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Literacy Project**  
*brings hope*

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# Welcome from the Editor

## What are you counting on?

Various daily activities require us to count. It may be items in our shopping basket, the number of steps we take or our intake of calories. People who 'count their calories', often do so to lose weight.

Many people in the world have no need for such counting; their daily consumption of food falls far below the level needed for healthy living. They count on simply having some food.

Food, its availability, security, and nutritious value has been, and continues to be, at the heart of projects supported by Operation Agri.

Martin's testimony on pages 4 and 5 is a challenging read.

Thank you, Nigel.

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## New administrator *joins the team*

**Jo Jackson** shares the journey that led to her taking up her new role with Operation Agri

**I'm really excited to be joining the Operation Agri team as the new administrator. My name is Joanna Jackson (but please call me Jo) and I live in Horsham, West Sussex, and have three adult children. It's great to be stepping into this role with a real sense of God's leadership and timing.**

I grew up in Essex, where I worked happily with a local Youth for Christ Team. Over the years, I held a number of roles, including administrator, primary schools' worker, and finally Team Director. After fifteen years with YFC, God moved me on to new opportunities. My husband Richard and I experienced the real thrill of knowing that God was challenging, guiding, and encouraging us.

### **Trusting God to continue leading us on**

Within a few months, we packed up the home, in which we had brought up our children, and moved to West Sussex, joining the team at

Dalesdown, a Christian Residential Conference Centre south of Horsham.



**This led me to start learning about a very special mission called Operation Agri. The rest, as they say, is history!**

As managers and then Executive Directors of Family Foundations Trust, (the charity which owns and runs Dalesdown), we had the opportunity and privilege to meet and serve many churches, schools and groups.

After nine incredible years at Dalesdown, we felt God speaking again about moving on. Once more, we had no clear sense of where He was leading, and we had to trust God and follow His call on our lives.

### **Waiting on God for what's next**

It took a while for me to realise that, as the next step, God was graciously giving me a time of rest and refreshment. These precious moments were preparation for the moment when I received a call, out of the blue, from an ex-colleague, who had heard about an opportunity which made him think of me. This led me to start learning about a very special mission called Operation Agri. The rest, as they say, is history!

I was reminded of the way in which God calls us to follow Him. Often, we are eager for the next step, when actually He is encouraging us to take a moment – take time to be still, and to know that He is God.

I am really looking forward to walking alongside the team, to supporting and being a part of what God is doing through Operation Agri.



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Martin visiting a Nepali home with basic cooking facilities



▲ Martin discussing a project on-site  
Martin speaking at a meeting with community leaders ▶

Overseas Secretary, **Martin Butterworth**, considers the different ways lack of food impacts the lives of people here and overseas

**I**n what now feels like a different lifetime, I lived and worked for BMS World Mission in Nepal as one of their project evaluators, and travelled to different parts of the country, evaluating a wide variety of projects.

Mostly, the objective of these projects (many of which were resourced by partners such as OA) was to improve agriculture or income generation from agriculture. Food was important, never enough and often insecure. Helping the poor, 'levelling up', as we might call it, almost always involved food. Food to eat or food to sell. Even as poor families understandably prioritise education as the best road out of poverty, food has to be available.

### Seeing for myself

The places I visited in my evaluator's role had different challenges, but all were 'marginalised'. I visited towns many miles from the nearest road. I spent nights in

villages with no toilets; certain bits of rough pasture or jungle served instead – and smelt. I survived a diet of World Food Programme, rice and the aching pain of real hunger in a stomach accustomed to being filled. I travelled on foot through war zones where my every move was observed. I spoke with communities who were homeless, living in shacks on flood plains that, obviously, flooded.

I'm no hero, these places were just part of the job, and I was generally looked after as a visitor with potential influence. I faced tragic situations I had to understand, but not judge. It's more in retrospect that the poverty angers and embarrasses me, and the contrasts become uncomfortable.

