



Annual Report, 2024



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(SAPPROS Nepal)

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green, healthy, wealthy, and happy!

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Message from the Chairperson

Dear valued stakeholders,

I am pleased to present SAPPROS Nepal's Annual Report for 2024. This year has been marked by significant growth and resilience as we continue to navigate a dynamic operating environment. Our commitment to fostering sustainable development, promoting healthy lifestyles, and enhancing livelihoods has remained steadfast.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to our donors, partners, project participants, team members, and other stakeholders for their unwavering support and collaboration. Together, we have successfully implemented twelve programs, including multi-year initiatives, across 16 districts of Nepal, positively impacting countless lives. Our efforts have focused on addressing critical challenges such as poverty, inequality, and environmental degradation.

To create a more conducive work environment, we have adopted a hybrid working model and prioritized work-life harmony. By empowering our team members to balance their professional and personal commitments, we believe we can enhance productivity, job satisfaction, and overall wellbeing.



As we look to the future, SAPPROS Nepal is excited to announce the launch of our Strategic Plan for 2024-2030. Aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), this plan outlines our vision for a green Nepal where communities and individuals thrive through sustainable practices, healthy lifestyles, and improved livelihoods. We are committed to empowering people to build resilience, protect the environment, and create lasting positive change for generations to come.

As we work towards achieving our vision and mission, we invite you to join us on this journey and support our efforts to build a better future for Nepal.

Thank you for your continued support.

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Dr. Arun Kunwar

Message from the Founder Chairperson

Dear stakeholders, partners, and SAPPROS Nepal team,

As I look back on the past year at SAPPROS Nepal, I am filled with pride and gratitude for what we have accomplished together. This Annual Report for the year 2024 reflects the dedication, resilience, and collective efforts of our entire community, marking a significant milestone in our mission to uplift Nepal's marginalized and vulnerable populations.

Our focus now has been on advancing a green and healthy food movement. Accordingly, we successfully implemented twelve diverse programs this year across 14 districts. Through our diverse range of activities in those programmes, we reached 158,000 individuals across these districts, and directly helped 38,520 households to increase income by addressing critical issues such as food security, health, nutrition, and environmental sustainability. These efforts are central to our vision of a more equitable and sustainable future.

The launch of our Strategic Plan for 2024-2030 is a pivotal development, aligning our work with the global and national Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). This plan aims to promote in Nepal the concept and practice of green development where communities thrive through integrated natural resources management, climate-smart



agricultural practices, innovation, technology transformation and improved access to nutritious food. It reflects our commitment to fostering resilience and creating lasting positive change for future generations.

In this context, I extend my heartfelt thanks to our donors, partners, and stakeholders. Your unwavering support has been crucial in driving our success and making a real difference. As we move forward, I invite you to continue this journey with us. Together, we can build a brighter, more sustainable future for Nepal, ensuring that every person has an easy and unhindered access to healthy food and a thriving environment to enjoy for lasting happiness. Thank you for your steadfast support and for believing in the transformative power of our shared efforts.

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Shrikrishna Upadhyay

Message from the Executive Director

Dear partners and friends,

It is with an immense pleasure that we are hereby presenting to you the SAPPROS Nepal Annual Report, 2024. This report highlights our key achievements, outreach efforts, and the impactful stories that have defined our work over the past year. In that fiscal year, SAPPROS Nepal marked a significant milestone: completion of the 33 years of unwavering dedication towards improving the lives of impoverished, marginalized, and vulnerable individuals in Nepal's rural communities.

This past year, SAPPROS Nepal actively engaged in 12 projects, including several multi-year initiatives. With the valuable support of donors, local governments, our dedicated staff, and the communities we serve, we have made significant progress in enhancing food security, expanding livelihoods opportunities, and empowering individuals to advocate for their socioeconomic advancement.

A significant highlight of this year was the launch of our Strategic Plan for 2024-2030. This plan outlines our vision for a green and prosperous Nepal where communities thrive through sustainable practices, healthy lifestyles, and improved livelihoods. Additionally, we introduced a quarterly newsletter to strengthen our engagement with stakeholders. As we look to the future, we remain committed to driving positive change and empowering marginalized and vulnerable



groups in Nepal. The achievements outlined in this report are a testament to the collective efforts of many.

Here again, I wish to extend my sincere gratitude to our funding agencies, development partners, the government of Nepal, and the individuals and communities who have supported us in delivering our developmental services in Nepal. The impacts we have achieved together reflect our shared commitment to building sustainable livelihoods for the marginalized and vulnerable people in the rural and disadvantaged areas of the country. Naturally, I earnestly look forward to continuing this fruitful partnership and tackling even greater challenges in the years ahead.

Many thanks for your unwavering support in this vital mission of SAPPROS Nepal!

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Dr. Ek Raj Ojha

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Abbreviations

BS	Bikram Samvat (Bikram era – Nepalese calendar year)
CRS	Catholic Relief Service
DRR	Disaster Risk Reduction
FY	Fiscal Year
GESI	Gender, Equality and Social
LRP	Livelihoods Restoration Program
MCA Nepal	Millennium Challenge Account Nepal
MCC	Millennium Challenge Corporation
MCHN	Mother and Child Health Nutrition
MT	Metric Ton
NGO	Non-Governmental Organization
NRs.	Nepalese rupees
PAPs	Project-Affected Persons
Rs.	Rupees
SAPPROS Nepal	Support Activities for Poor Producers of Nepal
SDG	Sustainable Development Goals
S. N.	Serial number
WASH	Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene
WFP	World Food Program
WUG	Water Users' Group



Introduction

About Us

SAPPROS Nepal is a prominent national non-profit, non-governmental organization (NGO) committed to alleviating poverty in Nepal. Registered in Nepal, the organization’s primary focus is on rural communities, aiming to diminish poverty through strategic approaches. This includes constructing productive infrastructures, mobilizing local resources, and ensuring meaningful involvement of women, the poor, vulnerable, and marginalized individuals in development planning and decision-making processes.

