

SUMMARY AND PROGRESS OF FIRST CALL PROJECTS

Project Title: Shiitake mushroom production promotion through entrepreneurship development of hill farmers (069/059/060)

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Duration: 1 year and 8 months [Nov 2003 to June 2005]
Budget: NRs. 18, 50,988
Location: Dadhikot (Bhaktapur), Kakani (Nuwakot) and Pumdi (Kaski district.)
Purpose: To increase farmers' opportunity to generate income through the development of entrepreneurship on Shiitake cultivation for hill farmers

Outputs:

1. Trained and capable farmers for Shiitake cultivation developed
2. Model Shiitake farms and training sites established.
3. Feasibility of Shiitake cultivation in Kaski district studied.
4. Shiitake marketing network established.

This is the completed project. Detail technical of the project findings are available in NARDF

Activities	Progress
Trained and Capable farmers for Shiitake cultivation developed	200 farmers were trained in Shiitake mushroom cultivation 500, 240, 600 wood logs were inoculated in Kakani, Dadhikot Dadhikot and Pokhara Respectively and produce about kg 105.
Model Shiitake farms and training sites established	Model Shiitake farm was established at Jaiphalpauwa, Kakani Nuwakot); Dahikot (Bhaktapur) and Pokhara.
Feasibility of Shiitake cultivation in Kaski district studied	Feasibility study report showed that Pokhara Valley is suitable for the Shiitake mushroom cultivation.

Shiitake marketing network established

Marketing network was established in Kathmandu and Pokhara. Mushroom Producers Cooperative in Pokhara and Centre for Agricultural Technology in Kathmandu is collecting and marketing the products directly to the diplomatic mission offices, Departmental Stores and Organic Vegetable Market at Hotel Summit.