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# सहारा नेपाल SAHARA NEPAL

## Central Office

Birtamode Municipality-2 (Charpane), Jhapa



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## Annual Progress Report-2081

**28** *th Annual  
General Meeting*

# Sahara's Sustenance to SDG

GOALS	Central Themes	Outcomes
GOAL#1	End poverty in all its forms everywhere	Zero Poverty
GOAL#2	End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture	Zero Hunger
GOAL#3	Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages	Good Health and Well Being
GOAL#5	Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls	Gender Equality
GOAL#6	Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all	Water and Sanitation
GOAL#7	Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all	Energy
GOAL#8	Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all	Decent Work and Economic Growth
GOAL#11	Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable	Sustainable Cities and Communities
GOAL#13	Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts	Climate Action
GOAL#16	Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels	Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions

## SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



# KEY HIGHLIGHTS OF SAHARA NEPAL



- Affiliation in various national and international networks.



- Sahara has successfully completed 66 projects till date.



- Developed coordination and cooperation with different local levels and partner organizations for cost sharing for the construction of safe housing, constructed and handed over to more than 4,000 marginalized households of Jhapa and Morang.



- Administered financial literacy classes for more than 6000 low income women to analyze the cost of saving, insurance and household income.



- More than 2,000 farmer families have been provided training related to pest-free and advanced production through IPM classes.



- More than 2000 families have been supported in the use of alternative energy by installing solar energy.



- More than 500 shallow tube-well were distributed to the dry land areas for dry irrigation and the farmers were helped to increase their agricultural production.



- 34 districts have been covered throughout Nepal.



- Outreached and served more than 475,000 people through various programs.



- 23,000 improved stoves installed benefitting more than 100,000 people



- More than 60,000 families have directly benefited with the construction of 51 suspension/trail bridges in difficult areas of Jhapa district.



- Supported to declare Open Defecation Free campaign in Jhapa district.



- Facilitated to make more than 3000 people literate through DD Literacy Campaign.



- Water supply and sanitation project supported 10 water supply schemes of Mechinagar, Baradashi, Arjundhara Palikas.



- Community mobilization for the prevention and management of diseases such as HIV, TB, leprosy, leprosy, etc. are the main issues of public health.



- Bamboo plantation and promotion for environmental protection and disaster risk reduction management.

# Prioritized Intervention Areas:



**Public Health  
and WASH**



**Climate Change and  
Environment Protection**



**Entrepreneurship  
and Self-employment**



**Decent/Safe Shelter for  
low Income Families**



**Clean Energy**



**Conservation  
Livelihood**



**Access to Finance  
and Climate Financing**



**Partnership with state  
and non state actors**



**Value Chain Development and  
Sustainable Agriculture**



**Institutional Sustainability  
through social business.**



**Good Governance  
and Peace**



# Message from the Chairperson

**Bharat Kumar Giri**  
Chairperson

I am immensely delighted to present the annual progress report FY 2080-2081, the archive of our deeds and commitments in a run to supporting poor, disadvantaged and marginalized communities. This report bespeaks on our relentless efforts fructified to the chains of astounding success amidst the challenging environment. We embark on a long errand; we are almost there captivating nearly three decades of excellence. Thus, this report is a testament of the challenges we faced, achievements we made and moreover the positive changes that we catalyzed in the communities over the past year. As a Chairperson, reflecting on the milestones, I am grateful to the dedication and hard work of our team, unwavering support from our partners/stakeholders and visionary leadership of the Board of Directors.

This annual report provides quick look of major activities that Sahara Nepal accomplished in the year 2080-2081. The report also includes the organizational audit report which indicates the fulfillment of our commitment towards community people following the crux of the organizational accountability and transparency. We remain steadfast and adamant on our vision of creating just, equal and proficient society. While keeping our core values lively, looking

into the future we focus on sustainability and ripple effects of our efforts. As the social and environmental issues seem to be more paramount and stressful we intend to work in the realm of adaptation, mitigation and technology embedded interventions which generate efficiency and effectiveness on our target beneficiaries. With your ceaseless support and our integrated diligence, I am much confident that we will achieve a newer height of success in the year coming.

In conclusion, I express my deepest gratitude to all our members, stakeholders, employees and partners for your continued support. It is your dedication and support that determine our institutional growth and the depth of impact of our interventions. I invite all of you to go through the annual progress report for detailed information that accounts our efforts and achievement. Your feedbacks matter as we endeavor for betterment and improvisation.

Thank you for being the part of a journey and we look forward to collaborating with you for another great year. Together we change the lives of people in need.

Sincerely,



# Message from the Secretary

**Mahendra Kumar Giri**  
Secretary

I am pleased to share with you Sahara Nepal Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2080-2081. Sahara Nepal has been relentlessly working for the socio-economic changes of the poor and marginalized people living at the bottom of the society since 1994. Sahara Nepal focuses on six thematic areas which include Food Security & livelihood, Public Health & WASH, Environment & Climate Change, Energy & Infrastructure, Emergency/Humanitarian Support and Good Governance.

This report entails the details of our achievements, challenges and strategic insights gained over the last year. With a mission to lessen the socio-economic, cultural and political vulnerabilities of down trodden communities, Sahara Nepal has been allocating and mobilizing the resources with the best and efficient management practice venturing with local governments and partner organizations.

Financially, the Organization has considerably performed better than the previous fiscal year. The details are accurately visible in financial audit report which is a part of this progress report.

On the end of Operation milestone, currently we have been implementing various interventions aligning with our thematic areas. For sustainability prospects we are in strategic partnership with three international

development organizations. We have equally paid attention to capacity building of our employees with a remarkable achievement that we have a very high retention rate.

We have formulated a strategy to increase the number of our interventions in coming days. We shall continue and scale up the low cost housing programs and bamboo sector intervention along with community trail bridge program.

Finally, I am thankful to all the partners who availed with the resources. I am thankful to all the stakeholders for their concerted cooperation. I appreciate the tireless hard work and dedication of our employees. I am thankful to the Board of Directors for their affirmative support and leadership. Moreover, I am thankful to those communities which have recognized our efforts and intervention and motivated us to keep moving.

Once again, I express my sincere gratitude to you all and suggest you to explore the full progress report. I urge you to remain in communication loop and keep us providing your valuable insights and inputs so that we keep on performing better.

Thank you for making us the Change Leader.

Sincerely,

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# Glimpses of programs conducted by the organization



## Background/Introduction

Sahara Nepal has witnessed an exponential growth in terms of its institutional capacity along with the quality and frequency of its deliveries. An over a Score of time of experience has awarded Sahara with the higher degree of credibility and reliability in its service delivery mechanism.

To this date, Sahara has been a dedicated brand name often uttered in the realm of community empowerment, vulnerability risk reduction, public health, good governance and humanitarian services. It has been consistently rendering its services in six relevant, important and critical thematic areas paying spatial attention to core intersectional identities including the poor, women, vulnerable and marginalized communities. The experience of ceaseless exercise of social inclusion plan in each of its intervention strategy accredits its core institutional values.

### Sahara Nepal at Glance

A. General Description		
Year of Establishment		1994 AD (2051 B.S.)
Head Office		Birtamod 2, Charpane, Jhapa
Regional Office		Baneshwor Height-10, Kathmandu
Field Offices		8 (Jhapa, Ilam, Morang, Sunsari, Udayapur, Dhankuta, Nuwakot, Rasuwa)
Staffs	Male	50
	Female	30
Total accomplished Projects		66
Geographical Outreach		35 Districts among seven Province of Nepal
Networks (Affiliation)		4
Promoted Cooperatives/CBOs		38
Promoted Women/ Indigenous Groups		111
Promoted User Groups		108
No. of Beneficiaries		475,000

While creating a prolific record of accomplishments, Sahara has innately focused on community/social mobilization to optimize the impacts of its deliverables. This has been possible only on the ground that Sahara has made an organic growth in its institutional capacity. Due to this reason, Sahara has adopted a unique methodology in its service delivery. Beneficiaries remain at a core for each intervention that Sahara endeavors. Further, Sahara always puts equal emphasis on resource mobilization as well.

From a very challenging environment to social stagnation, Sahara has an inbuilt mechanism of mobilization for social capacity building which implies to all its interventions.



# Vision

Dedicated to Prosperous,  
Resilient & equitable  
Society.



# Mission

Promote equitable access to social services, create sustainable livelihood opportunities and work in the areas of social justice and governance, environmental protection, community empowerment, public health, development and promotion of agriculture sector and disaster management.

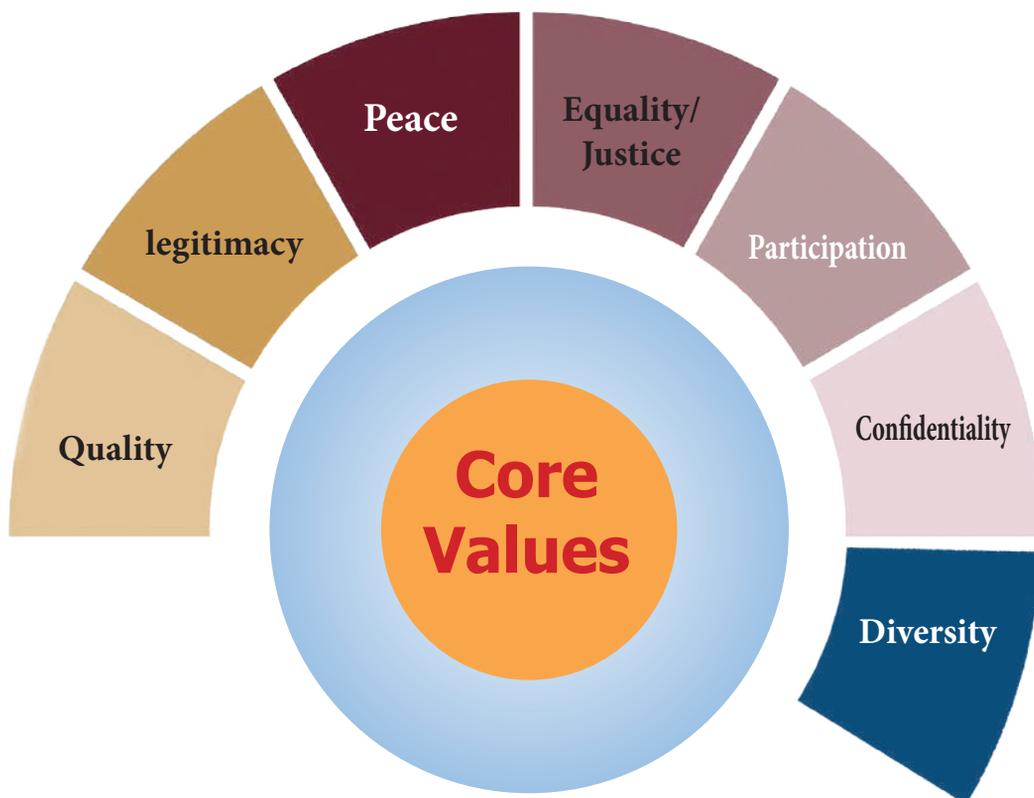


# Goal

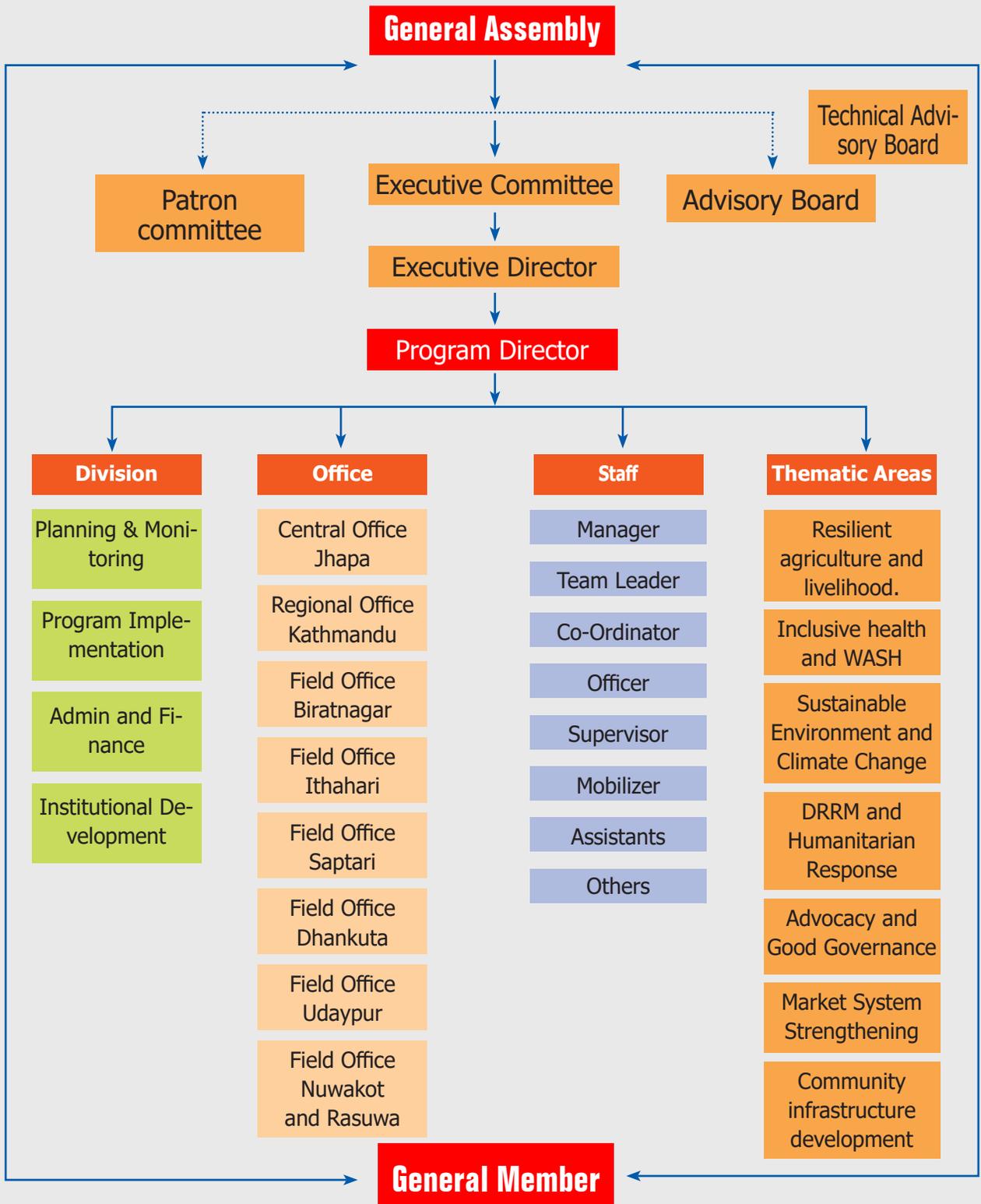
1. Improve the socio-economic conditions of poor and marginalized communities through food sufficiency, increased income, and access to essential services.
2. Enhance public health and WASH (Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene) by reducing infection rates of communicable diseases and ensuring access to safe water and sanitation.
3. Promote clean energy, environmental protection, and climate resilience through renewable technologies, bamboo promotion, green jobs, and reducing emissions and deforestation.
4. Strengthen disaster risk management through preparedness, response, mitigation, and restoration while building community resilience.
5. Advocate for human rights, good governance, and empowerment of marginalized communities to ensure equitable access to services and opportunities.

## Objectives

1. Enhance agricultural production through commercialization, mechanization, market access, promotion of nutrition-sensitive neglected and underutilized crop species, and adoption of good agricultural practices to reduce malnutrition and ensure food security.
2. Build the capacity of pro-poor and unemployed youths through skill development for income generation, reducing abroad migration, and fostering digital literacy for sustainable livelihoods.
3. Improve public health by raising awareness and increasing access to preventive and curative services for HIV, TB, malaria, dengue, leprosy, lymphatic filariasis, and other public health issues, while ensuring community awareness on water, sanitation, waste management, and pollution mitigation.
4. Promote renewable energy and sustainable practices by enhancing community knowledge of alternative technologies such as improved cookstoves, biogas, solar systems, and advocating for affordable, reliable, and modern energy services.
5. Strengthen disaster risk management through preparedness and response planning, rescue and relief activities, low-cost resilient housing, and promoting bio-engineering solutions such as bamboo plantation to enhance environmental resilience.
6. Advocate for environmental conservation by engaging in reforestation, forest expansion, biodiversity protection, promoting bamboo plantations, and fostering reduce, reuse, and recycle strategies to build sustainable communities.
7. Empower marginalized communities by advocating for their rights, promoting human rights and good governance, combating social issues like child labor and gender-based violence, and supporting the rehabilitation of socially displaced and vulnerable populations.



# संगठनात्मक ढाँचा Organogram



The General Assembly is the apex governing Body of the Organization. It oversees and controls the direction of Vision, Mission, Goal and Objectives (VMGO) of the Organization. The Assembly comprises of 55 General Members. These General Members elect the Executive Board. The Executive Committee comprises of Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Vice Secretary, Treasurer and 10 other Members.

The Executive Committee is entrusted to formulate and implement the policies of the Organization. Further, the Executive Committee monitors and evaluates the programs and projects being implemented. The tenure of the Committee is four years. The Executive Committee delegates its authority to the Secretary for day-to-day operation and handling of activities within the Organization. The Secretary is also heads the Management Committee ensuring the proper arrangements and provisioning of project activities, execution of policies along with monitoring of programs approved by the Executive Committee.



# Sahara Nepal Working Committee



**Bharat Kumar Giri**  
Chairman



**Somnath Timsina**  
Vice President



**Mahendra Kumar Giri**  
Secretary



**Lal Bahadur Giri**  
Joint Secretary



**Shyam Kumar Pradhan**  
Treasurer



**Benuraj Subedi**  
Member



**Punaraj Subedi**  
Member



**Kamala Thapaliya**  
Member



**Phadindra Bhandari**  
Member



**Dhyana Bahadur Bharati**  
Member



**Hemraj Giri**  
Member



**Kalpana BK**  
Member



**Usha Rokka**  
Member



**Urmila Shrestha**  
Member



**Mahesh Shah**  
Member

## Audit Committee



**Krishna Kumar Giri**  
Coordinator

## Monitoring Committee



**Durga Bhandari**  
Coordinator

## Information and Communication Committee



**Yubaraj Niraula**  
Coordinator

## Protector



**Prem Prasad Upreti**  
Member



**Lekhanath Khanal**  
Member



**Dilliram Sitaula**



**Chabilal Khatiwada**

# MANAGEMENT TEAM



**Yubraj Shiwakoti**  
Program Director



**Hom Nath Poudyal**  
Finance Manager



**Pawan Lal Rajbanshi**  
Asst. Finance Manager



**Lila Shiwakoti**  
Program Co-ordinator



**Raju Giri**  
Admin, Finance Officer



**Pawan Kumar Rai**  
Project Co-ordinator



**Bhim Pd. Bhetwal**  
Project Co-ordinator



**Kishan Gautam**  
Project Manager



**Lilaraj Nepal**  
Program Co-ordinator



**Laxmi Bhandari**  
Program Officer



**Dipesh Oli**  
Finance Officer



**Kishor Karki**  
Program Manager



**Pramod Pokharel**  
Project Manager



**Dipak Timsina**  
Technical Officer



**Suman Rai**  
Technical Officer



**Hima Devi Uprety**  
Officer



**Ranjeeta Thapa**  
Project Manager



**Sandesh Bhattarai**  
MEAL Officer



**Kamala Bhattarai**  
Program Officer



**Rejina Shreshtha**  
Program Officer

## PROJECT SHEET OF SAHARA NEPAL

### Ongoing Project

S. N.	Name of Program	Partner Agency	Project districts
1	Safe Housing Program	Habitat for Humanity Nepal	Jhapa and Morang
2	Financial Inclusion for Marginalize women in nepal	Habitat for Humanity Nepal /JOA	Jhapa, Morang, Udayapur and Saptari
3	Community Trail bridge program	Government of Nepal	Jhapa
4	Multi Stakeholder Dialogue Program	The Asia Foundation	Jhapa, Morang, Sunsari and Dhankuta
5	Building the trust and confidence among NTD affected and vulnerable Population (BISWAS)	FAIRMED Foundation Nepal	Jhapa and Morang
6	Strengthening livelihood and community resilience in particular women through the promotion of nutrition sensitive food production of Neglected and Underutilised Crops Species (NUCS)	Action Against Hunger (ACF)	Udayapur
7	Improved Water and Sanitation In The Upper Trishuli River Basin Project (WASH)	Action Against Hunger (ACF)	Rasuwa and Nuwakot
8	Leprosy Prevention Program	No Leprosy Remanis (NLR)	Jhapa, Morang

### Total Progress Accomplished

S.N.	Thematic Area	No of accomplished projects
1	Resilient agriculture and livelihood	26
2	Community infrastructure development	8
3	Advocacy and Good Governance	6
4	Inclusive health and WASH	16
5	DRRM and Humanitarian Response	4
6	Sustainable Environment and Climate Change	3
7	Market System Strengthening	3
	Total	66



# Annual Progress Report-2080/81

**Bharat Kumar Giri**  
Chairperson

*This report has been prepared by incorporating all the major activities that were conducted in this year and those programmatic and financial event undertaken by this organization for the FY- 2080/81 (from Shrawan 2080 to Asad 2081).*

## **1. Meeting of the Executive Committee:**

The meeting of the working committee of the organization was held for 12 times ( on monthly basis) under the chairmanship of Mr. Bharat Kumar Giri, president of the organization. Similarly, the organization monitoring committee is regularly monitoring different programs implemented by the organization.

