



Building the Competitiveness of Nepal's Agricultural Sector

QUICK FACTS



Project Location: Nepal
Project Type: Agriculture
Donor: USAID
No. of Participants: 12,590
Value Chains: Crops & livestock

Duration: 2018-2023
Implementing Partners: USAID Feed the Future (KISAN II, NSAF, and FTFIPM), government agencies, farmers' cooperatives and private enterprises

PROJECT IMPACT



Crops

- \$47,500 mobilized
- 12 new products and services developed



Livestock

- \$60K mobilized
- 3 new products and services developed



Gross Revenue

- Crops: Up from \$4.5M at baseline to \$6.2M in 2023
- Livestock: Up from \$1.3M at baseline to \$1.5M in 2023



Net Income

- Crops: Up from \$675K at baseline to \$805K in 2023
- Livestock: Up from \$121K at baseline to \$181K in 2023

BACKGROUND

Funded by USAID, the Farmer-to-Farmer (F2F) program connects volunteers from the United States with agriculture-related organizations in developing countries. Through two- to four-week assignments, volunteers provide technical assistance in agricultural development that supports food security and sustainable economic growth. They work with local partners and beneficiaries to increase agricultural production and productivity, improve business profitability, address environmental and natural

resource management challenges, and improve incomes, thereby contributing to rapid economic growth while conserving environmental and natural resources.

In 2018, CRS was awarded a "Leader with Associate Cooperative Agreement" to implement the F2F program in Rwanda, Benin, Ethiopia, Nepal, Uganda, and Timor-Leste from 2018-2023.

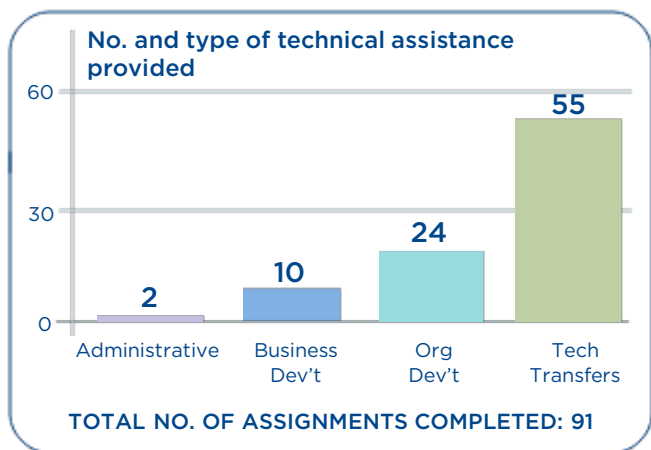
HOST PARTNERS ASSISTED

- 10 government agencies
- 23 farmers' cooperatives
- 5 educational institutions
- 5 NGOs
- 14 private businesses

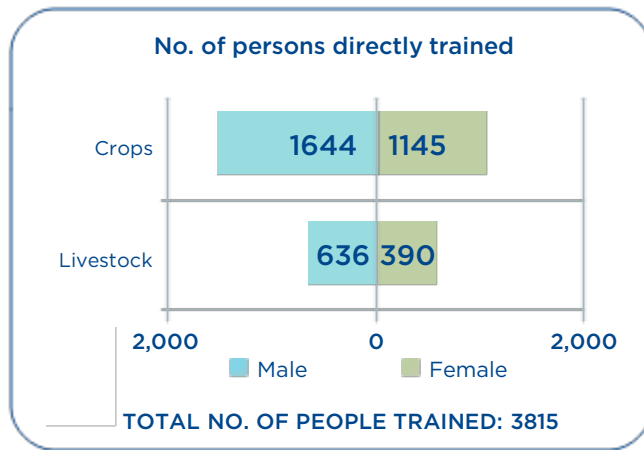


KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

TYPES OF TECHNICAL ASSIGNMENTS PROVIDED



VOLUNTEER ASSIGNMENTS IMPLEMENTED



PROJECT GOALS

- Facilitate economic growth within targeted subsectors to influence entire value chains.
- Enhance sub-sector inclusiveness to support the participation of more individuals and communities.
- Increase the U.S. public's understanding of international development issues and programs, and international understanding of the US and US international development programs.

F2F IN NEPAL

In consultation with the Government of Nepal and USAID, the CRS-led Farmer-to-Farmer (F2F) program provides technical support to the crop (vegetables, maize, oranges, coffee, and apples) and livestock (dairy and goat) sub-sectors. As a demand-driven program, F2F volunteer assignments are based on the specific needs of each host organization. Their goal is to improve education, research, and extension capabilities, productivity, access to markets and credit, product processing and value addition, nutritional security and the organizational development of host partners and project participants.

When the COVID-19 pandemic started, US volunteers who were unable to travel provided remote support to local volunteers who directly supported the host partners.



A member of F2F partner organization, the Airawati Multipurpose Small Farmers Society presents fresh ginger which has been effectively stored using techniques learned through a F2F volunteer assignment. While farmers used to sell fresh ginger at low prices, storing ginger while preserving its freshness allows them to sell when ginger prices are higher. Photo by Amit Rudro for CRS.

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Banner photo: A group of farmers help a member of the F2F partner organization, the Airawati Multipurpose Small Farmers Society, with his crops. Through the society, this member learned many new techniques developed through an F2F volunteer assignment, including low-cost ginger storage techniques. Photo by Amit Rudro for CRS.