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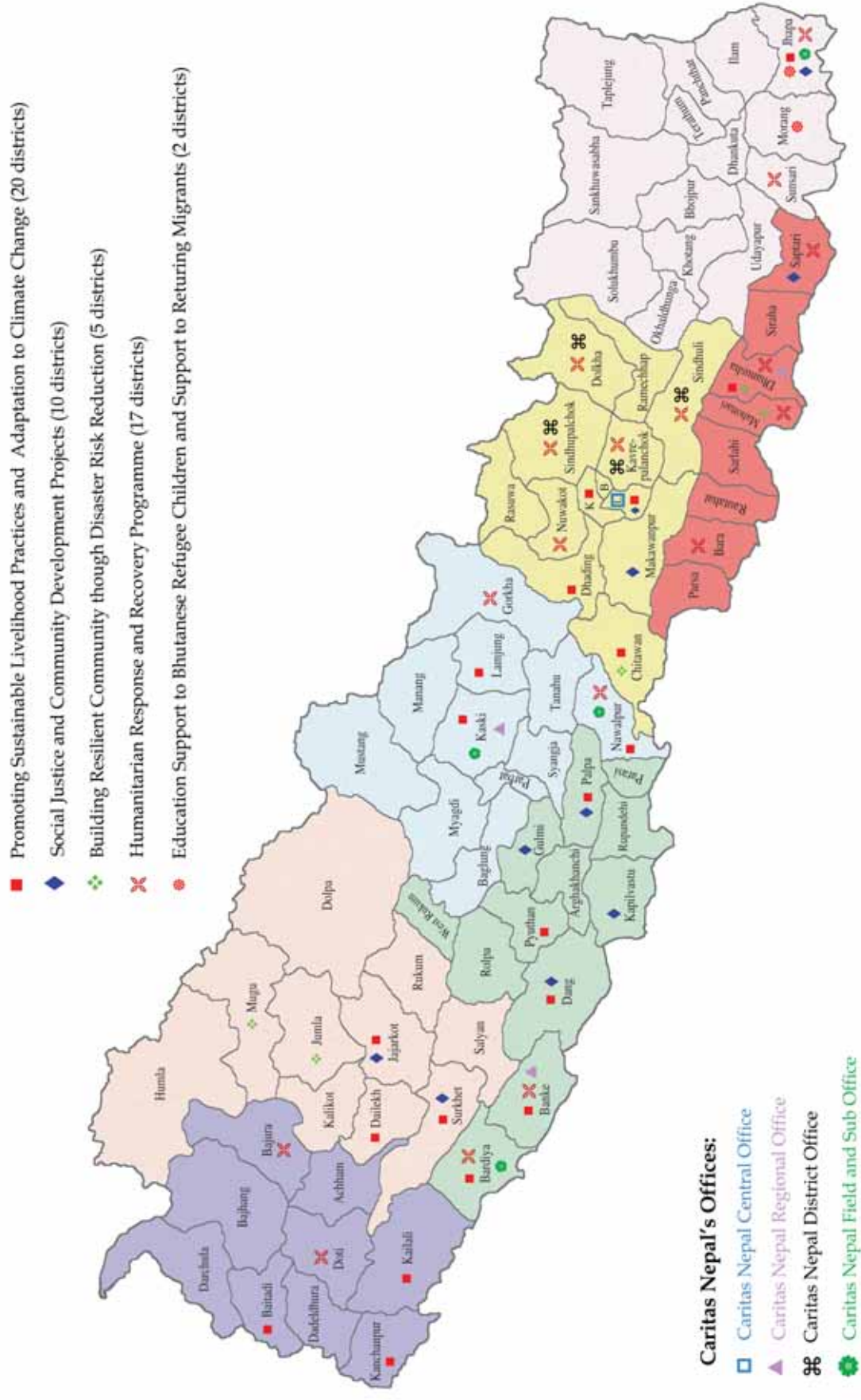


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Message from the Honourable Bishop Paul Simick

"We being social workers among the people, our responsibility is to understand the reality, be humble and listen to the people, and act effectively to improve their lives in a peaceful manner."



Rev. Bishop Paul Simick
Patron of Caritas Nepal



SECTION 1.2

Message from President

On behalf of Caritas Nepal Executive Board, It gives me immense pleasure to present the 2019 Annual Report. The Caritas Nepal team has tirelessly worked to bring out the amazing results shown in this report. The Caritas Nepal continues to observe best practices and sees itself evolving and changing as needs arise. A sincere gratitude to our generous donors and the team working on the ground and empowering the most vulnerable and excluded members of society. We offer our gratefulness to all who, on every level, are committed to continue this vital work towards creating a world that is responsive to every person.

With gratitude,



Sr. Cecilia Durga Shrestha

President
Caritas Nepal



Message from Fr. Lalit Tudu, Executive Director



At the end of the day, we are delighted to present the Caritas Nepal Annual Report 2019-2020, reflecting our humanitarian service and activities among the poor, most disadvantaged and marginalized people irrespective of caste, creed, ethnicity and nationality. Caritas Nepal is in its 30th year of Humanitarian service in Nepal with sole vision to promote, "A peaceful, equitable just society; where there is solidarity among people and respect for human dignity."

To make the wheels of Caritas Nepal Humanitarian service go round, it applies animation and participatory approaches in intervention. It aims to empower the poor, marginalized and disadvantaged class of people to reduce poverty, hunger, secure humanitarian assistance in both man-made and natural emergency situations.

Based on the CST principles, Caritas Nepal works on Economic, Social and Humanitarian domain, covering sectors like, Social justice and community development, Disaster Risk management, Sustainable Livelihoods, migrants, refugee and anti-trafficking, advocacy on social concerns, emergency and recovery supports.

Let me quote Dale Carnegie who said, "a beautiful painting is put together by a thousand brush-strokes each stroke making a contribution to the main theme, the overall picture." Yes, the achievement that Caritas Nepal reflects in this Annual Report is purely a selfless service contribution made by dedicated staff, motivating Executive and General Board members supported by national and international donors. We extend sincere gratitude to everyone for joining hands together with Caritas Nepal in this incredible journey of humanitarian service.

Right now the humanity is going through uncertainties caused by worldwide Covid-19 pandemic but not without hope. Caritas Nepal stands in solidarity with the common people and reiterates its common project, to serve the Humanity and the earth. Our fundamental mission is to establish unity without disturbing the diversity to accompany and to lead the poor and marginalized to their liberty. Let the challenges in this time lead us not to frustration and criticism but be filled with new enthusiasm and zeal to face it. This is the time we need to unite and join our hands to face together the challenges down the road. The human community whom we serve is of prime importance and this is where we are called to be and act, as Caritas. We continue to journey with solidarity, hope and conviction that we can fight against injustices, poverty, hatred, violence and make our common home an Oasis of love and concern for one another.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lalit Tudu', written over a series of horizontal lines.

Fr. Lalit Tudu
Executive Director
Caritas Nepal

SECTION II

Executive Committee Members



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| | | 13. Ms. Sanu Amatya | |

30th Annual General Assembly



The open session of the General Assembly was presided over by Mrs. Rama Parajuli (Former General Secretary), the moderator of the program. Fr. Ajay Pradhan (Former President) welcomed all the members, dignitaries and colleagues present in the assembly. Moderator appealed to the Patron Bishop Paul Simick, Chairman Fr. Ajay Pradhan and the Executive Director Fr. Lalit Tudu to start the program by lighting a lamp and prayer.

Fr. Lalit Tudu gave his welcome speech, stating Caritas Nepal as an integral part of the Catholic Church. He shared about Caritas Nepal's journey since last four years. After, 2072 B.S, the organization itself has become strong and sustainable. He informed that Caritas Nepal is initiating development phase projects in the upcoming year aiming to make our earthquake reconstruction work sustainable. Policies of the organization are being revised and updated as per the need.

Mrs. Rama Parajuli, read out the minutes of the 29th General Assembly which was passed by consensus.

Mr. Manindra Malla, (Programme Manager), presented the progress report of the organization for the fiscal year 2018/19. The report highlighted the contribution made by Caritas Nepal in the humanitarian, social and economic sector. He elaborated about the ongoing projects which are being continued and development projects which are being made for the areas where earthquake reconstruction work has been implemented. The report was approved by Mr. Charles Mendies (Former General Committee Member) and supported by Mr. Terrence Lama (General Body Member).



Mr. Indra Bahadur Nepali, (Finance Manager) presented about the organization's annual financial income and expenditure audit report of the fiscal year 2018/19 and presented the budget proposal of 2019/20. This report was approved by Mr. Gyan Prakash Rai (Former Treasurer) and with the support of Mr. Hirakaji Shrestha.

Bishop Paul Simick, on behalf of Nepal Vicariate, thanked everyone for their selfless service given by Executive Committee and General Body Members to create better communities in Nepal. He especially thanked the former members of the Executive Committee for being with Caritas Nepal.

Fr. Ajay Pradhan, thanked all the participants and dignitaries present at the 30th General Assembly and formally declared the end of the meeting.



Caritas Nepal's Strategic Direction

The strategic direction of Caritas Nepal as per the Strategic plan (2017-2021) is presented below.

Vision	Peaceful, equitable just society, where there is solidarity among people and respect for human dignity.
Mission	Caritas Nepal, as social arm of the Catholic Church in Nepal, strives to build resilient communities capable of leading their own development by empowering the marginalized, disadvantaged, and vulnerable communities.
Objective 1	Communities pursue sustainable livelihood options for reduced poverty.
Outcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1.1 Enhanced nutrition and household food security. 1.2 Increased household income with increased investment in basic need and well-being. 1.3 Reduced risk and vulnerabilities for improved livelihood security.
Objective 2	Vibrant, strong and influential communities realize basic human rights, right to development and reduce disaster risks.
Outcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2.1 Improved sense of social justice and inclusion with better and equitable access to resources, services and opportunities (including employment and safe migration) and meaningful participation of the excluded group in the social system and practices. 2.2 Improved peace, human security (including prevention of trafficking) for strong social harmony and solidarity among community members. 2.3 Reduced disaster risk and vulnerabilities for building environmentally safe and disaster resilient communities (CBDRR) and enhanced access to WASH. 2.4 Access to appropriate water sanitation and hygiene facilities.
Objective 3	People in emergency and humanitarian crisis are empowered to cope and recover from crisis and sustainably rebuild their lives and join mainstream development.
Outcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3.1 Survival, safety and dignity of communities in situation of humanitarian crisis is secured. 3.2 Affected communities can recover and sustainably rebuild their lives and join mainstream development. 3.3 Individuals and communities in difficult situation can cope and successfully reintegrate socio-economically with their communities.

Cross-cutting Measures: Main Cross-cutting Measures: Gender and Social Protection, Community development & Good Governance, and Mainstreaming of Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change. Main approach is animation and participatory sectoral intervention approaches.

Values: Human Rights and Human Dignity; equality; social justice; common good; solidarity; subsidiarity; stewardship (ecological sustainability promotion); patriotism; programmatic and operational excellence.

Caritas Nepal's Head of Department Committee (HOD) met regularly in the year to facilitate the strategic plan in a coordinated manner. Caritas Nepal implemented the plan as per the guidance received from the Executive Committee. In the period of June to September of 2018, need assessment survey was done in earthquake recovery programme locations to identify development phase priorities and interventions, and workshops were held to formulate the development phase concept note. The development phase projects will be initiated in earthquake recovery programme locations once the recovery programme is closed in the coming year.