### Moving on

Then it was time to leave Nepal and return to Bradford. It didn't take long for me to become incredulous at what the British called 'poverty'. I tried to understand



and read a book subtitled, 'A Christian Response to Poverty in Britain today'. I understood the arguments and didn't disagree, but it was still not what I called poverty, and more specifically, 'food poverty'. Poverty in Bradford didn't seem to be about food.

In time it was suggested to me that I apply to be the volunteer manager and administrator of the local Foodbank. I was still unsure, but decided to give it a try, and though still not convinced about what they called, 'crisis', the actual work looked interesting and valuable.

My role at the foodbank evolved over the years into two parts. Office work as Data Manager and Team Leader at a Foodbank Centre (distribution point). This combination of statistics one day, and difficult face to face meetings with clients



**“It didn't take long for me to become incredulous at what the British called 'poverty'.**

the next, gradually convinced me there really was poverty in England, but it was more than inadequate food. It took a while, but I accepted a more holistic definition with unhealthy housing, struggling schools, obscenely low wages or working hours, whole communities beneath the radar, lacking dignity and hope.

There were clear parallels with what I had been doing in Nepal, and I came to accept that both, though hugely different, needed God. Foodbank in Bradford helped those at the bottom of the, 'pecking order', just as OA endeavours to do in other countries and cultures.

*Martin Butterworth,  
Overseas Secretary, Operation Agri*

Part 2 will be in the October issue of *Outreach Abroad*.

# Harvest saved despite storm devastation in Malawi

**Rev Lloyd Chizenga**, Overseer, New Life Christian Church, shines a light on efforts to preserve the harvest in communities affected by storm Ana

**T**ropical Storm Ana swept across Madagascar before passing through Mozambique and Malawi earlier this year. Heavy rains and very strong winds destroyed roads, schools, and homes. Crops, stores, and livestock were swept away. It was the second deadliest weather event of 2022 so far.



In Malawi, 200,000 people living in the southern areas of Chikwawa, Nsanje and the Lower Shire Valley fled their homes. This is the heartland of the *Growing Greener* sustainable agriculture training programme supported by Operation Agri in partnership with African Pastors Fellowship and New Life Christian Church in Blantyre.

## Floods in the Shire Valley

One of the communities most affected by the storm was Dwanya village on the east bank of the Shire River in Chikwawa

District. Here, most of the crops that the project participants planted so carefully with manure, compost and mulch, were washed away by heavy floods that came with the storm. As the water overwhelmed the village, family heads carried children and vulnerable people to safety. People sought refuge in trees and the wind and water rushed across the fields, through their simple homes and stripped away their crops.

People in the community in Dwanya were displaced for some time and just stayed outside until they were able to reach a camp where they remained until the water subsided. As they returned home, they were in desperate need of food aid, basic household utensils and materials to repair their homes.

## Fear of Hunger

Their greatest concern was getting hold of seed. Their crops, which had been doing so well and had been beautifully planted and cared for, using the simple methods we had been working on, were washed away. They would have no harvest this year without replacement seed. As a leader in the New Life Christian Church network



← Growing Greener programme farmer group receive replacement seed

and the main coordinator of the *Growing Greener* agriculture training programme, it was so hard for me to see so many of our projects so suddenly and so badly affected.

My heart went out to the people in Dwanya and the other villages, and so I contacted Operation Agri about the situation, advising that if we could find new seed to replant crops into the damp soils of the previously flooded fields, it would secure some sort of harvest in three or four months' time.

