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WORLD VISION INTERNATIONAL NEPAL



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The earthquake inflicted severe damages to my school and classroom. Because of the damages, our studies were halted for days. Although the teachers had managed to setup a tarpaulin later, I could not focus in my studies because of the disturbing environment. After the Temporary Learning Centre (TLC) support, I found it lot easier to focus in my studies and there isn't much difference between studying inside the TLC and the classroom where we were studying earlier.

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- BASANTA (MIDDLE), JAJARKOT

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I had to walk for hours to get to my college. Due to our financial instability, it was almost a regular struggle for me and my brother to buy uniforms, books, and stationaries. After my mother began farming with the support received, I have observed a huge transformation. With the bicycle, it has been a lot easier for me to go to college. My mother no longer has to stress on financial resources to purchase books for my studies.

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- ROSHAN (FIRST FROM LEFT), KAILALI





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I am 18 years old and I have stopped three child marriages. I was almost a victim of child marriage but I was saved. We know through our child club if somebody is getting married in our village. We know about possible incidents in other villages through the child club and friends from Rupantran training. They tell us about it and we inform our organization's staff and the police too.”

- NEHA, SARLAHI

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In Go-Baby-Go sessions, we learned to make many soft toys of different shades to help children recognize colours and we also learned how to utilize waste materials to make the toys.”

- SANGITA (MOTHER), SINDHULI



ABOUT US

WORLD VISION is a child-focused relief, development and advocacy organization that has contributed to transformation in the lives of millions of children around the world in vulnerable situations. WV aspires to achieve this through partnership with local communities, civil societies, donors, government and private sectors where we believe in mutual participation and trust, shared vision and goal, accountability and responsibility. We are child focused organization driven by Christian values to serve children and families regardless of their religion, age, gender, ethnicity, class and caste.

World Vision International Nepal (WVI Nepal) is a part of the World Vision International global partnership operating in nearly 100 countries. WVI started its long-term development programme in Nepal in 2001 to contribute for well-being of children. At present, WVI Nepal has long-term development programmes in 16 districts namely Udayapur, Sarlahi, Mahottari, Rautahat, Sindhuli, Kathmandu, Lamjung, Lalitpur, Jumla, Kailali, Kanchanpur, Achham, Doti, Dailekh, Jajarkot, and Bajhang across six provinces of Nepal.

OUR VISION

**OUR VISION FOR EVERY CHILD, LIFE IN ALL ITS FULLNESS
OUR PRAYER FOR EVERY HEART, THE WILL TO MAKE IT SO**

WORLD VISION INTERNATIONAL NEPAL'S GOAL FOR THE 2021-2025 STRATEGIC CYCLE

To improve the well-being of 0.8 million children in Nepal, in particular the most vulnerable ones, to be protected from violence, well-nourished, able to access quality and inclusive education and to experience positive and peaceful relationship in their families and communities.

OUR FOCUS



EDUCATION

Quality, safe and inclusive basic education is accessible for children



HEALTH & LIVELIHOOD (FOOD SECURITY, WASH)

Improve child health



RESILIENCE

Increase community resilience to disasters and economic shocks



PROTECTION

Increase protection for vulnerable groups

23

Years in operation

16

Districts

6

Provinces

150+

Staff

OUR CORE VALUES

We are Christian
We are committed to the poor
We value people
We are stewards, We are partners
We are responsive

OUR FUNDING

We receive funding from private donors and donor agencies through our support partners.

Support Offices	Donors & Partners
World Vision Australia, World Vision Canada, World Vision Hong Kong, World Vision Korea, World Vision Switzerland, World Vision Singapore, World Vision United Kingdom, World Vision Malaysia, World Vision Taiwan, World Vision Japan, World Vision Ireland, World Vision USA	Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), Start Fund (FCDO), Handicap International Nepal, World Education Nepal, MOFA Japan, Response Innovation Lab, The Polyfloss Factory, LEGO Foundation

NATIONAL DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

ROSLYN H. GABRIEL



I am pleased to share with you World Vision International Nepal's Annual Progress Report for the fiscal year 2023. The report highlights the results World Vision and its partners have achieved across its programming in nutrition and resilient livelihoods, inclusive and quality education, child protection, disaster risk management, and humanitarian emergency response programs with gender equality and social inclusion mainstreamed.