SECTION V

Projects and Programme Implemented as per the Strategic Plan (2017-2021)

S.N.	Projects and Programs	Outreach
Strategic Objective 1 (Economic Empowerment)		
1.	Nepal Livelihoods & Resilience Program (NLRP)	43,086
	a. Integrated Pest Management (IPM)	13,015
	b. Agro-Eco Tourism Learning Center and Homestay	140
	c. Cooperative Development and Enterprise Promotion Project (CDEPP)	19,364
	d. Children and Youth Empowerment Promotion (CYEP)	10,567
2.	Smallholder Adaptive Farming and Biodiversity Network (SAFBIN)	1,175
	Subtotal Outreach of Objective 1	44,261
Strategic Objective 2 (Social Development and DRR support)		
1.	Youth Empowerment for Social Changes and Resilience Building	520
2.	Strengthening Capacities of Rural women for Social and Economic Empowerment (SDI)	5,205
3.	School Based Disaster Risk Reduction Program (S-DRR)	220
4.	Child Development and Nutrition Enhancement Project (CDNEP)	1,565
5.	Ensuring Safe Migration of the Most Vulnerable People through Awareness and Capacity Building (SAMVAB)	2,428
6.	Socio-Economic Empowerment of Substance Users and People living with HIV+/AIDS	32
7.	Empowerment of Youth through Leadership Programme	2,270
8.	Promotion of Women's Empowerment and Rights Targeting Rural Women (POWER)	462
9.	Building a Resilient Chepang Community through Integrated Programme	3,184
10.	Integrated Food Security, Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) and Climate Change Adaptation (CCA) in Jumla/Mugu	1,419
	Subtotal Outreach of Objective 2	17,305
Strategic Objective 3 (Humanitarian Support)		
1.	Caritas Nepal Stands in Solidarity Against this Global Pandemic, COVID-19	61875
2.	COVID-19 Response Programme	1200
3.	Nepal Tornado Response and Early Recovery Programme	1752
4.	Livelihood and WASH Recovery Project in Sindhupalchowk	3398
5.	Strengthening People's Action for WASH and Sustainable Livelihood in Nuwakot	3790
6.	Nepal Flood Response and Early Recovery Programme	1500
7.	Bhutanese Refugee Education Programme (BREP)	703
8.	Livelihood Support Project for Flood Affected Families of Bardiya	2047
9.	Nepal Earthquake Recovery Programme (NERP)	
	Subtotal Outreach of Objective 3	76,265
	Total Outreach this reporting year	137,831

The total number of projects and programmes implemented by CN in 2019/20 period was 21 and the outreach of these interventions is 137,831.

SECTION VI



19 staff were provided animation training in this reported year.

ANIMATION

An approach incorporated since our early days to promote self-realization, work in grassroots level for social development and make community a better place to live in. Animation and sector specific participatory approaches have been used to empower the poor, women, marginalized and disadvantaged people to minimize poverty, secure humanitarian assistance and realize social justice and peace. Animation & People's Organization Training have supported in enhancing staff's capacity and to root the process of animation perspectives for social mobilization.



SECTION VII

Strategic Objective 1
(Economic Empowerment)

"I feel blessed to be part of IPM training. It motivated me to be better farmer through commercial farming. I have been promoting this method of agriculture to all farmers in my community and training them to adapt this practice"

Tilak Baral
Farmer, Kaski

Communities pursue sustainable livelihood options for reduced poverty

Areas of Interventions

- Integrated Pest Management (IPM)
- Cooperative and Network Empowerment
- Livelihood Strengthening
- Enterprise Development
- Climate Change Adaptation

1

Nepal Livelihoods & Resilience Program (NLRP)

Goal

To enable marginalized and vulnerable people in 20 Districts of Nepal to pursue sustainable livelihoods through sustainable agriculture, cooperative and enterprise development to improve their basic well-being.

Duration: July 2018 to June 2021

Location: Jhapa, Dhanusa, Lalitpur, Kathmandu, Dhading, Chitwan, Nawalpur, Kaski, Lamjung, Dang, Pyuthan, Banke, Bardiya, Palpa, Surkhet, Dailekh, Jajarkot, Kailali, Kanchanpur and Baitadi

Funding Partners: Caritas Australia and Australian Aid

Programme Description

NLRP is a livelihood enhancement package program consisting of three ongoing projects, namely Integrated Pest Management (IPM), Cooperative Development and Enterprise Promotion (CDEP) and Child and Youth Empowerment Project (CYEP). Merging three different components together, this program is supporting to improve the nutrition and food security and generate sustainable incomes for basic wellbeing of the poor rural and



Conducting child clubs meeting at Panchapure, Surkhet

urban households by diversifying agriculture/livestock and off-farm enterprises through Farmer Field Schools (FFS) and cooperatives. "Learning by doing" and "Asset Based Community Development" (ABCD) approach is used to enhance and strengthen the capacities of the beneficiaries to reduce the effects of natural and man-made disasters and

make their communities resilient. The program also addresses various social concerns such as GESI and disability, farmer's right, child right and protection, climate change and environment protection, through awareness raising campaigns and leverage schemes through advocacy work by the cooperatives, clubs, networks and organizations.



31st National IPM Network Meeting held on November 2019 in Machhapuchhre Homestay, Kaski.



COVID-19 emergency response under NLRP

12385 from 2945 HHs received food items in 15 districts.

6355 people received the hygiene and wash kits.

2000 pcs of visibility logos (small and medium sized-stickers) were published and distributed and 1000 pcs PSEAH awareness IEC materials were printed and distributed in Dang, Bardiya, Surkhet, Dailekh and Kanchanpur.

10 cooperatives in Bardiya, Kailali and Kanchanpur installed awareness banners on safety measures in public places by. Similarly, 12 flex prints and 300 pcs of awareness posters were printed and distributed.

8 episodes/day, COVID-19 awareness message through radio jingle were broadcasted in Nawalpur, Surkhet and Dailekh.

4000 pcs leaflets on COVID-19 safety measures were published and distributed.

2000 pcs COVID-19 safety measures posters were printed and distributed.

1000 pcs hand washing awareness IEC materials printed and distributed to quarantine posts, municipality, community and clubs in Dang, Bardiya, Surkhet, Dailekh and Kanchanpur.

20892 people received health materials and equipment. KN95 masks (1787 pcs), medical/surgical masks (16540 pcs), gloves, PPE sets (234), disinfections spray tank/liquids (50 pcs), sanitizer (601 bottles), soaps, infrared thermometer gun (86 pcs).

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Integrated Pest Management

IPM approach, one of the improved farming practices which intends to improve agricultural produce by solving pest problems and minimizing risk to people and environment. CN has been promoting this technique through FFS. IPM packages have improved crop yields and nutritional security, promoted organic practices and biological control, upgraded marketing with the establishment of a collection center and provided trainings to agriculture students for IPM extension in several districts of Nepal.



Achievements

229 farmers (139 women including 38 farmers with disabilities) of 19 high value enterprise groups earned NPR. 30803.86 per. individual by diversifying and adopting IPM practices.

4687 smallholder farmers and students improved food and nutritional security by increasing rice and vegetables productivity by 31-142 percent through kitchen gardening, organic rooftop farming, varietal trials and IPM adoption activities.

76 farmers are diagnosing the symptoms of diseases and pest attack by providing necessary management and recommendations to other farmers after learning from mobile plant clinics campaigns.

3960 farmers are using organic pesticides minimizing hazardous effects of chemicals to environment and human health after participating in pesticide awareness campaign at school level.


2500 saplings were planted in disaster prone locations by 180 community people after being trained on disaster preparedness and its mitigation.

82 smallholder farmers set trials by adopting the drought tolerant rice varieties level in rain fed and upland areas.

5002 varieties of saplings like flowers, fruits, vegetables, fodder and herbal plants were planted by community people celebrating World Environment Day.

140 farmers are doing seasonal farming through plastic tunnel and mulching improving their productivity.

365 students of Agriculture and Forestry University, Institute of Agriculture and Animal Science increased vegetable yields by 25 to 40.41% after participating in SFFS extension training programs. Promoting young farmers to adapt IPM practices.



"I was one of the participant of advanced IPM orientation among 26 farmers (14 women and 12 men). This training helped me to increase technical knowledge on seed germination, identify the beneficial and harmful insects, calculation of required dose of fertilizers and right spacing of crops while planting. Now, I treat diseases and pests by using locally made bio-pesticides. On regular basis I monitor the field and apply the micronutrients, vitamins and different types of pesticides which I make with locally available vegetation. The orientation have helped me to keep the data of income and production accurately for ensuring organized financial record keeping."

Kewal Bahadur Gurung, 47
Farmer, Lalitpur



Students in farmer field school

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Agro-Eco Tourism Learning Center and Homestay

This homestay support, was initiated as a pilot project in 2018, aimed to boost the livelihood status of farmers by motivating them for optimum utilization of CN's livelihood enhancing interventions.

Since 2008 with the establishment of Baraha Agriculture Cooperative in Kaski, CN has been promoting farmers for organic production with the minimum use of chemical pesticides.

After the success of Machhapuchhre Agro Eco Tourism Homestay and Learning Center (MALH), other two Turlungkot Homestay in Lamjung and Sisuwari Majhi Bote Community Homestay in Nawalpur are also being supported technically and financially who are now securing their livelihood through homestay business. The intervention aims to assure the authentic lifestyle of villages for tourism promotion and organic home-grown healthy foods for realizing sustainable livelihood.



Achievements

54 households are running homestay business through financial and technical support in three locations, also capacity building trainings were provided to manage homestay and

upgrade their homestay service and facilities.

86 farmers of MALH, Kaski are promoting high value enterprise on agriculture, livestock

and cash crops by applying suitable IPM practices and are able to gain net profit of about NPR. 2337763. Farmers also are promoting Agro Eco Tourism and Learning Center as an additional attraction for visitors in their own kitchen garden.



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Cooperative Development and Enterprise Promotion

CN is working with cooperatives through community based cooperative model approach. Cooperatives those are not able to function as per the need to contribute for social and economic development are emphasized, reaching out to the most vulnerable, poor and disadvantaged people. Strengthening cooperatives through micro-credit services by promoting entrepreneurship through capacity and skill-based training to leaders and members. Also, they are animated to address social concerns and work together with the community to bring changes through awareness campaigns on child protection, gender violence, disaster risk reduction and human rights.



Achievements

15,324 people are directly participating in 26 cooperatives where poor families are easily accessing financial services. Women in cooperatives are leading and is in decision making level i.e. 14 are managers (out of 26) while in total 522 female (out of 699) are in the executive committee, working committee and the sub-committee working to reach out to the most vulnerable people in the community and provide them with the best service to uplift their living standard.

NPR. 285,964,163 micro-credit are being managed by the cooperatives (increased by 17% from last year) which has been dispersed to poorest members. NPR. 237,699,204 loan has been invested to 5986 share members (i.e. 49.50% of total share members {89 percentages are female loan holder}).

1032 people orientated on disaster (cold wave, wild fire, earthquake) which was held at community level by 25 cooperatives.

5002 saplings were planted (Flowers, Fruits, Vegetables, Fodder Trees, Herbal Plant and Wood Trees) with the participation of 1342 cooperative members.

300 pieces of self-made mask by the cooperative staff were distributed to members and cooperative leaders.

161 cooperatives staff trained on animation and social action, cooperative account keeping, cooperative & financial management, cooperative business plan and loan management. This has supported cooperatives to maintain transparency, good governance and provide better services to their members resulting in increased membership.

26 cooperatives in coordination with stakeholders are undertaking action for preventing discrimination, gender-based violence, child protection and rights, HIV AIDS, women rights, women prolapsed uterus & environment and doing the referral. Also, are tapping the government fund to provide better service to their members and make community a better place to live in.



Farmers motivations to create sustainable livelihood

41-year-old, **Bhim Bahadur Tharu** from Mayurbasti village of Bardia is an enthusiastic farmer. He has a family of five: mother, wife and two children. In order to sustain his family, he chose commercial vegetable farming as an alternative source of income to make a living, as he had a limited land for doing farming. He is among the first batch of participant in the IPM farmer's school organized by CN in 2005/2006, since then he is cultivating vegetables as a primary means of livelihood.

After the establishment of Shree Milan Farmer Multipurpose Cooperative in 2005, Bhim became member of the cooperative and has been saving regularly since then. He expanded his farming business through CN's enterprise loan support of Rs. 100,000 for his vegetable business from the cooperative.

He shares, "Since I had only 0.168 hector of land, it was difficult for me to make a living on my own. With the loan, I rented 0.270 hector of land so that I can cultivate more vegetables. I have been earning a good income from it every year. This year too, I have been cultivating non-seasonal vegetables like cucumber, cabbage, gourd, bitter gourd and tomato."

Farmers produced vegetables are being transported easily and safely in this time of lockdown as well, "Cooperative's



owned vehicle is supplying transport to Nepalgunj and Kohalpur", he added, "So far, I have sold 42 quintals of cucumbers, tomatoes, squash and bitter gourds. Thankfully we were able to manage household expenses such as education of children, food, medicine with some saving that I did in the cooperatives from vegetable business."

Bhim is also actively participating in social and awareness raising activities organized through cooperatives regarding prevention of corona. "Caritas Nepal played a crucial role through sustainable enterprise support during this time of pandemic. I am very thankful for all the support for smallholder farmers like us during this emergency time and helping us to get the best out from agriculture through commercial farming", he expressed delightedly.



1.d

Children and Youth Empowerment

Children and youth empowerment approach are focused on empowering children and youth from conflict affected, marginalized and disadvantaged families to live better lives with dignity and peace. It aims to protect and promote their rights through advocacy and awareness programs at district and local levels.

