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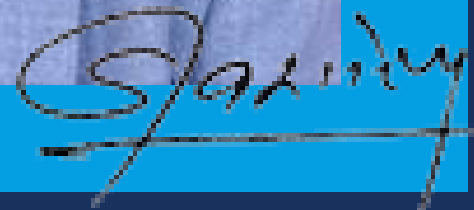


NOTE FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

The NEEDS Annual Report for 2024 highlights the organization's work in Sudupashim, Karnali, and Lumbini provinces, focusing on social protection, child-friendly local governance, disability, resilient livelihood, Health and WASH initiatives. The teams worked closely with local communities and palikas to support those struggling to advocate for themselves. A cross-cutting unit integrated elements of Child protection, disability, gender, and climate change into their work. The report showcases the impact of their efforts through encouraging reports from diverse locations. The organization expresses gratitude to the Government of Nepal, supporting partners, and local community groups for their collaboration in working towards a resilient society.



BHAWARAJ REGMI

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MESSAGE FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

I am pleased to present this Annual Report, which highlights NEEDS Nepal's work, our collective achievements and impactful work carried out in 2023. This report showcases our commitment to empowering the communities, fostering the resilience and promoting sustainable development. Despite various challenges, our team, social structure and rights-holders/beneficiaries have tirelessly strived to make a positive difference in the lives of the most vulnerable individual and communities across in Sudurpaschim Province. In 2023/24, we have made a lasting impact on the lives of 32,184 households directly (66,586 Male, 10,3221 Female) in which 45,496 are Dalit, 48,929 Janajati and 75,386 others respectively.

Safe Migration and Economic Development, DRM and climate change action, WASH, health, and education are the major pillars of the NEEDS Nepal. Throughout the major themes, we have developed and implemented projects with pertinent issues for awareness raising and behaviour changes, capacity building and institutional development of various social structures, evidence-based policy advocacy and lobbying, on-farm and off-farm training, and input support for the economic empowerment and transformation of youths, women, children, vulnerable and marginalized (Dalit, Janjati, Indigenous peoples), HHs, and communities. As we move forward, we remain dedicated to adapting our projects and programs to meet the evolving needs and challenges of the communities we serve. We promoted climate-smart technology to improve livelihoods, WASH activities, and services. Upholding our core values of good governance, accountability, transparency, and prosperity, we will continue to work in partnership and collaboration with international and national development partners, local governments, and pertinent stakeholders to create lasting change and impact. I am proud to be working in partnership with development partners, governments, and beneficiaries.

With appreciation of the past year results and works.

VISION, MISSION, & GOALS

OUR VISION



A resilient Society with Social justice and Prosperity

OUR MISSION



Catalyze transformative societal change processes and create an enabling environment for enjoyment of Economic Social, Cultural, Environmental and Political rights and fulfilment of the duties of right-holders and duty bearers towards the creation of a resilient society founded on the principles of social justice.

GOAL



Promote social justice and rights, dignified migration, employment, climate and disaster resilient actions for the marginalized and vulnerable target groups in the working areas of NEEDS Nepal for the fulfilment of their economic, social, cultural, environmental, civil, political rights and duties.



OUR VALUES AND PRINCIPLES



Transparency/Accountability



Innovative and Growth Mind-sets perspectives



Professionalism



Dignified Behaviour within and outside the organization



Integrity



Participatory working culture (ways of working)



Commitment to GEDSI and Human Right

Total Beneficiary Reach in 2023/24



Dignified
Migration

8,433



DRR and Climate
Resilience

11,957



32,184

*Total Beneficiaries
Reached Under Different
Thematic Areas*



Social
Justice

11,489



Humanitarian
Support

305

OUR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



Durga kharel
Chairperson



Dhan Bahadur Chaudhary
*Vice
Chairperson*



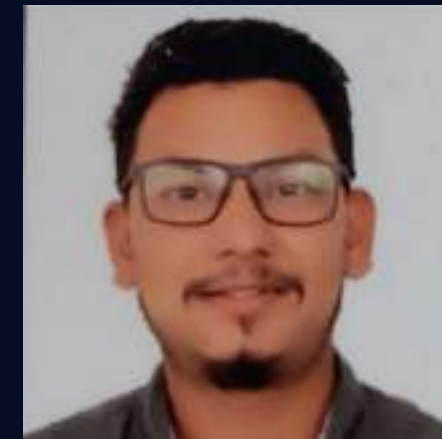
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Treasurer



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Member



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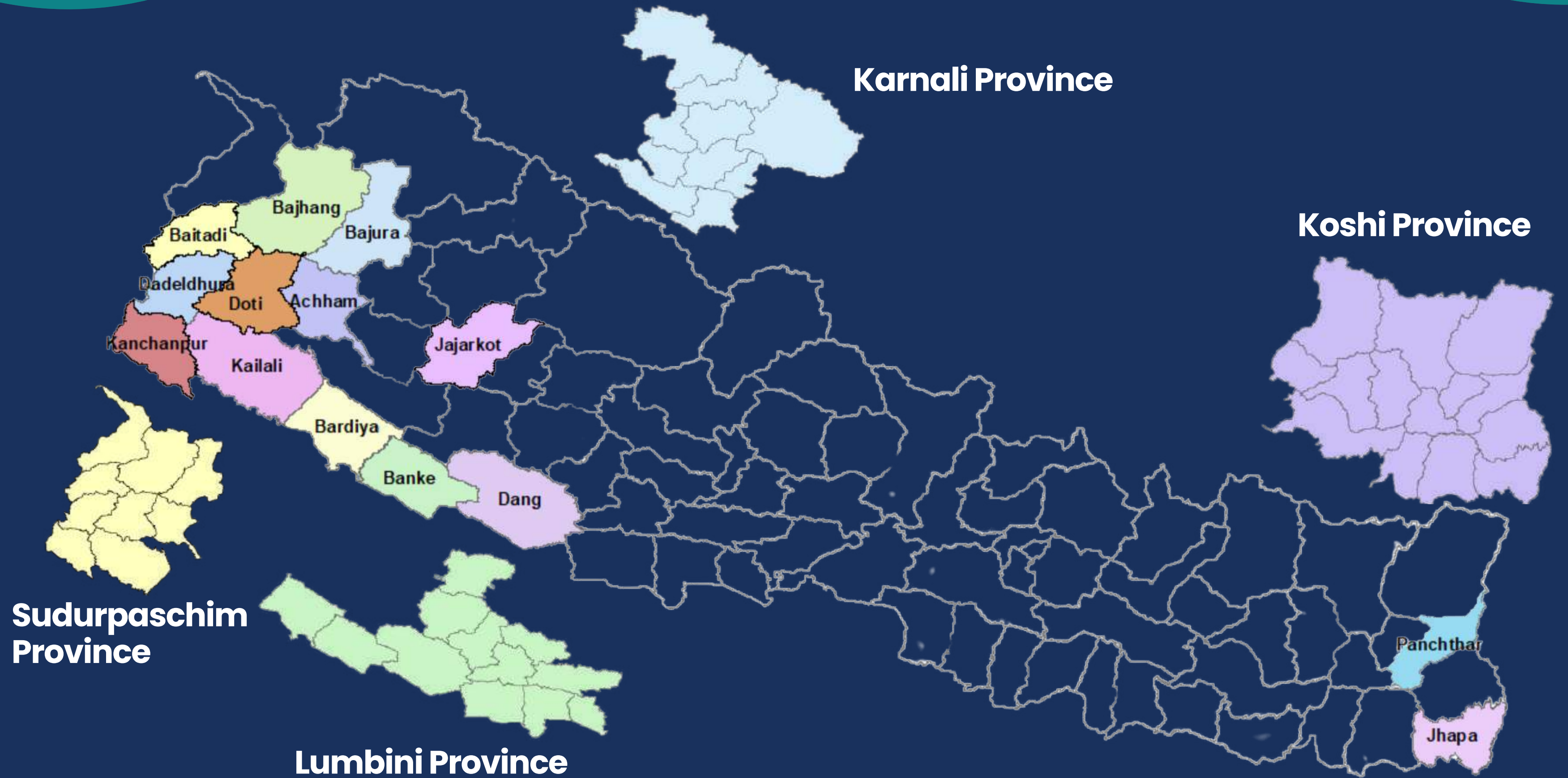


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Jyoti Rasaili
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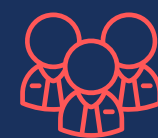
OUR PROJECTS IN 2023/24

Thematic Area: Dignified Migration and Livelihood



Objective:

- Encourage the development of new enterprises by providing necessary training and skill development.
- Build technical skills specific to various enterprises and enhance marketing capabilities.
- Offer incubation support and assist in the preparation of comprehensive business plans.
- Enhance financial literacy through dedicated training programs.



