

Trainings on maintenance and repair of agri-machineries to improve after-sales services

Context

With the introduction of agri-machineries, suitable for the rugged geographical terrains of the mid-hills of Nepal, farmers are slowly adopting the new technology. However, lack of easy access to repair and maintenance services for these machineries is one of the reasons farmers are still reluctant to buy these productivity enhancing machines. In order to strengthen the after sales services of agri-machineries, Samarth-NMDP is currently working with Department of Agriculture Engineering (DOAEng) and private sector partners to build the capacity of motorcycle and pump-set mechanics to expand into repair and maintenance of agri-machineries.

First phase of the programme trains mechanics of 20 districts

A series of trainings have been planned to build the capacity of these mechanics. The first phase of the ten-day training was held from May 10th to 19th where 20 mechanics from 20 different districts from all across the nation were trained on the premises of DoAEng in Kathmandu.

The training focused on theoretical as well as practical knowledge on repair and maintenance of both diesel and petrol tillers. The training also focused on changing the attitude and practice of mechanics.

The training program was jointly organized by DoAEng in coordination with Samarth-NMDP and private sector partners where participants were accredited by the DoAEng and provided certificates for their participation in the program.

What next

After the completion of the first phase of the training program, two additional training programs have been scheduled in July and September. After the completion of each training event, the respective District Administrative Development Office (DADO) will help spread the message of the availability of

“The Government of Nepal has given ample emphasis on agricultural mechanization and has distributed agricultural tools in the form of grants and subsidies. However, in the course of their use, farmers have felt the need for repair and maintenance facilities of such machineries.

Hence, such training programmes will provide much needed after-sales services for farmers and needs to be replicated in a larger scale. The support provided by Samarth in this endeavour is highly appreciated.

High level interactions between the Ministry and the Department have also committed to deliver such trainings in the community level.”

Dr Yubak Dhoj GC
Director General, DoA

trained mechanics for the repair and maintenance of power-tillers and mini-tillers. In addition to this, Samarth is also working on a media strategy to spread the awareness on the benefits of agri-machineries and availability of after-sales services.



Dr Yubak Dhoj GC, Director General of the DoAEng, speaking on the closing day of the training program.



Participants receiving certificates on the closing day of the program



Participants were provided theoretical as well as practical knowledge on how to maintain and repair both diesel and petrol operated power-tillers.



Written test on the final day of the training programme