

NEPAL

IRRIGATION DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

MID-WESTERN REGION

Location

Districts Banke, Surkhet, Dailekh and Kalikot

Executing Agency

Ministry of Water Resources
Department of Irrigation, Kathmandu

Financing

Commission of the European Union (CEU),
Brussels

Period

1998 – 2004

Value of Services

3.100 million US\$



Project Description

Provision of Technical Assistance to the Departments of Irrigation (DOI) and Agriculture (DOA) as well as to Water Users Associations (WUA) and other community based organisations in order to develop and demonstrate appropriate and replicable institutions and processes for development of small scale irrigation schemes within the existing and changing policy framework. The project emphasises on the institutional development to establish and manage the project cycle for sustainable participatory irrigation development. Irrigation infrastructure construction/rehabilitation or extension will refer to a command area of about 3000 ha. The project will be jointly managed by the Nepali and European Co-Directors.

Scope of Services

Technical Assistance to the Department of Irrigation:

- Establishment/development of community based WUAs, District Operations Units, a Regional Programme Management Unit and a Central Programme Support Office
- Training of DOI, DOA and NGO Staff
- Gender focused community development
- Training of WUAs in O&M, system inventory and rehabilitation needs assessment, financial management, quality control
- Irrigation Development including: Irrigation potential resource inventory, feasibility studies, detailed designs, construction/rehabilitation of surface irrigation infrastructure and groundwater irrigation infrastructure, quality assurance and control, water management, support after completion
- Construction and/or rehabilitation of feeder roads, mule tracks and bridges
- Participation in agricultural support programme
- Monitoring and evaluation
- Environmental impact assessment, monitoring and conservation/mitigation measures
- Institutional coordination and capacity building
- Research and development of appropriate irrigation technologies