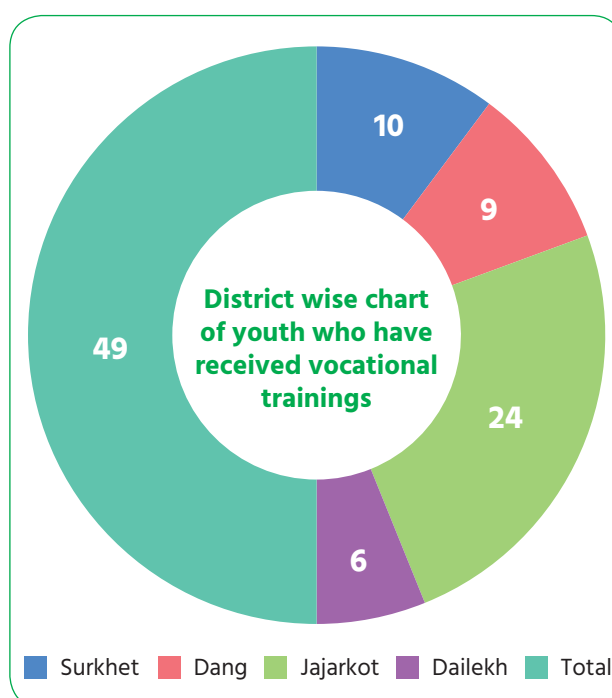
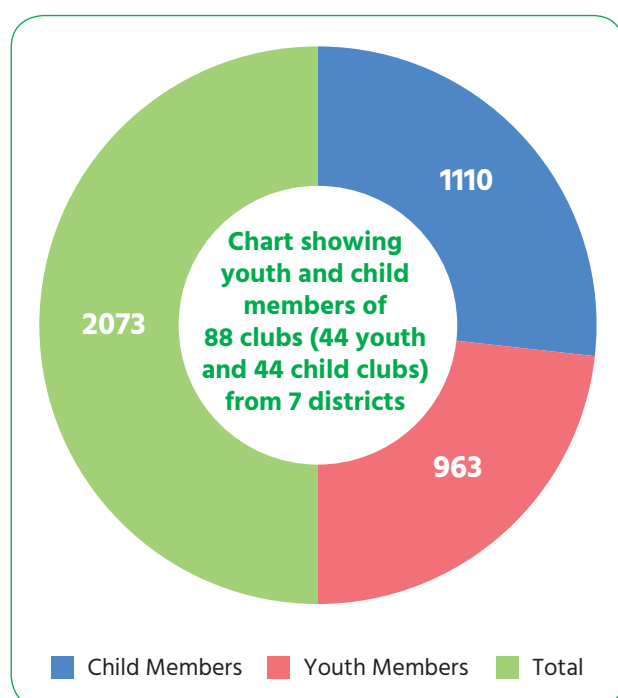
Promoting Child Protection Policy

Promoting child protection is one of the key objectives of Caritas Nepal, and YARC Nepal, implementing knowledge about Child Protection. After the formation of protection committees in schools, new procedures and mechanisms have been established for teachers, students and visitors. For example, now parents cannot enter the premises during school time unnecessarily; visitors must register and receive a gate pass to enter the school; strangers cannot enter the school premises without registration and the permission of the teachers and students. Visitors must record their details and wear an ID card and photographs cannot be taken without consent.

It targets the general public and concerned organizations associated with Child Clubs, Youth Clubs, Schools, local government agencies and other stakeholders by organizing various meetings and trainings. The activities happen in different areas in close coordination with School Management Committees, teachers and guardian organizations.



Child club members showing drama based on domestic violence in Nawalpur.





Youth club members interacting in club meeting at Bhagwatimai RM Dailekh.



Students participating at a rally organized while celebrating Children Day in Bhagwatimai RM, Dailekh.

Achievements

2073 children and youth are actively involved with child and youth clubs and are benefited through social development and livelihood empowerment activities.

163 youth are engaged in small-scale business through revolving fund support. Approximate earnings from over all enterprises is NPR. 1,716,700 in this reporting year.

74 youth have joined youth club and are engaged in club activities. Through youth club they have developed self-confidence and leadership skills. They are now capable on building good relationship with local markets, financial institutions, local government and other stakeholders.

49 youth received vocational trainings on Dhaka weaving, handy crafts, bangles, detergent powder and essence making with agriculture management and business planning. They have now started their own business earning NPR. 3, 90,600 altogether through wider income generating opportunities. Training encouraged participants to promote local and hand made products. They are now utilizing their expertise and skill to enhance their livelihood status.

1470 school children participated in 283 events of extracurricular activities helping them to enrich the confidence level and other key elements required for proper upbringing.

CPP, an effective tool to develop students: academically and socially



"Child protection policy and Child friendly Local governance changed the behavior of teacher and children. Teacher are becoming more sensitive and responsive; children are more disciplined and active after the implementation of CPP. Parents participation on school level activities has also increased. Now the school is very quiet and peaceful."

**Mr. Angat Bahadur Shahi,
Principal,
Bagawati High School.**

1459 children, teachers, parents and municipality representatives are aware on child rights and child protection policies (CPP). 42 schools have developed their own CPP and it has been well implemented in each institution.

1245 participants from 40 child clubs including youth members, teachers, government officials and ward level representative were facilitated with Child Friendly Local Governance (CFLG) training. Children and youth participation in local planning and budgeting process will be beneficial for the

protection and empowerment of children and youth.

640 students from six to ten class after receiving wall magazines training has published 174 informative wall magazines for awareness raising purpose.

846 children and youth are raising awareness on issues such as child marriage, child protection, gender based domestic violence, drugs abuse and unsafe migration through street dramas, cultural programs, day celebrations and rallies.

2

Smallholder Adaptive Farming and Biodiversity Network (SAFBIN)

Goal

To contribute to SDG2: End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture in South Asia.

Duration: April 2018 to March 2022

Location: Nawalpur, Bardia, Banke and Surkhet

Funding Partner: Caritas Austria and Caritas Italiana

Project Description

SAFBIN is a regional program to promote local food and nutritional security through adaptive small-scale farming in context of climate change in four South Asian countries (Bangladesh, India, Nepal and Pakistan). SAFBIN contributes to several of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, primarily to SDG 2 "Zero hunger", but also to SDG 1 "No poverty", SDG 5 "Gender Equality", SDG 10 "reduced inequalities", SDG 12 "Responsible consumption and production", SDG 13 "Climate action", SDG 15 "Life on Land" and SDG 17 "Partnerships for the goals".



The program is being implemented in 25 locations of 13 rural municipalities / municipalities in four districts through 72 smallholder farmers' collectives (SHFCs). It covers 1175 smallholder farmers' households out of which more than 77% are female farmers.



"We are a group with 15 members. Before SAFBIN came here, we used to do agriculture, but we did not use to do research on these crops. Rather than doing plenty of farming without doing research, now we focus on growing the variety which is suitable to the soil. Another thing we learned is off-season farming. Third thing is that we started saving money, by fundraising among ourselves. By collecting the fund, now we managed to gather around NPR 250,000 to 300,000."

Shanti Tharu, Farmer, Bardiya





Achievements

1175 farmers are increasing their farm income through selling surplus production of vegetables, eggs, honey, mushroom etc. Capacity building trainings and input support on poultry, mushroom, beehives and vegetable farming have helped them to enhance their livelihood opportunities.

889 farmers are actively involved in farmers led On-Farm Action Researches (OFAR) in several cereal and vegetable crops which have helped them build resilience in context of climate change. 12 Integrated Farming Systems (IFSSs) have been identified for three different seasons that would help farmers increase their agriculture production and decrease external inputs.

87 farmers were supported with the drip irrigation set for increasing their productivity in vegetables in different seasons and helping them to strengthen their food and nutrition security.

1030 saplings of 53 varieties were planted in the premises of schools, government offices and individual farms of all 13 rural municipalities / municipalities. 230

tree saplings were planted to mark the World Environment Day 2020.

688 farmers are using polythene and effective micro-organism for organic composting from the farm waste. Farmers were trained on farm wastage management for compost preparation. Besides 278 farmers have been supported to improve their cowsheds for management of cattle urine and dungs.

950 farmers have received training on preparing botanical pesticide from locally available botanicals and cattle urine. This, in one hand, has decreased the dependency of chemical fertilizers and pesticides while in another hand, they are producing healthy and organic products.

2 district forums have been formed in the districts which serves as a platform for the farmers and different stakeholders to discuss on different issues, challenges and opportunities.

100 farmers (around) are now capable to tap the convergence support from the local government and other agencies such as seed, farm equipment and capacity building trainings.



Farming : A source of securing livelihoods for farmers of Nawalpur during COVID-19

The unprecedented situation that arose due to COVID-19 virus has affected smallholder farmers adversely as their production could not reach to the market.

"Thankfully as the market was near from my village, I could manage to sell my surplus vegetables", shared Mrs. Hira Moti Giri, cheerfully.

With 5 members in family, 48 years old Mrs. Giri from Nawalpur is doing farming in her 2 kattha (around 670 m²) land. She is involved with SAFBIN since two and half years through input and technical support, farmers from Nawalpur have enhanced their earnings which did helped them to sustain during the hard times.

"I earned NPR. 16,000 in a month after fulfilling my household needs. Smallholder farmers from our village are delighted to experience this situation with improved livelihoods and agricultural sustainability," she shared while showing her fresh beans from her field.

SAFBIN appointed Village Resource Person (VRP), followed up in community and coordinated with the local vendors to collect the vegetables from all the farmers for selling in a reasonable market price.

"My excitement level is high because my vegetable farming practice and productivity has increased. I never thought that agriculture would be a life support for my family during this pandemic situation," she added.

"Now I am planning to expand my vegetable farming by investing the money I saved till now. Our other farmer members have also improved their farming in larger scale and in an organized way. We are privileged that SAFBIN supported smallholder farmers like us for marketing in a commercial way through its value and supply chain activities for ensuring our food security", shared Mrs. Giri with a smile.

Social Development and DRR support

Areas of Interventions

- Strengthening Capacities of Rural Women for Social and Economic Empowerment
- Child Development and Nutrition Enhancement
- Ensuring Safe Migration
- Socio-economic Empowerment of Substance Users and PLHIV
- Empowerment of Youth through Leadership
- Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR)
- Strengthening Community Resilience

Vibrant, strong and influential communities realize basic human rights and right to development and reduce disaster risk



1

Youth Empowerment for Social Changes and Resilience Building

Goal

To identify, tap and optimally harness the potential of the youth, who are powerless, oppressed, persecuted and without rights, in such a way as to strike a judicious balance between their own quality of life as well as towards their meaningful contribution to the society especially in socio-economic development and resilience building

Duration: September 2019 to February 2020

Location: Damak Municipality, Jhapa

Funding Partner: Missio

Project Description

Jhapa districts ranks among the top 10 districts for migrant's worker who goes abroad for foreign employment. Since, it is in the eastern border of Nepal, many youths are going to India without acquiring any required skills which have forced them to face unnecessary hurdles leading to physical and mental trauma. In order to minimize foreign employment among youth, Caritas initiated this pilot project to empower youths and make them capable to do something in home country to reduce unsafe migration. Through several trainings and empowerment activities the project is ensuring the rights of youth by providing them opportunities to gain adequate knowledge on role of youth in community development.

Information about the various scheme provisioned by the government on any start-up business in the country are being provided to the youth to help them grab the opportunity.

"The project not only has helped unemployed youth to pursue in some productive livelihood enhancing activities but has also contributed a lot in minimizing substance abuse and addiction among youth."

Narayan Adhikari, 31, Jhapa





Achievements

104 youth (74 male and 30 female) received several sessions of workshops and trainings on youth policies, livelihood enhancement, DRR and emergency issues.

18 youth enhanced their skill on entrepreneurship development to start-up business for future.

1500 community people participated in awareness raising street drama on road safety and substance abuse. Also, 5 information boards and hoarding board were installed in the public places and roads to raise awareness.

30 youth in 3 different groups are commercially farming potato after receiving IPM practice training and seedling support.

64 youth gained knowledge on modern technologies and techniques to replicate them in their farming through exposure visit to other well-established animal and vegetable farms.



Blood donation program conducted by youth as a part of world volunteer day celebration.



Female participant receiving pickle making training.



2

Strengthening Capacities of Rural Women for Social and Economic Empowerment (SDI)

Goal

Women and Children from marginalized community self determinedly contribute towards the social and economic development of their communities

Duration

April 2019 to March 2022

Location

Saptari, Makwanpur, Kapilvastu, Dang, Gulmi, Palpa,

Funding Partner

KZE and Misereor Germany

Rally organized during 13th National Day against Human Trafficking and Unsafe Migration in Hetauda, Makwanpur.