## **2. Greetings Exchange Programme:**

On the auspicious occasion of Tihar 2080, the working committee, patrons and members of the organization exchanged greetings and working committee meeting was held on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2023 under the chairmanship of the organization's president Mr. Bharat Kumar Giri. A total of 25 people, including office-bearers, patrons, advisors and members of the working committee of the organization, participated in the programme.

## **3. Meeting of the Recruitment Committee:**

The recruitment committee of the organization had meeting for 21 times in 2080/81 to select and appoint the necessary staff for the projects run

by the organization. By which the employees were appointed in the organization within this time period.

### **Recruitment of: -**

#### **ACF WASH Project for Rasuwa and Nuwakot**

- Finance Officer: 1
- Social Mobilizer: 3

#### **Safe Housing Programme**

- Volunteer: 1

#### **BISWAS project**

- Field Supervisor: 1
- Community Health Mobilizer: 4

#### **ACF's (NUCS) project**

- Program manager : 1
- Meal Officer: 1

#### **Leprosy Prevention Programme (NRL)**

- Project Officer: 1
- Community Health Mobilizer: 3

## **4. Meeting of the Procurement Committee:**

The procurement committee of Sahara Nepal convened 23 times to deliberate on various procurement topics. The committee carefully inspects the supplier before making any purchases of project-related supplies. The procurement committee bears equal responsibility for keeping an eye on the market to procure items that meet the specifications outlined in the bids or quotations.

## 5. 27th Annual General Meeting and 11th Session:

The 27th Annual General Meeting and 11th Session of the organization was held at Domukha under the chair of Mr. Bharat Kumar Giri, President of the Organization, on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> Oct, 2023. The 27th Annual General Meeting and the 11th Session of the organization have unanimously elected the working committee for the next three years with the facilitation of the Election Committee headed by Advocate Dipendra Bhattarai.

S.N.	Name	Post
1	Bharat Kumar Giri	Chairman
2	Som Nath Timsina	Vice President
3	Mahendra Kumar Giri	Secretary
4	Lal Bahadur Giri	Joint Secretary
5	Shyam Kumar Pradhan	Treasurer
6	Benuraj Subedi	Member
7	Kamala Thapaliya	Member
8	Phanindra Raj Bhandari	Member
9	Poonam Subedi	Member
10	Hemraj Giri	Member
11	Dhyan Bahadur Bharti	Member
12	Kalpana Bishwakarma	Member
13	Usha Rokka	Member
14	Urmila Shrestha	Member
15	Mahesh Shah	Member
16	Krishna Kumar Giri	Accounts Committee Convener
17	Prem Prasad Upreti	Accounts Committee Member
18	Nar Bahadur Giri	Accounts Committee Member
19	Durga Bhandari	Monitoring Coordinator
20	Yubaraj Niraula	Information and Communications Coordinator

Election committee coordinator advocate Dipendra Bhattarai handed over the posts and administered the oath of office to the newly elected office-bearers on the same day.



## 6. 28th Annual Celebration and Foundation Day:

The 28th Annual Celebration and Foundation Day of the organization was held on Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> Oct, 2023 under the chairmanship of president Mr. Bharat Kumar Giri and chief guest National Assembly Member Mr. Gopal Kumar Basnet.

Treasurer of the organization Shyam Kumar Pradhan welcomed the guests on the occasion. Mr. Mahendra Kumar Giri, secretary of the



organization briefed on the history of Sahara Nepal, how the organization was established. He said, that the organization has implemented 66 projects in 34 districts of Nepal, on different thematic areas including climate change, community health and sanitation, housing for

the underprivileged, self-employment and entrepreneurship, livelihood, solar energy. Sahara Nepal have been constructing safe and affordable low-cost houses in partnership with the government. 450,000 families have benefited from these projects.

The newly elected office-bearers of the organization were welcomed and honoured by the chief guest. On the occasion, Sahara Nepal honoured Habitat for Humanity Nepal, a partner organization that has been supporting for the construction of houses for a long time.

Similarly, Sunita Hasda, a personality who helped in the group promotion and other activities during the establishment of the organization, was honored with a cash prize of Rs 5,000 and a letter of appreciation.

Deepak Lekhi, an employee working in the technical position of Hilti project at Biratnagar Metropolitan City-12 under the Safe Housing Project, was also honoured with a cash prize of Rs 5,000 and a letter of appreciation.

Likewise, a cheque of Rs 25,000/- (Twenty-Five-Thousand) each was handed over to Shree Durga Secondary School at Garamani in Birtamode-9 and Shree Himali Secondary School at Laxmipur in Kankai-8 for the education support of visually impaired children.

Chief Guest Mr. Gopal Kumar Basnet, Mayor of Birtamod Municipality Mr. Pabitra Mahatara Prasai , National Director of ACF Dr. Ojaswi Acharya, General Secretary of NGO Federation Mr. Ajun Bhattarai, Deputy Mayor of Birtamod Municipality Mr. Nagendra Sangraula, among others, congratulated and appreciated Sahara's dedication to serve community people for social transformation.

A stall was set up to provide detail information on various activities conducted by on-going projects of the organization, similarly, sugar level and blood pressure check-up was also done by the health department for the guest and visitors.

Students and teachers of Sahara SACCOS Shiksha Sadan presented a welcome dance and

exchanged bouquets among the participants on the occasion of '*Bada Dashain*' and '*Tihar*' 2080.

## **7. WASH Project "One house One tap Initiative in Rasuwa and Nuwakot":**

The construction of three drinking water and sanitation projects in Kispang Rural Municipality-5 of Nuwakot district under the tripartite partnership of Kispang Rural Municipality, Action Against Hunger (ACF) and Sahara Nepal has been completed by this fiscal year 2080/81 BS. In which the household tap has been installed.



- 1. Archeley Drinking Water and Sanitation Project – 213 households**
- 2. Manegaon Drinking Water and Sanitation Project – 158 households**
- 3. Purano Gaon Drinking Water and Sanitation Project – 131 households**

The project has enabled 2,515 residents of 502 households access to reliable and safe drinking water through three drinking water and sanitation projects of Kispang rural municipality-5 in Nuwakot district. As a result, the compulsion to bring water from distance has ended. Residents of Kispang Rural Municipality-5 have been happy with the construction of clean and safe drinking water taps in their homes, which have made their daily lives easier.

Similarly, three drinking water and sanitation projects (Gatlang Drinking Water and Saraspai Project) run in the tripartite partnership of

Amachhoding Rural Municipality of Rasuwa district and Sahara Nepal are being constructed in the three drinking water and sanitation projects (Gatlang Drinking Water and Sanitation Project - Amachhodingmo Rural Municipality. Ward No. 3, Pajung Kerabari Drinking Water and Sanitation Project - Amachhodingmo Rural Municipality. Ward No. 5 and Brajam Drinking Water and Sanitation Project - Amachhodingmo Rural Municipality Ward No. 5).

## 8. Construction of community suspension/Trail bridge:

Under the community suspension bridge program run by the organization, the construction of seven community suspension bridges has been completed and handed over to the community by of this fiscal year 2080/81 BS. Construction of 16 suspension bridge projects is underway. Till date 51 trail and suspension bridges have been completed.



### Details

- **Dipeni Khola Trust Bridge Project** - Damak Municipality-10
- **Chasmetol Wagah Multi-trust Bridge Project** - Gauriganj, Jhapa
- **Bhuteni Khola Multi-trust Bridge Project** - Birtamod-10, Jhapa
- **Ganjawari Ghimire Tole Suspension Bridge Project** - Arjundhara-2, Jhapa

- **Hadiya Khola Suspension Bridge Project** – Mechinagar-10, Jhapa
- **Jyotinagar Suspension Bridge Project** – Kamal-2
- **Nunmati Khola Domukha Jholunge Bridge Project** – Shivsatakshi-10

## 9. Safe housing Construction:

In partnership with the local government and Habitat for Humanity Nepal, the organization has constructed 100 houses with toilets and bathrooms in Jhapa rural municipality of Jhapa district by this fiscal year 2080/81, 65



houses with toilets in Biratnagar Metropolitan Municipality-12 of Morang district, and 195 houses with 30 houses including toilets in Kanepokhari Rural Municipality. A total of 110 houses including 28 houses in Kanepokhari, 15 houses in Dhanpalthan and 45 houses in Biratnagar 12 are under construction. In total more than 3 thousand houses have been constructed under this project since beginning.

## 10. Meeting of District Project Advisory Committee:

Biwas Project of Sahara Nepal supported by FAIRMED foundation organized District Project Advisory Committee (DPAC) meeting on Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> June 2024. The objective of the of the meeting was to share the overall progress and achievements of the financial year 2023. The meeting was organized to get feedback and suggestions from the stakeholders for further improvement of the project activities.

Before the formal meeting, a team of Sahara

employees including DPAC representative, DAPC officials, member of the federation of Nepalese journalists, journalists, chairman of Jhapa rural municipality, health coordinator of Jhapa municipality, Karuna foundation employees, representatives of NGO federation



and Sahara Nepal working committee members conducted joint field monitoring and visited various sites for observation of impact created by the project activities.

The team first visited the Tagandubba Health Post (Birth Centre) and interacted with the staff of the birthing centre. Later, they visited Ruimari of Ward No. 5 of Jhapa rural municipality and observed and interacted with the members of the Health Mother Group, which is implementing the equipment in the HMG meeting. They also spoke to Lab focal person of Jhapa rural municipality. Finally, after visiting Radhanagar village in Ward No. 3 of Barhadasi Rural Municipality and observing the practice of self-care, the visit program was concluded by interacting with the people with elephantiasis disease (Leprosy).

After the field visit, the meeting was held under the chairmanship of District Coordination Committee Chairman Mr. Bishwanath Baral. The meeting was held at the meeting hall of the District Coordination Committee, Jhapa. The meeting was attended by office-bearers of district level project advisory committee, chiefs and representatives of local levels,

representatives of FAIRMed Nepal, program manager of Sahara Nepal Matrika Subedi and program coordinator Pawan Kumar Rai. In the meeting, project coordinator of Sahara Nepal made a presentation about the BISWAS project.

The meeting was very effective and meaningful. The meeting provided valuable insights for our future programmes and activities and the visit proved to be highly fruitful. Moreover, it has allowed us to effectively demonstrate our collaborative partnership with the Government of Nepal.

### 11. Mosquito Net Distribution Program:

- a) Under the BISWAS project conducted by this organization with the support of FAIRMED Nepal, a program was organized under the chairmanship of Nawaraj Bhattarai, Vice-Chairman of Kachankawal Rural Municipality and Chief Guest of Ward No. 5, Mr. Mohammad Nur Alam, on Sunday, July 23, 2023.



- b) 60 set of medicated mosquito nets were distributed to 60 pregnant women from poor families within Kankai Municipality.
- c) 85 medicated mosquito nets were distributed to 22 families affected by the fire in Rangeli Municipality Ward No. 3 on the basis of the number of families.
- d) One each medicated mosquito net was given to those pregnant women who came for delivery. A total of 100 sets of medicated mosquito nets were distributed in birthing center of Jhapa and Kachankawal Rural Municipalities.

## 12. Handing over of relief materials to the Community Disaster Management Committee:

Sahara Nepal's Disaster Management Committee has formed community disaster management committees at Ward No. 2, Kuwadi and Ward No. 7, Kachhudaha of Jhapa Rural Municipality through the 'Resilient Sustainable Inclusive Eastern Nepal' project under the safe housing program run in the tripartite partnership of Jhapa Rural Municipality, Habitat for Humanity Nepal and Sahara Nepal. In the presence of the representatives of the ward-level disaster management committee, a program was organized and the community disaster management committee handed over the relief materials used in disaster and rescue on 10<sup>th</sup> July, 2024.



- a) Life Jacket- 10 and
- b) Rescue tubes -6 sets
- c) Stretcher - 2 units
- d) Emergency lights – 2 sets
- e) Sirens - 2 units
- f) Hand mikes - 2 sets
- g) First Aid Box - 2 sets
- h) Tube Pump – 2 units
- i) Rescue Rope-100 meters
- j) Ring Plastic-2 units

Sahara Nepal Treasurer Shyam Kumar Pradhan, member Phanindra Bhandari, Sahara Nepal SACCOS women Vice-President Pabitra Limbu, members Shankar Rijal, Om Prakash Gautam and Hem Khadka of Red Cross



Society Jhapa were present on the occasion. Programme coordinator Bhim Prasad Bhetwal and disaster management officer Khadga Nepal participated on behalf of the project staff were present to handover disaster relief materials. Member of disaster management committee Mohan Kumar Rajbanshi and another member Gyannath Upreti and ward member of ward no. 7 Bal Krishna Sitaula expressed their heartfelt gratitude to Sahara Nepal for the support.

## 13. National MDA Campaign Against Elephantiasis Disease:

The National Elephantiasis Campaign of the Government of Nepal had organized a campaign to administer medicine to 80 percent of the



people in seven districts including Jhapa district of Nepal from 28<sup>th</sup> April to 12<sup>th</sup> May 2024. Sahara Nepal has played an important role in making this campaign a success in Jhapa district. Under the Biswas Project run by Sahara Nepal with the support of Fairmed Foundation Nepal, the organization has provided financial, technical, human resources, 40,000 mb and 3000 pieces of public awareness information materials in all the 15 municipalities of Jhapa district. Vice-president Somnath Timsina, Accounts coordinator Krishna Kumar Giri at Birtamode Municipality board member Dhyan Bahadur Bharati at Kankai Municipality and Prem Prasad Upreti were present at the inauguration ceremony of the campaign. The office-bearers and employees of the organization have worked round the clock in the field and supported local health facilities of Jhapa and Morang districts for administration of medication and it is assumed that 83 percent of the people took medicine through the campaign.

#### 14. Strategic Planning Workshop:

On 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2024 at Birtamode, a one-day workshop was held for developing the organization's fourth strategic plan (2024 to 2026). Bharat Kumar Giri, Chairman of Sahara Nepal, chaired the seminar. Participants in the seminar including Executive Director Mr.



Mahendra Kumar Giri, patrons Dilliram Sitaula and Chhabilal Khatiwada, office bearers of the working committee, board members and staff of the management team. An organization's three years strategy was drafted after the rigorous discussion of the team.

#### 15. Toilet Chair Distribution Program for Persons with Disabilities

Local government, Habitat for Humanity Nepal and Sahara Nepal, in partnership with Sahara Nepal, organized a toilet chair distribution program for persons with disabilities through the Uplifting Equality Sustainable Eastern Nepal Project on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024, as part of the safe housing program being implemented in Jhapa Rural Municipality of Jhapa district. The chair was distributed with the objective of making life easier for the physically challenged people in the houses constructed under the Safe Housing Project. The chairs were distributed to seven persons with disabilities including one from Ward no. 1 of Jhapa Rural Municipality, two from Ward no. 2, three from Ward o. 4 and one from Ward no. 5.



The programme was presided over by Ward Chair Raj Kumar Yadav and attended by Acting Chairman of the Rural Municipality Anju Thapaliya and social worker Jay Narayan Shah, Sahara Nepal joint secretary Lal Bahadur Giri and member Dhyan Bahadur Bharti attended the program.

On the same day, joint secretary Lal Bahadur Giri and member Dhyan Bahadur Bharti inspected the materials provided to the birthing center of jhapa rural municipality under the Biswas project of Sahara Nepal.

#### 16. Regional Tea Policy Dialogue:

Although Sahara Nepal has been resolving the problems seen in tea through dialogue with various stakeholders related to tea for the

last 12 years, the study report on economic politics of Province 1 was prepared to prepare the economist human publication with the objective of what can be done to solve it in a



sustainable way. Based on the study, a policy dialogue on the role of the state government in resolving the problems has been concluded. A research paper titled 'Economics of Nepali Tea' was released. Former Chief Minister of Koshi Province Uddhav Thapa, incumbent Minister Ram Kumar Khatri, former ministers Indra Angbo, Ram Rana, Bhakti Sitaula and Acting Executive Director of The National Tea and Coffee Development Board Dr. Deepak Khanal were present at the meeting. The program was conducted by lead facilitator Ekraj Karki. State Assembly: Justice, Administration and Legislation Committee Members, State Assembly: Finance Committee Members, State Assembly Members (Jhapa and Ilam), Chiefs and Deputy Chiefs of local levels, tea growers, entrepreneurs, small farmers tea cooperatives, representatives of tea workers, trade unions, Patron of Sahara Nepal Dilliram Sirtoula, Joint Secretary Lal Bahadur Giri, Treasurer Shyam Kumar Pradhan and member Phanindra Bhandari, employees and journalists of the local level were present on the occasion.

### 17. Program by Global Village Volunteers

A team of 12 global village volunteers from Home Foundation New Zealand came to Khoriyatol of Kanepokhari Rural Municipality from 8<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> April under the tripartite partnership of Kanepokhari Rural Municipality, Habitat for Humanity Nepal and Sahara Nepal. Chairperson of Kanepokhari Rural Municipality

Rajmati Innam, Vice-Chairperson Bhola Prasad Adhikari, Chief Administrative Officer Hira Kumari Yadav, Administrative Officer Govinda Phuyal, Engineer Ranjan Niraula, Ward Chairman and Executive Members were present on the occasion. On the last day of the program 12<sup>th</sup> April 2024, a felicitation and farewell program was organized on behalf of the rural municipality office.

Similarly, a second team of 11 Global Village volunteers from Home Foundation New Zealand came to Kanepokhari Rural Municipality



Ward No. 4, Khoriyatol from Baisakh 6<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> May 2024. Chairperson of Kanepokhari Rural Municipality Rajmati Innam, Vice-Chairperson Bhola Prasad Adhikari, Chief Administrative Officer Hira Kumari Yadav, Administrative Officer Govinda Phuyal, Engineer Ranjan Niraula, Ward Chairmen and Executive Members were present on the occasion. On the last day of the program, a felicitation and farewell program was organized by the rural municipality office on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2024.

## 18. Model Youth Parliament Practice Program:

Sahara Nepal, in collaboration with UNDP, in coordination with Management and Federal Parliament Secretariat organized a model youth practice programme from 31<sup>st</sup> Oct to 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov, 2023 with the objective of empowering the youth regarding the present Federal Parliament, its scope and duties and rights. Jhapa Region No. A total of 60 people, including 37 female and 23 Male, from 20 community schools students participated in the programme.

General Secretary of the Federal Parliament Dr. Bharat Raj Gautam presided over the closing ceremony of the programme while The Chief



Guest was Honorable Speaker Devraj Ghimire and Deputy Speaker Indira Rana were present on the occasion. Nabin Tiwari, a student of Mohan Maya Secondary School, Junu Poudel, student of Sanischare Secondary School, became the youth prime minister and Kiran Sitaula, a student of Kanchanjunga Secondary School, was the main leader of the opposition party. A total of 252 people, including 60 model youth parliament members, witnessed the programme live.

## 19. Interaction programme on the effectiveness of Parliament:

Honorable speaker of the house of representatives, Mr. Devraj Ghimire, the deputy speaker of the house of representatives, chief of the political party representing in the federal parliament, chief of the political party representing in the federal parliament, Jhapa Constituency No. 2, in the Federal Parliament

on 4<sup>th</sup> Nov, 2023, in coordination and management of Sahara Nepal with the support of UNDP. People's representatives of the state assembly, former members of the constituent assembly and parliaments, representatives of



the political parties based in the district, mayors of rural municipalities and municipalities of Jhapa Constituency No. 2, chairpersons, deputy chiefs and vice-chairman, ward chairman and members of the village and municipal executive, distinguished personalities of universities and schools in the district, social workers, involving all sector an interaction programme was held on the effectiveness of parliament with the participation of 247 people including intellectuals and journalists.

## 20. World Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTD) Day:

World Neglected Tropical Diseases Day and 71st Leprosy Day was observed on Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

Sahara Nepal, Fairmed Foundation Nepal and Health Office, Jhapa organized the district-level Neglected tropical diseases day. A total of 145



members, including state assembly members, vice-chair of district coordination committee, chief district officer (CDO), Mayor, chief administrative officer APF representatives, Nepal Police, Nepal Army, journalists, NTD affected people, teachers, health workers, FCHV, students, representatives of local political parties participated in the day celebration.

