

## Building collaboration in Nepal

Devendra Gauchan found many obstacles in his way when he returned to Nepal's National Agricultural Research Centre (NARC) after his ICRA learning. 'Fixed hierarchies, frequent changes of key managers and limited understanding of participatory research virtually prevented me from using my new knowledge', he says. 'More recently, pressure for reform, mainly from donors, has meant that I have been able to use my experience to bring about changes in research approaches and strategies. Our research policy now focuses on partnerships with different stakeholders from both public and private sectors. We are also forming links with other institutions involved in participatory research. Collaboration is the key to maximising the impact of scarce human and financial resources.'