To address the challenges and improve agricultural productivity, the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development (MoALD), the Nepal Agricultural Research Council (NARC), the Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) have entered into an agreement in June 2018. The Value Chain Development of Fruit and Vegetables (VCDFV) Project aims to increase income of smallholder farmers. A focus is placed on the enhanced access of agricultural technologies, minimized postharvest losses and improved the market linkages. The project will be supported by KOICA (US$ 5 million) and UNDP (US$ 0.5 million).

**AIM**

**IMPROVE INCOME OF 10,000 SMALLHOLDER FARMERS**

**REGION**

**12 DISTRICTS ADJOINING 2 ROAD CORRIDORS IN PROVINCE 3 AND GANDAKI PRADESH**

**FUND**

KOICA **USD 5M**

UNDP **USD 0.5M**
1. Improve agricultural productivity through increased capacity of government agencies and better access to production technologies by farmers

2. Reduce postharvest losses by postharvest technology development and adoption

3. Better market linkages at local level

BENEFICIARIES

- 10,000 farmers
- 20 collection centres
- Executives and operators of cooperatives
- Extension officers, junior technicians, private extension providers and lead farmers
- Federal, provincial, and local government officials

ACTIVITIES

PRODUCTION SUPPORT
- Identify pocket areas, institutions, and beneficiaries
- Support extension provision on production practices
- Support the revolving fund operation for input support

POSTHARVEST LOSS MANAGEMENT
- Develop and validate postharvest technologies
- Support the physical facilities of postharvest laboratory
- Prepare extension materials and training manuals

MARKET LINKAGE
- Provide physical support to collection centres
- Capacitate extension workers and farmers
- Strengthen the market information system

OUTCOMES

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