The major program was a panel discussion on how to distribute medicine and make MDA campaign successful. State Assembly member Chhabilal Chudal, District Coordination Committee Vice-Chairman Shanta Rokka Chhetri, Bhadrapur municipality chief Ganesh Pokharel, Shivasatakshi unicityality Chief Meghahang Thora, among others, were present in the panel discussion. Local health journalist Kailash Khaki Shrestha facilitated the panel discussion. It was a fruitful discussion where all participants, including those affected by NTD, interacted with the panel members. The entire program was conducted by health office inspector Bishwanath Shrestha.

## 21. Media sensitization on NDTs, MNH, Disability and Stigma :

A day interaction program was held at Sahara Nepal's central office, Charpane, on 27<sup>th</sup> Dec, 2023 under the chairmanship of Bharat Kumar Giri, president of the organization. Secretary of the organization Mahendra Kumar Giri



highlighted the relevance of the program and its working modality in Jhapa and Morang district under Biswas project. The program was organized with the objective of disseminating

information and seek support of the media persons for creating buzz on neglected tropical diseases maternal and child care and disabilities.

A total of 46 people, including 32 media persons from Jhapa district, participated in the programme. Program Manager Matrika Subedi and Program Coordinator Pawan Kumar Rai made a presentation about the activities and progress made under the Biswas Project.

## 22. School Health Program



School health program has been organized in Haldibari Rural Municipality of Jhapa and Dhanpalthan RM Sunbarsi RM, Jahda RM, Pathari Municipality and Rangeli Municipality of Morang district under Biswas project of the organization. A total of 747 students from six schools participated in the orientation programmes on disability and sanitation. The school health programme has been supported in the construction of sanitation corners in all the six schools of the six municipalities. Sahara Nepal has contributed Rs 20,000/- per school.

## 23. Digital Board Distribution

Sahara Nepal and Habitat for Humanity Nepal in collaboration with Jersey Overseas Aid (JOA) have jointly implemented the Financial Inclusion Project for Marginalized Women in Nepal. The project distributed digital scrolling board to different Municipalities and partner MFIs with an objective to promote housing loan products and other information to general public in the project vicinity.

In this fiscal year digital scrolling board were distributed in Gramthan Rural Municipality, Jeevan Bikas Laghubitta Sanstha and Forward Nepal, Sahara Nepal SACCOS Pathri service center, Mahuli Laghubitta Sanstha of Saptari district, Kanchanrup Municipality, Agnisar



Krishna Sabaran Rural Municipality. Similarly, digital board was distributed to two wards of Sambhunath Municipality, one each to Chaudandigadhi and Belka Municipality of Udayapur and to Budhare Drinking Water and Sanitation Office in Jhapa. Total of 16 digital boards were handed over in this year.

A team comprising executive committee members Hemraj Giri and Dhyam Bahadur Bharti along with Program Manager Kisan Gautam handed over the board to the concerned municipalities, wards and institutions of Morang, Saptari and Udayapur districts on 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

## 24. Agro Fair Exhibition:

Sahara Nepal in collaboration with HURENDEC, Sahas Nepal, Nepal Rastriya



Krishak Samuha Mahasang Nepal organized a day-long agriculture fair on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024 with the theme of protecting the neglected and under-utilized crops, the objective of the fair was to promote and protect the under utilized and neglected crops for the community under the (NUCS) project. Nutrition Sensitive work conducted in Belka Municipality of Udayapur district with the financial support of Action Against Hunger. The program was attended by representatives of likeminded organization of Belka Municipality and the program was chaired by ward chairperson of ward no. 8 Jay Kumar Rai, Sahara Nepal president Bharat Kumar Giri, Members Hemraj Giri, Benu Subedi, project monitoring coordinator Durga Bhandari, district agriculture knowledge centre chief Yogendra Yadav and Belka municipality planning chief Chetnath Gautam were present on the occasion.

A total of 24 farmers' groups and two cooperatives showcased their indigenous crops during the agriculture fair.

## 30. Project Management Training:



Sahara Nepal and Habitat for Humanity Nepal in collaboration with Jersey Overseas Aid (JOA) organized a one-day event on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2024 with the objective of enhancing the capacity of the employees of the organization under the Financial Inclusion Project. Executive Director of Sahara Nepal Mahendra Kumar Giri, patrons of the organization Dilli Sitaula and Chhabilal Khatiwada, working committee members, members and employees of the management

team of the organization participated in the training. On the occasion, the coordinators of the respective projects briefed on the overview of their project through presentation about their project. Program Director Yubaraj Siwakoti and Kishor Karki facilitated the training, the training was managed by Kishan Gautam, program manager of JOA project.

### 31. Financial Literacy Program Progress Update and Material Handover Workshop:

Sahara Nepal in collaboration with Habitat for Humanity Nepal with the fund support of Jersey Overseas Aid (JOA) organized a day municipality-level financial literacy programme progress and material handover seminar at Triyuga Municipality of Udayapur, Baradahsi Rural Municipality of Jhapa, Kanchanrup Municipality of Saptari and Kanepokhari Rural Municipality of Morang districts. Executive members, people's representatives and employees of the respective municipalities participated in the seminar and reviewed the work done during the four-year period of the



project. The project's achievements, challenges, and upcoming plans were discussed. Training facilitators and trained participants shared their experiences in the seminar. In the seminar, executive members were informed about the results of the project and a detailed discussion was held on how the project activities could now be taken forward by incorporating the project into municipalities and rural municipalities policy. The participants understood the importance of financial literacy in their municipalities and pledged to include it in the policies and programmes of the municipalities in the coming

days. On the occasion, the organization handed over training materials related to financial literacy to all the four municipalities. The workshop was facilitated by program manager Kishan Gautam.

### 33. Social Audit:

Kanepokhari Rural Municipality, Habitat for Humanity Nepal and Sahara Nepal have carried out tri-party audit under the safe housing construction program conducted in Ward No. 3 of Kanepokhari Rural Municipality. Kanaiya Rishidev, chairman of the Consumer Committee for the construction of Safe citizens



housing, presided over the meeting. Ward Chair person Gopal Bahadur Karki was the chief guest at the programme which was attended by 47 people, including local social workers, people's representatives and 30 beneficiary house owners.

### 34. Bamboo Plantation:

With the support of Action Against Hunger (ACF), Sahara Nepal has been working in Belka Municipality of Udayapur district to promote under utilized and neglected crops by producing food, livelihood and resistance of the community, especially women, under ward no. 9 of Belka Municipality.

The bamboo nursery was established on two sites At Ananda Tole, where 1,896 saplings were planted, the site encountered issues with seasonal drought, leading to irrigation challenges. To address this, water was supplied using municipal tankers through a cost-sharing arrangement between the local government and the project. At Haripur (Rakashani School), 5,049 saplings were planted.

### 35. Community Awareness Rally Program:

Sahara Nepal in collaboration with Jersey Overseas Aid (JOA) and Habitat for Humanity Nepal organized a rally in Jhapa and Morang district on FY 2080/081 with the objective of creating awareness on financial literacy and



safe housing in the community. The rally was participated by a total of 1,065 people.

Similarly, Sahara Nepal under NUCs project organized a community rally at Belka Municipality Ward no-4 of Udaypur district on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2024. The objective of the community rally was to promote under utilized and neglected so that this can contribute in the livelihood of local community. This indigenous food helps develop immunity especially for women. A total of 140 locals participated in the event.

### 36. Establishment of Community-based Bamboo Nursery:



Under the nutrition sensitive conducted by Sahara Nepal in Belka Municipality of Udayapur district with the financial support of ACF, the establishment of community-based bamboo nursery training was held from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> April 2024, under the NUCs project of Food Production, Livelihood and Resistance of Communities, especially for women at Belka Municipality of Ward No. 8.

Dipesh Kumar Mishra and Rajendra Kumar Ghimire facilitated the training with 34 members of Jeevan Jyoti Krishak Group of Ward No. 8. Following the training, Jeevan Jyoti Krishak Group has set up 4,081 bamboo plant nurseries on 2.5 kattha land.

### 37. On-site monitoring of disaster-affected and vulnerable areas:

Sahara Nepal Disaster Management Committee officials Pabitra Subba, Shankar Rijal, Om



Prakash Gautam, Hem Khadka, Shanta Poudel, Phanindra Bhandari, Shukra Bahadur Tamang and project coordinator Bhim Prasad Bhetwal, assistant finance manager Pawan Lal Rajbanshi and disaster management officer Khadga Prasad Nepal visited Barhadashi rural municipality on 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024. Similarly, Jhapa Rural Municipality and Gaurigunj Rural Municipality and on-site monitoring of disaster-affected and critical areas at Biratnagar-12, Malhuwa was conducted on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2024.

### 38. Hoarding board preparation:

Under the Safe Housing Program in partnership with Habitat for Humanity Nepal and Sahara Nepal, 10 hoarding boards were developed and placed on ten different strategic location of Jhapa and Morang districts. These hoarding board contains the information related to the usefulness and importance of bamboo, promoting treated bamboo for its marketing under the Market System Development (MSD) project.

### 39. Printings of Materials and Tool Kits.

- The annual progress report of the 27th Annual General Meeting of the organization has been printed with 500 units along with 1,000 brochures.
- Under the Biswas project run by Sahara Nepal with the support of FAIRMED Foundation Nepal, 13500 leaflets and 225 flex have been developed and distributed, to aware general public on how to control and take necessary precautions from dengue. The leaflets were distributed in 32 municipalities through the Health office of Morang and Jhapa districts.
- Safe Housing Program of Sahara Nepal, developed, printed and distributed 500 sets of wall calendar of the year 2081 B.S. with information on the usefulness and importance of bamboo related messages for the promotion and marketing of treated bamboo under the Market System Development (MSD) program.
- Inclusion project of Sahara Nepal, 500 participants book, 100 sets of posters (9 pieces= to 1 set) were printed under project exit plan and this materials and tool kits were distributed to partner MFIs and four Municipalities of Jhapa, Morang, Saptari and Udyapur district.
- Under the Biwas project project 40,000 MDA card and 3000 sets of public awareness raising materials were distributed with the aim of creating awareness about the National

Leprosy Disease Prevention Program and Medicine Consumption Campaign 2080/2081 a successful. To make the MDA campaign a success, the card was donated to Mechinagar, Kankai and Bhadrapur Municipalities.

- 1000 units of booklets and 1000 posters were printed for NUCs project being implemented at Belka municipality of Udayapur district.

### 40. Regarding purchase of materials:

- The following required materials were purchased for the NUCs project of Sahara Nepal that is being implemented in Belka municipality of Udaypur district.

Sn	Particulars	Unit
1	Ladies Bag	50 sets
2	Ladies Umbrella	50 sets
3	T-shirts	115 pcs

- Training materials related to bamboo weaving and handicraft worth Rs 20,000
- In the quotation invited for the purchase of pesticides required for the Biswas project, 400 kits were purchased from the lowest priced Prestige Medisalos, Biratnagar.

The following disaster and rescue materials were purchased under safe housing program to support those highly affected Palikas of Jhapa and Morang districts.

Sn	Particulars	Unit
1	Life Jackets	10 sets
2	Rescue tube	6 sets
3	Stretcher	2 sets
4	Emergency lights	2 sets
5	Sirens	2 units
6	Hand Mikes	2 units
7	First Aid Box	28 sets
8	Tube Pump	2 sets
9	Rescue Rope	100 mtrs
10	Plastic Ring	2 sets

## 41. Market Survey

A market inspection of was conducted on 7<sup>th</sup> Dec, 2023, for printing materials required for the financial inclusion project under JOA project. Vice-president and procurement committee coordinator Somnath Timsina , Treasurer Shyam Kumar Pradhan and member Phanindra Raj Bhandar along wit program manager Kishan Gautam and account officer Raju did the detailed market review.

## 42. Physical verification of Assets:

A committee comprising of treasurer Shyam Kumar Pradhan and a sub-committee member Hemraj Giri and Phanindra Bhandari completed the verification of the physical assets at the central office, Birtamod office and Bamboo Enterprise office and satellite office at Biratnagar in the month of June this year.

## 43. Agreement of the programme:

- Habitat for Humanity Nepal and Sahara

Nepal have signed an agreement to continue the safe housing program in Jhapa and Morang districts from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024. Its total budget is Rs 41497596/- ( 44 million).

- With the support of The Asia Foundation, an agreement has been signed for the continuation of the regional dialogue program from April 2024 to December 2024 with a total budget of Rs. 7,100,000/-
- An agreement has been signed between NLR and Sahara Nepal for the operation of NTD program from July 1, 2024 to December 2024 in Jhapa district. Its total budget for one year is Rs 3,485,000/-

## 44. About Training and Workshops:

A total of 22,761 people participated in 777 trainings and seminars conducted by the organization under various projects in the fiscal year 2080/81 BS.

Sn	Name of the training	No of Training/Events	No. of Participants	Days
1	Financial Literacy and safe shelter	81	1868	12 days
2	School/Club collaboration	50	3045	1 day
3	Annual Review and Planning	2	24	3 days
4	MFIs capacity building	14	573	3 days
5	Financial Literacy Refresher	60	1451	2 days
6	Community Interaction	60	2398	1 day
7	Video Screening	80	3299	1 day
8	Financial Literacy and safe shelter training for men	40	756	2 days
9	ToT on Financial Literacy	1	9	4 days
10	Financial Literacy Refresher training for CF	1	20	2 days
11	Workshop on nutrition for FCHV	1	15	1 day
12	Basic Mushroom Production Training	1	52	4 days
13	WASH and Sanitation Training	20	561	1 day
14	Training on Disaster Management and Preparedness	21	575	1 day
15	NTD training for FCHV	35	25	2 days
16	NTD training for health workers	21	26	3 days
17	Dengue disease prevention and control	13	568	1 day

18	Capacity building training of local health institutions and management committees	8	80	2 days
19	School Health Program	13	747	1 day
20	Nutrition promotion training	15	399	1 day
21	Coordination meeting on land distribution	3	81	1 day
22	Bamboo marketing training with stakeholders	5	74	1 day
23	Community orientation on importance of bamboo	5	107	1 day
24	Exposure visit of bamboo house construction sites	1	25	1 day
25	Heath Mother's Group Meeting	153	4097	1 day
26	Leprosy Research	3 Municipalities	352	1 day
27	SBA on site coaching	3	12	3 days
28	MPAC Workshop	1	29	1 day
29	Orientation on safe Ethical workplace	1	14	1 day
30	Business planning and Market access	2	47	3 days
31	Sanitation promotion workshop	2	38	1 day
32	Post-harvest diversity: Value Chain Training	2	51	5 days
33	Half Yearly Review and Planning Meeting	1	8	2 days
34	Nutrition Promotion Workshop	4	44	1 day
35	Bamboo Production Diversification and Skill Enhancement Training	4	88	2 days
36	Bamboo Nursery Training	1	40	5 days
37	Post-harvest training	1	140	1 day
38	Nutrition Promotion Rally	1	140	1 day
39	MPAC Workshop	1	22	1 day
40	Training on bamboo weaving and handicrafts	1	13	21 days
41	Interaction workshop with lead farmers between vendors and stakeholders	1	32	1 day
42	Training to build a bamboo house	1	14	4 days
43	MSP (Multi-Stakeholders Platforms) workshop	1		
44	Municipal level workshop on exit strategy of Financial Inclusion and tool-kits handover.	4	141	1 day
45	TOT on Financial Literacy for MFI partners	4	101	1 day
46	Financial Literacy training for men	2	34	2 days
47	Training of engineers, technicians working at local level and private firms on bamboo house design	2	43	3 days
48	Training on Financial Literacy	2	39	2 days
49	Orientation on GEDSI	18	364	1 day
50	Mass Drug Administration orientation	7	112	1 day
51	Orientation on safe ethical workshop (safeguarding)	1	14	1 day
52	Project Management Training	1	35	1 day
53	Strategic development workshop	1	36	1 day
	<b>Total</b>	<b>777</b>	<b>22761</b>	

### 33. Trainings and skill development workshops:

In order to enhance the leadership and professional skills of the staff members and working committee officials of the organization. Sahara Nepal conducts training and workshops on need basis for its staffs and board members. In this fiscal year; 109 people participated in 24 trainings and seminars (2080 /81).

Sn	Name of the training	Date	Organized by	Place
1	Quarterly Review Meeting	2080/04/06	The Asia Foundation	Virtual
2	Gender Protection and Inclusive training	2080/04/29	Action Against Hunger (ACF)	Kathmandu
3	Review meeting workshop	2080/04/11	Habitat for Humanity Nepal	Biratnagar
4	WASH Training	2080/04/26	Habitat for Humanity Nepal	Hetauda
5	PASSA Training	2080/04/29	Habitat for Humanity Nepal	Hetauda
6	MEAL Training	2080/04/06	Habitat for Humanity Nepal	Sauraha
7	A day workshop to celebrate construction of 10,000 (Ten Thousand) trail & suspension bridges in Nepal	2080/08/06	Directorate of transport and infrastructure	Itahari
8	Review Workshops	2080/08/27	Habitat for Humanity Nepal	Biratnagar
9	Country's Strategy Workshop	2080/08/01-02	Habitat for Humanity Nepal	Biratnagar
10	Quarterly Review Meeting	2080/09/24	The Asia Foundation	Kathmandu
11	Financial Management Workshop	2080/09/25	The Asia Foundation	Kathmandu
12	Gender Equality and Social Inclusion Training	2080/09/26	Habitat for Humanity Nepal	Biratnagar
13	Intermediate Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability and Learning Training	2080/10/07-10	Habitat for Humanity	Biratnagar
14	Project Review Workshop	2080/10/20-23	FAIRMED Foundation	Illam
15	Leprosy day celebration workshop	2080/10/14	Regional Health Office	Damak
16	Land Literacy Training	2080/11/10-12	Habitat for Humanity	Kathmandu
17	Lesson learned sharing	2080/11/28	The Asia Foundation	Nagarkot
18	Budget Track Orientation	2080/12/16	Habitat for Humanity	Biratnagar
19	Review workshop with NGOs	2080/12/28	Belka Municipality	Rampur
20	Opening ceremony of Elephantiasis medicine administration	2081/01/16	Birtamode Municipality	Birtamode
21	Opening ceremony of Elephantiasis medicine administration	2081/01/16	Kankai Municipality	Surunga
22	Opening ceremony of Elephantiasis medicine administration	2081/01/16	Arjundhara Municipality	Sanischare
23	Project Orientation	2080/01/21	The Asia Foundation	Virtual
24	Lesson Learned Sharing Workshop	2081/1/31-1	Habitat for Humanity	Biratnagar
	<b>Total</b>	<b>24 Events</b>	<b>Participated by: 109</b>	

### 34. Exposure Tour:

Sahara Nepal's working committee treasurer Shyam Kumar Pradhan, account member Lekhnath Khanal, program coordinator Bhim



Prasad Bhetwal, engineer Deepak Timsina, program officer Kusum Upreti and technician Dinesh Adhikari visited the bamboo treatment centre run by Mahuli Community Development Centre on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2024 in Saptari district for exposure visit on how to construct treatment tank for treated bamboo. After the exposure, a treatment tank has been constructed at Sahara Nepal's treatment center.

### 35. Monitoring

On 6<sup>th</sup> Aug, 2023, a team led by Habitat for Humanity Bangladesh's WASH expert E. Ayatullah, Habitat for Humanity Nepal's East Manager Bijay Prasad Gupta and project coordinator Syed Mohammad Nasim Sarbar



conducted a monitoring visit of safe housing programme at Jhapa rural municipality, where safe housing program is being implemented

in partnership with Jhapa Rural Municipality, Habitat Nepal and Sahara Nepal. Mr. Ayatullah, interacted and discussed with the community people on situation of WASH in the community.

Program coordinator Bhim Prasad Bhetwal and senior technical officer Deepak Timsina coordinated and managed the program.

Bharat Kumar Giri, chairman of Sahara Nepal, under the nutrition-sensitive work being conducted in Belka Municipality of Udayapur district in partnership with ACF and Sahara Nepal from 9<sup>th</sup> September 2023 to September 11, 2023, with an objective to promote under utilized and neglected crops by producing food and strengthening the immunity of the community, especially women.



Vice-president Somnath Timsina, joint secretary Lal Bahadur Giri, treasurer Shyam Kumar Pradhan, working committee members Durga Prasad Bhandari, Hemraj Giri and member Raju Giri were visited on the land of Raksani Basic School of Belka Municipality Ward No. 4. He also inspected and monitored the overall progress of the farmers' groups formed in Belka Municipality and Triyuga rivulet of Belka-1 and Balmanti rivulet of Bhoudaha tole and held a meeting with all the staffs of the project at the contact office at Belka on the last day to discuss the progress and activities of the program run by the project. Program coordinator Milan Dhakal coordinated and managed the program.

A team comprising Mr. Yuhan Barr, Director

of Hilty Foundation, Eliza Sthapith, National Director of Habitat for Humanity Nepal, Lachhindra Maharjan, Program Manager, Pratik Singh Parmar, a team comprising of East office chief Ram B Shrestha and east office program manager Bijay Prasad Gupta, Sahara Nepal program manager Matrika Subedi, program coordinator Bhim Prasad Bhetwal and technical officer Deepak Timsina conducted on-site inspection of the houses under the Hilti Project being constructed in Kanepokhari Rural Municipality and discussed on the progress with the team including the Chairperson of the Rural Municipality. In the discussion, Chairperson



of the municipality Rajmati Inngam urged the partner organizations to continue the program with the commitment to allocate budget for the construction of more houses in the coming year as the program is very effective and necessary. 17<sup>th</sup> Oct 2023.