Direct Beneficiaries:

- Total: 150 households, 150 individuals (67 men, 83 women)

Indirect Beneficiaries:

- Total: 51 households, 51 individuals (28 men, 23 women)



Funding Partner & Technical Partner :
Lutheran Worl Relief/CORUS International



Working Area : Kanchanpur District

- Belauri Municipality
- Punarbas Municipality

Project 01 Market-led Enterprise Promotion Through Access to Finance and Partnership with Private Sector (Uddhyami Project)

Key Achievements

Agricultural and Community Enhancements:

- Improved agricultural productivity through the provision of resources, training, and support.
- Strengthened community development by establishing self-help groups and constructing essential infrastructure.

Self-Help Groups and Facilities:

- Successfully formed and empowered self-help groups.
- Constructed vital community facilities that enhanced resource accessibility and community engagement.

Enhanced Living Standards:

- Achieved measurable improvements in living standards and social capital among targeted communities.

Evaluation and Reporting:

- Conducted thorough evaluations to assess the project's effectiveness and efficiency, ensuring transparency and accountability.

Sustainable Practices:

- Implemented sustainable and inclusive development practices, contributing to the long-term social and economic well-being of the communities.



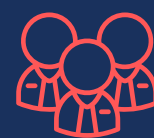
**Project 01 Market-led Enterprise Promotion Through Access to Finance and Partnership with Private Sector
(Uddhyami Project)**

Thematic Area: Dignified Migration and Livelihood



Objective:

- To support and improve small and micro enterprises operated by youth and women.
- To promote financial literacy and enhance business management skills.
- To create linkages with market actors and promote value chain activities.
- To improve access to financial services for businesses when needed.



Target Beneficiaries:

- Dalit communities
- Persons with disabilities
- Single women
- Brahmins and Kshetris



Funding Partner & Technical Partner :

Lutheran Worl Relief



Working Area : Kailali District

- Godavari Municipality
- Chure Rural Municipality

Project 02 Youth and Women Development Entrepreneurship Project

Major Achievements

1. Market Assessment and Enterprise Selection

- Conducted rapid market appraisals in Godavari Municipality and Chure Rural Municipality.

2. Technical Training

- Trained 250 entrepreneurs in 10 different trades.

3. Business Start-Up Support

- Provided post-training support to 250 participants.

4. Resource Leveraging and Coordination

- Secured NPR 600,000 from Godavari Municipality.

5. Business Development Services

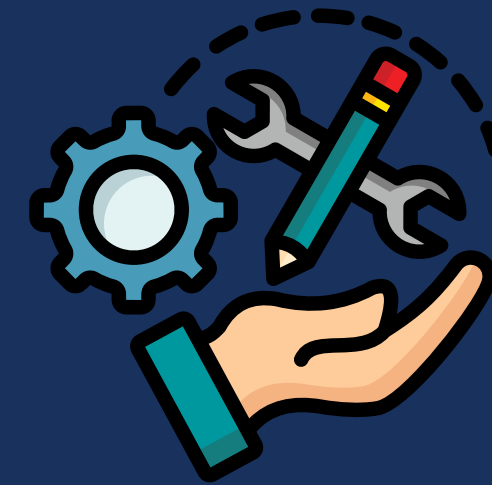
- Delivered 3-day business plan training to 250 participants.

6. Financial Literacy Training

- Trained 250 participants in financial literacy.

7. Enterprise Registration Support

- Registered 85 enterprises and facilitated connections with business associations and financial institutions.



Project 02 Youth and Women Development Entrepreneurship Project

Seeds of Change: Mahapati's Journey in Vegetable Farming

Mahapati Chaudhary, a 38-year-old resident of Khairana in Godawari Municipality-4, lives with her husband, in-laws, elder sister-in-law, and four children, forming a family of eight. Engaged primarily in farming, Mahapati's family faced financial constraints. Her husband's income from labor work barely covered household expenses, leaving little room for savings or additional investments.

Turning Point

The significant change in Mahapati's life began with the introduction of the **Youth and Women Entrepreneurship Development Project** by **LWR and NEEDS Nepal** in Khairana. Recognizing the potential this project offered, Mahapati joined a local group with hope and determination. As part of the project, she participated in a comprehensive one-month training program focused on commercial vegetable farming.

Training and Implementation

The training provided Mahapati with essential knowledge and skills in various aspects of vegetable farming, including:

- Tomato cultivation
- Spray tank usage
- Nursery management
- Plastic tunnel farming

Equipped with this new knowledge and guided by agricultural experts, Mahapati embarked on her journey into commercial vegetable farming.

Mahapati's efforts and dedication yielded impressive results. She successfully harvested a diverse range of vegetables, including tomatoes, chilies, okra, cauliflower, and mustard greens. The fruits of her labor were substantial; she sold eight quintals of vegetables, earning a profit of NPR 62,000.

Impact on the Community

Mahapati's success story has not only transformed her own life but also sparked enthusiasm and interest in vegetable farming among her fellow villagers. Her achievements serve as a powerful example of how skill development and support can lead to significant positive changes in individual lives and communities.

Gratitude and Future Aspirations

Mahapati expresses her heartfelt gratitude to LWR and NEEDS Nepal for their unwavering support. She acknowledges that the project has had a profound impact on her life and the community. Looking forward, Mahapati is eager to receive continued assistance and support, confident that further guidance will help her expand her farming ventures and inspire even more individuals in her village.

Mahapati Chaudhary's journey from financial struggle to a thriving vegetable farmer is a testament to the transformative power of targeted support and education. Her success not only improves her own family's financial situation but also contributes to the broader community's economic development and growth.

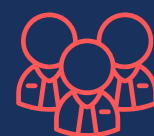


Thematic Area: Dignified Migration and Livelihood



Objectives:

- Empower marginalized and vulnerable women from targeted communities in Kanchanpur district socially and economically.



Target Beneficiaries:

- Total Direct Beneficiaries:
- Men: -
- Women: 240
- Total Indirect Beneficiaries:
- Men: 962
- Women: 508
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Funding Partner & Technical Partner :

FCA and Women's Bank



Working Area : Kailali District

- Bedkot Ward No. 4 & 5 and Krishnapur Ward No. 2 & 4

Project 03 Empowerment of Women Entrepreneurs through Sustainable Income (EWESI)

Major Achievements

- **Livelihood Support:** Trained 228 women in Bedkot and Krishnapur, with 103 receiving specialized support in areas such as goat farming, poultry, fast food, tailoring, masonry, and Duna-tapari. This led to increased incomes and operational enterprises, though some fast-food ventures paused due to heat.
- **Financial Access:** Provided savings and credit training to 240 women and cooperative training to 55. Established a revolving fund for entrepreneurs through two cooperatives.
- **Social Empowerment:** Conducted 38 REFLECT classes addressing issues like GBV and domestic violence, and provided additional training in group management and advocacy.



"COMPLETION OF VEGETABLE NURSERY MANAGEMENT TRAINING AND HANDOVER OF EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS AT KRISHNAPUR MUNICIPALITY-2, BANK, TODAY, UNDER THE EWESI PROJECT."

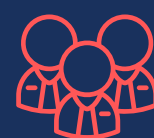
Project 03 Empowerment of Women Entrepreneurs through Sustainable Income (EWESI)

Thematic Area: Dignified Migration and Livelihood



Objective:

- Empower marginalized women socially and economically.
- Increase access to financial resources for women.
- Enhance social capital and support systems for migrant families.



Target Beneficiaries:

- Direct Beneficiaries: 250 households, 250 men, 250 women
- Indirect Beneficiaries: 962 men, 508 women



Funding & Technical Partner:

- FCA and Women's Bank



Working Area: Bedkot, Krishnapur, and surrounding wards

Project 04 Building Economic Resilience in Seasonal Migrant Families

Major Achievements

1. Empowered Women Entrepreneurs:

- Training and Support: 228 women received SIYB training; 103 were further supported with vocational training and resources. Notable successes include increased goat and poultry production and operational tailoring centers.
- Economic Impact: Improved incomes for goat farmers, poultry producers, and tailors. Some fast-food businesses faced temporary closures due to weather.

2. Enhanced Financial Access:

- Training: 240 women trained in savings and credit, and 55 in cooperative management.
- Cooperatives: Established a revolving fund for two local cooperatives, improving access to financial resources for entrepreneurs.

3. Strengthened Social Capital:

- **REFLECT Classes:** Conducted 38 classes addressing key social issues such as GBV, domestic violence, and caste discrimination.
- Leadership Training: Provided additional training in leadership, group management, and advocacy, empowering women and enhancing their social capital.

4. Local Government Engagement:

- Involvement: Engaged local government in project activities, ensuring better implementation and ownership of project processes, including beneficiary selection and oversight.

Project 04 Building Economic Resilience in Seasonal Migrant Families

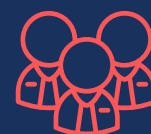


Thematic Area: Dignified Migration and Livelihood



Objectives

- Community-Level Social Mobilization:
- Conduct awareness-raising sessions at the community level to educate participants on issues such as immigration, human trafficking, social gender discrimination, cleanliness, gender-based violence, entrepreneurship, and other social concerns.
- Develop and distribute seven types of targeted communication materials, reaching a large audience that will provide in-depth information on key social issues and promote long-term behavioral change within the community.
- Create intensive communication and support mechanisms for migrants, ensuring they receive consistent and actionable information regarding their rights, legal frameworks, and available support services.



