natural resources, notably for slope stabilization to reduce the occurrence of landslides and through the building of check dams to reduce flash flooding. The project sought a balance between economic growth, conservation and disaster risk reduction.

The project led to the plantation of trees on 45,000 hectares, the formation of 925 male and female informal social institutions to organise local development initiatives, training of 800 village extension workers, hundreds of check dams for soil conservation and flood control, locally-adapted soil conservation measures, and water harvesting and management.

Successful awareness-raising campaign on natural resources management, strong multi-agency collaboration, human resources development and planning and an exit strategy providing for long-term disaster risk reduction and environmental management.

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