### Response

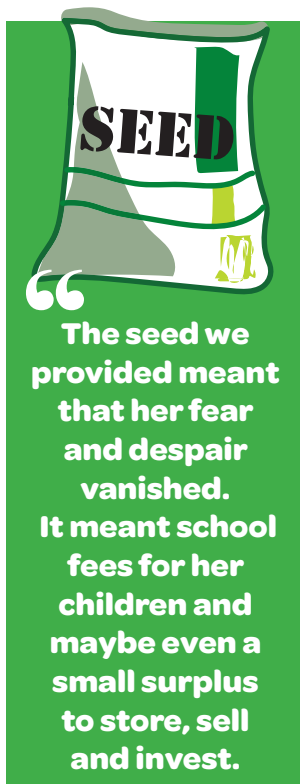
Operation Agri responded quickly and soon my team and I were purchasing and transporting seed to the most badly affected communities including Dwanya. As we handed over the seed to project participants, we reminded them about all they had already learnt from the training, encouraging them to persevere.

One project participant told me that the storm had

been a terrible and sudden shock. When the worst of that had passed, however, a greater fear had overcome her: the prospect of no harvest and deep hunger for many months to come. With no capacity to borrow money to buy replacement

seed from a lender, and with interest rates on loans unaffordable, she was in despair. The seed we provided meant that her fear and despair vanished. It meant school fees for her children and maybe even a small surplus to store, sell and invest. It meant she could look to the future with hope and begin to rebuild her life.

Please continue to stand with us in prayer and thank you for all your support of this important agriculture training work with vulnerable communities in southern Malawi.



Rev Lloyd Chizenga



# Children's PAGE



The current **OA Appeal**  
is for a project in **Mozambique**



This word-search puzzle has a hidden message.

First find all the words in the list below.

Words can go in any direction and share letters as well as cross over each other.

**Once you have found all the words copy the first fifteen unused letters, starting at the top left corner, into the blanks below to reveal the hidden message which will tell you the project.**

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(Answer on page 11)

# FOOD security

In the UK if you want a snack you can pop down to your nearest supermarket.

Supermarkets have even started opening 'local' branches to make it easier to get your crisps and energy drinks. But, as easy as it is to have food at our disposal, in some of the countries we support, this luxury is not available.

Read about it here!  
[operationagri.org.uk/projects/mozambique](https://operationagri.org.uk/projects/mozambique)



# FOOD production

This is something we help to make available in the countries in which we work. We do this through livestock provision, and training in planting and managing trees to produce a harvest.

Our project in Mozambique trains women in farming techniques, including preparing the land. They sow seeds on small plots of land next to their homes. They also train and support their neighbours.



# OA displays flexibility and to the pandemic

**James Townsend** Trustee and Treasurer, gives an insight into how OA continued to support partners despite the challenges of Covid 19

**T**hroughout the year 2020-21 all the projects of our In-Country Partners were affected to various degrees by the COVID-19 Pandemic. Some activities were completely suspended for all or part of the year, while others continued, albeit radically curtailed. The Trustees kept in close contact with each partner, continuing at least a grant support level so that staff could be retained in anticipation of a full resumption of activities when conditions permitted.

Some projects were extended beyond their anticipated completion dates, whilst in other instances funds were carried forward into the 2021–22 year. The charity's policy of flexibility allows us to adapt quickly to the needs of individual partners in situations such as those experienced during this year.

As part of OA's 60th anniversary year, friends supported various sponsored events. These included our runner in the London Marathon and anniversaries being turned into opportunities to give to Operation Agri. The public events we had identified as being opportunities for increasing awareness of Operation Agri were cancelled due to the pandemic. We are now revisiting those plans with a view

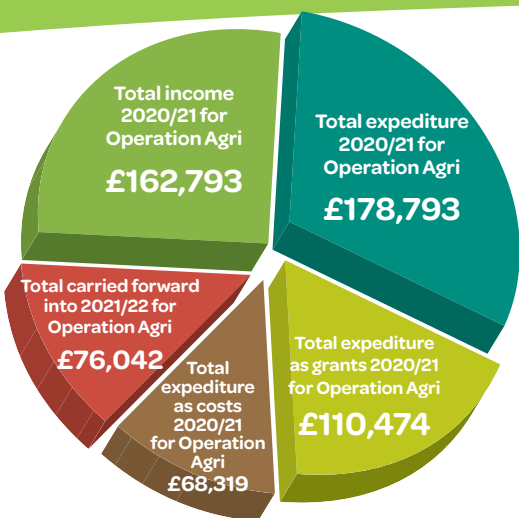
to making the work of OA known more widely.

