

## **ADB Team Field visit to Mahendra Jyoti CAC at Banepa Municipality**

On 3 November 2017, a team from Asian Development Bank (ADB) consisting of Cigdem Akin and Sheela Mariyano from Head Office and Rachana Shrestha from ADB Nepal along with PSU Dhulikhel team visited the Ward no. 12, (Mahendrajyoti CAC), Banepa Municipality and interacted with the members of Citizen Awareness Center. More than 50 community members had participated including CAC members. The team had interesting interaction and discussion regarding the impact of LIP and SIG on the livelihood of the CAC members.



### **A Success Case of LIP fund**

Mahendrajyoti CAC of Ward no. 12 Banepa consisted of one of the remote and backward Tamang communities of Banepa Municipality. Social Mobiliser (Ramila Karki) is facilitating regular meetings and supporting the mobilization of revolving fund (LIP fund) and other social mobilization activities to CAC member as well community very effectively. The impact of this program can be seen through the current livelihood status of CAC members and their experience sharing during the interaction.

They confidently shared about the social and economic changes that they went through when they were associated as member of Community Awareness Center. As Ramri Tamang (CAC member) said that they could not understand and speak Nepali language before because only Tamang language was used in their community. Now, they can speak Nepali language properly and can easily interact with outsiders and also among the group, and respected each other. According to them, there is no domestic violence, child marriage, child labour, school dropout



***Muna Tamang (CAC Member) is sharing changing herself.***

etc. They have showed the capacity to involve as political candidate in recent local level election and are willing to be more participative in political issues. Similarly, they have been leading (Sumitra Tamang - CAC coordinator) the user committee and accomplished development activities (community road and other infrastructure activities) with good results and on time. They have played vital role to build earthquake resistant house in the community. Now, they are even conducting regular CAC meeting by themselves and minting the decisions in the absence of Social Mobiliser.

The CAC has been using LIP revolving fund effectively. They have been implementing different types of income generation activities based on their meeting decisions like buffalo and goat farming, poultry farm, vegetable production etc. For example, Muna Tamang has earned 40 thousand this year by selling the goat that she had purchased for 12 thousand with the amount borrowed from revolving fund from CAC. Sumitra Tamang has earned 25 thousand from goat farming. So, CAC members shared that they have been able to generate good income and saving for future making them able to pay for quality education of their children.

This CAC has access to the VDC resource. On the coordination of CAC and WCF, Ward/VDC allocated 2 lakh for this fiscal year in the heading of women in FY 2073/74. They got Muda making training, tailoring training, Dhup making training for selected CAC member and they have been continuing the job as income generation activities. Now they are producing the environment friendly shopping bags that also support to replace the plastic bag in the market with the coordination of Municipality.



***Children of CAC member getting quality education.***