

Participation in 3rd Microfinance Summit Nepal 2013

Representing CSD, Mr. Janga Bahadur Khadka, Treasurer; Dr. Sumitra Manandhar Gurung, Governing Board Member along with Mr. Ram Kumar Shrestha, Director; Mr. Shanker Nath Kapali, Deputy Director; and Mr. Govinda Man Shrestha, Assistant Director participated in the 3rd Microfinance Summit Nepal 2013. Ms. Saraswoti Shrestha, Governing Board Member and Mr. Mukunda Bahadur Bista, Executive Director, as CMF Board Members, also participated in the Summit. The Summit is of 3rd series and was organized by Centre for Microfinance (CMF) Nepal on February 14-16, 2013 (Falgun 3-5, 2069) at Hotel Yak and Yeti.

ToT & Training on Individual Lending

A four-day training, as per the agreement signed between CSD and USAID/NEAT Activity, was organized on February 25- 28, 2013 (Falgun 14-17, 2069) at SAP Falcha. The training was of its first kind in Nepal and was served by lead trainer Ms. Stephanie Charitonenko. Mr. Ghuran Thakur and Mr. Pritha Thapa had served as local trainers. Before this training, a four-day Training for Trainers (ToT) was organized in CSD. Ms. Stephanie served as the facilitator. Mr. Ghuran Thakur and Mr. Pritha Thapa were the participants. The ToT was basically organized for local trainers to handle the sessions. Altogether 27 participants from 19 different MFIs participated in the training.

Training Needs Assessment

A study on Training Needs Assessment was undertaken by CSD in the month of Baishakh, 2070 with the support of USAID/NEAT Activity. Swabalamban Laghubitta Bikas Bank and Chhimek Laghubitta Bikas Bank were chosen for undertaking the assessment. These MF banks are among the two leading microfinance banks of Nepal. The assessment will help CSD to have an overview/status of training needs of MFIs of Nepal in general and of these two microfinance development banks in particular. A total number of 5 Focus Group Discussions (FGDs) were carried out with the bank's area/branch managers. One FGD of Swabalamban Laghubitta Bikas bank was carried out at Gathghar Area Office and one each in Itahari /Lahan Area Office. Similarly, two FGDs of Chhimek Laghubitta Bikas Bank were carried out in their Itahari Regional Office and Chitwan Area Office.

Training of Trainers (ToT)

In order to develop the facilitation/presentation skills of various MFIs as well as to support CSD in developing/grooming its resource persons to run future training programs, a training of trainers was executed by CSD on April 8-12, 2013 (Chaitra 26-30, 2069) at Training Institute for Technical Instruction (TITI) in Sanothimi, Bhaktapur. The training was conducted by TITI under the technical support of USAID/NEAT Activity. The cost of the training was borne, under cost sharing arrangement, by CSD and USAID/NEAT Activity. The participants' travel cost and daily subsistence allowance (DSA), however, were borne by respective participating organizations. Altogether 16 participants from 12 organizations participated in the training.



Dr. Bhawani Shanker Subedi, ED, TITI, addressing ToT inaugural session



Participants with the Flip Charts prepared by them

Training on Basics of Microfinance

Mr. Ram Kumar Shrestha, Director and Mr. Satish Kumar Shrestha, Consultant (Training) conducted training on basics of microfinance. The venue was in Regional Training Centre, Pipari Kohalpur, Banke of Agricultural Development Bank Ltd. The training was conducted from May 26 to May 30, 2013 (Jestha 12 to Jestha 16, 2070). Mr. Rup Bahadur Khadka, Senior Manager, RMDC and Mr. Bishal KC, Senior Manager, Boudha Gramin Cooperative Ltd, Surkhet also served as external resource persons. The key topics included in the training were general practice in microfinance regarding identification of target groups, group formation and savings mobilization along with the concept of accounting and ratio analysis. There were altogether 19 participants representing 6 different microfinance cooperatives and Financial Intermediary Non-Government Organizations (FINGOs). A half-day field visit to local MFIs was carried out to deliver the hands on experience to the participants during the training.



On-going training session on "Basics of Microfinance"

Training and Study/Research Policy & Procedure

CSD, in order to organize training and conduct study/research more systematically, has developed an internal "Policy & Procedure on Training and Study/Action Research".

Staff Training

Mr. Pradeep Man Singh, Assistant Officer of CSD, participated in training program on Income Tax, VAT and TDS conducted by National Institute of Management Excellence (NIME) Pvt. Ltd in its premise from 9 June to 16 June 2013 (Jestha 26 to Ashad 2, 2070).

Training on Individual/Collateral Based Lending in Microfinance Itahari, Sunsari

A 3 day customized training on individual/collateral based lending in microfinance was organized from Ashad 9 to 11, 2070 (June 23-25, 2013) in Itahari, Sunsari. The training was organized for Area/Branch Managers of Swabalamban Laghubitta Bikas Bank Ltd. There were altogether 30 participants in the training. Mr. Prem B. Shrestha and Mr. Ghuran Thakur served as the resource persons. Mr. Satish K. Shrestha, Consultant (Training), CSD had coordinated the training.



Mr. Jang Bahadur Khadka, Treasurer, CSD Governing Board Member, giving his view at the opening session at Itahari, Sunsari

Training on Individual/Collateral Based Lending in Microfinance-Bardibas, Mahaottari

A customized training for Swabalamban Laghubitta Bikas Bank Ltd. on individual/collateral based lending in microfinance was organized from Ashad 13 to 15, 2070 (June 27-29 2013) in Bardibas, Mahottari. The training was organized for Area/Branch Managers of Swabalamban Laghubitta Bikas Bank. There were altogether 27 participants in the training. Mr. Prem B. Shrestha and Mr. Ghuran Thakur served as the resource persons. Mr. Satish K. Shrestha, Consultant (Training), CSD had co-ordinated the training.



A view of training session at Bardibas, Mahottari