Beneficiary

- Total Beneficiary Households: 1,795
- Total Population: 10,622
 - Female: 5,390
 - Male: 5,232
- Caste/Ethnic Breakdown:
 - Dalit: 3,289
 - Tribal: 0
 - Others: 7,333



Funding Partner

- AWO INTERNATIONAL



Area of work

- Doti District
- Adarsh rural municipality ward 1 to 7 and community

Project 05 Enhancing Safe Labor Migration in Doti District

Key Achievements:

Community Awareness:

- Engaged 166 participants (139 women, 27 men) in a two-day event raising awareness on immigration, human trafficking, gender violence, and entrepreneurship.

Information Dissemination:

- Distributed seven types of materials to 14,360 people (8,220 men, 6,070 women), spreading key social messages.

Media Campaign:

- Reached 10,150 people (3,900 women, 6,250 men) through a radio program promoting public awareness on social issues.

Immigrant Group Meetings:

- Held 240 meetings with 40 groups, engaging 880 migrant women in discussions on their rights and challenges.

Migrant Women's Review:

- Conducted a semi-annual review with 44 migrant women to assess progress and plan future actions.

Enhanced Migrant Support:

- Strengthened communication and support for migrants, building an informed and empowered community.

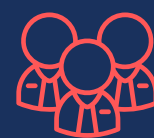
Project 05 Enhancing Safe Labor Migration in Doti District

Thematic Area: Dignified Migration and Livelihood



Objectives:

1. Engage families in Agri-livestock enterprises.
2. Strengthen social capital through group formation.
3. Improve access to financial institutions for smallholder farmers.
4. Facilitate the marketing of Agri-livestock products.



Direct Beneficiaries :

- **Total Households (HHs):** 420
- **Population:**
 - Men: 2
 - Women: 463
- **Target Groups:** Economically disadvantaged, marginalized, Dalit, Janajati, and women.



Funding & Technical Partner:

Punarbhas Municipality & Heifer Project Nepal



Working Area: kanchanpur District
Punarbhas Municipality (Wards 1-11)

Project 06 Innovation in Agro Livestock Based Value Chain Development Project

Key Achievements

1. **Strengthening Social Capital**

- Formation of Groups: Established 10 Ordinary Groups (OG) and 9 Pass-On Groups (POG), enhancing collaboration, mutual support, and community cohesion.
- Inclusion of Marginalized Groups: Actively involved Dalit, Janajati, and women in Self-Help Groups (SHGs), contributing to social peace and harmony.

2. **Enhanced Agricultural and Livestock Productivity**

- Diversified Production: Initiated vegetable farming, nursery operations, and tunnel farming for off-season production, leading to increased agricultural output and farmer incomes.
- Improved Livestock Nutrition: Successfully planted fodder seedlings, enhancing animal nutrition and health.
- Better Goat Breeding: Achieved improved goat production through cross-breeding between enhanced breeding bucks and local goats.

3. **Structural and Operational Improvements**

- Effective Monitoring: Regular monitoring and feedback by PMCC members significantly improved the efficiency and effectiveness of project activities.

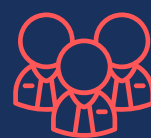
Project 06 Innovation in Agro Livestock Based Value Chain Development Project

Thematic Area: Dignified Migration and Livelihood



Objectives:

- 1.To strengthen livelihood resilience against economic and environmental challenges.
- 2.To increase social inclusion and community participation among marginalized groups.
- 3.To promote equitable access to resources and opportunities for Dalits, Janajatis, and women.



Beneficiary Numbers:

- Direct: 420 HHs (45 men, 1,071 women)
- Indirect: 150 HHs (60 men, 90 women)



Funding & Technical Partner: DFID Nepal



Working Area: kanchanpur District

laljhadi R.M ,ward no 2

Project 07 Nepal Livelihoods and Resilience Program (NLRP-II)

Major Achievements

1. Beneficiary Outreach:

- Total Beneficiaries: Reached 420 households (HHs), benefiting a total population of 1,071 individuals.
- Gender Distribution: 45 men and 1,071 women were positively impacted.

2. Targeted Intervention for Vulnerable Groups:

- Focused support to 150 marginalized households (HHs), impacting a total population of 150 individuals.
- Gender Breakdown: 60 men and 90 women received direct support.

3. Livelihood Enhancement:

- Increased agricultural productivity through the distribution of goats, seeds, and equipment.
- Constructed tunnels for off-season vegetable farming.
- Improved animal management practices, enhancing household income.

4. Social Capital Development:

- Formed self-help groups, empowering communities to access financial services and improve collective decision-making.
- Promoted inclusivity and social harmony, benefiting Dalit and Janjati women.

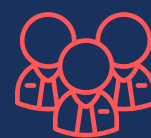
Project 07 Nepal Livelihoods and Resilience Program (NLRP-II)

Thematic Area: Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Resilience



Objectives:

- Enhance community resilience and disaster preparedness through the development of key systems, including SOPs, contingency plans, and warehouse management.
- Integrate DRR measures in school curricula.
- Promote Home-Grown School Feeding (HGSF) programs.
- Establish climate-resilient livelihood systems.
- Embed these initiatives into local government plans to ensure long-term sustainability.



Direct Beneficiaries:

- 3231 Beneficiaries



Working Area : Jhapa District

- Shivasatakshi Municipality
- Gaurigunj R.M
- Jhapa R.M
- Kanakai Municipality
- Kachankawal R.M

Panchthar District

- Miklajung R.M



Funding & Technical Partners:

UN WFP

Project 08 Forecast based Anticipatory Action Project(FbAA)



Key Achievements:

- Established coordination among local, provincial, and federal government agencies for governance, planning, and implementation.
- Strengthened collaboration with local governments to improve planning, coordination, and implementation processes.
- Provided technical assistance to local governments and agencies for disaster risk management.
- Reduced disaster risks and enhanced preparedness in response to climate change and other challenges.
- Promoted risk assessment, education, and coordination in households and communities.
- Ensured effective leadership, communication, and coordination during disasters and emergencies.

- Implemented disaster preparedness plans, focusing on risk mitigation and response strategies.
- Offered technical guidance and support to local governments for effective disaster risk management.
- Developed a sustainable, community-based approach to disaster preparedness and response.
- Facilitated coordination and communication for effective risk mitigation, planning, and response.
- Developed policies and programs to reduce risks, foster adaptation, and enhance disaster preparedness coordination.
- Strengthened disaster risk management capacity at the provincial level and aligned strategies with local and federal plans.

Project 08 Forecast based Anticipatory Action Project(FbAA)

Resilience in Kanakai Village, Jhapa Rural Municipality

Kanakai is a rural village within Jhapa Rural Municipality, situated in the eastern part of Nepal. Predominantly an agricultural community, Kanakai has long struggled with the adverse effects of seasonal floods and erratic weather, which disrupt crop production and threaten livelihoods. Kanakai village, Jhapa Rural Municipality was selected as a focus area for a forecast-based anticipatory action project, supported by Australian Aid and implemented by NEEDS Nepal with technical assistance from the World Food Programme (WFP).

Challenge:

Kanakai faced frequent and unpredictable flooding, which had historically led to extensive damage to crops, homes, and infrastructure. The community's limited capacity to predict and prepare for these events exacerbated their vulnerability, leading to significant setbacks every monsoon season.

The Initiative:

The forecast-based anticipatory action project aimed to enhance Kanakai's resilience through several key interventions:

1. **Early Warning Systems:** Communication of Forecast from LEOC to CDMC so that CDMC could act in beforehand the disaster occurs.
2. **Community Training:** Conducting workshops to educate villagers, CDMC Members on interpreting early warnings, emergency preparedness, and response strategies.
3. **Infrastructure Development:** Strengthening river embankments and creating temporary flood barriers with the extensive use of Bio-Engineering to protect homes and farmland from floodwaters.

Emergency Preparedness: Preparing Go-bags with the essential supplies such as food, clean water, and medical kits in strategic locations for quick distribution during emergencies

Implementation

In 9 July 2024, the early warning systems predicted a significant flood risk due to intense rainfall upstream. The alerts were promptly disseminated to Kanakai through local communication channels.

With the knowledge gained from training, the community swiftly mobilized. Residents worked together to fortify embankments, elevate critical infrastructure, and move livestock and valuables to safer locations (nearby School).

Impact

The successful implementation of the anticipatory action in Kanakai significantly improved the community's resilience. The villagers were better equipped to handle the flood, and the reduced damage helped them recover more rapidly.

The positive outcomes in Kanakakai have inspired other communities within Jhapa Rural Municipality to adopt similar approaches, demonstrating the effectiveness of forecast-based anticipatory action in enhancing disaster preparedness and resilience.

Outcome

When the anticipated floods hit in July, Kanakai experienced far less damage compared to previous years. The proactive measures, including early communication of forecast, the bio engineered embankments and temporary barriers, effectively mitigated the impact of the floodwaters. The community's preparedness ensured that they could quickly relocate to the designated safe areas, reducing potential harm. The pre-positioned emergency supplies were crucial in meeting the immediate needs of families affected by the floods. Access to these resources enabled a quicker recovery, with minimal disruption to daily life.



