KUBK is a Nepal government project primarily funded by International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) (USD 39 million), Government of Nepal (USD 7.3 million), beneficiaries (USD 10.9 million) and Heifer International (USD 2.5 million) with a total funding of USD 59.7 million to support accelerated agricultural growth. It aims at developing the formal seed sector as well as improving smallholder livestock through improved partnership with the private sector in the hills of Nepal. KUBK is designed to support two key aspects of agriculture sector:
The improvement of formal seed (cereals and vegetables) and improvement of smallholder livestock (goats and dairy) in order to increase income of poor rural households.

KUBK has 3 components namely:
Component 1 – Extension of formal seed sector, Component 2 – Smallholder livestock development, and Component 3 – Local Entrepreneurship and Institutional Development. Under Component 2, the project will target the following for small scale commercial goat development:

- At least 12,000 persons (60 percent women) complete group forest/forage management training and receive 2 goats each
- Through increased goat productivity, achieve average 1 year weight offspring of program supplied animals averaging 25 kg and sales of animals per reproductive female reaching 1 per year.
- Five livestock markets established and functioning in target Districts
- At least 35 percent of goat groups reach supply agreement with buyers

PROJECT OVERVIEW

SNAPSHOT

Project period: 2014 -2018
Target families: 12,000
Budget: USD 2.5 million from Heifer International and USD 1.8 million from parallel co-funding.
Target area: 12 VDCs of Gulmi and Arghakhachi
Heifer International Nepal is co-financing Improving goat productivity sub-component, with USD 2.5 million and supporting in its implementation primarily in two districts of the Western region (Gulmi and Arghakhachi). In addition, Heifer is also providing technical assistance to KUBK in the areas of goat production technology and social capital building. Through social capital formation, the project supports development of reciprocity and mutual trust among the major actors along the value chain.

**IMPROVING GOAT PRODUCTIVITY**

**Goal:** To improve rural household incomes through sustainable and market-driven goat productivity improvements.

### Result 1: Improved goat production and productivity in the intensive VDCs

1. **Form 480 Self Help Groups (SHGs) with women as family representatives empowered through Heifer’s social and technical capacity building trainings.**
2. **Place 7,200 goats and 600 bucks in 96 Original Groups (OGs) covering 2,400 families who will then pass it on to 9,600 Pass On Groups (POGs) members under Heifer’s passing on the gift (PoG) approach.**
3. **Extend forage plantation, both on-farm and within community forests, develop fodder tree nurseries, improve livestock sheds and expand access to livestock insurance schemes.**
4. **Train and mobilize 36 Community Agro-Veterinary Entrepreneurs (CAVEs) - an extension of existing vaccination programs and create veterinary medicine revolving funds at cluster level.**
5. **Capacity building of farmers through Heifer’s cornerstones training, gender justice training and other technical trainings like animal husbandry, record keeping and nursery operations.**
6. **Capacity building of District Livestock Services Office (DLSOs) in goat production technology and goat breeding improvement.**

### Result 2: Strengthen technical capacity of KUBK team

1. **Technical Trainings**
   - Provide KUBK team with trainings in areas of goat production technology, specifically, goat breed improvement, fodder improvement, improved goat management and promotion of CAVEs, value chain enterprises of meat goat and implementation of Farmer Field Schools (FFS) for technology innovation and adoption in goat production.
2. **Social Trainings**
   - Provide KUBK team with trainings on social mobilization, women empowerment and community development.

### Key Indicators for Household Income and Goat Productivity: Baseline versus Target

- **Annual family income**
  - Increase from baseline of Rs. 146,372 to Rs. 182,956
  - 50% increase

- **Increase in goat productivity**
  - From baseline 1.57 to 2.3 kids/doe/year

- **Increase in weight at marketable age of goats**
  - From baseline of 21.8 kg to 25 kg

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