We have been able to positively impact the lives of 482,642 people, of whom 331,982 are children and 4,825 are people with disability. Through our collaborative efforts with the government, donors, sponsors, and partner NGOs, World Vision has supported local governments with 9 school buildings, 12 inclusive friendly toilets, 12 classrooms, and 4 drinking water schemes constructed across 16 of its working districts. Through our education programs, 333 children with disability have received assistive devices, individualized education plans as well as home support to give continuity to their education. We concluded the Lego Foundation funded Early Childhood Development project this year, which had a positive impact on 5,881 children including 2,908 girls and their families, and have leveraged learnings from the approaches piloted in this project across many of our education programs, extending our support to pre-school aged children in Nepal.

We have observed 5,893 children and adolescents growing in confidence and acting to support ending violence against children through Rupantaran sessions, community initiatives, and campaigning activities in their communities. 7,106 parents were reached through positive parenting sessions and encouraged to adopt positive behaviors towards children and adolescents, building trust in their children and generating a support system at home.

Of the 20,018 underweight children identified in the communities with World Vision's presence, 15,744 children have benefitted directly from nutritious food in our community-based feeding programs (positive deviance hearth sessions). Additionally, 6,481 pregnant women and caregivers of children of 0-59 months have been reached with nutrition counseling during the year and to address the root causes of malnutrition World Vision in Nepal has engaged with more than 8,000 producers (73% women)

across 365 producer groups, supporting market-led production. Production of these producers increased by 30% following a variety of interventions, supported through projects across the country.

World Vision has also responded in times of disaster. 1,719 HHs affected by landslides, flood, earthquake, cold-wave, fire and wind were supported with food and non-food items in FY23 and learnings from these responses will strengthen future programs.

As a result of our continuous engagement with Government ministries, we have contributed to 24 policy and guideline development processes at federal and provincial levels. World Vision has also worked closely with local governments towards the declaration of Child Friendly Local Governance (CFLG) resulting in the declaration of 5 wards as child-friendly over the past year. The declaration of CFLG has ensured the fulfilment and commitment of the local Government to eliminate child marriage and child labor from their communities.

World Vision has truly emerged as a trailblazing organization in the field of child wellbeing. What's even more exciting is that our progress and learning don't stop here. We have been able to replicate and scale our approach within different grant projects, reaching an even greater number of children and are committed to strengthening our approaches to gender equality and social inclusion (GESI) and community resilience. The progress and learnings highlighted in the reports are some of the key achievements that have been possible only through collaborative efforts with more than thirty local non-governmental organisations, the Government of Nepal, donors, sponsors, academia, the private sector, and like-minded organisations working alongside our staff members across 6 provinces of Nepal.

I extend my deepest appreciation to all.

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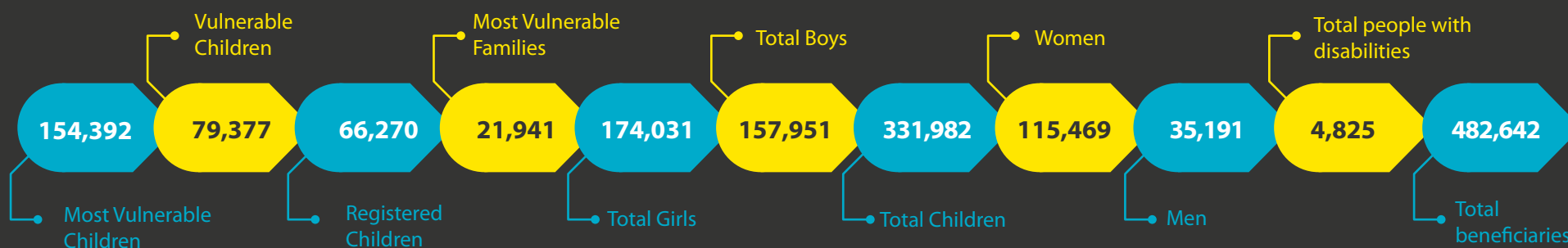
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SUMMARY

Total Budget of FY23
USD 15,177,542
 (2,014,140,288 Nepalese Rupees)

CATEGORIES OF BENEFICIARIES

Total reach FY23



OUR JOURNEY



INCLUSIVE AND

QUALITY EDUCATION

Improve equitable access to inclusive and quality education for children at a basic level



