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# ANNUAL REPORT 2020



## Message from the Executive Director



I am pleased to present our 2020 Annual Report which highlights our achievements on the year 2020. This Year has been very challenging year for us. The COVID-19 pandemic has adversely affected vulnerable sections of our society, leading to inequality, exposing our preexisting vulnerabilities in the health sector and had increased the resource gap. As COVID-19 crisis has gripped the world and Nepal was not an exception, we tried to reach out to the unreached people and put our effort to support the government during the pandemic. We believe that we are equally accountable and responsible as the government for emerging out of this crisis abiding by the rules and regulations of the government. We curtailed almost

all of our field work, in person meetings and started work from home while we continue to support the affected community and people with generous support of different donors and partners. We are able to support the community during the pandemic and I hope that our efforts to contain the pandemic will build the courage and motivation to build back better.

The pandemic affected the field activities which significantly impacted the project results but we didn't let our advocacy efforts slow down but we were even louder and reach wider audience virtually on different issues such as Climate Change, Child Rights, Mountain Development, Education, Disaster Risk Reduction and Human Rights. Likewise, KIRDARC got opportunity to coordinate the 12th Human Rights National Magna Meet, an annual forum of Civil Society and Human Rights Defenders in Nepal and successfully coordinated the event.

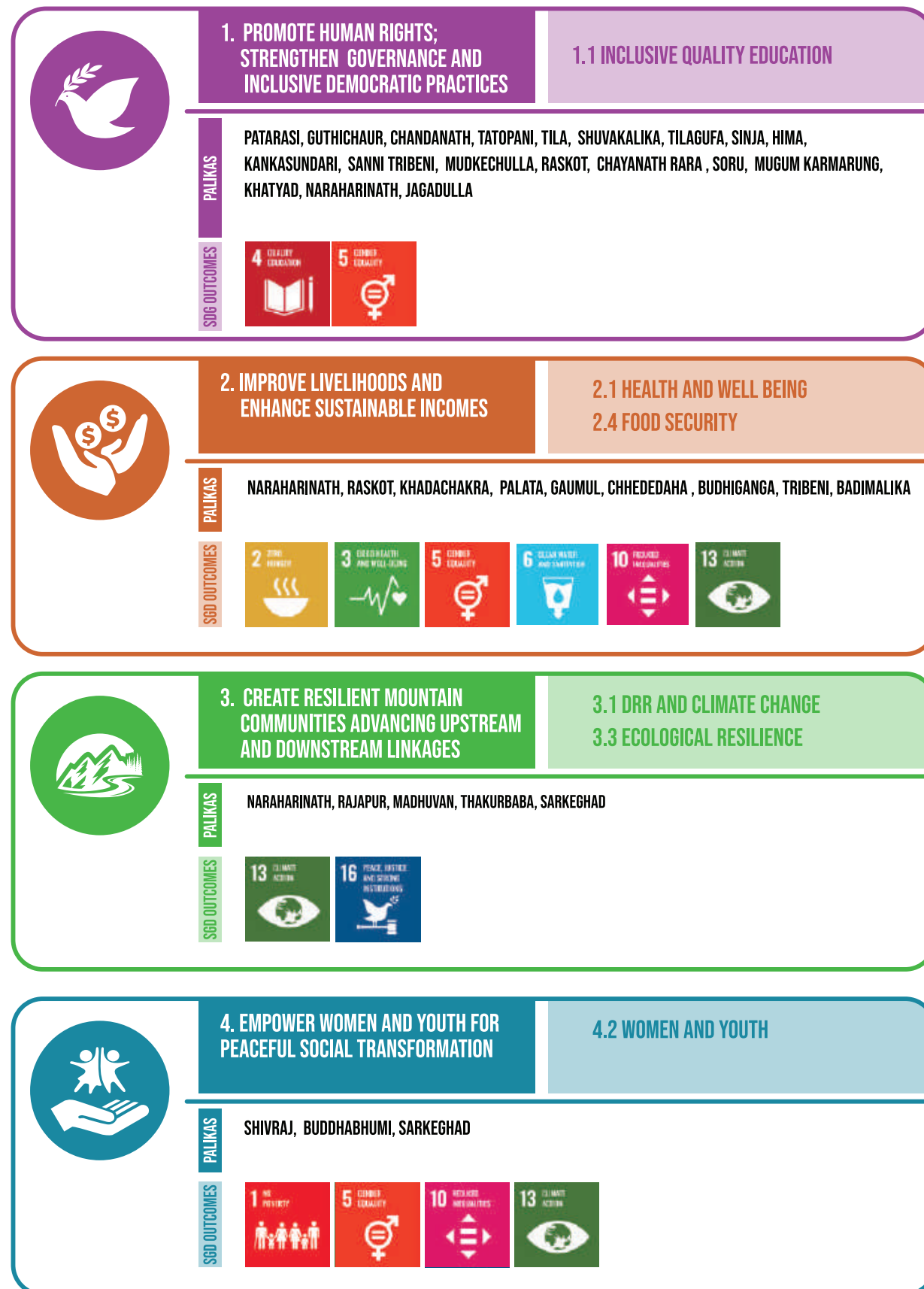
I would like to express gratitude to the government, donors, partners, stakeholders, board members and staffs and who have played an instrumental role during the crisis. Our intensive participation on community engagement and support of different partners and donors means a lot during the pandemic and are looking forward enthusiastically to the year ahead. Together we will continue to reach the unreached community making just society with prosperity seeking equality for all.

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**Gobinda Bahadur Shahi**  
Executive Director  
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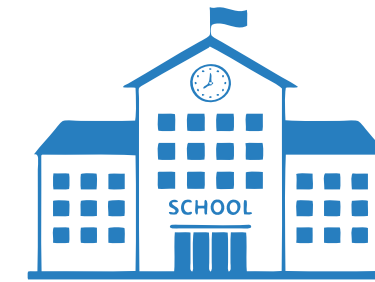
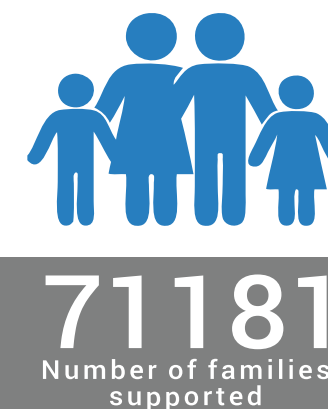
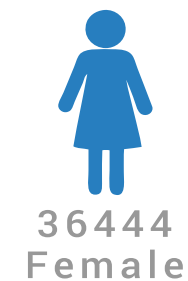
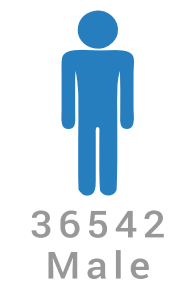
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## Key Highlights of 2020



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## Reach in 2020



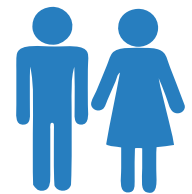
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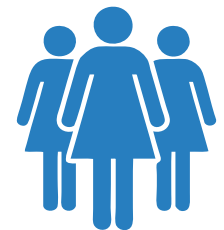
**71181**  
Number of families supported



**443**  
PWDs



**61**  
Number of adolescents groups formed/mobilised and strengthened



**51**  
Number of married womens groups formed/mobilised and strengthened

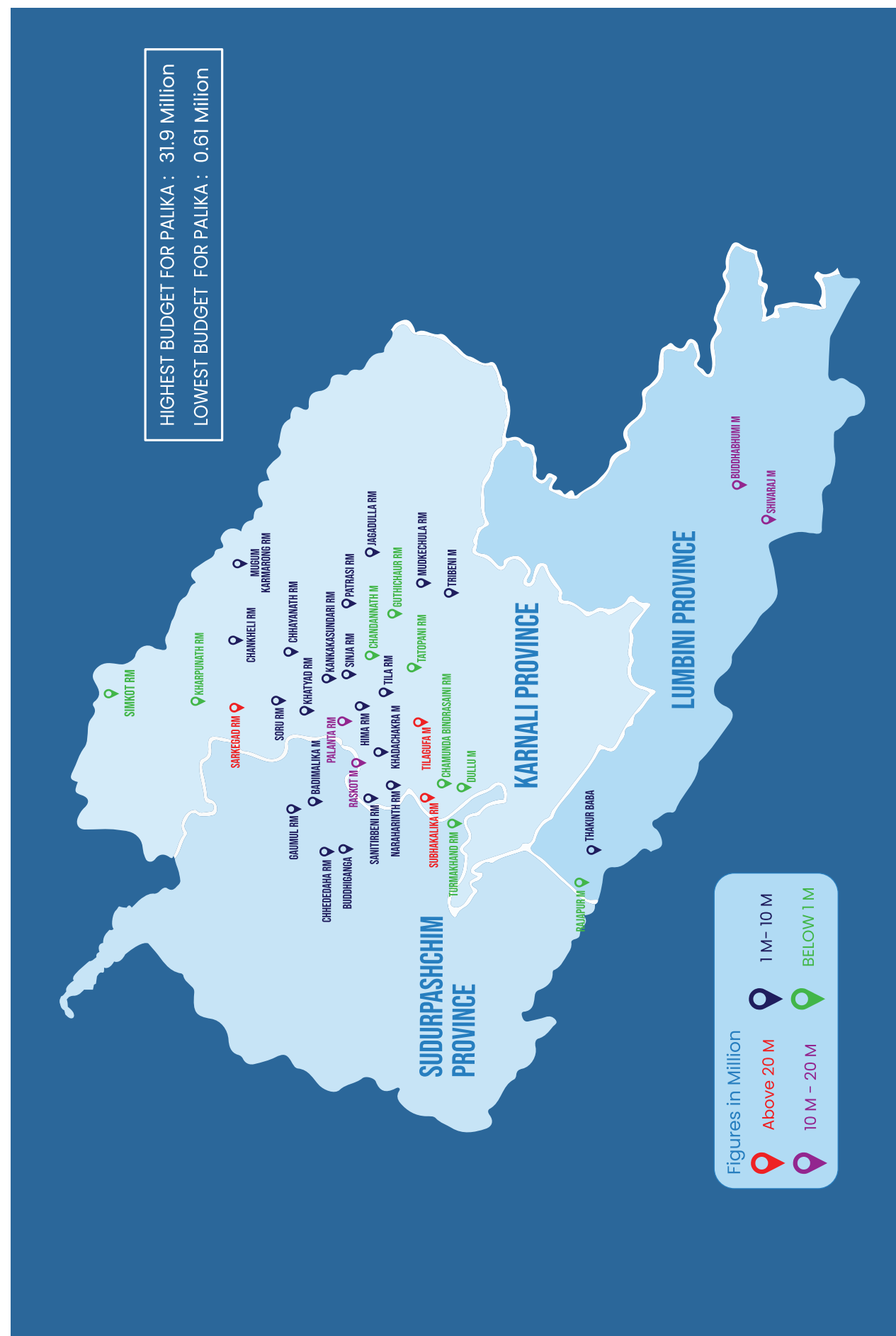


**18**  
Number of CBOs formed/mobilised/strengthened

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## Budget Glimpse at Local Level



## HEALTH AND WELL BEING

- ◆ Increased sanitary pad users in rural community by 75% and out of total target adolescents and women, 90 % have improved menstruation hygiene management in Raskot and Naraharinath RM and Khadachakra Municipality.
- ◆ Increased knowledge of family planning methods most notably standard days intra uterine contraceptive devices (IUCDs), Lactational Amenorrhea Method (LAM) and emergency contraception including the knowledge of the fertile period from 37% to 67% at Raskot and Khadachakra Municipality and Naraharinath RM, Kalikot has been increased.
- ◆ Increased knowledge and use of modern family planning among women by 23%. 77% of married women used contraception at some point from the baseline of 54% at Raskot and Khadachakra Municipality and Naraharinath RM, Kalikot.
- ◆ Changed perception of family and community regarding early marriage and motherhood until age 20. Increased Ante Natal Care / Post-Natal Care (ANC/PNC) among group members. All women who gave birth since baseline received ANC; 95% received the recommended 4 plus ANC visits at Raskot, Khadachakra Municipality and Naraharinath RM, Kalikot.
- ◆ Increased knowledge on Reproductive Maternal and Neonatal Health (RMNH) including items related to danger signs



during pregnancy, delivery for recently delivered mothers, and for newborns; essential newborn care; knowledge of prenatal care; and knowledge of antenatal care at Raskot Municipality, Khadachakra Municipality and Naraharinath RM, Kalikot.

- ◆ Aware more than 2000 community people on COVID- 19 related information. Information disseminated through local FM Radio covering Simkot, Kharpunath, Sarkegad, Namkha, Chankheli Adanchuli and Tanjakot RM, Humla.
- ◆ Distributed hygiene kits to 5000 children and PPE sheets to health facilities at Patarashi RM, Tatopani RM and Tila RM, Jumla.
- ◆ Disinfected 51 quarantine centers (48 are schools and 3 health post centers) schools where quarantine centers established in Jumla, Kalikot and Dolpa.



## INCLUSIVE QUALITY EDUCATION



- ◆ Total out of school age children in project areas, 89 % children enrolled in schools.
- ◆ Total 4340 children from marginalized community received educational materials support in 12 local units of Kalikot, Mugu, Humla and Kapilbastu.
- ◆ Total 30 classrooms of 25 schools developed local teaching learning materials which supported in teaching learning activities in classroom at Tilagupha Municipality and Subhakalika RM, Kalikot.
- ◆ During COVID -19 pandemic, 599 children were benefited through One Tole One Teacher campaign in Subhakalika Rural Municipality of Kalikot district.
- ◆ During COVID -19 pandemic, total 659 children benefited through “Home Teacher” concept in Tilagupha Municipality and Subhakalika RM.
- ◆ Formed education cluster and developed COVID-19 education contingency plan in Municipality and finalized education policy, Children with Disability (CWD) profile and draft of Safe school education plan.
- ◆ In 2020, Two classrooms were constructed in Tilagupha Municipality, 13 classrooms and 12 Early Childhood Care and Development Centre (ECCDs) have been renovated whereas 720 children have been benefited.
- ◆ Through advocacy and lobby with local government, local government had allocated budget to construct the classrooms of 12 schools of Chankheli RM, Humla RM was managed.
- ◆ Increased participation of the children in community and ensured participation of the parents developing their ownership in children learning. 160 Children got learning opportunity through community based learning facilitation at Chankheli, Kharpunath, Simkot and Sarkegad RM, Humla. Sarkegad RM followed this program after initiation of KIRDARC intervention.