On the same day, the team also carried out on-site inspection of bamboo nursery at Belbari Morang sub-division forest office and houses of Hilti project being constructed in Biratnagar Metropolitan city ward No: 12. During the monitoring, Director Yuhan thanked sahara Nepal and local government for providing support to the real vulnerable community. Similarly, Eliza Sthapit, director of Habitat for Humanity Nepal, expressed happiness to see so much progress and coordination of partner organizations and expressed her thought of collaborating in the coming days as well.

Similarly, Program Manager of Sahara Nepal Mr. Matrika Subedi informed about Sahara Nepal's role in safe housing , cooperation and coordination of local governments and donor



agencies and the upcoming plans. Discussions were also held with the benefited communities at the event.

A team led by Fabio, representative of Fairmead Foundation Switzerland and Nirmala Sharma, National Director of Fairmed Foundation Nepal, conducted on-site monitoring of the field in Jhapa and Morang districts on 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Nov 2023. After the monitoring, the team held



a discussion and interaction program with the office-bearers and employees of Sahara Nepal Working Committee under the chairmanship of Vice-President Somnath Timsina at the Central Office of Sahara Nepal on 6<sup>th</sup> Nov, 2023.

A WASH project implemented by ACF and Sahara Nepal at Kispang Gaupalika in Nuwakot district a field visit was made by National

Director Dr. Ojasbi Acharya and Program Director of Sahara Nepal Yubaraj Siwakoti conducted on site visit on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Oct, 2023. The same team also carried out on-site



monitoring of the project at Belka municipality in Udayapur district on 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> Oct, 2023, and also held discussions and interactions with the farmers.

On 4<sup>th</sup> Dec, 2023 a team led by Pablo, General Manager and Architect Engineer of Habitat for Humanity Nepal and Pratik Singh Parmer, Program Manager of Habitat for Humanity



Nepal visited Everest Bembo Enterprises Bhadrapur, Jhapa, promoted by Sahara Nepal. After the visit, the team discussed with the chief executive and project staffs of Sahara Nepal at Sahara Nepal Central office, Charpane, the meeting discussed on how the treated bamboo could be marketed. Habitat Nepal and BASE-BIO are committed to are always ready to

provide technical support to continue their partnership with Sahara Nepal.

Mr. Mahendra Kumar Giri, executive chief of Sahara Nepal welcomed the visiting team at Sahara Nepal. Stating that Sahara Nepal is seriously planning for the systematic marketing of bamboo, the Executive Chief presented conceptual points in this regard. The program concluded with a giving thanks to the visiting team for their time and goodwill with the commitment to work extensively in the marketing of Everest bamboo enterprises.

Sahara Nepal's working committee member Benu Raj Subedi, member Raju Giri, program manager Matrika Subedi, along with assistant finance manager Pawan Lal Rajbanshi



conducted a monitoring visit to observed progress of the WASH project that is being implemented at Rasuwa and Nuwakot districts with the financial assistance of ACF on 18<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> 2023. Pramod Pokharel led the team for Nuwakot's Mane Gaon drinking water, Purano Gaon drinking water project and Archale drinking water project and Pajum drinking water project of Rasuwa. The team visited the Brajam drinking water project and the Gatlang drinking water project. On the occasion, discussions and interactions were held with the beneficiaries directly observing the program at the local level.

A project implemented by Sahara Nepal in Belka municipality of Udayapur district with

the financial assistance of ACF. A project site monitoring visit was made by working committee member Phanindra Raj Bhandari on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2024, by promoting the under utilized and neglected crops. Similarly, Benu Raj Subedi and monitoring coordinator Durga Bhandari inspected the site and interacted with farmers groups of ward no. 4- and 8 of Belka Municipality.

Habitat for Humanity International Senior Director of <Tyth Fund>. Mr. Nash Bock (USA). A team comprising Ms. Amy Rogmtadt Manager Tyth Fund, National Director of Habitat for Humanity Nepal Eliza Sthapit, business development coordinator Minal Singh, program



manager Bijay Prasad Gupta on 27<sup>th</sup> May 2024. Sahara Nepal has been implementing safe housing program in Jhapa Rural Municipality Ward No. 14. The team also visited Kuwadi and Baluwatar on site. They discussed with the office-bearers of the Safe Housing Construction Users Committee and other stakeholders and inquired what was the community's view on the safe housing program.

In one voice, the community said that this program has brought positive changes in every aspect of their lives and said that such a humanitarian program should be continued. Newly completed houses, toilets, and buildings have been completed. We are impressed by the construction and use of the bathroom by the community said, Mr. Bock, and the excellent

support shown by the community towards it. Eliza said, since 2019. <Tyth Fund> is Habitat's one of the major donors of Nepal with whose financial support Sahara Nepal has constructed hundreds of houses in Jhapa and Morang. At a time when the availability of <Tyth Fund> is decreasing, there is a positive expectation from such visits of senior delegates.

After the field visit, they went to Jhapa rural municipality office and held meeting and discussions with acting chairperson of jhapa rural municipality Anju Devi Thapaliya, administrative chief Gajendra Prasad Thapaliya and ward chairmen. The rural municipality warmly welcomed the visiting team and expressed gratitude for the support received so far. After this, the team met and discussed with Executive Chief Mahendra Kumar Giri in a cordial atmosphere at Sahara Nepal Central Office, Charpane. The next day, the visiting team reached the bamboo processing center of Everest Bembo Enterprises at Duwagadi

Sahara Nepal's Working Committee Treasurer Shyam Kumar Pradhan , Joint Secretary Lal Bahadur Giri, Member Hemraj Giri and Accounts Officer Raju Giri monitored the Biratnagar office of the Provincial Policy Network Expansion program run by the organization and verified the office assets on 14<sup>th</sup> June, 2024. On the same day, the team inspected the construction of safe houses for the fire victims in Rangeli Municipality.

## Financial Report :

2. The yearly account report of this organization for the year 2080/81 is in Annex: 1.

*Thank you*

# Financial Turnover

YEAR	Turnover	Balance Sheet	Institutional Development Fund	Fixed Assets
2080.81	129,532,869.39	38,758,096.89	11,881,948.47	17,343,018.69
2079.80	109140928.35	39703229.94	1630497.73	17952767.39
2078.79	122,234,810.68	37,644,776.35	13,699,393.84	18,824,079.73
2077.78	74,272,449.32	36,715,508.41	17,698,233.39	18,682,477.51
2076.77	74,473,045.83	33,883,888.14	18,114,248.97	18,901,226.49
2075.76	48,196,826.48	36,402,293.53	18,716,336.85	20,708,691.14
2074.75	43,066,763.54	32,928,048.14	18,236,153.97	19,935,483.54
2073.74	40,342,922.60	33,036,428.41	16,317,575.24	20,746,778.95
2072.73	27,896,047.94	31,578,876.10	15,260,022.93	21,654,067.48
2071.72	30,671,841.21	32,875,409.92	19,213,699.75	22,872,564.26
2070.71	27,535,803.38	30,597,385.88	21,378,532.71	24,144,423.73
2069.70	25,791,483.60	52,641,990.72	25,623,137.55	31,511,834.23

# Project Progress Report

# *Strengthening Livelihood and Community Resilience in Particular Women through the Promotion of Nutrition Sensitive Food Production of Neglected and Underutilised Crops Species (NUCS)*



**Name of the Project**  
Strengthening Livelihood and Community Resilience in Particular Women through the Promotion of Nutrition Sensitive Food Production of Neglected and Underutilised Crops Species (NUCS)

**Project Duration**  
January 2023 to July 2024

**Funding agency**  
Action Against Hunger  
| Action Contre la Faim  
(ACF)

**Working area**  
Belaka Municipality,  
Udayapur, Nepal

## **Project Background**

This project aimed at enhancing disaster-resilient livelihoods and food security for vulnerable households in Belaka Municipality, Udayapur, Nepal, implemented by Action Against Hunger (ACF) and Sahara Nepal. With a total budget of 250,000/- Euros, the project focused on innovative bamboo weaving, diversification, and value chain development of bamboo and mushrooms trainings, NUCs farming, post-harvest management training, organizing agro-fair and so on with aiming to benefit on NUCs promotion and enhance food security in Belaka Municipality

## **Major Activities**

- Reactivation/ organization/ formation of bamboo farmers' groups with at least 100 HHs (50% women)
- Training of farmers (all 100 HHs) on bamboo promotion and nursery development and management
- Development of 1 or more bamboo nurseries of 5,000 saplings in farmers' group member's land or the public land legally acquired by the group for the nursery with input support, and its management
- Plantation of bamboo saplings in at least 2 hectares of the most vulnerable areas
- Bamboo product diversification and skill enhancement training
- Bamboo weaving training
- Community consultation (at least 4 meetings), coordination, preparation, and dissemination of Disaster Preparedness Plan (DPRP) and Local Disaster and Climate preparation and dissemination of Disaster Preparedness Plan (DPRP) and Local Disaster and Climate Resilience Plan (LDCRP)

- Reactivation/organization/ formation of NUCS farmers' groups with at least 300 HHs (50% women)
- Reactivation/organization/formation of mushroom farmers' groups with at least 50 HHs (50% women)
- Basic level mushroom farming training to all 50 HHs with input support
- Training on Good Agriculture Practices (GAP) for 300 HHs/farmers (nursery management, climate resilient cultivation, IPM) for local vegetables and NUCS with input support
- Business plan development and market access capacity enhancement training for 50 lead farmers (50% women)
- Coordination meeting with women-headed agriculture and/or enterprise cooperatives in the area for business linkage among beneficiaries (Group Meeting)
- Agro-fair among farmers
- Development and publication of at least 2 types of IEC materials
- Sensitization on nutrition-responsive vegetable consumption for local women groups through meetings and mass campaign.

## Major Achievements

- Formed 20 farmer's groups with 55% women participation and trained 54 farmers in bamboo promotion and nursery development.
- Established bamboo nurseries with 6,945 saplings, covering 6.5 hectares and 13 participants trained on bamboo weaving training.
- Conducted GAP training for 300 farmers, enhancing sustainable agricultural practices.
- Conducted post-harvest training for 53 farmers and business plan workshops for 46 lead farmers, promoting financial literacy and market strategies.
- Trained 52 farmers, fostering new income

- opportunities on mushroom training and its promotion.
- Product diversification training to the beneficiaries from ward no 4 and 8 of Belaka Municipality
- Vegetable framing & seed production training for farmer groups focusing on neglected crop species (NUCs)
- Organized an agro fair attended by 240 participants, showcasing innovative farming.
- Prepared "Jhol Mal" IEC materials for sensitization (81% women) to promote vegetable consumption and bio-pesticide use.
- Supported 15 SMEs through conditional grants, exceeding the target of 4 SMEs, enabling economic growth and sustainability.

## Coordination/Collaboration

- Belaka Municipality/Provincial Government/ Action Against Hunger.

## Major lessons learned

- Integration and Coordination with across different farmers group, Sensitizing local women groups on nutrition-responsive vegetable consumption supports better health outcomes and promotes informed dietary choices.



# Improved Water and Sanitation In The Upper Trishuli River Basin Project Nuwakot, Rasuwa (WASH)



## Name of the Project

Improved Water and Sanitation In The Upper Trishuli River Basin Project Nuwakot , Rasuwa (WASH)

## Project Duration

Jan 2023 -Oct 2024

## Funding agency

Action Against Hunger (ACF)

## Working area

Project was designed to address full fill lack of access to safe drinkable water, water supply infrastructures, household connection, water station construction, and WSUC ownership as well as proper community awareness. One house one Tap modality and Nepal government standards will be followed during designing and implementation of Water Supply Scheme. As per current situation of six Water Supply Schemes, there are major lack of household connection Taps and distribution pipeline networks and ownership of Water supply users committee.

*Main goals of the project are listed below:*

- Contribute to rational water management of Scheme areas,
- Contribute to the environmental and aquatic improvement of the upper Trisuli River.

The population has sustainable access to water, covering domestic and agricultural uses and quality of water discharged into the river and its tributaries is improved are SPECIFIC GOAL(S) of the Project.

This project has been designed for two Rural Municipalities Kispang and Aamachodingmo Rural Municipality of Nuwakot and Rasuwa districts. Action Contre la Faim was already implemented integrated WASH project collaboration with local implanting partner and Rural Municipality. In the last projects between 2018 and 2021, ACF has collaborated directly with the Rural Municipalities of Amachodigmo and Kispang. NSR-MI, RSVC, RUPWS and WASH-GSS projects were successfully implemented and handed over to the users through directly involvement of Local Government. The proposed Water Supply Schemes of Kispang Rural Municipality located in three villages and ward no 5 of Kispang i.e. Purnaogaun, Archale and Manegaun. Similarly, three schemes of the Aamachodingmo Rural Municipality

located in Brajma , Pajung and Gatlang Village of Ward no -3 and 5 near by the Chilime Hydro Power project Rasuwa,Nepal.

The GPS mapping details of Water supply Scheme of three scheme given below.

## Project Background ("One House One Tap" initiative)

The strategic partnership contract signed between Action Contre la Faim and Sahara Nepal in 2022 for implementation of integrated project in Nepal. In this phase, Sahara Nepal selected through EOI NGO selection for implementation Access to improved Water and Sanitation in the Upper Trishuli River Basin project in Aamachodingmo and Kispang Rural Municipality of Rasuwa and Nuwakot district. As per project proposal approval with the VILLDE Paris the first project, implementation month was September 2022. This ongoing Project was designed to address full lack of access of safe drinkable water, water supply infrastructures, household connection, water station construction and WSUC ownership as well as proper community awareness with cash contribution of Kispang and Aamachodingmo Rural Municipality. According to the Weather and Manson calendar of Nepal June, July,

August, months are rainy and rice cropping session. September and October months are Dashain and Tihar festival celebration months of Nepalese Hindu religion people. Therefore, Sahara Nepal was planned project initiation, preparedness and coordination activities from September to December 2022. In September 2022, the program team of Action Contre la Faim and Sahara Nepal visited WASH intervention area of Aamachodingmo and Kispang Rural Municipality.

## Major Activities

- Draft, review and sign a Tri –party agreement for Kispang and Aamachodingmo RM
- Draft, review (in coordination with relevant team members) and finalize HR (Human Resource) structure for the project with detailed job description (JD)
- Advertise, process and recruit project team of Sahara Nepal in coordination with relevant ACF team members
- Officer relocation for Chilime , Rasuwa
- Organize one day project induction / DIP (Detail Implementation Plan) preparation workshop with ACF and Sahara Nepal project team members
- Calculate scheme wise infrastructure construction cost for approval for SWC PA



- Draft, review and finalize and signed pre-consensus letters for Aamachhodingmo and Kispang Rural Municipalities (RMs)
- Prepared annex and supporting documents for SWC PA and RM contract approval; submit SWC PA package for approval
- Collect signed Project Agreement from SWC
- Draft, review and finalized PowerPoint (PPT) presentation for the workshop
- Completed MPAC meetings for both GPs,
- Construction completed for the Manegaun, Puranogaun and Archale DWSS Kispang RM
- Pajung and Brajam DWSS construction completed and Gatlang ongoing.
- Construction of three water supply schemes in Nuwakot—Manegaun, Puranogaun, and Archale—has been successfully completed. The joint monitoring was carried out by Sahara and Kispang Rural Municipality, ensuring that all aspects of the projects were thoroughly inspected.

Furthermore, the Kispang RM allocation of funds from the Rural Municipality has been completely distributed, and the operation and maintenance guidelines for these schemes have been endorsed.

This marks a significant milestone in our ongoing efforts to improve water access and management in the region. Pajung Water Supply Scheme: The construction is now complete, and water is continuously flowing to the taps of 111 households. The tariff has been set properly, and ongoing hygiene promotion activities are in progress.

Brajam Water Supply Scheme: Similarly, construction has been completed here, with 50 households now receiving a continuous water supply. Tariff setting has also been properly established.

Gatlang Water Supply Scheme: Construction is ongoing, with significant progress made so far:

The 25 m<sup>3</sup> and 14 m<sup>3</sup> RCC water tanks have been completed.

Out of the 414 households planned, 100 household taps have already been constructed.

Additionally, the allocation of funds from Aamachhodingmo Rural Municipality has been fully distributed, ensuring the smooth continuation of our projects.

- Setting up the users' committee and training
- Review existing documents and prepare WSUC pre and post construction training guideline
- Prepared training content with invitation letters, agenda, list of participants (date, time, venue) etc.
- Conducted 3 days pre-construction WSUC training for 6 WSSs
- Prepared event completion report for the trainings
- Day Celebration completed
- Provided hard copies of pre-construction training guideline to WSUCs during 3 days' training

## Major Achievements

- Pre and Post construction WSUC training and capacity building guidelines and materials have been Prepared and submitted to MEAL department of Action Contre la Faim for reference and pre construction training completed for all six community water supply schemes.
- Scheme Pre and Post construction guideline received from the Action Contre la Faim.
- Water Source and WSUC registration works of all six Water Supply Scheme are one going.
- Finalize Nepali version hygiene promotion manual and promotion sessions materials and 32 hygiene promotion activities completed in both Rural Municipality Rasuwa and Nuwakot .
- Various WASH behaviors changing and

- capacity building related training sessions designed.
- Design and estimate completed for the gray water treatment tank low-cost model. and gray water construction ongoing both Pajung and Gatlang DWSS
- Scheme wise treatment construction plan and objectives informed to the users of Water supply Scheme during detail survey and mass meeting.
- Observed status of Grey Water Management status of six community Water Supply Schemes.
- location of Plants of DWSS Water Supply Scheme has been identified.
- Gray water subcommittee formation completed .
- One Set of Reagent procured for demonstration of Water Quality test at field during hygiene promotion sessions.
- Hand Washing, POU option, importance of toilet related ICE materials parts completed and activities ongoing both GP.
- Coordination of district level stake holders, WASH agencies and Governmental Officials.

## Major lessons learned

- Prepare weekly planning base on the detail implementation plan and cost breakdown of each activity. Divide responsibility to all of responsible staffs and collaboration each other.
- Frequently communicate with Project advisor and other project team to accomplish target verses achievement.
- Conduct monthly Detail Implantation plan review meeting and explore problem and solution method.
- Pre- Planned Rural Municipality Level formal and informal meeting base on time availability of elected person.
- Motivation and capacity building of users committee through social mobilization and frequently coordination.
- Conduct monthly project activities sharing and next month planning meeting of Water Supply users committee at field base.
- Rural Municipality involvement funding commitment for project implementation and solve conflict at Scheme areas.

## Coordination/Collaboration

- Frequently Coordination of Rural municipality kispang and Aamachodingmo Nuwakot and Rasuwa



# Building the trust and confidence among NTD-affected and vulnerable Population (BISWAS)



**Name of the Project**  
**BISWAS (Building the trust and confidence among NTD-affected and vulnerable Population)**

**Project Duration**  
 July, 2021 to December 2024 (4 years)

**Funding agency**  
**FAIRMED Foundation Nepal**

**Working area**  
**Jhapa 10 and Morang 7 Palikas**

## Project Background

BISWAS Project has launched “BISWAS- Building Trust and Confidence among NTD Affected and Vulnerable Population” in three districts of Koshi province Jhapa, Morang and Sunsari focusing on Neglected Tropical Disease and Maternal and Neonatal Health as key components. The project aims to strengthen local health system by working closely with municipalities, and promoting health-seeking behavior, educating, empowering, and mobilizing the communities and existing local groups using various participatory tools and techniques.

The proposed project will contribute to Nepal's efforts to eliminate and control the major endemic Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) by increasing treatment and care of people affected by NTDs and disabilities. In addition, it will contribute to improve maternal and neonatal health (MNH) and disability prevention and rehabilitation of people affected by NTDs. The project will be implemented across 25 municipalities in the three districts of Koshi Province. Sahara Nepal is implanting this project in Jhapa and Morang districts at 17 Municipalities funded by FAIRMED Foundation Nepal.

**Project Focus on:**

- Neglected Tropical Disease (NTD)
- Maternal and Neonatal Health (MNH)
- Disability Inclusive Development (DID)

**Major Activities**

- HFOMC training to Health facility operation management committee.
- NTD training to Health workers
- NTD training to FCHVs
- Support to strengthen birthing center
- Support to implementation SATH tool
- Community visit in LNOB area and follow up NTD cases.
- Organize skin camp to detect leprosy new case
- Sensitization to Palika executive body on GESI
- Awareness raising activities on NTDs and MNH in community level
- Media sensitization on NTDs, disability and stigma
- Technical Support on minimum service standard
- Support on annual review meeting
- Distributed treated bed net in LNOB area.
- Ward-level WASH formation and conduct of WASH activities
- Supported to conduct Dengue orientation to Palika level stakeholders
- Supported in MDA campaign in Jhapa district
- Supported to conduct school health program
- Supported to construct WASH corner in the schools.