Implementing Partner

Creative Nepal, Poverty Elimination Center (Peace), Liberation of Oppressed Development Center (LODC), Social Awareness and Development Campaign (SADEC)

Project Description

Violence against women and child marriages are one of the concern issues in Nepalese society. Due to patriarchal cultural practices, communities restriction and boundaries set. Also, low economic status has worsened the situation making women and children more disadvantaged and vulnerable. Therefore, through various skill and capacity building activities, the project aims to provide knowledge to them and promotes communities to build network among each other to support one another for social upliftment and empowerment.

Regular social concern meetings, exchange of experiences through street dramas have supported in animating female members and child clubs to participate actively in social activities. These activities seek to encourage them to assert their rights and to realize change.





Regular monthly sharing meeting of women groups in Gulmi district.

Achievements

108 women groups have been formed having 2260 women members and 108 child clubs (8 school based, and 100 community based) have been formed having 2333 children members.

50 percent child members of the child club has started to participate actively in extra-curricular activities and awareness raising campaigns.

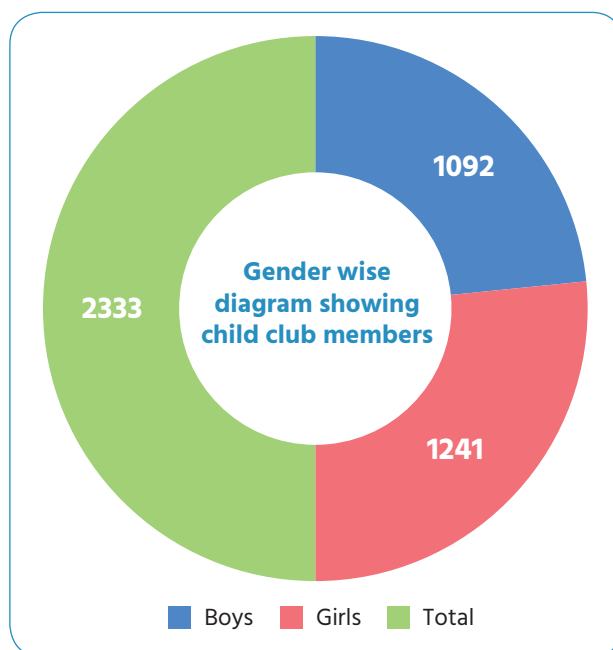
60 out of 108 child clubs collected NPR. 127,285/- within this one-year program period. The amount will be utilized on organizing curricular and extracurricular activities.

NPR. 547,535 have been mobilized by the women group members and is using the saving amount as a loan for income generating activities (IGA).

30 women groups out of 108 have received fund for their development initiatives from the local government and are capable to tap fund for other social activities.

248 women members have started using local seed and started doing organic free farming.

3 cooperatives have collected saving of NPR. 1,139,750 from 612 women members and have mobilized NPR. 1,251,750 to the cooperative members for income generating activities mainly for vegetable farming, small retail shop & livestock.



Cooperative capacity building training for affiliated cooperatives with Caritas Nepal.

3

School Based Disaster Risk Reduction Program (S-DRR)

Goal

To create a safer school, safe learning environment and more resilient rural communities in Jhapa district of Nepal, who are vulnerable to the impact of hazards such as earthquake and flood through capacitating especially the vulnerable schools and neighboring families to enable them to be prepared against disaster.

Duration: August 2019 to July 2022

Location: Jhapa, Kamal Rural Municipality ward No. 1,2&7

Funding Partner: Caritas Italiana



School level disaster risk reduction empowerment programme conducted in 7 schools of Jhapa.

Building capacities of schools and families to withstand against the impact of hazards associated with earthquake and flood through the improved system, resources, and skills.

Achievements

7 School Disaster Management Committee (SDMC) formed in 4 secondary schools and 3 primary schools with altogether 153 members. Each, SDMC has 9 to 11 members committee including one focal teacher and three task force like first aid, light search and rescue team.

175 participants including teachers, students, parents, local leaders and surrounding community people have been oriented on disaster risk reduction and school safety.

300 local community people observed earthquake stimulation exercise gaining knowledge and skills on risk and preparedness before earthquake for minimizing the loss of lives and properties during disaster; organized in collaboration with Rural Municipality and Red Cross.

58 community people including masons were oriented on Nepal Reconstruction Authorities' code of conduct to disaster resistant houses.



Event organized for earthquake stimulation exercise on earthquake preparedness.

4

Child Development and Nutrition Enhancement Project (CDNEP)

Goal

Contribute to holistic child growth by implementing early childhood development classes and to build capacity of rural households to improve access to safe drinking water, household nutrition and income.

Location: Bheri Municipality (wards 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10) in the Jajarkot District.

Duration: May 2018 to May 2020

Funding Partner: Kindermissionwerk

Implementing Partner:

Environmental Camps for Conservation Awareness (ECCA)

Project Description

The project is working in one of the most remote districts of Nepal, Jajarkot. It aims to strengthen Early Childhood Development Centers (ECDC) and child clubs to support the holistic growth of children through various skill-based and awareness activities. This project also intends to enhance the livelihoods of women through income generating activities and various capacity building trainings.



Free health check up for children through health camp.



Children interacting during child club meeting.



Stationary materials being handed over to child club members.



Achievements

124 (3 to 5 aged) children of 5 ECDC improved their health with daily nutritious mid-day meal like: beans, grains, chick-pea, milk, rice pudding and seasonal fruits. Facilitator ensured the nutritional security of children.

50 families have access to safe drinking water minimizing the risk of water borne diseases in the community after construction of reservoir water tank (7000 ltr) in Dupketole.

186 children (124 students from ECDC and 62 from village) got their health checked-up for free at the health camp and were given general medicine for common illness for treatment.

5 ECDC (3 old and 2 new) based in different local primary schools are now well functioning, with the technical and resources support. Teaching and learning activities have become easy and convenient, influencing children to join centre and parents to participate in

teacher parents meeting. Toilet construction and solar panel support has improved school infrastructures, maintaining hygiene in school.

124 students are learning better through audio visual teaching materials encouraging students to be regular in school and be interactive.

1255 students and teachers through child clubs were involved in various social awareness events such as tree plantation, children's day celebration making them aware on deforestation and child rights.

186 women members from 6 women groups has been registered as Malika Saving and Credit Cooperative. Women members were able to earn NPR. 3,033,334 from the revolving fund support of NPR. 1,020,000. Co-operative is also running vegetable collection centre for facilitating convenient market for farmers to reach out the consumers.

5

Ensuring safe migration of the most vulnerable people through awareness and capacity building (SAMVAB)

Goal: To ensure a safe and dignified labor migration and improve the knowledge and skills of migrants, communities and local institutions through awareness raising, skills development and institutional capacity building.

Duration: June 2018 to May 2020

Location: Damak Municipality, Jhapa and Godawori Municipality, Lalitpur

Funding Partner: Caritas Germany

Implementing Partner: Jagriti Child and Youth Concern Nepal (JCYCN)

Project Description

Nepal's unemployment rate percent is 11.4. Everyday hundreds of youths move to the Gulf States and other states seeking for better job opportunities. More than 3.5 million work permits were issued by the Nepalese Government in the period from 1993 to 2017. In addition, increased global migration trend in the last decade has impacted Nepal as well.



Pabitra Guragai Ghimire, Returnee Volunteer, showing IEC materials provided by CN. 700 potential migrants oriented on safe migration from the help desk installed by Caritas in the District Administrative Office, Damak, Jhapa. Pabitra provides counseling and orientation on unsafe migration and human trafficking issues when people visits there for passport related works.



34 migrant's family members (31 women and 3 men), have successfully applied IPM cultivation techniques in their barren land.

However, lack of knowledge about safe labour migration and lack of skills that are essential for employment abroad are dimming the prospect of a career. Our initiative focuses on enhancing knowledge and skills of potential migrants, returnees and their families through professional training, information events, awareness-raising campaigns for safe migration, legal, health and psychosocial support, family counselling, pre-departure orientation, national-level meetings, distribution of IEC materials, coaching courses and other required technical and financial assistance. Vocational trainings on mason, house wiring and mobile repairing has helped youth to acquire skills in order to be successful in their country of origin. This has helped in reducing the number of migrants.



Achievements

72 participants have received short-term and long-term cooking, mobile repair and tailoring training from local institutions. 45 percent participants have resettled and restarted their dignified life in home country.

150 participants were oriented about unsafe migration, which helped them take necessary precautions while dealing with manpower agents.

20 out of 26 students passed the 9th grade exam who attended the coaching classes.

2 families received legal support from the government through Pravasi Nepali Corporations Committee (PNCC). Their son demised in an accident while working in Gulf.

143 people from the marginalized and poor family background, daily wage labor and migrant families got short time employment through cash for work supporting them to purchase their basic daily needs during the time of lockdown. They worked in Hamse Dumse Community Forest and Mawa Khola Embankment site for constructing gabion walls for mitigating the disasters that may be caused by the flood.

4 returnees and 2 migrant families have benefited from the low-interest lending provided by the Foreign Employment Promotion Board to start a small business after their arrival.

64 participants were given the opportunity to visit animal and vegetable farms to gain experience on modern technologies in Nepal.



"I was staying idle after I came back from Malaysia, as there was no work suitable for me. I got opportunity to participate in Electrical House Wiring training organized by Caritas Nepal. It was a 3-month training. I was able to upgrade my skill which has helped me to increase my daily wage to NPR. 1000 from NPR.700. I feel glad to be part of this intervention as SAMVAB is helping potential migrants, returnees and their families for mitigating unsafe migration in Jhapa."

Pradip Dhimal, 30



Reviving the hope of migrants: shattered by COVID-19

Like, Sovit Sharma (Name changed), each day almost 5000 youth are returning to Nepal from abroad due to worldwide spread of COVID-19. Mr. Sharma was one among them. He was deported from UAE after he was tested positive.

"I stayed quarantined and recovered after 14 days before coming back to Nepal on June 2020. I was happy that I recovered from corona but the main challenge was now what?", he recalled sounding hopeless.

Working in a construction company, he barely managed to save money to start new business and new life here in his home town Damak. After seeing his willingness and devotion to start poultry farm, CN supported him with NPR.40, 000 as a loan. The support has made a significant difference in his life as he has now established his poultry farm by naming it "Apsana Multi-Purpose Agriculture Farm".

"Caritas Nepal support helped me to live a dignified life. I feel great to overcome this stigma of this ongoing pandemic and financial challenges through this revolving fund support", he shared.

6

Socio-Economic Empowerment of Substance Users and People living with HIV+/AIDS

Goal: Rehabilitation of substance users and HIV / AIDS patients through socio-economic empowerment.

Duration: June 2017 to May 2020

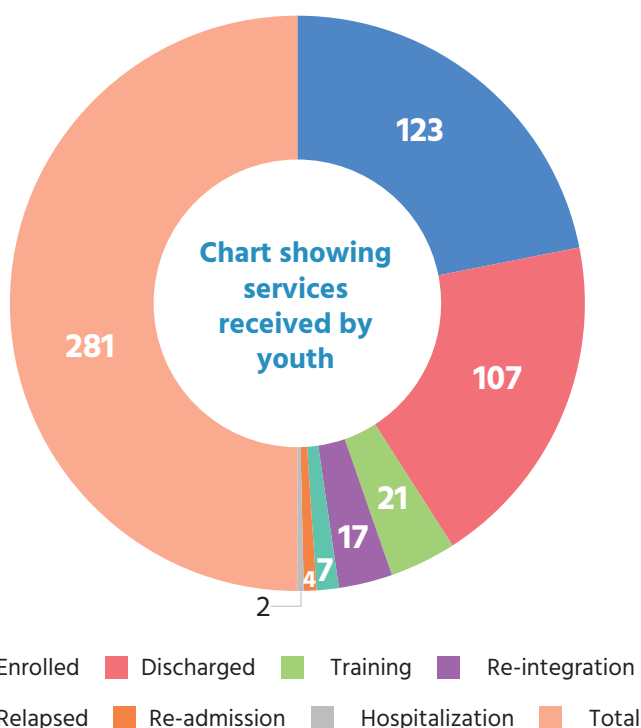
Location: Bhaishapati, Lalitpur

Funding Partner: Caritas Italiana

Implementing Partner: Salvation Nepal (Rehabilitation Center)

Project Description:

Bad habits such as excessive consumption of alcohol and other drugs can ruin individual lives and their families. Often, these bad habits are associated with depressive illness, curiosity during teenage and peer circles. To minimize the adverse effect of this social concerns, CN is supporting individuals to fight against the addiction and prevent them from destroying their social and personal life. CN's anti-drug campaign assures the individuals dignity and assist them to reintegrate in families and society to re-start their normal life.