Over the span of the past 33 years, SAPPROS Nepal has significantly expanded its reach to encompass 55 districts, with a particular emphasis on remote areas and regions that rank low on the country’s overall development index, such as Province 2 and

Karnali Province. SAPPROS concentrates its efforts on five essential thematic areas: (i) Organizational development and capacity building; (ii) Infrastructure and WASH; (iii) Food security and livelihood; (iv) DRR, and Resilience and Climate Justice; and (v) Health and Nutrition.

By adhering to the principles of integrating institutions, infrastructure, resource generation, and local capacity development, SAPPROS Nepal strives to achieve sustainable development and enhance the resilience of women, and poor, marginalized, and vulnerable groups of people. The organization has made a significant impact by serving and positively impacting the lives of over 600 thousand households in Nepal through the execution of a substantially large variety and number of development projects.

Legal Status

Year of establishment	1991 AD
Registration and Affiliation details	Registration at: District Administration Office, Kathmandu
	Registration date: 2048/05/27 (12 Sept 1991)
	Registration no.: 88/2048/2049
	Social Welfare Council (SWC), Kathmandu, Nepal Date: 2048/06/17 BS (3 Oct 1991)
PAN/VAT details	No.: 500199385
	Date: 2057/12/17 (30 Mar 2001)

Prime Premises



Vision

SAPPROS Nepal envisions a green Nepal, healthy lifestyle for improved livelihoods, resilience and wellbeing.



Mission

Empowering communities and residence across Nepal to embrace sustainable practices, fostering healthy lifestyles, and enhancing livelihoods through education, advocacy, and innovative initiatives. We strive to build resilience, protect the environment, and create lasting positive change for current and future generations.



Core values

The core value of SAPPROS Nepal is to promoting practices that preserve and protect the environment, ensuring the long-term health and viability of Nepal's natural resources. Also, prioritize the health and well-being of individuals and communities, striving to improve peoples' livelihoods and foster resilience in the face of challenges.

SAPPROS Nepal believes in empowering individuals and communities to actively participate in decision-making processes, enabling them to create positive change and build a better future for themselves and their families. It also embraces creativity and innovation to addressing social, environmental, and economic challenges, constantly seeking new and effective solutions to improve lives and promote sustainability.



Goal

To promote sustainable development practices, foster healthy lifestyles, and enhance livelihoods across Nepal, thereby contributing to the creation of a greener, healthier, and more resilient society.

Thematic Areas

				
Organizational Development and Capacity Building	Infrastructure and WASH	Food Security and Livelihoods	DRR/M, Resilience, and Climate Justice	Education, Health, and Nutrition

Major Objectives

- i. Enhance skills, capacities, and techniques to improve food production and quality as well as the local food security while reducing food losses and waste.
- ii. Collaborate with local communities to protect and preserve natural resources.
- iii. Increase access to resources and climate resilient technologies and infrastructure for the agricultural sector.
- iv. Support sustainable livelihoods such as organic farming and ecotourism.
- v. Improve household income through agroecology practices and market access.
- vi. Promote gender equity and social inclusion in all development efforts.
- vii. Build community resilience to natural disasters and climate change.
- viii. Advocate for policies supporting green, safe, and healthy food.



Participation in **World Social Forum, 2024**

Healthy Food Movement spreads through the World Social Forum, 2024



SAPPROS Nepal made a significant impact at the World Social Forum, 2024, held in Kathmandu under the theme 'Another World is Possible'. Gathering participants from 92 nations, the event provided a global platform for SAPPROS to showcase its work and engage with a diverse audience. Through a dedicated stall, the organization distributed over 2,000 copies of its varied publications, highlighting its initiatives and achievements. Former Chairperson Mr. Shrikrishna Upadhyay participated as a co-organizer and delivered a powerful speech on the organization's 'Healthy Food Movement', emphasizing the intrinsic linkage between food and sustainable development. His insights sparked engaging discussions, underscoring the organization's commitment to addressing the growing global challenges.

Strategic Planning, **2024 – 2030**

On 20 April 2024, SAPPROS Nepal convened a transformative vision retreat at Nagarkot in Bhaktapur. This gathering brought together our esteemed board members and dedicated staff for an in-depth exploration of the organization's mission, vision, core values, and strategic direction.

The retreat served as a medium for fostering a shared understanding among participants and our strategic planning team. By delving into our current position and collectively envisioning our five-year aspirations, we laid the groundwork for a distinctive future trajectory. Open dialogues, thoughtful reflections, and strategic planning were at the heart of the retreat, reinforcing our commitment to sustainable development and community empowerment. The outcomes of this event will inform the development of a robust vision aligned with the needs and priorities of the rural communities of Nepal, in particular.

Adding to the significance of the day, SAPPROS Nepal’s board members and Executive Director proudly launched our inaugural newsletter. This marks a major milestone in our communication efforts, as we aim to strengthen engagement with stakeholders by providing regular updates on our initiatives, achievements, and planning for the future.

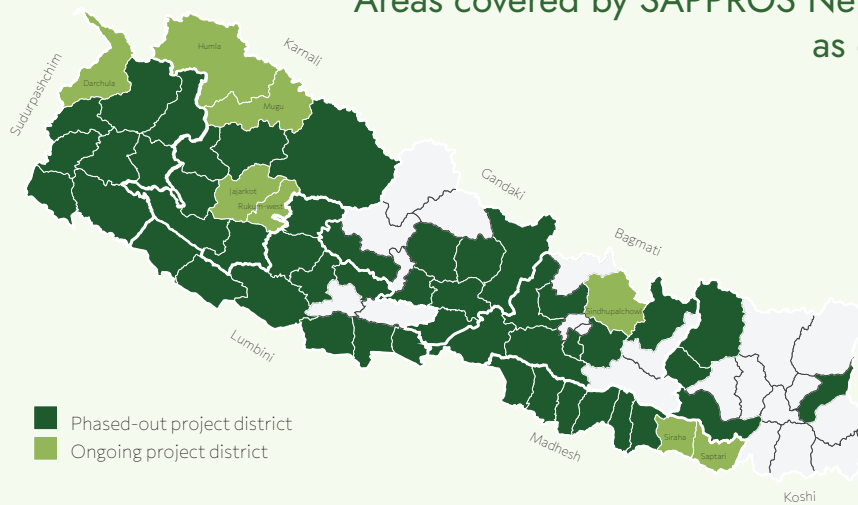


Key Features

Target areas

Extended across 14 districts, including Humla and Mugu, which are known for their challenging terrain and limited access to development programs.

