Identification

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| Name of Organization | District Forest Office (DFO) |
| Address | Basantapur-8, Siddharthanagar Municipality (Bhairahawa), Rupandehi  |
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| Contact No.: | 071-520222, 071-9847020417 |
| E-mail address: | rupdfo@dof.gov.np  |
| Person Interviewed: | Mr. Giriraj Pantha |
| Position / function in organization:  | Assistant Forest Officer (AFO) |
| Male / Female: | Male |
| CCAFS Site (ID No.) |  |
| Town Name: | Bhairahawa |
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| Name of InterviewerM  | Ghana Shyam Giri / Krishna Ghimire |
| Date of Interview | March 7, 2012 |
| Duration of the interview | 3 hour  |
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|  Other people present  |  |
| Please record name and functions  |  |

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|  | **Types of Organizations**  |  |
|  | Private sector (Profit making)  | ⃝ | 1 |
|  | NGO (Local)  | ⃝ | 2 |
|  | NGO (National)  | ⃝ | 3 |
|  | √NGO (International)  | ⃝ | 4 |
|  | Government (Local)  | ⃝ | 5 √  |
|  | Government (Regional-within country) | ⃝ | 6 |
|  | Government (National) | ⃝ | 7 |
|  | Other International Organizations  | ⃝ | 8 |

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|  | Does the organisation work at any of the following levels? (tick as many as relevant) |  |
|  | Local  | ⃝ | 1√ |
|  | Regional- within country | ⃝ | 2 |
|  | National | ⃝ | 3 |
|  | International | ⃝ | 4 |

Organisation Information

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| **1.** | What does your organisation do? (Main areas of work) |  |  |  |  |
|  | * Forest conservation, protection and management
* Extension of existing forest technologies.
* Training an skill transfer to farmers
* Seedling distribution (free of cost)
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| **2.**  | Describe the locality where your organisation works  |  |  |  |  |
|  | All 69 Village Development Committee (VDC) and 2 municipalities in the district |  |
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|  | How long has your organisation been working in this area?  |  |
|  | Since it has been established in 1983 (2040 BS) |  |
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| **3.** | What types of services and information do you provide to farmers (and their communities) on :  |  |  |
| **3.1** | Agriculture related decision making |  |  |  |  |
|  | * Private forest species, productivity of different species, bricket
* Technical knowledge
* NTFP (Income generation activity)- livestock as well fuel word
* CIF (community initiation fund): Wash fund for community- Asparagus, medicines
* Alternate energy- biogas, bricket distribution and install that will reduce the use of FYM as fuel and more FYM is applied to agriculture land to produce more food grain
* Mixed cropping: Agro-forestry provides more wood to be used as fuel and thus save FYM which is applied to the field to increase production
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| **3.2** | Natural resource management |  |  |  |  |
|  | * Private forest management
* Community forest users: low cost timber
* Harvest of private and public forest are also monitored
* Pond and water resource protection
* Mixed farming around the bund of the pond
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| **3.3** | Food security |  |  |  |  |
|  | * No direct work on agricultural crops
* But wild fruits and vegetables are present
* Seedlings of superior grasses are available. These increase productivity of livestock milk and milk products etc, that will increase food status of the farmers
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| **3.4** | Weather and climate related decision making |  |  |  |  |
|  | * At district level: various works on climate change
* Village Forest Coordination Committee (VFCC): has fund for work on climate change. It is helped by DFID
* Public Land Management Group (PLMG): Community Forest (CF)
* All these works are on climate change
* Networking of fund mobilization for working on climate change such bamboo plantation around river banks and Chure (Hills-outer Himalayan range) areas
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| **3.5** | Markets related decision making |  |  |  |  |
|  | * Creation of awareness, networking for marketing
* Facilitation for marketing of forest products- small groups are formed for marketing of timber, fire woods
* Pricing of forest product (awareness)
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| **3.6** | Does your organisation have activities related to climate change mitigation? |  |
