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▶ Abbreviations

ABCD:	Asset-Based Community Development
AGM:	Annual General Assembly
AKC:	Agriculture Knowledge Center
ANC:	Antenatal Care
CCA:	Climate Change Adaptation
CFLG:	Child-Friendly Local Governance
CN:	Caritas Nepal
CPP:	Child Protection Policy
DRM:	Disaster Risk Management
DRR:	Disaster Risk Reduction
EWS:	Early Warning Systems
FCHV:	Female Committee Health Volunteer
GESDI:	Gender Equality, Disability, and Social Inclusion
HRD:	Human Right Defender
ILO:	International Labour Organization
IPM:	Integrated Pest Management
LDMC:	Local Disaster Management Committee
LDRRP:	Local Disaster Risk Reduction Plan
MOIAL:	Ministry of Internal Affairs and Law
MoU:	Memorandum of Understanding
NCRC:	National Child Rights Council
NTFP:	Non-Timber Forest Product
PLD:	Participatory Led Development
PNC:	Postnatal Care
PwD:	People with Disability
SDMC:	School Development and Management Committees
SGBV:	Sexual and Gender-Based Violence
SHFH:	Smallholder Farmers' Household
SMC:	School Management Committee
STA:	Socio-Technical Assistance
VCA:	Vulnerability and Capacity Assessment
WASH:	Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene
WDMC:	Ward Disaster Management Committees

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Section I MESSAGES

Message from Patron



I am deeply honored to address you as a Patron of CN. It gives me immense pleasure to extend my warmest greetings to all of you as we come together to reflect on the accomplishments, challenges, and aspirations of this remarkable organization in the past year. Firstly, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to the dedicated team at CN, the volunteers, and all the supporters who have tirelessly worked towards the betterment of the lives of countless individuals and communities across Nepal. Your commitment to humanitarian and social causes are truly admirable.

The Executive Board and Staff of CN at our Lalitpur Office were delighted to welcome our former President, **Sister Durga Cecilia Shrestha, SJC**, in her new appointment as the Executive Director of Caritas Nepal. Sister Durga is the first ever woman to be appointed for this position. In fact, it is the highest post ever held by a woman at Caritas Nepal. It is also to be acknowledged that there are currently six women holding the Senior and Managerial position in Caritas Nepal. The percentage of women in the total leading roles at Caritas Nepal rose in the current position is 50 to 50. There is a genuine desire in the Church's organization to see women in leadership positions. We need to have women at the highest levels of our governance.

Caritas is at the heart of the Church's mission, sign of God's love for all people and above all for the least, the 'insignificant' persons, the poor: it is the preferential option for the poor which implies being personally close to them and, at the same time, challenged by so many happenings in the world. How can we be faithful to what we have been entrusted by the Gospel and the tradition of the Church? How do we respond to the real sufferings in our world: poverty, hatred, war and social exclusion? How can we face the challenges of climate change, which threatens the future of flourishing humanity?

Caritas has a key role to play in the Church's answer to these new challenges. It is at the service of the Church's response and not only to the suffering and injustices of a world economy that brings plenty to some and destitution and violence to others. It is an expression of what the Church is, as the sign and the sacrament of the "unity of the entire human race" (*Lumen Gentium* 1). And as such, through Caritas, the Church shares "the joys and the hopes, the griefs and the anxieties of the men and women of this age, especially those who are poor or in a or in any way afflicted." ([*Gaudium Et Spes*] Pope Benedict XVI, 2009.)

The Annual Report 2022/23 serves as an exemplification to CN's dedication to its mission. It offers an insightful overview of the impactful projects and initiatives undertaken during the year, highlighting the positive changes made in the lives of people who need help. As a Patron, I take immense pride in the positive impact that CN has had in areas such as livelihood, healthcare, disaster relief, and community development.

Rev. Bishop Paul Simmick

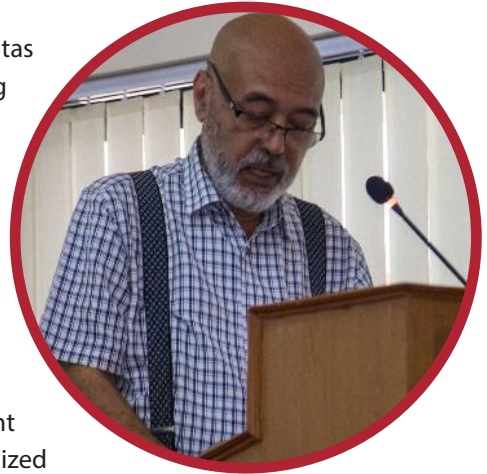
Patron

Caritas Nepal

Message from Vice President

It has indeed been privilege for me to be associated with Caritas Nepal since its inception, as one of the Promoters while registering the organization with the concerned authorities of the then His Majesty's Government of Nepal years ago.

Caritas Nepal has, since its inception, been engaged in charitable work, providing assistance to the most affected and marginalized vulnerable populations who have been affected by floods, landslides, earthquakes, drought, and various other challenges. Over the past few decades, it has become evident that Caritas Nepal has undertaken various human development programs aimed at the empowerment of poor and marginalized men, women, and children, including those who have been victims of natural and man-made emergencies. We have witnessed the remarkable growth of Caritas Nepal in terms of organizational strength, all while maintaining its core mission. This growth is also reflected in Caritas Nepal's achievements during the Financial Year 2022-2023.



As I read through this Annual Report, I am thoroughly convinced that Caritas Nepal has been deeply engaged and impactful in 2022-2023. I am also confident that, with your generous support, Caritas Nepal will continue to achieve significant growth in fulfilling our mission. our mission.

I would like to express my most sincere gratitude to our Executive Board Members, dedicated staff, volunteers, and various members of the Caritas Confederation for their unwavering support of Caritas Nepal. Your commitment and dedication are the foundation of our success, and together, we will continue to make a positive impact on the lives of those in need.

God bless you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Heera Kajee Shrestha', written over a horizontal line.

Heera Kajee Shrestha

Vice President
Caritas Nepal

Message from Executive Director

I am delighted to present to you the Annual Report for Caritas Nepal covering the fiscal year 2022-2023. As the Executive Director of Caritas Nepal, it is an honor to share with you the remarkable achievements and progress we have made in our mission to alleviate poverty, promote social justice, and empower vulnerable communities across Nepal.

In the face of numerous challenges and uncertainties, Caritas Nepal has shown incredible resilience and commitment to our shared values of solidarity and compassion. Together, we have accomplished significant milestones.

Caritas Nepal continued to support sustainable agriculture practices, improving food security, livelihoods, and environmental sustainability.

Our efforts contributed to increased food production and resilience against climate change. Our commitment to gender equality drove us to empower women in leadership roles, and economic opportunities. Recognizing the transformative power of education, we enhanced access to quality education and vocational training for underprivileged children and youth. Our skill development initiatives have empowered countless individuals to build brighter futures. Families affected from natural disasters such as floods and landslides have been supported with emergency relief and shelter so that they are able to recover the damages.

None of these accomplishments would have been possible without the continuous support of our donors, partners, volunteers, and dedicated staff members. Your commitment and generosity have been the pillars of our success, and we extend our heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you.

As we move forward, Caritas Nepal remains committed to serving Nepal's marginalized and vulnerable people. Our vision of a just, equitable, and sustainable society guides our actions.

In this report, you will find not just statistics and figures but also stories of resilience, hope, and transformation. It is a reminder that even in the face of difficulty, Caritas Nepal continues to be a light of hope, providing support to vulnerable populations and encouraging a spirit of solidarity. Together, we can be catalysts for change and ensure that the organization continues its mission to alleviate poverty, empower communities, and promote social justice. Thank you for being an integral part of the Caritas Nepal family.

Warm regards,



Sr. Cecilia Durga Shrestha

Executive Director,
Caritas Nepal



Section II

Executive Committee
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Patron



Mr. Heera Kajee Shrestha
Vice President



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Treasurer



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Secretary



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Joint Secretary



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Member



Ms. Aruna Rai
Member

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Ms. Anu Sitling	Mr. Joseph Brahmin Niraula	Ms. Anjaly Tamang
Mrs. Rama Parajuli	Fr. Ajay Pradhan	

Section III

33rd Annual General Assembly



Caritas Nepal (CN) conducted its 33rd Annual General Meeting (AGM) on September 24, 2022, under the chairmanship of Sr. Cecilia Durga Shrestha, the Ex-President. The AGM brought together esteemed board members and the executive committee, highlighting CN's role as an integral part of the Catholic Church dedicated to serving the extremely poor and vulnerable communities without discrimination. The Executive Director, Fr. Lalit Tudu, expressed gratitude to the Executive Committee and the General Body for their unwavering support.

During the meeting, Mr. Chirendra Satyal, the Secretary, presented the minutes of the 32nd AGM, which were approved by Ms. Rama Parajuli, the Treasurer, and Ms. Sanu Amatya, a General Body Member. Mr. Manindra Malla, the General Programme Manager, presented the organization's report for the fiscal year BS. 2078/79, highlighting CN's contributions in the social, economic, and humanitarian sectors. The report showcased that CN had reached 33,217 HHs nationwide through 18 major projects.

Mr. Indra Bahadur Nepali, the Sr. Finance Manager, presented the audit report, including the financial income and expenditure of the reported year, along with the proposed program budget for the upcoming year. The financial report and the annual program budget proposal were approved with the support of Mr. Chirendra Satyal, Secretary, and Mr. Charles William Mendis, a General Body Member.



Following the financial presentation, Prevention on human trafficking policy and Information Disclosure Policy were discussed which was approved by the board members.

Fr. Lalit Tudu presented the policies passed by the Executive Committee, which were unanimously approved with the proposal of Mr Charles William Mendies and Mr. Tarrence Lama.

Election of new Executive Committee was done with the support from the legal adviser lawyer Sunil Pokhrel.

Reverend Bishop Paul Simick, the Patron, commended the efforts made to ensure the success of the 33rd AGM, particularly in challenging circumstances. He expressed gratitude to the Executive Committee, members of the General Assembly, the Executive Director, and the entire CN family, and expressed hope that CN would continue to serve the poor in the future.

In conclusion, Sr. Cecilia Durga Shrestha, the chairperson of the assembly, thanked Reverend Bishop Paul Simick, the Executive Committee Members, General Body Members, and all the staff of CN. She officially declared the 33rd AGM a successful accomplishment.



Section IV

CN's Strategic Direction

CN has its strategic plan for the period (2023-2027). The document has been developed upon undertaking a comprehensive strategic planning process in second half of 2022. CN thanks the Government of Nepal for the guidance and cooperation received in the past strategic plan period (2017-2023). CN thanks all the international partners and stakeholders who have guided, supported, and taken part in our efforts for providing humanitarian and social development services in Nepal in the past years. We remain committed to provide quality humanitarian and social service delivery in Nepal in the coming years based on our past learning and with the view of meeting emerging challenges and opportunities.



The strategic direction of CN as per the Strategic plan (2023-2027) is presented below.

Our Identity

Caritas Nepal is the social arm of Catholic Church in Nepal. It is a non-profit organization humanitarian and social development organization solely devoted to the service of the vulnerable and marginalized people irrespective of their caste, creed, and ethnicity.

Vision

Peaceful, equitable and just society, where there is solidarity among people, respect for human dignity, and care for mother earth.

Mission

As the social arm of Catholic Church in Nepal, our mission is to build resilient communities capable of leading their own development by empowering the marginalized, disadvantaged and vulnerable communities.



Objectives

Objective 1: Vulnerable and marginalized people and communities pursue climate-adaptive sustainable livelihoods for improved economic well-being.

Outcome:

1. Food and nutrition security improved.
2. Household incomes increased.
3. Improved basic economic well-being and human dignity status.
4. Productive assets and marketing infrastructures are expanded
5. Greater realization of right to development (with improved economic participation).
6. Reduced risk and vulnerabilities including to climate change

Objective 2: People and communities have improved social justice, human rights, and social well-being through social transformation.

