Promoting Sustainable Farming in Mountain Region

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NEPAL FACTS

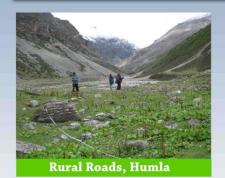
- Population: 29.3
 million
- \$440 annual per capita income
- Ranks 163 out of 177 with a 48.6% literacy rate
- The 15th poorest country in the world
- Emerging from a 10 —year civil war with fragile peace process

The Mountain Institute



an international non-governmental organization committed to conserving mountain environments, empowering mountain communities, and sustaining mountain cultures around the world

The Mountain Institute's Program in Nepal





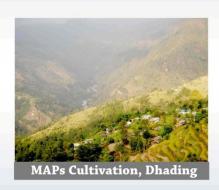
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The Mountain Institute **Current Working Area Distribution** Mid-Western Western nity - based Pilot Maps Working Area ake to Lake" Food for Enterprise mmunity - based Alpine Conservaion & Restoratio Building Co-operation in Kanchenium (C) The M





Comminity Consultation, Jumla



Village Enterprises, Khotang



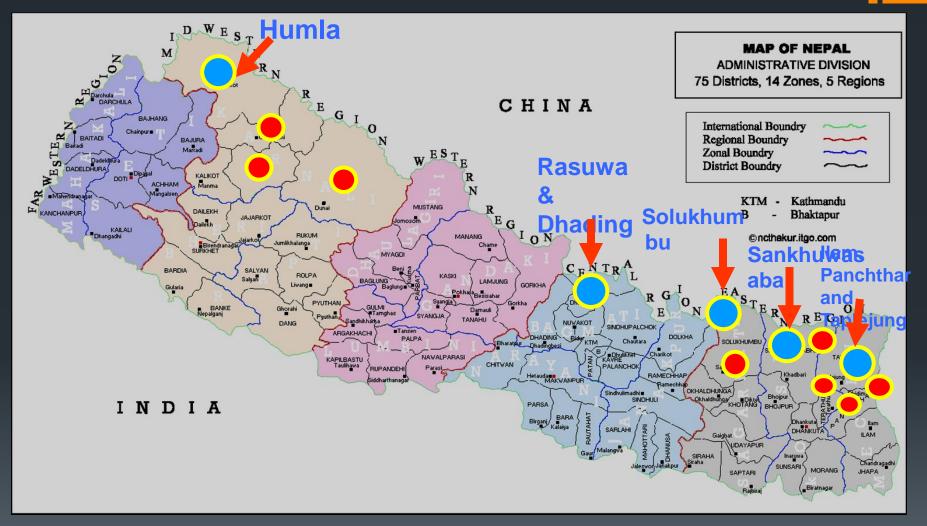
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Livestock Improvements, Ilam



TMI Program Sites in Nepal



Current Projects 🔴

Past Projects

TMI working in Humla



- Humla District is a district of Karnali Zone
- Simikot is the administrative headquarters of Humla district
- It is situated in Mid-Western Development Region of Nepal
- It is part of Karnali Zone and is one of the seventy-five districts of Nepal
- The district covers and area of 5,655 km! and has a population of 40,595 (2001)
- Buddhists inhabit the Northern part of HUMLA District where as in the Southern part mostly Hindus are living

SIMIKOT AIRPORT 9,246 FT (2,818M)



Food For Work: WFP Funded Project

- Occupies 15% area of total country
- 45 % of area lies above 4500 meter altitude, 16.3 % area is suitable for agriculture production
- Low per capita income (\$ 186)
- Low literacy rate (27.09)
- Malnutrition
- Food scarcity (1018 cal/ day half of 2200 cal/day)





