

Fix food system in South Asia: Oxfam

KATHMANDU (REPUBLICA): Officials of Oxfam has suggested that the governments of South Asian countries to fix their food system to ensure food security in the South Asian region. Speaking at the closing of regional consultation on 'Food Justice in a Resource Constrained South Asia', Cheraian Mathews, Oxfam's deputy regional director in Asia, said that despite being agriculture based, the region has 40 percent of the world's hungry. Dr Posh Raj Pandey, executive chairman of South Asian Watch on Trade, Economics and Environment (SAWTEE), said the situation has further worsened due to the negligence of agriculture sector by South Asian governments. SAWTEE and Oxfam urged SAARC to reform the area that affect food security of poor people.