**“The charity's policy of flexibility allows us to adapt quickly to the needs of individual partners in situations such as those experienced during this year.**

The year brought many challenges for Trustees and In-Country Partners alike and world circumstances are continuing to cause us to seek ways to continue to be good and careful stewards of the resources our donors place in our hands. The encouragement of the Apostle Paul comes to mind when he wrote: *Be very careful, then, how you live – not as unwise but as wise ... always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.* Ephesians 5:15, 20

The Trustees give thanks to God for the continued faithfulness of the supporters of Operation Agri who enthusiastically make provision for the work of The Kingdom through Operation Agri.

# speed in response



## FPI: Farmers Pastors Initiative, Emmanuel International (Imarika) in Tanzania

Community groups are formed, and, after initial workshops on self-reliance and village community banking, are offered training in two of the following skills: conservation agriculture, fuel efficient stoves making, afforestation, beekeeping or poultry keeping.

## The Commercial Farming Training Project in Mozambique

The Commercial Farming Training Project in Manga Loforte, Beira, trains women in farming techniques, including preparing land, crop diversification and conservation techniques.



## CMYC: Christian Ministry to Children and Youth in Bangladesh

Duaripara Family Development Project supports 125 girls aged 3–13 who are currently, or potentially, at risk of sexual or commercial exploitation.

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Vital Vegetables

# Seeds of hope in crisis hit Sri Lanka

**Nadeesha Rajakaruna**, gives an insight into the challenges being faced on multiple fronts, by farming families on this troubled island

## Food security

Sri Lanka's vulnerability to the effects of climate change means extreme weather events such as droughts, floods and landslides continue to compromise food security and nutrition. Ensuring everyone has access to adequate and nutritious food is essential. Food security focuses on reducing hunger and extreme poverty by ensuring the continuous availability of food, regardless of economic and environmental factors. The widely accepted definition of food security includes food access, availability, food use, and stability.

In Sri Lanka, despite improvements in previous years, concerns like wasting, stunting, and being underweight have remained essentially unchanged for over a decade. For children aged 5 years and under 15.1% still exhibit wasting and 17.3% are affected by stunting. The



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▲ Nadeesha taking notes during a beneficiary household visit

importance of nutrition and food security is one that cannot be ignored.

## Economic crisis

The current economic and political instability has further increased the vulnerability of this island in the Indian Ocean. In April 2021, the government imposed a sudden ban on chemical fertilizer. Farmers

were not prepared, or adequately equipped, to deal with this sudden change. Land they had cultivated day and night did not produce the expected harvest or had to be destroyed. Farming families, who largely depend on this yield to provide for their own consumption as well as a seasonal income, were left in despair.

Across Sri Lanka, food prices are rising on a daily basis amid a growing list of scarcities. Income has not kept pace with inflation and many families have now resorted to

reducing the number of meals consumed per day. The ongoing pandemic, recent agricultural policy changes and the current economic crisis, have highlighted food security like never before. The need is to find ways to enhance agricultural growth to meet the present and future demand for food.

## Partnership

The Lanka Evangelical Alliance Development Service (Sri Lanka), – LEADS – together with the support of Operation Agri, has been committed to providing possible solutions to accessing food. Promotion of resilient home gardening practices has been one of the most accepted and effective interventions. It has also been a primary focus of our work, especially in the North. Many families have been farmers for generations. Through the project, LEADS promotes organic home gardening/farming, which not only protects the environment, but also produces vegetables rich in natural nutrients.