Rev. Bishop Paul Simick, addressing the participant of National Youth Convention organized in Damak.



A rally was organized on 1st December 2019 to celebrate World's AIDS Day, jointly with CN's project partner Salvation Nepal and District Health Office, Lalitpur.

Achievements

281 youths were provided with various rehabilitation support through trainings and medical facilities.

32 substance users received rehabilitation facility in Salvation Nepal.

17 individuals are reintegrated with their families and are living a addiction free life.

7

Empowerment of Youth through Leadership Programme

Goal: To build up capacity of the youth to strengthen their moral values in committing and participating to live in good harmony and respect.

Duration: January 2018 to December 2020

Location: Kohalpur Municipality of Banke, Gauriganj Rural Municipality of Jhapa, Punarbas Rural Municipality Kanchanpur.

Funding Partner: Mission Aachen, Germany

Implementing Partner: Nepal Carmal Mata Samaj

Project Description

Targeting the communities located in borders and marginalized tribal communities the intervention was initiated to enhance leadership skills of youth. Disadvantaged families displaced from western hilly regions during Maoist insurgency who are living without land ownership and documents are being empowered. Youth of ethnic and socially excluded communities: Santal, Chaudhary, Rajbhanshi, Tajpurya and Madeshi are being provided with skill development trainings and social awareness raising activities, mainly focusing youth who are unprivileged of education, school-drop out, unemployed or aspiring for foreign employment.

Communities highly gripped by the socio-cultural malpractices such as domestic violence, alcoholism,

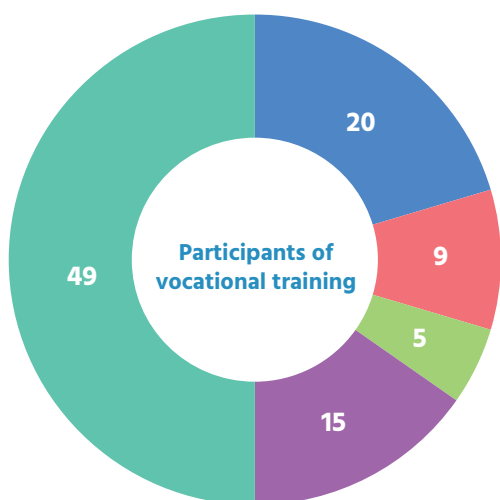


Youth during Basic Computer Hardware Training.

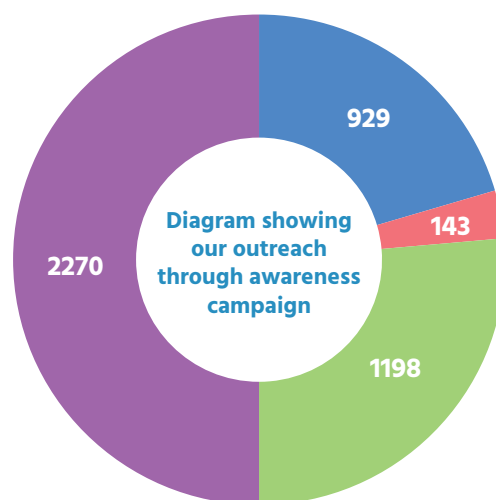
witchcraft and addiction needs to be guided, as youth living in such communities are likely to be influenced negatively. The intervention has emphasized on ensuring livelihood security through vocational trainings, aiming to enhance income generating skills which not only will help to build their leadership capacity but also allow them to bring change in the community and make a better place to live.



Participants after doing street drama on social awareness in Kohalpur, Nepalgunj.



■ Tailoring ■ House Wiring ■ Beautician
■ Computer Hardware ■ Total



■ Banke ■ Jhapa ■ Kanchanpur ■ Total

Achievements

49 youths after being trained on tailoring, house wiring, beautician and computer hardware are now able to sustain their life from enterprises and business from their respective fields.

2270 youths participated in social awareness activities such as: Personality & Leadership Development Training, Youth Day Celebration, Moral Education, Interaction with youth and parents and Awareness through street drama.

Youths celebrating youth day by showing their dance performance.



8

Promotion of Women's Empowerment and Rights Targeting Rural Women (POWER)

Goal

Promote women in Western Nepal so that they can contribute to good governance and inclusive development.

Duration: June 2019 to July 2021

Location: Banke, Bardiya, Kailali, Kanchanpur, Nawalpur, Lalitpur, Surkhet

Funding Partner: Australian Government- Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT)

Consortium Partners: LWF Nepal, ADRA Nepal and INF Nepal

Implementing Partner: Local Cooperatives

Project Description

In the patriarchal society of Nepal, women usually subordinate to men in virtually all walks of life. The indispensable contribution women make to the economy also goes largely

unnoticed, as their traditional role is often taken for granted. In addition, about 28 percent of Nepalese women are exposed to Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV). Women and girls should therefore learn to counterbalance unequal power relations and gender stereotypes, so that they have the same development and relationship opportunities as male members of the community. The aim of the project is to promote the role of women and to motivate them to involve in social issues by providing them with leadership development trainings and orientations. In this process, leadership development and critical engagement with the local government are promoted. Given that many women have a very limited freedom of choice, socio-economic and political participation permits, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed by the consortium partners to strengthen women's rights, empower women and promote gender equality.



Achievements

75 percent women are in the executive and working committee having major decision-making power.

9 cooperatives have implemented Gender Equality and Social Inclusion (GESI) policy while 17 cooperatives have GESI policy draft ready for approval during Annual General Meeting.

4000 copies of Code of conduct on Preventing Sexual Exploitation Abuse and Harassment (PSEAH) printed and staff were oriented on it. Also, Gender Audit of the organization was done by each of the Consortium Members (CMs) respectively to prepare action plans for CMs level activities like cross learning visit at project locations, common guideline and procedure on PSEAH, necessary preparation for Australian NGO

Corporation Program workshop/meeting and publication of best practices.

17 domestic violence, polygamy and 3 child marriages cases have been stopped; 2 rape cases, 1 sexual abuse and exploitation cases, 1 murder case and 1 witchcraft case have been counseled by the cooperative in coordination with the Women Human Right Defenders (WHDR), local government and concerned agency. They are working to minimize and solve such social issues.

12 Cooperatives submitted 21 proposals at local, province government office while 2 cooperatives made proposal to national cooperative bank for loan after being trained on proposal writing. Altogether 16 proposal accepted and managed to receive loan of 16,188,000. Also, have received farm input support such as seeds of rice, maize, vegetables and irrigation facility.

“There is no happily-ever-after to run. We have to work for happiness”

- Mary Balogh

Dhanmaya Bote (42, member of *Sistachar* Social Multipurpose Cooperative) suffered polygamy and harassment, for years she kept quite eventually after encouraging her and motivating her to participate in the GESI activities, she finally broke her silence and filed the case against her husband who is in jail now. She was being victim of domestic violence for more than 6 years as her husband used to physically abuse her frequently under the influence of alcohol. Her husband's behavior started changing drastically after she gave birth to a daughter (first child) which shows the conservative patriarchal mind set of our community.

“I have the strength to fight against harassment and domestic violence, this is my achievement. I have a voice. Without support from the project and cooperative this would not have been possible.”





9

Building a Resilient Chepang Community through integrated programme

Goal

To increase the quality of life of the Chepang community and improve the community's resilience to future disasters.

Duration: August 2017 to July 2020

Location: Ichhyakamana Rural Municipality, Chitwan

Funding Partner: Caritas Germany

Implementing Partner: NRUSEC (Nepal Rural Self Resilience Campaign)

Project Description

Chepang communities are taken as an indigenous group in Nepal and are classified as "highly marginalized". 2015 earthquake in Nepal and its aftershocks further worsen the living conditions of the Chepang communities. The project supports a wide range of poverty reduction, livelihood, disaster risk reduction, community mobilization and empowerment measures. During this, courses were offered to address agricultural challenges, group management, child marriages and their bad effects. In addition, hygiene campaigns and training sessions on vegetable cultivation were conducted. Children are motivated to go to school regularly through several stationery and school support in order to promote them about importance of education and increase the number of schools going Chepang children.

Achievements

527 Chepang households received training on mushroom cultivation, livestock management. Among them 383 households have produced vegetables with organic pesticides supporting them to improve their livelihood and consume nutrition food.

355 households have planted 1150 fruit seedlings supporting in income generating activities and acting as a DRR mitigation both at same time.

15 families are now working as bamboo chair makers and has started selling homemade bamboo chairs in the local market. After completing their vocational training, they have sold 44 chairs, each for 500 rupees, earning 32,000 rupees on average.

657 goats gave birth with the help of breeding farm services. The growth rate and the weight gained by the cattle's has increased by 50 percent. A total of 2,500 goats

were de-wormed and vaccinated, which has reduced the mortality rate by 70 percent.

383 households have built a new, improved goat shed, and many more have started commercial goat farming.

23 Chepang households received drinking water scheme, which includes reservoir tank and 2 taps which have supported them for irrigating their kitchen garden farm.



"I would like to thank Caritas for coming to our village and improving our livelihood. I will continue to promote the learnings and techniques remembering Caritas even after completion of the project here."

Dinesh Chepang
Local Resource Person

10

Integrated Food Security, Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) and Climate Change Adaptation (CCA) in Jumla/Mugu

Goal

To improve the resilience of the vulnerable communities towards potential future disasters and to increase food security by strengthening livelihoods opportunities in the communities and strengthening the capacities of the local level institutions especially cooperatives, collection canterers and community groups.

Duration: December 2019 to December 2022

Location: Khatyad, Kanaka Sundari, Patarasi, Hima and Tila Rural Municipality of Mugu and Jumla

Funding Partner: Caritas Germany

Implementing Partner: PACE Nepal

Project Description

Focusing on poor, vulnerable and disadvantaged communities for improving their resilience, the project has been designed to improve the disaster preparedness of disaster-prone communities mitigating potential future disasters and to increase food security by strengthening livelihoods opportunities. Strengthening the capacities of the local level institutions especially cooperatives, collection centres and community groups support in making them self-sustain and achieve sustainable livelihood. In coordination with 12 cooperatives, 4 collection centres, 46 new community groups and local authorities, the project is undertaking the strategy for identification needs of the community, formation, mobilization of community and the local resources, emphasising on the social inclusion and disability, capacity building of the community and local stakeholders on DRR and ensured food security advocacy.



Women farmer group conducting their monthly meeting in Mugu.



Achievements

39 community groups have been formed consisting 1175 (285 Male and 890 Female), where 75.74 percent women actively showed participation on the group meeting.

138 participants (60 male and 78 female) are trained in orchard management at local level through appropriate digging technique, planting methods, planting season, irrigation schedule, pruning method and pest and insect management techniques.

18 participants (10 Female and 8 Male) were orientated on agriculture farmers'

field school on IPM providing ideas and knowledge on impact of the pesticide on human life and promote organic farming.

10 nursery beds were established with the purpose of seed production locally and through nursery management training, farmers were able to diversify their nutrition and nursery management.

765 apple plant roots and 400 apple saplings planted in the drought areas to prevent landslides.

"30 households has benefited from the 400 apple saplings supported by Caritas. The saplings were planted in the landslide prone areas. As the trees are becoming stronger we also feel safe from potential landslides. Livelihood of communities has improved as they earned NPR. 10,000 last year and this year we are expecting more production worth around NPR. 25,000. The amount will be utilized among farmers on other enterprise setup."

Deuram Baduwalthe
Chairperson, Farmer Group



SECTION IX

Strategic Objective 3

Humanitarian Support

Areas of intervention

- Emergency Humanitarian Assistance for the Communities Facing Crisis
- Disaster Recovery and Resilience
- Building Capacities in Humanitarian Action
- Bhutanese Refugee Education

People in emergency and humanitarian crises are empowered to cope and recover from crises and sustainably rebuild their lives and join mainstream development.



1

Caritas Nepal stands in solidarity against this global pandemic, COVID-19

In early 2020 corona virus pandemic affected the world, resulting humanitarian crisis. The scenario in Nepal was also becoming critical so the government forced lockdown to minimize the widespread of virus. People depending on daily wages for survival were severely affected.

CN took initiation to respond this emergency taking preventive measures working jointly with our stakeholders. Immediate action plans were made and implemented, aiming to provide food security and preventive measures for safety during this pandemic.

Addressing the challenges that aroused due to COVID-19 and assure humanitarian support for the disadvantaged and vulnerable families through livelihood, medical and awareness raising activities.

CN supported food relief items for sustaining during emergency and in order to ensure the hygiene and sanitation, WASH kits were distributed in quarantined centers, hospitals, police stations, cooperatives and public places. Our partners at grass root level were actively working on production and distribution of masks for preventing virus from spreading. Awareness were raised on protecting ourselves from the virus through hoarding board installation, radio jingles broadcast, mike announcements. Flex print and leaflets distributions were done in all working location of CN. Hand washing platforms were constructed to ensure hygiene facilities in prominent locations.