Thematic Area: Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Resilience



Objectives:

- Provide improved shelter conditions to affected households.
- Enhance local capacity in construction and disaster preparedness.



Direct Beneficiaries:

- 175 individuals (Dalit: 54, Janjati: 54, Others: 67)
- Women: 57
- Men: 118

Indirect Beneficiaries:

- 640 individuals
- Women: 309
- Men: 331



Funding & Technical Partners:

HILTON FOUNDATION and Lutheran World Relief



Working Area : Jajarkot District

- Bheri Municipality

Project 09 Emergency Earthquake Response Project in Jajarkot



Key Achievements:

- Provide improved shelter conditions to affected households. Enhance local capacity in construction and disaster preparedness.
- Worked closely with local government bodies (Palika and ward-level stakeholders) to ensure proper design and implementation of the shelter program.
- Procured and distributed construction materials, including zinc sheets, in a timely and efficient manner, ensuring uninterrupted construction activities.
- Successfully built **175** transitional shelters for earthquake-affected households, improving the living conditions of the most vulnerable communities in Jajarkot.
- Benefited **640** additional individuals indirectly by improving overall community resilience and infrastructure, positively affecting the broader population.



Project 09 Emergency Earthquake Response Project in Jajarkot

REBUILDING HOPE OF LAXMI THROUGH TEMPORARY HOUSING SUPPORT



Laxmi Kami, a 48-year-old resident of Kadabangi in Ward 9 of Bheri Municipality, Jajarkot District, faces a daily struggle to provide for her family. Living with her husband, son, and daughter, who has a physical disability, the family relies entirely on agriculture for their livelihood. Despite working long hours in the fields, they barely manage to secure two meals a day.

A Devastating Setback:

The family's situation took a turn for the worse on 17th Kartik, 2080, when a powerful earthquake struck the region. The earthquake destroyed their home, leaving them to seek refuge in a cattle shed. The conditions were harsh; rainwater seeped into their makeshift shelter, and their living situation became increasingly dire. The loss of their home and the lack of immediate assistance from the local government compounded their suffering, pushing them to the brink of despair.

A Ray of Hope:

Amidst their darkest days, **NEEDS Nepal** stepped in to provide critical support. The organization intervened by offering temporary housing, which brought much-needed relief and significantly improved their living conditions. This intervention not only provided a safer and more comfortable environment but also restored a sense of dignity and hope for Laxmi and her family.



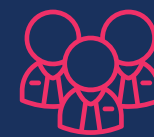
“REBUILDING HOPE”

Thematic Area: Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Resilient



Objectives:

- Produce organic vegetables during the winter season using biological pest control and organic fertilizer (vermicomposting).
- Train farmers on vermicomposting and biological pest management.
- Distribute seeds and vermin compost to farmers and establish a demonstration farm school for local farmers.



Beneficiaries:

- Direct Beneficiaries:
 - 60 individuals (Janjati: 60, Dalit: 0, Others: 0)
 - Women: 57
 - Men: 3
- Indirect Beneficiaries:
 - 1,342 individuals
 - Women: 753
 - Men: 589



Funding & Technical Partner:

- GIZ (Technical and Financial Support)



Working Area : Jajarkot District

- Bheri Municipality

Project 10

Promotion of Climate Resilient Vegetables Farming through Biological Pest Management and Vermicomposting at Godawari Municipality



Key Achievements

Capacity-Building:

- Provided training to 60 farmers on vermicomposting and biological pest and disease management.
- Focused on practical learning, ensuring farmers gained hands-on experience.

Support to Farmers:

- Distributed organic vegetable seeds and vermin compost to 60 farmers, helping them adopt climate-resilient farming techniques.

Farmer Demo School:

- Established an 8-week Integrated Pest Management (IPM)-based farmer school to enhance local farming skills and knowledge, increasing the production capacity of the community.

Project 10

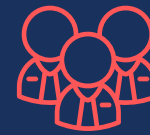
Promotion of Climate Resilient Vegetables Farming through Biological Pest Management and Vermicomposting at Godawari Municipality

Thematic Area: Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Resilient



Objectives:

- Empower communities to anticipate and manage disaster risks through comprehensive planning.
- Provide flood-affected households with technical and economic support, embankment construction, and livelihood enhancement.
- Supply necessary agricultural materials and tools.
- Facilitate coordination between agencies for disaster response and recovery.



Target Beneficiaries:

- 1,000 flood-affected households,
- 6 Community Disaster Management Committees (CDMCs)



Funding Partner: Oxfam in Nepal



Geographical Coverage:

- **Dadeldhura District**
- Parashuram Municipality
- (Ward 5, 6, 10, 12)

Project 11 Climate Resilience and Disaster Risk Reduction (CRDRR) Project

Key Achievements



Infrastructure Development:

- **Check Dam Construction:** Built a 52-meter-long, 3-meter-high check dam in Masanethan, Simalkhet, protecting 15 hectares of land, benefiting 200 households, and reclaiming 3 Ropani of land.

Agricultural & Irrigation Support:

- **Irrigation Equipment Installation/Repair:** Supported 350 households by irrigating 25 hectares of land, boosting crop and vegetable production.
- **Irrigation Scheme Maintenance:** Maintained systems that benefited 16 households and irrigated 5 Bighas of land.

Livelihood and Economic Development:

- **Livelihood Support:** 101 households constructed polyhouses, 901 households received vegetable seeds, and 55 received wheat seeds, promoting sustainable farming.
- **Agriculture Equipment Support:** Distributed mini-tillers, winnowing fans, chaff cutters, and seed drums to enhance farming efficiency.
- **Land Reclamation:** Reclaimed 58 Ropani of flood-damaged land, allowing 14 households to earn NRs 2.5 lakh from paddy and sesame production.

Project 11 Climate Resilience and Disaster Risk Reduction (CRDRR) Project



Turning the Tide: Simalkhet's Resilient Response to the Flood

In the serene village of Simalkhet, Parshuram-6, around 200 families once enjoyed a peaceful life, sustained by farming and support from various projects. However, disaster struck last year when a devastating flood swept through the Rangun River. The flood wreaked havoc, destroying homes, farms, and livestock, and expanding the river's boundaries. The village faced a dire situation, with fears of complete devastation if no action was taken.

A BIG PROBLEM NEEDS BIG SOLUTIONS

Confronted with this grave threat, the village rallied together, enlisting the support of the government and the NEEDS Nepal Community Resilience and Disaster Risk Reduction (CRDRR) project. The project aimed to bolster the community's ability to withstand natural disasters. A plan was devised to construct a robust structure to manage the river's force and safeguard the village.

BUILDING A STRONG BARRIER

The solution was a collaborative effort to build a check dam—a vital piece of river training infrastructure. This dam, stretching 50 meters in length and standing 10 feet high, was designed to act as a formidable barrier against the river's fury. The construction of this check dam required meticulous planning and coordination among the villagers, leaders, and project representatives.

The villagers came together, dedicating their energy and effort to the dam's construction. Their collective hard work fostered a strong sense of community, as they labored side by side to protect their homes. This unity transformed their response to the flood from one of fear to hope.

A THANK YOU TO NEEDS NEPAL CRDRR

The success of the check dam project owes much to the support of the NEEDS Nepal CRDRR project. Their expertise, resources, and unwavering commitment were instrumental in the dam's construction. The project demonstrated that with collaboration and shared determination, even the most formidable challenges can be overcome.

Thematic Area: Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Resilient



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Objectives:

 - Improve Preparedness: Strengthen community readiness and response mechanisms.
 - Enhance Resilience: Build resilience through training and resource allocation.
 - Promote Recovery: Support rapid recovery efforts post-disaster.
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 - **Direct Beneficiaries:** 10,300 individuals
 - **Indirect Beneficiaries:** 100,000 individuals
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Funding Partner:

 - MACP/Oxfam Nepal
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Working Area: Kanchanpur

 - Punarbas Municipality (Ward 1-11)

Project 12

Strengthening Community Preparedness and Rapid Response Recovery Project(SCOPE R3)

Key Achievements



1. Community Preparedness Enhancement

- Formation of Response Teams: Established 10 community response teams and 9 self-help groups, enhancing local preparedness and mutual support.
- Training Programs: Conducted comprehensive disaster preparedness and response training for community members, improving overall readiness.

2. Effective Resource Allocation

- Distribution of Supplies: Successfully distributed essential resources to affected communities, including food, medical supplies, and other critical items.
- Infrastructure Improvements: Upgraded local infrastructure to support rapid response efforts and facilitate recovery operations.

3. Increased Community Resilience

- Awareness Campaigns: Implemented awareness campaigns that significantly increased community knowledge and engagement in disaster preparedness.
- Strengthened Social Networks: Fostered stronger cooperation among local stakeholders, enhancing collective response capabilities.

4. Positive Social Impact

- Improved Social Bonds: Enhanced social cohesion through the formation of self-help groups and community response teams, contributing to a more supportive and unified community.