Outcome:

1. Greater human dignity and human rights realization – improved social well-being (education, health, wash, food, shelter).
2. People are organized in community organizations, undertake collective actions and advocacy to bring desirable changes.
3. Vulnerable people have greater participation, leadership capacity, and influence decisions on issues affecting their lives.
4. People benefit from access to public services, and women and people with disability take part in affirmative actions.
5. There is greater social protection (GESDI), safeguarding, and access to social justice.

Objective 3: Communities have improved resilience to disaster risks and care for mother earth.

Outcome:

1. Households are resilient – have applied preparedness and mitigation measures to address primary disaster risks.
2. Communities are resilient with local disaster and climate resilience plans, multi-stakeholder structures and partnerships in place.
3. Local governments are effectively linked to NDRRMA and have capacity to provide risk reduction services.
4. Nature based solutions enhancing greenery and improving the ecological context are applied to reduce disaster risks and to mitigate climate change.

Objective 4: People affected by disasters are able to survive with dignity and communities realize a holistic recovery and build back better.

Outcome:

1. People, households and communities in crisis receive need based holistic response and recovery services in an equitable, impartial, and timely manner.
2. People affected by disasters survive, realize safety, security, and households avoiding harmful coping mechanisms.
3. Households and communities affected by disasters realize a holistic (multi-sectorial) recovery and greater resilience by building back better.
4. People in the community are actively engaged and own the response and recovery processes.



Section V

SDG Inclination Chart and Geographical Footprint

Our interventions focus on the 12 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Programme and Projects (2022|2023)

Objective 1 - Economic Empowerment

Nepal Livelihoods and Resilience Program (NLRP)

Smallholder Adaptive Farming and Biodiversity Network (SAFBN)

Food Security and Resilience Project Khatyad

Climate Resilient Agriculture System for Smallholder Farmers in Nepal (CRASS)

Objective 2,3 - Social Development, Environment & DRR

Empowering Women for Social Well-being and Sustainable Agriculture (SDI)

School Based Disaster Risk Reduction Program (S-DRR)

Youth Empowerment for Social Change and Resilience Building (Y-DRR)

Ensuring Safe Migration and Promoting Sustainable Local Reintegration

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

Strengthening Community Resilience Programme in Sudurpaschim Province of Nepal

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

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

Building Resilience of Urban Community in Nepal (Urban DRR)

Resilient Community Health Project (RCHP)

Act-action Against Child Labour

Promoting safe Migration, Preventing Human trafficking

Disaster Risk Reduction Through Local Governance for Resilience Optimization (DIGO)

National Housing and Settlements Resilience Platform (NHSRP)

Objective 4 - Humanitarian Support

Nepal Flood Response and Early Recovery Project (Relief and Shelter Support)

Nepal Flood Response and Early Recovery Project (Kallali & Kanchanpur)

Early Child Development Center Support

Caritas on COVID-19

COVID-19 Emergency Response and Recovery Project (CERRP)

Nepal COVID -19 Economic Recovery Project

Shelter Reconstruction (Gulariya)

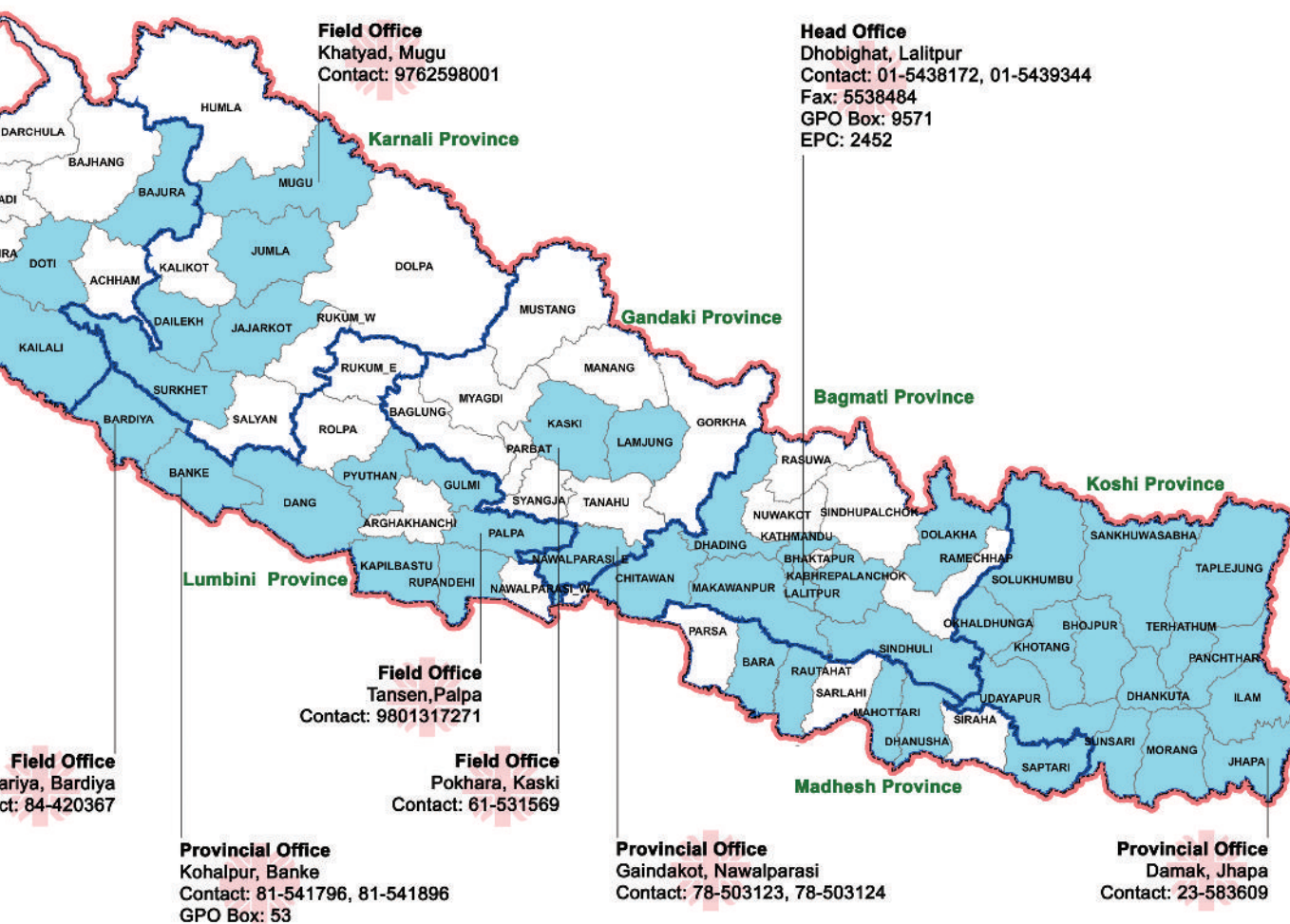
SDGs served



Sudurpaschim Province

Gulistan
Contact

Our Geographical Footprints



Legend

- International Boundary
- Province Boundary
- District Boundary
- Working locations (47 Districts)

Section VI

Projects and Programme Implemented during This Reporting Period

SN.	Projects and Programs	Outreach (Households)
Strategic Objective 1 - Climate Adaptive Sustainable Livelihood		
1	Nepal Livelihoods & Resilience Program (NLRP-I)	8536
2	SAFBIN Nepal-Climate Resilient Agriculture System for Smallholder Farmers in Nepal (CRASS)	1800
3	Food Security and Resilience Project (FSRP) - Khatyad	500
Subtotal Outreach of Objective 1		10836
Strategic Objective 2 - Human Rights and Social Empowerment		
1	Empowering Women for Social Well-being and Sustainable Agriculture Project (SDI)	2238
2	Ensuring Safe Migration and Promoting Sustainable Local Reintegration	1500
3	Socio-Economic Empowerment of Substance Users Phase II	87
4	Resilient Community Health Project (RCHP)	1600
5	Action Against Child Labour (ACT)	110
6	Promoting safe Migration, Preventing Human trafficking	5000
Subtotal Outreach of Objective 2		10535
Strategic Objective 3 – Disaster Risk Reduction		
1	School-Based Disaster Risk Reduction Program (S-DRR)	4818
2	Emergency Preparedness Response Project (EPRP)	2084
3	Integrated Food Security, Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) and Climate Change Adaptation (CCA) in Jumla/Mugu	5952
4	Building Resilience of Urban Community in Nepal (Urban DRR)	420
5	Strengthening Community Resilience Programme in Sudurpachhim Province of Nepal	6648
Subtotal Outreach of Objective 3		19922
Strategic Objective 4 - Humanitarian Response and Recovery		
1	COVID-19 Emergency Response and Recovery Project (CERRP)	1384
2	Nepal flood response and early recovery project, 2021	50
3	Bardiya Shelter Reconstruction Project Nepal, 2023	31
4	Nepal Housing Settlement Reconstruction Project (NHSRP)	650
Subtotal Outreach of Objective 4		2,115
Total Outreach of this reporting year		43,408

The total number of projects and programmes implemented by CN in 2022/23 period was 18 reaching 43,408 HHs in this reporting year.

Section VII

Strategic Objective 1 (Climate Adaptive Sustainable Livelihood)

Areas of Interventions

- Integrated Pest Management
- Homestay Promotion
- Cooperative Development and Network Building
- Livelihood Strengthening
- Enterprise Promotion
- Climate Change Adaptation

Vulnerable and marginalized people and communities pursue climate adaptive sustainable livelihoods for improved economic well-being.



1 Nepal Livelihoods & Resilience Program (NLRP)



Programme Description

NLRP is a comprehensive initiative comprising three ongoing individual projects: Integrated Pest Management (IPM), Cooperative Development and Enterprise Promotion (CDEP), and Child and Youth Empowerment (CYE). This program aims to improve nutrition, food security, and sustainable incomes for both rural and urban households by diversifying agriculture/livestock and off-farm enterprises through Farmer Field Schools (FFS) and cooperatives. The approach of "Learning by doing" is employed to enhance the beneficiaries' capacities, making their communities more resilient to natural and man-made disasters.

In implementing the program, an Asset-Based Community Development (ABCD) approach is adopted, recognizing and mobilizing local resources/assets to ensure community ownership and long-term sustainability. Additionally, the program addresses various social concerns such as Gender Equality and Social Inclusion (GESI) and disability, farmer's and child's rights, and climate change and environment

Goal: To enable marginalized and vulnerable people to pursue sustainable livelihoods through sustainable agriculture, cooperative and enterprise development to improve their basic well-being.

Duration: July 2018 to June 2023

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

Funding Partners: Caritas Australia and Australian Aid



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protection. These concerns are addressed through awareness campaigns and advocacy work conducted by cooperatives, clubs, networks, and organizations.

Asset Based Community Development (ABCD) approach is being practiced in communities to recognize local resources/asset available and mobilize it to ensure community ownership for sustainability.

[Read NLRP-I Good Practice Document](#)

Integrated Pest Management (IPM)

The Integrated Pest Management (IPM) sector collaborates with small-holder farmers, aiming to improve their livelihoods through increased production and enhanced nutrition security. This is achieved through the implementation of farmer's field schools, focusing on crops and vegetable farming. IPM operates as a comprehensive package, incorporating the promotion of organic practices and biological control methods. The program aims to achieve several outcomes, including improved food and nutrition security, increased crop yields, the promotion of homestays, and the enhancement of marketing opportunities by establishing collection centers across 16 districts in Nepal.