THE MOUNTAIN INSTITUTE'S LAKE TO LAKE: FOOD FOR ENTERPRISE PROGRAMS MID-WEST NEPAL





9.7 Km road constructed



14 hectores of wild terrace improved for farming



1 Monastic support provided



67 wooden bridge constructed



tructed 16 MAPs nursery established



256 Km of trail constructed



114 school support provided



18 Improved Water Mill constructed



28 Community buildings constructed



8 models of Non-formal Education provided to each household



1 community pond constructed

Objectives

- Increase food security of vulnerable communities through direct aid
- Increase livelihood security of vulnerable communities through sustainable enterprise development and empowerment
- Increase community organizational and technical capacity

 Replicate successful enterprise and conservation models from TMI's work sites in East Nepal











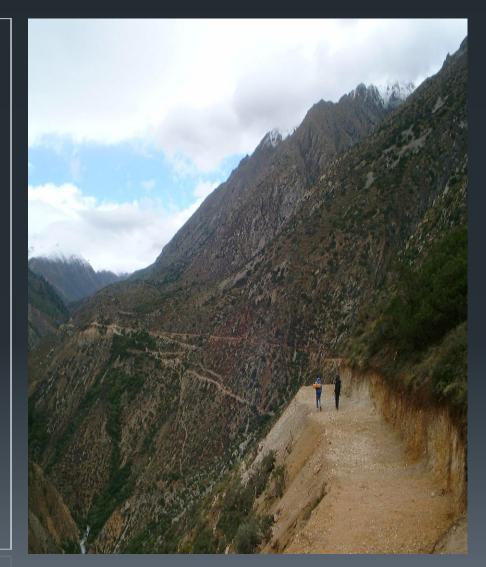




- Site selection for Projects (MAPs, Orchard and Food production)
- Community Participation
- Public Audit at project site

Rural Community Infrastructure Work

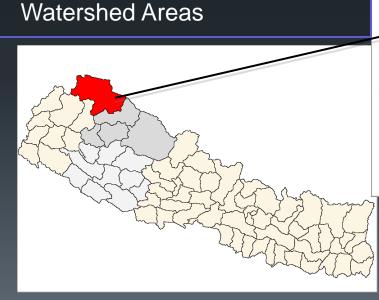
- Support to Short-term
 Food security of
 upper Humla
- Building Ownership of road transportation
- Backbone of 'Access' and 'Development'

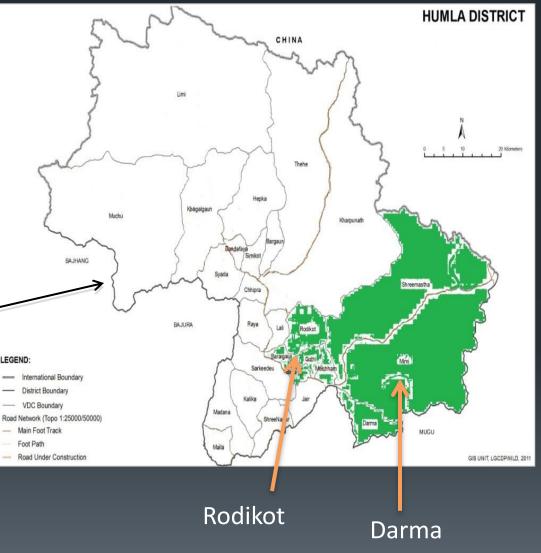


CLIMATE CHANGE AND ADAPTATION IN HUMLA DISTRICT

8 VDCs of) out of 27

- Rodikot Watershed: Barai, Saya, Gothi and Rodikot
- Darma Watershed
 Melchham, Shreemastha, Mimi and Darma southern Humla (2)





Major Projects Implemented under this Project

Adaptation measure :

