

## Village 56 Dhandagaun

19.1.2019

25 farmers participated in the meeting. Anne Marie Jacobsen, Tara and Sunita participated from Triangle

Tara was interpreter. Anne Marie was referent.

The farmers have many animals. The village was hit hard by earthquakes in 2015. At the meeting they had a lot of discussions.

Questions	Answer
<b>1. Organic farming</b>	
1) When did you start with organic farming?	2016 (December - New village)
2) Have you got more vegetables for own consumption now?	Just a little because they started in 2016
3) How long after you started organic farming did you start selling on the market?	
4) How much of the organic products are currently selling in the market? (% or 1/4, 1/2, 3/4 or all)	
5) Do you have plans of increase the area for organic farming?	Yes.
6) How many Ropani/ha/m <sup>2</sup> do you have plans for?	1 Ropany
7) <i>How many Ropani/ha/m<sup>2</sup> is your farm?</i>	9 -10 Ropany in average
1 ropani is 508,74 m <sup>2</sup> .	
<b>2. Soil quality</b>	
1) Is the soil quality better now 3 years after you started in organic farming?	Not big change, because they just started
2) How can you recognize it is better? Is the structure better, better to keep the water, bigger production/areal (m <sup>2</sup> /ropani?) and better growing products?	
3) Has your soil been analyzed? Are you interested in an analyze?	The soil was analyzed in the beginning of the project. Would like one more analyze after a period.
<b>3. Income</b>	
1) Has your income improved the last years? (since 2015)	Yes
2) Do the organic products give a part of the income?	Maybe?

3) How do you notice that organic product sales are making a better income? For example- Did you buy vegetables before the project?	They have a good income. They would like to have a certification to prove that the organic vegetables are organic.
4) Do you have a household account	No
5) Do you expect a growing income the next years?	Yes/hope
6) What do you spend your extra money on? School uniforms/books, equipment to the farm, seeds etc. ?	School book and uniforms, seed, farming equipment
<b>4. Support from authority</b>	
1) Have you received seeds?	No, but from Triangle/ASK
2) Have you received folder trees and grass?	No, but from Triangle/ASK
3) Comments	They would like if the Triangle will help with more training.
<b>Water</b>	
1) Have you water enough hole year?	No
2) Do you sample rainwater - for example in tanks?	No
<b>5. Collecting Center</b>	
1) Do you sell through the collecting center?	Yes, sometimes
2) Do you also sell directly on the market, to neighbors or hotels?	Yes
3) Do you experience the benefits of selling through the collection center? What benefits do you experience? For example better price, time spent on long transport can be used in agriculture, children, education, etc.	No, they do not pay a good price
4) What can be improved with the collecting center?	Better prices if they sell through the Colleting Center and better organization.
<b>6. Fertilizer</b>	
1) How many animals do you have? Which ones?	6-7 goats, 2-3 buffalos, chickens, 1 cow – one farm
2) Do you use fund funds to invest in animals? Or microloans from Triangle?	Yes they invest in animals for microloans from the Triangle/ASK
3) From which animals do you collect manure?	From all and mix it.

4) Have you got more animals after you joined the Triangle?	Yes-goats, buffalos, chicken and “chicken farm”?aks Tara
5) Do you have plans for more animals? which ones?	Yes, goats
6) Do you share the fertilizer if you have too much?	No not necessary. They sell it, if they have extra.
7) Do you grow nitrogen-fixing crops? Like peas, clover, beans, rapeseed?	Yes beans, kidney beans, Soya beans peas. All. They both eat and sell on marked.
8) Do you have plans for that? Which crops?	They are planning more.
<b>7. Biopesticides</b>	
1) Do you have enough plant species in your area to collect for biopesticides?	Yes
2) Have you found which ones are the best? And to which crops?	They mix them all.
3) Do you spread knowledge about the best for other farmers / villages?	Yes
4) Do you even cultivate the biopesticide plant area?	No
5) Do you share the biopesticides if you have too many?	Yes, they do when they have enough
<b>8. Sharing knowledge</b>	
1) How do you share experience and knowledge in the village and between villages?	yes
2) How is it organized?	Monthly meetings
3) The role of lead farmers?	Technical knowledge to farmers, how to make plastic tunnels, biopesticides and make the monthly report to Triangle/ASK. Distribute the seeds from the Triangle.
<b>9. Cooperation</b>	
1) Has the cooperation between the farmers improved since 2016	Yes
2) Shares your knowledge and experience of organic farming	Yes
3) Gives the meetings you new inspiration and engagement? Is it an eyeopener?	Yes, better internal cohesion and the Triangle has given them knowledge about organic farming.
4) Would you like to improve the cooperation the next years?	Yes.

5) What new initiatives would you like from Triangle / ASK in the next few years	More training, better cooperation, meetings, learn how to sell/marketing, better marketing and a good strong plan with goals They are calling for certification
<b>10. Insurance</b>	
1) Do you know the insurance possibilities, and do you use it? It minimizes the risk going organic farming?	No, they have heard about it, but do not use it. They do not have enough knowledge, but would like to use it.
<b>11. Benefits of participating in Triangle / ASK and suggestions / wishes for Triangle / ASK</b>	
1) Has the Triangle project been an eyeopener for you?	Yes. They did not know about organic farming before the Triangle project. They thought it was all green things/plants.
2) Can you recognize any different in health	? too new
3) Have you received training from the Triangle?	Yes, but they would like to have more.
4) What can the Triangle do better? What will you recommend? What would you like me to convey to the Triangle/ASK?	Certification of their organic vegetables. More training and education in organic farming. General awareness for commercial organic farming. Marketing of organic marketing of organic products. They get better price if they sell through the Collection center. They get 1-2 rupees more per kg if they sell themselves at the market and to hotels. They would also like better cooperation and better introduction to the insurances.