

REWARDS FOR USE OF AND SHARED INVESTMENT IN PRO-POOR ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Enabling poor rural people to overcome poverty

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incorporating rewards for environmental services into their strategies. In Indonesia, RUPES provided inputs to the IFAD's Rural Empowerment for Agricultural Development Program in Central Sulawesi. Similar support is now being discussed for the Post-crises Program for Participatory Integrated Development in Rainfed Areas (PIDRA) Project, also in Indonesia. In Nepal, RUPES works with the International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD). RUPES supported the adoption of environmental service concepts into the Phase-2 Strategy of the Cordillera Highlands Agricultural Resource Management (CHARM) Project. Two IFAD Vietnam's project sites within the Program for Improving Market Participation of the Poor are now RUPES-II action research sites. Equally strategic, close link is maintained with the IFAD-supported PRESA project in Africa that addresses similar issues in African context.