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Rural Village Water Resources Management Project

Strengthening user committees and generating income opportunity for sustainability of the MUS at rural level

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Presentation Outline

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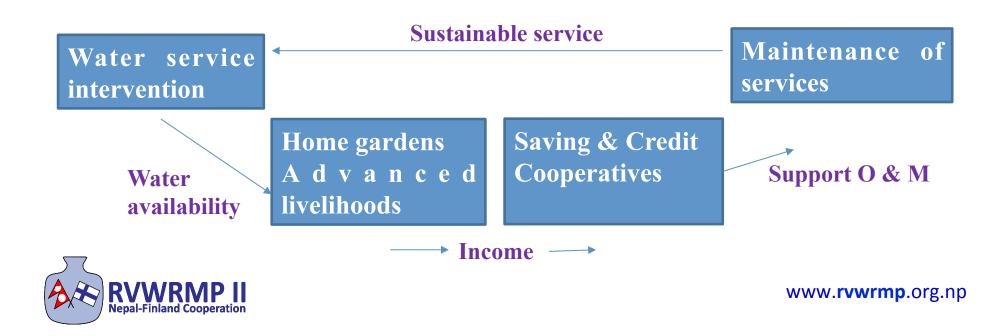
Rural Village Water Resources Management Project (RVWRMP), Nepal

Main activities:

- Rural Water Supply and sanitation
- Community based irrigation
- Micro Hydro power, Improved cooking stoves, Improved water mills
- Multi Use System Application
- Environmental activities, climate change adaptation
- Livelihood activities, food security and nutrition
- Institutional capacity building
- WUMP Water Use Management Plans & Step-by-Step process
- Water Safety Plans
- HRBA & GESI guidelines Human Rights, Gender and Social Inclusion



RVWRMP, a bilateral project financed by the Governments of Finland and Nepal, in remote mid and far west Nepal, is working in integrated water resources management , with the Water Use Master Plan (WUMP) as a planning tool/ process. The <u>Multi Use Water Services (MUS)</u> with water supply is the priority intervention since 2007





Multiple Use Systems & Livelihood Activities

- If insufficient water available, priority is domestic water use
- Kitchen/dishwashing/run-off water can be used for simple drip irrigation systems -> improved nutrition
- If sufficient water planning for irrigation use (small scale) or micro-hydro in a MUS – needs discussion of access & tariffs
- If close enough access to markets -> commercial production may be possible
- Cooperatives support for financial links & marketing









Dada Multi Use System, Darchula, Nepal in brief

- 23 total Beneficiary Households
- Total water capacity is 0.5 LPS
- Used in Drinking water 0.08 LPS
- Used in Irrigation 0.4 LPS
- Total irrigated land is 120 Ropani
- Total cost of the scheme is NRs. 2,612,177
- Users Contribution is NRs 940,000 including 43,000 in cash
- Date of Construction completion-October 2014



Achievements so far (findings)

- 100% Households started on/off season cash crops (Tomato, potato, beans, cucumber,)
- Organic production
- 100% households maintained home gardens
- Changed food habit (inclusion of fresh vegetable)





Achievements so far (findings)

- Access to the agriculture and market service centers
- Increased household income by average NRs. 115,000
- O&M plan, regulations, and WSP in place





Achievement So Far (findings)

- Users contribute to the operation and maintenance fund NRs 40/ HH/month
- Total Operation and maintenance fund NRs. 46,750
- Records and book keeping maintained
- Good Governance in UC/Users