Project 12

**Strengthening Community Preparedness and Rapid Response Recovery
Project(SCOPE R3)**



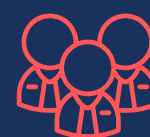
"Prepared Communities, Safer Future"

Thematic Area: Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Resilient



Objectives:

1. Strengthen climate-resilient livelihoods for communities in the transboundary GBM river basins.
2. Enhance ecosystem management and conservation of biodiversity in the GBM river basins.
3. Empower civil society, particularly women, indigenous people, and youth, in water governance and advocacy.
4. Build capacity for women in water governance, sustainable livelihoods, and climate change adaptation.
5. Facilitate advocacy with stakeholders in the Mahakali basin through water testing and evidence-building.



Direct Beneficiaries/Group:

- **Total:** 541 households (Dalit: 8 households, Janajati: 15 households, Muslim: 1 household, Brahmin/Chhetri: 60 households)

Indirect Beneficiaries/Group:

- Total: 1500 households (Dalit: 230 households, Janajati: 120 households, Muslim: 25 households, Brahmin/Chhetri: 600 households)



Funding & Technical Partners:

- SIDA (Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency)
- OXFAM



Working Area: Kanchanpur

- Bhimdatt Municipality (Ward 9,11,12,13)
- Dodhara Chadani Municipaloty , Ward 9 and 10

Project 13 Transboundary Rivers Of South Asia (T2:R3)

Key Achievements

1. **Improved Water Resource Management:** Strengthened cross-border cooperation on water governance and sustainable management of shared water resources in the GBM river basins.
2. **Climate-Resilient Livelihoods:** Supported over 15,000 households, improving income and resilience through climate-smart agriculture and water conservation.
3. **Women Empowerment:** Empowered 5,000+ women in water governance, enhancing their leadership and advocacy roles in decision-making.
4. **Ecosystem Restoration:** Implemented climate adaptation measures that restored ecosystems, reduced deforestation, and preserved biodiversity.
5. **Evidence-Based Advocacy:** Conducted water quality testing in the Mahakali basin, influencing policies on water allocation and pollution control.



Project 13 Transboundary Rivers Of South Asia (T2:R3)



"Women Leading the Society : Empowering Water Governance for a Stronger Tomorrow"

Thematic Area: Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Resilient



Objectives:

1. Establish a Project Steering Committee to ensure effective planning and implementation, and conduct 13 stakeholder meetings to promote coordination with local authorities and organizations.
2. Enhance stakeholder collaboration by training 50 participants through capacity-building workshops focused on disaster preparedness and public awareness.
3. Engage and mobilize 50 community leaders to support disaster risk reduction activities through targeted training and resource sharing.
4. Ensure transparency and accountability by involving 13 stakeholder groups in regular project updates and discussions.
5. Promote active participation of 350 community members as direct beneficiaries through the efforts of the project steering committee.



Funding & Technical Partners:

- Margaret A Cargill Philanthropist (MACP) MERCY NEEDS



Working Area: Kanchanpur

- Krishnapur Municipality
- Belauri R.M
- Laljhadi R.M



Direct Beneficiaries:

- 926 households, 5,057 individuals (2,367 men, 2,690 women)

Project 14 Managing Risk through Economic Development (M-RED)

Key Achievements



1. **Improved Water Resource Management:** Strengthened cross-border cooperation on water governance and sustainable management of shared water resources in the GBM river basins.
2. **Climate-Resilient Livelihoods:** Supported over 15,000 households, improving income and resilience through climate-smart agriculture and water conservation.
3. **Women Empowerment:** Empowered 5,000+ women in water governance, enhancing their leadership and advocacy roles in decision-making.
4. **Ecosystem Restoration:** Implemented climate adaptation measures that restored ecosystems, reduced deforestation, and preserved biodiversity.
5. **Evidence-Based Advocacy:** Conducted water quality testing in the Mahakali basin, influencing policies on water allocation and pollution control.



Project 14 Managing Risk through Economic Development (M-RED)

Empowering Communities Through Early Warning: A Lifeline for the Doda River Basin

The Doda River Basin, spanning the Far West region of Nepal, had long been a source of both sustenance and devastation for the communities living along its banks. Each year, the rivers feeding into the Doda—Macheli, Banara, Bandnadi, Sunbara, and Shayli—would flood, causing significant loss of life and property in the Tarai and Chure ranges. With no effective Early Warning System (EWS) in place, thousands of households were left vulnerable to unpredictable floods and landslides.

Recognizing this critical issue, the **Managing Risk through Economic Development (M-RED)** program, in collaboration with **Mercy Corps and NEEDS Nepal**, initiated a project to close the gap in early warning and disaster preparedness. After raising concerns with the Department of **Hydrology and Meteorology (DHM)** and local governments, a budget of NRs 2.5 million was allocated to strengthen the EWS in the Doda River Basin.

Through this initiative, an automatic river gauge was installed at the Macheli River, alongside three automatic weather stations strategically located in high-risk areas—Parsuram-11 Jyamirkhali Dedeldhura, Krishnapur-2 Khallagoath, and Laljhadi-2 Paciya. These installations now provide real-time data to local governments and communities, helping them anticipate and prepare for impending floods and other disasters.

Nirmal Rana, chairperson of Laljhadi Rural Municipality, shares how this EWS has already proven life-saving: "For years, we lived in fear of the floods. Now, with real-time data, we can alert our communities in advance. It's not just technology—it's a lifeline."

This collaborative project has directly benefitted over 5,000 households, significantly reducing disaster-related loss and fostering a sense of empowerment among the local population. Families now feel safer, better informed, and more resilient in the face of climate change.

For the sustainability of this effort, the Doda River Basin Multistakeholder Platform must continue to work closely with the DHM to maintain and expand the system, ensuring long-term resilience for the region. This case exemplifies how strategic partnerships between local governments, organizations, and communities can drive impactful change, transforming disaster-prone areas into models of preparedness and adaptation.



Thematic Area: Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Resilient

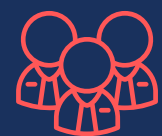


Goal:

To strengthen humanitarian organizations' capacity and support emergency response.

Objectives:

- Build capacity for humanitarian response.
- Strengthen coordination and timely emergency response.
- Promote women's leadership in humanitarian efforts.



Direct Beneficiaries

- Total: 3437
- Dalit: 859
- Janajati: 1330
- Others: 1237
- Women: 2406
- Men: 1031



Funding & Technical Partners:

- Care Nepal



Working Area:

- Lumbini Provinces
- Karnali Provinces
- Sudurpaschim Provinces

Project 15 Humanitarian Partnership Project

Key Achievements



HPP Model Sharing:

- Interaction meetings with stakeholders in Lumbini, Banke, and Kailali districts to share the HPP model.

Surge Fund Allocation:

- Supported small- and medium-scale disaster responses in Bajhang, Jajarkot (earthquake), and Mahottari (fire).

Emergency Preparedness Workshops:

- A 2.5-day workshop to strengthen HPP partners' capacity in emergency preparedness, institutional capacity, and safeguarding.

Joint Preparedness and Response Plans:

- Developed joint plans with HPP partners to address local disaster issues effectively.

Capacity Building on Gender and SRHR:

- Conducted 3-day training on Rapid Gender Assessment (RGA) and safeguarding in humanitarian settings.

1. Policy Advocacy:

- Worked on joint advocacy plans to influence local governments for inclusive DRR management.

Project 15 Humanitarian Partnership Project

Thematic Area: Social Justice



Objectives:

- Establish a participatory, rights-based social accountability mechanism to monitor SRHR-related complaints during disaster response and recovery.
- Equip humanitarian actors to deliver gender-responsive, human rights-based health services.
- Advocate for integrating human rights into laws and policies on disaster preparedness and SRHR.
- Strengthen independent monitoring mechanisms for SRHR data to support evidence-based advocacy during emergencies.



Total Direct Beneficiaries:

- Female: 5000

Total Indirect Beneficiaries:

- Female: 20,484



Funding Partner:

- Center for Reproductive Rights, FWLD, Care Nepal



Working Area: Kailai District

- Godawari Municipality

Project 16

Improving Access to Rights-Based Reproductive Health Services in Nepal in Disaster Setting



"Inclusive Voices, Stronger Health Systems: SRHR Awareness for All"



Major Achievements

1. **Increased Access to SRHR Services:**

- Established inclusive SRHR service mechanisms benefiting marginalized groups.
- Community Monitors played a pivotal role in identifying and resolving SRHR issues, leading to successful pelvic uterine prolapse surgeries.
- Resolved 28 out of 35 complaints from the community regarding SRHR services.

2. **Strengthened Capacity of Health Professionals:**

- Trained 36 health workers on the Minimum Initial Service Package (MISP), equipping them with the skills to provide essential SRHR services in emergencies.

3. **Integrated Social Accountability Mechanisms:**

- Implemented the "Circle of Accountability" to ensure continuous monitoring of SRHR services, improving responsiveness and effectiveness in disaster settings.