- ◆ Created better environment at school for study. Rallying Secondary School was constructed at Simikot RM, Humla which was fully damaged and handed to School Management Committee.
- ◆ Provided cash support to 166 sponsorship children. Each received the cash Rs. 3000. 105 schools have been included the Early grade learning activity in School Implementation Plan (SIP) and prepared the implementation plan at Chhayannath Municipality, Mugu Karmarong , Khatyad and Soru RM, Mugu.
- ◆ Prepared 197 (18 Bhote and 179 Khas Nepali) local language book. 142 Teachers were trained on Multi-Grade Multi-Level (MGML), Early Grade Reading (EGL), Early Grade Management (EGM) Continuous Assessment System (CAS) and Individualized Education Program (IEPs) at Chhayannath Municipality, Mugu Karmarong , Khatyad and Soru RM, Mugu .
- ◆ Created Child Friendly classroom. 76 schools and 135 teachers used the Mother Tongue in teaching and managed

learning environment in home. Parents gained the knowledge about importance of the local materials for the children in the school at Chhayannath Municipality, Mugu Karmarong , Khatyad and Soru RM at Mugu .

- ◆ Improved reading habits of the children by 40%. 3077 Students regularly attended the learning centre and also gained the knowledge on basic life skills such as cooking, cleaning, hand washing, harvesting and cultivation etc at Chhayannath Municipality, Mugu Karmarong, Khatyad and Soru RM, Mugu.
- ◆ Increased participation and access of Children in education. 7004 students from ECED to grade three received the learning pack in Mugu.
- ◆ Increased access to education, 4435 sponsorship children get access to education after receiving the EMS and additional 600 sponsorship children were supported by local government at Chankheli , Sarkegad , Kharpunath , Simkot , Tanajakot and Adanchuli RM, Humla.
- ◆ Improved quality learning environment of 17 schools at Chankheli, Sarkegad, Kharpunath , Simkot , Tanajakot and Adanchuli RM, Humla where approximately 3000 children benefited directly.
- ◆ Upgraded eight classrooms as child friendly classroom where more than 1245 children benefited at Chankheli , Sarkegad , Kharpunath , Simkot , Tanajakot and Adanchuli RM, Humla.
- ◆ Conducted eight Community Based Learning Classes in four Rural





Municipalities of Humla where approximately 500 children directly benefited.

- ◆ Formed and mobilized one district education cluster and eight local level education clusters to minimize the impact of COVID-19 on education at Humla.
- ◆ Improved quality learning environment at Kalika Secondary School at Tila RM, Jumla. Approximately 250 children benefitted and eighteen teachers capacitated on quality learning environment, active teaching learning process and child and adolescents centric teaching methodology.
- ◆ Improved quality learning environment in fifteen schools with child friendly sitting arrangement, print rich environment, promoting child friendly teaching methodology and safe playground where 2685 children directly benefitted at Patarashi RM, Tatopani RM and Tila RM, Jumla.
- ◆ Increased learning achievements of students of grade 1 to 3 by 30 percent. School regularity of student improved significantly at Patarashi RM, Tatopani RM and Tila RM, Jumla.
- ◆ Established Eighty-two reading camps and operated at community in collaboration with local government where 3850 children were directly benefited in Jumla, Mugu, Kalikot and Kapilbastu.
- ◆ Established reading corners at home as a result of Reading Awareness Workshop (RAW), parent established 1317 reading corners at household level. Five schools declared free and compulsory education.

- ◆ Supported education materials and scholarship to 4500 vulnerable and marginalized children to continue in school at Patarashi, Tatopani and Tila RM, Jumla.
- ◆ Allocated budget to establish the emergency fund for vulnerable children by local government at Patarashi, Tatopani and Tila RM, Jumla.
- ◆ Supported 1500 children with alternative learning materials at Patarashi RM, Tatopani RM and Tila RM, Jumla and facilitated to form the District Education Cluster and contributed significantly as co-lead of education cluster and supported to form and mobilize education clusters at four RM.
- ◆ Total 200 reading sessions have been running in Jumla, Dolpa, Kalikot and Humla where 2078 children have directly benefited from reading sessions.
- ◆ Oriented 400 communities on parental education and promoted One Home: One Reading Corner at Hima and Kanka Sundhari RM of Jumla, Naraharinath and Sanni Tribeni RM of Kalikot and Mudkechula and Jagadulla RM of Dolpa.
- ◆ Supported children to continue learning at home as schools during COVID-19 pandemic 960 episodes of radio schooling broadcasted at Hima and Kanka Sundhari RM of Jumla, Naraharinath and Sanni Tribeni RM of Kalikot and Mudkechula and Jagadulla RM of Dolpa.

## Community Based Learning Facilitation

Community development project is ongoing in Humla district funded by GNI Nepal and implemented by KIRDARC Nepal. Under the project, total 2272 sponsored children (1051 boys and 1221 girls) have been benefited in the district in 2020. Those children need educational materials (EMS) support including books, stationaries, uniform, etc. regularly as the support activity is one of the core activities of the project. However, COVID-19 pandemic and prolonged lockdown imposed by the government for safety concerns delayed project activities since April 2020. Particularly, this affected to the students as schools were closed and learning opportunity was hampered.

So, to overcome to this challenge, an alternative approach was applied by KIRDARC Nepal starting the community based learning facilitation in community level in financial and technical support of GNI Nepal. Coordination with the RM was carried in the process. This program was conducted in 4 RMs of GNI/KIRDARC



working area of Humla district with the aim of increasing the participation of the children in community and ensure the participation of the parents developing their ownership in children learning from 8 Community Learning Facilitation Centers. In the center small numbers of students/children were facilitated to carry out day to day learning activities.

This initiation became effective alternative for the student to continue their studies. Overall, the 160 children were able to continue their study even though schools were closed. While carrying out sessions, necessary materials like soaps, masks, sanitizer and necessary stationeries for the students were made available and proper distance were ensured.



## Education Materials Support 2020

Under ongoing Community development project in Simikot, Humla district funded by GNI Nepal and implemented by KIRDARC Nepal, there are total 2272 sponsored children (1051 boys and 1221 girls in the district in 2020). Those children need educational materials (EMS) support regularly as the support activity is one of the core activities of CDP. Being in the difficult geographic condition, transportation of these materials remain very challenging and used both land and air ways in the district headquarters. Then, the materials are transported by mules in the target school before distribution. However, COVID-19 pandemic and prolonged lockdown imposed by the government for safety concerns delayed project activities since April 2020.



Among the sponsored children, Sarswati Bhandari (NPL-0109-001874) studies at grade 8 at Ramdev SS, Thehe village. Due to school closure, she was finding difficult in her study. School closure for more than 3 months halted in her study. With the alternative approach, support material for the children were transported and distributed to them with the close coordination with RM and in the presence of local elected members, teachers, PMC members, CDC members, guardian of sponsored children. Supported educational materials (books, stationaries, dress, etc.) have contributed students

in study and less burden to the family in terms of finance because most of the sponsored are from poor home background. Along with other children, Saraswati Bhandari also benefited from the support. Hence, the EMS program contributed to carry out study at home continuing learning activities. It will be continued in coming days regarding support to the sponsor children.



## HUMAN RIGHTS, GOVERNANCE AND INCLUSIVE DEMOCRACY



- ◆ 48 SAMVAD centers, 60 Self-Help Group (SHGs), 8 youth networks, 20 Community Managed Coaching Centers (CMCC) and 5 CBOs including 1820 people were capacitated on child right, inclusive education, women violence, anti-corruption, child marriage, equal participation, disability, and human rights in Kapilbastu, Kalikot, Mugu and Jumla.
- ◆ Strengthened 17 schools and 23 Early Childhood Development Centers (ECDs). 85 teachers trained on inclusive and child friendly inclusive education and 8 ward offices capacitated on accountability, transparency, anti-corruption and complaint hearing mechanism.
- ◆ Established complain hearing and responding mechanism at 8 ward offices and 5 schools. Installed complain hearing box, formed committee including representative form SHG, network and CBOs and strengthened capacity. 350 suggestion and feedback received from community people for improvement of service delivery were addressed at Shivaraj and Buddhabhumi Municipality, Kapilbastu.
- ◆ Reported/registered the violence cases in local government office, Self-Help Group, CBOs and ward police. 105 target women and adolescents reported the cases and 75 domestic violence cases have been resolved after counseling and consultation
- ◆ Aware 8345 beneficiaries including adolescents, women and children on child marriage, women violence, anti-corruption and dowry in Kalikot, Jumla, Humla and Kapilbastu.
- ◆ Sensitized 133 people with disability and their families on their rights, 10 children with disability continued their study and 19 received disable card, 2 people with disability received scholarship from schools at Shivaraj and Buddhabhumi Municipality, Kapilbastu.
- ◆ Capacitated 46 RM level CSOs alliances members on Accountability & CHS, Good Governance and Anti-Corruption and HRBA, inclusion and rights of persons with disabilities at Sarkegad RM, Humla. Likewise, 58 participants capacitated in inclusion markers application and accountability tools in their organization/alliance functionality/operation as well as advocating for ensuring the tools by the duty bearers for maintaining inclusion and accountability.
- ◆ Increased leadership of women groups and adolescent girl on leading different campaigns and aware community people on the issues of women's and adolescent girls focusing on social mal practices including chhaupadi, child marriage, gender violence, their measures, role of communities and duty bearers at Sarkegad RM, Humla.
- ◆ Strengthened voice of CBOs and CSOs on freedom of right to association for policy advocacy and influence, and make



the duty bears accountable in-service delivery. From RM level Kachahari, '7-point Sarkegad Declaration' has been issued with collective commitment from duty bearers and right holders for addressing the issues of women and adolescent girls.

- ◆ Capacitated Local government representatives on good governance concept, values and principles, political, administrative and legal provisions, tools and need of aligning with RM level plans and policies, role of local government to implement good governance etc. 20 (18 females and 2 males) elected women representatives and government officials at Sarkegad RM, Humla.
- ◆ Developed policy guidelines on Child Right Committee, Operation and Management Procedure, 2077; Women and Adolescent Girls Empowerment Procedure, 2077 for the empowerment of women and adolescent girls and child right protection formulated and endorsed by Sarkegad RM, Humla.
- ◆ Established complaints handling mechanism in all wards of Sarkegad RM, Shivaraj Municipality and Buddhabhumi Municipality. The complaints have been collecting through complaint box, toll

free number, and face to face meetings from communities' people and other stakeholders. Till the date 67 complains were logged and 51 complaints were responded.

- ◆ Community people sensitized about services provided from local government and CHM have been strengthened in all wards of Sarkegad RM, Humla. 8 public hearing events were with the collaboration of respective ward with the facilitation of media person.
- ◆ Developed school complaints hearing and response guideline, 11 schools developed the mechanism and installed child friendly complain box, appointed and oriented 22 students as focal person, oriented them on how to collect feedback and suggestion and share in the committee at Shivaraj and Buddhabhumi Municipality, Kapilbastu.
- ◆ Capacitated approximately 1200 adolescents on advocacy skills and advocacy plan to advocate on issues related to adolescents and children. As a results of advocacy, the cases of child marriage and Chhaupadi has been declined by 72 percent at Chankheli, Sarkegad, Kharpunath, Simkot, Tanajakot and Adanchuli RM, Humla.

## ENTERPRISES AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT



- ◆ Supported 45 SHGs with Rs.50000 seed money and developed business plans. Similarly, 32 COVID affected vulnerable families, 147 extremely poor and marginalized families and 15 families with person with disability supported to start income generating activities and developing business plan in Kapilbastu, Kalikot and Humla.
- ◆ Supported 16 adolescents from extremely poor and marginalized families for Job specific TEVET Training in Kalikot, Jumla and Kapilbastu. 481 families trained and supported with seeds and material to start home garden with an objective of consuming self-production

vegetable and controlling household expenditure for foods at Shivaraj and Buddhabhumi RM Kapilbastu.

- ◆ Improved earnings of 97 extremely poor and vulnerable adolescents' families via small scale business. They earned average Rs. 6000 to 11000 per month from their business at Shivaraj and Buddhabhumi RM Kapilbastu.
- ◆ Total 1420 families, members of SHG have increased their economic resources to start self-business. 278 families have started IGA business taking loan form SHG; they have been earning per month Rs. 5000 to 8000. 27 families started





- ◆ Mushroom Farming and earned more than 2000 rupees per week.
- ◆ Produced different types of vegetable and animals for adequate food and nutrition. 483 families trained on home garden at Shivaraj and Buddhabhumi RM Kapilbastu.
- ◆ Supported 30 child marriage survivor adolescent girls and a boy for IGA (goat, sewing machine, clothes, food) .Among them 90% supported adolescents are giving continuity to their school at Tilagupha Municipality and Subhakalika RM, Kalikot.
- ◆ Improved family income of out of school children family. Supported 19 out of school children families were supported for income generation at Subhakalika and Tilagupha RM Kalikot.
- ◆ Capacitated 161 participants on 10 income generation activities-based trainings such as poultry farm, rabbit keeping, goat farming, retail shop, vegetable farming, entrepreneurship development trainings at Sarkegad RM, Humla.
- ◆ Supported 28 women with Rs. 5,40,000 to carry out the income generating activities. All of them had started IGAs and have started earnings at Sarkegad RM, Humla.
- ◆ Prepared 47 Family Development Plan (FDPs) from 10 women groups reflecting plan of families for five years at Sarkegad RM, Humla.
- ◆ A total of 343 entrepreneurs are operating businesses from Revolving Fund (NPR. 52,32,550) assisted in the cooperative at Chhayannath Municipality, Karmarong , Khatyad and Soru RM, Mugu. Revolving fund has been remobilized to 94 Cooperative members this year.
- ◆ Hygienic Kits (Disinfectant Sanitizer 73 kg) made for Covid-19 response through income generation activities of Cooperatives and distributed the sanitizer to Cooperative members at Chhayannath Municipality, Karmarong , Khatyad and Soru RM, Mugu and vegetable and cereal seeds provided to 930 members .