Effecting change is a gradual process. Therefore, we believe that overnight change in policy is not the solution. Instead, LEADS works together with households to identify gaps and areas of intervention in order to provide families with the needed support, in an attempt to transition into organic practices. Accordingly, the Operation Agri project has provided training on organic agriculture practices, preparation of organic fertiliser and pesticides, as well as creating model farms and visits to model organic home gardens. In order to address the lack of resources for sustainable gardens, LEADS has provided seed packs, water sprinkler systems and renovated wells for



Pratheepan Sivalingam

▲ Arumugam enjoys working in his home garden

agriculture use as well. Arumugan, a father of four young children, comments:

*'I've been working in the garden for a long time, both to support myself and to supplement my income. We used to grow various types of vegetables in a tiny garden. But, after LEADS provided me with seeds, training and gardening tools, my modest home garden has converted into a vast, expansive garden. Home-grown crops such as eggplant, ladies fingers, chilli, pumpkin, lentils, and cowpea plant, are growing well and we are able to meet our complete daily household needs. This support is truly beneficial to us at a time when everything is so expensive and there is little choice to purchase in the market.'*

Over 50 families are targeted for agriculture related support on an annual basis, while the benefits of the overall project reaches to the entire village of over 500 resident families directly or indirectly. Vasantha, a single mother of three, who also looks after her parents, says, *'Our well was damaged and in a dangerous state for a long time. This is the most convenient means for us to access water for household and agriculture needs. We are so thankful to the*



Pratheepan Sivalingam

◀ All smiles – Vasantha and her family using the renovated well

*important for us to fulfil our daily meals.'*

LEADS is truly grateful for the immense support and commitment of Operation Agri and all their well-wishes in supporting vulnerable communities of Sri Lanka.

Arumugan and Vasantha can testify to the tangible changes this partnership has achieved. We continue to strive in finding firm yet sustainable solutions to assure the food security of our people.

*LEADS project that saw the need and supported us by renovating our well. Now my children also support me to develop the home garden, and I can be at ease when they go near the well. The home garden is very*

Nadeesha Rajakaruna,  
LEADS Community  
Transformation Manager



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Do you create audio-visuals? If so, Operation Agri is looking for someone to create media files to promote the charity to a wider audience.

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### Thinking of Harvest?

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<https://operationagri.org.uk/current-appeal/>



### Diamond wedding pledge



Stan and Barbara Crees will celebrate their Diamond Wedding Anniversary this September. Congratulations.

They would like to invite friends to contribute to a fund which benefits agricultural work in Africa.

Donations to OA via bank transfer, the website, or by cheque (payable to Operation Agri). Please mark all donations to 'Stan and Barbara'. Thank you.

# Prayer we invite you to pray

## Focus on food

Food is not only the most basic need, but it is also an indicator of poverty. A recent quote from the *Trussell Trust*, UK's largest Foodbank network is challenging:

*'Food banks are neither the right, nor sustainable, response to people going without the essentials due to extremely low incomes ... no charity can replace the dignity of being able to buy your own food.'*

The ultimate aim of the *Trussell Trust* is that foodbanks won't be needed. At OA we work towards an international version of this by recognising that the communities we work with are often unable to buy food, but can be empowered to grow it.

### AFRICA

A recent article from African Pastors Fellowship is titled, *Shockwaves from Ukraine reach Africa*. The article quotes Pastor Heavenlight Luoga, of Operation Agri's partner Farming Partners Initiative in Tanzania:

Pastor Heavenlight tells us that people in his church

were praying for Ukraine and worried about what the conflict might mean for themselves as the price of wheat and fuel increases. The article concludes

● *'Let's also remember the poorest in Africa, who despite living thousands of miles away, are nevertheless feeling the shockwaves of this terrible conflict as well.'*

### MOZAMBIQUE

We are in the process of appraising a new project proposed by our Mozambique partner Oasis Mozambique. They plan to establish a Fish Farming Project in the area where they already know the community.