|  | * Rastrapati Chure Samrakshan (President Hills Protection) Program:
	+ control of soil erosion, forest firing, over grazing
	+ Conservation, aforestation
* Use of FM radio for awareness and knowledge delivery about climate change
* VFCC: fund mobilization, seeking fund as grant
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|  | **Mitigation**In the context of climate change, a human intervention to reduce the sources or enhance the sinks of greenhouse gases.  Examples include using fossil fuels more efficiently for industrial processes or electricity generation, switching to solar energy or wind power, improving the insulation of buildings, and expanding forests and other "sinks" to remove greater amounts of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere.Source: Glossary of climate change acronyms, UNFCCC (<http://unfccc.int/essential_background/glossary/items/3666.php>) - reached through Wikipedia |  |
| **3.7** | Other types |  |  |  |  |
|  | * In case of forest protection, illegal traders, hunters are caught and punished according to the law
* Protection of forest environment:
* District Forest Product Supply Committee: timber to farmers in price lower than the market price/cost
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| **4.** | What objectives does your organisation aim to fulfil in the area of supporting farmer decision making by providing information and services? List them*(Probe for any objectives that may be forgotten and have to do with climate or weather issues specifically)*  |  |
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|  | 1. Protect government forest through people’s participation
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|  | 1. Commercialization of private forestry
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|  | 1. Development of enterprise related to forestry
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|  | 1. Technical guidelines and skill transfer to farmers for development of forestry
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|  | 1. Awareness about forestry
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|  | 1. Awareness about climate change
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| 5. | In operational terms, what are your organization’s current priorities?Please tell me how important each objective is on a scale from 0 to 10, where 0 represents unimportant and 10 is the highest importance for your organisation |  |  |
|  | Objective (use letter from Question 4 to identify the objective) |  | Importance |  |  |
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| **6.** | What is your view of the way priorities of your organisation could be changing over the next 5 years? |  |  |
|  | * Protection and development of forest
* Private forest development (since government forest is handed over to CF (Community Forest)
* Integrated Chure (Outer hill) Development Program
* Climate change: massive distribution of seedlings
* Income Generation: public land management
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| **7.** | In your geographical area of operation do you work directly with, or specifically target any of the following? |  |  |
|  | Individual farmers | ⃝ | 1 |
|  | Community groups | ⃝ | 2 √ |
|  | Other organisations working in the locality | ⃝ | 3 √ |
|  | Local authorities | ⃝ | 4 |
|  | Women individually or in groups | ⃝ | 5 √ |
|  | Other, specify \_\_ Marginalized and Poor\_\_ | ⃝ | 6 |
|  | (Works with 6 women users groups out of 85 groups) |  |  |
|  |  Use the answer from this question to probe the answers you get in the next question |  |  |
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| **8.** | What activities are the main activities that **YOU** are implementing **NOW** in relation to the provision of information and services that help in decision making? |  |
|  | * Cutting of private forestry, provision and processing of task
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|  | * Harvesting of community forest: monitoring, supervision, technical support
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|  | * Private forest harvest: technical and legal support
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|  | * Awareness and information provided about forest and its information to people through FM media
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|  | * Rules and guideline for harvest of community forest provided
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For each activity described above, use the Activity Information pages as a guide for the interview and to record the information provided by the respondent.