Achievements

IPM Student FFS	272 students (105 male and 167 female) were trained in IPM practices for vegetables in 7 FFS, leading to the establishment of 0.37 Ha. of vegetable trial plots, resulting in 57.7% higher vegetable production compared to traditional farmers' practice plots. There was an average improvement of 30 grades in post-test knowledge on IPM practices compared to the pretest. Additionally, NRs. 2,53,234 was earned from paddy and vegetable sales in 7 FFS, averaging NRs. 36,176 per group in the previous year.
Agriculture Learning Center	In the Agriculture Learning Center's Follow-up IPM FFS program, 1011 farmers (144 males and 867 females) received training in IPM practices for paddy and vegetables through 40 FFS sessions. As a result, 3.39 hectares of paddy and vegetable trial plots were established; the plots demonstrated significant improvements in production, with paddy production being 39% higher, winter vegetable production being 64% higher, and summer vegetable production being 71% higher compared to the farmers' practice plots. Furthermore, the farmers earned a total income of NRs. 1,130,036 from paddy and vegetable sales in 37 FFS sessions, averaging NRs. 30,541 per group in the previous year.
High Value Enterprise	44 (M: 6, W: 38) high-value enterprise farmers from 4 locations earned an average individual net income of NRs. 52,577 from crop and livestock enterprises. • On follow-up, 41 (M: 12, W: 29) high-value enterprise farmers from 4 locations earned an average individual net income of NRs. 72,227 from crop and livestock enterprises.
Rooftop Farming	Under the Rooftop Farming Farmer Field School (FFS), 478 urban farmers from 19 groups (7 male, 471 female) successfully established an organic rooftop garden, cultivating 6-9 varieties of vegetables in 1038 crates/earthen pots using IPM techniques. This resulted in a total production of 1.30 tons of vegetables, primarily for consumption within the farmers' households.
Homestay	82 (M: 26, W: 56) homestay members of 5 homestay groups earned a total income of Rs. 3,031,795 by providing services to 6,239 guests past year. The average earning of the homestay group member was NRs 37,429 past year.
Kitchen Garden Farming	A total of 584 farmers from 23 groups (62 male, 522 female) were trained in organic kitchen garden production for vegetables, establishing 1.041 Hac plots with 4-9 varieties of crops cultivated using IPM practices. This resulted in NPR 5,56,485 earned from surplus vegetable sales, averaging NRs. 24,195 per group.



19 homestay members of 5 homestay groups have improved homestay management capacity upon taking the homestay management refresher training.



"I wanted to improve my vegetable production but didn't know the proper methods for nursery farming or how to increase productivity with minimal investment. However, after receiving IPM training, I discovered that this approach significantly enhances vegetable production."

**- Sagar Rana Magar,
Farmer, Banke**

Cooperative Development and Enterprise Promotion



Enterprise member of Lalupate Women Agriculture Cooperative during review meeting.

Cooperatives play a vital role in generating employment opportunities and contributing to social development. Caritas Nepal (CN) adopts a community-based cooperative model approach to support the most vulnerable, poor, and disadvantaged individuals. By strengthening cooperatives, CN facilitates the provision of micro-credit services within the communities and promotes entrepreneurship through capacity-building and skill-based training for leaders and members. Furthermore, cooperatives are encouraged to address various social concerns collaboratively with the community. This involves conducting awareness campaigns on issues such as child protection, gender violence, disaster risk reduction, and human rights. Currently, CN provides technical support to 23 cooperatives, facilitating positive changes and creating a more inclusive and supportive environment.

Achievements

Entrepreneurship development	475 (359 female, 19 PwD) cooperative members are engaged in income-generating enterprise activities. Among them, 17 are newcomers and 395 members (83%) have completed a full business cycle and have collectively earned a net profit of NPR 30,719,587, with an average of NPR 77,771 per member this year. 40 (12 men, 27 women, 1 woman with a disability) build the capacity on Business Plan Development in this year.
Institutional development	Cooperatives have increased its member by 6.62 percent where female member's occupancy is 79 percent (out of 12,762). Number of people living with disability (1.1%) is also increasing likewise, child members have increased by 4.85 percent. Altogether, 12762 people are receiving financial services from the cooperatives.
Provision of micro-credit service	Cooperatives increased their microcredit fund by NPRs 64,238,929, a 22percent growth from last year, and now manage a total micro-credit fund of NPRs 358,009,203, comprising 68 percent savings, 13 percent share capital, 8 percent reserve funds, and 4 percent from outside grants and loans for micro-credit purposes.
Good governance in cooperative	Now, cooperatives strictly follow seven key policies and guidelines, including Saving & Loan Investment, Staff/HR, Administration, AGM, Cash Management, and Election policies.
Women Leadership development	In 23 cooperatives, 386 women, representing 79.26 percent of the leadership positions, hold key roles in the Executive committee, Account supervision committee, loan sub-committee, education sub-committee, and complaint handling sub-committee.



Women members participating in 116th Women Day celebration organized by Gulariya Municipality.



Dil Bahadur Chaudhary, who became disabled due to a childhood vaccine error, overcame financial struggles by becoming a skilled tailor and opening his own shop. He joined the Bikas Agriculture Cooperative in 2021 and used the enterprise credit fund supported by CN to buy sewing machines. He now employs three people and his monthly income has improved from NPR 20,000 to NPR 35,000-40,000. His life was transformed by the aid of Caritas Australia, Australian Aid, and Caritas Nepal, and he is grateful for their ongoing support for disabled individuals.

Children and Youth Empowerment (CYEP)

The primary goal of this initiative is to advance the rights of disadvantaged children and adolescents residing in the Karnali province. To accomplish this objective, the project has implemented several programs focused on leadership, advocacy, and awareness at both the local and district levels. The program encourages young individuals from diverse backgrounds to participate in farm and off-farm businesses, which are supported by life skills training and startup funding. Additionally, the project provides leadership training, awareness sessions, and extracurricular activities to empower school-going children, ensuring child protection, and preventing violence against this vulnerable group.



Children prepared wall magazine in Kushe Rm jajarkot

Achievements

- 52** youths were trained in pig and chicken rearing, tailoring, doll making, and pickle making. This has helped to enhance their self-confidence and expertise to initiate small-scale business.
- 66** youths (28 M, 38 F) started their own businesses with the help of a revolving fund of NRP 330,000. In one year, they collectively earned NRP 991,600, with an average profit of NRP 16,000 per youth.
- 1892** children took part in extracurricular activities aimed at developing skills such as event hosting, teamwork, and awareness of social issues.
- 1430** participants, including children, teachers, SMC members, and parents, have gained knowledge on child rights and an understanding of Child Protection Policy (CPP), safeguarding, and child protection issues.
- 1527** people from five districts were informed about concerns related to creating child-friendly school environments. This resulted in the formation of a CFLG network in Bheri municipality. Additionally, Kushe RM ward 5 was recognized as a child-friendly ward.

Women making Pickel during the training at Surkhet



Enhanced Income and Employability by Promoting Banana Farming and Piggery with Integration of Digital Agro-advisory System (BPP)

The primary objective of the project is to uplift the livelihoods of poor, marginalized, and vulnerable farmers by focusing on improved Banana and Piggery enterprises. To ensure a sustainable value chain, the project provides beneficiaries with technical training related to their respective enterprises. Coordination efforts, workshops, meetings, and exposure visits are organized to support the beneficiaries with the necessary skills and knowledge across the entire value chain. Activities such as group registration, construction of ripening chambers, post-harvest training, and establishment of banana nurseries, implementation of crop and livestock insurance, and setting up feed crushing centers are carried out to guarantee the project's long-term sustainability.

Achievements

45 farmers are cultivating banana in 487 Kattha (16.66 Ha) of land. The banana plants are currently at the fruiting stage, with 70% progress, and are expected to be ready for harvesting by September/October 2023. They are aiming to earn a combined profit of NPR 6,750,000 from the banana cultivation.

Caritas Nepal has established a Banana Ripening Chamber at Rajapur. Additionally, **80** plastic crates and 1 generator for backup was supported for the smooth functioning of the chamber.

159 agriculture extension facilitators and farmers were trained on the use of the Geo-Krishi application. This training focused on how to utilize the application effectively for agricultural purposes. Additionally, 45 farmers received technical information on climate, rainfall, temperature, market prices, and cropping calendars from the two *E-chautary* platforms.

Two market outlets have been set up in Gulariya and Rajapur, one for pig cutting and the other for selling meat. The beneficiaries have effectively operated these outlets, resulting in net profits of NPR 75,000 and NPR 270,000, respectively, from pork meat sales. Additionally, they collect pigs from group members and the local community to support their businesses.



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

With the support of the Australian Government's Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) and Caritas Australia, this component of the Nepal Livelihoods and Resilience Program (NLRP) aims to empower women in Western Nepal to contribute to good governance and inclusive development. In Nepal's patriarchal society, women often hold subordinate positions compared to men across various social levels. Despite their contributions to the economy, their traditional roles are often taken for granted, leading to the neglect of their importance. Additionally, around 28% of Nepalese women are at risk of sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV). To address these inequalities, women and girls need to challenge unequal power dynamics and gender stereotypes, enabling them to have equal opportunities for development and relationships as their male counterparts within the community. This involves leadership development and engagement with the local government. To achieve this goal, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed between the consortium partners (LWF Nepal, ADRA Nepal, and INF Nepal) to strengthen women's rights, empower them, and promote gender equality.

Achievements

24 HRDs who of 23 cooperatives are addressing gender justice concerns in the community and advising the victims of GBV, child marriage, polygamy etc. They are coordinating with local government, communities and line agencies to ensure dignity of the violated as per the HRD guideline. HRD's from 4 cooperatives have worked in coordination with the local police, Women Cell, Ward office and solved 18 cases related to child marriage (1), polygamy (2), theft (1), violence (11), and abuse/assault (3).

A total of **2,246** individuals (M:353, F:1664, MwD:8, FwD:5, B: 64, G:149, BwD:2, GwD:1) were sensitized on gender concerns. Now, they have the capacity to raise awareness and advocate for the safety of women and girl children while speaking out against gender violence.

5 teachers trained in gender sensitivity have completed three months-long gender-sensitive classes in five schools across four districts: Banke, Kanchanpur, Surkhet, and Bardia. 155 (Girls: 97, Boys: 58) school students finished the course.



GESI tools applied by Buwarbhawani Cooperative members in Bardiya

Funding Partner



Consortium Partner



2 Food Security and Resilience Project (FSRP) - Khatyad



Project Description

FSRP aims to address food insecurity and improve the nutritional status of smallholder farmers' households (SHFHs) in 2 wards of Khatyad rural municipality in Mugu district, Karnali province in the context of climate change. The project will follow agro-ecological practices to achieve its objectives. The specific objectives of the project are;

Decreased food insecurity and improved nutritional status of 500 smallholder HHS in the context of climate change

Goal:

To address food insecurity and improve the nutritional status of smallholder farmers' households

Duration:

January 2023- December 2024

Location:

Khatyad RM, Mugu

Funding Partners:

Fastenaktion and DKA Austria



Communities pursue sustainable livelihood options for reduced poverty:

By enhancing food security and improving the agricultural practices of smallholder farmers, the project aims to provide sustainable livelihood options. This will contribute to reducing poverty among the targeted households and the broader community.

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

The project recognizes the importance of food security as a basic human right and an essential element of community development. It also aims to enhance the resilience of communities by implementing practices that reduce the risk of food insecurity during disasters or adverse events.

Increased awareness and practices on climate resilient agriculture through agroecology leading to local government's policy and programmatic change.

It aligns with 1st and 3rd organization's strategic objectives:

The project's implementation period spans from January 2023 to December 2024, and it specifically targets the most vulnerable households within the selected wards. By focusing on improving food security and nutrition for smallholder farmers, particularly women, the project aims to uplift the livelihoods of these communities, reduce poverty, and enhance their resilience to future challenges.



Achievements

Smallholder farmers groups were established, comprising 18 groups with 30-40 members each. These groups conduct regular meetings to address topics such as climate change, food security, good agricultural practices, and agroecology.

Bean cultivation support was provided to 100 farmers through the distribution of bean seeds and training. The project plans to expand this support in the future.