Areas covered by SAPPROS Nepal projects, as of July 2024



Impact Coverage



Through our diverse range of activities, we reached over **158,000 individuals** across these districts, as illustrated in the accompanying map.

Household Impacts



Directly helped **38,520 households** to increase household income through various programs and initiatives.

Partnerships and Collaborations



Collaborations with various organizations and entities were integral to our achievements in 2023/2024.

Local and International NGOs



Partnered with organizations such as WFP, IFAD, Mercy Corps, CBM Global, Renewable World, CRS, MCA Nepal to implement joint projects focused on education, food security, and livelihood enhancement.

Government Agencies



Worked closely with local and national government bodies to ensure our interventions were both sustainable and scalable.



Table 1: Summary of the most recently completed and the ongoing projects

S. N.	Project	Location	Beneficiaries	Funding agency	Project period	
					From	To
1.	SAMUNNATI - Prosperity through inclusive livelihoods	Sindhupalchok	1081 individuals	CBM Global	Jan 2020	Dec 2023
2.	Ratmate LRP Implementation	Nuwakot	269 households	MCA Nepal	Mar 2022	May 2024
3.	JP - Rural Women's Economic Empowerment (JP RWEE -II)	Siraha and Saptari	Total 6,000 beneficiaries including 5,500 rural women and 500 men	WFP	Apr 2023	Dec 2024
4.	Leveraging Women's Leadership and Empowerment in Value Chain for Resilient Livelihoods (Women in Value Chain in Kailali district)	Kailali	3800 smallholder women farmers,	WFP	May 2023	Mar 2024
5.	JP - Rural Women's Economic Empowerment -II	Siraha and Saptari	Total 6,000 beneficiaries including 5,500 rural women and 500 men	IFAD	Sept 2023	Aug 2025
6.	Mother and Child Health and Nutrition Programme (MCHN)	Mugu and Humla		WFP	July 2023	July 2024
7.	Home-Grown School Meal Programme (HGSMP)	Darchula	336 Schools, 21,748 students, 226 groups, 5,800 households, 9 demo plots, 16 cooperatives	WFP/ Mercy Corps	Jan 2024	Dec 2024
9.	Strengthening Resilience of Assets and Food Security Enhancement (SAFE)	Rukum West	5,800 HHs, additionally 2,900 PBMGs and children of 6-23 months	WFP	May 2024	Jan 2025
10.	Supporting the Resilience and Livelihoods of Earthquake-affected Communities	Jajarkot	193 earthquake-affected households	CECI Nepal	May 2024	Aug 2024
11.	Using Renewable Energy to Kickstart Agriculture in Achham (UREKA)	Achham	495 hill-top households	RW	Jan 2021	Dec 2023
12.	Resilient Communities through Vulnerable Earthquake Recovery (ReCoVER)	Kaski, Tanahun, Lamjung, Chitawan and Makawanpur	6240 earthquakes-affected and vulnerable households	CRS	Jan 2021	Dec 2023

SAMUNNATI - Prosperity through inclusive livelihood

The project was initially planned for three years but was extended for an additional year due to the impacts of COVID-19 and the devastating Melamchi flood. Throughout its duration, the project has achieved significant success in multiple areas, providing substantial support to persons with disabilities and their communities. It has particularly excelled in local planning processes, empowering self-help groups (SHGs) to improve livelihoods and access rights from local government bodies. As a result, there has been better access to financial services, social security schemes, and ID cards. The project also supported climate-resilient livelihood opportunities by introducing improved technologies, farm management skills, and demand-based vocational training, thereby providing better socioeconomic opportunities.



1 Jan 2020 –
31 Dec 2023



Sindhupalchok
district



Status
Completed

Partners

CBM Global with the
funding support from
CBM Australia

Ratmate LRP implementation

The project aimed to restore the livelihoods of 269 Project-Affected Persons (PAPs) in the Ratmate area, displaced by the Electricity Transmission Project (ETP) construction. It focused on agricultural enhancement, skill-based training, financial literacy, and cooperative establishment. The program led to improved agricultural productivity, increased income, enhanced employability, and better access to savings and credit for the PAPs. The envisioned outcomes included higher agricultural productivity, skill development and employment opportunities, and improved access to savings and credit through cooperative and institutional support.



18 March
2022 to 31
May 2024

(including 1.5 months no-cost extension)



Nuwakot
district



Status
Completed

Partners
MCA Nepal

JP - Rural Women Economic Empowerment (JP RWEE - II)



The project contributes to securing livelihood, rights, and resilience of 6,000 individuals by improving vulnerable communities' food security, sustainable income, and resilience to climate and other shocks. It aims to improve the resilience of farmers to climate change, disasters, price volatility, and other shocks, and improve agricultural value-chain and diversified income paving the way for women farmers' economic empowerment.



April 2023 to
Dec 2024



Siraha and Saptari
districts



Status
Ongoing

(in its second year)

Partners
World Food
Programme (WFP)

Leveraging Women’s Leadership and Empowerment in Value Chain for Resilient Livelihoods (Women in Value Chain) Phase II (WIVC - II)



The project aimed to empower 3,800 smallholder women farmers. It focused on increasing access to resilient agricultural technologies, information, and services, thereby enhancing the economic empowerment of rural women. Additionally, the project will facilitate reliable market access for these farmers, improve their entrepreneurship capacity, and strengthen business leadership along the agricultural value chain. It also seeks to raise awareness of gender equality, enhance leadership skills, and build the capacity of rural women for collective bargaining, ultimately establishing women’s leadership and access within the value chain.