## Establishing a Nursery by Learning from Agriculture Training Session

Doila Sarki, aged 40, lives at Pulahan, Palata RM ward-1 with 7 members in her family. She is also an elected Ward member of the RM, ward-1. Her family has been engaged in nursery of fruits and vegetable farming apart from her engagement in the community being a local government representative. Till few years back, she used to do her farming activities in her limited farmland with limited knowledge and skills on agricultural practices. However, she did not give up her efforts so that her family could sustain from the income from their agricultural activities.

After the implementation of project (funded by DR-003, technical support provided by Mission East and implemented by KIRDARC Nepal) in her community, Doila got the opportunity to participate in 3-day training on agriculture sessions, financial literacy and life skills. From the training, she enhanced her farming skills and knowledge on farming, financial activities and other life skills. Then, she decided to extend her nursery. Her daughter Pabitra is one of the members of Adolescent girl group. She says, “I learned about the farming skills from the trainin session. Community Agriculture Facilitator provided us vegetable seeds as well. I showed my interest in walnut seedling nursery and he also assisted me technically in nursery establishment. Now, I have started to sell the saplings of walnut and other plants.” Doila has started growing saplings of walnut in her own small land area with her own seed money. Recently, she also provided 150 seedlings of walnut in afforestation program conducted in July/August 2020 under the project ‘Advancing Resilient Local Development in the Himalyas (DMCDD-007)’. From which, she earned around NPR 15000. After that, she has planned to grow more than 2000 saplings of soft-shelled walnut as well because of increasing demand in the community. Doila wants to extend her nursery by using the learning received from the trainings on agriculture sessions, financial literacy and life skills in her daily life and follow up sessions.

She says, *“I want further training and explore the financial resource to improve the nursery so that I can grow my business even better.”*





## RESILIENT WASH

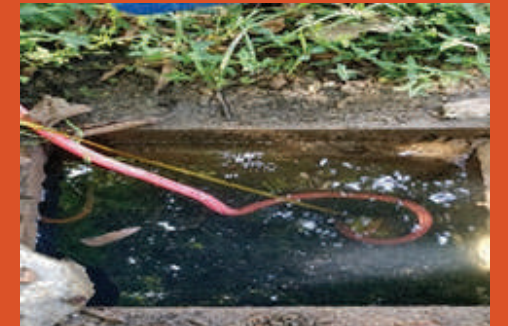


- ◆ Increased access to pure drinking water of marginalized community. Six water pumps installed at Buddhabhumi and Shivaraj Municipality, Kapilbastu.
- ◆ 1 village declared as safe drinking water village and 96 families have tasted water quality test and 746 families made dish drying rack to avoid water burnt disease at Buddhabhumi and Shivaraj Municipality, Kapilbastu with the initiation of adolescents.
- ◆ Ensured separate toilets for girls and boys in 6 schools at Shuvakalika and Tilagupha RM, Kalikot. 243 children have been benefitted from this support.
- ◆ Provided renovation support to 9 schools for safe drinking water benefitting 641 children at Shuvakalika and Tilagupha RM, Kalikot.
- ◆ One Child, Gender and Disable (CGD) friendly toilet with child friendly with separate hand washing facility was constructed at Tila RM Jumla.
- ◆ Child friendly handwashing platform with soap in 15 schools were promoted
- ◆ and constructed child friendly toilet in ten schools at Patarashi RM, Tatopani RM and Tila RM.
- ◆ Improved regularity of adolescent by 20 percent at Naraharinath RM and Sanni Tribeni RM of Kalikot after MHM improvement support to 30 schools of Kalikot district. sanitary pad, hygiene accessories and MHM room/corner for heavy pain were managed at the schools in consultation with SMC/PTA members, teachers and students.
- ◆ Established ten hand washing platforms were in ten schools where 5,099 people directly benefited including 2,712 female & 2,387 at Hima RM and Kanka Sundhari RM of Jumla, Naraharinath RM and Sanni Tribeni RM of Kalikot and Mudkechula RM and Jagadulla RM of Dolpa.
- ◆ Constructed Eight toilets with WASH and MHM facilities in eight schools at Hima RM and Kanka Sundhari RM , Jumla.



## “Safe and clean drinking water in the hospital after 10 years of existence.”

Dullu Community Hospital is located in Dullu Municipality of Dailekh district. It was established in 2066 BS with the aim to provide effective health services covering to more than half of the total population of the district. However, very little had been done to establish necessary basic health infrastructure due to limited resources and attention from the provincial and federal government. Among many, safe drinking water scarcity, waste management including drainage for waste water, and other hygiene materials were not available in the hospital. And, they were compelled to use water from the unprotected source using jerry can to fetch water. According to Health Director, Mr. Bishnu Shahi, “At the beginning, staff and patients in the hospital used to drink water from unprotected sources nearby hospital building and many of care takers suffered from stomach pain, diarrhoea and other water borne diseases. We ourselves used to bring water from our home”. After being affected from the COVID-19 pandemic, supplying safe drinking water in the hospital became even more challenging.



As the focal person of COVID 19 Mr. Shahi approached Palika and many other development agencies but there was no any support. Later on, KIRDARC Nepal and UNICEF approached the hospital and committed to improve the WASH situation. He adds, “*The day brought sight of relief in my face as we had crucial problem and solution was no nearby with us. I immediately submitted demand letter to KIRDARC Nepal for the improvement*”.

In this context, KIRDARC Nepal and UNICEF implemented COVID-19 and Flood Preparedness and Response Programme at the Dullu Community hospital where the WASH improvement works and WASH supplies were supported for IPC. The supports included: 280m pipeline for waste management (105m) and drinking water (175m), 2 sensor taps, 2 surgical taps, 2 brass tap along with 12 hand washing stations, 2 new wash basin, 2 steel tanks of 1000l capacity, 2 commode covers, treatment system at the hospital for clean and safe drinking water that discharges more than 100 liter per hour, WASH supplies including Toilet Plunger-2 set, sanitizer-25500 ML, cleaner boots-3 sets, floor cleaner-2 pieces, Mops-2 pieces, foot operating taps in wash basin-4, foot operating sanitizer stands-2, Foot Operating Hand Washing Station with 500 Ltr drum-2, Basin & Drainpipe- 2, Liquid Hand wash -1.

The support in the hospital has been very useful at present especially on the functionality of the services due to support during the joint monitoring visit of the representative from Ministry of Social Development –health and nutrition section chief, MoPID -Engineer, Association of Rural Municipality, PWASHCC and WASH-CC from Karnali Province, Dullu municipal, mayor, deputy mayor, TV today. The staffs of the hospital expressed that now they don’t fear the spread of the transmission of the COVID-19 as amenities like sensor water tap, foot operated hand washing stations, foot operated sanitizer and sensor sanitizer are available.



## DRR AND CLIMATE CHANGE



- ◆ Increased knowledge of 135 farmers on climate change adaptation practices and climate resilient agriculture at Sarkegad RM, Humla. Likewise 105 adolescents and youth were capacitated on climate change impacts, its adaptation measures, relation between gender and CC, various tools related to CC.
- ◆ Women adolescent girl groups of Sarkegad RM, Humla led awareness campaign- on climate change issues at all wards of the RM. Under the campaign, activity modalities like interactions, speech competitions, street dramas, sanitation or environmental cleanliness programs, drawing competitions and rallies were conducted.
- ◆ Sensitized 249 (159 females and 90 males) participants on causes of climate changes in the communities, their effects/ impacts, possible mitigation measures, existing policies/plans and integration, role of government, community and other stakeholders. 6 advocacy action plans developed to carry out collective advocacy effort in the CCA at local level at Sarkegad RM, Humla.
- ◆ Improved livelihood and ensured food security of local farmers and migrant communities through protection and promotion of agricultural farming .The total of 2232 Beneficiaries among 1105 male and 1127 female of their family have been directly benefited from the short term employment generation climate smart vegetable farming and water collection pond construction in the Phoksundo Suligaad, Rara Khatyad, Tila Karnali, Middle Karnali, and Lower Karnali watersheds.
- ◆ Prepared DPRP of Madhuban and Thakurbaba Municipalities, Bardiya with early warning system established and strengthen DRR response mechanism at palika-ward level.
- ◆ Established 10 Kitchen Garden, 7 were established in Naraharinath RM, Kalikot and 3 in Chamunda Bindrasaini Municipality, Dailekh.
- ◆ Capacitated 13 staffs and oriented 800 adolescents and their families, and conducted 34 awareness campaigns in 23 villages focusing on environment sustainability, disaster risk reduction and impact of climate change at Buddhabhumi and Shivaraj Municipality, Kapilbastu.
- ◆ Sensitized 820 families on environment sustainability, climate change, adolescents and SHG members have started one home one plant campaign and planted 780 plants at Buddhabhumi and Shivaraj Municipality, Kapilbastu.
- ◆ Community adopted DRR Resilience practices, 90 leading local farmers of Palanta RM have been applying knowledge and skills on climate resilient technologies of irrigation and resilient agricultural practices that include identification of drought resilient crop varieties, crop diversification, drip irrigation techniques, sprinkle irrigation.
- ◆ Adopted climate resilient technologies by local communities. 124 HHs benefited by snow ponds and recharge ponds; 56 drip irrigation and 45 sprinkle irrigation,

2 snow ponds, and 2 recharge ponds. Besides these, 4 families are able to use tunnel houses (poly house) to grow vegetables (seasonal and off-seasonal), 40 households benefited from wheat seeds, 80 households benefited from seed of potatoes; 60 households benefited from various vegetable seeds; 20 farmers were capacitated on Bee Keeping from the beekeeping training and benefited from supports including bee hives and relevant accessories at Palanta RM, Kalikot.

- ◆ Promoted plantation by communities, CBOS and local government at Palanta RM, Kalikot. 1000 saplings of highly valued plant (including walnut, Sichuan pepper, and cinnamon) were planted.
- ◆ Enhanced capacity of CSO Alliance,

Alliance for Disaster and Climate Resilience (ADCR) prepared an Advocacy plan for Climate Change and DRR mainstreaming Palanta RM, Kalikot.

- ◆ Increased knowledge of 200 people including Local government representatives, members of LDRMC, DRMC members, ADCR members, farmers, women group members, representatives of CSOs and CBOs, media personnel, and community people DRR, CCA and food security issues at Palanta RM, Kalikot.
- ◆ Sensitized community and materialized collective voice on the issues of climate change, Disaster risk reduction, impact of climate change on food security,





natural hazards, drought, landslide and earthquake, rights, policies, provisions and plans of DRR and CCA, etc through awareness campaign-based events on climate change, DRR, role of local government, etc. through Rallies, Deuda, folk songs, street drama, oratory contest, essay writing competitions and various awareness activities at Palanta RM, Kalikot.

- ◆ Increased budget allocation by local government. Palanta RM, Kalikot allocated NRs. 1,00,00,00 budget for DRR in fiscal year 2076/77 in 2019 and 10,00,00,00 in fiscal year 2077/78 in 2020 for DRR.
- ◆ Prepared and endorsed ‘Climate Smart Agriculture Strategy 2020’. 1 RM level DRR and CCA resource center is established at Palanta RM, Kalikot
- ◆ Capacitated 42 members of district level Alliance for Disaster and Climate

Resilience (ADCR) on DRR policies, provisions and inclusive DRR models.

- ◆ Integrated DRR at schools. 32 Developed School Improvement Plan (SIP) and integrate DRR at Tilagupha and Shuvakalika RM, Kalikot.
- ◆ Formulated and supported to implement DPRP at Patarashi, Tila and Tatopani RM, Jumla.
- ◆ Formulated and supported to implement the LDRP in 18 wards at Tila, Tatopani and Patarasi RM, Jumla.
- ◆ Capacitated 230 community people on disaster management and climate change adaptation at Tila, Tatopani and Patarasi RM, Jumla.
- ◆ Constructed one environment friendly and earthquake resilient school building with basic facilities in Kalika Secondary School, Tila RM Jumla.

## Positive Changes in Community from Afforestation and Awareness Campaign

Palata Rural Municipality is one of the driest regions of Kalikot district. Limited rainfall, persistent drought are some of the results of climate change. People were not aware about the role of the forests to mitigate the landslides and possible effects of climate change effects. Remembering about the few year back, Briddhi Kami, Chairperson of ward no. 2 shares, “People were not aware about the importance of plants in controlling landslide, soil erosion and conserving the water resources. We have been facing landslides since years but we were not aware enough about causes and controlling measures”. There was need of campaign of afforestation or plantation in those barren hills of the RM and generate awareness at the same time.

Now, the communities from the RM are in the mission of becoming green after public awareness campaign on DRR and CCA facilitated by KIDARC Nepal together with technical support from Mission East and financial aid from DMCDD. The campaign-based events on the modalities of rally, deuda song competition, street drama, oratory competition, etc. are conducted in different wards of the RM under the project Advancing Resilient Local Development in the Himalayas coordination with Palata RM. Similarly, considering the need of afforestation in the barren areas, afforestation was carried out in the RM so that possible landslides could be checked and water resources could be increased. 1000 tree saplings of pine, walnut and Sichuan pepper plants were planted in this year (July and August 2020) at ward no. 1. Overall, local government planted around thousands of tree saplings in all the wards of RM with the engagement of local communities and CSOs. People are well aware about the importance of forest and they are active participation in this campaign. Collaboration among the community people, RM and CSOs has been very effective in the protection of the planted areas. Briddhi Kami, Chairperson of ward no.2 adds, “Now, we are aware about the conservation of our forest and its advantages.” As a result of awareness campaign and initiation of plantation of tree saplings, community people, RM and other stakeholders are committed to plant tree saplings in barren areas in coming days as well.





