

Increasing Access of Poor Nepali Communities to Biogas Technology to Strengthen Livelihoods and to Enhance Environment Management

1. Background

Winrock International, in partnership with the Ford Foundation, has been implementing the project on Increasing Access of Poor Nepali Communities to Biogas Technology to Strengthen Livelihoods and to Enhance Environment Management since August 15, 2007.

Project Goal:

Equitable access to clean energy technologies and benefits for sustainable livelihood and environmental justice in Nepal

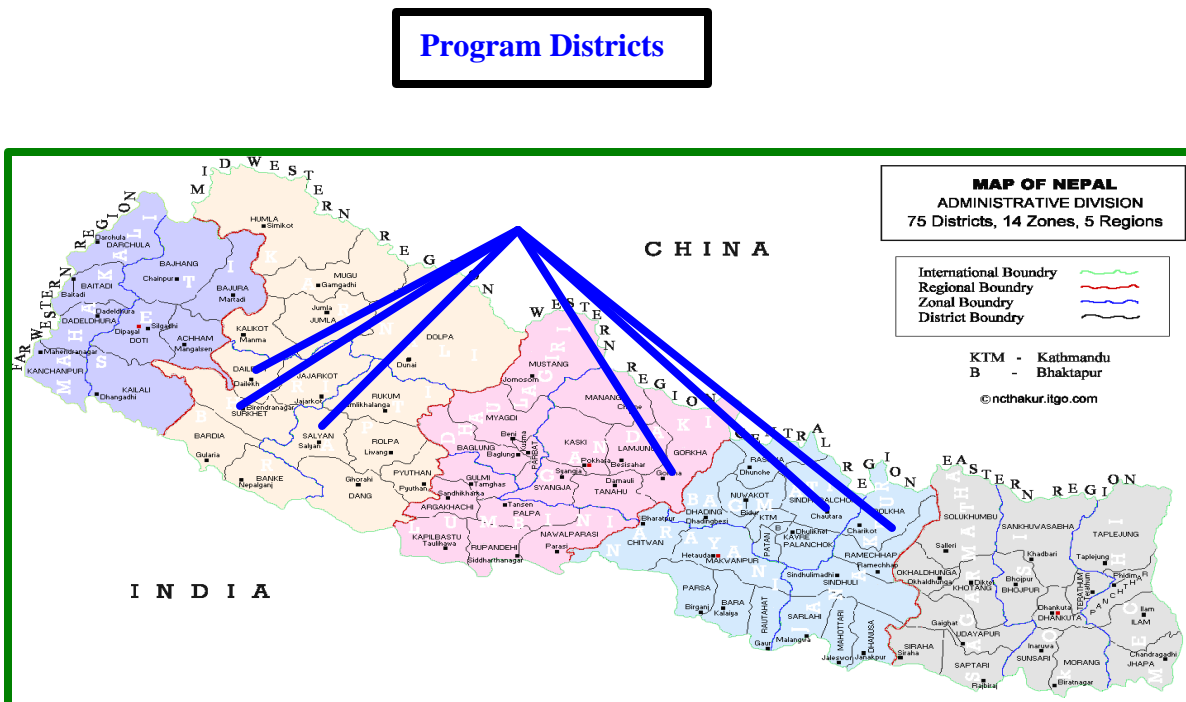
Project Objective:

To build capacity of the community users groups and microfinance institutions to work jointly for biogas promotion to benefit poor households and to benefit the environment

Three major activity areas of the project are:

- 1) Capacity Building of FECOFUN at National level to promote biogas through its member organizations
- 2) Piloting new approaches to pro-poor biogas promotion in at least 6 districts
- 3) Policy research and advocacy.

Fig: 1 Program District Location Map



The following table presents the key indicators of success

Activity Areas	Indicators of Success
<p>1. National Capacity building</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A national FECOFUN strategy to work with microfinance institutions to strengthen CFUG households' livelihoods and environmental management will be developed and practiced • FECOFUN will have develop its capacity to promote biogas technology among its household members <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24 Biogas technology trainers will be developed through training of trainers • FECOFUN will develop its linkages with micro finance institutions and biogas companies
<p>2. Piloting biogas promotion in at least 6 districts with FECOFUN</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5000 biogas plants constructed through micro finance • At least 25,000 people have access to other modern energy technologies • At least four Saving & Credit cooperatives established • At least 200 jobs created in different process of biogas financing programs
<p>3. Policy research and advocacy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A national FECOFUN strategy to promote biogas • CFUGs or Savings and Credit Cooperatives promoted within CFUG members will access fund from AEPC or development/commercial banks for biogas financing • Amendment of Cooperative Act to allow legal community groups become a member of cooperative