

Promoting ICT-assisted Spice Garden Tourism in the Kangchenjunga Landscape



Background

High-value crops such as tea, coffee, spices, and medicinal and aromatic herbs grow abundantly in the mountain region of Nepal. Spices such as large cardamom are also high value export commodities that contribute to the incomes of farmers in the Kangchenjunga Landscape in Taplejung, Nepal.

Problem statement

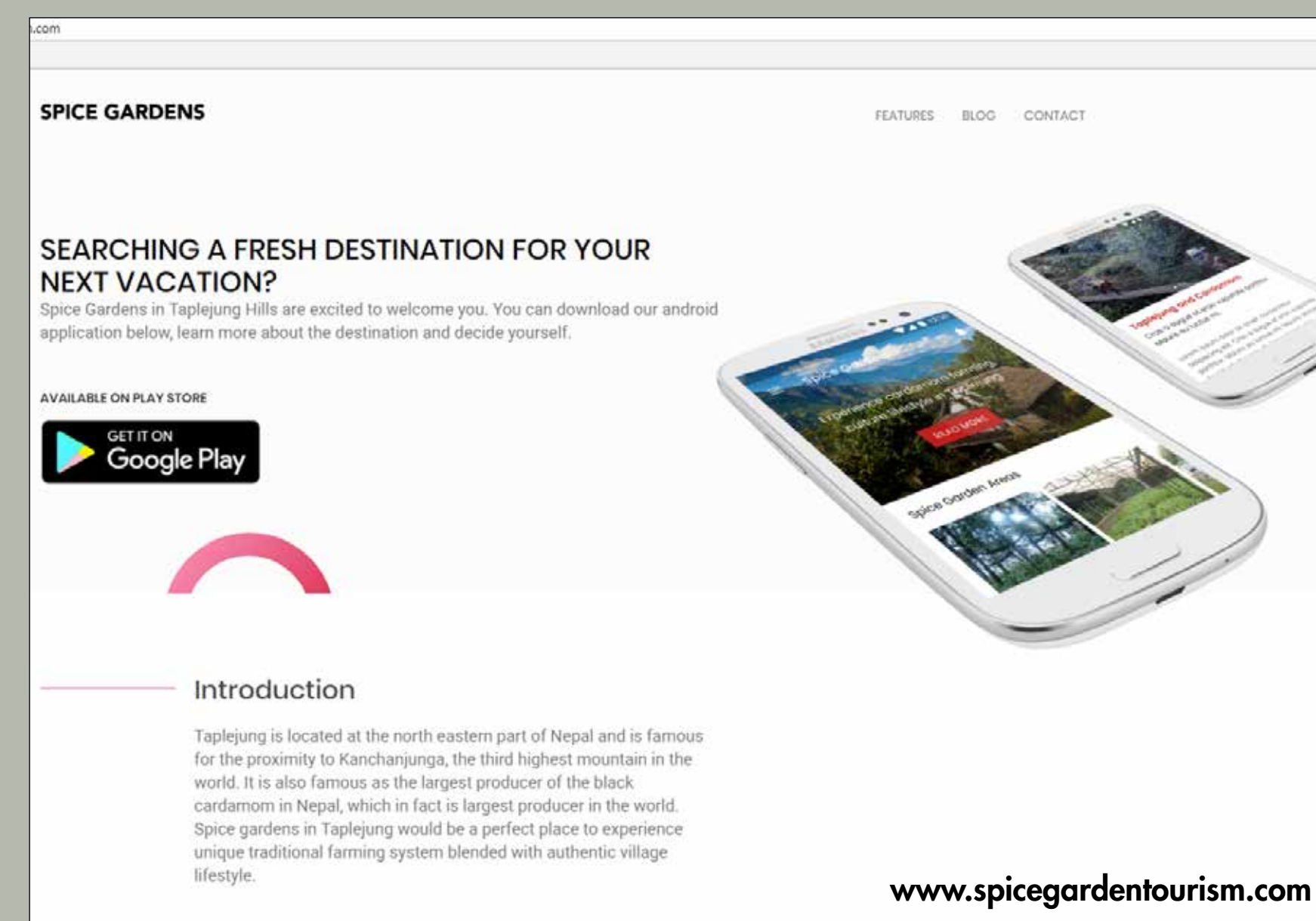
- Farmers are over-dependent on cardamom production for their livelihoods.
- Fluctuations in cardamom prices and climate change pose additional risks to cardamom farming.