**Major Achievements**

- Capacity enhanced of 584 health workers on Neglected tropical disease.
- Capacity enhance of 684 Female Health Community Volunteers of Jhapa and Morang
- 817 health facility operation management

committee members have been capacited and they are conducting meeting in monthly basis in health facilities.

- 9 leprosy new cases have been detected and under treated from skin camp, OPD clinic, and community visit.
- 6 LF-affected cases and 25 leprosy-affected persons health are improved after referred Koshi, Lalgadh and Anandaban
- Health mother group meeting are conducting smoothly by applying SATH tools.
- After conducted sensitization on MNH at Haldibari institutional delivery practice has increased.
- The birthing center of Jhapa nagar hospital are well equipped and providing service in satisfactory level.
- Health workers detected 12 new leprosy cases through integrated health checkup.

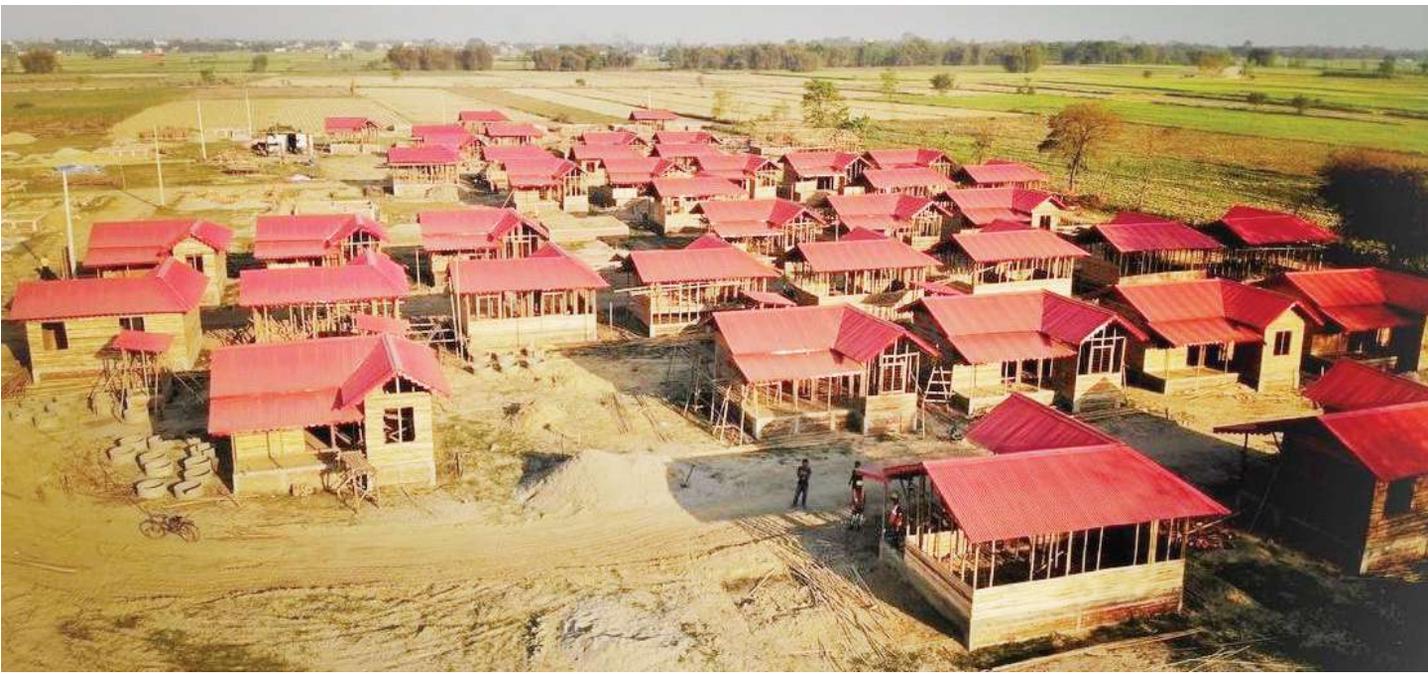
**Coordination/Collaboration**

- Coordination with Health office Jhapa and Morang
- Coordination with all local level governments
- Coordination with district coordination committees.
- Collaboration with stake holders. During new leprosy case detection there has been coordination with NLF and NLR.
- Coordination among within the organization projects.

**Major lessons learned**

- Field visit to DPAC members before to conduct DPAC meeting was very effective.
- Palika level orientation and search and destroy campaign was very effective for the dengue prevention and control program.

# Safe Housing Program



**Name of the Project**  
Safe Housing Program

**Project Duration**  
1st July 2005 to  
30th June 2025

**Funding agency**  
Habitat for Humanity  
International Nepal

**Working area**  
Jhapa and Morang District

## Project Background

Sahara Nepal has been in partnership with Habitat for Humanity since 2005, for the construction of lowcost disaster resilient house for the vulnerable, deprived and disadvantaged as well as people under poverty line communities. The partnership covers the areas of Jhapa and Morang districts of KoshiProvince. The projects has been undertaken in close coordination and collaboration with the Government of Nepal as coordination and collaboration with Local, Provincial and Federal Government of Nepal is one of the major approach and the success and Assets based community development and owner driven for the sustainability of the projects has been entirely dependent on community involvement, family ownership and use of local resources is another primary approach applied in the program.

The integrated partnership modality is the one which has been agreed between Habitat for Humanity Nepal (HFHN) and Sahara Nepal under which UtthansilAawas- Resilient Settlement, DigoSamudaaya, Resilient Sustainable Inclusive

Easter Nepal- RISEN, Habitat Young Leaders Build, Hilti and community Housing are the projects.

The overall objective of all the project is to provide safe shelter support to low income, vulnerable and marginalized families to build safer/ decent house.

## Major Activities

- 145 New safe houses were constructed in different Palikas of Jhapa and Morang districts (Jhapa 100, Kanepokhari 30, Dhanpalthan 15)
- Modification of physical structure in existing 14 houses increasing accessibility of Persons with Disabilities (PWD), in Jhapa RM ward no. 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 and 7.
- Local Emergency Operating Center (LEOC) established at Jhapa Rural Municipality Office with extension of notification (LED TV) service to ward no. 2 and 7, including development of Standard Operating Procedure (SOP).
- Organized four events of 'Orientation on Build Back Safer (BBS) and Disaster Risk Reduction and Response (DR3) involving CDMC and community members.
- Organized four events of Community orientation on WASH and behavior change involving Community Disaster Management Committee and community members.
- Organized five events of 'Preparing the DR3 planning workshop' for CDMCs to include their plan on annual budget of Local Government.
- Organized and facilitated 14 events of Regular meeting of CDMC and WDMC participating 157 CDMC/ WDMC members.
- Organized four events of three-days PASSA Training to community members at Jhapa RM ward no. 2, Sugabathan and ward no. 7, Kachhudaha.
- Volunteer mobilization to collect digital data and update in the BIPAD portal of Jhapa Rural Municipality.
- Organized nine events of workshop/ meeting on study and identify the issues of disability and gender inclusion, climate change.
- Organized five events of B2B and B2C (Business to Business and Business to Client) linkage development meeting at various places of Jhapa and Morang districts for promotion of treated bamboo.
- Published four times advertisement of treated bamboo as green construction material on print media.
- Organized a four-days 'Bamboo Housing Mason Hands-on Skill Training' involving 16 participants in Kanepokhari RM, ward no. 4, Khoriya.
- Bamboo planting material distribution and Plantation support (planted around 1,600 bamboo plants in Kankai river dam-side in the area of Jhapa ward no. 1 Milanvasti, ward no. 7 Kachhudaha & Tappu, and Jhapa ward no. 2 Sugabathan & Kuwadi).
- Organized two events of exposure visit to the municipal stakeholders for bamboo house promotion (Rangeli and Jhapa R/M)
- Financial Contribution to the treatment center for Standardization of bamboo treatment process i.e. shade house extension and bamboo drying platform construction support made to Everest Bamboo Treatment Center.
- FM/Radio Advertisement for promotion of treated bamboo for 70 days via Saptakoshi FM, Itahari, Sunsari.
- Formation and support to User Committee in new project site (Kanepokhari, Rangeli and Biratnagar-12)
- Hoarding Board Installation for treated bamboo promotion. Total 10 hoarding boards were installed in Biratnagar, Rangeli, Kanepokhari, Jhapa RM and Bhadrapur.
- Multi-Stakeholders' Platform Workshop to



strengthen bamboo supply chain.

- Organized two-days orientation on bamboo house design and construction to local government engineers at Birtamode, Jhapa.
- Organized a training to private firms' engineers on Modular Bamboo house design.
- Organized eight events of orientation to community on use, advantage and market for bamboo solutions.
- Publication of 500 copies of wall calendars containing informative materials on bamboo treatment techniques, its importance and various advantages of using treated bamboo.
- Social Media Boost up for treated Bamboo through digital marketing company. Habitat Nepal prepared an IEC material which was posted in Sahara Nepal official Face Book page and boosted for 6 times/ 30 days that reached to 409,470 people.
- Support to implement treatment center's Business Plan i.e. Shade-house extension and bamboo-drying platform construction support made to Everest Bamboo Treatment Center, Jhapa.
- Organized an event of community awareness on Land and Housing rights at Kanepokhari RM ward no. 3, Rajganj.
- Installation of 4 numbers of hazard and evacuation mapping hoarding board at Milanbasti, Kuwadi and Sugabathan, Jhapa RM.
- Organized 21 events of orientation

to community on DRRR at different communities of Jhapa RM participating 575 persons.

- Organized 20 events of Regular Community Meetings for WASH/Behavior change at different communities of Jhapa RM participating 561 persons.
- Organized a Review and Learning Meeting with National Land Commission/ Jhapa and Jhapa RM on land registration and certification process.

## Major Achievements

- Provision of new and safe houses for 145 marginalized families who were compelled in unsafe shelter. The output of a safe housing program can be evaluated in several dimensions like Safety and Security, Improved Well-being, Increased Independence, Reduction in Homelessness or Vulnerability, Reintegration and Stability, access to education (better quality education at home), decreased health problems, social prestige and so on.
- Enhanced accessibility to 14 Persons with Disabilities by modification of physical structure in existing houses.
- Establishment of Local Emergency Operating Center (LEOC) established at Jhapa Rural Municipality Office.
- Increased community awareness level on WASH and DR3 topics.
- Increased Community capacity on Disaster Risk Reduction and Response.
- Digitization of the BIPAD portal data in Jhapa Rural Municipality.
- Increased community awareness level on advantages using treated bamboo as a green construction material.
- Better quality bamboo treatment in the treatment center due to addition of infrastructures.

## Coordination/Collaboration

- Regular coordination and strong relationship with local government. The Safe Housing Program starts only after budget sharing agreement with the local government. Local Government is involved from start to end of this project. The case is same in terms of community engagement.
- All Land Rights Advocacy activities are implemented in coordination with National Land Commission and local government.
- The project consists of capacity enhancement activities for local governments staffs and elected representatives.

## Major lessons learned

- Construction of housing for the homeless and low-income families is a challenging work in itself. It has become more complicated because of sharing the government budget. Most of the people in the community express their appreciation and happiness. But when their interests are not fulfilled, some people also raise disputes. It's been mitigated by regular coordination and social mobilization.
- Some users do not agree to build house/toilet/bathroom as per our standard

norms. For example; they want to build toilet far from the house as they believe that being toilet close to home is dirty and not good in general. They do not take seriously the security challenges that may arise when toilet is away from home. Similarly, they want to make front of their house just backward of the road.

- New construction works should be started by September/ October and completed before May. As the the work is usually started April/May, there has been problem during the rainy season, work is also delayed and cost is increased.
- Difficulties for rain/waste water drainage due to lack of adequate land with the beneficiary's family. Design of sock-pit to be included in the design/ estimate of Bathroom for WASH purpose.
- For toilet construction work, it is difficult to work when framing the bamboo above the cement chair as the bamboo poles shake and it feels unsafe to work on the roof. Also, this type of toilet modality is slow to work.
- When preparing or contracting a new project, it should be done at least one month before the completion of the existing project.



# Financial Inclusion for Marginalized Women in Nepal



## Project Background

Habitat for Humanity Great Britain, Humanity for Humanity Nepal and Sahara Nepal are jointly implementing the project entitled, “Financial Inclusion for Marginalized Women in Nepal” in support of Jersey Overseas Aid (JOA). The project, pertaining to financial inclusion, is being implemented for four years duration (June 2020 to July 2024) in three districts of Province-1 and one district of Province-2; namely, Jhapa, Morang, Saptari and Udayapur. The project aims to improve marginalized, low-income women’s financial security, and support build safe housing through improved access to financial services in the project district by 2024. The project opts to achieve two major outcomes:

- I. Increased financial capacity of targeted 112,000 women from low-income households from the mentioned project districts. The capacity to access financial services from microfinance will be enhanced through financial literacy, knowledge on available microfinance products, and awareness building on safe housing. Also, the project will capacitate 800 frontline volunteers from the project districts to support the women group having financial and housing services under the project scope.
- II. Increased financing capacity of Five MFIs to offer client-centric housing loans that meet the needs of clients from marginalized, low income communities. The capacity of MFIs will be enhanced through support in developing marketing strategies for safe housing financing. Promoting digital financial services of two MFIs

**Name of the Project**  
Financial Inclusion for  
Marginalized Women in  
Nepal

**Project Duration**  
June, 2020 to July, 2024

**Funding agency**  
Jersey Overseas Aid

**Working area**  
Jhapa, Morang, Udayapur  
and Saptari districts (20  
Palikas)

## Major Activities

### Demand Side intervention:

- Financial Literacy and Safe Shelter Training to community women

- Financial Literacy and Safe Shelter Training to Male participants
- Refresher Trainings
- Nepal Rastra Bank provisioned to lend up to 3 lakhs on low cost housing by micro-finance institutions

#### Awareness raising activities includes;

- Community Rally
- Video Screening
- Community Miking
- School/Club collaboration
- Public Interaction

#### Supply Side Interventions:

- Product review and market strategies development
- Capacity strengthening of MFI staffs
- DFS promotion and training to end-users

#### Advocacy and talk program for systemic change

### Major Achievements

- 128000 housing loan disbursed to members through 5 MFI partners
- 7500 Community women and men were trained on financial literacy and safe shelter
- 45000 members enrolled in mobile application of two partner MFIs

### Coordination/Collaboration

- This project has set an example of good coordination with partner MFIs. Most of the activities at field level were conducted in close coordination with partner MFI since, the beneficiary of the project are members of MFIs.
- The support the project received from local government was equally important, without their support the project wouldn't have achieved its milestone.
- School and local club helped to organized events at school for youths which was not possible without their collaboration.

### Major lessons learned

- Financial Literacy Training is equally important for all not only the marginalized communities.
- Partner MFIs should initiate financial trainings to their member in greater scale.
- Local government should collaborate with MFIs and BFIs to scale up Financial literacy program.



# Expanding Provincial Policy Networking Koshi



## Project Background

The relationship between the federal, provincial, and local governments, as outlined in the constitution, is based on coordination and collaboration. However, the effectiveness of provincial governance, the relationship between federal, provincial, and local governments, as defined by the constitution, emphasizes coordination and collaboration. However, the effectiveness of provincial government has been questioned due to challenges in implementing laws and delivering services, leading to public dissatisfaction. Many laws remain unimplemented or ineffective, causing frustration with the overall system. To address these governance challenges, Sahara Nepal, with the support of The Asia Foundation, has been organizing Expanding Provincial Policy Networking Koshi programs from April to December 2024. These programs have brought together diverse stakeholders to address complex governance issues. Looking ahead, Sahara Nepal will continue facilitating policy

creation and revision by engaging provincial governments and non-state actors, with the goal of improving public service delivery, promoting inclusive governance, and fostering economic development at the provincial level.

## Major Activities

- Workshop for non-state actors on federalism, provincial governance, and the public policy process
- Conduct policy dialogues on governance issues such as cooperatives, health, Tea issue marginalized groups' involvement in policymaking, and indigenous rights in Koshi Province.
- Organize meetings with provincial and district lawmakers to discuss amendments and effective implementation of provincial laws and policies.
- Hold regular Niti Sambad Support Group meetings with civil society actors and assembly members for policy analysis and coordination.

- Mobilize media through workshops/meeting to ensure accountability and disseminate project progress to the public and stakeholders.

## Major Achievements

- The Dialogue Group of Koshi Province successfully organized three policy dialogues on issues related to health, cooperatives, and tea. The challenges, problems, and solutions discussed during these dialogues were compiled and submitted to the relevant Provincial Ministry. The ministry has committed to addressing the identified issues.
- The Dialogue Group of Koshi Province successfully organized a "Provincial Health Policy Dialogue" to address issues related to cooperatives, where challenges were identified, and solutions were discussed and analyzed. The report captures insights and suggestions from panelists, presenters, researchers, health experts, and doctors. The discussion centered on the state of health services post-federalization, the condition of health institutions, and service delivery at both the provincial and local levels. Key solutions, improvements, and policy recommendations from the dialogue were included in the report, which is expected to inform future policymaking, law formulation, and budget allocation.
- For the past 12 years, Sahara Nepal has been addressing various issues in the tea sector through dialogues with different stakeholders. Although several problems have been resolved, the organization aimed to find a sustainable solution. To achieve this, an economic and political study report for Koshi Province was conducted, prepared by economist Manav Prakash. Based on this study, a policy dialogue was held to discuss





the role of the provincial government in solving these issues. During the dialogue, a research paper titled "The Political Economy of Nepali Tea" was also released.

- A committee of Koshi Provincial Assembly members has been formed to draft the Tharu Cultural Act. Led by Provincial Assembly members, the committee has been engaging with stakeholders who observe Tharu culture in the districts of Jhapa, Morang, Sunsari, and Udayapur through discussions, interviews, meetings, and workshops. Key issues identified during these interactions are being documented, and based on these notes, a draft of the act is currently being prepared by a legal expert.
- Dialogues have been held on various issues including the name of the province, the ethnic culture and education of marginalized indigenous communities, provincial health policies, and hospital concerns. Additionally, discussions covered gender-inclusive budgeting, the protection of Rajbanshi community cultural sites and traditions, tea sector issues (including budget cuts for tea workers by the Koshi Province government and future strategies), and the resolution of problems faced by sexual and gender minorities. Dialogues also addressed employment promotion for persons with disabilities and recent political developments.

## Coordination/ Collaboration

- Political parties
- Three tiers of government
- Civil society
- District Coordination Committee
- Representatives of Social organizations/ private sector
- Association of Person with disability
- Local police authority
- Members of Federal parliament and Provincial Assemblies
- Women and youth leaders

## Major lessons learned

- Involving diverse groups in policymaking ensures more effective and representative policies.
- The state has not yet given sufficient attention to addressing societal issues.
- Laws and regulations implemented by the state frequently face obstacles in execution.
- A lack of necessary and regular coordination between the three levels of government and stakeholders has led to even small issues remaining unaddressed for years.
- If the stakeholders are made responsible and accountable for the policies and rules created by the state, it can be brought to the implementation level.



# SAHARA NLR Neglected Tropical Disease Project (NTD)

## Project Background

- SAHARA NLR NTD (Neglected Tropical Disease) was launched in the two districts of Koshi province Morang and Jhapa focusing on Neglected tropical diseases as key components. This Project constitutes a Triparty agreement among NLR Nepal, FAIRMED Foundation Nepal, and Sahara Nepal to collaborate on related activities of neglected tropical diseases (NTDs) in Jhapa and Morang District. The proposed project will contribute to Nepal's effort to eliminate and control major endemic Neglected Tropical Diseases by conducting a Dengue Prevention and preparedness program in dengue outbreak risk Palikas. To orient to Palika's exudative bodies and other stakeholders and conduct search and destroy campaigns. SDR-PEP Interventions: Implementation of Single Dose Rifampicin (SDR) Post-Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP) interventions as part of the collaborative efforts to prevent Leprosy. Blanket Coverage Approach: Execution of the Blanket Coverage Approach in hyper and middle leprosy endemic Municipality clusters. Leprosy and NTD Inventory: Verification and maintenance of inventory specifically related to Leprosy

and Neglected Tropical Diseases for efficient tracking and management purposes. Sahara Nepal is implementing this project in Jhapa and Morang districts at all the municipalities funded by NLR Nepal and Technical Support from Fairmed Foundation.

### Project Focus on:

Neglected Tropical Diseases(NTD)

## Major Activities

- Dengue prevention and preparedness program in dengue outbreak risk palikas
- To orient Palika's exudative bodies and other stakeholders and conduct search and destroy program campaigns.
- SDR-PEP interventions: Implementation of Single Dose Rifampicin (SDR) Post-Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP) Interventions as part of the collaborative efforts to prevent leprosy
- Blanket Coverage Approach: Execution of the Blanket Coverage Approach in hyper and middle leprosy endemic Municipality clusters.
- Leprosy and NTD Inventory: Verification and



maintenance of inventory specifically related to leprosy and Neglected tropical diseases for efficient tracking and management purposes.

