
















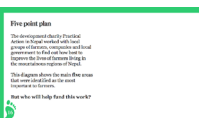



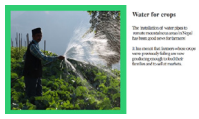


# FARMERS' FOOTSTEPS

## PowerPoint notes



1.		<p><b>Introduce Farmers' Footsteps</b></p> <p>Farmers' Footsteps is a teaching resource for pupils aged 8–14 years. Based on Practical Action's 'Farming that works' programme, it enable pupils to learn how farmers in Nepal are increasingly having to adapt their practice to cope with climate change.</p>
2.	<p>Guess where?</p> 	<p><b>Guess where?</b></p> <p>If you choose to let the pupils guess the country that this activity is based around use the slides 2–4.</p> <p>Namaste is the main greeting in Nepal. As you can see in the picture it is accompanied by the gesture of hands in prayer position.</p>
3.	<p>Guess where?</p> 	<p><b>Guess where?</b></p> <p>The Nepalese flag is the only national flag that is not rectangular. The shape is a double-pennon. Red represents bravery and the rhododendron, Nepal's national flower, while the blue border represents of peace.</p>
4.	<p>Guess where?</p> 	<p><b>Guess where?</b></p> <p>Nepal is home to eight of the world's highest mountains including Mount Everest.</p>
5.	<p>Did you guess Nepal?</p> 	<p><b>Did you guess Nepal?</b></p> <p>Nepal is a land locked country in Asia that border China and India. You might want to ask pupils to spend time finding out more about Nepal and its people.</p>
6.	<p>What do you see?</p> 	<p><b>What do you see?</b></p> <p>This is the starter activity where pupils look at four photographs from Dang District in Nepal. It will help them to see the context for this activity and to identify some of the potential challenges for people farming in the region.</p>
7.	<p>Life in Dang District</p> 	<p><b>Life in Dang District</b></p> <p>This slide presents some background information about the lives of farmers in Dang District. For more details visit the site <a href="http://practicalaction.org/turn-the-tables">practicalaction.org/turn-the-tables</a></p>
8.	<p>Farming life</p> 	<p><b>Farming life</b></p> <p>Gives the pupils a closer look at a typical day for a farmer in Dang District. It highlighted the extremely tough life that farmers have, most of whom are women.</p>
9.	<p>Climate change</p> 	<p><b>Climate change</b></p> <p>Life for farmers in Nepal has become so much harder in recent years. Unpredictable and extreme weather caused by climate change has had a massive impact. Farmers who were previously able to feed their families are now struggling to do so.</p>
10.	<p>Failed crops</p> 	<p><b>Failed crops</b></p> <p>Flooding caused by heavy rains combined with extended periods of drought are increasingly leading to crop failure. For people who rely upon their crops to feed their families and sell at market this is devastating and leading to increased poverty in the area.</p>
11.	<p>Sustainable Development Goals</p> 	<p><b>Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)</b></p>



12.		<p><b>The SDGs</b></p> <p>This slide introduces how the United Nations (UN) established a global action plan to tackle climate change and to alleviate poverty by 2030. The set of 17 Sustainable Development Goals are also known as the Global Goals.</p>
13.		<p><b>The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)</b></p> <p>This slide shows the full set of Global Goals with their icons. You can download a Sustainable Development Goals pupil sheet showing the goals and their targets. This and other Global Goals activities can be downloaded here <a href="https://practicalaction.org/schools/sdgs">practicalaction.org/schools/sdgs</a></p>
14.		<p><b>Farmers' footsteps</b></p> <p>This slide introduces the Farmers' Footsteps board game and its rules. You will need to print off the Meet the farmers' case studies, board game and question cards and counters before pupils can play the game.</p>
15.		<p><b>What have you learnt?</b></p> <p>After they have played the game, ask them to reflect on the problems that the farmers experience throughout the game and potential solutions that they remember. Then discuss their findings.</p>
16.		<p><b>Five point plan</b></p> <p>The development charity Practical Action has a unique approach to supporting people. The agriculture and business team working for Practical Action in Nepal have spent time with farmers, small business owners, etc., to help them to identify the main problems for farmers in the region.</p> <p>To address the problems the farmers and community then started to identify potential solutions to help them adapt to the challenges of climate change for now and the future.</p> <p>A five point plan was developed highlighting the main areas that were needed to support farmers. They combine increased skills and knowledge with technical interventions.</p>
17.		<p><b>Stepping forward</b></p> <p>Fortunately for the farmers and their families the UK Government alongside other funders agreed in December 2020 to contribute some funds to help put the five point plan into action.</p>
18.		<p><b>Ingenious solutions</b></p> <p>The following slides show some of the interventions from Practical Action's project work with farmers in other parts of Nepal. <a href="https://practicalaction.org/turn-the-tables">practicalaction.org/turn-the-tables</a></p>
19.		<p><b>Access to markets</b></p> <p>With many of the mountain paths and roads affected by climate change (from landslides caused by heavy rains), many farmers were increasingly struggling to get their produce to markets. The installation of gravity ropeways has been life changing for many farmers who can now get their goods to market without having to walk for hours.</p>
20.		<p><b>Water for crops</b></p> <p>One of the things that everyone needs to survive is clean drinking water. But farmers need extra water to irrigate their crops and to feed their animals. Practical Action has helped install solar powered water pumps to pipe clean water to a number of villages in rural mountainous regions in Nepal.</p>
21.		<p><b>Farming skills and knowledge</b></p> <p>With climate change many farmers are needing to learn new skills and acquire new knowledge to adapt their farming techniques and practice. This includes using different seeds, crop protection, soil maintenance, animal healthcare, etc. Both training people and funding courses is helping farmers to gain confidence and skills in new techniques.</p>
21.		<p><b>Next steps</b></p> <p>If you and your pupils have enjoyed using this resource. Then please go to Practical Action's website to view more material at <a href="https://practicalaction.org/schools">practicalaction.org/schools</a></p>