18 May 2024
14 March 2024



Kailali
district



Status
Completed

Partner
World Food
Programme (WFP)

JP - Rural Women Economic Empowerment (JP RWEE - II)

The program's target beneficiaries are 5,500 rural women and 500 men to address the structural barriers that prevent women's socio-economic empowerment by strengthening their economic capacity and resilience. The project is strengthening the leadership and participation of rural women in the production and management of economic activities, enhancing their decision-making capacity at the household, community, and local levels, helping them to develop community assets, addressing the structural barriers, promoting gender justice and increase the overall labor productivity of the women and men. In addition, financial education and business literacy (FEBL) support the development of financial management capacity and access to finance.



Sep 2023 to
Aug 2025



Siraha and Saptari
districts



Status
Ongoing

Partner
International Fund
for Agriculture
Development (IFAD)

Mother and Child Health and Nutrition Programme (MCHN)



17 July 2023 to
16 July 2024



Humla and Mugu
districts



Status
Completed

Partner
World Food
Programme (WFP)

This project aimed to combat high rates of malnutrition among pregnant and lactating women and young children. Focusing on reducing stunting, wasting, and underweight indicators, the program enhanced access to essential health and nutrition services, raises awareness of healthy practices, and promotes the use of government services. It empowers local communities through capacity building, fostering ownership, and collaboration with government agencies and local health workers. Key goals included reducing stunting in children under 24 months, reducing wasting and anemia among pregnant and lactating women and children, and improving maternal and child feeding practices. The program helped to strengthen provincial and local government implementation capacity through training, monitoring, and supervision.

Home-Grown School Meal Programme (HGSMP)

The project aims to enhance the capacity of local governments and schools in the district to independently procure and provide diversified and nutritious meals through the government’s cash-based school meals programme. By focusing on sustainable practices, the project seeks to build the competencies of local governments and schools in effectively utilizing funds to source locally produced nutritious foods. It supports local governments in integrating school meal programs into their annual plans, policies, and guidelines to ensure the efficient operation of these initiatives. The project also aims to empower local cooperatives and farmers’ groups to view school meals as a viable market opportunity, facilitating regular production and sales through forward contracts. By diversifying school menus with fresh vegetables and fruits, the project seeks to improve the nutritional quality of meals provided through the Food for Education Programme (FFEP).



Jan 2023 - Dec 2023



Darchula district



Status

Completed

(three years and currently running in the fourth/final year)

Partner

Mercy Corps with the WFP as the lead organization; funded by USDA/ Food for Education

Dignity through Livelihoods-Improvement for Persons with Disabilities in Nepal (SAMANATA)

The project aims to improve the socio-economic conditions of 1,650 individuals including 1,500 people with disabilities and 150 marginalized groups in Balefi Rural Municipality and Chautara Sangachokgadhi Rural Municipality, Sindhupalchowk. The project seeks to increase the voice and participation of people with disabilities in local development and decision-making processes and enhance their economic security through inclusive livelihood opportunities and support. Activities will include forming self-help groups, linking them with social networks, facilitating access to social services, developing leadership among women with disabilities, supporting financial literacy and business skills, promoting inclusive agro-based technologies, and sharing good practices with stakeholders.



Jan 2024 - Dec 2026



Sindhupalchowk district



Status
Ongoing

Partner

CBM Global with the funding support from CBM Australia

Strengthening Resilience of Assets and Food Security Enhancement (SAFE)



15 May 2024 - Dec 2024



Rukum West district



Status
Ongoing

Partners

WFP with the funding support from FCDO

This eight-month project, being implemented in three municipalities of Rukum West aims to improve food security, livelihoods, and nutritional well-being of Jajarkot earthquake-affected and vulnerable families. The project focuses on building community assets and infrastructure, providing conditional and unconditional cash transfers, offering skill training programs, and developing critical public facilities, including road improvements. It targets 5,800 households: 3,140 for cash-for-work, 340 for cash-for-training, and 2,320 for unconditional support, which includes households without able-bodied members aged 18-59, pregnant or breastfeeding women, persons with disabilities, the elderly, and individuals with chronic illnesses. Each household will receive NPR 36,000, with an additional nutritional top-up of NPR 10,000 for those with pregnant or breastfeeding women and children under 23 months.

Supporting the Resilience and Livelihoods of Earthquake-affected Communities



The project aims to support 193 earthquake-affected households by improving their livelihoods and ensuring food security. Through innovative farming and livestock techniques tailored to their needs, the project seeks to enhance income prospects and promote sustainable agriculture. Additionally, by restoring irrigation systems and providing access to clean water, the project aims to contribute to the restoration of food security within the target communities. These interventions are expected to help earthquake-affected households recover from the disaster and build resilience for the future.



15 May 2024 to
30 August 2024

(including 1 months' time extension)



Jajarkot district



Status
Ongoing

Partner
CECI

Using Renewable Energy to Kickstart Agriculture in Achham (UREKA)

This project aimed to improve the livelihoods of 495 households (2,723 individuals) in five rural communities by leveraging solar pumping technology and climate-smart agriculture. It helped to address high male out-migration, limited water access, and food insecurity by installing renewable energy-powered water systems to ensure equitable water distribution for domestic, agricultural, and livestock use. The project also strengthened the capacity of local agricultural cooperatives and communities in sustainable farming, safe water use, and hygiene practices, with a focus on supporting female-headed households and those led by people with disabilities.



1 Jan 2021 to
31 Dec 2023

(including 3 months' time extension)



Achham district



Status
Completed

Partner
Renewable World
with funding support
from 1. Beazley; 2.
Unica Foundation and
3. EKO Energy

Resilient Communities through Vulnerable Earthquake Recovery (ReCoVER)



Jan 2021 –
Dec 2023



Kaski, Tanahun, Lam-
jung, Chitwan and
Makawanpur districts



Status
Completed

Partner
CRS



This three-year multisectoral initiative aimed to assist 6,240 households affected by the 2015 earthquake in Nepal. Operating in 15 municipalities across five districts, the project helped 4,000 households construct safer homes and provided livelihood assistance to all 6,240 families to enhance economic resilience. Key efforts included Lumanti's focus on rebuilding homes, while SAPPROS supported communities in restoring critical water supplies and specific trainings preceded input supports for livelihood activities, imparting technical knowledge and skills related to agricultural support for crops such as potato, cucumber, tomato, cauliflower, beans, turmeric, ginger, and brinjal, and livestock support for goat, buck, and poultry rearing.

