

**Himalayan Permaculture Centre
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Photo Gallery – Humla**



Left - in July extensive rain fell on the bare slopes of Tajakot municipality in south Humla, resulting in widespread and localised landslides and soil erosion



Right - marigolds outside of the HPC branch office in Humla, grown for the Tihar festival of lights - and also a potent nectar source, medicine, pest repellent in the kitchen garden, and as a companion to fruit trees



Above - HPC technicians Sagun Bohora and Rage B.K. plant an off-season onion bed at the Humla RC in Dapka village. These will be ready later in the Summer, when onions normally aren't available.
Right - Ram Bahadur Budha, a demonstration farmer from Dapka, fits an iron tip onto his plough before heading to the fields. The iron tips save wear on the traditional wooden plough, hence saves time and timber in constantly having to change new tips. The tips are made by the local blacksmith after training from HPC, and currently over 100 farmers have started using the new method.





Left - Kitchen garden and nursery of Singha Budha in Dapka village (Laligurans Phal Phul group) showing diversity of crops for food and income. Singha is chair of HPC's district coordination committee and also has a role as a barefoot consultant.



Right - Singha Budha's SRI plot with a rare traditional variety of black rice from Surkhet, known for its fine taste and long straw length. Dapka still holds the ***world record*** for the highest SRI rice plot known, at 2360m.



Left - Dhana Aidi from Bahu Baikalpik Krishi group in Bhadauda village has help removing plastic from successfully grafted fruit trees in his nursery. Grafted in January, the plastic is removed in June once the graft has taken.

Below - Mrs Sangita Kami of Kailash Dev Krishi group in Chihi in her apple and peach nursery.



Right - Devi Bije of Janadisa Krishi group in Lotpata village in his nursery, where he has integrated lines of apple rootstock interplanted with vegetables, to temporarily make use of the space while the seedlings are small.



Left - Mrs Hanskala Budha weeding in her fruit nursery in Chihi village, Kailash Dev Krishi group.

Right - Mrs Aisha Budha also of Chihi village, in her nursery. Grafted apples from the area are in increasing demand within Humla and other districts in Nepal, as news of their availability spreads



Left - Anil Bohora of Bhadauda with his newly sprouted rootstock. There are several thousand plants in this bed, most will be grafted and produce a plant worth 40/- to 60/- so high income is possible off small areas.



Left - Ms Mina Budha of Pragatishil Krishi group in Satti village doing summer budding on wild peach root stock. Peach, plum, almond and apricot can all be budded in summer time (June-July) as opposed to grafting which is done in the dormant season (Jan-Feb.)



Right - Mrs Aisha Budha of Chihi teaches a neighbour how to carefully remove the plastic from a successfully grafted apple seedling in June.



Left - in April Nepal went into lockdown and farmers from remote villages like in Humla couldn't travel, nor had income to purchase essential resources such as salt and soap. HPC distributed **1190kg salt** and **626 bars** of clothes washing and body soap to **293 households in 11 villages**.

Below - Ratna Budha of Pragatishil Krishi group in Satti village laid his improved livestock stall floor with a grant from HPC in collaboration with the local municipality government.





Left - in Chihi village, Chepi Budha's 6-year old Sweet chestnut is fruiting for the first time.

Below - Bhaigini Sharma recites a poem as he trains on one of the 2 foot-pedalled wool spinners provided in Humla. This recital is featured on a [You-tube video!](#)



Above - Ms Thumkala Dakal learns to take plastic off successfully grafted pears in her nursery in Gallabada village (Dhakal Samaj Sudhar group).



Right - SRI rice of a local Humla variety ripening on Mrs Padakali Aidi's rice fields in Bhadauda village (Bahu Baikalpik Krishi group)



Right - 49 women participated in this mobile women's health training for Kailash Dev Krishi group of Chihi vil-lage, where they learned how to make and sew washable menstraul pads.



Left - a similar training for 28 women of Dhakal Samaj Sudhar group in Gallabada



Right - This final training in making menstrual pads, for 30 women belonging to Krishi group of Barigaun, means that almost 500 women in HPC's villages in Surkhet and Humla have now taken the training. The next stage is to facilitate groups to set up sewing enterprises to manufacture the pads for women locally.



Left - trainee blacksmiths at work during the blacksmiths' training held at the resource centre in Dapka. Participants learned how to make and repair better quality tools. This will be an income stream for them as well as a service to the community, to be able to provide good quality tools and maintenance locally.

Right - land of Lalkesh Jaycee of Pandebada, showing the diversity and productivity of his kitchen garden and fruit nursery plots demonstrated in HPC villages. However, his village is outside of HPC's working area: he has copied from watching his neighbouring farmers.



Left - landslides in July took out this stretch of path between villages in Tajakot municipality. Here, villagers from Bahu Baikalpik Krishi group in Bhadauda village came and repaired the path as a **100 person-days** of community contribution. In total Humla groups provided over **1600 person-days** of community contribution valued at NRs 818,000/-.

Right - villagers' farm produce and handicrafts at the recent Farmers' Festival in Humla exhibit fruit, vegetables, root crops and grains. Over 300 farmers visited the 2-day festival.