PROGRESS

- ▶ **58** schools and **23** madrassas implemented school improvement plans and were monitored through government support visits.
- ▶ **12** classrooms, **9** school buildings, **12** gender and inclusive friendly toilets, and **4** drinking water schemes constructed and handed over to respective schools.
- ▶ **1,118** children accessed non-formal education through Tole Shikshya community-based lessons and **42** mathematics teachers received refresher training for grades 4 to 8.
- ▶ **333** children with disability supported with assistive devices, individualized education plans, and home support.
- ▶ **3,420** Reading Awareness Workshop sessions conducted with parents and **714** vulnerable children supported with educational supplies.
- ▶ **15** story books in the local Rana Tharu language published.
- ▶ **3** local governments supported to develop local curriculum and workbooks for grades 1-8 and grade 6-8.
- ▶ Jay Prithvi Municipality supported in development of their 10-year Education Sector Plan.
- ▶ **363** teachers trained on Integrated curriculum and **237** Teachers trained on inclusive education and Print-rich materials development, improving the learning environment for children.
- ▶ **334** reading camps conducted in 6 districts where **8,331** grade 1-3 children attended after-school reading and learning activities in the community level, and **40,230** copies of story books were distributed in schools and reading camps, promoting improved reading and literacy skills.

Both children with and without disability play together and learn from each other. Children with disability feel included and participate equally. This has also led to reduced bullying at school.

— TEACHER

- ▶ **49** early childhood education and development (ECED) teachers of three districts were trained on ECED curriculum and minimum standards.
- ▶ **12,640** students practiced mock drills in 80 schools

The fiscal year 2023 has been remarkable in terms of realizing the educational goal of the organisation. Supporting schools with inclusive infrastructure and seating arrangements, developing the capacity of teachers on learner-centered and inclusive pedagogy, supporting local governments in the formulation of education plans and local curricula, fostering literacy skills of children through reading camps and non-formal education, and developing the capacity of caregivers and parents through reading awareness workshops have been the key highlights of FY 2023. The mid strategy review data has reflected an increase in the proportion of children in grade 3 achieving at least a minimum proficiency level in reading to 36 percent during the mid term evaluation which was only 9 percent in the baseline in schools supported by World Vision programs.



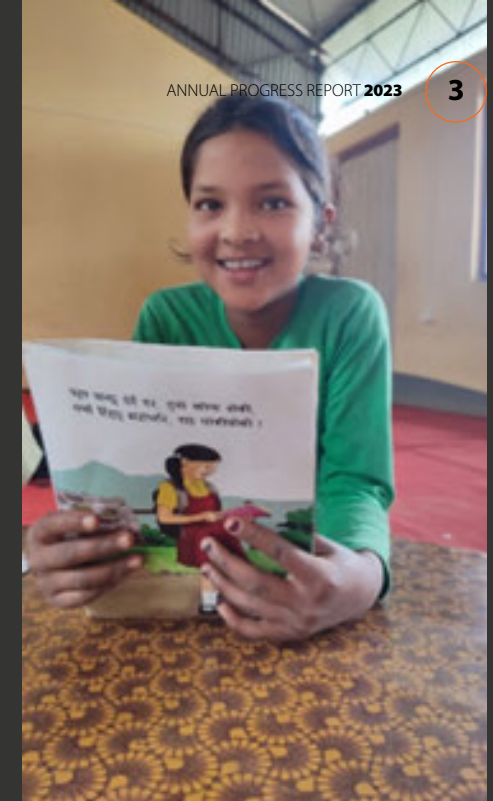
STORY

My name is Hima and I am 11 years old living in Doti with my mother, three brothers, and two sisters. Currently, I am studying in class four. My school is located in a beautiful area surrounded by the beauty of mountains. Going to school gives me plenty of joy as it allows me to learn new things every day. I have also drawn a keen interest in painting and drawing, and I am fond of reading storybooks.

I started going to school when I was five. Although six years have passed, I remember the bare classroom setting and poor school infrastructure. The classrooms were in shambles with uncleaned toilets, old and damaged furniture and walls covered in mold. I never liked going to the class, I was discouraged about learning in school. Our schoolteachers used to teach us things that were available on our textbooks only.

Over the past few years World Vision International Nepal has implemented several education-focused activities and trainings in my school. A two-room earthquake-resilient school building has been constructed which is equipped with child-friendly seating arrangements and we now have storybooks in our classrooms. Additionally, a child-friendly and disability-friendly toilet has been constructed in my school. Me and my friends no more have to walk back home to use toilet.

I am able to enjoy reading camp every Saturday in my community. I am excited to participate and have prepared different drawings and paper arts.