Key Achievements in 2023/2024:

Advancing Community Empowerment and Resilience



Organizational Development and Capacity Building

- » Conducted approximately **895 training events and workshops**, benefiting over 38,500 local leaders and community members.
- » Strengthened more than 501 local institutions and governance structures, including schools, cooperatives, and OPDs, through targeted interventions.



Infrastructure and WASH

- » Constructed **58 water supply systems**, ensuring access to clean water for **2,214 households**.
- » Implemented three deep borehole irrigation schemes, benefiting **20 hectares of land**.
- » Promoted the use of **118 electric water motor pumps**, which now serve **78 hectares of land**.
- » Launched hygiene promotion campaigns, reaching **29,000 school students** with essential health information.



Food Security and Livelihood

- » Introduced high-yield, climate-resilient crops and seeds to **5,937 farmers**, increasing agricultural productivity by **30 percent**.
- » Established one **multi-purpose farmer cooperative** and **two market centers** to enhance linkages and promote fair trade practices



Disaster Risk Reduction/ Management, Resilience and Climate Justice

- » Empowered over **3,300 individuals** to use mobile apps related to climate information, agricultural advisory, and market information systems.



Education, Health, and Nutrition

- » Constructed **70 school kitchens** and provided basic utensils to **37 schools**, benefiting students by creating better learning environments and improving access to nutritious food.
- » Distributed **175.272 metric tons** of fortified blended food to pregnant and lactating women and children.
- » Provided training to **204 health workers** and **449 Female Community Health Volunteers (FCHVs)** on comprehensive maternal and child health and nutrition.
- » Disseminated **3,487 IEC materials** related to nutrition and sustainable consumption, enhancing household diets.



Annual Program Highlights and Achievements



Organizational Development and Capacity Building

In the past year, SAPPROS Nepal has achieved substantial progress in strengthening local leadership and enhancing governance structures through its organizational development and capacity-building initiatives. Approximately 895 training events and workshops were organized, benefiting over 38,520 local leaders and community members. These initiatives focused on equipping participants with the skills and knowledge necessary to drive sustainable development in their communities.

Furthermore, SAPPROS reinforced over 500 local institutions, including schools, cooperatives, and Organizations of Persons with Disabilities (OPDs). Through targeted interventions, these institutions have seen significant improvements in their governance structures and operational capabilities. As a result, these local bodies are now more resilient, better capable of effectively managing resources, advocating for community needs, and contributing to long-term development goals.

Infrastructure and WASH

SAPPROS Nepal has made significant strides in improving infrastructure and access to Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) services, with a direct positive impact on thousands of households. The construction of 58 water supply systems provided clean and reliable water access to 2,176 households, improving health outcomes and reducing the time burden of water collection, especially for women and children. The project supported the construction of water supply systems, including public taps for communal use, in alignment with the 'One House One Tap' government policy. Through collaboration with local governments and communities, 58 water schemes were successfully completed and handed over to user communities, benefiting 10,610 individuals. These efforts have provided year-round irrigation facilities to over 70.56 hectares of land, contributing to the Sustainable Development Goal 6: Ensuring availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all.

The project also implemented three deep borehole irrigation schemes, benefiting 20 hectares of agricultural land. This has promoted food security by ensuring a consistent water supply for farming activities. Additionally, the introduction of 118 electric water motor pumps revolutionized irrigation practices, now serving 78 hectares of land and enhancing agricultural productivity and sustainability. These projects successfully generated substantial matching contributions from local governments and communities. Borehole projects secured approximately 29% of the total NPR 8,278,844, while other supply projects raised 31.34 percent of NPR 65,163,150.

Hygiene promotion campaigns were also a significant component of SAPPROS Nepal's work. These campaigns reached 29,000 school students, imparting essential health information and fostering better hygiene practices among the youth, which contributes to healthier school environments and communities.



Food Security and Livelihoods



SAPPROS Nepal has continued its commitment to enhancing food security and livelihood opportunities, with particular focus on introducing high-yield, climate-resilient crops and seeds to over 6,000 farmers. Endline survey has shown a 30 percent rise in agricultural productivity, helping farmers adapt to climate change and secure their livelihoods.

To further support agricultural development, SAPPROS Nepal established one multi-purpose farmer cooperative and two market centers. These institutions are vital in enhancing market linkages, promoting fair trade practices, and ensuring farmers receive fair prices for their produce. This approach has empowered local farmers, contributing to their economic independence and overall community resilience.

Additionally, 337 farmers from 120 groups were trained on using Agriculture

Management Information Systems, climate information, agricultural advisories, and market information systems. These efforts were particularly aimed at women farmers, empowering them with knowledge of modern agricultural technologies that can improve farming practices and enhance resilience to climate change.

An endline study conducted under the SAMUNNATI Project in Sindhupalchok district has shown significant economic improvements for 193 members, including 81 women with disabilities, through various income-generating activities. The project staff tracked their income quarterly, revealing that these members collectively earned NPR 3,998,767.00 annually (approximately NPR 20,719 per person per year) by selling products in local markets. While this figure might seem modest, it represents a remarkable achievement for these targeted communities.

In addition, the project facilitated the formation of 32 Self-Help Groups (SHGs) as savings and credit groups, dramatically increasing access to financial services for persons with disabilities. The number of individuals benefiting from these services grew from 193 at the baseline to 908 by the project's end. This enhanced access to financial services has been a critical factor in improving the economic stability and independence of persons with disabilities in these communities.

Similarly, the endline results showed a significant increase in income levels, with the mean income of project-affected persons (PAPs) in Ratmate LRP growing by 43 percent compared to the baseline indicators.

