

Need Based Entrepreneurship Start Up Support; Respecting Rights of Beneficiaries

NEEDS Nepal is implementing, " Enhancing Safe Labour Migration through Capacity Strengthening of the Targeted Beneficiaries in Doti and Kanchanpur Districts Project," with funding support of AWO International/BMZ. It is a 3-year phase project started from 1st January 2020 and will be ended on 31st December 2022. Under this project, NEEDS Nepal has planned to conduct vocational/skill training and entrepreneurship start up support to poorest/vulnerable returnee migrants, spouse of migrants, family members of missing migrants, human trafficking survivors. NEEDS Nepal set out many criteria for selection beneficiaries for entrepreneurship start up support. At the beginning, participants were selected with coordination to ward government representatives and local government considering the defined criteria. Then, it was conducted 3-days business counselling training. Through the business counselling training the beneficiaries were able to select business/schemes to do they wanted. According to the selection business/scheme, NEEDS Nepal conducted 3-days livelihood implementation plan (LIP) development training to same beneficiaries, where they have developed business plan. Then, they were trained on additional/required skills considering the nature of selected business like 5-days vocational poultry farming training, 5-days vocational goat farming training, etc. After completion of the training, entrepreneurship start up support have provided to beneficiaries in presence of local governments. It has considered their need and capacitated them before start up entrepreneurship. Until the period (1st Jan 2020 to July 2021), NEEDS Nepal provided business counselling training to 267 beneficiaries, livelihood implementation plan (LIP) training to 260, different vocational/skill training to 246 (vocational goat farming to 151 persons, vocational poultry farming to 83 persons, building electrician to 12 persons). Finally, 179 target beneficiaries received entrepreneurship start up support including goat (84 beneficiaries/HHs), poultry (83 beneficiaries/HHs) and tool and equipment for trainee of building electrician to 12 beneficiaries/HHs) through project support. Now, who received poultry support are started to harvest egg and poultry for meat. And who received building electrician training are also started to income in their source communities. The model from selecting business/schemes and entrepreneurship handed over the rights of target beneficiaries respected and applied need-based approached.