

Nepali Group

Investment

- Priority to benefit the poor
- Technology, machine and technical skills in hydro power
- Community forestry training centres – 5 regions
- Development of policy that takes technical service roles out of the government so that LCF can freely choose technical services without bureaucratic hurdles
- Collective livestock raising, agroforestry and cash crops
- Irrigation canals, deep boring
- Water mills - improving the traditional ones
- Community forestry banks/financial cooperatives
- Women financial cooperatives

Investment

- Institutional capacity development – planning, monitoring, financial management, inclusion
- Terai – linking local and distant users
- Pond making and fisheries in the communal/public land
- Processing plants/technical skills for medicinal plants and other forest products (soaps etc)
 - Resin
 - Aloe (Ghieu Kumari)
 - Leaf plates
 - Jatropha (Sajiwan)

Investment

- Saw mills, furniture making
- Ecotourism – trekking routes, and related infrastructures
- Children parks
- Cable car – ecotourism and transportation of forest products
- Religious tourism infrastructure – temples, trails
- Goat raising, poultry, pig farming linked to fishery
- Nursery and cultivation of high value medicinal plants

Investment

- Shifting cultivation – local needs mapping and strengthening of local production systems
- Enterprise learning centers at VDC level – sharing, discussions
- Better linkage with local FM and media
- Forest development fund – to ensure redistribution
- Community storage for products
- NTFP mandi bazar/market place
- Mechanisms for regular interactions among LCF groups and other stakeholders
- National LAN of community forestry groups - for information flow
- Local community forestry library/resource centre - different sub-regions of the district
- Developing strategic plans – with skilled facilitators + strengthening the democratic process of constitution and Operational Plans
- Awareness/mobilization/campaigns – women, Janajati

Investment

- Gender sensitive approach
- Subsidies for alternative fuels – biogas, solar panels, briquette

How to get there?

- Human capital and institutional development – 25 + 75
- Enterprises:
 - business plan (50+50)
 - Set up: 15+loan+revolving fund
- Leadership/initiation
 - District level - FECOFUN district
 - National level – national level
- Influencing government fund: Develop plans from below and hold dialogues
- Community ownership of failed public forestry enterprises
 - Analysis and review of public forestry enterprises (TCN, HPPCL) and demand for the joint ownership of community and private sector. Community will generate part of the investment needed, and donor could provide some revolving fund to community, and private sector covers the rest.

How to get there?

- Lobbying/dialogue/movement with government
- Working with local government – FECOFUN should be in the environment committee of the DDC
- Community federations and local government should work together to lobby for greater allocation of public investment fund at local level.
- Creation of FECOFUN led multi-stakeholder network/alliance in support of investment for LCF
- Forging partnership with private sector for enhancing benefits from the market
- Create trust with credible private sector groups