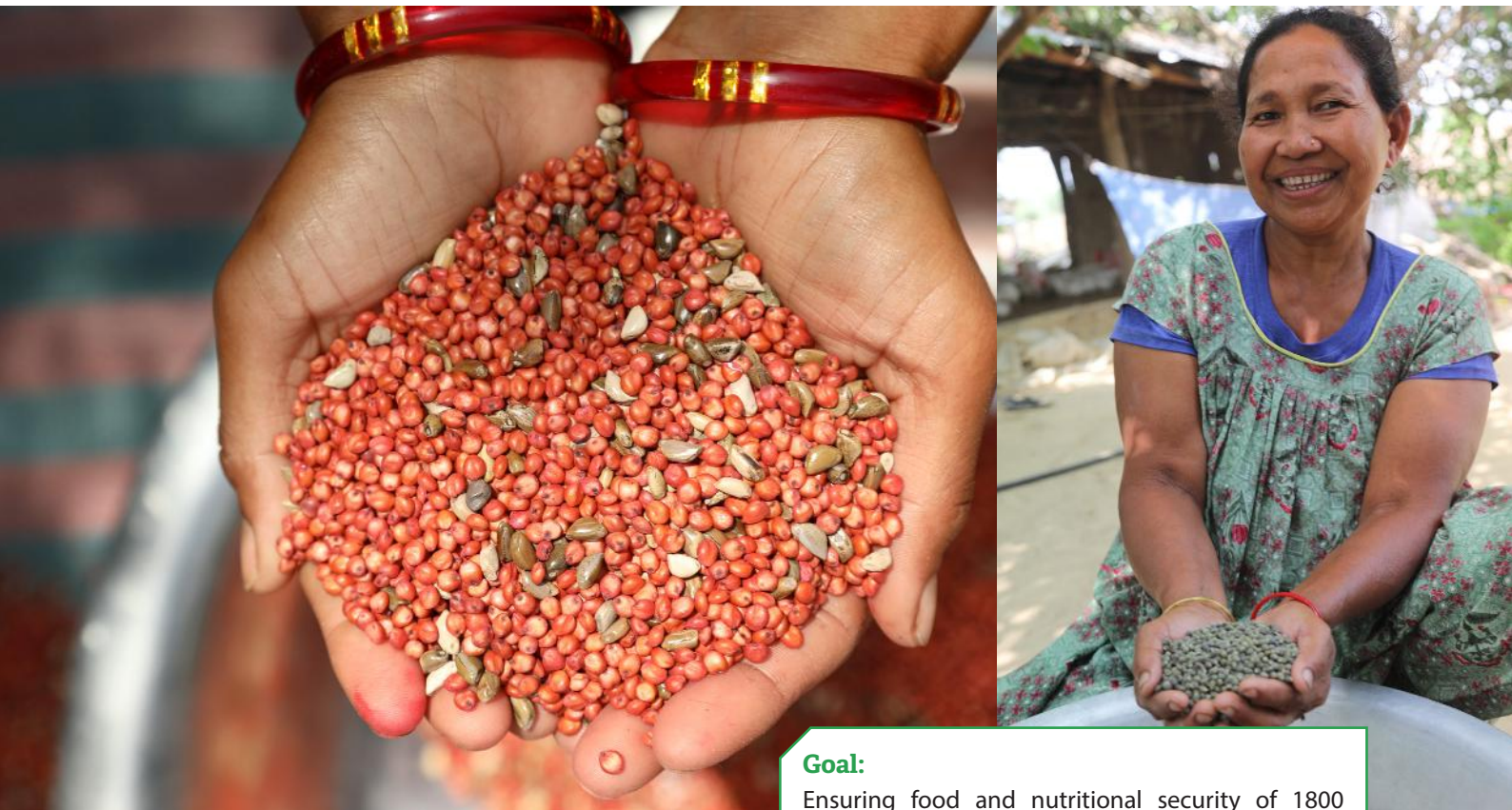
Community volunteers were trained in agroecology and good agricultural practices, with a total of 10 volunteers undergoing the training.

Several awareness events focusing on nutrition and balanced diets were organized in different schools, totaling three events.

Three on-job trainees are currently documenting findings on Non-timber forest products (NTFPs) and locally available food resources from the jungle during the NTFPs exploration.



3 SAFBIN Nepal Climate Resilient Agriculture System for Smallholder Farmers in Nepal (CRASS)



Project Description

This project aims in enhancing food security, improve nutritional status, and building climate and disaster-resilient farming communities in the face of climate change. To address climate change issues, the project will collectivize and engage communities to find environmentally friendly local solutions.

The project will follow the different approaches, such as promoting improved and traditional crops and varieties, climate-resilient agricultural practice, farmers' led on-farm action research on various cereal and vegetable crops, and partnerships with multilevel stakeholder both in the district and national level. The project will also focus to establish small-scale irrigation systems in collaboration with the local governments. In addition the project will work together with the local government bodies in developing climate resilience plans and policies.

The project will ensure the active participation of women farmers, with special consideration given to single women, households with children below 5 years, households with pregnant and

Goal:

Ensuring food and nutritional security of 1800 Smallholder farmers in Nawalparasi in the context of climate change

Duration:

January 2023- December 2025

Location:

Devchuli Municipality, Kawasoti Municipality, Madhyabindu Municipality and Hupsekot Rural Municipality, Nawalparasi

Funding Partners:

Caritas Austria (In collaboration with Caritas Finland)

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lactating women, households with differently-abled members, and socially and economically marginalized smallholder farmers who own less than 0.5 hectares of land.

The successful practices identified during the project's implementation will be scaled up to cover a larger area and extended to more farmers' households in the future.

Section VIII

Strategic Objective 2 (Human Rights and Social Empowerment)

Areas of Interventions

- Strengthening Capacities of Rural Women for Social and Economic Empowerment
- Child Development and Nutrition Enhancement
- Ensuring Safe Migration
- Socioeconomic Empowerment of Substance Users and PLHIV
- Empowerment of Youth through Leadership

People and communities have improved social justice, human rights, and social well-being through social transformation.



1 Empowering Women for Social Well-being and Sustainable Agriculture Project



Project Description

The main goal of this project is to support sustainable development in local communities through a range of objectives. These objectives include improving the economic status of women, promoting gender equality, enhancing food sovereignty, and mitigating the adverse effects of climate change on agriculture. A key focus will be on building the capacity of smallholder women farmers by providing them with training and leveraging local resources to enhance their agricultural practices and income.

The project will use a Participatory Led Development (PLD) approach within the community, with a specific emphasis on food sovereignty and agroecology. This approach is grounded in the belief that individuals can take the lead, are self-reliant and resourceful, and can collectively achieve common goals.

Goal

Communities are able to realize social well-being and sustainable agriculture with active participation of women.

Duration

1st APRIL 2022 – 31st MARCH 2025

Location

Makwanpur, Kapilvastu, Gulmi, Palpa,

Funding Partner

KZE and Misereor Germany



Santi Mahila Krishak Samuha of Rebdikot-1, Bhulkhola, Palpa



Achievements

442 women members are cultivating indigenous and local seeds, showcasing a 24 percent increase from the baseline value. Also, they have been making botanical pesticides and fertilizers from locally available resources. 1,441 women members (64.39%) have joined cooperatives, with a caste-wise distribution of Brahmin/Chettri 460, Dalit 430, Ethnic 502, and Others 49.

Cooperatives have collected NPR 729,310 in savings and disbursed a total loan amount of NPR 2,616,631 to its members. The initiative has enabled 145 women to launch small enterprises, significantly benefiting their family's economy. Six women groups have undertaken group farming of ginger, chili, and potatoes.

6 cooperative-based seed collection centers have been established, and rallies were held in all four districts to promote and preserve local seeds. 4 FFS for seed production have been successfully conducted.

In the 2022 local-level elections, 16 women were successfully elected as representatives.

Empowering Rural Women through Collective Farming and Local Seed Conservation

CN and SADEC collaborated on a women's empowerment project in Dhurkot Rural Municipality, Nepal. Women were organized into groups to address challenges such as youth migration and the disappearance of local seed varieties. Through collective farming, a cooperative named "Pipaldhara Namuna Krishi Tatha Pashu Bikash Mahila Sahakari" was established, promoting local seed preservation and producing various crops. The project empowered women and strengthened seed sovereignty, inspiring local policies and programs.





In the village of Rupa Kuvar, a group called Pani Srijana Krishak Mahila formed to empower women. Rupa Kuvar became a member of this group, and together, they conducted regular meetings, pooled savings, and received financial support. The group invested Rs 10,000 in Rupa's aspiration to become a tailor. Starting from her home, Rupa gradually developed her sewing skills, and her business flourished, gaining recognition in the process. Their remarkable journey was an inspiration to the community, highlighting the strength that comes from unity and personal perseverance.



2 Ensuring Safe Migration and Promoting Sustainable Local Reintegration



Migrant family supporting "Agriculture Calling" slogan being promoted by the project

Project Description:

In Nepali society, labor migration plays a crucial role, despite the government's authorization of foreign employment in only 110 countries. Surprisingly, Nepalese individuals have been found working in 172 countries across the world. Even during the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on the global economy, a major number of Nepalese people continue to seek opportunities for foreign employment. In recent years, Nepali workers have been targeting countries like Croatia, Cyprus, Maldives, Malta, Poland, Romania, Turkey, and UK for work.

According to the International Labour Organization (ILO), around 400,000 Nepali workers migrate annually in search of employment opportunities. Unfortunately, domestic workers often face physical and sexual abuse, with limited access to justice or support services.

Goal

To expand people's access to choose for themselves a safe and dignified working environment that guarantees their socio-economic well-being.

Duration:

September 2020 to November 2022

Location:

2, 3, 4, 5 and 8 Kankai Municipalities of Jhapa; Jhapa and Mikhla Jung RM of Jhapa and Morang.

Funding Partner:

Caritas Japan



Returnee and families receiving cook training



Due to the outbreak of COVID-19 and the lockdown, many migrant workers have returned to Nepal. The project has been designed to address the problems and concerns of returnees and promote their sustainable reintegration into society.

Objectives

Empower migrant workers and returnees by providing them with access to information that leads to access to services.

Enhance the capacity of individuals to transition from unskilled to skilled labor, providing them with better opportunities in either their country of origin or destination.

Advocate for sustainable development at the local level by promoting domestic job creation.

Achievement:

41 migrant returnees (30 males and 11 females) received vocational training and grant support to setup enterprises enabling them to improve their livelihoods.

623 community members (504 males and 119 females) were oriented through the Safe Migration One-Stop Center, established by CN. The center provides assistance to individuals seeking overseas employment, guiding them through the necessary manpower procedures, requirements, as well as offering information on the background of the country and the manpower company.

76 participants (2 males, 26 females for bag making; 10 males for light driving; 10 males for mobile repairing; 8 males for electrician; 7 males, 3 females for cooking; 10 males for electric motor rewinding) received skill development training. Among the participants, 40% have taken the initiative to start their own small enterprises, while the rest have found employment in related fields, such as working in shops and new house construction sites. 3680 households data collected and surveyed for tracking the foreign employment status

199 individuals (93 males and 106 females) received financial literacy training enabling them to do budget plan, manage debit and credit in their business.

10 returnees (8 males, 2 females) received medical and health support.



"As a returnee volunteer working in the safe migration sector in Jhapa, I've come to realize that empowerment begins with awareness, and transformation starts with compassion. Together, we can build bridges to safer horizons, ensuring that every migrant's journey is a testimony of resilience and hope."

- **Jamuna Acharya, Returnee Volunteer, Caritas Nepal**



3 Promoting Safe Migration and Preventing Trafficking in Person



Goal:

The project contributes to safe migration and to combatting negative effects of human trafficking in Nepal.

Location:

Jhapa RM, Jhapa and Miklajung RM, Morang

Duration:

October 2022 to July 2023

Funding Partner:

Mission Munchin



Project Description:

Each year, approximately 5 million Nepalese individuals enter the labor market. Unfortunately, the government has only legalized foreign employment in 110 countries. Despite this limitation, Nepalese individuals are found working in 172 countries, leaving them vulnerable to various forms of slavery, exploitation, and trafficking. The Nepal government has made efforts to protect migrant workers and has even banned women from traveling to Gulf countries for domestic labor due to the increased risk of exploitation and human trafficking. However, unsafe migration and trafficking of men and women continue to occur in Nepal due to poverty and the search for sustainable livelihoods.



Achievements

Establishment of a migration help desk in municipalities in collaboration with local governing bodies. This initiative has made it easier for community members to access information.

Benefited 397 individuals (261 males and 136 females) from wards 3, 4, and 8 of the Kankai. Representatives from technical training institutes have also received orientation on safe migration and anti-trafficking measures.

41 migrant returnees and their family members have received access to revolving funds in the form of low-interest loans and grants, which has enhanced their livelihoods.

Jhapa Rural Municipality has allocated a sum of NPR 600,000 (approximately Euro 4,137) towards project initiatives such as skill training, livelihood assistance, and entrepreneurial development.