- Community Sensitization program at all the municipalities of Jhapa and Morang Districts.

## Major Achievements

- Community Sensitization program related to Neglected Tropical Diseases conducted in 9 Palika at ward level covering more than 540 population of different wards and Palika of Morang and Jhapa Districts.
- Dengue prevention and preparedness program, especially the dengue orientation program for the stakeholders conducted in 6 palikas of Jhapa and Morang district with more than 350 participants.
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- Dengue orientation and search and destroy program conducted in the different Palika and wards of Jhapa and Morang districts covering more than 13 wards with approximately 650 plus population engagement.
- Miking Jingle using auto rickshaw activities related to Dengue prevention and preparedness played in the different Palika

of Jhapa and Morang covering more than 5000 populations from both districts.

- Single rifampicin exposure Prophylaxis (SDR PEP) intervention done at the different Palika of Morang and Jhapa districts including 97 index cases and their family and neighbours which includes more than 1746 population.
- Case Case-based surveillance interventions were done on both districts where 130 numbers of data have been synced and updated on the KOBO Collect Application.

## Coordination/Collaboration

- Coordination with Health office Jhapa and Morang.
- Coordination with all local-level governments.
- Coordination with district coordination committees.
- Collaboration with stakeholders.

## Major lessons learned

- Collaboration and mobilization of health workers and FCHV during the time of SDR-PEP interventions has brought a significant impact.
- Palika level orientation and search and destroy campaign was very effective for the dengue prevention and control program.

# Community Trail Bridge Program

**Name of the Project**  
Community Trail Bridge Program

**Project Duration**  
July-2025 to June 2025

**Funding agency**  
Federal/ Provincial  
Government of Nepal

**Working area**  
Jhapa District

## Project Background

A large part of Nepal's population represents rural areas. Since almost half of the rural roads are not operational due to the lack of bridges, the rural people are not able to access essential service facilities and opportunities. It is a bitter reality that rural people cannot increase their access to schools, bazaars, health centers, etc. as service recipients due to not being able to cross the river safely. In view of the suspension bridge strategy of the government of Nepal to make commuting easier by providing reliable transportation facilities to the local people through the construction and operation of the suspension bridge with the active participation of the local people, the government of Nepal aims to support poverty alleviation by increasing access to basic and social services and financial resources of the local community. Sahara Nepal provides technical services including surveys, designs, preparation of DPRs and construction supervision and social support to the User Committees for the construction and maintenance of the SSTB (Short Span Trail Bridge) bridges in different municipalities of Jhapa District.

## Objective:

The main objective of the program is to contribute towards poverty reduction through the improvement of access to social and basic services and economic resources and opportunities of the local people by building trail bridges within one-hour detour.

## Major Activities

The major activities consist of facilitation and providing social and technical support in the construction of trail bridges. For this purpose, the following activities are undertaken:

- Conducted a pre-feasibility study of trail bridge sites.
- Collected social data/ information, public hearing & formation of user committees.
- Conducted detailed survey and prepare design and estimate of the bridges.
- Facilitated in according social agreement between Local government/ IDO and user committee.



- Construction supervision of trail bridges.
- Conducted social audit.

## Major Achievements

- Completed the construction of 51 trail bridges (trust, suspension and multi trust) at different places of the Jhapa District.
- 18,522 households have directly benefited from the completed bridge.
- It has become easy for the locals to reach the local market, schools and hospitals, and it is easy to reach the village with small means of transport and take services when needed.
- Income generation and employment opportunities at the local level (trail bridge sites). The communities are benefitted with easy accessibility to schools, health facilities and basic services.

## Major Activities (FY 2079/80)

Sn	Activities	Nos.
1	Pre-Feasibility study	10
2	Public Hearing	11
3	Facilitation of the formation of the Consumer Committee	11
4	Detailed survey, design, map and cost estimate prepared	10
5	Settlement of Community Agreements	10
6	Lay outs	23
7	Technical and social assistance in construction work	Ongoing
8	Inspection and monitoring of construction work	Regular
9	Public Review	7
10	Facilitation of Public Audit and Final Check	7
11	Progress report of work to be submitted to TBSU / PTAP	Regular

## Major Achievements (FY 2080/81)

- In 2080/81 BS, the construction of seven suspension bridges in Jhapa district was completed and the community was directly benefited from the facility of crossing the river safely.

- It helped create employment and poverty alleviation at the local level by increasing the local community's access to basic and social services and economic opportunities.
- The construction of seven suspension bridges has been completed within the stipulated time with the technical and social support of Sahara Nepal.

The following trail bridges are completed and handed over to community in this fiscal year.

- Dipeni Khola trust bridge Project- Damak Municipality-10
- Chasmetol Wagah Multi-trust Bridge Project – Gauriganj-3, Jhapa
- Bhuteni Khola Multi-trust Bridge Project – Birtamod- 10 Jhapa
- Ganjawari Ghimire Tole Suspension Bridge Project - Arjundhara 2 Jhapa
- Hadiya Khola Suspension Bridge Project – Mechinagar 10
- Jyotinagar Trust Bridge Project – Kamal 2
- Nunmati Khola Domukha Trust Bridge Project — Shivsatakshi 10

## Coordination/Collaboration

Coordination and collaboration were made with the following individuals and organizations in 2080/2081, for the construction of trail bridge.

- Infrastructure Development Office, Bhadrapur
- TBSU, Itahari
- Local government and public representatives Consumer Committees of the concerned trail Bridge
- P.T.A.P. itahari

## Major lessons learned

- The main learning was to focus on the selection and prioritization of the trail Bridge in coordination with the local municipalities as there have been complaints that bridges of greater priority and importance are not being selected despite the high demand for the Bridge.

# Success Story

# Farmer's Inspiring Journey

## A Case Study

*Introducing Ms. Nirmala Basnet: A committed farmer and a Landowner at New Dibya Jyoti Tole Bamboo Nursery in Belaka Municipality, Udaypur District, Koshi Province, Nepal*

### **Background and Family Life**

Nirmala Basnet is a devoted member of the Jibanjyoti Farmers Group in Belaka Municipality, Ward no. 8. She manages her household with two young sons aged five and nine, and her mother-in-law, while her husband works in India to support the family. Despite the challenges, Nirmala has taken significant steps to improve her farming skills and contribute to her community's agricultural development.

Joining the Jibanjyoti Farmers Group  
Driven by her passion for farming, Nirmala joined the Jibanjyoti Farmers Group. This membership has been crucial in her journey towards becoming a successful farmer.



Through the group, she has received basic mushroom training and essential farming tools such as seeds, a water sprayer, and a knapsack sprayer. These resources have empowered her to adopt innovative farming practices and enhance her agricultural productivity.

### Training and Development

Nirmala's dedication and hard work have earned her recognition within the group. She has been selected as an eligible candidate for a plastic tunnel due to her enthusiasm and commitment. With the plastic tunnel, she plans to cultivate high-value crops like tomatoes, cucumbers and chillies, aiming to generate substantial income through commercial farming. In addition to her personal farming ambitions, Nirmala is a landowner who has played a pivotal role in establishing the New DibyaJyoti Tole Bamboo Nursery. Her active involvement in the nursery's development demonstrates her leadership and commitment to sustainable agriculture.

### Empowerment through Education

Nirmala's journey has been significantly shaped by the training programs provided by Sahara Nepal and Action Against Hunger, funded by Philgood Foundation. She has participated in Good Agricultural Practices training, basic mushroom cultivation courses and bamboo nursery establishment workshops. These experiences have equipped her with vital skills and knowledge. She has learned to prepare bio-pesticides, establish nurseries and implement Integrated Pest Management (IPM) technology. Additionally, she has gained insights into the nutritional

benefits of neglected and underutilized crops (NUCS) and their importance in enhancing food security

### Community Involvement and Future Aspirations

The Jibanjyoti Farmers Group holds monthly meetings where members exchange seeds, collect money and provide small loans to support each other's agricultural activities. These meetings foster a sense of community and mutual support enabling members like Nirmala to thrive.

Nirmala is particularly inspired by the concept of using bamboo for disaster resilience and other practical applications. She believes that with the continued access to training and resources, she can further broaden her knowledge and contribute even more significantly to her community.

Looking forward, Nirmala aspires to expand her farming activities and become a successful commercial farmer. She is eager to participate in additional training programs that will help her achieve her goals. Her story exemplifies the transformative impact of education, community support and sustainable practices in improving livelihoods and fostering resilience.

Nirmala Basnet's journey is a testament to the power of determination, learning and community collaboration. Her efforts in sustainable agriculture and community development serve as an inspiration to others, showcasing how knowledge and hard work can lead to significant agriculture and community development. Her efforts in sustainable agriculture and community development serve as an inspiration to others, showcasing how knowledge and hard work can lead to significant personal and communal growth.

# "The safe housing program has brought joy not only to my family but also to our village"

**Sandhya Tudu**

*Jhapa Rural Municipality  
Ward no. 2, Kuwadi, Jhapa*

The life of Sandhya Tudu, who is now 31 years old, is full of struggles. As she was born in a low-income family, she had to be deprived of the opportunity to schools at her young age. Due to her family conditions, her mother was unable to support her with food, cloths and sending her for education. So, she sent her daughter Sandhya to her brother's home for help. Then Sandhya started to stay at her uncle's home. With the help of uncle's family, she went to school again and complete her study up-to till class 7. After that, even the uncle's family could not support her for study and as the result her student life ended here.

There was none to help Sandhya financially. So, she started working as a wage laborer in the village from the age of 15. When she was 16, she got married with Jetha Mardi and went to Jhapa-2, Kuwadi from Shivasatashi. Sandhya and her husband started to work as wage laborers around the village. They worked hard day and night to see if they could save some money for the future. But no matter how much they labored, the money they earned was only enough to make food and cloths.

As time passed, Sandhya gave birth to two daughters (Samiksha and Savita) and a son (Roshan). With the addition of three children to

the family, the financial status of their family was falling day by day. Taking care of small children turned out to be a challenge for them. This family did not have a good home and lived in a small hut. It was difficult to protect children from rain and winter. There was no way to build a house. Although, Sandhya and her husband worked hard to see if the children could be kept in a safe house, they could not manage money to build a decent house.

While living such a difficult life, one year ago,



Jhapa Rural Municipality office published a notification for the homeless families to apply for safe housing. Sandhya also applied to the ward office as soon as she heard this news.

Based on the application, the team of Jhapa Rural Municipality, Habitat for Humanity Nepal and Sahara Nepal monitored the family.



Their application was accepted. A meeting was organized in the village to form a User's Committee to lead the construction works. Sandhya, who has been known as an honest and active woman in the village, was selected as the secretary of the Users Committee by the meeting.

Sandhya says, "We didn't even think that someone would build a house without money for people like us who have low income and do not have their own people in the position of decision-making. But really, the construction work of 27 houses in our community is about to be completed. On behalf of the consumer committee, we are helping as much as we can." Sandhya is very happy that the present the present housing program comprises a toilet as well as a gender-friendly bathroom. Sandhya believes that the current bathroom will make it easier for women and the health and hygiene conditions in the community will also improve as women face many problems in cleaning and washing, especially during menstruation. She says, "when women go to the fields in search

of solitude to change pads during menstruation, there is danger of snakes and other things, but I believe that the bathroom that is being built now will solve this problem."

Sandhya narrates the experience of working as a secretary in the Users Committee, which also gained knowledge of organization management. She says, "After I started working in the users committee, representatives of the local government have also started to recognize me. The community people see me as a new leader of the village. I am also committed to cooperate them as much as I can. By the experience of working in the Users committee, I have now been elected as a member of Indigenous Association at the Jhapa rural municipality level. This program has brought joy not only to my family but also to our village. I would like to express my gratitude to Jhapa Rural Municipality, Habitat for Humanity Nepal and Sahara Nepal for providing me with such an opportunity as well as helping me by building a safe house in the time of higher need."

## ‘FL helped a couple to become Entrepreneur’



**S**amjhana Chaudhary, 27-year-old woman living in Surunga Municipality Ward number 2, with her husband, Dinesh Chaudhary and their one child. Their primary occupation is agriculture, however Samjhana has small hotel to contribute in their household income.

It was during a visit from the local community facilitator that she learned about FL (Financial Literacy) classes, and she decided to attend it. During the FL classes, Samjhana learned about family budget planning and financial goals, Life and also child insurance. She felt her knowledge expand, and her thoughts changed after attending the classes. She realized the importance of planning for the future and saving for emergencies.

Four months before, Samjhana and Dinesh started a small hotel with an initial investment of 30 thousand by keeping ornaments as collateral to secure a loan from a money launder. They earned around 1,000 per day from the hotel and had earned around 120 thousand till date and able to collect their ornaments back from money launder. However, during rainy seasons, they faced income loss as they relied on daily customers

who were mostly low-income people working in the river side as labor. Despite the challenges, they persisted and kept saving every day, settling their loan up to 30 thousand which was 50 thousand at the starting, and even re-constructed their house from the loan. Samjhana's husband helped her in every step of her business. He had knowledge of business but lacked the courage to start his own business before. The support and encouragement Samjhana received during the FL classes motivated her to take the risk of starting a business. They always saved first and then used the money for other purposes whenever they earned. However, she faced difficulties in keeping daily records of their earnings.

Samjhana shared her learning's of FL classes with her family members, who were happy to learn new things. Samjhana's experience highlights the importance of financial literacy and its impact on individuals and their families. The FL classes provided her with new knowledge, skills, and confidence to start a small business, save for the future, and manage her household finances effectively.

# Dream to have a House

**"With our current loan successfully paid off each month, we are now ready to embark on a new adventure, fueled by determination and dreams. As I looked at the piece of our own plot, I imagine a future in which a house stands strong, a tribute to our tenacity and unyielding spirit."**

**M**ana Maya Kisku of Haldibari rural municipality enrolled in a financial literacy and safe housing classes at the end of December after learning about the program from the local Community Facilitator (CF). Mana Maya, 40 years old of Chauki Biran Tole, lived in economic hardship with her husband, Durga Kisku, and their five children. They relied on agriculture and daily wage labor as their primary means of income, with a total of eight family members. Mana Maya and her husband labored hard to earn a daily wage of 700 rupees, culminating in a monthly wage of roughly 21 thousand rupees plus 30 thousand rupees from agriculture per year. However, their earnings varied, and they earned less during rainy season and festival periods. She opted to engage in the program near the end of December 2022 because she was attracted by the potential to improve her financial expertise. She learned about many financial concepts, including loans for homes, throughout the classes. Mana Maya was overjoyed with her newfound information and eagerly shared it with her family members. Motivated by the possibility of owning their own house, Mana Maya took a loan of 30 thousand rupees from Sahara SACOS. Combining this loan with her previous savings, she managed to purchase a small plot of land to build their residential house. Determined to repay the loan, she allocated a portion of her monthly earnings from her daily wage labor towards the loan repayment. Additionally, Mana Maya started saving a portion of her income in a savings account each month.

Among the various topics covered in the financial literacy classes, Mana Maya found

the concept of saving particularly interesting. Inspired by what she had learned, she made a conscious effort to save regularly, ensuring a more secure financial future for her family. Along with her, 18 other trainees attended the classes, and they too adopted the practices. The financial literacy program also shed light on the importance of health insurance. Realizing the potential benefits, Mana Maya and her family are planning to enroll in a health insurance policy offered by the government. She recognized that having insurance coverage would provide them with a safety net during times of medical emergencies.



With her loan from Sahara SACOS is successfully reducing each month, Mana Maya now aspires to take a housing loan to construct their own house on the plot of land they acquired as soon as the previous loan is cleared. Thanks to the financial literacy classes, Mana Maya gained insights into various financial clauses and opportunities available to her. The knowledge she acquired enabled her to make informed decisions, such as purchasing land and planning for the construction of a small house for her family.

# Importance of Financial Literacy Class

“Manju Kumari Chaudhary, 35-year-old woman residing in Kancharup Municipality, Saptari, with her husband and her two children. Her primary occupation is agriculture, which is just enough to cover her basic needs. In addition to this, she runs a small shop in front of the temple. However, she faced a challenge when it came to reconstructing her old toilet structure to a concrete one.

To overcome this challenge, Manju decided to take a loan from the bank. She learned about Financial Literacy (FL) & safe housing from a Community facilitator named Gita Chaudhary. While attending FL classes, she found Family Financial Planning to be one of the most important and interesting topics. Manju realized the significance of financial planning and taking suggestions from family members while taking financial loans.

After the training, Manju took a loan from a microfinance institution and constructed her toilet. She also invested a portion of the loan in her small business. Moreover, she started to keep a record of her financial transactions, even though it was hard to maintain it daily. She was delighted to learn so much from the FL classes and now knew the process of saving and loans, life insurance, and could manage her finances properly.

Manju started to save some amounts daily in the MFI's account so that she could clear her monthly installments at the end of each month. She realized that proper financial planning could help her in managing her finances in a better way and lead to a more secure future for her and her family.

Thanks to FL training, Manju was now confident in managing her finances and taking informed decisions regarding loans and savings. She was grateful to Gita Chaudhary for her valuable guidance and support in her journey towards financial literacy. Manju is now looking forward to using her knowledge to create a better future for her family and achieve her financial goals.



# Increasing Institutional delivery practice in the Jhapa Palika with the support of the Biswas project

**T**agandubba Basic Hospital is situated at Jhapa Rural Municipality ward number 3. The birthing center has been established in this basic hospital since 2075BS. There are two health posts, one Basic hospital, four basic health service centers, and a health section in the Palika for providing basic health services. The Jhapa rural municipality is located southern part of the Jhapa district which has touched the Indian border. There is a total of 39,302 population in this Palika. Although there are different levels of health institutions only Taganduba Basic Hospital is providing delivery service.

Biswas project has been supporting to Palika health system for the last 2 years as a partner in this Rural Municipality. Maternal and Neonatal Health is one of the most focused themes of the project. After different interactions with the health section, health staff and physical visits in the community came to know that there are a high number of home delivery practices in the Jhapa Palika. On the other hand Biswas project had started supporting to conduct of health mother group meetings through the SATH tool in the community. There was a discussion about home delivery with mothers and they said that due to poor health service and infrastructure, they are not willing to go birthing center for delivery. They shared that all delivery women are being referred to a higher level if they visit the birthing center. At the same time, the Biswas team visited the birthing center at Tangandubba Basic Hospital. During our visit, the birthing center's situation was very poor.

It was established in one small room. In our observation, there were major problems with insufficient equipment and a lack of trained staff in the birthing center.



After knowing these issues Biswas's team discussed with the health coordinator and Health Facility Operation and management committee to strengthen the birthing center. They requested birthing center equipment and

## Success Story

training for nursing staff. We suggested to them to manage space rooms for the birthing center



was conducted in support of the Biswas project in the coordination health section of Jhapa RM. Biswas Project supported the birthing center equipment of Nrs. 5,43,000 as Palika requested after managing the space rooms. At the same time, the Biswas team coordinated with the health office and managed a joint visit to the birthing center with the Senior Public health officer. The health office also organized the ANC to PNC continuum of care program at the birthing center. Biswas's team also supported awareness and advocacy to mothers on upgrading and strengthening birthing centers through health mother group meeting forums. The delivery started to increase gradually in the birthing center. At the same time, the Biswas project provided SBA training to nursing staff. Now average of four mothers are giving new birth in the birthing center every month. There was reported only 11 delivery from the birthing center in the last fiscal year. Now there are already 18 mothers who gave live birth in the birthing center up to the last day of Katik month of this year. The delivery trend is increasing. All health staff are excited even the vice-president who has a nursing background also participates during delivery time and encourages to health staff. Ms. Anjana who has just received SBA training said "I am very excited that I facilitated the delivery to 14 mothers after taking SBA training. I will go into the community with the community health facilitator and aware to all mothers to come the birthing center for delivery."

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and sufficient staff. They are able to manage rooms and nursing staff. The on-site coaching

# Water and Livelihoods



**I**n the rural areas of Nuwakot, particularly in Manegaun, access to clean and reliable water has long been a challenge for local communities. The collaborative effort between Kispang Rural Municipality, Actions Against Hunger (ACF), and Sahara Nepal aimed to tackle this issue by implementing the One House, One Tap model, ensuring that every household has direct access to clean, potable water.

Tikaram Tamang, a 60-year-old farmer and businessman from Manegaun, is one of the beneficiaries of this new water supply scheme. Prakash lives with his wife and three children, and his life has significantly improved since the implementation of the water supply project.

Before the new water system, Prakash, like many in the community, faced daily challenges related to water collection. The only available sources were community taps, which were not well-maintained and often lacked a steady water supply. As a result, villagers had to wait in long

lines, sometimes for hours, to collect water.