## CHILDREN, WOMEN AND YOUTH

- ◆ Formed and mobilized 45 adolescent forums to advocate the issues of adolescents and fight against the corruption and social malpractice. 1400 adolescents have been trained on life skill, 98% adolescents out of 800 have adequately implementing learned knowledge and skill in their everyday life in Kapilbastu, Kalikot and Humla.
- ◆ Formed and mobilized 63 women self-help to advocate the issues of women and fight against women violence, equal participation and economic independence in Kapilbastu, Jumla and Mugu.
- ◆ Formed and mobilized 8 youth networks to advocate the issues of adolescents and 234 families have started shared decision making practice in their adolescent daughter and son leadership in Kapilbastu and Jumla.
- ◆ Developed carrier development of 802 adolescents plan. 123 adolescents took

different types of training as per their carrier development planned dream, 67 adolescents who are school dropped out are taking tailoring training, they plan to open tailor after their tailoring and start work at Buddhabhumi and Shivaraj Municipality, Kapilbastu.

- ◆ Capacitated 250 adolescents from 18 SAMVAD centers on their rights, life skills and advocacy skills and made aware on their rights and barriers of development of adolescents' girls at Palanta RM, Kalikot.
- ◆ Sensitized 1250 family members from 250 adolescents' families and approximately 2000 community people on causes and consequences of socio-cultural malpractices. Self-confidence and self-esteem among adolescent girls have been increased. Five additional community-managed coaching centers have been established from the leadership of adolescent girls at Palanta RM, Kalikot.
- ◆ Improved learning of 320 children from 18 community managed coaching classes at Palanta RM, Kalikot.
- ◆ Adolescent girls led awareness campaign areas on social mal-practices (e.g. child marriage, chhaupadi practices, gender-based discrimination, caste discrimination) and girls/women right, child right, Human Right and water and sanitation girls etc) at Palanta RM, Kalikot.
- ◆ Engaged 360 women in life skills, financial skills like saving and credit practice and agricultural sessions and other trainings at Palanta RM, Kalikot.
- ◆ Increased budget allocation by Palanta RM, Kalikot , RM allocated NPR 2846000

(NPR 1836000 for girls' empowerment, NPR 910000 for Women literacy and empowerment and NPR 100000 allocated for community managed coaching classes) in fiscal year 2076/77 (Source: RM Annual Plan, 2076/77).

- ◆ Developed 298 family development plans (FDPs) from 10 women groups reflecting plan of families for five years at Palanta RM, Kalikot.
- ◆ Developed and approved Strategy plan for reducing child marriage 2077, Violence against children (VAC) plan 2077, Local WCRC guideline 2077, child protection COVID-19 preparedness and response plan, local level CRM guideline at Tilagupha and Shubhakalika RM, Kalikot.
- ◆ Stopped 48 child marriages at Tilagupha and Shubhakalika RM, Kalikot .8% of child marriage decrease compared to previous year. 1248 people sensitized on child protection.
- ◆ Local government allocated Child emergency fund. Tilagupha Municipality allocated NRs 200000 and Subhakalika RM allocated NRs 3,20,000. 26 children supported from that child emergency fund.
- ◆ Provided psychosocial council support to 67 children. 128 violence affected children (VAC) children provided emergency support. 1412 children in jeopardy (CIJ) supported. On the basis of need and care

plan made by Para Social Worker (PSW) at Tilagupha and Shubhakalika RM, Kalikot.

- ◆ Developed and endorsed Reaching the Unreached strategy plan 2077, Child Club mobilization guideline 2077 and Child status paper 2077 at Tilagupha and Shuvakalika RM, Kalikot.
- ◆ Formed / reformed 102 Child Clubs and engaged 3176 children. 749 registered birth after advocacy at community level at Tilagupha and Subhakalika RM, Kalikot.
- ◆ Increased 5.22% of child sector budget at local level compared to previous year. 10% of budget has been allocated in children sectors.
- ◆ Increased understanding on issues of child marriage, COVID-19 and its preventive measures, violence against children, budget analysis in children sector. 21 episodes of Radio program Bal Chautari was broadcasted at Tilagupha and Subhakalika RM, Kalikot.
- ◆ Strengthened Ward Child Protection and Promotion committee (WCPPC), Ward and RM Child Welfare Committee and child clubs and community groups/ organizations at Patarashi , Tatopani and Tila RM, Jumla and actively engaged on child protection and Child friendly Local Governance declaration and RMs ensured the participation of children in all level of decision making.





## A Case of Ramkali: Reflecting Learning of Literacy Classes into Daily Life

Ramkali Budhathoki, aged 39 lives at ward no. 6 (Barai) of Sarkegad RM, Humla district. During her childhood, her left hand and leg both were partially-paralyzed since her birth. Her parents could not afford for the treatment and assistive devices and she had to live her life as usual ever since. Although, it was difficult for her to work with her one hand, she had to do most of the household chores. Her parents did not send her at school instead, at the age of 18, she was forced to get married with a person older than her and it has his second marriage. Also, she was misbehaved and discriminated in the family immediately after her marriage. Her family were totally dependent on the farming that only sustained for only 6 months in a year. Because of her disability and illiteracy, even the community people never allowed to be involved in any community development works, meetings or discussions. But she had a desperate hope of coming out from this situation.

Under the SAMARTHYA project funded by CISU, technical support by Mission East and implemented by KIRDARC Nepal, she took active participation in literacy classes being a member of women group; from which, she enhanced about knowledge and skills on literacy (basic reading, writing and numeric calculation), life skills, human rights issues, elimination of all forms of social problems and discriminations, saving and credits practices, sanitation and hygiene practice, services provided by local government, etc. Now, she is able to read books, write names and do simple calculation. Taking part in social activities like participation in different campaigns, meetings, trainings are major foundation to boost up her confidence. Support from the husband and community people has been improved in day-to-day activities as well. She began to receive disability welfare allowance provided by the government because she claimed her rights about the social security service assured by the government.

Regarding income generation activities, she started in rabbit farming for income generation. For this, she took two-day rabbit rearing training provided under the program. Meanwhile, her income source of earning has also been major achievement. She is saving monthly saving in the women groups with minimum Rs. 200. As a financial support for the livelihood activity, she received loan of Rs. 10,000 from the group. From which, she bought 3 rabbits in June 2020 and she increased number to 24. and she sold 18 rabbits with around Rs. 1500 per rabbit. She has already returned back the loan and saved Rs. 10000. She is encouraged to increase her rabbit farming. She is able to save some portion of earning and spending in her children's study and family needs. She is saving monthly saving in the women groups with minimum Rs. 200. She has already returned back the loan and saved Rs. 10000. She is able to save some portion of earning for her life insurance whereas remaining earning is spent in her children's study and family needs. She is encouraged to increase her rabbit rearing activity.

She states about future plan, *"I will share my learning, experiences and good practices to my family and other community people as I have learned from the women group. Regarding the income source, I want to increase the volume of rabbits farming and expand the business. I'll further encourage other women and disabled persons to run business and do savings for during better in life."*



## SOCIAL INCLUSION



- ◆ Mainstreamed disability issues and needs in local level policy and planning, sensitized 133 people with disability and their families, 10 disable children received scholarship.
- ◆ 19 disable children have received disable card and got government services at Buddhabhumi and Shivaraj Municipality, Kapilbastu.
- ◆ Organized 1 RM level training on inclusive planning process and budget allocation has been conducted. 40 participants including ward chairpersons, Dalit women members of wards and government officials participated in the training at Sarkegad RM, Humla.
- ◆ 525 women/adolescent girls), 41.44% (230 individuals) participation of marginalized and excluded groups in local community structure. Among them,

16.2% (85 individuals) marginalized and excluded groups hold vital positions in local community structures at Sarkegad RM, Humla.

- ◆ Two integrated Resource Schools of Raskot Municipality, Kalikot (Badimalika Secondary and Motiram Secondary School) have been supported with materials to manage classroom for Children with Disabilities (CWDs).
- ◆ Six schools building have been constructed to promote safe and inclusive education institutions with girl-friendly and disability- friendly facilities at Jumla, Kalikot and Dolpa.







## Padma: Who stopped her own child marriage

Padma enjoys writing poems in leisure time

*"I have a wish to further continue my higher studies. I feel education is the only thing that will help me achieve my dream. I want to become a social worker and become a role model in my community".- Padma*

Padma, aged 16, has just passed SEE exam. She lives with her parents, grandmother, and three siblings in remote part of Kalikot district. The main occupation of the family is tailoring and farming. From their own agricultural land, they manage for food for three months whereas from tailoring they earn little which is not enough for running a family and fulfilling all family members' basic needs.

In the community where Padma lives, it is a common practice for parents to marry off girls at a young age. Due to poor family status, her parents can't afford for her further study. Like other parents, her parents also forced her to get married as soon as she gave the final SEE exam. But being a secretary of an adolescent girls' group, she was very much aware of the consequences of child marriage and also other legal provisions and processes against child marriage.

As her parents started talking about her marriage, she immediately took help from Sahayatra II project's field staff (Jarma Madam, Social Mobilization officer) for support and other guidance. Then, she visited her and shared her everything. Jarma kept foreword Padma's issues in WCRC (Ward Child Right Committee) meeting. She also visited Padma's home and confronted with her parents. She counseled them that child marriage now is a criminal offense and no child should be forced to do so. One of the main reasons behind her marriage was poor family economic status. This agenda was discussed in WCRC meeting. From the recommendation of WCRC, Sahayatra II project supported for income generation activity by providing her goats as an income generation support of amount NRs.15, 000. After a regular visit by project staff and members of WCRC, her parents understood that they were wrong and should stop thinking about Padma's marriage at this early age. Now, they are positive towards her plan for further study. Padma has been actively working to reduce child marriage cases in her community. In her own initiation, she has stopped two children's marriages; one of her own brothers and one of her own that her parents were forcing her to do.

Her mother states, *"Guidance and supports from the project has motivated and encouraged us to work hard and support children to fulfill their dreams. We will also like to commit not to force children into child marriage"*.

## Virtual Advocacy and Engagement

KIRDARC's work in advocacy aims to strengthen strategic collaborations on identified thematic areas.





# Impact of COVID-19 on Education: Opportunities and Challenges

COVID-19 has significantly disrupted education. The alarming spread of the virus caused havoc in the educational system forcing educational institutions to shut down. Karnali Integrated Rural Development and Research Centre (KIRDARC) together with Good Neighbours International (GNI) Nepal organized virtual discussion Impact of COVID-19 on Education: Opportunities and Challenges on 26th of September 2020 on the occasion of SDGs Week of Action and Social Service Week.

Dr. Hari Lamsal, Secretary, Office of Chief Minister, Bagmati Province, Dr. Tulashi Thapaliya, Director General, Center for Education and Human Resource Development, Prof. Dr. Bidhya Nath Koirala Educationist and Dr. Minakshi Dahal, ECCD expert were the panelist of the event. The program was moderated by Journalist Tika Ram Yatri.

**ON THE OCCASION OF SDGs ACTION WEEK AND SOCIAL SERVICE WEEK**

**DIALOGUE ON  
"IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON  
EDUCATION: OPPORTUNITIES  
AND CHALLENGES"**

**26<sup>th</sup> September , 2020**  
**11:00 AM**  
**ZOOM MEETING ID: 828 5704 3378**  
**PASSCODE: 353556**

**PANELISTS**

- Prof. Bidhya Nath Koirala, PhD  
Educationist
- Hari Lamsal, PhD  
Secretary, Office of the Chief Minister, Bagmati Province
- Tulashi Thapaliya, PhD  
Director General, CSIRD
- Minakshi Dahal, PhD  
Maiting Faculty, Kathmandu University, School of Education

**SPEAKERS**

- Pushkar Khatri  
Member Secretary, Social Welfare Council
- Jitram Lama  
Chairperson, NGO Federation of Nepal

**MODERATOR**

- Tikaram Yatri  
Editor-in-Chief, ART HD Television

**ORGANISER**

- KIRDARC
- GNIS Nepal
- Good Neighbors International

**IN COLLABORATION WITH**

- UNESCO
- Ministry of Education, Government of Nepal
- Ministry of Health, Government of Nepal

The discussion focused on Opportunities and Challenges and Impact of COVID-19, Alternative Learning: Access and its Effectiveness, School Reopening and Preparation etc. The key highlights of the discussion were; the online education and distance learning is dependent on technology, including internet and Wi-Fi, but all of the students don't have access which widens the gaps in access and quality of education. The government has planned for virtual classes through radios and

television as well, however, making an immediate shift to these technologies is really difficult. The majority of students have almost no access to technology; the new measures must be introduced. It was pointed out that the consequences of the school closures on the access to quality learning and learning resources have been significantly widening the gap further between the students who are poor and live in remote parts of the country and those who reside in the urban areas. The alternative learning system should be applied as per the situational analysis of the community, schools, teachers, parents and children not as blanket approach to all. There is need to more focus on engaging students rather than resuming school during the pandemic and the health safety of the children should not be compromised. However, there is high risk of drop out of the students after the pandemic. It could be taken as positive opportunity during the pandemic children should be encouraged to self learn and it could be done without text books and home work. It could be taken as chance to learn life, and moreover engaged them in household works and learn different aspects and dimensions of life and the practical way of living life. Socio emotional part is overlooked so parents and teachers should be alert. Its right time to recognize the skills of children and spend time with them. The curriculum should be linked with local context and the skills of teachers should be enhanced to link with the life learning skills and knowledge. Jitram Lama, Chairperson, NGO Federation of Nepal highlighted the Role of Civil Society Organization to continue the learning of students. Likewise, Pushkar Khatri, Member Secretary of Social Welfare Council (SWC) shed the light on role of SWC to achieve goal of SDG-4 in COVID-19 era. Around 80 participants including SMC Federation, Teachers' Confederation, Students, teachers, NCE Nepal, AIN, Networks, I/NGOs, students, parents, Networks, Education Journalist Group and others attended the dialogue.