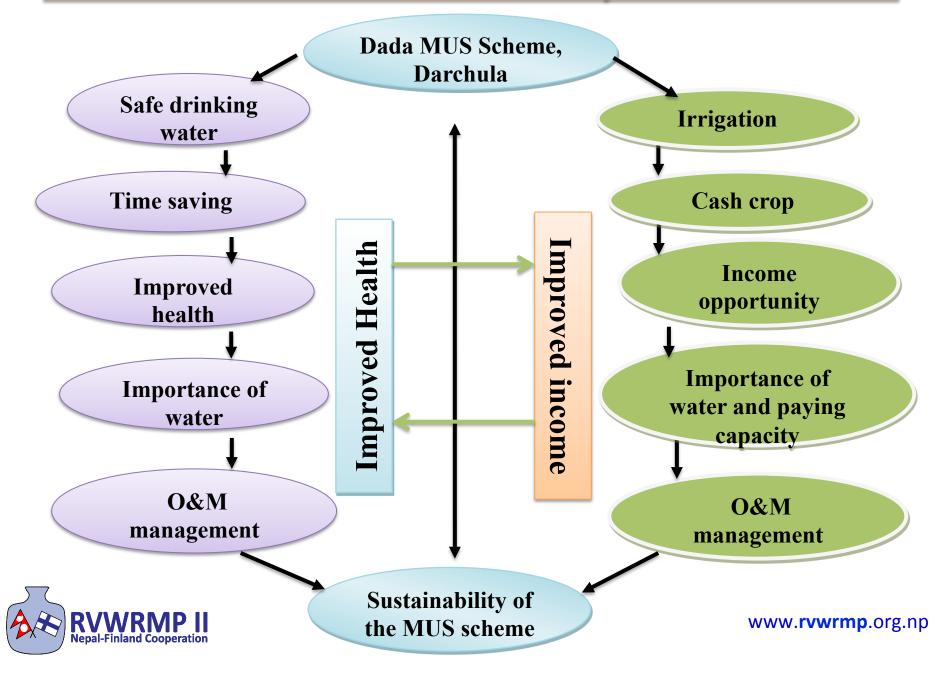
Achievement So Far (findings)

- Village maintenance worker salary paid regularly NRs. 500
- Maintained 24 hour water services
- Local employment and income opportunities generated
- Seasonal migration reduced by > 90%





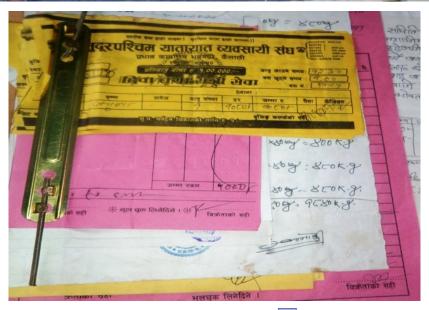
Result chain towards sustainability of Dada MUS



Key elements for success & sustainability of MUS and RVWRMP Interventions

- Prioritisation of schemes by the community (WUMP)
- Improved MUS institutions at community level, leading to good governance (female tap group, VMW)
- Development and application of workable Operation and Maintenance systems, Water tariff and WSP
- Incorporating design innovations (water quality, quality construction and sustainability)