Differently able man receiving relief support during lockdown. 123 vulnerable families of Dhanusa were supported with emergency food relief materials.



“Neither we could work nor could we earn during lockdown! Without any income my family with 9 member faced hard times to manage food. In those situations, thankfully Caritas Nepal in coordination with Ward Office supported us with food items. We were able to sustain more than 2 weeks from the food relief assistance during time of crisis. I am thankful to all who supported us in this difficult time.”

Kabita Tamang

Pokhara Metropolitan –26



Sector wise Outreach of CN

61,875



Emergency food relief support
Reached : 20 K



Awareness through Radio jingles
Reached : 3 districts



Emergency WASH support
Reached : 20 K



Mask produced and supplied
Reached : 30 K



Emergency medical support
Reached : 20 K



Awareness through IEC materials
Reached : 30 K



Community people using Hand washing station at Sahari Health post Tansen-8, Chauripokhara.

2 COVID-19 Response Programme

Goal

To address the safety and dignity of the most vulnerable households affected by COVID-19 pandemic in Tansen municipality, Palpa district.

Duration: May to August 2020

Location: Tansen municipality, Palpa District

Funding Partner: Catholic Relief Services (CRS)

Project Description

In the wake of COVID-19 pandemic country's health system

has been affected and slowing down the major sectors of the economy affecting Nepal's most vulnerable and food insecure households. Daily wage workers, smallholder farmers, elderly, people with disabilities, single mothers, pregnant and large families with children living below poverty line have been severely affected by COVID-19 pandemic. Meanwhile, thousands of migrant workers are coming back to the country escalating unemployment ratio miserably. This programme mainly targets to improve health care system and sanitization facilities to mitigate its widespread and aims to support livelihood for households depending on daily wages.

Achievements

24 hand washing platform were constructed in prominent places: quarantine centers, hospitals, schools and public places for ensuring communities hygiene and WASH facilities.

100 people staying in quarantine were supported with health care materials: health kits, gloves, masks, sanitizer and other PPE materials to health workers and quarantine personnel.

227 vulnerable households received cash grant support of NPR. 13500/- per families in order to support them to ensure food and sanitation facilities for them and their families to sustain in this time of crisis.

64 most effected micro business also received cash grant support of NPR. 15000/- to NPR. 35000, aiming to contribute for early recovery of their hampered business due to this pandemic.

3

Nepal Tornado Response and Early Recovery Programme

Goal

Provide emergency relief and contribute to early recovery through support to resilience of the livelihoods of Tornado affected families and enhance their resilience to future disaster.

Duration: April 2019 to February 2020

Location: Mahagadhimai Municipality and Devatal Rural Municipality, Bara

Funding Partner: Caritas Australia, Missio, Caritas Italiana, Caritas Japan

Implementing Partner: Jan Jagaran Youth Club (JJYC), Bara

Project Description

The first ever tornado in Nepal was recorded on 31 March 2019. A powerful “rainstorm” swept across two districts of southern Nepal killing at least 28 and injuring more than 1,100 people. Caritas in order to contribute to recover and uplift livelihood of tornado affected families, provided crop seeds and enhanced their capacity through livelihood enhancement trainings and farm input supports.

Communities are now aware of disaster preparedness procedures through trainings and workshop on disaster risk reduction.



“When the tornado swept over our village, the entire roof of my house was destroyed. I was scared, but I knew that I had to stay calm and strong for my children.”

Danmati Devi Yadav
Tornado Survivor, Bara

“I am 62 years old and have never seen such a storm. It was so big that it seemed to eat the whole village. My house flew. The wind took everything we had. But with seeds, tools, irrigation system and the knowledge provided by Caritas, we soon recovered from the catastrophe, and also improved our life situation like before. I am now growing potatoes, onions, okra and bitter gourd. I never thought that I could grow such diversity in my field.

I am a member of the Janaki Farming Group and I am fortunate that I was also selected to receive a 10,000 rupee fund to open a grocery store. In addition to farming, I can now support my family with additional income from this business. I feel very privileged that the other members have given me this trust and I will continue to expand my shop as required in the future!”

Rajendra Shahateli, Rampurwa Village, Bara



Achievements

9 vegetable farming groups were formed among 249 farmers. They were trained on improved vegetable farming practices and supported with seeds and farming tools. Farmers have upgraded upgrade their income generating opportunities and are able to utilize their income in children schooling/ education, cloth, and routine household expenses enhancing their livelihood worth NPR. 10,000 per month.

1295 tornado affected gained knowledge on improved hygiene and sanitation practices through hygiene promotion campaign and are taking sanitation measures in their HHs.

532 students received WASH kit containing towel, soap, hair oil, toothpaste, tooth cleaner and nail cutter for ensuring their hygienic practices.

20 trained on mobile repairing. Among them, 5 have received NPR. 20,000 to start electronic shop business.



10 most vulnerable and marginalized families were provided cash grant support of NPR.10,000 for enterprise set up: grocery shop, cosmetic business, fast food shop etc.

214 household have access to irrigation facilities from 8 shallow boring and one deep boring installed Telgai village.

65 household received cemented tiles for reconstructing their house and 5-day cash for work support amount NPR. 3250 for sustaining during the time of crisis.

205 school students benefited through retrofitting of school building and stationary support getting access to quality education.



"With the seeds and training I received from Caritas, I was able to grow 500 kg of potatoes and sell them for a total of 55,000 rupees. I was so excited. I couldn't believe that had sold that much. I had so much profit from which, I bought a buffalo from the the profit. Everyday it gives 6 liters of milk. I don't have to worry anymore about feeding my family of eight. I now have the skills, knowledge and motivation! I look forward to further training!"

Sukan Mahato, Telgai Village, Bara

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Nepal Earthquake Recovery Programme (NERP)

Goal

Earthquake affected communities have safer and dignified lives.

Locations: Orang, Bulung and Sailung in Dolakha District; Sunkoshi, Kalika, Thokarpa, Yamunadanda and Sunkhani in Sindhupalchowk District; Balthali and Chandenimandan in Kavrepalanchowk District; Baseswor and Hariharpur Gadhi in Sindhuli District.

Period: January 2016 to March 2020

Programme Description

The Nepal Earthquake Recovery Programme (NERP) en-

abled 9,409 earthquake affected households (46,640 people) to realize a holistic recovery. It provided social and economic recovery services in different sectors such as shelter, WASH, livelihood, social protection and psychosocial support, and disaster risk reduction. The programme was implemented in 4 of the 14 most affected districts of Nepal, in 16 ward locations as per the new Municipality or Rural Municipality structure (past VDCs). Due to the scale of the programme, the Annual Report will present some of the most significant achievements of NERP per sector of intervention. Numbers refer to the consolidated results since the beginning of the programme.

Specific Objective 1

Earthquake affected HHs in the target areas are living in safe and adequate shelter.

Achievement Statement

4620 HHs or 97% of the targeted 4775 households are living in earthquake resistant newly built houses. The households were supported housing grant, transport top up in Dolakha, and socio-technical support. A total of 8787 households were provided individual level technical guidance. As per end line survey: (a) 96% HHs supported are happy with house design; (b) 97% HHs supported think their house is safe to live in due to improved construction practices; (c) 6% HHs have built houses in new locations within their villages. 13 communities have improved capacity in terms of technical knowledge and trained human resources (i. e. Masons and contractors) to construct and maintain earthquake resistant houses. 13 Local governments have committed to continue earthquake resistant house construction promotion in their locations in the future. 26 units of model houses constructed and provided to most vulnerable households selected by the communities. 758 local Masons trained.

Specific Objective 2

Earthquake affected households in the target areas are using safe and appropriate WASH facilities.

Achievement Statement

4502 earthquake affected households (22955 population) have improved access to safe drinking water from 69 drinking water systems constructed. End line survey noted: 87% of households in intensively supported locations have access to enough tap water; out of this, 92% could fetch water within 5 minutes, and 90% have enough water available for household's use. 99% of the households used their own latrines and 1% used neighbor's latrines; most people pursued hygiene measures such as hand washing after work, going to toilet and before meals. 14 schools have improved latrine facilities.

Specific Objective 3

Earthquake affected households in the target areas have increased livelihood security.

Achievement Statement

8144 households' members received training and grants (Rs. 22000-Rs. 35000/- each) to re-establish their livelihoods. Small Holder Farmers were trained in agriculture, livestock raising and IPM practices. 198 people were trained in nonfarm enterprises. Irrigation systems constructed and repaired have provided irrigation to 211 ha. of land. 11 marketing centers for milk and vegetables were established.

End line survey noted: 95% households received livelihood sector trainings and inputs; 78% households noted improvement in livelihoods due to training and support received; 79% households were able to sell their farm produce; 96.3% households have access to micro-finance services such as by cooperatives; 81.3% households note they have improved food security since the earthquake; and 39.7 % households to 41.6 % households noted improvement in income due to their agriculture and livestock activities respectively.

Specific Objective 4

Earthquake affected communities have access to safe, dignified and accessible programs that increase their physical and mental well-being.

Achievement Statement

Protection mainstream was done effectively ensuring recovery service delivery was provided in an accessible, safe and dignified manner to the programme participants. Single women led households and people with disability and psychosocial challenges have received benefits of the programme. 240 people with disability and 229 people with psychosocial challenges received special referral funds to address their concerns. 72 trained volunteers and Village level Protection Committees ensured the programme was implemented without leaving vulnerable households behind. In addition, feed backs received to improve programme service delivery in meetings or through 98 feedback boxes and one toll free line and were answered to.

Specific Objective 5

Earthquake affected communities have increased resilience to disaster risks.

Achievement Statement

Disaster mainstreaming was done in all the sectors of intervention. For example, earthquake resistant house construction, laying pipelines of drinking water system two feet deep so it will not be washed away by mudslides, and facilitating farm animal vaccination and insurance.

Local Disaster Management Committees formed in 12 locations and supported to prepare plans for disaster risk reduction and adaptation to climate change. Various aspects of the plans supported to be implemented with the support of local governments. Mitigation measures such as plantation in community forest, gabion boxes for land slide protection, and lightning arresters were placed.

Specific Objective 6

Children study in earthquake resistant schools and utilize adequate sanitation facilities.

Achievement Statement

7 School buildings have been constructed benefitting more than 1200 children.



Closing Ceremony

A closing ceremony was held on the 28th of September 2019 to mark a closure of the three and a half year long programme. Distinguished guests including his Excellency Bishop Paul Simick (Patron of Caritas Nepal), Honorable Mr. Sushil Gyawali (Chief Executive Officer of the National Reconstruction Authority), Respected Mr. Shree Ram Khadka (Ward Chairperson, Bulung rural municipality, Dolakha), Mr. Aloysius John (Secretary of Caritas Internationalis), Dr. Benedict Alo D'Rozario (President of Caritas Asia), Rev. Fr. Ajay Pradhan (Former President of Caritas Nepal) were present for the ceremony.

Mr. Manindra Malla, the Programme Manager presented about Caritas Nepal's 30 years journey and a video about NERP's achievements.





Caritas Nepal's 30th Anniversary Commemorative Booklet and NERP's Good Practices Booklet were officially released on the same day.

Mr. Sushil Gyawali commended Caritas Nepal's work in the field of humanitarian assistance and development. "The 30 years of journey of Caritas Nepal in our country to create a socially just society is commendable," he expressed. Similarly, Mr. Shree Ram Khadka, Ward Chairperson of Bigu Rural Municipality appreciated the presence of Caritas Nepal in one of the remote villages of Dolakha and the synergy between Caritas and the local government, which was one of the key tools for the successful implementation of the recovery program. Fr. Pius Perumana (Former Executive Director, Caritas Nepal) shared about his experience during the earthquake emergency period. Likewise, Fr. K.B Bogati (Former Executive Director, Caritas Nepal) also shared his experiences of the earthquake days and the working modality used to implement the recovery program. "Orang was the first village to complete reconstruction out of more than 600 earthquake affected villages in Nepal and it's very gratifying. We can go around the villages and people themselves speak what Caritas Nepal has been in their lives," he expressed.

Recognition certificates were provided to the implementing partners of NERP. Staffs at the central level were also recognized for their valuable efforts in the programme.