In addition to the difficulties faced in household water collection, Tikaram runs a chicken poultry farm, a business that relies heavily on water. Before the water supply scheme, Prakash struggled to provide adequate water for both his family and his poultry. This affected the health of his chickens and the overall success of his farm.

With the implementation of the One House, One Tap model by Sahara Nepal, Prakash and his family now have uninterrupted access to clean, potable water 24 hours a day.

Tikaram shared his experience:

"Before, it was so difficult to collect water. The taps were not managed properly, and we had to wait for hours at the community tap. Now, I can get water anytime I need it. It is a huge relief, and it has made our lives much easier."

This easy access to water has had a profound impact not only on his family's daily life but also on his poultry farm. Tikaram sells around 1,500 chickens per month, generating an income of approximately 100,000 Nepali Rupees each month.

"Now, I don't have to worry about water for my poultry farm. I can provide clean water for both my family and my chickens. This has improved the productivity of my farm, and I am now able to grow my business thanks to the new water supply," Tikaram said with a smile.

Tikaram also expressed his satisfaction with the sustainability plan for the water supply scheme. According to the local operation and maintenance plan, a village maintenance

worker is responsible for reading the water meters and collecting the monthly fees from each household. This model ensures that the community is actively involved in maintaining the water system and that the scheme remains functional in the long term.

Tikaram believes that this community-based model is not only a sustainable solution but also promotes better health and hygiene within the village. He mentioned how the availability of clean water has positively influenced personal hygiene in his household and across the village, helping to reduce waterborne diseases.

"The water supply has changed the way we live, and it has helped us improve our health and hygiene. With clean water readily available, we are more conscious about personal hygiene,

which has made a big difference in our community," Tikaram noted.

At the end of our conversation, Tikaram expressed his deep gratitude to Actions Against Hunger (ACF), Sahara Nepal, and all those involved in the construction and implementation of the water supply scheme.

"I am very thankful to Sahara Nepal and Actions Against Hunger for providing us with this life-changing opportunity. Now, we have access to clean water, which has made a significant difference in our daily lives. Not only has it improved the quality of life for my family, but it has also helped my business grow. I am so happy and grateful for all the support," Tikaram said with a heartfelt smile.



# Transforming Lives through the Puranogaun Water Supply Scheme

In the quiet village of Puranogaun, Ward No. 5 in Kispang Rural Municipality, life has taken a turn for the better, thanks to the Puranogaun Water Supply Scheme. This transformative project was made possible through the collaboration of Kispang Rural Municipality, the funding support of Action Against Hunger, and the dedicated implementation by

Supply Scheme, fetching water was a grueling endeavor. Residents, including Minjung, had to make a tiring journey to Sukaure Khola, spending around 30 minutes to fill just one bucket. The water scarcity impacted every aspect of their lives, from drinking and cooking to bathing and other domestic needs. The burden of this laborious task weighed heavily on Minjung,

she can access clean water within seconds, right at her doorstep.

Minjung expresses her gratitude with a warm smile, saying, “Now, life is easier; I no longer worry about collecting water. I am so happy that I can access water for all purposes without struggle. Thank you to Sahara Nepal.

In addition to the convenience, Sahara Nepal and the Kispang Rural Municipality have shown compassion toward vulnerable households like Minjung’s. Recognizing her financial struggles, they have provided her with a discounted monthly tariff, easing the financial burden of water expenses. This thoughtful initiative ensures that even those with limited or no income can sustainably access this vital resource.

The Puranogaun Water Supply Scheme has not only improved the quality of life but has also restored dignity and security to Minjung and many other vulnerable residents of Puranogaun. The project exemplifies how collaborative efforts and community-focused planning can bring lasting, positive change to those most in need.



Sahara Nepal. For residents like Minjung Tamang, a 61-year-old single woman, the impact has been life-changing. Minjung lives with her 90-year-old mother, struggling with poverty and the daily challenges of survival. With no steady income source, her family’s life had always been tough. One of the biggest hardships they faced was the daily task of collecting water. Before the Puranogaun Water

who was the sole caregiver for her elderly mother.

With the introduction of the Puranogaun Water Supply Scheme, however, life in Puranogaun has been revolutionized. The one house, one tap model means that every household now has its own water source. This 24-hour potable water flow has brought unimaginable convenience, especially for families like Minjung’s. For the first time,

**Glimpses of programs conducted by the organization**



# Audit Report

**SAHARA NEPAL**  
**BIRTAMODE - 2, CHARPANE, JHAPA**

**AUDIT REPORT**

**STATUTORY AUDIT**

**FOR THE YEAR 2080/81**

**Submitted by**

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**Marga 2081**

## Independent Auditor's Report

To the Members of *Sahara Nepal*  
 Birtamode - 2, Charpane, Jhapa

### Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

#### Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Sahara Nepal, which comprise the Balance Sheet as at 31 Ashadh 2081, Statement of Income & Expenditure and Fund Accountability Statement for the period from 1 Shrawan 2080 to 31 Ashad 2081 and a summary of Significant Accounting Policies and Other Explanatory Notes.

In our opinion, the financial statements give a true and fair view, in all the material respects, the financial position of Sahara Nepal as at 31 Ashadh 2081 and of the results of its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) in compliance with the prevailing laws and terms of agreement with donors.

#### Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Nepal Standards on Auditing (NSAs). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the organization in accordance with ICAN's Handbook of Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with GAAP, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the entity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the entity or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the entity's financial reporting process.



**Auditor's Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Nepal Standards on Auditing (NSA). Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in financial statements. The procedures selected depend on our professional judgment, including the assessment of risk of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, we consider the internal control relevant to the Sahara Nepal's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Sahara Nepal's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of the accounting policies used and the reasonableness of the accounting estimates made by the management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

**Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements**

On the basis of our audit, we further report that:

1. We have obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purpose of our audit.
2. The Balance Sheet, Statement of Income & Expenditure and Fund Accountability Statement conform to the books of accounts of Sahara Nepal. The books of account and records are properly maintained in accordance with the prevailing laws.
3. We did not come across any cases where the Executive Committee or any members thereof or any representative or any office bearer or any employee of the organization has acted deliberately contrary to the provisions of the law or caused losses or damage to the organization or committed any misappropriation or fraud, nor have we been informed of any such case by the management.




CA. Keshab Prasad Neupane  
K. P. N. & Associates  
Chartered Accountants

Date: 2081/08/13

Place: Kathmandu

UDIN: 241205CA00469xCQYk

**Sahara Nepal**

Birtamode - 2, Charpane, Jhapa

**Balance Sheet**

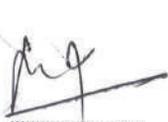
As at 31 Ashad 2081

(Corresponding to 15 July 2024)

Sources of Funds	Sch	Amount in Rs.	
		As at 15 July 2024	As at 16 July 2023
<b>Reserve &amp; Surplus</b>			
Previous year Balance		13,630,497.73	13,699,393.84
Add; Surplus (Deficit) during the year		(1,748,549.26)	(68,896.11)
Less; Transferred to Inst. Development Fund			
Others		-	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>11,881,948.47</b>	<b>13,630,497.73</b>
<b>Institutional Development Fund</b>			
Previous year Balance		9,468,853.17	9,468,853.17
Transferred from I&E Account		-	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>9,468,853.17</b>	<b>9,468,853.17</b>
Account Payable	2	17,407,295.25	16,603,879.04
<b>Total Source of Funds</b>		<b>38,758,096.89</b>	<b>39,703,229.94</b>
Application of Funds	Sch	Amount in Rs.	
		As at 15 July 2024	As at 16 July 2023
Fixed Assets	3	17,343,018.69	17,952,767.39
Bank Balance	2	10,301,916.20	12,631,846.05
Cash Balance	2	20,000.00	10,000.00
Advances & Receivables	2	11,093,162.00	9,093,162.00
Inventories	2	-	15,454.50
<b>Total Application of Funds</b>		<b>38,758,096.89</b>	<b>39,703,229.94</b>

Schedules and Significant Accounting Policies & Explanatory Notes form integral part of this Balance Sheet

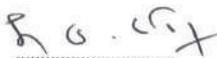
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President



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Vice President



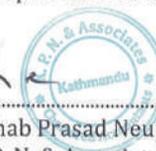
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Secretary



Shyam K. Pradhan  
Treasurer



CA. Keshab Prasad Neupane  
For: K. P. N. & Associates  
Chartered Accountants



Date : 13 Marga, 2081  
Place : Charpane, Jhapa



## Sahara Nepal

Birtamode - 2, Charpane, Jhapa

## Fund Accountability Statement

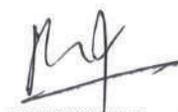
For the period 1 Shrawan 2080 to 31 Ashad 2081

(Corresponding to 17 July 2023 to 15 July 2024)

Particulars	Schedule	This Year	Previous Year
<b>Sources of Fund</b>			
<b>Opening Fund Balance</b>	<b>1</b>		
Bank Balance		12,631,846.05	11,713,750.12
Cash Balance		10,000.00	10,000.00
Advances & Receivables		9,093,162.00	7,068,162.00
Fixed Assets		17,952,767.39	18,824,079.73
Stationeries		15,454.50	28,784.50
Payable		(16,603,879.04)	(14,476,529.34)
<b>Total Opening Fund Balance (A)</b>		<b>23,099,350.90</b>	<b>23,168,247.01</b>
<b>Fund Received</b>			
Grant Received	4	122,354,608.56	101,531,701.25
Internal Income	5	7,178,260.83	7,609,227.10
Other Income ( Institutional Dev Fund )		-	-
<b>Total Fund Received (B)</b>		<b>129,532,869.39</b>	<b>109,140,928.35</b>
<b>Total Fund Available (C=A+B)</b>		<b>152,632,220.29</b>	<b>132,309,175.36</b>
<b>Application of Fund</b>			
Program Expenses	6	122,947,709.45	98,864,092.12
Administrative Expenses	7	7,532,960.50	9,474,420.00
Depreciation	3	800,748.70	871,312.34
<b>Total Application of Fund (D)</b>		<b>131,281,418.65</b>	<b>109,209,824.46</b>
<b>Closing Fund Balance (C-D)</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>21,350,801.64</b>	<b>23,099,350.90</b>
Represented by:			
Bank Balance		10,301,916.20	12,631,846.05
Cash Balance		20,000.00	10,000.00
Advances & Receivables		11,093,162.00	9,093,162.00
Fixed Assets		17,343,018.69	17,952,767.39
Stationeries		-	15,454.50
Payable		(17,407,295.25)	(16,603,879.04)
<b>Total</b>		<b>21,350,801.64</b>	<b>23,099,350.90</b>

Schedules and Significant Accounting Policies & Explanatory Notes form integral part of this Fund Accountability Statement

As per our report of even date



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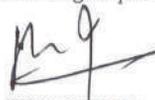
## Sahara Nepal

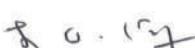
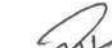
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## Statement of Income &amp; Expenditure

For the period 1 Shrawan 2080 to 31 Ashad 2081  
(Corresponding to 17 July 2023 to 15 July 2024)

Particulars	Schedule	This Year	Previous Year
<b>Income</b>			
Grant Received	4	122,354,608.56	101,531,701.25
Internal Income	5	7,178,260.83	7,609,227.10
Other Income		-	-
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>129,532,869.39</b>	<b>109,140,928.35</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Program Expenses	6	122,947,709.45	98,864,092.12
Administrative Expenses	7	7,532,960.50	9,474,420.00
Depreciation	3	800,748.70	871,312.34
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>131,281,418.65</b>	<b>109,209,824.46</b>
<b>Surplus (Deficit) for the year</b>		<b>(1,748,549.26)</b>	<b>(68,896.11)</b>
Less; Trf to Institutional Dev Fund		-	-
<b>Surplus Trfed to Reserve</b>		<b>(1,748,549.26)</b>	<b>(68,896.11)</b>

Schedules and Significant Accounting Policies & Explanatory Notes  
form integral part of this Statement of Income & Expenditure

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For: K. P. N. & Associates  
Chartered AccountantsDate : 13 Marga, 2081  
Place : Charpane, Jhapa

## Sahara Nepal

Birtamode - 2 ,Charpane , Jhapa

## Schedules to Financial Statements

## Sch 1 : Opening Fund Balance

S.N.	Particular	This Year	Previous Year
<b>A</b>	<b>Bank Balance</b>	<b>12,631,846.05</b>	<b>11,713,750.12</b>
	Nepal Bank Ltd, Birtamod 431635	1,517,965.00	430,010.88
	Nepal Bank Ltd, Birtamod 6653700001	6,056.10	5,742.28
	Nabil Bank Ltd Birtamod 2106017501036	15,000.00	10,134.00
	RBB Birtamod 262000002006	10,681.98	209,364.18
	Excel Dev Bank Ltd. Birtamod 110700010776	19,896.64	19,680.23
	Excel Dev Bank Ltd. Ilam 153980	8,675.50	8,675.50
	NIC Bank Ltd. Birtamod 0941122880524001	6,307.46	6,307.46
	NIC Bank Ltd. Birtamod 941122881524001	11,775.33	11,775.33
	Nabil Bank Ltd Birtamod 2101017500038	5,562.81	5,562.81
	Prabhu bank 15189100032	15,833.73	15,766.61
	Nabil Bank Ltd Kathmandu 175002005	6,260.00	6,260.00
	Century Bank Ltd. 90000023CL	13,114.94	13,059.19
	Century Bank Ltd. 90000066CL	2,598.82	2,595.66
	Nepal SBI Bank Birtamod 200077	1,000.38	1,000.38
	Kumari Bank Ltd Birtamod 0120009843800001	67,492.76	67,492.76
	Rastriya Banijya Bank, Birtamode262000010/06	66,936.99	65,180.27
	Kumari Bank Ltd Birtamod 9780900001 cal	790,281.12	404,968.00
	Kumari Bank Ltd Birtamod 120009872100002	605,854.87	1,691,404.00
	NIC Asia Bank Ltd. Birtamod 09CL053711NPR001	4,932.01	4,900.69
	NIBL Birtamod 50719	33,632.52	33,632.52
	Kumari Bank Ltd. 2130246291100003	1,955,019.00	150,262.83
	Kumari Bank Ltd. 2130245363700001	267,018.00	996,939.00
	Kumari Bank Ltd. 2130246291100002	1,676,897.90	1,173,467.35
	Kumari Bank Ltd. 2130246291100001	1,563,091.50	217,671.50
	Nabil Bank Ltd Itahari 17500306	6,581.00	6,581.00
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	Sahara Nepal SACCOS, Charpane 301.0001.01.1804	7,178.01	6,729.01
	Sahara Nepal SACCOS, Charpane 301.0001.01.0072	58,361.85	46,022.85
	Sahara Nepal SACCOS, Charpane 301.0001.01.1801 AB	3,000,000.00	5,000,000.00
	NIC Asia Bank Ltd. Birtamod 0941122879524001	152,375.07	152,375.07
	Global IME Bank 5801010000071	16,689.09	16,689.09
	Nepal Bank Ltd Phidim 2579	6,588.62	6,588.62

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S.N.	Particular	This Year	Previous Year
<b>B</b>	<b>Cash Balance</b>	<b>10,000.00</b>	<b>10,000.00</b>
	Institutional Fund	5,000.00	5,000.00
	Dialogue Program	5,000.00	5,000.00
<b>C</b>	<b>Advances &amp; Receivables</b>	<b>9,093,162.00</b>	<b>7,068,162.00</b>
	Parijaat WUC	17,000.00	17,000.00
	BEFH Program	775,162.00	775,162.00
	Sanjay Pradhan	1,105,000.00	1,105,000.00
	Shyam Kumar Pradhan	16,000.00	16,000.00
	Sahara SACCOS	1,000,000.00	975,000.00
	Energy Program ( Phase - I)	4,180,000.00	4,180,000.00
	Energy Program ( Phase - II)	2,000,000.00	-
<b>D</b>	<b>Fixed Assets</b>	<b>17,952,767.39</b>	<b>18,824,079.73</b>
	Land	8,554,370.00	8,554,370.00
	Central Office Building	1,212,615.33	1,276,437.19
	Building & Structures	5,203,651.73	5,477,528.14
	Office Equipments	171,021.22	228,028.30
	Plant & Machineries	1,151,071.63	1,354,201.92
	Bamboo Treatment Tank	960,089.43	1,010,620.45
	Vehicles	121,055.83	151,319.79
	Total Station Machine	575,503.99	767,338.65
	Library Books	3,388.23	4,235.29
<b>E</b>	<b>Inventories</b>	<b>15,454.50</b>	<b>28,784.50</b>
	Stationeries	15,454.50	28,784.50
<b>F</b>	<b>Payables</b>	<b>(16,603,879.04)</b>	<b>(14,476,529.34)</b>
	Gopal Bhattarai	(100,000.00)	(100,000.00)
	Bamboo Promotion fund	(4,050,000.00)	(4,050,000.00)
	Member Welfare Fund	(5,000,000.00)	(5,000,000.00)
	Other payable	(7,453,879.04)	(5,326,529.34)
		<b>23,099,350.90</b>	<b>23,168,247.01</b>



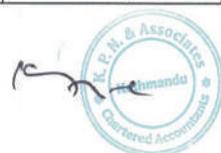

## Sahara Nepal

Birtamode - 2, Charpane, Jhapa

## Schedules to Financial Statements

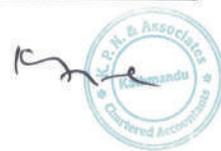
## Sch 2 : Closing Fund Balance

S.N.	Particular	This Year	Previous Year
<b>A</b>	<b>Bank Balance</b>	<b>10,301,916.20</b>	<b>12,631,846.05</b>
	Nepal Bank Ltd, Birtamod 431635	1,092,686.34	1,517,965.00
	Nepal Bank Ltd, Birtamod 6653700001	6,272.63	6,056.10
	Nabil Bank Ltd Birtamod 2106017501036	411,880.93	15,000.00
	RBB Birtamod 262000002006	10,880.01	10,681.98
	Excel Dev Bank Ltd. Birtamod 110700010776	19,896.64	19,896.64
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	Nabil Bank Ltd Birtamod 2101017500038	5,562.81	5,562.81
	Prabhu bank 15189100032	15,901.13	15,833.73
	Nabil Bank Ltd Kathmandu 175002005	6,260.00	6,260.00
	Prabhu Bank 3077088132600018	13,170.77	13,114.94
	Century Bank Ltd. 90000066CL	2,618.45	2,598.82
	Nepal SBI Bank Birtamod 200077	1,000.38	1,000.38
	Kumari Bank Ltd Birtamod 0120009843800001	67,492.76	67,492.76
	Rastriya Banijya Bank, Birta2620100003103001	33,225.00	-
	Rastriya Banijya Bank, Birtamode262000010/06	68,178.88	66,936.99
	Kumari Bank Ltd Birtamod 9780900001 cal	2,950,996.37	790,281.12
	Kumari Bank Ltd Birtamod 120009872100002	56,034.87	605,854.87
	NIC Asia Bank Ltd. Birtamod 09CL053711NPR001	4,963.53	4,932.01
	NIBL Birtamod 50719	33,632.52	33,632.52
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	Kumari Bank Ltd. 2130246291100001	1,241,446.31	1,563,091.50
	Nabil Bank Ltd Itahari 17500306	6,581.00	6,581.00
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	Global IME Bank 5801010000071	16,689.09	16,689.09
	Nepal Bank Ltd Phidim 2579	6,588.62	6,588.62

S.N.	Particular	This Year	Previous Year
<b>B</b>	<b>Cash Balance</b>	<b>20,000.00</b>	<b>10,000.00</b>
	Institutional Fund	5,000.00	5,000.00
	Dialogue Program	5,000.00	5,000.00
	WASH Program	10,000.00	-
<b>C</b>	<b>Advances &amp; Receivables</b>	<b>11,093,162.00</b>	<b>9,093,162.00</b>
	Parijaat WUC	17,000.00	17,000.00
	BEFH Program	775,162.00	775,162.00
	Sanjay Pradhan	1,105,000.00	1,105,000.00
	Shyam Kumar Pradhan	16,000.00	16,000.00
	Sahara SACCOS	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00
	Energy Program ( Phase - I)	4,180,000.00	4,180,000.00
	Energy Program ( Phase - II)	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00
	Energy Program ( Phase - III)	2,000,000.00	-
<b>D</b>	<b>Fixed Assets</b>	<b>17,343,018.69</b>	<b>17,952,767.39</b>
	Land	8,554,370.00	8,554,370.00
	Central Office Building	1,151,984.56	1,212,615.33
	Building & Structures	4,943,469.14	5,203,651.73
	Office Equipments	271,515.91	171,021.22
	Plant & Machineries	978,410.89	1,151,071.63
	Bamboo Traetment Tank	912,084.96	960,089.43
	Vehicles	96,844.66	121,055.83
	Total Station Machine	431,627.99	575,503.99
	Library Books	2,710.58	3,388.23
<b>E</b>	<b>Inventories</b>	-	<b>15,454.50</b>
	Stationeries	-	15,454.50
<b>F</b>	<b>Payables</b>	<b>(17,407,295.25)</b>	<b>(16,603,879.04)</b>
	Gopal Bhattarai	(100,000.00)	(100,000.00)
	Bamboo Promotion fund	(4,050,000.00)	(4,050,000.00)
	Member Welfare Fund	(5,000,000.00)	(5,000,000.00)
	Other payable	(8,257,295.25)	(7,453,879.04)
		<b>21,350,801.64</b>	<b>23,099,350.90</b>