# Policy Dialogue on the Occasion of International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction

On the occasion of International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction, Karnali Integrated Rural Development and Research Centre (KIRDARC) together with Save the Children in Nepal and Community Information Network (CIN) organized policy dialogue on the topic “Disaster Risk Reduction with focus on Safe Schools and Protection of Children” on 16th of October 2020. The program was conducted virtually through Zoom which was live streamed via social media page of KIRDARC Nepal, online live streamed through web portal of Community Information Network and live broadcasted in all 10 districts of Karnali State through local community radios of respective districts. Honorable Dala Rawal (Minister for Social Development, Karnali State) was the chief guest; Bhim Bahadur Sen (Karnali State Coordinator- Rural Municipality Association of Nepal) and Ratna Bahadur Khadka (Karnali State Coordinator- Municipality Association of Nepal) were the special guests in the dialogue program.

The program was divided into two sessions: the first session was on local level DRR governance. Likewise, the second session was on state level DRR governance. To address local level DRR governance; Khadananda Chaulagai (Chairperson, Subhakalika Rural Municipality, Kalikot) and Lal Bahadur Mahatara (Mayor, Chhedagad Municipality, Jajarkot) have participated whereas to discuss on state-level DRR governance; Anil Pokharel (Executive Chief, National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Authority), Honorable Sita Nepali (Parliamentarian/ECD Caucus Coordinator,

Karnali State Assembly), Bishnu Kharel (Resilience, DRR, Climate Change Adaptation Advisor of Save the Children) and Shobhakant Paudel (Secretary, Ministry of Internal Affairs and Law, Karnali State) participated in the dialogue.

During the first session local government representatives shared that school’s infrastructures are unsafe as they are constructed in very risky areas. They shared that local government had understand the importance of principles of safe school and has initiated formulation of safe school policy by embodying safe school principles. Likewise, there has been work on policy instruments to translate principles of safe school and child protection in an emergency. Similarly, they are also focusing on the safe infrastructure of the school and its surroundings like school boundaries, safe playgrounds, child-friendly drinking water facilities, and gender-friendly toilets. Parents and teachers are becoming more aware of associated risks and working for ensuring student’s safety in schools. .

The second session focused on DRR governance at State level, speaking on the session the panelists highlighted how Karnali State is at the risk of disaster and climate change how this makes children more vulnerable. Karnali State has not yet made any separate policy related to DRR by specifically addressing children. Ministry has made Karnali State Disaster Risk Management Regulation and through this, financial supports have been provided to the children who are affected by a disaster. They pointed that children’s issues in emergencies can be responded through response and recovery plans and also on the need and importance of National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Authority its role on Early preparedness and response plan for addressing disaster risk reduction.

Hon’ble Ms. Sita Nepali (Parliamentarian/ECD Caucus Coordinator, Karnali State Assembly shared that parliamentarians of Karnali State assembly are working on developing a strategic plan for early childhood development of Karnali State which will give policy guidance towards overall development of the children including safety and protection. Likewise Hon’ble Mr. Dal Rawal – Minister for Social Development, Karnali State Government stated that education policy of Karnali State which is about to finalize by the State government will also incorporate principles of safe schools and protection of children in emergencies. He highlighted that policy makers will pay full attention towards the issues of children while formulating disaster risk management strategy as well. Commitments were expressed by representatives of Karnali State, Local Governments and Concerned Stakeholders in the policy dialogue program.

**Policy Dialogue on Disaster Risk Reduction with focus on Safe Schools and Protection of Children**  
International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction 2020

**8:00 AM - 10:00 AM | 16 October 2020**  
Meeting ID: 868 3387 2760  
Passcode: 092299  
Live Streaming from Facebook page | CIN | Local Community FMs in Karnali

**Session 1 | DRR Governance at Local Level**

**Chairperson:** Khadananda Chaulagai  
Chairperson, Subhakalika Rural Municipality, Kalikot

**Mayor:** Lal Bdr. Mahatara  
Mayor, Chhedagad Municipality, Jajarkot

**Session 2 | DRR Governance at State Level**

**Executive Chief:** Anil Pokharel  
Executive Chief, National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Authority

**Parliamentarian/ECD Caucus Coordinator:** Sita Nepali  
Parliamentarian/ECD Caucus Coordinator, Karnali State Assembly

**Chief Guest:** Hon'ble Dala Rawal  
Minister for Social Development (Karnali State)

**Special Guests:**

**Bishnu Kharel:** Resilience, DRR and Climate Change Adaptation Advisor, Save the Children

**Loknath Paudel:** Secretary, Ministry of Social Development (Karnali State)

**Shobhakant Paudel:** Secretary, Ministry of Internal Affairs and Law (Karnali State)

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# National Bal Kachahari Promoting Child Rights, Eliminating Child Marriage

Karnali Integrated Rural Development and Research Centre (KIRDARC Nepal), Jagariti Child and Youth Concern Nepal (JCYCN) and National Child-Friendly Local Governance Forum (NCFLG Forum) organized a virtual conference on 19th November, 2020 (2:00 to 4:00), titled National Bal Kachahari promoting child rights, eliminating child marriage. on the occasion of International Children's Day through Zoom Meeting with the collaboration with Good Neighbors Nepal, KANALLAN, Save the Children, World Vision and Plan International, also in solidarity with AATWIN, National Commission Nepal, SPCSN, Ratify OP3 CRC coalition Nepal. In the event, the chief guests were Honorable Lila Nath Shrestha, Minister of Women, children and Senior Citizens and Honorable Usha Jha, Member of National planning commission. The event was hosted by Mr. Tilottam Paudel, president of Jagariti Child and Youth Concern Nepal along with Mr. Gauri pradhan, a social activist and a human rights defender also, pioneer of CWIN Nepal. Various distinctive figures from each state were present in the event as panelist. Mr, Suman Adhikari, a Child Focus Officer also from Social Development Ministry from province 1, Mr. Naim Ansari from province 2, Mr. Krishna Chadna Acharya, a child rights activist, a member CSO and Chairman of NACG from province 3, Miss Ritika pokhrel from the Gandaki province, Miss Rajya Laxmi Hamal, head of a local child club and Bijaya Bista, Khandachakra Municipality from the Karnali province, Nirmala Kadayat, an activist against child marriage from the far west

province and Honorable Bimala Ganawali, member of National children's rights and CSO were the panelists in the event. Also representatives of child clubs such as Miss. Kritika Acharya and even Mr. Gauri Pradhan and Honorable Minister, Mr. Lila Nath Shrestha discussed about the issue.

In the event two video clips were presented regarding past and present efforts and situation of child marriage and child rights. Even though many plans, acts, laws and effort to protect child rights are being carried out in Nepal, children are still facing problems like child marriage, rape, sexual and physical harassment, trafficking, kidnapping, and child labor. The children also shared their experience. One of them shared that when they try to stop the child marriages, they are threatened by the locals but they tolerate it and are determined to move forward. They are trying to minimize violence against women but locals threaten them by saying, "you guys are from this village, you have no higher rank and have no knowledge, you don't need to teach us, we are older than you, and we will kill you."

Speakers highlighted that Government, CSO, and every individual should think about this issue. Issue of children should be prioritized as they are the future of our country. To eradicate child marriage by 2030, the government has come up with various tactics and strategies; national child right council has also formulated a 10 year plan to tackle this issue. Child helplines are there to take in the issues of children. This is a common issue and everyone should work together for this and should launch social campaigns for it. Cases like elopement of children through child clubs and councils can also be seen and children and the clubs should be aware about it and should tackle this issue as well. To minimize it, people should work together along with all 3 levels of government in every state and To minimize child marriage, the local government should properly monitor and evaluate the laws and rules and participation of children in various programs, also awareness programs in the community. All the stakeholders committed to work to end child marriage. Chief Guest, Women children and senior citizen, Honorable Lila Nath Shrestha stressed that implementation part of child marriage is weak while the policies are strong. He also highlighted the initiatives of Government. The state 1 has declared to eradicate child marriage by 2082 BS while, the state 3 has declared to eradicate it by 2078 BS. In state 2, they are running a campaign called, "beti bachau, beti padhau", through which they are trying to minimize child marriage. Similarly, the State of Far west is also conducting a campaign called "sanai chu ma padhna deu, baal bibaha haina padhna deu". He urged the different stakeholders to support in ending child marriage as government alone is not enough.



**International Child Rights Day**  
**National Bal Kachahari**  
**Promoting Child Rights Eliminating Child Marriage**

**19<sup>th</sup> November 2020**  
**2:00 PM - 4:00 PM**

**Join Zoom Meeting**  
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**Meeting ID: 892 1660 7254**

**CHIEF GUEST**  
  
**Hon'ble Lila Nath Shrestha**  
**Minister**  
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## Building Resilience of Mountain Communities in the Face of Climate Crisis

In order to protect mountain and to promote the rights of mountain community all the concern should pay their complete attention. There is immediate need to start the dialogue to develop the harmonious relation between people and environment across the mountain and region that save our people and mountain and lead us towards the sustainable development. To create common platform for the stakeholders to raise their voice for resilience and aware people on consequences of climate change and find ways to capacitate them to act in cooperation to reduce negative impacts of climate change and sustainable development of mountain communities, Karnali Integrated Rural Development and Research Centre (KIRDARC Nepal), Ministry of Forest and Environment (MOFE), Mountain Partnership, Nepalese Civil Society Mountain Initiative (NSCMI) and Dan Church Aid (DCA) collaboratively organized dialogue program on ***Building Resilience of Mountain Communities in the Face of Climate Crisis*** on 12th December 2020 via virtual platform (Zoom).

Hon'ble Pradeep Gyawali, Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs grace his presence as a chief guest of the dialogue, Hon'ble Bimala Rai Poudyal, Member, National Assembly and Hon'ble Krishna Prasad Oli, Member, National Planning Commission were the guests of the program. Sunil Acharya, Regional Advisor Resilience and Climate Change-Practical Action, Yuka Makino: Chair Mountain Partnership, Prakash Lamsal, Joint Secretary Ministry of Forest and Environment were the panelists. Around 60 representatives from different sectors such as government, INGOs, NGOs, Researcher,

**11 December**  
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Integrated Rural Development and Research Centre

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Nepalese Civil Society Mountain Initiative

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**INTERNATIONAL MOUNTAIN DAY**

**Building Resilience of Mountain Communities in the face of Climate Crisis**

**Chief Guest**  
Hon'ble Pradeep Gyawali  
Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

**Special Guest**  
Hon'ble Bimala Rai Poudyal  
Member, National Assembly

**Guest**  
Hon'ble Krishna Prasad Oli  
Member, National Planning Commission

**PANELISTS**

**Prakash Lamsal**  
Joint Secretary  
Ministry of Forest and Environment

**Yuka Makino**  
Coordinator of the Mountain Partnership  
Secretariat Italy

**Sunil Acharya**  
Regional Advisor  
Resilience and Climate Change

**Event on ZOOM**

**DATE**  
12<sup>th</sup> Dec, 2020

**TIME**  
2:00 - 4:00 pm  
(GMT + 5.45)

Media and mountain representatives from different countries were participated in the program.

Hon'ble Pradeep Gyawali, Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs highlighted the government initiative to establish global dialogue forum Sagarmatha Sambad to contribute to bring all the stakeholders in the table so that we can indicate tangible steps and make deeper and meaningful commitments to preserve the mountain ecosystem. He stressed that Nepal wants to develop broader collaboration between the mountain communities, mountain countries and the small island countries so that we can develop the synergy and make the meaningful contribution to preserve the mountains. All the guests, speakers and participants stressed for the resiliency of mountain system. There is gap between policy target and actual implementation. Integrating Climate Change into development planning, deep and pervasive inequalities, One size fits all adaptation measures, Availability of and access to climate information and support service, Issues of connectivity and isolation, Weak outreach of extension system, Capacity building at National, Provincial and Local governments and conservation & development approaches build upon local peoples knowledge & wisdom were the key challenges discussed. Likewise, Catalyzing climate finance for targeted investments in building resilience for mountain communities, development and expansion of climate information management, strengthening supply chains & livelihood diversification, foresting harmony between nature, culture and society etc were the prospects raised for protecting mountains and building resilience.



## 12th Human Rights National Magna Meet

Karnali Integrated Rural Development and Research Centre (KIRDARC) coordinated the 12th Human Rights National Magna Meet, An annual forum of Civil Society and Human Rights Defenders in Nepal while Humanitarian Accountability Monitoring Initiative (HAMI) and Nepal National Dalit Social Welfare Organization (NNDSWO) were the co-conveners of the magna meet. It was organised in collaboration with National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) and other development partners and civil society organizations from 9th-13th December 2020. In Nepal, the activists and organizations had started to mark the human rights magna meet since 2009 to observe the International Human Rights Day.

The Human Rights Magna Meet 2020 was organized with the international theme of “Recover Better Stand for Human Rights” on the occasion of the 72nd International Human Rights Day. The magna meet activities were organized in all seven provinces and in different districts. All the events were conducted virtually due to COVID-19 pandemic. Minister for Communications and Information and Spokesperson of the Government, Parbat Gurung inaugurated the magna meet demanding effective enforcement of verdicts of the Supreme Court to curb violence taking place in the name of rape, human trafficking, sexual violence and gender-based discrimination among others.

This magna meet highlighted and help to further strengthen the human rights situation in the country, make the stakeholders accountable to the implementation on human rights commitment and ensure solidarity to this end. Participants in the event had deliberated on the human rights situation in all seven provinces in the country. The Magna Meet also sought action to end corruption

and make public service more result-oriented. The Meet was conducted in the presence of around 300 human rights activists, government bodies, representatives from civil society organizations and development partners.

The dedicated human rights activists were awarded with the different human rights award. Bhadraman Ghale was awarded with the ‘National Human Rights Award’. Daman Nath Dhungana was awarded the ‘Padma Ratna Tuladhar National Human Rights and Peace Award’ and Sapana Rokaya Magar was awarded with the ‘Shanta Laxmi Shrestha Woman-Human Rights Award’.