Final Evaluation and Sharing

Final external evaluation was facilitated with the support of Caritas Internationalis. An international team leader Mr. Frank de Caires along with local consultants from Abhiyantra Consulting Pvt. Ltd. undertook an end line survey and final external evaluation of NERP. The evaluation report was shared by the lead consultant with CI and CIMOs on September 29, 2019 at a conference organized by Caritas Nepal to understand the external perspective in regard to achievement and learnings. In the conference were also Mr. Aloysius John and Ms. Suzanne from Caritas Internationalis, Mr. Melville Fernandez from Caritas Australia, Dr. Benedict Alo De' Rozario from Caritas Asia, Mr. Zar Gomez from Caritas Asia, Mr. Milan Mukhia from CRS who commended Caritas Nepal's dedication to lift people and communities up. The Project Coordinators of NERP shared and shed light on different aspects that the evaluation team needed.

Caritas Nepal's Programme Manager, Mr. Manindra Malla presented a proposal for a new initiative –Socio Economic Resilience Programme (SERP) prepared after a need assessment activity undertaken by external consultants.



Learning of Nepal Earthquake Recovery Programme

1. Caritas Nepal was able to develop and implement a multi-sectorial recovery programme as per need of the earthquake affected families by taking in the sectorial expertise of various CIMOs. This made the implementation of NERP a common effort and improved the effectiveness of the programme to realize the programme's results and objectives.
2. Communities have realized a holistic recovery with each household taking part in at least 3 sectors of the programme and realizing benefits such as safe shelter, improved livelihoods, access to drinking water and improved sanitation, and psychosocial and disability support. Timely shelter construction and improved drinking water access has ensured survival and improved health conditions which cannot be valued monetarily. The final evaluation report notes that the livelihood sector intervention has resulted in the intended livelihood recovery of the families and given the best results in terms of value for money invested.
3. The local communities have capacity to move forward to become more resilient communities. Local communities and local governments are now committed to apply



build back better methods in the future as well for shelter reconstruction and building and sustaining drinking water systems. Capacity building activities have improved capacities of local communities and governments to prepare disaster management plans and to raise resources to address disaster risks. This effort will be continued by institutions such as cooperatives, local Disaster Management Committees, local WASH committees and local governments.

4. The participatory exercises undertaken to review programme's achievements and learnings and to organize programme closing ceremonies with ownership of local government and stakeholders has made the communities proud of their recovery achievements and generated interest and commitment to sustain the benefits.
5. Caritas Nepal's emphasis on local people led approach, owner driven approach, local user group and community led approach has enabled the local communities to realize a comprehensive recovery. The careful capacity building and placement of local community members as village office coordinators, social mobilizers, technicians and volunteers enabled Caritas Nepal to implement the programme effectively.

Recommendations

The learning of NERP has been published in a publication called 'Earthquake Affected Communities Realize a Holistic Recovery'. This includes the findings of end line survey and reports of sectoral experts who have evaluated NERP. This document is recommended to be used to create awareness on addressing holistic recovery programming in the future by Caritas Nepal and other stakeholders.

CN recommends all the stakeholders to take the learnings and recommendations of the final evaluation report to improve their post disaster humanitarian services in the future.

Livelihoods, DRR, WASH and Social protection sectors are recommended for development phase interventions, keeping into consideration local needs of the earthquake affected locations. The most vulnerable population as single women, people with disability and unemployed youth need targeting.



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Livelihood and WASH Recovery Project in Sindhupalchowk

Goal

To restore and strengthen the resilience of people affected by the earthquake.

Duration: January 2018 to December 2019

Location: Sindhupalchowk

Funding Partner: Caritas Germany

Implementing Partner: Janahit Gram-in Sewa Samittee (JGSS)

Project Description

The devastating earthquake of 2015 caused enormous damage throughout the country. Sindhupalchowk, however, was one of the worst affected district. Caritas reached out to the communities through the formation of groups assisting them for restoration and reconstruction. Farmers were able to access the irrigation facilities after reconstruction of irrigation systems. Likewise, DRR awareness provided through community mobilization for resilience building. Coordination



with local government supported to implement activities in a synergistic way for helping communities to recover from the massive earthquake.

Achievements

553

HH have access to irrigation canal (4 canals, 1693 m) after being repaired. The water can help farmers to cultivate around 529 ropani (16.91 acre) of farming lands increasing their production and minimizing the drought challenges.

283

farmers received vegetable seed support with regular technical support on seeding, germination and pest management helping to improve their farming practices.

14

agriculture farmer groups trained on commercial seasonal vegetable farming and are applying the techniques on improving agricultural productivity.

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livelihood enhancement activities: cattle shed improvement training, saving and credit orientation, agricultural trainings with input support and trainings on blanket making and mushroom farming have enabled farmers to explore and diversify their livelihood opportunities.



183 families are accessing safe drinking water from 5 Water Supply System constructed with 27 child-friendly water taps.



1915 have been oriented on hygiene promotion activities like school toilet construction, water and sanitation hygiene (WASH), menstrual hygiene management in schools and communities through day celebrations, street dramas and radio jingle.

96 meters gabion wall constructed securing 17 households from potential landslide.

1654 people involved in Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) activities through trainings on Vulnerability Capacity Assessment (VCA) and School Disaster Management Plan (SDMP) for strengthening communities on disaster preparedness.

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Strengthening People's Action for WASH and Sustainable Livelihood in Nuwakot



Farmer smiles while showing her mushroom farm, which she started after the training and seed support provided by Caritas.

Goal

Improve the living standard and reduce vulnerability of the poorest of the poor and revive their livelihoods through improved irrigation canal, vocational training, introduce the modern technology, local infrastructure including WASH facility.

Location: Nuwakot, (Tadi ward no 4, Kispang ward 2 and 5).

Period: July 2018 to June 2020

Funding Partner: Caritas Espanola

Implementing Partner: Community Development Center (CDC)

Project Description

The project is designed to reduce poverty and increase food security of targeted families who are severely affected by the 2015 earthquake. After the earthquake water source dried up deteriorating soil quality, reducing agricultural production and productivity. This project aims to increase livelihood opportunities by enhancing economic status by diversification and marketing of the production. Also, is focuses on the promotion of the WASH by constructing water supply system.

"Farmer in my village had no idea about plastic bamboo green house farming. One year ago, we formed our farmer's group and received training on tunnel farming. It was a new technique we learned. This motivated us. You showed us the way, now we are aiming to expand it."

Dawa Tamang, Lead farmer, Nuwakot



Achievements

30 local resources person (LRP) and 59 farmers have been trained on improved farming system. The learnings have been transferred to all community partners resulting improved cultivation.

4 micro irrigation canals have been constructed where 177 hectares of land are being irrigated by 180 farmers. They have expanded their farming with seasonal vegetables production such as potatoes, tomatoes, cauliflower, cabbage etc.

60 participants (14 male and 46 female) have been trained on farmer business school. They have learned cost analysis of products, profit and loss calculation of transaction and vegetable seed management.

99 participants can keep the financial transaction systematically. They were supported with a group kit containing cal-

culator, pass-books, register, laser and box after the training on financial literacy.

91 farmers are doing nursery farming using new ways of sowing seed in the plastic tray by using coco-peat learning from the Nursery management training.

60 participants (14 male and 46 Female) from 30 farmers groups learned to cultivate cash crops with new technology for the commercial purpose with farm input support.

1416 women and schoolgirls have been oriented on importance of proper sanitation and good hygiene for good health.

1044 students (boys: 248 and girls: 796) were oriented on management of hygiene during menstruation.

Seti, Ritu and Tarchum Tamang have always felt uncomfortable regarding menstruation, hygiene and intimate problems, as do many other women still in Nepal today. Little knowledge and prejudices that prevails in communities put it in a strict social taboo, leaving women often alone and sensitive. In a training on menstrual hygiene management initiated by Caritas, women not only learned a lot about the female body and what they should do during menstruation, but also lost their fear and sense of shyness.





7 Nepal Flood Response and Early Recovery Programme

Goal

Contribute to the recovery of flood-affected families to live a dignified life and enhance their resilience.

Duration: July 2019 to June 2020

Location: Ishnath and Rajpur Municipality of Rautahat district

Funding Partners: Caritas Spain, CRS, Caritas Japan, Missio

Implementing Partner: Environment and Child Development Center (ECDC Rautahat)

Project Description

Monsoon rainfall of July 2018 resulted in heavy flooding in Rautahat District of Nepal. According to the Ministry of Home Affairs of Nepal, embankment of Lal Bakyra River could not bear the force of water resulting its breakout. 10 Municipalities were affected massively with 117 Deaths, 38 missing and 80 injured. More than 1038 houses were losing all their family assets and more than thousands of families

were moderately affected (MoHA July 2019). In response to this flood, Government of Nepal immediately distributed relief materials to the severely affected families.

Soon after the relief distribution, coordinated with the local stakeholders for identifying the damage and needs of the community. Based on the conclusion of the meeting with local stakeholders, Caritas Nepal conducted need assessment in highly flood affected communities (Rajpur and Ishnath Municipality) with the objective to recognize the possible intervention for the recovery of flood affected families.

Our early recovery efforts targeted 300 most affected families for contributing to recover flood-affected families, to live a dignified life and enhance their resilience. Through the formation of 11 livelihood groups, families were supported with seed, micro-enterprise fund, leasehold farming and cash for work.

Achievements

12 deep tube well with raised hand pump installed for easy and quick access for safe drinking water even during flooding.

300 flood affected families received warm blanket whereas 30 school children received woollen jacket in order to protect themselves from cold during winter.

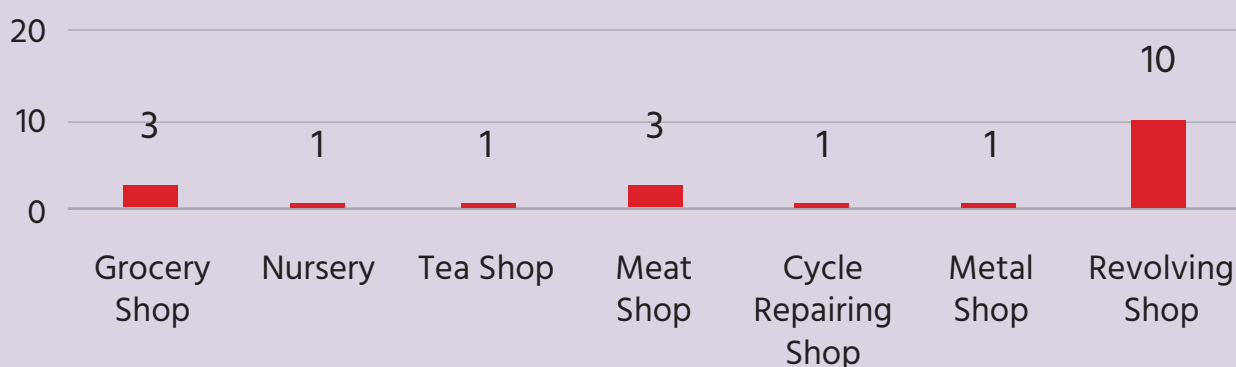
100 families earned up to NPR. 6,500 (10 days wage) during the time of emer-

gency from the Cash for work by constructing community shelter and raised hand tube well.

11 livelihood groups have now adapted the modern farming practices and improved their livelihood consuming fresh vegetable from their own yard.

20 families enhanced their livelihood through small enterprise supports and can fulfill their family need from it.

Types and no. of Micro-Enterprise Support



Our ground team during the flood heading towards affected communities for humanitarian assistance.

Blankets being distributed to flood affected families of Rautahat.





8 Bhutanese Refugee Education Programme (BREP)

Goal

To facilitate the formal education program for Bhutanese refugee children in refugee camps and admission to a community school.

Duration: January 2018 to December 2019

Location: Pathari Sanischare Municipality, Damak Municipality

Funding Partner: UNHCR

Project Description

In the early 1990s, tensions between the Bhutanese government and the “Lhotshampas” (Bhutanese inhabitants of Nepalese descent) increased more and more. Fear and persecution led many Lhotshampas to flee to the bank of the Maidhar River in eastern Nepal, temporarily seeking asylum. The Bhutanese families were unable to return back to their home and subsequently settled in third countries such as the US, Australia, New Zealand, Canada and Europe. There used to be seven refugee camps, but now remains only two: Beldangi in the Jhapa district and Sanischare in the Morang district. There are currently 6,809 refugees in the two remaining camps and the total number of resettled refugees is 1,12,966. Caritas Nepal continues to provide services to ensure refugee children’s right to education.

CN was the first organization to provide the refugees with food and supplies. Later, when many other institutions also provided funds to meet basic needs, CN initiated educational program for refugee children from Bhutan. Since 1993, there has been a formal program for the primary education of refugee children.

Given the declining population of the camp and successful resettlements, Caritas strategy is to find a permanent alternative solution to guarantee access to education for refugee children.