I have those pasted on the walls in my reading corner at my home now. Nowadays, our teachers teach us using various interactive methods that have made learning easier and more interesting for children like me. I now enjoy going to school. My school looks beautiful and I am not scared to come to school any more.

The support received from WVI Nepal's programme has transformed around 300 schools into a place for growth derived from learning. The positive changes have impacted on the lives of 400 students across 16 districts in Nepal.

NUTRITION AND RESILIENT LIVELIHOOD

Increase in children who are well nourished (age 0-5)



KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- ▶ **104,729** children (G-54,963; B-49,667) and 76,092 adults (M-15,487; W-60,605) benefitted from nutrition and resilient program interventions in 2023.
- ▶ **74%** of children received minimum dietary diversity, an improvement of 27 percent.
- ▶ **28,579** children were monitored in growth monitoring and promotion sessions to observe their nutritional status. Of these **15,744** (78.6%) were registered in Positive Deviance hearth sessions and supported to improve their weight through a community-based feeding program.
- ▶ **6,481** pregnant women and mothers/ caregivers of children 0-59 months reached with nutrition and intellectual disability counseling during the year.
- ▶ Seven drinking water schemes were constructed with **228** households benefitting from improved access to water. Similarly, **360** handpumps were installed benefitting **2,127** people.
- ▶ **61** citizen voice and action (CVA) group were mobilised to developed health service improvement action plans.
- ▶ Of **800** supported households, **563** (70%) who faced a disaster were able to recover and live at the level they did before the disaster, indicating that positive resilience is being developed.
- ▶ More than **8,000** producers (73% women) in **365** producer groups were engaged in market-led production with increase in production by 30%
- ▶ More than **5,500** members (86% women) are empowered and practicing positive saving behaviors and improved household income and expenditure management, through participation in **278** Saving for Nutrition (S4N) groups.
- ▶ **92** producer groups sold a product collectively in the market during the year and, **492** producer groups were led by women.
- ▶ **337** ultra poor households have graduated out of poverty after fulfilling the locally developed criteria in four pillars and **81** households who were not receiving social protection schemes, because of the project effort succeeded in receiving such schemes during the year.
- ▶ **45** climate schools were completed where more than **2170** farmers were engaged in practicing climate-smart agriculture techniques to increase production.

"We were frequently sick in the past. After the support received, my family succeeded in managing to provide good food for us. Now we eat fresh and organic vegetables daily, we are healthy, and go to school regularly. After attending financial literacy classes, I have started saving some money which will be used for our higher education in coming future."

— NIRUTA

In fiscal year 2023, through the interventions of the nutrition and resilient livelihood program, capacity enhancement of different structures like Health Facility Operation and Management Committee, Citizen Voice and Action groups, Health Mother Groups, producer groups, ultra-poor families, and other relevant stakeholders has been progressed. The data supports a good improvement in service accessibility across health, nutrition, livelihood and WASH through different supportive interventions.


STORY

30-month-old Divyanka had her whole life ahead of her when she began losing weight just a year after her birth. Due to economic turmoil and food shortage in the family, Divyanka, suffered from malnutrition and hence, was enrolled into Positive Deviance (PD) Hearth sessions.

During the 12-day session, Divyanka's mother Babita learned about preparing several nutritious meals using locally available ingredients including rice, pulse, ghee, vegetables, wheat flour, etc. Striving to improve the nutritional status of her daughter, Babita implemented the learnings at her home. Within a month, her daughter gained adequate weight which made Babita overjoyed as her hard work showed great result.

"My daughter now enjoys her food and maintains a good appetite. Thanks to PD Hearth, I am now able to prepare balanced meals for my children from easily accessible local food", Babita inferred.



PD Hearth, a behaviour change programme, consists of 10 to 12 practical education sessions called 'Hearth' led by a trained volunteer. The session enables the mothers/caregivers of malnourished children to learn the importance of and process to prepare super flour (nutritious food made from local grains), poshilo jaulo (rice and pulse mixed with vegetables or even meat) through cooking together for their children.