#### Pray that:

- *The Oasis team will find the right information and contacts for their planning.*
- *The proposal will be appraised accurately and with wisdom by OA's appraiser and Trustees.*

### UGANDA

SAFI, our long-running project in Uganda, is led by Joseph Alinda. Joseph has

started a demonstration project teaching farmers to breed a specific insect, the 'Black Soldier Fly', for locally made animal feed.

#### Please pray that:

- *Joseph will be able to source what he needs to set up breeding of the Black Soldier Fly.*
- *Local farmers' groups will be inspired to set up breeding of the flies themselves.*
- *This local alternative to purchasing animal feed will save money for the farmers.*

SDKF, Dennis Ssettaala reminds us that not everyone in Africa has land available to grow food. Therefore, Dennis's team provide vocational skills training to poor youth in a slum area of Kampala.

- *Pray for each vocational teacher to be filled with the patience, love, and care of Christ.*
- *Pray that through their examples the students will excel, and be able to use the skills they learn to bring change to their lives and communities.*

# Prayer

## Uganda continued

- *Please pray that as classes continue, students will be excited about the results of their work.*

## SRI LANKA

From Roshan Mendez of Asia Pacific Baptist Aid.

### Please pray for:

- *The people of Sri Lanka who have been stretched beyond their capacity to cope.*
- *Protection for those who are protesting with the right intentions.*
- *The emergence of credible and competent political leaders.*
- *The courage to make the hard decisions and to approve the policies needed.*
- *For the Church in Sri Lanka to understand her role and rise above the situation as a beacon of hope.*

By the time you read this the situation may have changed. What hasn't changed is the risk of fighting within Sri Lanka. We request prayer knowing that the situation could have huge consequences for the project at Kilinochchi that we support through LEADS.

**A financial legacy provides for the here and now; a prayer legacy provides for eternity.**



## INDIA

### Sulekha at Oasis India reports:

One of OA's Trustees, Jerry Clewett, is visiting Mumbai and Oasis India in July.

- *Please pray for his safety and that the visit will be successful and valuable for OA and Oasis India.*

Oasis India recently reported that most people have been vaccinated and are taking sensible precautions. Activities have resumed and progress made.

- *Pray that it might continue with protection for staff and participants.*

# Increasing numbers embrace *literacy*

**Joy Ahurra**, of the Women's Adult Literacy Project (WALP) in Uganda, explains why so many women are happy to be back in class

**T**he Women's Adult Literacy Project (WALP) – a Baptist Union of Uganda initiative – teaches illiterate women to read and write in the local language. In recent months, for various reasons, there has been a need to recruit new WALP members. This has been carried out in all the six WALP centres. A decision was also taken to move into the communities that surround the centres.

People were overjoyed to hear that they were to go back to school and learn how to read and write. A chance many did not have when they were children. The recruitment exceeded expectation and people started referring the literacy project to other interested communities.

The joy of having something which you thought you could not have in your life was great. WALP has brought hope among the women in these communities, knowing that the impossible can happen. In the Kidudu WALP club, a village in the Western Ugandan District of Kyenjojo, a woman of 80 years of age has joined to learn how to



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... a woman of 80 years of age has joined to learn how to read and write; she makes sure she attends all the classes.

read and write; she makes sure she attends all the classes. This has challenged younger women to attend classes.

## Graduation

On 5 March, 11 women who completed Book 3 of reading and writing, and 45 women who completed the Livelihood Empowerment Book, from the six WALP groups, 56 in all, graduated. They had all learnt to read and write. It was a colourful and happy day for the women to graduate. This

year we have had an increased number of women who have graduated in all the WALP groups; we give the glory back to God. WALP has become popular in the community, and people who are not close to the church are hearing about what is taking place, and requesting the service be extended to their communities.

## Working together

The project has become a home for the women where they can gather to share ideas and offer a hand to help-out their fellow women. When a member has work



New members of WALP  
with their trainer

Women with their certificates  
on graduation day ▼



Teaching supplies

that needs to be done at her home she informs the ladies, they set a day to go to her home and help her to complete the work. These women have constructed chicken, goat, rabbit, and pig houses, using resources around them like reeds and timber. They meet up at someone's home and help in digging and preparing land, especially when it is planting season.

