

Empowering Communities: Milk Processing Unit at Punakha



The GoI funded HICDP/SDP Milk Processing Unit was completed and inaugurated on 2 November 2020. The Milk Processing Unit is located at Village Rukubji, Sephu Gewog, Wangduephodrang Dzongkhag. The gewog comprises of five chiwogs with the total of 331 households. This area has high potential for livestock.

2. Government of India through SDP sanctioned total fund of Nu. 2 million for construction of the Milk Processing Unit at Rukubji. This location is ideal both for marketing the products and to sell milk to the Milk Processing Unit. The Rukubji village has 60 households and this new Milk Processing Unit will benefit all the households.

Trainings offered

3. The members of the Unit were well trained in processing local butter and cottage cheese. A few selected members were also imparted hands-on training on how to process *rasgulla* and *paneer*.

Expected outcomes

4. As this new infrastructure has come into its shape, it is expected that more farmers would join the group. Considering the market, the Unit will now try to explore to process soft and hard cheese in coming years.