Livelihood Enhancement by Seed Production

Mr. Tuk Prasad Paudel resides in Pangrang 05, Karnas, Parbat with his family of six members. From his 13 Ropani land he had enough production to feed his family but had no extra earnings to fulfill his family's other fundamental needs. It was difficult for him to manage school fee of his children.

In 2067, he got associated with Narayansthan Seed Producer Group supported under Vegetable seed Project/CEAPRED. With the hope of earning enough money for his family, he cultivated Radish in 3 Ropani land, Cucumber in 7 Ropani Tomato in 2 Ropani land He also got involved in producing hybrid seed production of Tomato var. Srijana in a plastic house. He was provided with the technical support related to seeding, seed quality assurance, disease and pest management, post harvest technology and marketing of produced seeds. In addition to this, VSP provided technical training on hybrid seed production technology. He was also supported with drip irrigation to be fixed inside plastic house for hybrid seed production. He also utilized the irrigation cannel and water tank in the area for which VSP had supported for rehabilitation.

With his continuous effort and dedication, he was successful in harvesting 84 kg. Radish seed, 70 kg. Cucumber seed, 17 kg. Tomato seeds and 300 gm of hybrid seed of Srijana. In total he earned about Rs. 200,000 from seed production. Happy with this result, now he says, "My livelihood has gradually improved due to vegetable seed production and now I am dependant on it". According to him, now he has no problem for his children's schooling and to celebrate festival. Mr. Paudel has bought Television and Mobile set. His endeavor and achievement has been awarded by NEMACOL and HARC. Mr Paudel says, "I am planning to invest more in agriculture for more return. I am very excited on my achievement which would not have been possible without assistance from CEAPRED." "I would have been working in foreign soil for my livelihood if CEAPRED had not showed me the way", he summarized