The 12th Human Rights National Magna Meet concluded on 13th December issuing a declaration. The declaration called for discouraging heinous crimes and perpetrators by bringing them to justice. Participants demanded effective implementation of laws formulated to end acid attacks, human trafficking, rape, Chhaupadi and child marriage, among others. According to the declaration, impunity is on the rise in the country due to failure to address the transitional justice mechanisms and that led to conflict-victims being denied the right to justice. The declaration demanded for access to COVID-19 vaccine, climate justice, appropriate amendment to the acts related to Commission for Investigation on Enforced Disappearances of Persons and Truth and Reconciliation Commission as per the international criteria.





## Discourse On Resilient Development Of Karnali Province

Karnali region has abundant opportunities; however, it is disaster prone region i.e. landslides, floods, earthquake, lightening, fire, etc. Some of the disasters are trans-boundary in nature. Encroachment of human settlement has caused damages by floods. Urban management needed to be effectively executed. Climate change effects are observed. From which, marginalized and vulnerable communities are mostly affected. 356 have died and more than 100 are still missing this year alone from the different 63 died and 13 are missing in Karnali province. Among the affected, Kalikot is the worsted affected district this year. Other physical and infrastructural damages are also so high this year. Government is committed to effectively execute National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Strategic Plan of Action (2018-2030).

Children and communities from poor families from are the most vulnerable from the disaster and climate change effects despite conspiring them as change agent or nation builder of the nation. 35-40% deaths from the disasters are accounted children. To foreground the issues, challenges and opportunities of resilient development in Karnali Province in mainstream development process in the wake of recurrence of disaster incidents in the region and to advocate for policies and legislations in Karnali Province for resilience building and disaster risk management with priority to protect children, PwDs as highly vulnerable groups Karnali Integrated Rural Development and Research Centre (KIRDARC Nepal) and Save the Children collaboratively organized discussion program on Resilient Development of Karnali Province on 27th September 2020 via virtual platform (Zoom).

**ON THE OCCASION OF SDGs ACTION WEEK AND SOCIAL SERVICE WEEK**

### DISCOURSE ON RESILIENT DEVELOPMENT OF KARNALI PROVINCE

**27<sup>th</sup> September, 2020**  
**9:30 AM - 11:30 AM**  
**ZOOM MEETING ID: 886 2620 7231**  
**PASSCODE: 590308**

**PANELISTS**

- Hon'ble Naresh Bhandari, Minister, Ministry of Internal Affairs and Law, Karnali Province
- Mr. Yogendra Shahi, Member, Karnali Province Planning Commission
- Mr. Anil Pokharel, Chief Executive Officer, National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Authority (NDRRMA)
- Mrs. Manamaya Dakhal, Vice-Chair, Birendranagar Municipality, Surkhet
- Mr. Bishnu Khan, Resilience, DRR and CCA Advisor, Save the Children

**CHIEF GUEST**  
 Hon'ble Mahendra Bahadur Shahi, Chief Minister, Karnali Province

**GUEST**  
 Hon'ble Min Bahadur Shahi, Member, National Planning Commission

**ORGANIZED BY**  
 KIRDARC, Save the Children

**IN COLLABORATION WITH**  
 KIRDARC, Save the Children, NCSMI, Mission East

The program was organized in collaboration with Nepal SDGs Forum, Social Welfare Council, Government of Karnali Province, Nepalese Civil Society Mountain Initiative (NCSMI), and Mission East marking the SDGs Action Week and Social Service Week in Nepal. Chief Guest was Hon'ble Mahendra Bahadur Shahi, Chief Minister of Karnali Province and Hon'ble Min Bahadur Shahi, Member of National Planning Commission was the guest of the program. Hon'ble Naresh Bhandari, Minister of Internal Affairs and Law, Karnali Province; Mr. Yogendra Shahi, Member of Karnali Province Planning Commission; Mr. Anil Pokharel, Chief Executive Officer of National Risk Reduction and Management Authority (NDRRMA); Ms. Manamaya Dakhal, Vice-Chair, Birendranagar Municipality, Surkhet; Mr. Bishnu Kharel, Resilience, DRR and CCA Advisor, Save the Children were the panelists. More than 100 local governments' representatives and government officials, experts on Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) and Climate Change Adaptation (CCA), representatives from different alliances and networks working in the DRR and CCA sector, representatives from CSOs participated in the program. The program was chaired by Rana Lal Kula, Chairperson of KIRDARC Nepal and moderated by Ms. Geeta Pandey, Environment, Climate Change and Advocacy Manager, KIRDARC Nepal. The program was broadcasted from official facebook page of KIRDARC Nepal, Save the Children, and Community Information Network (CIN) and 10 FM stations from West Rukum, Salyan, Surkhet, Dailekh, Jajarkot, Dolpa, Jumla, Kalikot, Humla, and Mugu districts of Karnali province.

The event highlighted that to make resilient development, effective collaboration and cooperation among federal, provincial and local government is necessary. Sustainable and resilient development is essential in present development modality and Local government has to assess the sustainability of the development activities before planning and allocating budget. Human centered development has to be revisited as urbanization, infrastructure development approaches have to focus on sustainable development with necessary plans and assessments. Improving disaster risk governance: policy and institutional establishment from federal (ministry and departments), province, local government, CSOs, private sector all have to collaborate for ensuring effective governance. Preparedness for response: Information system for preparedness (use of science and technology), simulations at all levels, national emergency operation system, warehouse and stockpiles, volunteer mobilization, all security agencies mobilizations, etc. are necessary to be carried out. Development model are crucial to ensure disaster and other risk-free environment at school and communities and there is urgent need of increasing the awareness and increasing the investment in the areas, including DRR and CCA contents in the curriculum.



## DIALOGUE ON INEQUALITY AND ACCESS TO COVID-19 VACCINE

Nepali Civil Society and NGOs have been campaigning against inequality every year. KIRDARC is also the part of campaign against inequality. The campaign have been using different means and methods to shed light upon the various inequality and discriminations that exist in the societies. Most often, the inequalities have been presenting by means of painting and sketches, discussion and dialogues, and casting the videos on the issues of discriminations and inequalities. Besides, it has been presenting some study-papers on inequality and discriminations to concern governmental organizations and development partners for reducing the inequality and discrimination existed in the societies.

The Campaign Against Inequality has been conducting with series of activities every year. This year, the Dialogue Program on Inequality and Access to COVID-19 was organized on 25 January, 2021 virtually in coordination of Campaign Against Inequality in the participation of the government officials, human rights activists, policy-makers, social activists, women rights activists, etc.

The Public Health Expert, Mr. Suresh Gautam opined that the present context in regard of COVID-19 has generated two messages: one is either peoples might have felt that the COVID-19 has not its effect anymore, other is, or COVID-19 is assumed that it will spread faster than ever before in the community as peoples have not taking necessary measures. Whatever, he said that the decreasing rate of the COVID-19 has spread the new hope in the peoples. He also told that the COVID-19 producer countries have seen in the mentality that unless they complete the vaccination in its country they do not supply the vaccine to the other country. This thinking and understanding will not be helpful to contain the COVID-19. He presented an instance that the Reliance Company in India has booked COVID-19 vaccine for its employ at the rate of 12\$ per Vaccine. Whereas, the Government of India has booked at the rate of 3.3\$ per vaccine. That's why, he said it will be high time to regulate the market price of the vaccine. Otherwise, such kind of reserving and booking would adversely affect the justifiable distribution and supply of the vaccine.

Jageshwar Gautam, Spokesperson of Ministry of Health and Population expressed his gratitude and thankfulness to all the persons who worked around the clock with high spirit to investigate and production of the COVID-19 vaccine to get rid from the threats to humanity caused due to the COVID-19 pandemic. He said that the children comprise a high population of the total population. Therefore, their access to vaccine has to be ensured. Likewise, he said that the such vaccine is to be produced so as to the lactating, and pregnant women can be vaccinated on the supervision or suggestion of the health practitioners. He informed that the Government of Nepal has received some batches of vaccines and it has been planning to receive and manage the required vaccines. It would be better if the laboratory had established in different places and produce required number of vaccines timely, he said.

Ms. Renu Adhikari, women rights activist focused on the social determinants of public health system to contain the pandemic. Unless the peoples working in the informal sectors, entertainment

sectors, domestic workers, sex workers are ensured to be safe from the virus, it is impossible to contain the pandemic. Therefore, it has to human security strategy of public health system should be strengthened. The CSOs can take some stakes in the direction to strengthen the human security strategy of public health system. She suggested Health Research Council should work to study on the side effects of the COVID vaccine.

Mr. Jit Ram Lama, NFN President suggested to keep the elderly peoples, social workers and children in the priority list to receive the vaccine. The CSOs can work in social mobilization and awareness raising program to contain the pandemic. He said there won't be much donation to the COVID Relief Fund. Rather, the GoN can specify the specification of the vaccines and accordingly the CSOs can supply in coordination of GoN. Mr. Bhakta BK concluded the program saying that the in the name of the prioritization the peoples in the margin would not be deprived of vaccination for long time. After the culmination of the program 7 point demands are submitted to government.

**INVITATION**

**INEQUALITY AND ACCESS TO COVID VACCINE**

**25<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

**11:00 AM**

**SPEAKERS**

<b>Prof. Dr. Jageshwar Gautam</b> Spokesperson Ministry of Health	<b>Dr. Suresh Tiwari</b> Public Health Expert
<b>Dr. Renu Adhikari</b> Women Human Rights Defender	<b>Jitram Lama</b> Chairperson NGO Federation of Nepal

**ORGANIZER : CSOs Campaign For Equality, Nepal**

**GLOBAL WEEK OF ACTION AGAINST INEQUALITY**

**FIGHT INEQUALITY**

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**#GLOBALACTIONWEEK**  
**#AGAINSTINEQUALITY**

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## KIRDARC Nepal COVID-19 Response Initiatives

COVID-19 pandemic (WHO declared on March 11, 2020) has virtually affected the entire world as more than 2.33 million people are infected world-wide with more than 160000 casualties till the date. Countries have been trying and testing measures to prevent the spread of the virus from social distancing, to limiting mass gathering, to complete lockdown of the nation. Meanwhile, Nepal is not an exception as total 31 people in Nepal have been confirmed with COVID-19 (among them, 3 have already recovered) and 28 patients are currently receiving treatment till 19th April 2020. The government of Nepal has declared nationwide lockdown since 23rd March 2020 with the intention to contain the virus in the country and has extended lockdown until 30th April 2020.

Even though government and people's efforts and measures, the infected cases are gradually increasing in the country. In this context, all the development and administrative activities are halted except government relief program, maintaining quarantine, medical services, and some awareness in very limited vicinity against COVID-19. As a result, National economy and all walks of lives have been hard hit regarding supply of daily essentials and goods, medicines, protective materials. Lack of financial resource among people especially those were living in daily wages has been the worst.

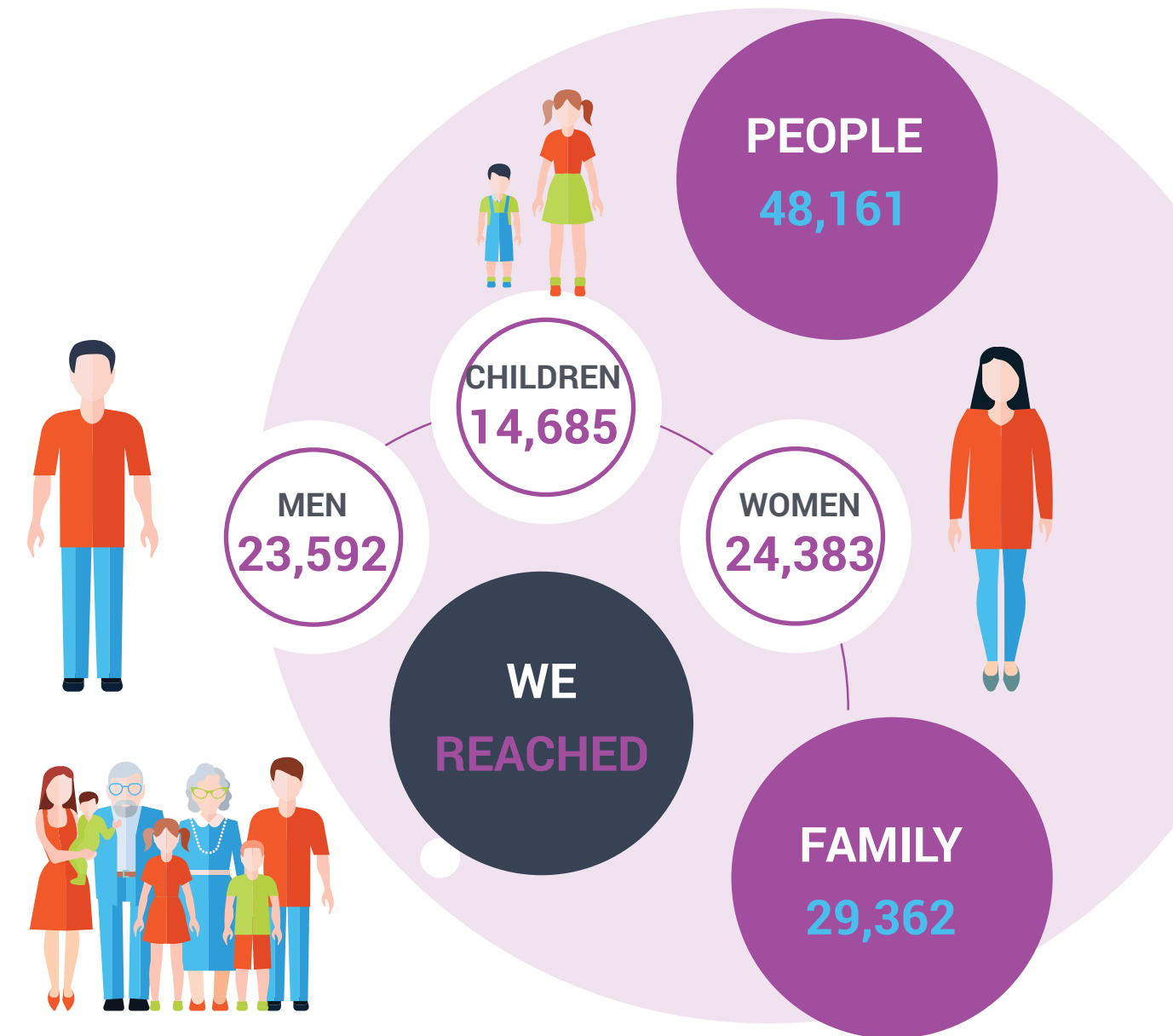
**Emergency Response Goal:** To check the spread of COVID-19 and reduce its impact on vulnerable groups women, adolescents and Children.