4. **Inclusive Community Engagement:**

- Sensitized over 3,000 community members, including marginalized groups, on SRHR rights and entitlements, encouraging their participation in health-related decision-making.

5. **Advocacy and Policy Influence:**

- Integrated SRHR into disaster preparedness plans at the local level, leading to the endorsement of the Reproductive Health Technical Working Group by the Godawari Executive Municipal Committee.

Project 16

Improving Access to Rights-Based Reproductive Health Services in Nepal in Disaster Setting

Thematic Area: Social Justice



Objectives:

- Ensure sufficient clean drinking water supply in 4 selected healthcare facilities in Kailari RM, following national guidelines.
- Construct sanitation facilities, including disabled-friendly toilets and bathrooms.
- Promote hand hygiene by installing handwashing stations and visual aids in each ward of healthcare facilities.
- Strengthen water users' committees and declare Budar bazar a water-safe community.
- Provide adequate WASH facilities in 4 schools in Kailari RM.
- Strengthen healthcare institutions through training and orientation programs.



Total Direct Beneficiaries:

- Male: 2234
- Female: 3774
- **Total Indirect Beneficiaries:**
- Male: 11,500
- Female: 13,300



Funding Partner:

- UNICEF Nepal



Working Area:

- Kailari RM, Kailali and Joraya RM, Doti

Project 17 Climate Resilient– Water supply, Sanitation and Hygiene (CR-WASH)



Major Achievements

Community WASH Project in Budar, Doti:

- 210 households benefitted.
- 1,150 people gained access to improved WASH services.

WASH in Health Care Facilities Project in Kailari RM, Kailali:

- 4 health care facilities equipped with enhanced WASH services.
- 22,245 people benefitted from better hygiene and sanitation in healthcare environments.

WASH in Schools Project in Kailari RM, Kailali:

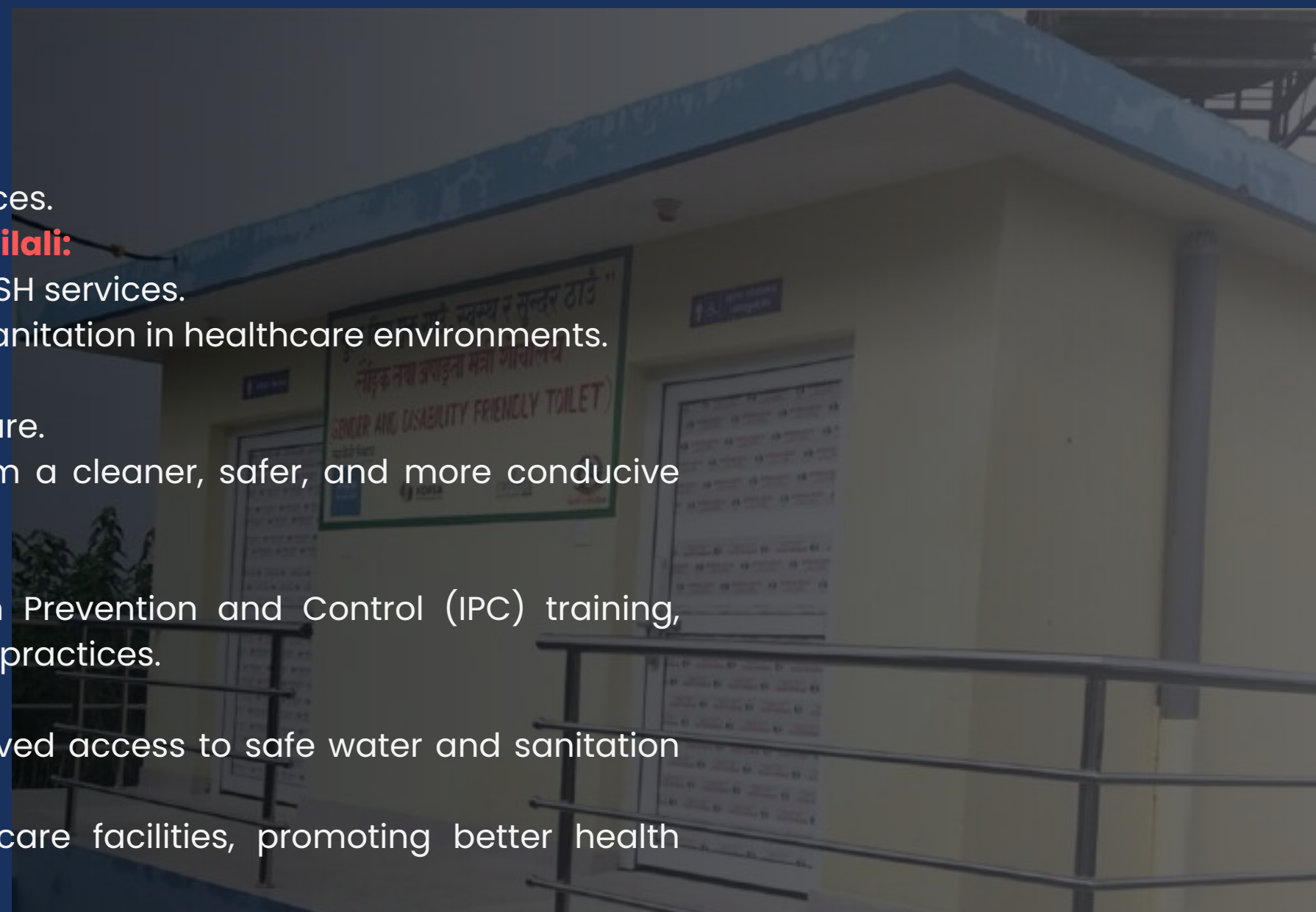
- 4 schools provided with improved WASH infrastructure.
- 593 students (318 girls, 275 boys) now benefit from a cleaner, safer, and more conducive learning environment.

Mothers' Group Orientation in Kailari RM:

- 2,511 mothers participated in WASH and Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) training, leading to improved household hygiene and health practices.

Overall Impact on Communities and Health:

- Reduction in diseases and infections due to improved access to safe water and sanitation services.
- Enhanced WASH services in schools and healthcare facilities, promoting better health outcomes and a productive, healthy community.



Project 17 Climate Resilient– Water supply, Sanitation and Hygiene (CR-WASH)

Thematic Area: Social Justice



Objectives:

1. Empower Adolescent Girls: Enhance the knowledge, skills, and capacities of vulnerable adolescent girls regarding their rights, relationships, sexual and reproductive health, and financial literacy.
2. Promote Gender-Equitable Attitudes: Engage boys, men, parents, and community leaders to support girls' rights and drive broader social norm changes.
3. Improve Access to Education and Services: Work towards ensuring access to education, health, GBV services, economic opportunities, and social protection programs for vulnerable girls and families.



Working Area:

- **Bajhang:** Thalara, Khaptad Chhanna
- **Achham:** Safebagar, Mangalsen Municipality
- **Kailali:** Godawari Municipality, Chure Rural Municipality, Mohnyal Rural Municipality
- **Kanchanpur:** Dodhara Chadani, Bhimdatta, Krishnapur Municipalities



Funding Partner:

- UNICEF Nepal



Total Direct Beneficiaries:

- 1312 Men
- 4352 Women

Project 18 Addressing Child Marriage in Sudurpaschim Province



Key Achievements

- 1.Vulnerability Assessment: Assessed 1824 at-risk children for child marriage, labor, and exploitation.
- 2.Peer Leader Training: Trained 60 facilitators on social and financial skills (Rupantaran Package).
- 3.Rupantaran Sessions: Reached 1824 adolescent girls through 60 sessions across four districts.
- 4.Parent Engagement: Conducted 60 events for 1468 parents/guardians on gender-equitable attitudes and child rights.
- 5.Intergenerational Dialogue: Facilitated discussions with 492 participants to challenge harmful social norms.
- 6.Community Leader Involvement: Engaged 492 religious/community leaders to support ending child marriage.
- 7.Advocacy with Local Governments: Secured commitments from 7 local governments to develop policies against child marriage.
- 8.Birth Registration Campaign: Raised awareness on birth registration among 205 participants.

Project 18 Addressing Child Marriage in Sudurpaschim Province

A young woman with dark hair, wearing a pink and blue patterned scarf and a blue jacket, stands in front of a rustic stone wall. She is looking slightly to her left with a thoughtful expression.

Turning Pain into Purpose: Pooja Thapa's Empowering Journey

A Young Woman's Struggle:

Pooja Thapa's story begins in the quiet village of Pragada Tole, nestled in Sanphebagar Municipality-14. At the tender age of 19, Pooja was thrust into an early marriage, a choice driven by her family's financial hardship. This chapter of her life was marked by profound challenges, culminating in heartbreak when her husband abandoned her for another woman, leaving Pooja alone and disheartened.

Turning Pain into Power:

Despite the weight of her painful past, Pooja refused to let it define her future. Her turning point came in 2020 with the introduction of the Rupantaran program by **NEEDS/UNICEF**, part of the **Addressing Child Marriage (ACM) Project**. This initiative offered Pooja not just a lifeline but a new purpose.