Education, Health, and Nutrition

SAPPROS Nepal has been instrumental in improving education, health, and nutrition outcomes, especially for vulnerable populations. This year, a remarkable achievement was the construction of 70 school kitchens at a total cost of NPR 39,133,816. Notably, 50% of this funding was provided by local governments, demonstrating their commitment to the project. Additionally, 37 schools were equipped with basic utensils, significantly enhancing the learning environment and ensuring students have access to nutritious meals, which are essential for their cognitive and physical development.

The project distributed 175.272 metric tons of fortified blended food to pregnant and lactating women and children, addressing critical nutritional needs and contributing to better maternal and child health outcomes. Additionally, 204 health workers and 449 Female Community Health Volunteers (FCHVs) were trained on comprehensive maternal and child health and nutrition, further strengthening community health systems.



Social Behavior Change (SBC) activities were conducted, reaching 1,266 school students, educating them on balanced nutrition, healthy eating habits, and the importance of a diverse diet. These sessions emphasized the significance of consuming a range of foods, including fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and livestock products, thereby promoting long-term health benefits.

SAPPROS Nepal's Home-Grown School Feeding (HGSF) program fosters a sustainable food system. Over 1,700 women farmers participated in training events, enabling them to integrate their local produce into school menus designed by local governments. These women's groups now directly sell their agricultural products to schools, ensuring a reliable supply chain. As a result, 16,272 students from Early Childhood Development to grade five now benefit from nutritious midday meals. Notably, some women from these groups have been employed as school cooks, receiving praise for their contributions to providing healthy meals.

To further strengthen the program, SAPPROS Nepal conducted five training sessions for 132 school cooks across three municipalities in WIVC program. These sessions focused on preparing high-quality meals according to the designated menus, emphasizing hygiene, safety, and cleanliness. This initiative not only ensures safe and nutritious food for students but also strengthens the connection between women farmers and schools.

Disaster Risk Reduction/Management, Resilience and Climate Justice



Recognizing the critical importance of disaster risk reduction and climate justice, SAPPROS Nepal has empowered over 3,300 individuals to utilize mobile apps related to climate information, agricultural advisory, and market information systems. These digital tools provide timely and accurate information, enabling communities to make informed decisions, reduce their vulnerability to climate-related risks, and enhance their adaptive capacity.

SAPPROS also provided orientations on legal provisions, advocacy strategies, local resource mobilization, and Disability-Inclusive Disaster Risk Reduction (DIDRR) to 37 Self-Help Groups (SHGs) comprising 786 members, including 319 women and 763 persons with disabilities. These orientations have significantly contributed to the empowerment of marginalized groups, fostering a proactive approach to disaster management and climate resilience.

SAPPROS Nepal's efforts in DRR and local-level planning have been impactful, particularly through the provision of orientation sessions on legal provisions, advocacy, and resource mobilization. This has included specific focus on Disability-Inclusive Disaster Risk Reduction (DIDRR), reaching a diverse group of participants, including those with various disabilities. A total of 899 persons with disabilities received ID cards, enabling them to access and renew essential services from local municipalities. The project also supported 240 assistive devices to individuals with disabilities, enhancing their quality of life and enabling better participation in community activities. Additionally, SAPPROS assisted Helambu Municipality in conducting Vulnerability and Capacity Assessments (VCA) at the ward level, contributing to the development of an inclusive disaster plan for the entire municipality.

Challenges



Reaching Remote and Vulnerable Populations

Reaching geographically remote and vulnerable populations, such as those with disabilities, elderly citizens, and landless individuals, remains a significant challenge. These groups are often isolated due to difficult terrains, inadequate transportation infrastructure, and social exclusion. The lack of accessible infrastructure and tailored interventions further complicates efforts to support these communities. Overcoming these barriers requires substantial resources and coordination, often leading to delays in project implementation.

Addressing Diverse Needs

Engaging all participants in the offered livelihood options has proven difficult due to various factors, including workforce

limitations, challenges in co-investment, and restricted market access. Many rural households face workforce constraints, as family members are often involved in multiple livelihoods or are unavailable due to migration. Additionally, marginalized communities frequently struggle with co-investment, lacking the initial capital or resources to invest in new livelihood opportunities. Poor infrastructure and limited connectivity further hinder market access, making it difficult for participants to sell their products or procure necessary inputs for livelihood activities.

Coordination Delays

The implementation of projects is often delayed due to coordination challenges among multiple stakeholders, including government agencies, NGOs, and local communities. These delays are frequently caused by bureaucratic hurdles and the need for multiple levels of approval. Furthermore,

the absence of standardized agreements and procedures between NGOs and local government offices in Nepal exacerbates these delays, particularly during the implementation phase.

Staff Retention and Turnover

High staff turnover and shortages, particularly in isolated areas with short-term projects, pose significant challenges to maintaining oversight and ensuring the continuity of project activities. Retaining trained technical staff in these remote regions has been particularly difficult, impacting the overall effectiveness and sustainability of the initiatives.

Limited Financial Literacy

A lack of basic financial literacy among participants, especially in rural areas, continues to hinder their ability to access financial institutions and manage their finances effectively. Financial literacy rates are significantly lower in rural Nepal compared to urban centers. This gap in financial knowledge prevents rural populations from effectively managing their resources, accessing formal financial services, and leveraging opportunities for saving, investing, or obtaining credit. Consequently, many still rely on informal financial systems, which can limit their economic growth and financial security.



Learnings

Tailoring Livelihoods Options to Diverse Needs

Providing a variety of livelihood options that cater to different vulnerabilities and skill sets is essential for ensuring project success and sustainability. By offering choices with varying levels of investment, skill requirements, and market accessibility, projects can better address the diverse needs of participant groups, including marginalized communities and those with limited resources.

Streamlining Stakeholder Agreements and Communication

Expediting project implementation requires streamlining agreements and communication among stakeholders. Establishing clear, standardized agreements and efficient communication channels between government agencies, NGOs, and local communities can significantly reduce delays, ensuring that services are delivered in a timely manner as well as multiply resource leverages.

