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The background of the slide is a scenic landscape. In the foreground, a person is silhouetted against the water, sitting in a long, narrow boat and using a paddle. The water is a warm, golden-brown color, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. In the background, a range of rugged mountains is visible, with the highest peaks covered in snow and partially shrouded in mist. The sky is a clear, bright blue.

An Overview of the USAID/Nepal Environment and Global Climate Change Portfolio



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Nepal's Challenges

Melting Glaciers



New Weather Patterns



Floods



Drought



Forest Fire



Landslides



Forest Encroachment



Poaching



- One of the greatest effects Climate Change is expected to have in the Himalayas is drastic changes in the timing of the monsoon and the availability of year-round water.
- These effects are already being felt in many parts of Nepal, necessitating action now.
- Changes in the Himalayas will affect the more than 500 million people living downstream.



Goal

- Help Nepal benefit from its biodiversity and natural resources by protecting against climate change and other threats

Focus Areas

- Building resilience of biodiversity through capacity building and technology
- Building community capacity to adapt to and mitigate climate change
- Increase livelihoods that protect natural resources
- Increase GON capacity to collectively manage natural resources

Budget

- Projected 2013 - 2018 strategy period – \$80 Million, including currently available \$33.5 Million

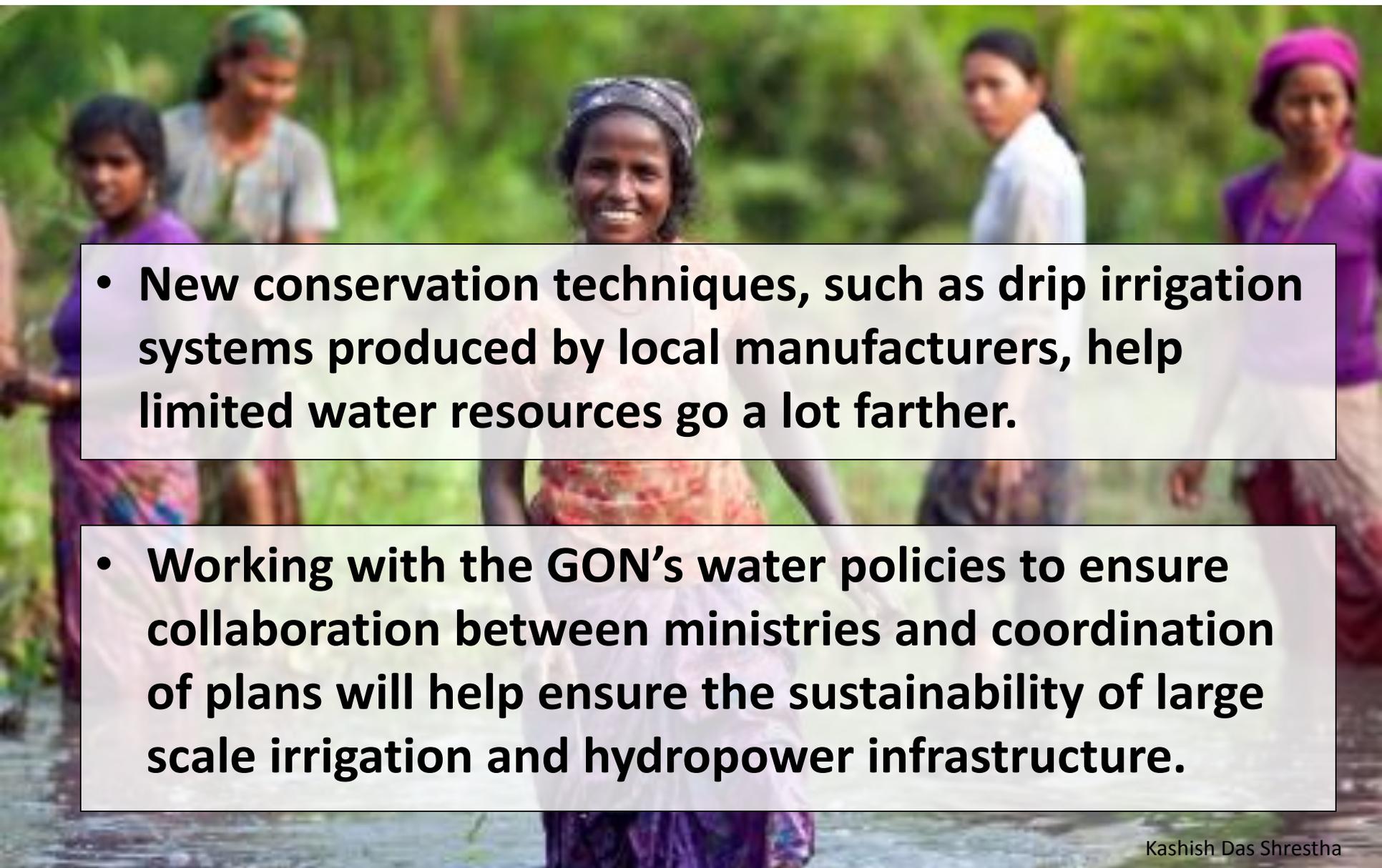


- **Building on almost three decades of success, USAID – Nepal continues to work with community forestry groups to better plan and manage their forests.**
- **The focus is now shifting to helping communities ready themselves to tap into the potential carbon market- which is estimated to bring more than \$10 million a year to Nepal.**
- **Gender and Social Inclusion play a key role in community based management, giving a voice to those often excluded in group decision making in Nepal.**



- **Non-Timber Forest Products have a huge potential in Nepal both in local markets and on the world's stage.**
- **Products include Essential Oils such as lemon grass which is grown on the forest edge, protecting the forest from encroachment.**
- **USAID is helping develop the value chains to help farmers link to western markets.**



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- **New conservation techniques, such as drip irrigation systems produced by local manufacturers, help limited water resources go a lot farther.**
 - **Working with the GON's water policies to ensure collaboration between ministries and coordination of plans will help ensure the sustainability of large scale irrigation and hydropower infrastructure.**



- **By helping poor farmers learn new techniques for agriculture, USAID can help them prepare for the uncertainty of climate change.**



- **We also strengthen their resilience by helping them form farming cooperatives, collection and storage centers, and diversification of the crops they grow.**



- **USAID Nepal is working with the government of Nepal to strengthen their capacity to fight poaching and the illegal wildlife trade.**
- **USAID Nepal is also helping build local capacity to do cutting-edge genetic research on tigers and other endangered species.**
- **Greater understanding of wildlife leads to better techniques for avoiding human –wildlife conflicts, protecting both the species and the people who need access to the resources for survival.**



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