Empowerment through Rupantaran:

Through the **Rupantaran program**, Pooja received the support and training she needed to rebuild her life. She became a facilitator for Rupantaran classes, where she educated others about the detrimental effects of child marriage. Her role extended beyond the classroom, as she engaged in home visits to spread awareness and advocate for girls' rights to education and self-determination.

Pooja's transformation was not just personal but also had a ripple effect on her community. Her efforts contributed to raising awareness about the consequences of child marriage and promoting the importance of education and choice for young girls.

THE AWAKENING OF MANISHA: A STORY OF CONFIDENCE AND CHANGE

IN THE SERENE VILLAGE OF THALARA, NESTLED IN BAJHANG DISTRICT, 16-YEAR-OLD MANISHA KUMARI BOHARA LIVED IN THE BACKGROUND, HER VOICE OFTEN DROWNED BY THE NOISE OF HER OWN SELF-DOUBT. AS A SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENT AT TRIBHUVAN MA VI, MANISHA'S POTENTIAL WAS OVERSHADOWED BY HER SHYNESS, MAKING IT DIFFICULT FOR HER TO COMMUNICATE AND SHARE HER IDEAS.

A SPARK OF CHANGE:

THE DAWN OF TRANSFORMATION FOR MANISHA CAME WITH HER ENROLLMENT IN THE RUPANTARAN CLASSES, WHICH BEGAN IN DECEMBER 2023 IN THALARA. SUPPORTED BY **NEEDS/UNICEF**, THESE CLASSES ARE NOT JUST EDUCATIONAL BUT ALSO A CATALYST FOR EMPOWERMENT. DESIGNED TO ADDRESS CHILD MARRIAGE AND BREAK THE SILENCE AROUND VIOLENCE, RUPANTARAN OFFERS A PLATFORM FOR ADOLESCENT GIRLS LIKE MANISHA TO REDISCOVER THEIR VOICES AND THEIR POWER.

BLOSSOMING CONFIDENCE:

AS MANISHA ENGAGED WITH THE RUPANTARAN CLASSES, SOMETHING EXTRAORDINARY BEGAN TO UNFOLD. THE SHY GIRL WHO ONCE HESITATED TO SPEAK WAS NOW STEPPING INTO THE SPOTLIGHT WITH NEWFOUND CONFIDENCE. THE CLASSES PROVIDED MORE THAN KNOWLEDGE—THEY OFFERED A SENSE OF PURPOSE AND SELF-WORTH. MANISHA BEGAN TO GRASP THE VALUE OF HER OWN VOICE, LEARNING ABOUT HER RIGHTS AND THE STRENGTH SHE POSSESSED.

WITH EACH SESSION, SHE GREW FROM A RESERVED STUDENT INTO A VOCAL ADVOCATE. MANISHA STARTED ADDRESSING ISSUES OF CHILD MARRIAGE AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE WITHIN HER COMMUNITY, TURNING HER PERSONAL TRANSFORMATION INTO A BEACON OF HOPE FOR OTHERS.

SPREADING THE LIGHT:

MANISHA'S JOURNEY DIDN'T STOP WITH HER OWN CHANGE. SHE BECAME A VIBRANT ROLE MODEL FOR HER PEERS AND COMMUNITY. HER TRANSFORMATION INSPIRED THOSE AROUND HER, ENCOURAGING THEM TO PURSUE EDUCATION AND SPEAK OUT AGAINST HARMFUL PRACTICES. MANISHA'S ACTIONS, FUELED BY HER NEWLY ACQUIRED CONFIDENCE, WERE A TESTAMENT TO THE RIPPLE EFFECT OF EMPOWERMENT.

SHE BEGAN SHARING HER INSIGHTS AND EXPERIENCES, NOT JUST WITHIN HER SCHOOL BUT ALSO WITH HER FAMILY AND FRIENDS. HER VOICE, ONCE HESITANT AND QUIET, NOW CARRIED A POWERFUL MESSAGE OF CHANGE AND HOPE.



Thematic Area: Social Justice



Objectives:

- Education: Enhance the educational level of slum children through the JYOTI After School Center.
- Livelihood: Improve the livelihood of families in the slum area by working with mothers through JYOTI Coop.
- Skills Development: Provide extra educational programs, including computer and job experience classes for students, and vocational training for women.



Working Area:

- Bhimadatta Municipality, Ward No.18, Slum Area, Kanchanpur, Nepal



Funding Partner:

- GET-P, Korea



Total Direct Beneficiaries:

- Children: 100 slum children
- Women: 15

Project 19 123 Project (Gender Equality Training Platform – GET-P)



Key Achievements

1. Education:

- 100 slum children are receiving quality education through the JYOTI After School Center.
- Provided English speaking and computer education, with scholarships for deserving students.
- Regular extra-curricular activities like sports, speech competitions, and motivational classes.

2. Skill Development for Women:

- 15 women from marginalized communities received sewing and tailoring training through JYOTI Coop.
- Two members trained in café management and cooking skills.

3. Income Generation:

- JYOTI Coop products contribute to the income of slum families, ensuring financial stability.
- Café development provided sustainable income for participating women.

4. Internship Program:

- Internship opportunities provided for older students to develop job skills and gain work experience.

Project 19 **123 Project (Gender Equality Training Platform – GET-P)**

Thematic Area: Social Justice



Objectives:

- Advocate for land ownership for landless squatters.
- Conduct land literacy programs for landless squatters.
- Construct 25 safe houses for marginalized groups including freed Kamaiyas and disaster-affected families.
- Build 130 temporary shelters and toilets for earthquake-affected families.



Working Area:

- Kanchanpur District (Laljhadi, Belaury, Shuklafanta, Bhimdatta, Bedkot) and Bheri Municipality, Jajarkot.



Funding Partner:

- Habitat for Humanity International, Nepal



Total Direct Beneficiaries:

- Direct: 155 HHs, 775 individuals (310 Men, 465 Women)
- Indirect: 465 HHs, 2,325 individuals (930 Men, 1,395 Women)
- FY 2081/082 Beneficiaries:
 - Direct: 50 HHs, 250 individuals (100 Men, 150 Women)
 - Indirect: 200 HHs, 1,000 individuals (400 Men, 600 Women)

Project 20 Surakshit Aawash Project



Major Achievements:

- Safe Housing: Built 25 quality homes using cost-effective block technology for marginalized families.
- Temporary Shelters & Toilets: Constructed 130 temporary shelters and toilets for earthquake survivors.
- Technical Training: Trained 86 individuals in temporary housing construction.
- Land Service Centre: Established a centre to facilitate land management and support for landless squatters.
- Land Ownership Certificates: Issued 276 land ownership certificates to unplanned settlers.
- Financial Literacy: Educated 71 individuals on loan processes and financial management.
- Land Literacy: Informed 50 landless and unplanned settlers about land rights and services.

Project 20 Surakshit Aawash Project

A LIFELONG DREAM FULFILLED: A PERMANENT HOUSE



Mandhire Tomatta, a 76-year-old resident of Baijanath Tol, Laljhadi Rural Municipality, finally realized his lifelong dream of owning a permanent home. Disabled due to paralysis and living in a small, thatched hut with his family, mobility and basic needs were a constant challenge.

Through the Safe Housing Program by **NEEDS Nepal** and **Habitat for Humanity International**, 10 houses were constructed for underprivileged families in Kanchanpur district, with Mandhire being one of the beneficiaries. His new two-room house, complete with a railing and a permanent toilet, was built in three months.

Sitting on his veranda, Mandhire reflects, "I thought this life would end without a permanent house, but my dream has come true." He no longer fears floods or struggles with makeshift toilets, and expresses deep gratitude for the support from NEEDS Nepal.



Thematic Area: Social Justice



Objectives:

- Distribute emergency winterization kits to **130 affected households** to help them cope with the cold weather.
- Ensure access to essential safety equipment for all 130 beneficiaries to promote safe shelter construction.
- Support the construction of transitional shelters for **130 households**, ensuring compliance with the NDRRMA's Transitional Shelter Construction Guidelines.
- Provide additional financial support (**NPR 25,000**) to the 10 most vulnerable households for shelter construction.



Working District

- Area: Jajarkot**
- **Bheri Municipality**



Funding Partner:

- Habitat for Humanity International, Nepal



Total Direct Beneficiaries:

- 130 Households

Project 21 Surakshit Aawash Project (Jajarkot Earthquake Response)



Key Achievements (Updated)

1. Immediate Relief Provided:

- Distributed winterization kits (blankets, shawls, P-foam, plastic sheets, and bed sheets) to 130 households, ensuring protection from harsh winter conditions.
- Provided safety equipment (helmets, gum boots, gloves, ropes, visibility vests) to all 130 beneficiaries, ensuring safe shelter construction practices.

2. Successful Construction of Transitional Shelters:

- Released NPR 25,000 to 130 households as the first installment for shelter construction, supported by technical guidance on layout and safety.
- 10 Most Vulnerable households received additional NPR 25,000, speeding up construction and ensuring their needs were met.