4 Resilient Community Health Project (RCHP)



Happy faces after school health camp and receiving dental kit.

Project Description:

The project's main focus is to strengthen rural health facilities by providing essential equipment and supplies, with the aim of enhancing service delivery to the community. Health workers in these facilities receive capacity-building through various health trainings, enabling them to effectively address community health issues. To improve the lives of disadvantaged and vulnerable groups within the community, families with disabilities receive training and grants. Moreover, ambitious female students looking to become health professionals and serve their communities are supported with partial scholarships.

Disaster preparedness is another important aspect of the project. Training programs are conducted, rescue kits are provided, and awareness activities are carried out to safeguard communities from disasters and their consequences.

Goal: To support local health facilities to deliver quality basic health services.

Location: Kavre: Panauti-11, Panauti Municipality, Mandandeupur-10, Mandandeupur Municipality, Dolakha: Bigu-2, 3, Bigu Rural Municipality and Sindhuli: Hariharpurgadhi-1, Hariharpurgadhi Rural Municipality

Duration: January 2020- November 2023

Funding Partner: Caritas Poland



Caritas Polska

The project's overall goal is to empower local communities by improving healthcare access, building disaster resilience, and promoting inclusivity for persons with disabilities. By enhancing their ability to cope with challenges and crises, the project aims to make these communities more resilient.



Health camp being conducted in Kavre

Objectives	Achievements
Objective 1 To provide material support in order to improve the rural health facilities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5 health posts have been equipped with suitable medical equipment (49 medical devices and 2 types of medical supplies), required essential furniture, drinking water supply, and waste management pit. One health post was upgraded in Sindhuli.
Objective 2 To provide capacity building trainings to health workers in order to enable them to actively address community health needs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2,694 school children from 27 schools and the local community participated in health camps, receiving eye and dental check-ups. Additionally, 415 adults also received these check-ups. The camps included tooth extractions for 32 patients and facilitated referral support funds for 67 students. 2,847 individuals received screenings and general treatment. Among them, 384 were referred for further check-ups. Services included ECG for 8 patients, uterine prolapse support for 17 women, reading glasses for 695 elderly, cataract surgery referral for 64, and medical supplies for all. 105 healthcare workers have received comprehensive training in a diverse range of critical areas. These include Disease Outbreak and Epidemic Management, Infection Prevention, Fundamental First Aid Techniques, Identification and Management of Mental Health Disorders, Basic Life Support, Ambulance-Based Case Management, and Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health. 265 pregnant and lactating women have been provided with essential nutrition supplements to support their health and well-being.
Objective 3 To enhance the preparedness and capacity of the community to respond to future disaster	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trained 107 local volunteers (48 female, 59 male) as Rural First Responders. Identified 75 households with disabled members. 68 households engaged in income-generating activities, aiming for over Rs. 50,000 yearly income. Reformed 5 Disaster Management Committees, completed Vulnerability and Capacity Assessment. Provided 21 rescue and first aid kits to Ward Disaster Management Committees. Trained 56 Local Disaster Management Committee members in Emergency WASH management. Supported 7 students with partial scholarships for health education (3 lab technician, 2 dentistry, 2 nursing). Backed 12 mitigation schemes in 5 project locations.

Undiagnosed Abdominal Pain Resolved through General Health Screening



After suffering from abdominal pain for two years, Laxmi Kumari Ghalan of Sindhuli received a proper diagnosis and treatment through a general health screening camp organized by the Resilient Community Health Project. She was found to have a renal stone and underwent successful surgery. Laxmi now understands the importance of regular health check-ups and maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

"I am grateful to CN for organizing the health screening camp and referral support, which enabled me to receive a proper diagnosis and treatment."



5 Socio-Economic Empowerment of Substance Users (SEESU) Phase II



Street drama for awareness raising on substance abuse in Basantapur.

Project Description:

SEESU Phase II aimed to support the recovering drug users who have taken charge of the organization through Salvation Nepal, and it also to reach out to other drug users.

Phase I focused on recovery treatment and reintegration of clients, whereas Phase II is focused on enhancing the organization's quality, sustainability, and prevention efforts through sensitization.

During the two-year duration, the organization have provided treatment services to 87 rehabilitees and offered capacity building support to 20 rehabilitees. The center offers treatment services to individuals struggling with various substances such as alcohol, marijuana, injections, and tablets. Due to the assistance provided for office setup, the center was

Goal:

Strengthen rehabilitation services for recovering drug users and wider community awareness on anti-drug abuse

Location:

Bhaiseapati, Lalitpur

Duration:

1st March 2021- 28th February 2023

Funding Partner:

Caritas Italiana



able to accommodate 25 to 30 rehabilitees per shift. This represented an improvement compared to the previous capacity of serving 15 rehabilitees per shift.



Street drama for awareness raising on substance abuse in Basantapur.

Achievements:

87 recovering drug users received medical and counseling treatment support, leading to 65 being discharged from the center, while 22 individuals are currently undergoing treatment. 14 rehabilitees (out of 87) received vocational training such as driving, mobile repair, welding, and tuck shops. Later, 6 individuals were provided with income generation support to pursue welding and tuck shop.

Support was provided for the establishment of two office rooms, a kitchen and dining hall, as well as the provision of office setup equipment to improve the quality of services.

Rehabilitees performing awareness drama during an event organized on world aids day.



Youth Rehabilitees during experience sharing and counselling session.



6 Action against Child Labor (ACT)



Project Description:

Child labor issue has been in Nepal for centuries, as it has been considered a normal part of socialization. In rural areas, the increase in agricultural wages due to labor migration has increased bargaining power but also led school-going children to abandon education in favor of labor. The Covid-19 pandemic has further worsened the situation, exposing vulnerable children to higher risks of child labor due to lockdowns and increased illness and death rates among caregivers.

After assessing the needs and identifying the gaps, Caritas Nepal, with financial support from Caritas Germany, is conducting the project "Act against Child Labor (ACT)" in Chulachuli Rural Municipality, Illam District, through the CN Damak Provincial Office. Also, the project is being implemented in Rangshrirang Rural Municipality, Makwanpur District, through the local partner JCYCN.

Goal:

Elimination of different forms of child labour.

Location:

Illam and Makwanpur districts

Duration:

June, 2022- April, 2023

Funding Partner:

Caritas Germany



Achievements

58 vulnerable families with children started income-generating activities, resulting in increased income for the families and enabling the reenrollment of children in school.

8 children from Makwanpur were successfully rescued in collaboration with the police, local wards, and concerned organizations. Furthermore, 12 children in Illam were able to obtain their birth certificates.

Under the supervision of the National Child Rights Council (NCRC), shops, hotels, auto-rickshaws, and buses have displayed child-labor-free stickers as a symbol of their commitment to eliminate child labor.

Empowering Dreams: From Hardships to Education and Livelihood



Karan (10) and Karina (12), residents of Chulachuli rural municipality ward 6, faced hardships as they couldn't attend school due to their family's economic struggles and their parents' frequent work-related transfers. Tragically, their father passed away, and their mother left them behind. Luckily, they found shelter with their aunt and uncle, who already had five children of their own to care for. However, the family struggled to meet the basic needs, including uniforms and stationery, for the two additional children. To address their difficulties, the "ACT" project intervened and provided uniforms, stationery, and assistance in enrolling them in a nearby school. The project also facilitated obtaining birth certificates for the children. Now, both Karan and Karina attend school regularly. Additionally, to enhance the family's income, the project supported them with a mobile cart to sell local snacks (Chatpatay), which now brings in extra earnings of approximately Npr 500-800 per day (about £4-7). This additional income not only helps the family sustain their livelihood but also supports the children's education.

Section IX

Strategic Objective 3 (Disaster Risk Reduction)

Areas of Interventions

- Climate change adaptation
- Disaster Preparedness
- Disaster Risk Reduction
- Strengthening Community Resilience

Communities have enhanced their resilience to disaster risks and embraced a more environmentally conscious approach to caring for Mother Earth.



1 School Based Disaster Risk Reduction Program (S-DRR)



This project aims to enhance the resilience of schools, local institutions, and communities against hazards, particularly floods. Over a three-year period from 2022 to 2025, the project will engage in consultations with educational stakeholders, local government, schools, and communities to implement various activities. The primary focus will be on increasing knowledge, capacity, and preparedness for disaster response practices. Based on findings and recommendations from a previous project in Kamal Rural Municipality, Jhapa District, nine government schools in Jhapa Rural Municipality (wards 1, 2, 3, 5, and 7) have been identified for targeted interventions. Moreover, the seven vulnerable schools from the previous phase in Kamal Rural Municipality will receive one-year sustainability support. This support aims to strengthen their disaster risk mechanisms, raise awareness on disaster risk reduction, and actively involve students in relevant activities.

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: December 2022 -November 2025

Location: Jhapa and Kamal Rural Municipality

Funding Partner: Caritas Italiana



Participant in the elocution competition organised in the occasion of World Environment Day 2023. With the aim to raise awareness on climate change and its impact in Nepal.





Students during capacity building training on DRR and CCA in Jhapa.

Achievements:

1 toilet was renovated in Simalbadi Basic School, Jhapa Rural Municipality, ensuring better usability, proper waste collection, continuous water supply, and improved hygiene facilities.

87 students from 2 schools in Jhapa Rural Municipality received orientation on DRR and CCA as well as school safety.

20 IEC message boards with messages on WASH promotion and disaster risk reduction (DRR) have been installed in ten locations in Jhapa to disseminate information on these topics to students and community members.

21 task forces were established, consisting of search and rescue, first aid, and early warning teams from the 16 selected schools vulnerable to different hazards. These task forces, along with SDMCs, have enhanced their capacity to survive impacts and respond effectively to possible crises.

11 schools in Jhapa and Kamal Rural Municipality have established child clubs with the goal of improving students' knowledge and skills in areas such as DRR, CCA, school safety, hygiene, and extracurricular activities.

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



68 participants received mason training, enhancing their skills in earthquake-resistant building construction.

Project Description:

The project has provided support to 17 cooperatives and 43 community groups. Its main objective is to enhance the resilience of poor and marginalized communities in Jumla and Mugu districts of Nepal. The primary beneficiaries are vulnerable families, particularly those facing challenges in coping with their current situation. This includes women-headed households, Dalits, indigenous people, single women, disabled individuals, disaster-affected families, and socially and economically excluded groups. By targeting these specific beneficiaries, the project aims to uplift and empower the most vulnerable members of the community and contribute to their overall well-being and resilience.

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 centers and community groups.

Duration: December 2019 to June 2023

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

Funding Partner: Caritas Germany



Implementing Partner: PACE Nepal

Achievements

59 farmers participating in the FFS have improved their farming practices and productivity. The project-supported greenhouses have helped in off-season vegetable production, leading to increased income for these farmers. Moreover, the irrigation support provided by the project has been beneficial to households, resulting in improved agriculture outcomes.

124 farmers received kitchen gardening training, encouraging the consumption of fresh vegetables. Also, 319 members from 8 groups of farmers were provided vegetable seeds.

DRR focal persons enhanced knowledge from DRR and first aid training. Whereas, child clubs actively engaged 174 children in various DRR activities and helped develop preparedness plans.



DRR and Mitigation activities in Jumla

3 Strengthening Community Resilience Program in Sudurpaschim Province of Nepal



Project Description:

The project has contributed in the reduction of vulnerabilities to disasters and improved resilience to climate change in Doti and Bajura districts. Through community engagement and participation, communities have actively worked towards reducing their vulnerabilities. Additionally, students and school management have become more environmentally conscious and aware, ensuring preparedness for potential disasters and the impact of climate change.

The project also worked on setting up systems in the government to be ready for disasters. This means that local leaders, like those in the Province, District, and Municipality, are prepared and ready to act if there is occurrence of any disaster. These efforts have made the area better at dealing with dangers and disasters.

Goal: Communities' vulnerabilities to disaster and climate change in the Sudurpaschim Province of Nepal are resilient, collectively prepared, and proactively mitigating risks.