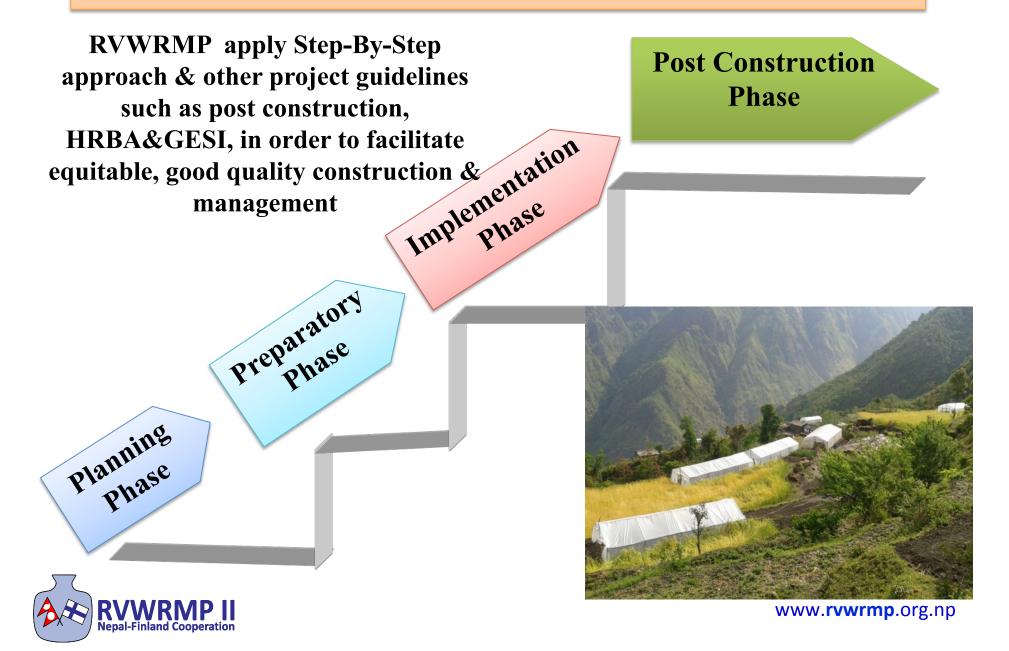
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- Linkages to livelihoods activities and cooperatives, to ensure financial sustainability
- Consideration of rights and inclusion
- Coherent planning and implementation (VDC and district authority systems)
- Capacity building of the UC/Users and stakeholders
- Technical support and monitoring on-site

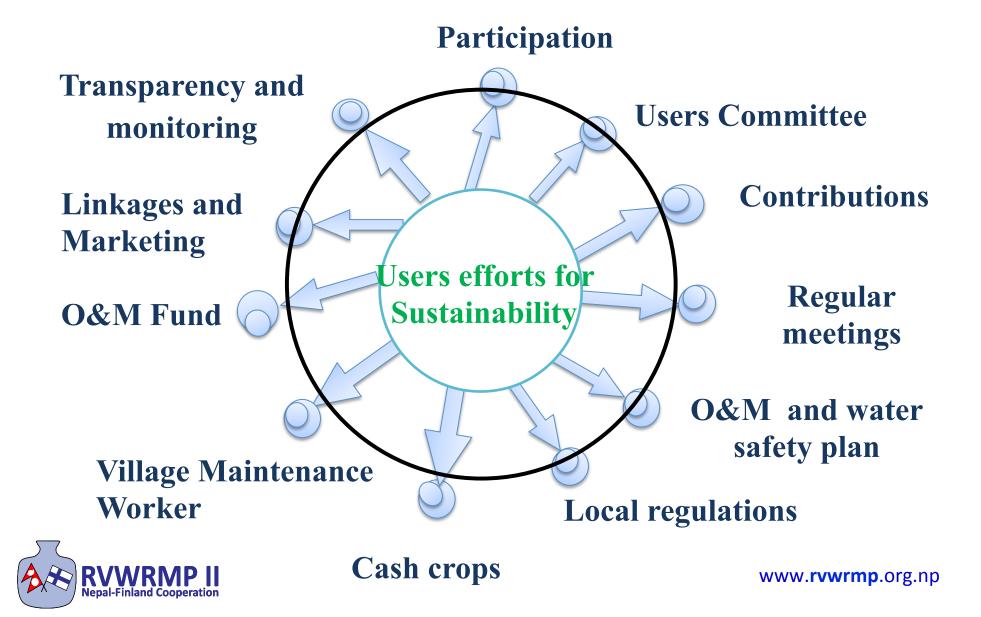




RVWRMP Working Approach to support MUS sustainability



How MUS UC/Users' contribute to sustainability



Learning and recommendations

- Generating income improves sustainability of Water Scheme
- MUS link creates interest, ownership & ability to pay O&M
- Step by step approach is important to ensure participation, transparency, good governance & quality construction
- Post construction support and User's Capacity building
- Trained VMW is the key for sustainability of the MUS
- Community action plan for O&M management and ownership
- Livelihood support package for the VMW







Thank you