Achievements

670 students from the camp school and host community received computer education and enhanced their knowledge and leveled up their academic standard.

122 ECD teachers received Leadership and Management trainings, which has helped them to deliver quality education for students.

793 students of refugee camp school (Nursery to VIII) appeared in the final examination. 100 percent students were able to upgrade to higher class in the academic year 2019-2020.

18 children living with disabilities are provided with special support in the camp schools through extra classes and disable friendly academic facilities.



"It is not just about migrant, it's also about our humanity"

"We support the global Caritas campaign 'Share the Journey' to protect, promote and integrate migrants and refugees."

We celebrated 13th National Day against Human Trafficking by organizing rally in collaboration with local governing bodies. Signature campaign was also conducted to mark the day by CN staff.

The platform created an opportunity for the host communities, refugees and migrant families to come together to share their stories, experiences and to speak out together in local, national and international level.



Share the Journey #sharejourney





Flood affected families taking part in Integrated Pest Management (IPM), Farmers Field School (FFS)'s inauguration ceremony in ward no. 5 of Gulariya. Aiming to recover the community affected by 2018 flood, Caritas empowered them through several agricultural trainings through organic practices and input supports.

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Livelihood Support Project for Flood Affected Families of Bardiya District

Goal

To support income generation and livelihood activities for recovery and sustainability, to enhance the coping capacity of the community towards natural disaster in future and to engage the flood affected families in income generating activities.

Duration: July 2019 to June 2020

Location: Bardiya

Funding Partner: World Renew Nepal

Project Description

2 years after the massive flood of 2018, flood affected families of Bardiya are now recovering from devastating loss. During

the emergency, CN supported food, clothes, kitchen utensils, and mosquito net as an emergency relief to 315 flood affected families. Community could not resettle themselves as they were unable to rebuild their houses compelling them to stay in temporary shelters. After the baseline survey for the shelter construction, 103 severely affected families were supported with earthquake resistant houses.

After providing shelter support, the project contributed for uplifting their livelihoods through promotion of modern agricultural practices and livestock management. Empowerment through capacity building on market linkage were done, enabling farmers to upgrade towards commercial farming through several saplings and farm input supports.

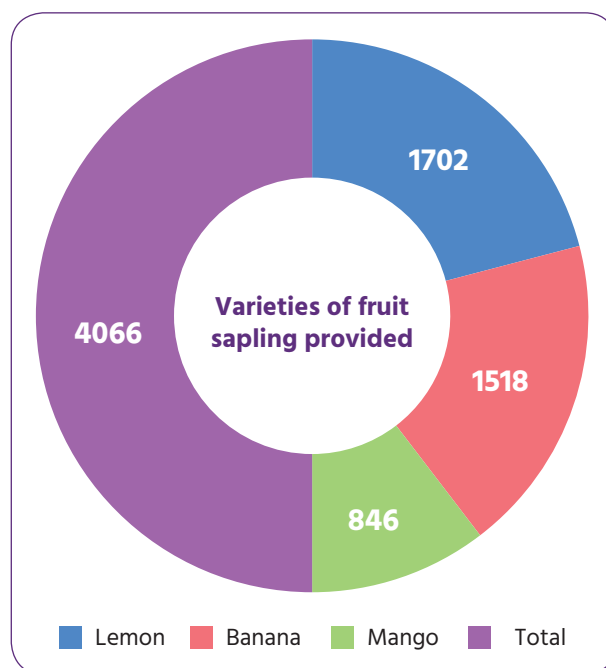
Achievements

315 farmers have initiated saving and credit practices by forming 14 groups, benefitting themselves for starting enterprise business.

50 HHs acquired pesticide free organic farming ideas helping them to realise improved quality and quantity in vegetable production after attending IPM/FFS.

50 plants were planted in a 2 trial plots for Agro-Ecosystem analysis (AES). Farmer observed the benefit of IPM practices practically.

315 flood affected families are now recovered and realizing upliftment in their living standard.



Fruit sapling distribution for the 310 flood affected families of Bardiya. Altogether 4066 fruit plants of 3 varieties: Lemon, Banana and Mango were supported.



European-Asian Partnership for Building Capacity in Humanitarian Action

Goal

To contribute to the organizational and technical capacities of Caritas Organizations in Asia to widen their effectiveness and efficiency in Humanitarian Aid and Volunteer Management

Location: Doti, Kanchanpur, Kailali, Banke, Kapilvastu, Nawalparasi, Chitwan, Saptari, Bara, Dhanusha, Mahottari, Sindhuli, Sindhupalchowk, Nuwakot and Jhapa Districts.

Period: April 2018 to March 2020

Funding Partner: European Union

Project Discription

PEACH II is within the consortium of Caritas Organizations from EU-Asia. It is being implemented by 12 partners in 12 countries (Austria, Bangladesh, Czech Republic, India, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Romania, Indonesia, Mongolia and Thailand). This project aims to contribute to the effort of Caritas Member Organizations to work more effectively and sustainably before, during and after humanitarian crisis. Moreover, it enables Caritas organizations to implement well managed volunteer programmes for national and EU volunteers.



4 days training on Sphere Standard and its implementation in Humanitarian Response attended by our staff and volunteers.

Achievements

289 staff and volunteers of CN and its implementing partners received training on: Digital data collection and Analysis Training- Using Kobo toolbox and Com Care, Sphere Standards and its implementation in Humanitarian Response, Volunteer Orientation on Humanitarian Action and Competency Framework trainings. Volunteers were empowered through PEER exchange visits, International Volunteers Day Celebration and regional level workshops.



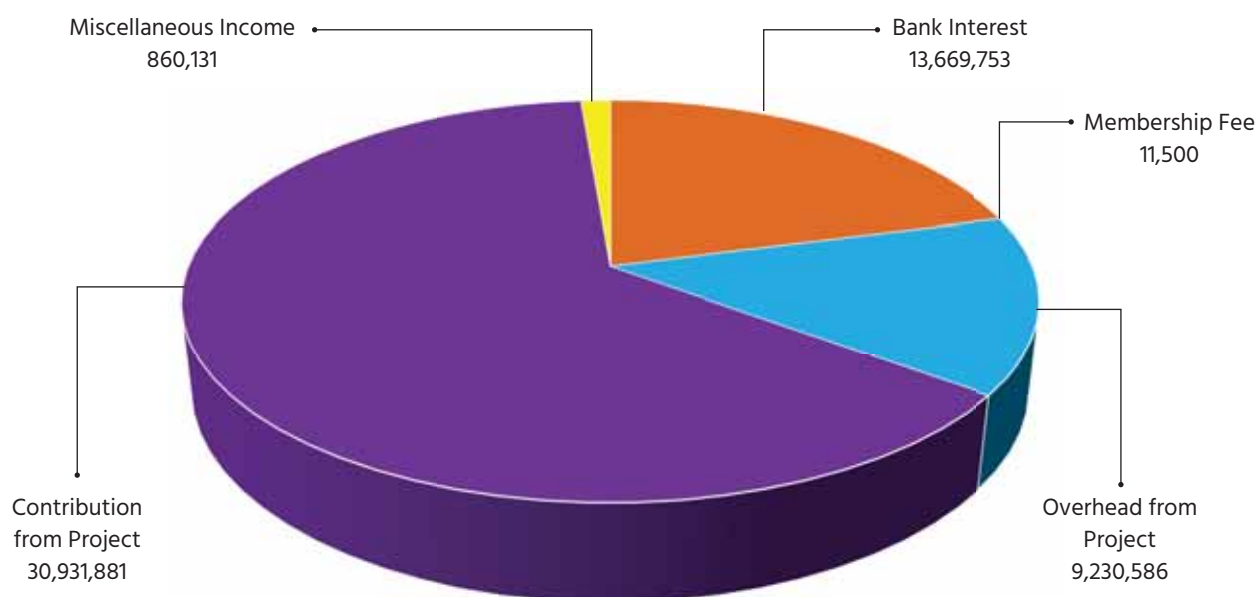
SECTION XI

Financial Report of Caritas Nepal (2019/20)

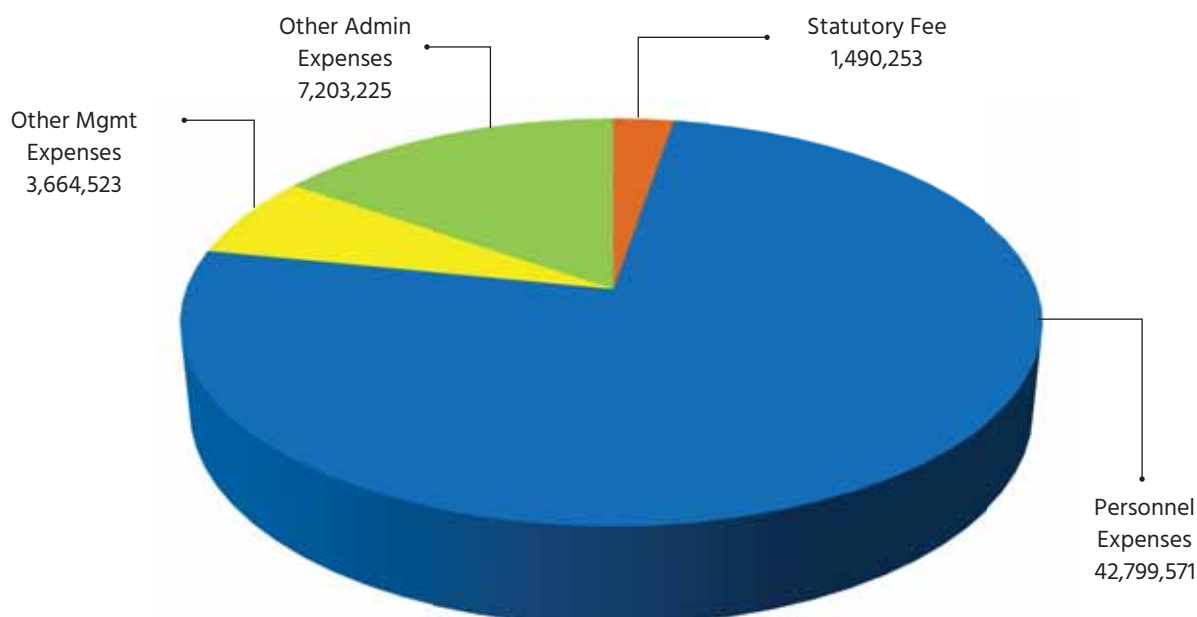
The following graphs present Caritas Nepal's Income and Expenditure as per audited statements for the period 2019/20.

All amounts indicated are in Nepali Rupees.

ADMINISTRATION INCOME IN THE FISCAL YEAR (2019/20)



ADMINISTRATION EXPENDITURE IN THE FISCAL YEAR (2019/2020)



Grants Received and Programme Expenditure (Fiscal Year 2019/20)

FUNDS RECEIVED FOR VARIOUS SECTORS (2019/2020)

S.No.	Sector	Amount (NRs.)
1.	Earthquake Recovery Projects	159,443,471
2.	Bhutanese Refugee Education Program	17,587,635
3.	Bhutanese Refugee Education	10,766,900
4.	Sustainable Livelihood and Climate change Adaption	82,819,050
5.	Socio-Economic Empowerment Projects	17,747,980
6.	Disaster Management	106,232,569
7.	Capacity Building for Caritas Nepal and Partner Organization	458,516
Total		395,056,122

GRANTS RECEIVED AND PROGRAMME EXPENDITURE FOR (2019/2020)

S.No.	Particulars	Amount (NRs.)
A.	Opening Balance of The program for FY 2019/20 (A)	260,872,214.00
B.	Program grants received in this year (B)	395,056,122.00
C.	Miscellaneous Program Income (C)	23,941,339.00
D.	Total Income D=(A+B+C)	679,869,675.00
E.	Program Expenditure (E)	442,822,843.00
F.	Personnel , Administrative and Overhead Expenditure (F)	39,628,762.00
G.	Total Expenditure (G)= E+F	482,451,605.00
H.	Closing Balance of Program to forward to Next year 2020/2021 (H) = D-G	197,418,070.00

*“Laudato Si, an appeal of
Pope Francis to care for our
Mother Nature”*

Caritas Nepal stands together to celebrate LaudatoSi' by promoting care for our common home.

As the theme of this year was “giving time for nature”, 4,993 saplings were planted in our working areas covering 20 districts by 1,864 participants in coordination with the Government and local partners. The Laudato Si week was also celebrated by CN family virtually which included information sharing and plantation (individually at home) of at least one plant on the 7th day (last day) of the Laudato Si week.

CN expresses its commitment and continued support to combat environmental problems in the country and work for the betterment of the community in socio-economic sector making people realize the consequences of environment degradation.



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