Proposed solution

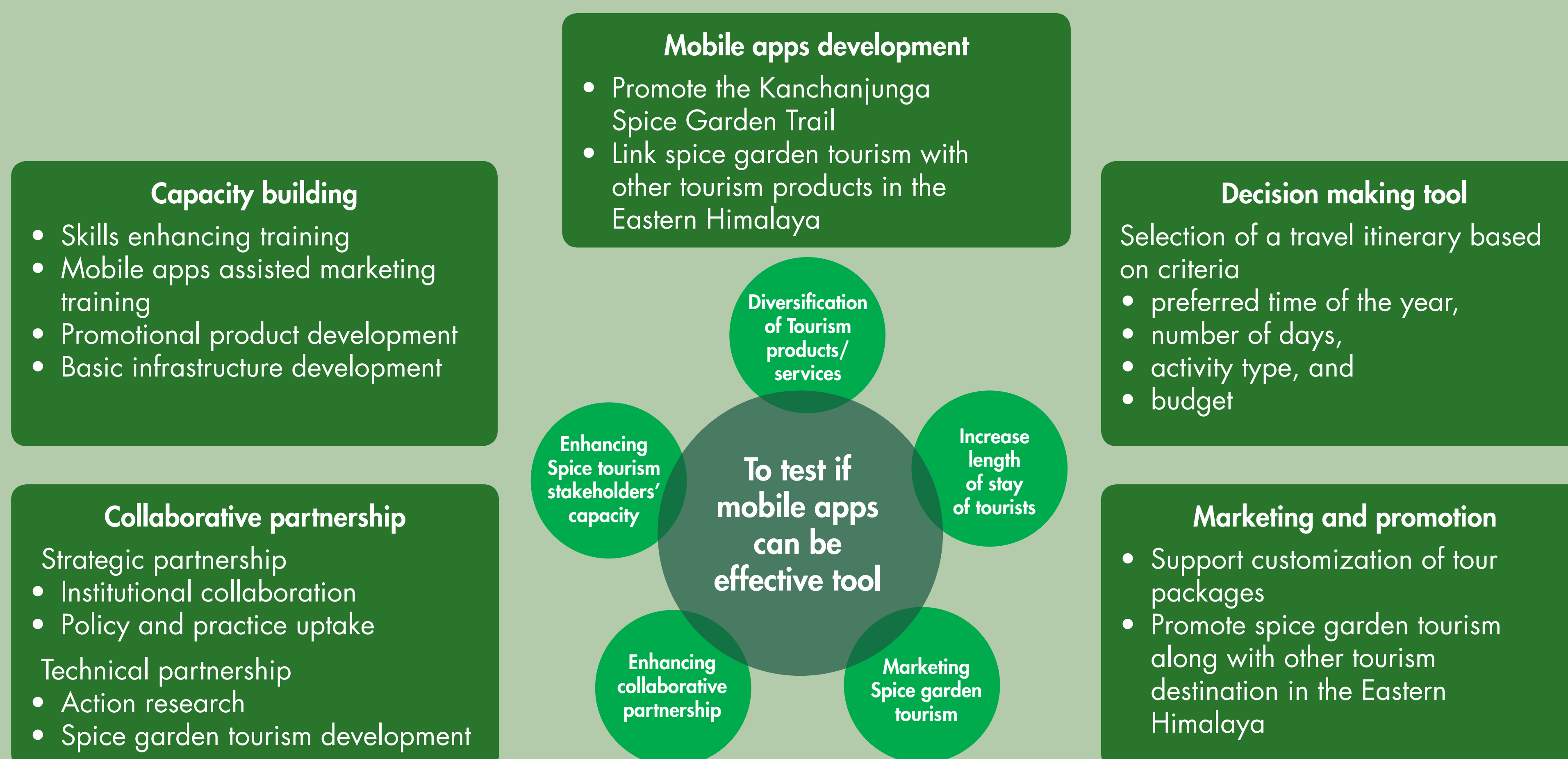
A Spice Garden Tourism Destination will be developed in Taplejung to diversify livelihood options for cardamom farmers and provide an alternative tourism option to visitors and tourists. Information and communication technology (ICT) tools will be used to test innovative concepts and practices related to livelihood diversification and resilience enhancement.

Aim

Enhance the livelihood resilience of cardamom farmers through the promotion of ICT-assisted spice garden tourism in Fungling, Furumbu, and Sikaicha in Taplejung.



Project Design



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