## Strategic Objectives:

- ◆ Scale up preventive measures to limit the spread of disease.
- ◆ Strengthen the health service delivery at local level.
- ◆ Support for vulnerable communities including women, adolescents and children impacted by COVID-19 through education, child protection, food security, and livelihoods.

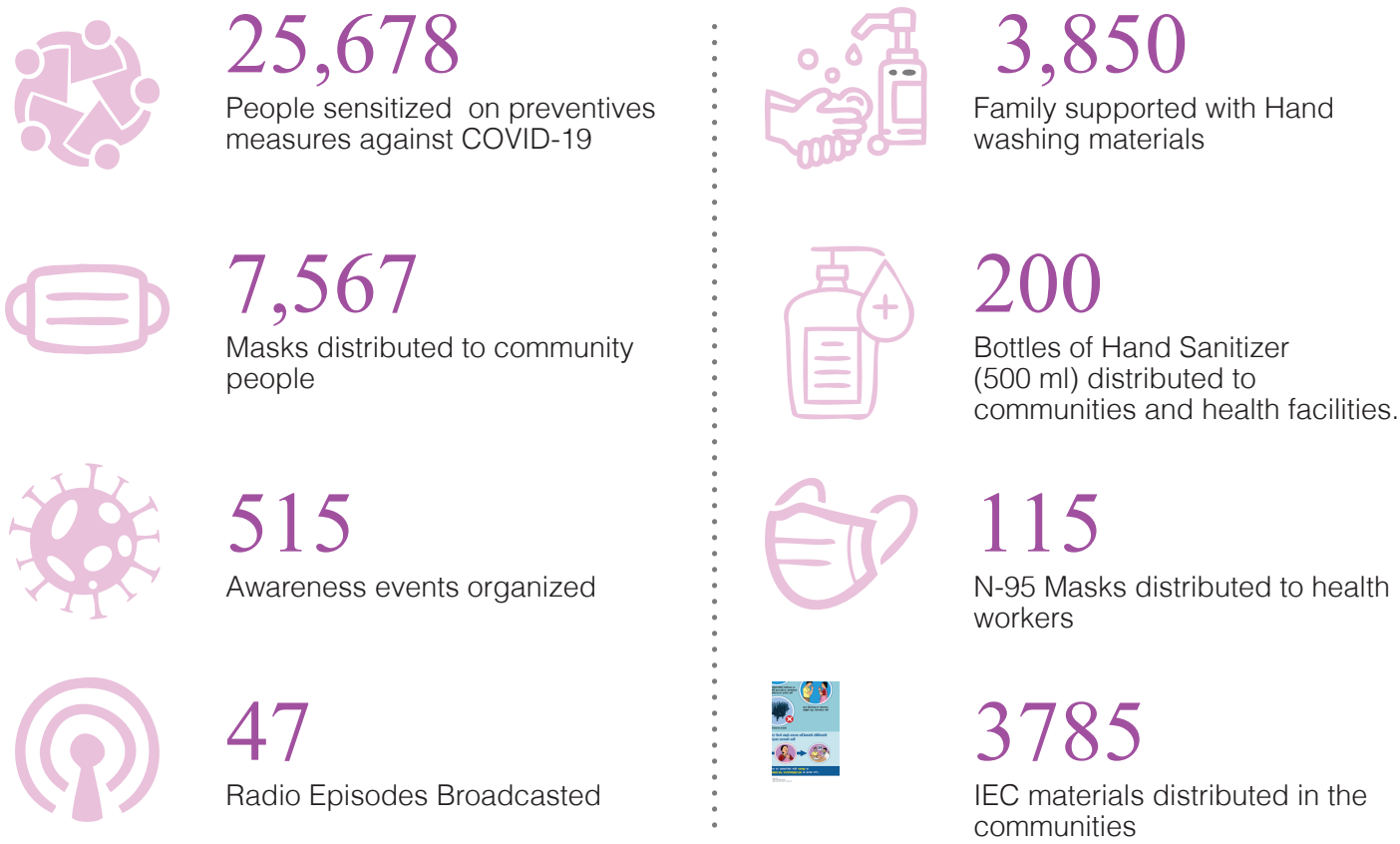
Based on the aforementioned strategic objectives, KIRDARC has been involved in emergency support in close coordination and support from our strategic partners and donors with the ultimate mission to contain the COVID-19. In this regard, KIRDARC has supported the local government and community people on preventive actions, strengthen health delivery system and support the marginalized community and people in vulnerable conditions.



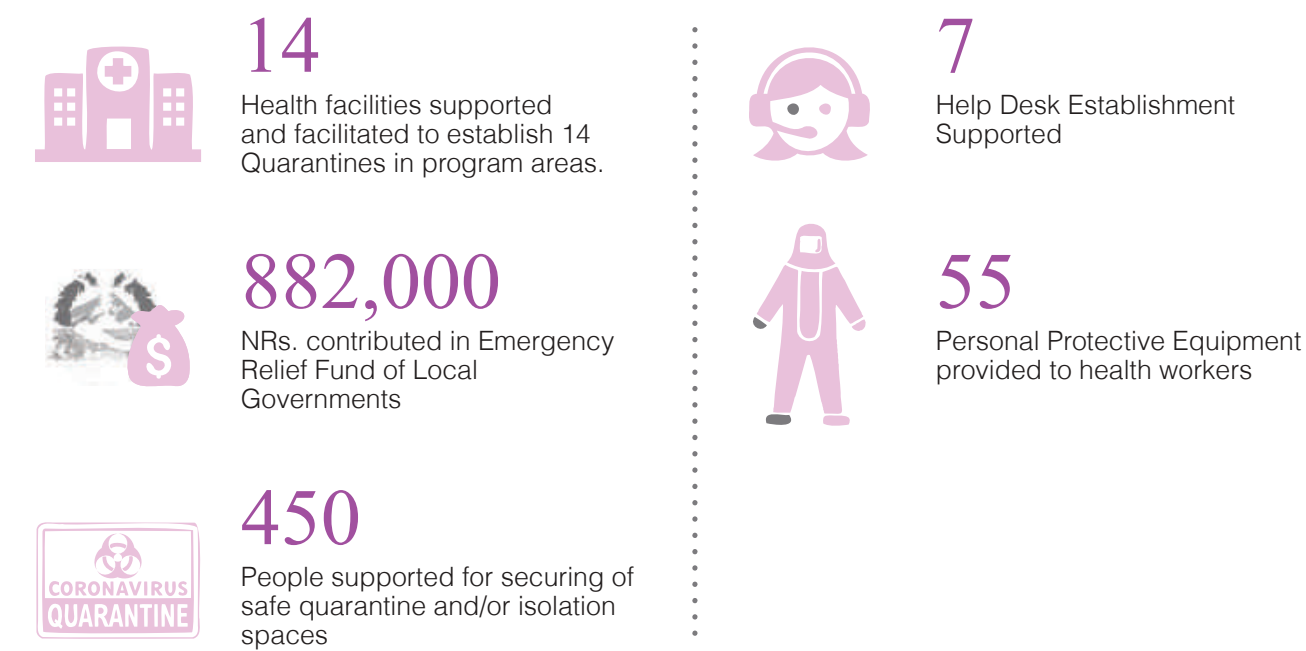


# Major Highlights

## Promote Preventive Measures at Community Level against COVID-19



## Strengthen Health Service Delivery at Local Level



## Support for Vulnerable Communities including Women, Adolescents and Children impacted by COVID-19 through education, child protection, food security, and livelihoods

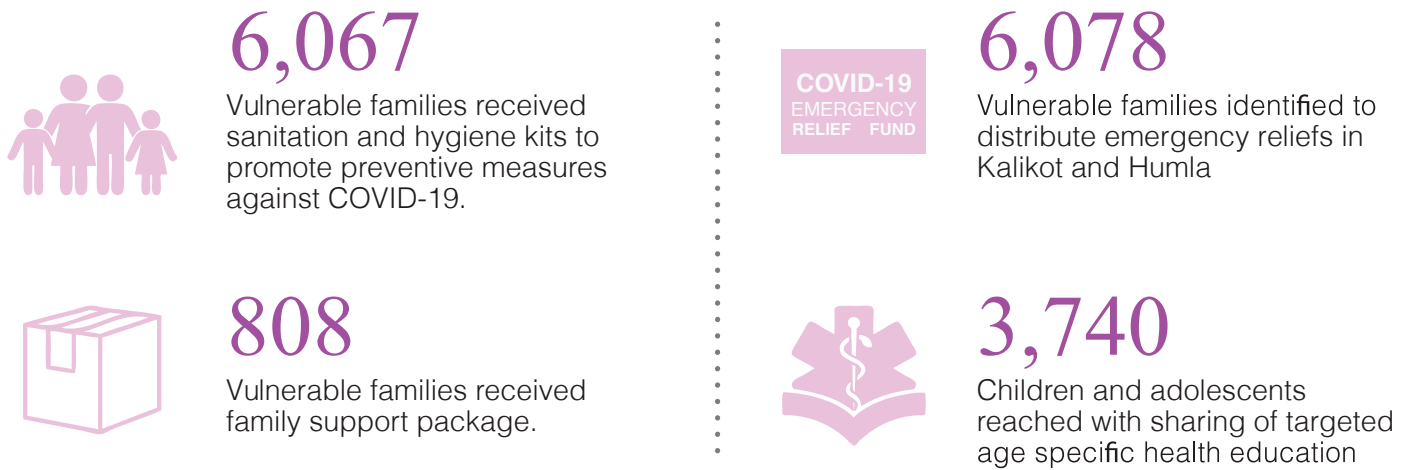


Figure 1: Programme Officer Mr. Shree Bdr. Bhandari handing cheque of Rs. 2, 81,000 to the Mayor of Budhhbhum Municipality, Kapilvastu

Figure 2: Distribution of preventive material for covid-19 at Shuvakalika RM, Kalikot



Figure 3: District Coordinator Mr. Tularam Pandey handing support materials to Mayor of Khadachakra municipality, Kalikot



# Relief support during COVID-19 pandemic bringing relief to Dolpali People

Bhim Jhora BK is from the ultra-poor background living in Jagadulla RM, Dolpa district. The region was already highly remote and people living there were economically deprived. She is daughter in law of the family and her family was treating her badly; hence, she used to stay alone. However, she was working in her limited farming land and mostly depending on daily wages labor available in the community. But the production from farming used to remain sufficient for only one month. Situation became even worse as the lockdown, imposed by the government in April 2020 due to the outbreak of the COVID-19 across the country, made difficult for managing her family’s daily needs including food. Due to the lockdown, she could not find daily wages work at her community. Most of time, she used work to collect sand, gravel and other at construction places. Because of COVID-19, all areas of development were totally closed; hence, she was unable find works posing threat to her daily life. She was in desperate need for support of basic daily essentials.

With the aim of supporting to the needy families, Plan International Nepal and KIRDARC-Nepal distributed food items as per relief support for the ultra-poor people at location of Jagadulla RM, Dolpa district. The relief support distribution was carried out at ward no. 5 in collaboration of Jagadulla RM. In the relief package, food items of Rice 2 packs, Dal 1 packs, Oil 1 carton, Masala 4 pack, and Salt 10 pack) were included. “I am so happy after getting this support of food items. I am really thankful to the providers during this difficult time.” said Bhim Jhora BK.”

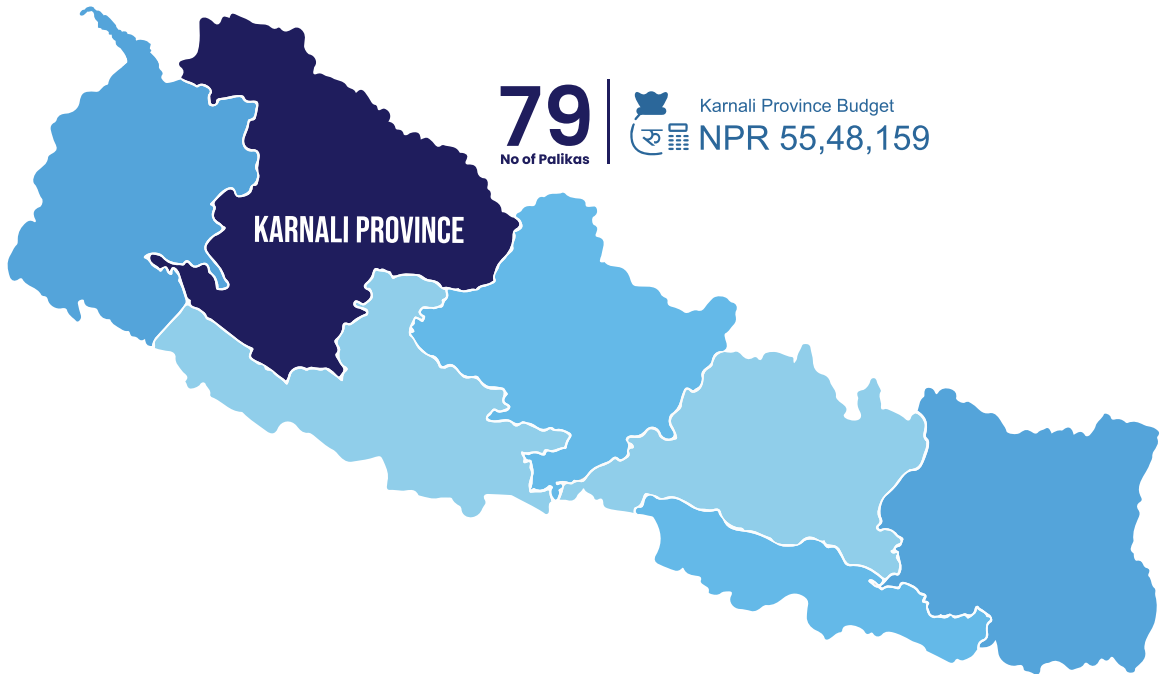
The relief support (food items support for ultra-poor people) program has lunched with financial support of Plan and technical facilitation of KIRDARC Nepal and collaboration of local government. The program has conducted considering the urgent need of the community people during the pandemic crisis. The chairperson (Narasing Rokaya) of Jagadulla RM adds, “During COVID-19 pandemic period, people were in risk of being completely without resource for managing food. Especially, remote communities/settlement, Dalit community were at risk because of being from ultra-poor background. They are unable to produce foods from the field for more than two months. And, this relief support (food items support) to the needy families is important support for us and my community people”.



