

## Loshe has come alive!

Loshe, a village in ward number 9 of Mahamai VDC in Ilam, had water scarcity problems. Water was available in spouts here and there but only for four months during rainy season. For the remaining eight months, the village depended on small sources in faraway places. One member from all of the 46 households in the village used to spend 4 hours, each day, just for 2 *Gaagris* of water. But, the month of August in 2012 brought a hope of change when NCDC, via. Purna Lungeli, met Munamaya Khadka and Tulasiram Sunchuri from the same village.

Then, under NRREP of AEPC and social mobilization as well as technical support of NCDC, solar water lifting pump was installed. Using the solar water lifting pump, water from Bhanjyang Khola situated 2 kilometers away from the village, was lifted 170 meters above to a water tank at the top of the hill just above the Loshe village. 1,950 meters of pipeline has been used to lift the water from Bhanjyang Khola to the hilltop.



Happy faces after getting water facilities in their doorstep.

The project, built with a total amount of 19 lakh and 50 thousand, is now directly benefitting 46 households of the village. In the total amount, 75% i.e., Rs.14 lakh 62 thousand and 5 hundred was provided as subsidy by AEPC and the remaining 25% of the total amount was generated by the people in the form of labor (Rs.1 lakh 83 thousand and 13 rupees) and cash (Rs.3 lakh 4 thousand 4 hundred and 87 rupees).

This way, after the installation of solar water lifting pump, the problem of water has been solved and has benefitted women in particular. At present, women are using their saved time in other income generation and social activities. Loshe has come alive!