## **Project Update: March 2011**

A 15 day special training course on briquette production and forest conservation/management was conducted from 3rd-17th<sup>th</sup> March in each briquette production groups shift wise. The training was conducted by Kumar Luitel (Team Leader) and Khadga Kharel (a briquette production trainer/forest management technician). In total, 25 farmers participated in each training group. From the training, the participants knew the technology of making or producing bio-briquettes as well as cooking stoves for briquette technology. At the same time, the farmers were trained about forest conservation and management.

A briquette making machine, machine (frame) for making cooking stoves and other required materials for making briquette and cooking stoves were supported in each group.