# COVID-19 and Flood Preparedness and Response Programme

## WASH

1. WASH facilities provisioned in 9 hospitals including hub hospital, isolation center, community hospital and district hospital of Karnali Province. The WASH facilities provision includes the construction, repair and maintenance of water supply system, support for the installation of water treatment system, hand washing station with sensor, foot operated hand washing station, repair and maintenance of sanitation facilities. The facilities were supported in district hospital of West Rukum, Salyan, Kalikot, Dailekh and Jajarkot. Similarly, Melkhuna Isolation Center-Gudbakot RM, Surkhet, Dullu Community Hospital, Dailekh, Provincial Hospital, Surkhet and in KAHS Jumla.
2. 204500 ML of sanitizer were supplied in district hospital, hub hospital, isolation center and Health Directorate Office of Karnali Province. Additional supplies include toilet plunger, foot operated sanitizers, cleaning materials, foot operated taps with basins and foot operated hand washing stations.
3. In total, 64228 users out of 30,800 target population were benefitted from the services which was calculated on the basis of average user per day. 49.7% users were male and 50.3% users were female and in total 14% users were children.
4. Supported to formulate and Implement WASH Contingency Plan, Monsoon Preparedness and Response Plan and COVID -19 Response plan of Karnali Province as a Karnali Province WASH Cluster Co-Lead.





# Education, Nutrition and Child Protection

1. 52 school of Khadachakra (12), Mahabai (6), Raskot (9), Pachahjharana (9), Palata (11) and Sanni Trebeni (5) Palika of Kalikot district were disinfected.
2. 1157 people including local leaders, SMC, teachers, parents and social workers were oriented on psychosocial counselling, school disinfection, COVID 19 preparedness and hand washing out of which 26% were female participants
3. Total 6000 children including 166 children with disability were benefitted from the distribution of learning materials out of which 52% are girls and 48% are boys.
4. Service directory of actor mapping and list of vulnerable children of 100% Palika of Karnali Province has been prepared.
5. 104 vulnerable children from 9 district of Karnali Province were supported with immediate cash. Most of the children supported have lost their parents and are affected by recent natural disaster like flood, landslide and fire. Likewise, the children supported belongs to ultra-poor family and have some kinds of disability too.
6. Child friendly space has been supported in 10 HCF of Karnali Province.
7. More than 20000 filers distributed on nutrition and Covid awareness messages .
8. Disaster Preparedness.
9. DPRP of Birendranagar Municipality has been prepared and Local Emergency Operation Center (LEOC) has been established.
10. 71.775 million Fund is available for disaster preparedness in Birendranagar Municipality.
11. The Digital Flood Early Warning System (EWS) has been established in the Palika office.
12. IRA training was conducted with technical support from NRCS and Province level Disaster Committee Coordinator, where total 30 ( 6 female and 24 male) people participated in the event.
13. Non-food items and hygiene supplies was supported 200 household to the landslide victims of Barekot, Raskot and Narharinath of Jajarkot and Kalikot districts. Tarpaulin, mattress, blankets, aqua tab, hygiene kit, mug, bucket and hand washing soap were the key supplies.

# List of Projects

S.N.	Project	Brief Description	Donor
1	Healthy Transition for Nepali Youth Pro ject ( HTNYP )	It aims to improve adolescent reproductive health of adolescent girls.	Save the Children International
2	SAHAYATRA II	It aims to improve quality education, child protection and child right governance.	Save the Children International
3	JAL KACHAHARI: Dialogue for Water and Life	The project conducts the Jal Kachahri i.e. Public Hearing on water related issues to strenghten water governance.	USAID/DAI-Paani
4	Integrated Protection and Community Engagement, Disaster Risk Reduction and Leverage Education Access in Rural Nepal (LEARN) Project (CESP/DRR/LEARN)	It aims to improve quality education, and DRR governance in school	World Vision Int.
5	Gender Transformative Inclusive Quality Education-GTIQE Project	It aims to improve quality education and child protection in school.	Plan Int'
6	Karnali Education Program (KEP)	It aims to improve quality education in school.	Plan Int'
7	Socio-economic Empowerment With Dignity and Sustainability (SEEDS)	The project focused on the empowerment of girls and women through livelihood activities	Stromme Foundation
8	Developing civil society for inclusive and resilient communities	It is civil society strengtenigng project where women and adoloscent girls are empowered via literacy, life skill training, [promoting livelihood and IGA	Mission East
9	Affirmative actions to end hunger and exlusion for girls in remote mountainous communities of Nepal	The project supports and enhances food security and reduce the inclusion of girls of mountain communities.	Mission East
10	Advancing resilient local development in the Himalayas	The project aims for resilient development of the communities through capacity buliding and developing resilient communities.	Mission East



11	Community Development Project - Education Support Program	It aims to improve livelihood and quality education of school children.	Good Neighbour International
12	Equity and Inclusion in Education	It aims to improve quality education in school.	World Education
13	Community Infrastructure Development in Tila Rural Municipality (Model school construction under SDG Localization)	School Construction Project as per the SDG guideline.	UNDP
14	Assessing the Impact of Covid-19 in the health and WASH behaviours of poor women, vulnerable and marginalized people	The overall objective of the study, which will be more of qualitative in nature, is to understand the impact of COVID-19 in the health and WASH behaviors of poor women, vulnerable and marginalized people and suggest possible measures to overcome the situation	OXFAM
15	COVID 19 and flood preparedness and response	<p>The project has following objectives:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Provision of critical water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) supplies and improving infection prevention and control (IPC) in HCF</li> <li>2. Access to continuous education, child protection and GBV services in Palikas through mapping and assessments</li> <li>3. Continuity of health care for affected women and children in 10 Districts</li> <li>4. Strengthened capacity of 1 Palika for Disaster Preparedness on COVID-19 and Flood</li> </ol>	UNICEF
16	Health Right Improvement Project for Adolescent Girls and Vulnerable Communities	Awareness on health rights to adolescent girls and vulnerable communities of Bajura district	Good Neighbour International (GNI)
17	COVID-19 Emergency Response (COVER) Project	To provide immediate support to the beneficiaries who are affected by COVID-19.	World Vision Int'

## Financial Status

Looking into the financial statement of KIRDARC Nepal for the fiscal year 2076/77 (2019-20), the overall organizational financial portfolio has been decreased by 24.67% due to unable to implement the project activities as expected caused by Covid-19 pandemic. The pandemic had affected to different project activities and couldn't carry out the construction works, trainings and all the activities where significant amount budget was planned. However, those activities had carried out to implement in next fiscal year. The total assets has been increased by around 7% and currently liabilities has been decreased by around 16%. In overall, the financial turnover seems satisfactory for the program year 2076/77.

Kernal Integrated Rural Development and Research Center (KIRDARC Nepal)  
Statement of Financial Position (Balance Sheet)  
As at 31 Ashad 2077 (15 July 2020)

Particulars	Notes	As at 31 Ashad 2077	As at 31 Ashad 2076
<b>Assets</b>			
<b>Non-Current Assets</b>			
Property, Plant and Equipment	4.1	22,262,846.34	20,619,565.88
Intangible Assets	4.2	46,921.00	50,452.00
Investment Property	4.3	-	-
Long Term Investments	-	-	-
Non-Current Account Receivable	4.6	3,381,151.41	3,381,151.41
Other Non-Current Assets	4.4	-	-
<b>Total Non-Current Assets</b>		<b>25,690,918.75</b>	<b>24,059,170.29</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Inventories	4.5	-	-
Account Receivable	4.6	6,079,049.75	12,643,884.88
Cash and Cash Equivalents	4.7	26,197,051.14	19,954,004.86
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>34,876,080.89</b>	<b>32,597,819.74</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>60,566,999.64</b>	<b>56,656,989.03</b>
<b>Liabilities and Reserves</b>			
<b>Accumulated Reserves</b>			
Accumulated Surplus	4.8	15,115,484.81	11,907,170.46
Designated Fund	4.9	-	-
Restricted Fund	4.10	27,089,446.19	24,782,392.64
Endowment Fund	4.11	-	-
Capital Reserves	4.12	9,897,642.80	9,782,099.35
<b>Total Accumulated Reserves</b>		<b>52,122,773.80</b>	<b>46,541,642.45</b>
<b>Loans and Borrowings</b>	4.13	-	-
Employee Benefit Liabilities	4.14	-	-
Deferred Revenue	4.15	-	-
Other non-current liabilities	4.16	8,235.60	8,235.60
<b>Total Non-Current Liabilities</b>		<b>8,235.60</b>	<b>8,235.60</b>
<b>Loans and Borrowings</b>	4.13	240,000.00	400,219.79
Employee Benefit Liabilities	4.14	-	-
Provisions	4.17	-	-
Other Current Liabilities	4.18	8,155,996.78	9,709,772.75
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		<b>8,435,996.78</b>	<b>10,109,992.54</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>9,471,226.78</b>	<b>10,118,212.33</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Reserves</b>		<b>60,566,999.64</b>	<b>56,656,989.03</b>

Statement of Accounting Policies and Notes to Financial Statements (Notes 1 to 3.20)  
Notes 1 to 4.22 form integral part of the financial statements

As per our report of even date

Rupali Aldi  
Treasurer

Rana Lal Khatu  
Chairperson

CA. Nave Raj Thapaliya  
Nave Raj Thapaliya & Associates  
Chartered Accountant

Ramesh Pokharel  
Finance and Operations Manager

Sobinda Bahadur Shahi  
Director

Kernal Integrated Rural Development and Research Center (KIRDARC Nepal)  
Statement of Operations (Statement of Income and Expenditure)  
For the year ended on 31 Ashad 2077

Particulars	Notes	Current Year	Previous Year
<b>Income</b>			
Income from Operations	4.18	273,957,000.25	370,408,248.58
Financial Income	-	50,443.14	74,088.00
Other Income	-	-	-
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>274,007,511.39</b>	<b>370,477,340.58</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Staff Cost	4.19	74,485,530.01	54,292,678.70
Program Expenses	4.20	197,111,282.48	284,518,245.21
General Administrative Expenses	4.21	786,784.55	8,789,030.38
Depreciation and Amortization	4.1/4.2/4.3	103,366.00	133,083.00
Other Expenses	-	-	-
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>272,486,997.04</b>	<b>347,733,037.29</b>
<b>Net Surplus/(Deficit) before Tax</b>		<b>1,520,514.35</b>	<b>22,744,303.29</b>
Income Tax Expenses	4.22	-	8,769,413.26
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year</b>		<b>1,520,514.35</b>	<b>13,974,890.03</b>
<b>Appropriation of Surplus</b>			
Allocation to Accumulated Surplus	-	1,520,514.35	8,769,413.26
Allocation to Endowment Fund	-	-	-

Statement of Accounting Policies and Notes to Financial Statements (Notes 1 to 3.20)  
Notes 1 to 4.22 form integral part of the financial statements

As per our report of even date

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Director

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Statement of Cash Flows

For the year ended on 31 Ashad 2077

Particulars	Current Year	Previous Year
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Surplus/(Deficit) before tax for the year	1,520,514.35	8,763,413.24
Adjustments for reconciliation:		
Depreciation and amortization	103,366.00	133,983.00
Capital Project Expenditure expensed off	3,200,000.00	
Fixed Assets Disposed/Written off	(15,667.00)	
Provision and loss on inventories		
Interest income on investment		
Gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment and intangible assets		
	4,808,213.35	8,897,396.24
Working Capital Adjustments		
Account receivable	3,964,765.13	17,588,158.33
Pre-payment		
Inventories		
Other financial assets		
Accounts payable	(1,510,781.97)	(9,188,600.24)
Restricted Fund	2,297,053.55	(27,198,602.39)
Core Fund	15,667.00	(3,275.06)
Accrued expenses and deferred income		
Other financial liabilities		
Less:		
Income tax paid		
Interest paid		
Net cash from/(used) in operating activities	4,766,703.71	(18,802,319.36)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(3,200,000.00)	(12,614,500.00)
Fixed Assets Sales	28,429.00	1,648,000.00
Purchase of intangible assets		
Proceeds from disposal of property		
Purchase of securities		
Interest income on investment		
Net cash from/(used) in investing activities	(3,171,571.00)	(10,966,500.00)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Borrowing		
Repayment of borrowing	(160,319.78)	(197,518.13)
Net cash from/(used) in financing activities	6,243,026.28	(21,068,941.25)
NET INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENT AS AT 01 SHRAWAN 2076	19,954,004.86	41,022,946.11
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENT AS AT 31 ASHAD 2077	26,197,031.14	19,954,004.86

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MALE

73.2%

51

FEMALE

27%

2

Others

1.1%

19

Dalit

10%

34

Jangjati

17.9%

135

Brahmin

71.1%

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