Duration: January 2021 to December 2022

Location: Budhiganga Municipality, Bajura and Joraya & Bogtan Phudsil Rural Municipality, Doti

Funding Partners: Caritas Austria

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Implementing Partner: Community Development Forum (CDF)

Overall, the project has helped in enhancing community resilience, promoting environmental awareness among students, and establishing DRR systems at the institutional level.

Achievements

9 irrigation schemes were constructed, benefiting 550 households and enabling irrigation across 1,260 ropani (63 hectares) of land. Additionally, 91 farmers were supported with plastic ponds designed for water harvesting, empowering them to connect collected water for drip irrigation in their farming practices. Furthermore, the construction of four recharge ponds further contributed to enhancing water storage and recharge capabilities.

645.323 tons of cash crops, vegetables, and spices were cultivated by farmers. Around 71% of this produce was sold within five cropping seasons, generating a substantial income of NRs. 14,666,154.

1,200 vulnerable households, through grassroots community groups developed a Community-Based Adaptation/Preparedness Plan. This plan was approved by ward offices and stakeholders. Moreover, Local Climate and Disaster Resilient Plans, as well as DRR strategies, received endorsement from Bogtan Phudsil RM, Doti, and Budhiganga Municipality, Bajura. While, Joroyal RM's Disaster Preparedness and Response Plan was also updated in collaboration with related stakeholders.

Budhiganga Municipality in Bajura underwent a multi-hazard risk assessment, resulting in a comprehensive disaster mapping. This initiative enhanced the area's capacity for disaster risk reduction and management.

3 municipalities endorsed safer construction policies, accompanied by training for local masons in earthquake-resistant building techniques.

Comprehensive School Safety Plans were developed in 25 schools, following the guidelines of the Nepal Government.

Community people being oriented on DRR.



Simulation drill for earthquake preparedness in Bajura.



4 Building Resilience in Urban Community of Nepal-Urban DRR



Project Description:

The project has worked actively to enhance the DRR capacity of communities, with the goal of strengthening their resilience during potential disasters. This objective is pursued through a targeted approach, focusing on two distinct outcomes.

The initial outcome centers on the operationalization of comprehensive Disaster Risk Management (DRM) plans and institutional frameworks, both at the ward level (a local administrative unit) and within municipal structures. The project's aim lies in establishing and effectively implementing plans and systems designed to holistically address the disaster risks within these locations. This could include a range of activities, such as conducting risk assessments, developing standardized protocols for emergency response, establishing early warning systems, and developing coordination among related stakeholders. By ensuring the functionality

Goal:

Contribute to build Safer and Adaptable Urban Community

Location:

Gaindakot Municipality-2 and 3, Nawalpur

Duration:

October 2021 – September 2023

Funding Partner:

Caritas Spain



of these plans and systems, the project seeks to empower communities with capacities to predict, mitigate, and respond to potential disasters.

The second outcome aims to improve sustainable livelihood practices and increase income levels of the vulnerable households and communities. The project takes knowledge of the disproportionate

impact that disasters cause upon the vulnerable population of society and aim to address these issues by economically empowering these groups. It seeks to support these households and communities in adopting livelihood practices that are resilient to disasters and contribute to their long-term well-being. This may involve providing training and resources for income-generating activities, promoting sustainable agriculture or alternative livelihood options, and facilitating access to financial services or markets.

Achievements:

54 Ward Disaster Management Committees (WDMC) and task force members have a clear understanding of their roles and responsibilities and have the capacity to develop the LDRRP for their respective communities. A total of 131 WDMC and task force members have acquired skills to respond during emergency.

67 vulnerable individuals have actively participated and collaboratively created a comprehensive risk, vulnerability, and resource map for the project wards. This map is now accessible on the official Gaidakot municipality website as well as various social media platforms.

A community-based flood early warning system has been established within the Narayani River basin.

300(179 female) farmers were orientated on the livelihood risk transfer activities. Also, they have benefited by receiving essential inputs for the implementation of Climate Smart Agriculture practices. Additionally, 48 local masons have undergone specialized training to ensure the construction of secure and easily accessible community infrastructure.

6 resilient community infrastructures, implemented through the project, have directly benefitted around 145 households. Also, 5 WASH structures have been rebuilt to ensure convenient accessibility for people with disabilities and children.

Hariyali Tatribas Women Farmers Groups



5 Emergency preparedness and Response Project (EPRP)



Project Description

The EPRP project, implemented by Caritas Nepal in partnership with CRS Nepal, aims to support flood-affected and at-risk communities in the Banke district. It aims to mitigate the impacts of future floods by strengthening the capacities of communities and local government in understanding risks, planning, budgeting, and implementing priority disaster risk management activities. The project expects two key results: at-risk communities identifying and implementing flood risk mitigation measures, and local governments identifying and implementing measures to mitigate flood risks in these communities.

Goal:

Vulnerable communities in Nepal have improved resilience to manage shocks and stresses in the face of disaster and climate change.

Location:

Duduwa and Raptisonari RM of Banke

Duration:

1st January 2023- 30th October 2023

Funding Partner:

CRS Nepal





Nature based mitigation measure done in 6 locations



Achievements

2 WDMCs have been established, and an assessment of disaster risk reduction knowledge, attitudes, and practices has been carried out for 102 WDMC members along with 34 members of the LDMC.

8 Disaster Preparedness and Response plans have been developed at the ward level.

123 members of the WDMC have gained knowledge about the concept of DRR mainstreaming, their roles and responsibilities, existing acts, policies, and guidelines related to disaster risk reduction and management, as well as the DRM plan development process and its importance.

909 community members have been sensitized on how to react and respond during disasters, aiming to reduce loss of lives and properties.

A survey, involving the participation of 900 community members and 40 WDMC members, was conducted to evaluate the current status of Early Warning Systems (EWS).

Section X

Strategic Objective 4 (Humanitarian Response and Recovery)

Areas of Interventions

- Emergency humanitarian assistance for the communities facing crisis
- Disaster recovery and resilience
- Building Capacities in Humanitarian Action
- Bhutanese Refugee Education
- COVID-19 Response and Recovery

People affected by disasters are able to survive with dignity and communities realize a holistic recovery and build back better.



1 Nepal Flood Response and Early Recovery Project, 2021



226 shelter handed over to flood affected families in three years

Project Description:

Caritas Nepal and Gulariya Municipality collaborated to construct 103 houses, and an additional 42 shelters were built in last two year. This project demonstrated the positive impact of working with local government for community welfare. Similarly this year 31 additional flood resilient houses were constructed.

Goal: Flood affected families recover from the calamity and are living dignified lives and are resilient to future disaster

Location: Gulariya Municipality, Bardiya and Tikapur Municipality, Kailali

Duration: 15th November 2021 to 15th July 2022

Funding Partner: Caritas Italiana, Caritas Australia, Gulariya Municipality and Tikapur Manicipation



Construction cost of each shelters
NPR. 713000

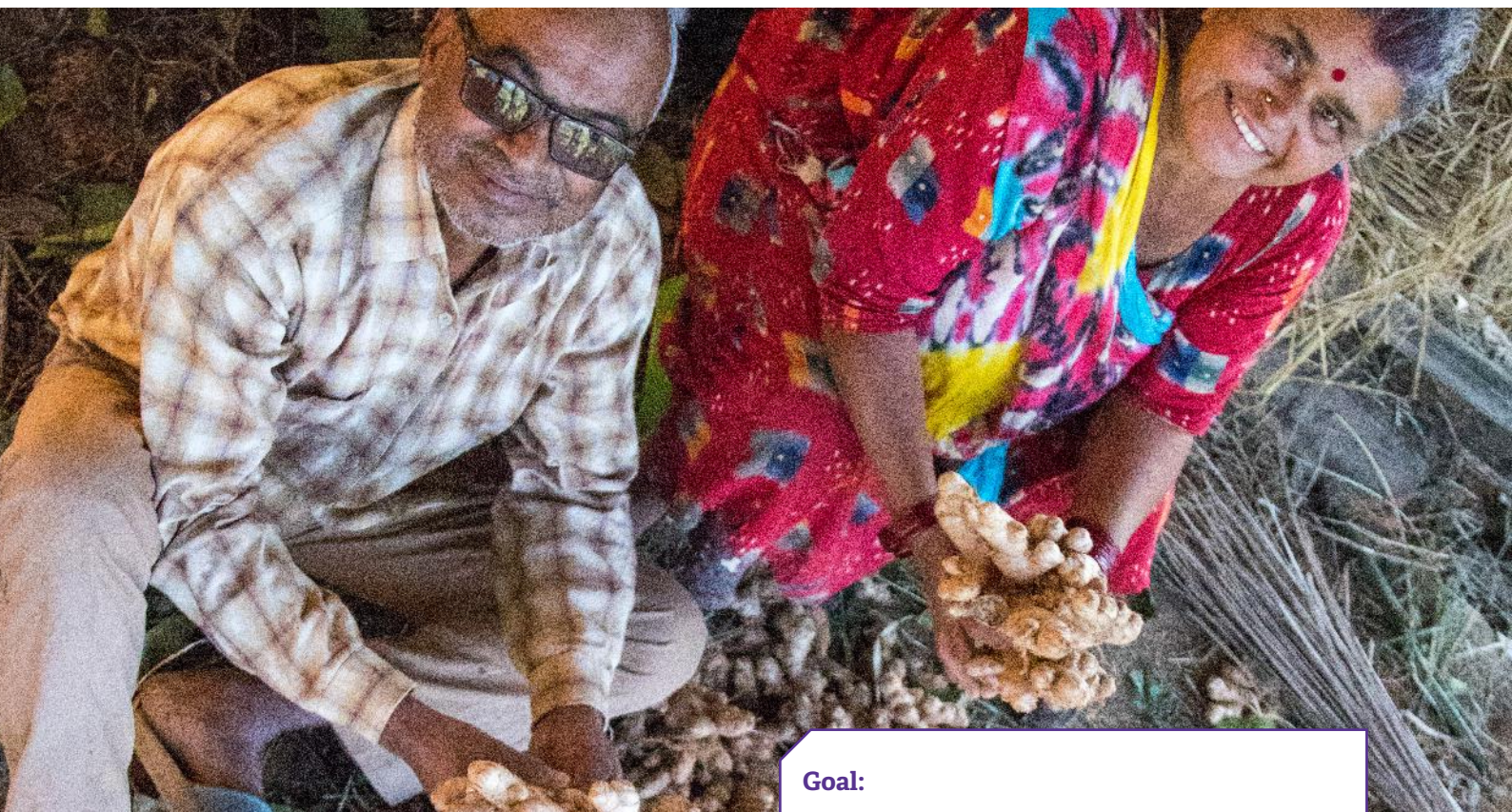


In Kailali the replication of the same project happened in collaboration with Tikapur Municipality where 50 flood affected family received shelter support with the support from Caritas Australia.

2 Bardiya Shelter Reconstruction Project Nepal, 2023



3 COVID-19 Emergency Response and Recovery Project (CERRP)



Project Description:

The project mainly focuses on helping farmers who are cultivating ginger. Around 600 farmers have been receiving technical assistance, training, input support, and processing equipment. Ginger farming is prioritized due to the region's favorable environment, soil quality, geography, and potential. Recognizing the challenges faced in managing the ginger market in recent years, CERRP has collaborated with the Tansen municipality to construct a ginger warehouse. This facility aims to store locally produced surplus ginger, ensuring better market management and reducing post-harvest losses.

In order to address the financial challenges faced by Covid-19 affected migrant returnees and youth, the project provides start-up grants for locally feasible income-generating activities. So far, 101 individuals have benefited from this program, empowering them to strengthen their financial status.

Goal:

Local communities in Palpa district are resilient to the future disasters

Location:

Tansen Municipality, Bagnaskali Rural Municipality and Ribdikot Rural Municipality of Palpa

Duration:

October 2021-September 2023

Funding Partner:

Catholic Relief Service (CRS)



CERRP also focuses on strengthening local government and communities in disaster management, post-disaster recovery, reconstruction, rehabilitation, and building disaster and climate resilience. Training and orientation programs have been conducted on the disaster management cycle, masonry skills, and

guidelines for reconstruction, rehabilitation, and retrofitting of private housing in response to monsoon-induced and fire-induced disasters. These initiatives aim to enhance the capacity of the local government and communities to effectively manage disasters and promote resilience.