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**Schedule to Financial Statements**

Sch 3: Fixed Assets

Particular	Rate	Cost Price			Depreciation For the year	Written Down Value	
		Opening	Addition	Disposal		15-Jul-24	16-Jul-23
Land	0%	8,554,370	-	-	-	8,554,370	8,554,370
Central Office Building	5%	1,212,615	-	-	60,631	1,151,985	1,212,615
Other Building & Structures	5%	5,203,652	-	-	260,183	4,943,469	5,203,652
Office Equipments	25%	171,021	191,000.00	-	90,505	271,516	171,021
Plant & Machineries	15%	1,151,072	-	-	172,661	978,411	1,151,072
Bamboo Treatment Tank	5%	960,089	-	-	48,004	912,085	960,089
Vehicles	20%	121,056	-	-	24,211	96,845	121,056
Total Station Machine	25%	575,504	-	-	143,876	431,628	575,504
Library Books	20%	3,388	-	-	678	2,711	3,388
<b>Total</b>		<b>17,952,767</b>	<b>191,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>800,749</b>	<b>17,343,019</b>	<b>17,952,767</b>







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## Schedules to Financial Statement

## Sch 4 : Grant Income

Particulars	This Year	Previous Year
Financial Inclusion for Marginalised women in Nepal	19,785,940.81	13,539,910.00
Biswas Project	22,686,213.00	24,047,919.00
Strengthening Livelihood and community Resilience through the promotion of NUCS	13,083,370.00	8,575,019.00
Community Housing Program- Chhana 2	28,908,522.95	33,604,685.66
Sub National Governance Program Phase 2	8,871,015.00	11,516,019.00
Wash Project Rasuwa & Nuwakot	23,698,196.00	4,856,935.00
Mock Youth Parliament and Public Hearing	1,005,685.00	-
Tayar Nepal- Improved Disaster Risk Management Project		3,083,081.00
NRL program	2,000,000.00	-
Trail Bridge Construction Program	2,315,665.80	2,308,132.59
<b>Total</b>	<b>122,354,608.56</b>	<b>101,531,701.25</b>

## Sch 5 : Internal Source Income

Particulars	This Year	Previous Year
Subscription Income	2,525.00	2,525.00
Interest Income	384,104.83	783,709.10
Bamboo Promotion Project	331,600.00	3,123,791.00
Mobilisation of Local Sources	1,836,545.00	1,634,330.00
House Rent Income	240,000.00	240,000.00
Institutional Dev Cost	2,885,791.00	831,665.00
Overhead Income	1,497,695.00	993,207.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,178,260.83</b>	<b>7,609,227.10</b>

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**Schedules to Financial Statement**

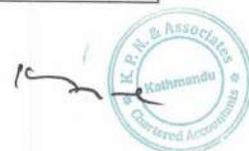
**Sch 6 : Program Expenses**

Particulars	This Year	Previous Year
Financial Inclusion for Marginalised women in Nepal	20,267,974.00	12,204,415.00
Sub National Governance Program Phase 1	-	-
Sub National Governance Program Phase 2	9,556,968.00	12,771,941.13
Rural water Supply and Sanitation Improvement Project		
Biswas Project	24,020,134.86	23,368,046.45
Mock Youth Parliament and Public Hearing	1,137,278.00	
Strengthening Livelihood and community Resilience through the promotion of NUCS		
Wash Project Rasuwa & Nuwakot	11,841,896.90	9,016,434.00
Community Housing Program- Chhana 2	24,190,082.82	2,901,934.00
Tayar Nepal- Improved Disaster Risk Management Project	27,984,740.75	31,781,524.54
NRL program		4,511,297.00
Trail Bridge Construction program	1,603,302.62	
	2,345,331.50	2,308,500.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>122,947,709.45</b>	<b>98,864,092.12</b>

**Sch 7 : Administrative Expenses**

Particulars	This Year	Previous Year
Salary	647,275.00	698,550.00
Provident Fund	64,728.00	69,855.00
Coordination	123,600.00	123,600.00
Electricity and Water	15,436.00	76,428.00
Communication	34,112.00	9,327.00
Stationery+ Printing	50,576.50	120,496.00
Service Charge	91,144.00	40,900.00
Bamboo Treatment Expenses		912,120.00
Repair & Maintenance	16,365.00	81,468.00
Office xpenses	170,117.00	341,983.00
Insurance	8,090.00	9,640.00
Audit Fee	178,295.00	179,245.00
Board member allowance	1,135,226.00	829,542.00
Monitoring & Supervision	231,335.00	301,988.00
TADA	119,700.00	425,477.00
Interaction/General Assembly	73,025.00	157,400.00
Program Exp.	2,050,000.00	3,115,000.00
Regional Office Exp. Ktm	2,014,816.00	1,298,966.00
Program Expand	-	30,000.00
Bamboo Factory Exp.	509,120.00	652,435.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,532,960.50</b>	<b>9,474,420.00</b>

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## Sahara Nepal Birtamode -2, Charpane, Jhapa

### Background of the Organization

SAHARA Nepal is nongovernment organization (NGO) registered in accordance with the Section (4) of the Organization Registration Act 2034 BS and affiliated with the Social Welfare Council in accordance with the Section (13) of the Social Welfare Act 2049 BS of the Government of Nepal in 2051 BS (1994 AD). SAHARA is autonomous and not profit making non-governmental organization groomed from grass root level and led by young, dynamic and result oriented development professionals.

SAHARA- Nepal works along with the poor and marginalized people living at bottom of the society since 1994. Sahara Nepal focuses on livelihood, public health, empowerment, environment and energy, good governance, and humanitarian service. The target beneficiaries are women, indigenous people, children, marginal farmer, daily wage laborer and needy people. SAHARA-Nepal directly works with them and strives to strengthen their capacity to reduce socio-economic, cultural and political vulnerabilities.

Sahara Nepal has 28 general members and an 15 member Executive Committee implements the activities of the organization. The general assembly, which meets annually, formulates its policies, rules and regulations and the day to day affairs of the organization is headed by an Executive Director with a team of 75 staff members.

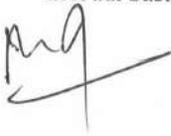
The central office of Sahara Nepal is located at Birtamode-2, Charpane, Jhapa and Project Site Offices are opened in Saptari, Sunsari, Morang, Ilam, Udaypur, Nuwakot and Panchthar districts and is implementing programs in Nine districts. The regional office is located in Kathmandu.

Sahara Nepal works under six themes they are 1. Livelihood 2. Empowerment 3. Public Health 4. Energy, Environment and infra structure 5. Good Governance and 6. Humanitarian for strengthening the structural standard of the backward, disadvantaged and vulnerable community besides acting as a facilitator, so as to enable the community move forward through the process of self learning on experience, based on community style.

### Significant Accounting policies and Explanatory Notes for FY 2080/81

#### 1. Basis of Accounting

- a) The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention on accrual basis following the presentational requirements of the prevailing laws of Nepal.
- b) Incomes are accounted for in cash basis and some committed expenses are accounted on accrual basis. Audit fee has been accounted for on cash basis.





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## 2. Non-Expendable Inventory (Fixed Assets)

- Non-expendable inventory procured from donor's fund is charged as expenses in respective projects account. Separate memorandum register is prepared for its recording, control and safeguarding.
- Non-expendable inventory procured from institutional fund is booked as Fixed Assets.
- Depreciation is charged on Fixed Assets in diminishing balance method at following rates:

Building & Structures	5%
Office Equipments	25%
Plant & Machinery	15%
Vehicles	20%
Library Books	20%

## 3. Reserve & Surplus

Excess of income over expenditure is transferred to Reserve & Surplus at the end of every financial year.

- Separate books of account have been maintained for project funded by different donor.



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## Summary of the project

S. N.	Name of Program	Thematic area	Commenced from	Funding Agency	Project districts	Status
2	Out of School Program	Education/Empowerment	2054	Unicef	Jhapa	Completed
3	Child Development Center	Education/Empowerment	2054	Unicef	Jhapa	Completed
4	Parenting Education	Education/Empowerment	2054	Unicef	Jhapa	Completed
5	Child Health Promotion Program	Public Health	2055	Unicef	Jhapa	Completed
6	Community Ground Water Irrigation Sector	Agriculture/Livelihood	2056	CECI- Nepal	Jhapa, Sunsari, Dhanusa	Completed
7	Women Empowerment Program	Empowerment	2056	PACT	Jhapa	Completed
8	Brighter Future Program	Education/Empowerment	2059	World Education	Jhapa, Sunsari	Completed
9	Health Improvement Program	Public Health	2061	BNMT	Jhapa	Completed
10	Micro Enterprises Development Program	Empowerment	2061	CCO	Jhapa	Completed
11	Community Enabling Program	Good Governance	2061	DFID/ESP	Jhapa	Completed
12	Swastiya Chautari Program	Public Health	2061	World Education	Jhapa, Sunsari	Completed
13	Indigenous Community Empowerment Program	Empowerment	2062	LWF-Nepal	Jhapa	Completed
14	Social Action in Brick Industries	Environment & Energy	2062	VSBK/ SDC	Jhapa, Morang	Completed
15	Safe Highways: Prevention Project/ASHA Project	HIV/AIDS, Public Health	2062	USAID/ASHA through FHI 360 Nepal	Jhapa, Morang Sunsari	Completed
16	Community Housing Program	Infrastructure/Livelihood	2062	Habitat for humanity International	Jhapa, Panchthar	Completed
17	Agriculture Development Program	Agriculture/Livelihood	2062	PMU/ CGISP	Jhapa, Sunsari, Danusa	Completed
18	Disaster Management Program	Disaster/ Energy & Environment	2063	Caritas	Jhapa	Completed
19	Enhancing Poverty Reduction Impact of the Road Project	Empowerment	2063	ADB	Jhapa	Completed
20	Community Centered Skill Development Program	Livelihood	2063	F-Skill	Jhapa	Completed
21	Bamboo Panel Project	Enterprises/Livelihood	2064	Habitat International	Jhapa	Completed
22	Community Managed Irrigation Sector Project	Agriculture/Livelihood	2064	DOJ/ADB	Jhapa, Panchthar	Completed
23	Capacity Building Program	Empowerment	2065	SNV-Nepal	Mechi Hill	Completed
24	Integrated Pest Management	Agriculture/Livelihood	2065	Caritas	Jhapa	Completed

25	Irrigation Water Resource Management Project	Agriculture/Livelihood	2065	ADB/ RCSP	Jhapa, Sunsari	Completed
26	Rights to Food for Indigenous Community	Empowerment	2066	Rights and Democracy	Jhapa, Sunsari	Completed
27	Community Based School Education Program	Public Health	2066	UNICEF	Jhapa	Completed
28	Capacity Enhancing for Semi-commercial Agriculture Stakeholders	Agriculture/Livelihood	2066	CADP/ ADB	Jhapa, Ilam	Completed
29	Road Connectivity Sector I Project	Public Health	2066	ADB	Bhaktapur, Ramechhap, Taplejung, Panchthar, Dhanusha	Completed
30	Local Governance and Community Development Program	Good Governance	2067	DDC, Jhapa	Jhapa	Completed
31	Io-salt	Public Health	2067	Max-pro	Jhapa	Completed
32	Bio-Mass Energy Program	Energy & Environment	2067	APEC/NCDC, Ilam	Jhapa	Completed
33	TB Reach Project	TB/Public Health	2067	WHO/FHI 360 Nepal	Jhapa, Morang	Completed
34	Solar Home System	Energy & Environment	2067	Ace Bank /Winrock International	Jhapa, Ilam, panchathar, Udaypur, Taplejung	Completed
35	HIV & STI Prevention Project /Saath Saath Project	HIV/AIDS, Public Health	2068	USAID/FHI 360 Nepal	Jhapa, Morang, Sunsari	Completed
36	TB Reach Project	TB/Public Health	2068	WHO/BNMT	Sunsari,Jhapa	Completed
37	Regional Dialogue Program	Good Governance	2068	TAF	Jhapa, Ilam	Completed
38	Second Small-Town Water Supply & Sanitation Sector Project	Public Health	2069	ADB	Jhapa	Completed
39	Community Trail Bridge Program	Infrastructure/Livelihood	2070	DDC, Jhapa	Jhapa	Completed
40	Biomass Energy Subcomponent /Improved Cooking stove	Energy & Environment	2070	APEC/SCDC/DDC	Jhapa	Completed
41	T.B Reach Project	T.B/Public Health	2071	WHO/IOM	Jhapa, Morang, Sunsari, Siraha, Saptari & Udayapur	Completed
42	Literacy Movement	Empowerment	2071	DEO,Jhapa	Jhapa	Completed
43	Local Governance & Community Development Program	Good Governance	2071	LGCDP	Shani Arjun Na. Pa, Jhapa	Completed
44	Third Party Monitoring of installed RET systems (Lot 16 &17)	Energy& Environment	2071	AEPC		Completed
45	Local Governance & Community Development Program	Good Governance	2072	LGCDP/DDC	Jhapa(11 VDCs)	Completed
46	Promotion of bamboo cultivation for sustainable Construction	Energy& Env	2072	Habitat for Humanity Nepal	Jhapa	Completed
47	Improved living conditions through active community participation	Public Health/WASH	2072	Habitat for Humanity Nepal	Jhapa	Completed

48	Verification Consultants to verify deviated cases of 12 <sup>th</sup> round of quality assurance and monitoring of Solar Home System	Energy & Environment	2072	AEPC	Completed
49	Financing Renewable Energy Technology	Energy & Environment	2073	FMO Netherlands/Winrock International	Completed
50	Scaling up the Access to Financial Products and Services in Rural Nepal	Livelihood (Access to Finance)	2074	UKAID Sakcyam	Completed
51	Digitalize the Access to Financial Products & services for agriculture & agriculture value chain actors	Livelihood (Access to Finance)	2074	UNCDF	Completed
52	Regional Dialogue Program	Good Governance	2075	The Asia Foundation	Ongoing
53	Community Trail Bridge Program	Livelihood	2073	Helvetas/TBSU	Ongoing
54	Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Improvement Project	WASH	2073	Fund Board	Completed
55	Technology Enabled Goat & Poultry Value Chain Financing	Livelihood (Access to Finance)	2076	UKAID Sakcyam	Completed
56	Community Housing Project	Empowerment	2076	Habitat for Humanity	Ongoing
57	Nepal Flood Disaster Response Project	Environment	2076	Roche/Habitat for Humanity	Completed
58	Strengthening the Disaster Resilience Capacity of Housing Solution Project	Infrastructure/ Livelihood	2076	USAID/ Tayar	Completed
59	Technology Enabled Goat & Poultry Value Chain Financing	Livelihood (Access to Finance)	2076	UKAID	Completed
60	Habitat Young Leaders Build (HYLB)	Empowerment		Habitat for Humanity Nepal	Completed
61	Building Trust and Confidence among NTDs Affected and Vulnerable Population (BISWAS)	Public Health and WASH	August 2021 to onward	FAIRMED	Ongoing
62	Strengthening livelihood and community resilience through the promotion of nutrition sensitives food production of Neglected and Underutilised Crops Species (NUCS)	Food Security and Livelihood	1 March 2022 to 31 December 2022- Phase I	Action Against Hunger (ACF)	Ongoing
			1 Jan 2023 to 31 Jun 2024-Phase II		
63	Financial Inclusion for Marginalised Women in Nepal	Livelihood	August 2020 to July 2024	JOA/ Habitat for Humanity	Ongoing
64	Access to improved water and sanitation in the upper Trishuli river basin project	Public Health and WASH	Jan 2023 to June 2024	Action Against Hunger (ACF)	Ongoing

# Partner Agencies

SAHARA Nepal has a wide range of networks both internal and external. So far, it was worked in partnership with 35 renowned and reputed funding agencies. It has been highly rated by those agencies. Apart from that SAHARA Nepal has worked in partnership with Government line agencies as well. In the same manner it has received technical and financial assistances from the intermediary partners too. It looks forward working in collaboration with more internationally acclaimed organizations.

## SAHARA NEPAL PARTNERS LIST

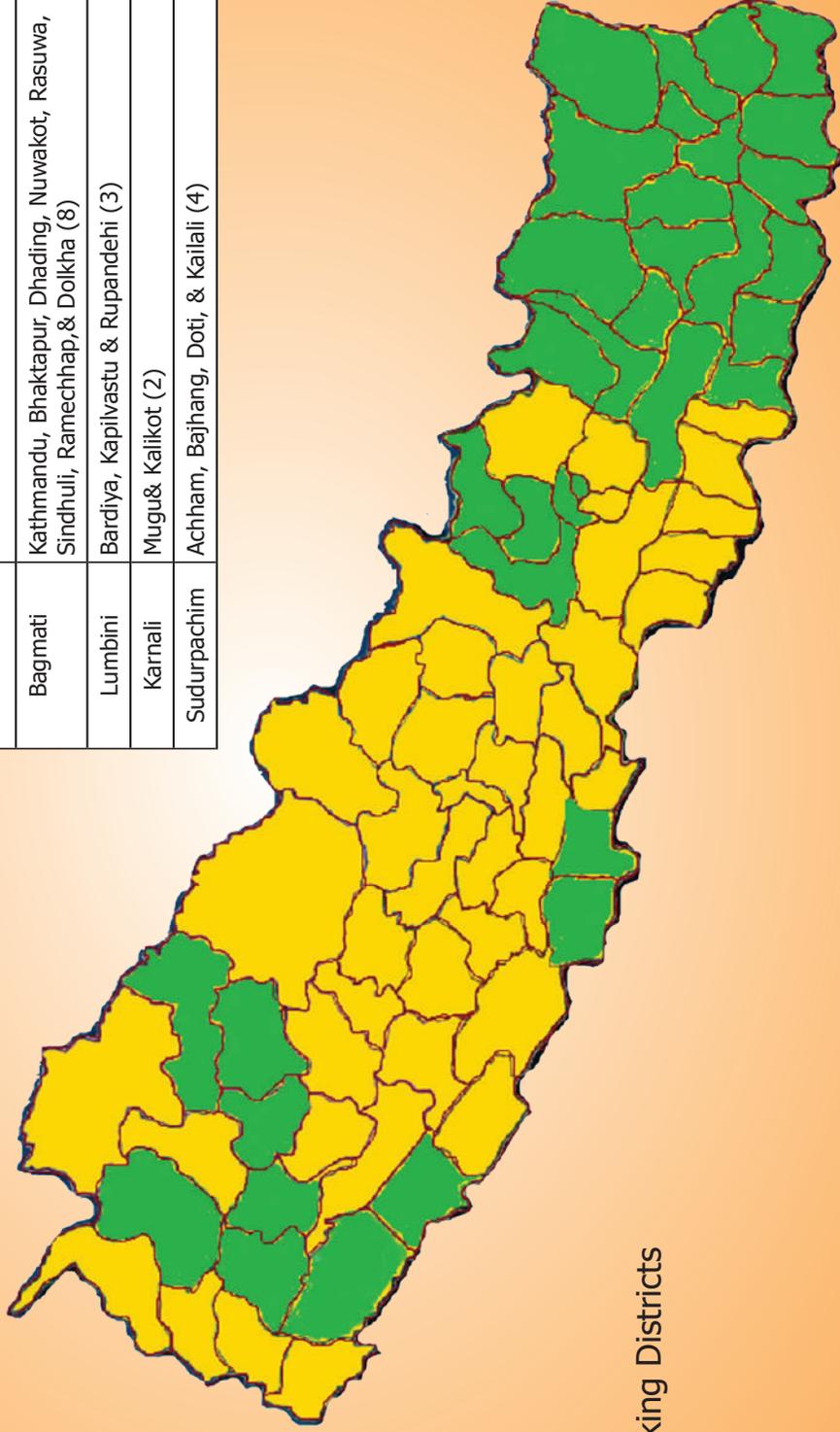


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# OUTREACH OF SAHARA

Province	Coverage Districts (34)
Koshi	Jhapa, Ilam, Panchthar, Taplegunji, Dhankuta, Morang, Terathum, Sankhuwasabha, Bhojpur, Sunsari, Khotang, Solukhumbhu, Udaypur, & Okhaldhunga (14)
Madesh	Siraha, Saptari, & Dhanusha (3)
Bagmati	Kathmandu, Bhaktapur, Dhading, Nuwakot, Rasuwa, Sindhuli, Ramechhap, & Dolkha (8)
Lumbini	Bardiya, Kapilvastu & Rupandehi (3)
Karnali	Mugu & Kalikot (2)
Sudurpachim	Achham, Bajhang, Doti, & Kailali (4)



Working Districts