Information about service activities

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| **1.**  | Activity Name |  |  |
|  | * Nursery establishment
* Seedling production and distribution with technical support, field based forest management practice
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| **2.** | What are you doing? |  |  |
|  | * Seed collection and purchasing
* Seed sowing
* Contact to users’ groups and involvement of group members, demonstration of thinning, pruning, singling

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| **3.** | Where is it happening (include area coverage, if possible identify it on a map of the area)? |  |  |
|  | * 5 Government and 7 Community nurseries (30 Users’ Groups) in the district: 12000 ha forest as community forests according to need, demand and working plan
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| **4.** | Describe the way it is implemented (find out: who implements, mechanism for delivery, frequency, what capacity is built, what is the role of individuals/groups/community, etc.)?  |  |  |
|  | * DFO-> Area (Branch) office (2) -> Range post- 12 (ranger/AFO)
* Ranger/AFO implements the task: frequency of programs depends upon annual programs in case of financial support
* There is daily service delivery
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| **5.** | Describe the target population and the population being reached (characteristics, size, etc.) |  |  |  |
|  | * Women’s Group
* CF Users’ Groups:
	+ Disadvantage group
	+ Women group
	+ Private forest land owners

Special programs to these groups with fund support. Low price to these targeted groups. Some time free also |  |  |
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| **6.** | Are you targeting a particular group? |  | Yes  | ⃝ | 1 √ |
|  |  |  | No | ⃝ | 2 |
|  | **Describe the targeted group** |  |  |  |  |
| **7.** | Are you targeting mainly  | Men | young | ⃝ | 1 √ |
|  | Tick as many as relevant |   | adults | ⃝ | 2 √ |
|  |  |   | elderly | ⃝ | 3 √ |
|  |  | Women  | young | ⃝ | 4 √ |
|  |  |   | adults | ⃝ | 5 √ |
|  |  |   | elderly | ⃝ | 6 √ |
| **8.** | Are there any specific ethnicities, type of households (e.g. female headed) or specific socio-economic/vulnerable/ marginalized groups that you are currently targeting in your operations? (list them below) |  |  |  |
|  | Yes they are through:  |  |  |  |
|  | 1. Literacy group through NGOs
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|  | 1. Road Natak (Dramas) for awareness
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|  | 1. School programs-Eco-club
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|  | 1. Well being ranking done: priority to low socio-economic status
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| **9.** | Are you working together with other organisations? |  |  |  |  |
|  | If yes, list them |  |  |  |  |
|  | Name of the Organization | Contact person | Type of organisation | Contact number |  |  |
|  | * LFP (Livelihood forestry programs- 10 years programs)
 | Office at Buddha chouk (Cross Road) | INGO |  |  |  |
|  | * IFP (Intensive Forestry Program)- finishes at Chaitra (April 2012) and focuses on climate change
 | RB Shrestha |  | 071527897 |  |  |
|  | * NECOS
 | Bhairahawa | NGO | 071525633 |  |  |
|  | * Nidreni
 | Butwal | NGO |  |  |  |
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|  | Types: 1. Community based 2. NGO, 3. Government, 4. International and 5. Other |  |  |
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| **10.** | How long have you been implementing this activity? | Since 1983 |  |  |
|  | Capacity to distribute service depends on fund, donors |  |  |  |  |
| **11.** | When will this activity finish? | Continue/ongoing |  |  |
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| **12.** | What is the source of funding for this activity? |  |  |  |  |
|  | * Purely from Government of Nepal in this year
* DFID
	+ LFP
	+ FFP is not existing now
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|  | Please specify: government (national/ local), private (profit making), NGO local/ national/ international), community funded) |  |  |
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| **13.** | f the activity is information based, try find out about the sources and process to get the information to the users. Here are some questions that may be useful to build the story:1. What is the source of information used?
2. How do you get it?
3. Do you process the information in any way for your target audience (e.g. reformatting, reframing, re-analysis)?
4. If yes, what do you do, how and why?
5. How do you pass it on to your target audience?
6. What products do you generate?
7. How do you communicate them?
8. What are the main challenges/difficulties you encounter?
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|  | 1. Forest enchroachment
2. Forest theft of timber
3. Land captures- landless people, CBO, political parties
4. Low skilled man power but development of new technology

Use additional pages if needed. If so, please write the organisation, activity name and page number at the top. |  |  |
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| **14.** | Are you aware of any other organisations working locally on this theme, but that you are currently not working with? (list) |  |  |  |
|  | Not known. |  |  |

Perception

1. From your point of view, at your workplace, what is the relative importance in the portfolio of your organisation that is placed on climate or weather related activities:

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|  | None | Low | Medium | High | Very high |
| Allocation of time | ⃝  | ⃝  | ⃝ V | ⃝ | ⃝ |
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| Allocation of staff | ⃝  | ⃝ V | ⃝ | ⃝ | ⃝ |
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| Allocation of budget | ⃝  | ⃝ V | ⃝ | ⃝ | ⃝ |
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| Other, Biogas\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | ⃝  | ⃝ | ⃝ | ⃝ | ⃝ |
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No regular budget, depend on donors

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| 2. | From your point of view, what is driving the agenda for climate related services and information (tick as many as relevant) |  |  |
|  | funders | ⃝ | 1 √ |
|  | my organisation headquarters | ⃝ | 2 √ |
|  | my local office | ⃝ | 3 V |
|  | community based organisations | ⃝ | 4 V |
|  | farmers individually | ⃝ | 5 |
|  | other | ⃝ | 6 |

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| 3. | When did your organisation start implementing on the ground “climate change” related activities?  |  |  |
|  | * Since 2008 directly before that indirectly
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|  | don’t know | ⃝ | 1 |
|  | not started yet | ⃝ | 2 |

4. Are there any gaps in the areas of climate related activity that you perceive in your organisation today?

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|  | Area |
| 1 | Actual information on Climate Change unknown in relation to Nepalese condition. |
| 2 | Unawareness among the farmers (farmers think all are here for money. |
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5. What is your organisation doing well, or is innovative in areas of climate related activities today – where can others learn from you?

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|  | Area |
| 1 | VFU: grant for VFU, District Climate Adoption Fund |
| 2 | LFP (Livelihood Forestry Program): Networking at village level about Climate Change but result has yet to be evaluated |
| 3 | VFCC: Fund implement locally initiated program |
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| 6. | If you were the person making decisions on the agenda for next year, which climate related activity do you think would have potential here that is not yet included in your work? |  |  |
|  | * Information flow to grass root level about Climate Change
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| 7. | Do you have any comments or additional ideas you would like me to record? None. |  |  |