3. Conducted thorough assessments of household toilet conditions, revealing 99 toilets destroyed and 31 partially functional.

- Distributed sanitation materials, including CGI sheets, nails, pipes, toilet pans, water storage tanks, buckets, jugs, and cleaning supplies (Harpic, phenyl, toilet brushes) to restore sanitation for all affected households.
- Provided masonry and technical support to ensure quality construction of toilets and mitigate the risk of waterborne diseases like cholera and typhoid.

Project 21 Surakshit Aawash Project (Jajarkot Earthquake Response)



4. Capacity Building and Technical Training:

- Trained 26 local officials across three municipalities in transitional shelter construction, earthquake-resistant design, and second trench distribution.
- Organized 6 days of hands-on training, ensuring preparedness for managing future disasters and distributing grants effectively using the BIPAD Portal.

5. Ongoing Monitoring and Support for Vulnerable Groups:

- Conducted regular field visits, with special attention to the 10 Most Vulnerable households, providing personalized support and assistance throughout the construction process.
- Assisted with the procurement of construction materials, advising beneficiaries on cost-effective, high-quality supplies from local vendors.

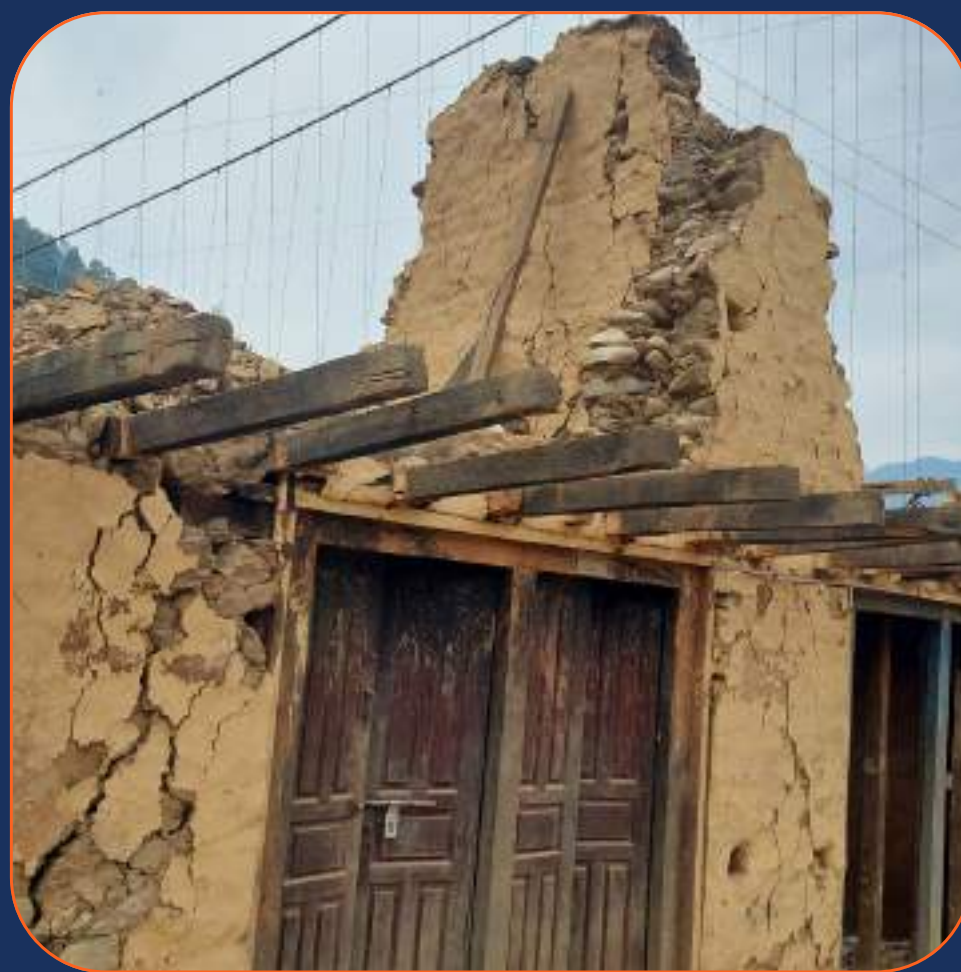
6. Public Health Safeguards:

- Prioritized the installation of proper sanitation facilities (toilets, waste management systems) to prevent disease transmission in overcrowded temporary shelters.
- Ensured that sanitation solutions addressed public health risks by preventing water source contamination and reducing vulnerability to waterborne diseases like cholera, typhoid, and diarrhea.

7. Community Empowerment and Collaboration:

- Facilitated coordinated relief efforts between local authorities, NEEDS Nepal, and Habitat for Humanity, ensuring timely delivery of assistance to earthquake-affected households.
- Beneficiaries expressed deep gratitude for the timely support, which helped restore their livelihoods, improve resilience, and safeguard their dignity and health during challenging times.

Project 21 Surakshit Aawash Project(Jajarkot Earthquake Response)



"Restoring Lives, Rebuilding Hope: A Unified Response to Earthquake Recovery in Jajarkot"

Financial Report FY:2023/24

National Environment and Equity Development Society (NEEDS) Nepal

Bhimdatta-18, Kanchanpur, Nepal

Statement of Financial Position

As on 31 Ashad, 2081 (July 15, 2024)

Particulars	Schedule	Current Year 2080-81 Amount (NPR)	Previous Year 2079-80 Amount (NPR)
<u>Fund Balance and Liabilities :</u>			
Capital Donation Fund	1	4,826,137.77	3,262,082.00
Unrestricted Fund	2.1	(3,303,012.35)	(2,294,605.24)
Capital Grant Fund	2.2	-	-
Restricted Fund	2.3	15,377,996.31	-
		16,901,121.73	967,476.76
<u>Current Liabilities</u>			
Duties and Taxes	3.1	66,805.00	53,262.00
Other Short Term Liabilities	3.2	7,309,263.49	18,743,670.39
		7,376,068.49	18,796,932.39
TOTAL		24,277,190.22	19,764,409.15
<u>Application of Funds :</u>			
<u>Fixed Assets</u>			
Gross Value	1	5,220,137.37	3,483,938.00
Less: Depreciation	1	(393,999.60)	(221,856.00)
Net Fixed Assets		4,826,137.77	3,262,082.00
<u>Current Assets</u>			
Cash and Bank Balance	4	18,619,924.22	12,807,583.15
Advances and Receivables	5	831,128.23	3,694,744.00
		19,451,052.45	16,502,327.15
TOTAL		24,277,190.22	19,764,409.15

Explanatory Notes to Accounts and Schedules 1 to 15 form integral part of financial statements

As per our report of even date attached

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Fund Accountability Statement

As on 31 Ashad, 2081 (July 15, 2024)



S.No.	Particulars	Current Year 2080-81	Previous Year 2079-80
A.	Opening Fund Balance		
	Cash & Bank Balance	12,807,583.15	8,647,246.82
	Receivables	3,694,744.00	5,283,245.88
	Payables	(18,796,932.39)	(8,374,448.89)
	Adjustments	-	-
	Adjusted Opening Fund Balance	(2,294,605.24)	5,556,043.81
B.	Sources of Fund		
	Unrestricted Fund	4,028,470.89	-
	Restricted Fund	227,181,057.97	139,961,556.11
	Other Income	-	567,399.53
	Sub Total (B)	231,209,528.86	140,528,955.64
C.	Total Fund (A+B)	228,914,923.62	146,084,999.45
D.	Application of Fund		
	Staff Cost/ Expenses	51,310,257.32	30,531,682.12
	Administration Expenses	13,497,091.79	19,034,072.91
	Other Expenses	-	682,711.16
	Fixed Assets Cost	1,958,055.37	-
	Program Expenses - Project	150,074,535.18	98,131,138.50
	Tax Provision	-	-
	Sub Total (D)	216,839,939.66	148,379,604.69
E.	Closing Fund Balance (C-D)	12,074,983.96	(2,294,605.24)
F.	Represented By		
	Cash & Bank Balance	18,619,924.22	12,807,583.15
	Advances & Receivables	831,128.23	3,694,744.00
	Payables	(7,376,068.49)	(18,796,932.39)
	Total	12,074,983.96	(2,294,605.24)



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Income and Expenditure Account
For the period 1 Shrawan 2080 to 31 Ashad 2081

Particulars	Schedule	Current Year 2080-81 Amount (NPR)	Previous Year 2079-80 Amount (NPR)
I Income Under:			
Restricted Fund	6	227,181,057.97	138,503,556.11
Unrestricted Fund	6	4,028,470.89	2,025,399.53
Other Income	6	-	-
TOTAL INCOME		231,209,528.86	140,528,955.64
II Expenditure:			
Staff Cost/ Expenses	7	51,310,257.32	30,472,247.12
Administration Expenses	8	13,497,091.79	19,776,219.07
Fixed Assets Cost	1	1,958,055.37	-
Program Expenses - Project	9	150,074,535.18	98,131,138.50
Depreciation	1	-	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		216,839,939.66	148,379,604.69
EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE (A-B)		14,369,589.20	(7,850,649.05)

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