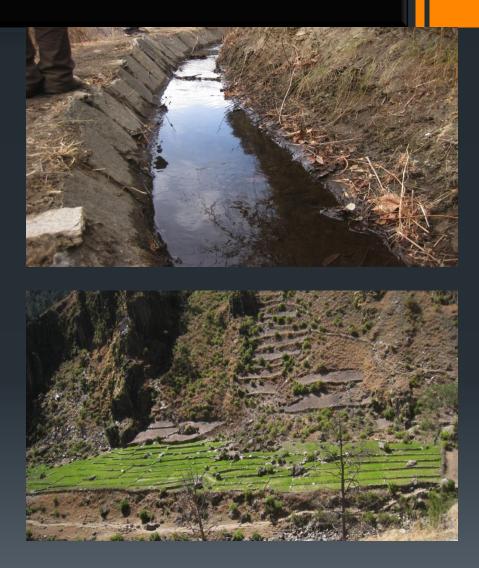
- agro-based support irrigation canal rehabilitation, agriculture land improvement
- Training on cultivation of
 Medicinal and Aromatic Plants (MAPs) and climate change adaptation awareness
- supporting the preparation of 8 Community Adaptation Plan of Action (CAPA)
- Seed and sapling distribution of MAPs and
- Apple farming that will lead to improvements in the livelihoods of this region in Humla





ACCOMPLISHED ACTIVITIES

- 8 Community Adaptation Plan of Action (CAPA has been prepared
- Supported agro-based infrastructure and land slide control
 - irrigation canal rehabilitated
 - agricultural land improved







PROJECT APPROACH

- Working through Partnership with Local NGOs
- Bottom up planning and with community based participatory
- District level information sharing meeting among stakeholders
- Field exercise and project selection
- Implementation through users committee and project hand over









Community-based alpine conservation and restoration in Mt Everest Ecosystems

Community Based Alpine Conservation & Restoration

CONSERVATION





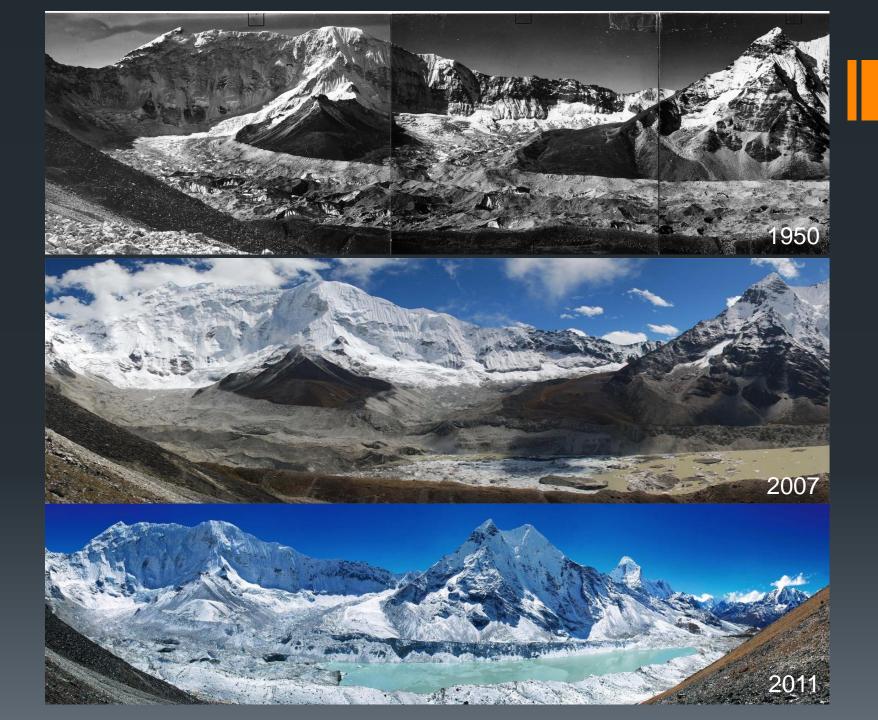
Namche Bazar. The first glimpse of the town as one nears the top of the Namche Hill track. Note the growth over 16 years of the trees in foreground and Namche West plantation behind.



The KACC established an alpine nursery of approximately 100,000 juniper, fir and other alpine species and Medicinal and Aromatic Plants at 4000 m asl in ALPINE ZONE

Climate Change and Adaptation





COMMUNITY CONSULTATION WITH STAKEHOLDERS







Climate Change Awareness in Khumbu: Sharing findings with stakeholders from Khumbu in Kathmandu and Solu Salleri

THANK YOU