Ensuring Adequate Staffing and Capacity Building

Adequate staffing is critical for the effective oversight, follow-up, and sustainability of projects. Investing in the continuous training and capacity building of existing staff, along with recruiting additional personnel where necessary, is vital to maintain project momentum and ensure that activities are carried out efficiently, even in remote or challenging environments.

Aligning Project Interventions with Market Realities

Understanding and integrating local market practices into project recommendations is crucial for aligning interventions with the realities faced by participants. For example, considering local preferences and the availability of resources, such as the age of livestock or crop varieties, can enhance the relevance and uptake of project recommendations. Collaboration with local suppliers and providing targeted training to participants can bridge gaps between project objectives and market dynamics.



Integrating Financial Literacy into Project Activities

Incorporating financial literacy training into project activities empowers participants to manage their finances more effectively and access formal financial institutions. This is especially important in rural areas where financial literacy levels are lower. By enhancing participants' financial knowledge, projects can contribute to the long-term success and sustainability of livelihood interventions, helping communities to build economic resilience and independence.

Leveraging Local Knowledge and Resources

Projects that leverage local knowledge, resources, and community networks are more likely to be sustainable and have a lasting impact. Involving local leaders and institutions in the planning and implementation phases ensures that interventions are culturally appropriate and that they align with the community's existing structures and practices. This approach also fosters local ownership, which is crucial for the continuity and scalability of project outcomes.

Addressing the Unique Needs of Marginalized Groups

A focused approach to addressing the unique needs of marginalized groups, such as persons with disabilities, women, and elderly populations, is crucial. Tailored interventions that consider these groups' specific challenges, such as mobility issues, social exclusion, and access to resources, are essential for ensuring their full participation and benefit from development initiatives.

Financial Overview

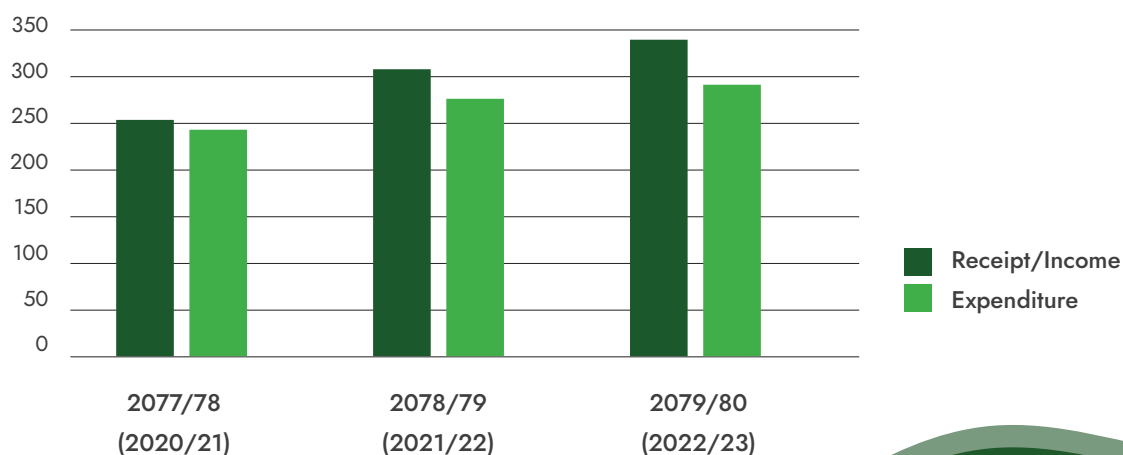
Balance Sheet (As on 31st Ashad 2080)

Particulars	Schedule	Current Year NPR	Previous Year NPR
<u>Assets</u>			
Current Assets			
Advance, Deposit & Receivables	2	54,733,289.92	25,738,800.70
Receivable from Donor	3	2,320,102.00	1,637,973.70
Bank, Cash & Cash Equivalents	4	34,569,284.53	30,679,026.31
Total Current Assets		91,622,676.45	58,055,800.71
Non Current Assets			
Fixed Assets	1	3,646,813.25	4,607,605.75
Total Fixed Assets		3,646,813.25	4,607,605.75
Total Assets		95,269,489.70	62,663,406.46
<u>Liabilities & Fund Balance</u>			
Current Liabilities			
Payables	5	39,699,480.16	11,550,387.73
Total Current Liabilities		39,699,480.16	11,550,387.73
Fund Balance			
Unrestricted Fund	6	9,451,623.29	20,248,710.00
Restricted Fund	7	46,118,386.25	30,864,308.73
Total Fund Balance		55,570,009.54	51,113,018.73
Total Liabilities & Fund Balance		95,269,489.70	62,663,406.46

Significant Accounting Policies and Notes to Account

Note: Schedule 1 to 7 & 18 form integral part of Balance Sheet

Turnover for Past Three Years (in million Nepalese Rupees)



Resilience Redeemed

The Transformative Tale of Mr. Santosh Nepali



In the serene landscape of Manhari Ward 7, Mr. Santosh Nepali's life took an extraordinary turn, weaving a tale of tenacity and transformation under the aegis of the ReCoVER program. A survivor of the 2072 earthquake, Santosh witnessed his home crumble, leaving him grappling with the financial maze of NPR 6,000 monthly rent. For 14 years, he labored as a daily wage earner in a Manhari Bazar garment emporium, his modest earnings stretched thin across his daughter's education, rent, and daily essentials.

The advent of the ReCoVER program brought

a glimmer of hope to Santosh. Through its crucial support, he not only reconstructed a resilient home but also received resources to launch a tailoring enterprise, offering a sustainable livelihood. This transformative initiative not only provided him with a secure residence but also liberated him from the uncertainties of daily wage labor.

As the proud owner of a flourishing tailoring establishment in Manhari Bazar, Mr. Nepali not only supports his family but becomes a source of employment for others. His success, like a ripple in a pond, contributes to the economic prosperity of the community. The Recover program, in essence, serves as an unequivocal catalyst for change, turning adversity into a triumphant tale for Mr. Santosh Nepali and his kin.