Overall, CERRP aims to empower communities, improve livelihoods through ginger farming and income generation activities, and enhance disaster management and resilience in the region.

Achievements

Farmers have gained benefits from a newly constructed warehouse, which was a joint effort with the municipality. This warehouse, costing a total of NPR 3 million, is capable of storing up to 200 quintals of ginger, serving as a storage solution for surplus produce.

A building that can be used for different purposes, including isolating people during COVID-19, was made through an agreement between CN and Tansen Municipality.

A total of 600 farmers engaged in different training sessions related to growing ginger, which covered practices like handling diseases, managing pests, and methods for handling the ginger after it's harvested. The result was that ginger farmers in three locations were able to produce 12.34 metric tons for each hectare they cultivated.

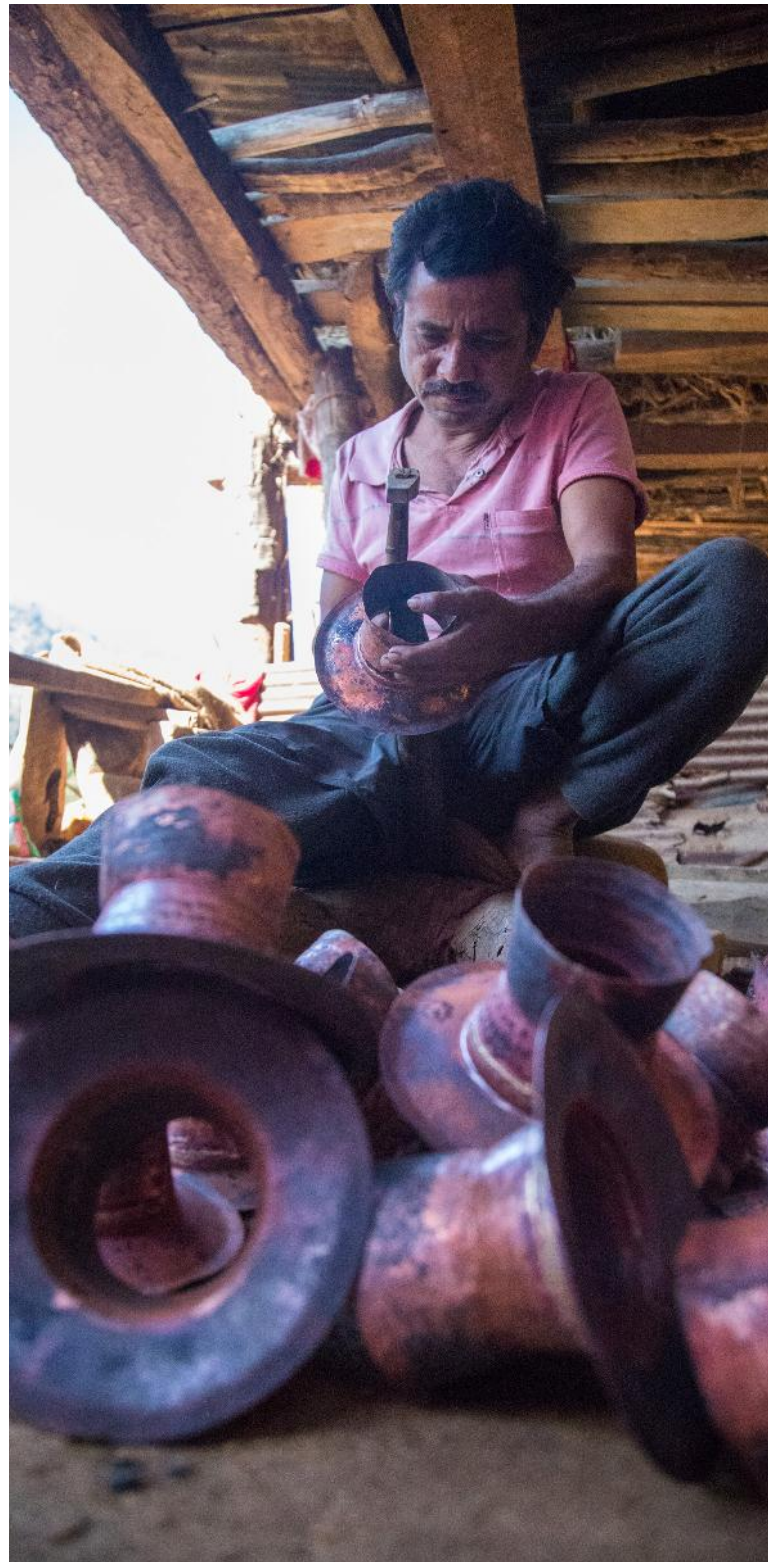
11 females were trained on pickle making training. Following the training, a group of four women have established their own pickle-making business. Furthermore, 58 masons received training on earthquake-resistant building techniques, Nepal's building codes, and MRT (Minimum Retaining Thickness) regulations enabling them to construct structures using the latest practices in building technology.

22 people, including ward/municipality/district level staff, received training to improve their technical skills in using the Bipad portal. The selected municipalities have been actively promoting the adoption and use of the BIPAD Portal at the local level.

LDCRP was developed in collaboration with Ribdikot Rural Municipality.

Collaboratively with the municipalities, mitigation efforts for landslide protection have been carried out in all three locations.

34 people received the first level of Socio-Technical Assistance (STA). Out of these, 33 have received approval at the district level and are now in the process of being forwarded to the local level for the agreement stage.





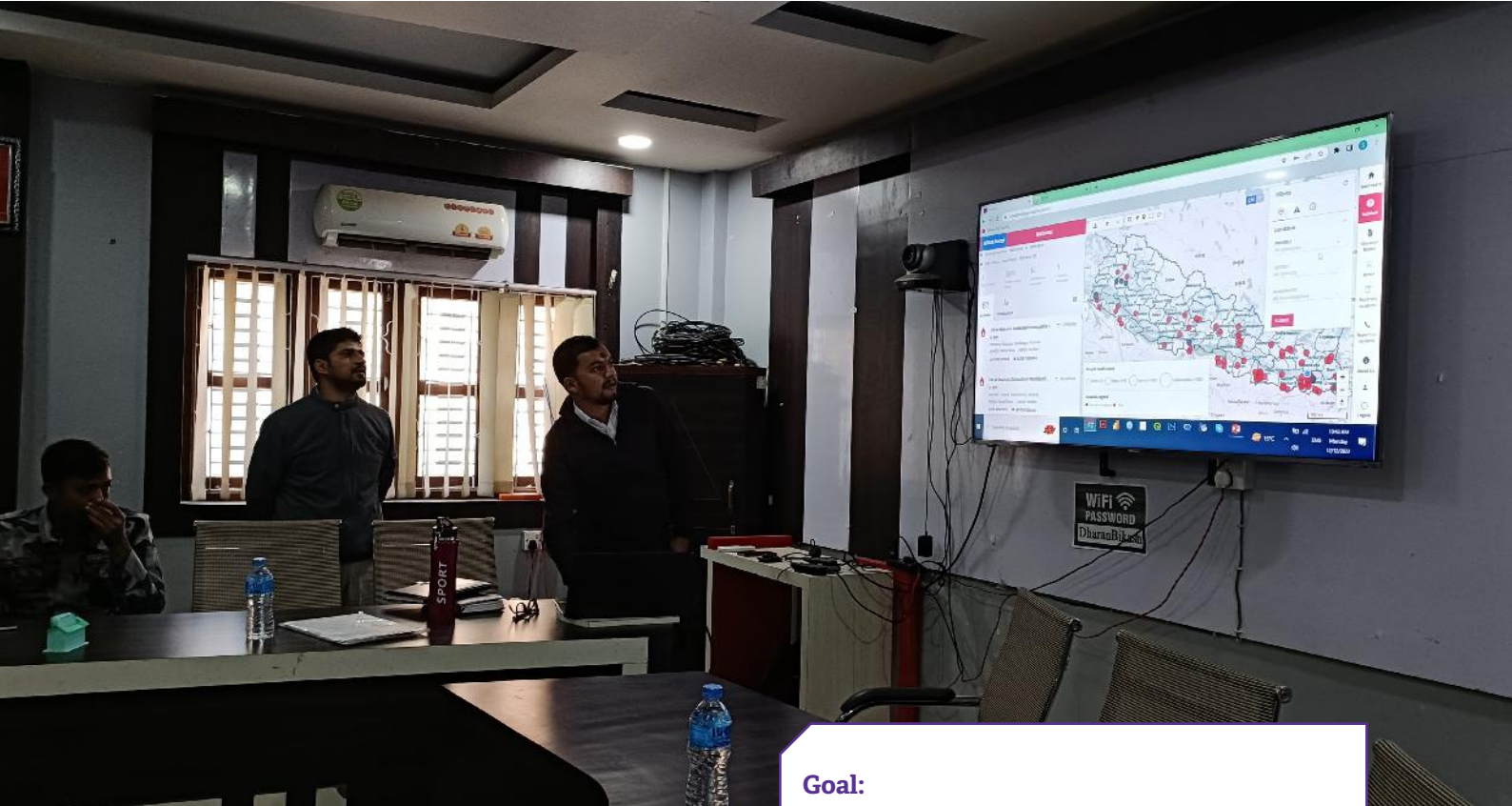
Meet Jhapindra Bashyal, a 47-year-old migrant returnee and person with a disability. Despite his circumstances, Jhapindra is an outstanding poultry and duck farmer in Palpa. Through financial and technical support, he is part of a project that aims to enhance livelihoods and promote resilience among COVID-19 affected households and vulnerable individuals. Jhapindra's story is an example for the project's mission to empower and uplift communities in the face of challenges.



In Tansen-2, a group of 10 women received skill-based training in the hosiery business. However, they lacked the necessary machines to start their business. CERRP intervened by providing a start-up grant of USD 316 each to three participants. Now, they produce various hosiery products and fulfill orders. This initiative by CERRP supports covid-affected migrant returnees and youth in Palpa District, promoting entrepreneurship and recovery.



4. National Housing and Settlements Resilience Platform (NHSRP)



A participant reflecting the learnings from the training on use of BIPAD Portal for decision making at Dharan SMC

Project Description:

The National Housing and Settlements Resilience Platform (NHSRP) is a consortium of organizations working with the government on Disaster Risk Reduction and Management, with a focus on housing. They help improve information systems, disaster preparedness, and capacity building. Caritas Nepal is involved in capacity building in Koshi Province, embedding a team in the province government to provide technical support.

Goal:

Safe Settlements and disaster resilient Housing for All

Location:

Koshi Province (all 14 districts)

Duration:

September 2022 to September 2023

Funding Partner:

CRS Nepal





Ward Level consultation during the LDCRP formulation at Budhiganga RM

Achievements

650 households that have been affected by floods, landslides, and fire hazards are now accessing the government of Nepal's reconstruction and rehabilitation grant for disaster-impacted homes.

The provincial government, which initially had not contributed to the grant, has now started its share. To date, the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Law (MOIAL) has disbursed NPR 1,90,00,000 for reconstruction and resettlement.

Capacity building efforts have empowered communities to access government funds i.e. 32 million rupees for preparedness and reconstruction in the aftermath of disasters such as landslides and flash floods. Also, the ongoing collaboration among various levels of government and stakeholders is actively enhancing coordination for effective DRRM efforts.

The implementation of the BIPAD Portal by local governments and the Koshi Provincial Government has facilitated evidence-based decision-making for DRRM planning. This innovative approach has enabled the identification of vulnerable households and communities, thereby empowering the government to effectively prioritize its initiatives.

