOs, GOs and colleges.
- **Monitoring and Evaluation.** HICAST also conducts monitoring, impact assessments and evaluation activities. Recently HICAST has completed mid-term impact study of the Poverty Alleviation: Poultry Programme for Self Employment Promotion under the Food Security Campaign". The Directorate of Livestock Production of the Department of Livestock Services, Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperative supported the project.



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