The women have developed a saving habit whereby every month each lady saves UGX Sh 5,000/= (about £1.11). All the monthly savings are collected and given to one woman to use it to buy either a goat, pig or

chicken, depending on what she keeps in her home. The women make sure that the person who receives the money uses it for its intended use. This has helped women own things they could not afford before joining WALP.

After Graduation most women continue with the project because of the friendship and togetherness they feel when they are around other women.

Joy Ahuura,  
WALP



# Billy goat brings health, wealth and joy to entire community

**G**husel is one of the least developed areas of the Lalitpur district in Nepal. Despite being close to the city, this community, consisting mostly of indigenous households, is deprived and lacks good public health and educational opportunities, improved livelihood alternatives and decent living standards.

The Multi-purpose Community Development Service (MCDS) has been implementing projects in Ghusel since July 2021. The majority of people, in this area, rely on agriculture and animal husbandry for their livelihood, with only a few farmers trying for commercial production. They lack proper knowledge of animal husbandry and vegetable farming for mass and regular production, and have to depend upon a technical official of the government for advice.

## Beneficiaries

Rajkumar Thing resides in a village named Jhajalkot, near Ghusel, with his wife and



**“I did have a thought of going abroad but now, learning from two training sessions, I realise that I can earn in Nepal.”**

two children. He is a marginal farmer living in poverty. Rajkumar has been rearing and managing goats for the last 15 years. His wife, Bishnu Maya, is an active member of the SHGs, (Self Help Groups), formed by the project.

## Intervention

After assessing the vulnerable situation of Rajkumar, his interests, and the recommendation of the SHG (through the Livelihood Component of the Project) he and his family were provided with income generation

support through goat rearing and shed management training. After attending the three-day goat rearing training, Rajkumar says, 'I learned of the improved housing, feeding, breeding, and health care management (of goats), which was very helpful. Also, the training opened our eyes to the importance and benefit

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Rajkumar with his insured goats

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of animal insurance. Moreover, now I am able to know about the goat disease, goat vaccination cycle and deworming and goat breeding management. Besides attending the training, the best part of the event was learning by doing, where the trainer taught us practically.' He adds, 'Seeing my desire to learn more, and my low economic condition, the participants of the training selected me to receive the Boer goat that MCDS provided in the training to increase the quality of breeding in the community. I am really blessed and beyond happy.'

## Impact

During a monitoring visit Rajkumar revealed he was about to register his small goat farm.

He says, 'I have insured all my goats through the rural municipality, moreover, I have vaccinated all my animals. And I am also planning to build a new shed as taught in the training, and plan to increase the number of goats for breeding. The Billy goat that MCDS has provided has given its service to 28 goats and has earned NPR 3,900, (about £25.50), in the last two

months. The community is benefiting from the Billy goat. Normally they have to walk two hours, but now they are able to receive the service within a reasonable distance.'

He adds, 'I am using the manure from goats in my kitchen garden. In this way I can grow my own vegetables and sustain my family. I did have a thought of going abroad but, now learning from two training sessions, I realise that I can earn in Nepal. Now I am confident that life will not be that difficult, though we don't have much land for cultivation, the earnings from the goat rearing will bring stability to my household expense. I believe that through this farm I can provide good education to my children and they can eat nutritional food.'



Participants of the goat rearing training programme

Goat farming helps households diversify their livelihood. Cash income from sales of goats is mainly directed to household necessities such as rice, sugar, oil, clothing, children's school expenses, transportation, and medicines. Livestock is the potential means of lifting the poor from deprivation to self-sufficiency.

*Project Supervisor, Community Health and Engineering for Social Transformation (CHEST)*

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Home gardening  
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Sort Code    -    -    Account No

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The sum of £

Starting date

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