Section XI

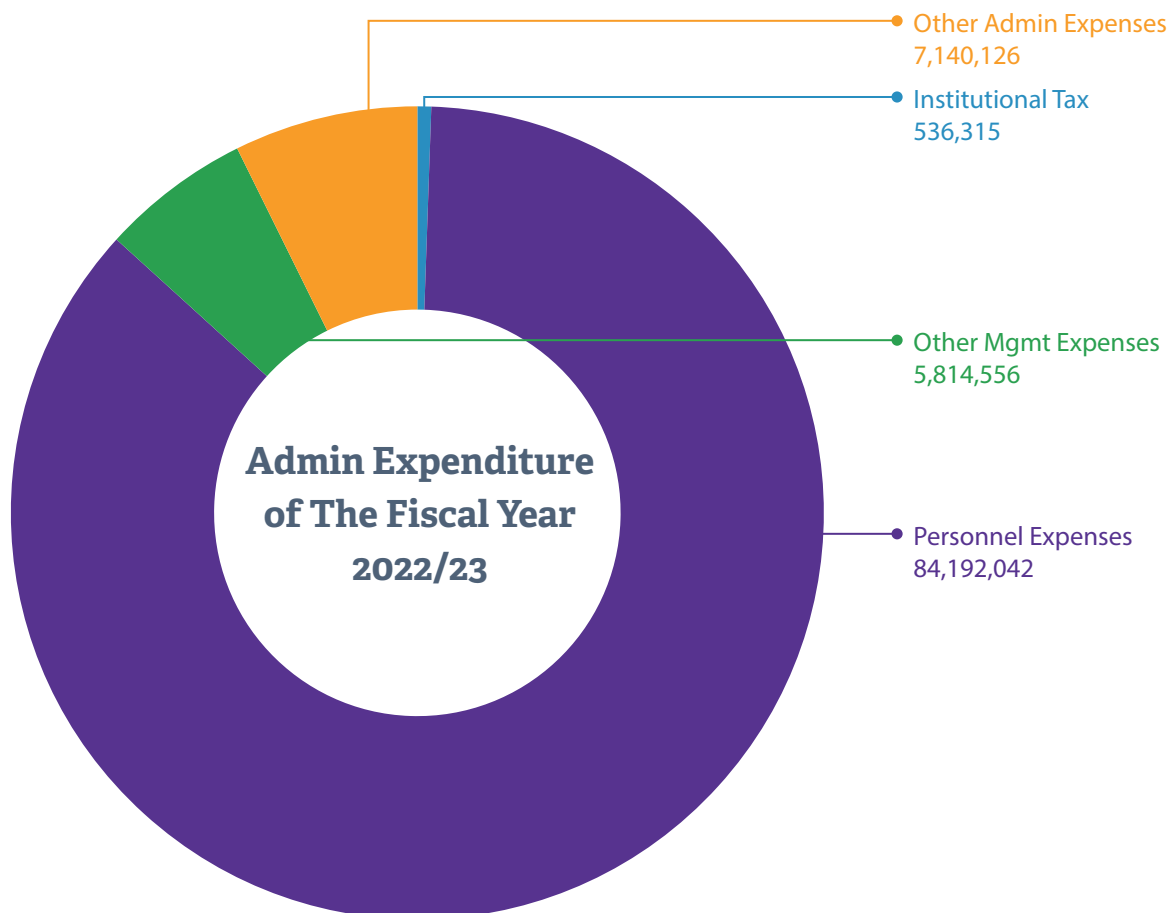
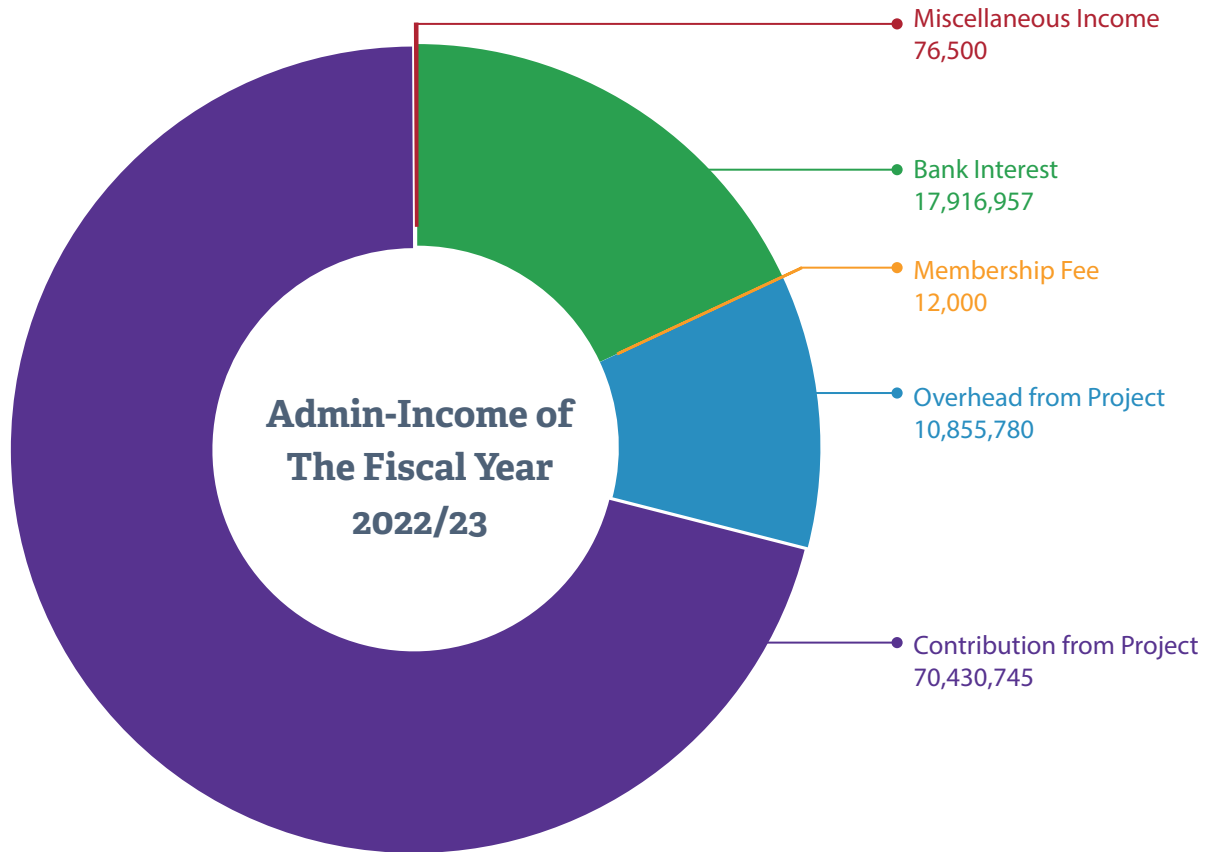
Financial Report of Caritas Nepal 2022/23

Grants From Partner/Donors (FY.2022/2023)

S.N.		Amount (NPR.) 2020/2021
1.	Sustainable Livelihoods and Climate Adaptation Projects	9,61,31,767
2.	Social Development Projects	5,28,44,876
3.	Disaster Risk Reduction Projects	7,72,92,695
4.	Humanitarian Response and Recovery Projects	3,40,25,153
Total		26,02,94,491

Grants Received and Program Expenditure For FY. 2022/2023

Particulars	Amount (NPR)
Opening Balance of the programs for FY 2022/202	11,69,49,946
Program Grants Received in this year(B)	26,02,94,491
Miscellaneous Programme Income (C)	5,61,596
Total Income D=(A+B+C)	37,78,06,033
Personnel, Administrative and Overhead Expenditure (E)	8,00,84,750
Total Project Expenditure (F)	18,55,32,283
Total Project Expenditures (G=E+F)	26,56,17,033
Closing Balance of Programs to Forward to Next year (H= D-G)	11,21,89,000





Caritas 'Global Campaign – “Together We”



Caritas Nepal supports
the Caritas Internationalis new global campaign

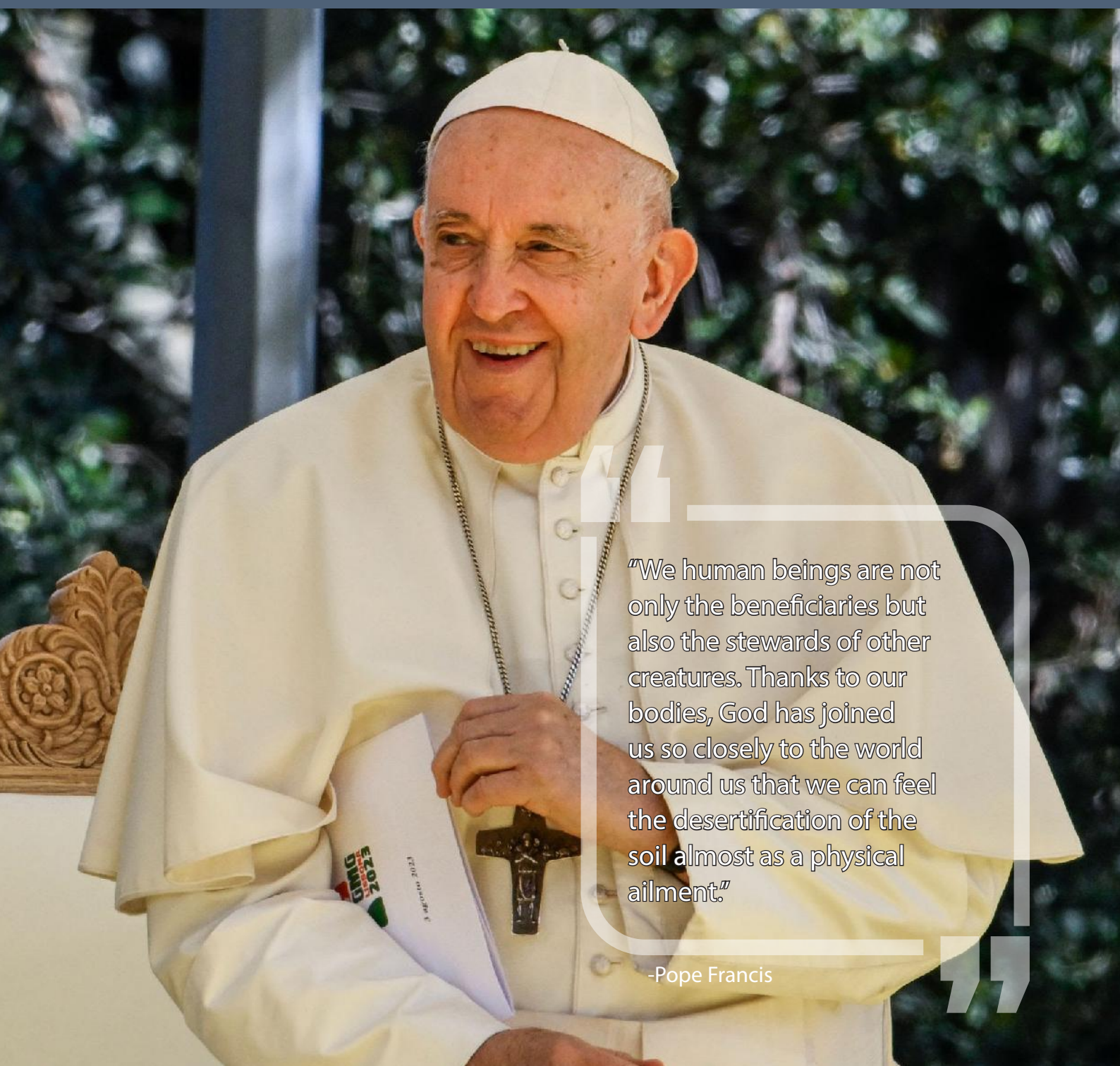
**“Together We -
Act today for a better tomorrow”.**

The campaign aims to create **“communities of care”**
to implement new actions and initiatives, especially at the
grassroots level to fight poverty, restore dignity to the excluded,
and protect nature in the spirit of integral ecology.



Laudato Si': CARING FOR OUR PLANET, OUR COMMON HOME

The papal encyclical *Laudato Si'*, published in 2015, made an urgent call to the world to hear the cry of the poor and the cry of the earth, and to come together to care for our common home. The letter highlighted how our lives, the lives of others, and life on the planet are interconnected and how our actions at personal, community and global levels can affect our environment and hamper on the lives of the poor.



“We human beings are not only the beneficiaries but also the stewards of other creatures. Thanks to our bodies, God has joined us so closely to the world around us that we can feel the desertification of the soil almost as a physical ailment.”

-Pope Francis



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