Overcoming Adversity

A Journey to Resilience and Financial Security

Ms. Ram Pari Ram, a 60-year-old resident of district, Nepal, had been engaged in agriculture and livestock farming for decades. She, along with her husband, son, and daughter-in-law, worked on a small plot of land and supplemented their income through sharecropping. Despite their hard work, their financial situation remained precarious due to limited resources and the unpredictable nature of agriculture.

The JP-RWEE II project provided a crucial turning point for Ram Pari Ram and other women farmers in the region. Through capacity-building training in Agriculture Information Management Systems, Nutrition and WASH, and Insurance, these women gained valuable knowledge and skills to improve their agricultural practices.

Recognizing the importance of risk management, Ms. Ram insured her two goats through a livestock insurance scheme. This decision proved to be a wise one when one of her goats tragically died during childbirth.

The loss of her goat was a significant emotional and financial setback for Ram Pari Ram and her family. However, she remained resilient and, with the support of the JP-RWEE II project team, initiated the insurance claim process. Despite facing challenges, she



successfully secured an insurance payout of NPR 9,000, which covered 90 percent of the insured amount.

Impact and Lessons Learned

Ram Pari Ram's successful insurance claim has inspired other smallholder women farmers in her community to consider livestock insurance as a means of financial protection. The JP-RWEE II project's intervention has empowered women farmers in Siraha and Saptari districts, capacitating over 3,000 participants and promoting the adoption of risk management strategies.

The case of Ms. Ram Pari Ram underscores the importance of livestock insurance in mitigating risks and ensuring financial stability for smallholder farmers. By providing a safety net and encouraging better farming practices, livestock insurance can help farmers build resilience and improve their livelihoods.

Empowered through Education The Transformative Impact of Financial Literacy on Rural Women



Ms. Bhutani Devi Ram, Ms. Poonam Chaudhary, and Ms. Gulfi Devi Ram, residents of Tilathi Koiladi and Sakhuwanankarkatti rural municipalities, faced significant challenges due to their limited education and social status. As women from rural backgrounds, they were often marginalized and denied opportunities for personal and professional growth.

The JP-RWEE II project provided these women with a platform for empowerment through financial education and business literacy (FEBL) training. The FEBL classes equipped them with essential knowledge and skills related to finance, gender equality, and leadership. Through the FEBL classes, these women learned to write their names, gained confidence in their abilities, and became more involved in their communities. They acquired valuable knowledge about financial management, which enabled them to make informed decisions about their finances and participate in income-generating activities.

The FEBL classes also played a crucial role in empowering these women socially. They became more assertive, confident, and

involved in decision-making processes within their households and communities. Their participation in the FEBL program has led to increased recognition and respect from their families and peers.

The FEBL classes have had a significant impact on the community. Hundreds of women have been able to deal with loans and savings, create joint family budgets, and engage in income-generating activities. The classes have also contributed to addressing gender violence, promoting leadership development, and fostering social change.

Lessons Learned

The success stories of Bhutani Devi Ram, Poonam Chaudhary, and Gulfi Devi Ram demonstrate the transformative power of financial literacy training for women in rural areas. By equipping women with the knowledge and skills they need to succeed, the JP RWEE II project has empowered them to overcome challenges, improve their lives, and contribute to the development of their communities.

A Second Chance in Life

Ailav Shahi's Recovery from Malnutrition

The Shahi household, residing in Soru Village, Ward 4, Mugu district, faced a challenging situation when their youngest son, Ailav Shahi, was diagnosed with severe malnutrition at just 15 months old. He weighed only 7 kg, and his Mid-Upper Arm Circumference (MUAC) was a concerning 110 mm. Despite their best efforts, the family was unable to provide Ailav with the necessary nutrition to support his growth and development.

Hope arrived for the Shahi family through the Mother and Child Health and Nutrition (MCHN) Program in the Karnali region. Ailav was enrolled in the program and began receiving regular check-ups at the Outpatient Therapeutic Care (OTC) center. He was also provided with the Ready-to-Use Therapeutic Food (RUTF) to address his nutritional needs. With the support of the MCHN program, Ailav's health began to improve significantly. His weight gradually increased, and his MUAC showed positive progress. Over the following months, Ailav's weight rose to a healthy 9 kg, and his MUAC reached 140 mm.



Ailav's successful recovery is a testament to the effectiveness of the MCHN program in addressing the nutritional needs of children in vulnerable communities. The program's interventions, including regular check-ups, therapeutic food, and nutritional counseling, played a crucial role in Ailav's recovery.

From Adversity to Empowerment

Bijay Tamang's Journey to Economic Independence

Mr. Bijay Tamang, a 49-year-old resident of Bolde, Ward 5 in Helambu rural municipality, Sindhupalchok district, faced numerous challenges due to a leg injury and the devastating 2015 earthquake. Despite owning 2 acres of land, his farming efforts were insufficient to meet his family's basic needs. The earthquake further exacerbated his situation by damaging his house and leaving him economically vulnerable.

The SAMUNNATI project provided a ray of hope for Bijay. By joining the project's group, he found a new avenue for income generation through carpet weaving and received valuable support. With newfound skills and confidence acquired through project training, Bijay now plans to independently purchase yarn to increase his income.

Bijay's active participation in the group and his dedication to his craft have led to significant economic growth. He has become a respected member of the community, recognized for his diligence and proactive nature. Bijay's primary goal is to significantly improve his household income through carpet weaving,



aiming to surpass earnings from food crops. In addition to his personal growth, Bijay has taken on the role of chairperson, advocating for disabled individuals at both the ward and municipality levels. He credits the SAMUNNATI project for elevating his economic status and empowering individuals with disabilities in his community.

Bijay's success story serves as a testament to the transformative impact of the SAMUNNATI project on the lives of persons with disabilities. By providing opportunities for economic empowerment and advocacy, the project has enabled individuals like Mr. Bijay to overcome adversity and build a better future.



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