Enhanced household finances through plastic tunnel garden support



The family income of Pahadi was quite low, resulting in his son and daughter both being out of school due to lack of resources to provide necessary school supplies, including books and notebooks. His main source of income was as a laborer. The rest of the family members were engaged in subsistence farming. The producer group was formed with a focus to improve vegetable production, enhancing the value chain so that people with low incomes may benefit from a variety of income sources. The initiative helped Pahadi's family by providing training and the materials required for a plastic tunnel garden. He succeeded in producing good vegetables in the tunnel and earned US \$673 by selling tomatoes in a single season. The income earned from the plastic tunnel has helped significantly in fulfilling the basic needs of his family members and livelihood. Now both his children are not only enrolled in school, but also receive nutritious food. Pahadi is now turning his focus to commercial cultivation of vegetables to further improve his family's situation and future.



PROTECTION & CHILD SPONSORSHIP



Increase in girls and boys protected from violence

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- ▶ **99** Rupantaran groups engaged in life and protective skills sessions to prevent and respond to all forms of violence and ensure positive coping measures are adopted.
- ▶ **5,893** children and adolescents took action to support ending violence against children through Rupantaran sessions, community initiatives and campaign activities in their communities.
- ▶ **7,106** parents participated in positive parenting sessions to adopt positive behavior towards children and adolescent by parents, and build trust of their children through generation of support systems at home.
- ▶ **1,379** community members were reached through different child protection related messages, incorporating messages and community level initiatives against harmful social norms and practices, child marriage, substance abuse, etc.

“हामी सबैको ऐक्यवद्धता बालश्रम रहित नयाँ नेपालको प्रतिवद्धता”

“During this transformative journey, the new knowledge of stress management allowed me to find joy in returning to school and navigate stress more effectively. This entire experience has illuminated the importance of education in my life and underscored the vital role it plays in shaping my future.”

— RUPANTARAN PARTICIPANT

- ▶ **17** Local Child Rights Committees (LCRCs) met the minimum requirements under child rights and child protection system. **14** Local Child Rights Committees (LCRCs) have been supported to develop child protection action plan.
- ▶ Successfully partnered with the provincial government in Sudurpaschim and Bagmati Provinces to formulate child protection policy measures. Through a series of engagements, the Far West Province Government initiated the formation of a province level strategic action plan to end child marriage, and the Bagmati Province Government initiated the formation of a Children's Policy.

World Vision's protection initiatives have enabled children and adolescents to identify, prevent, and respond to a variety of protection risks. The empowered children are taking self-initiation to end violence against children at community level. Furthermore, local governments are taking proactive policy and program measures to provide an enabling environment for children and reduce protection vulnerabilities. Formation of LCRC and formulation of child protection policies and programs are sustainable initiatives for long term impact.

STORY

Finding Hope and Resilience through Rupantaran

Ayush, a grade seven student, lived in a family of four with his parents and younger brother in Lamjung. He feels lucky that while stepping into his teenage years, he discovered a unique programme that changed his perspective and began a journey of self-improvement. The family's financial struggles added to the mounting stress Ayush felt as he saw no solution to it. The family issues took a toll on Ayush's academic performance as he lost regularity in his studies and pushed him to the brink of discontinuing his education.

Ayush found a beacon of hope when his community was introduced to the **Rupantaran** life skills and self-defense classes. These classes that are held every weekend with each session lasting 90 minutes. Two peer educators, chosen based on specific child selection criteria overseen by the ward office, serve as facilitators, guiding and instructing 30 of



the community's most vulnerable children during these classes. Ayush was among those selected and had the opportunity to participate in this transformative class. After Ayush started attending Rupantaran classes regularly, he experienced a unique form of learning distinct from his school education. "During this transformative journey, the newfound knowledge of stress management allowed me to find joy in returning to school and navigate stress more effectively. This entire experience has illuminated the importance of education in my life and underscored the vital role it plays in shaping my future", said Ayush. Uplifted by his newfound confidence, Ayush opened up to his mother about his struggles of continuing with his schooling. Together, they approached Ayush's school teacher to resolve the issues. The school agreed to cover Ayush's fees on an annual basis considering his family's economic condition.

Now, with the stability, Ayush attends school regularly. His desire is to see similar life transformation classes introduced to other children similar to his age in his community that offer a chance to cultivate positive habits and confidence to overcome stresses in life and work towards achieving their desired goals.

DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT AND HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE



Disaster response

A total of 1,719 households affected by landslides, flood, earthquake, cold-wave, fire and wind were supported with food and non-food items in Jumla, Mugu, Jajarkot, Kailali, Doti, Mahottari, Sarlahi, Udaypur, Rautahat and Sindhuli districts. Local Disaster Management Committees (LDMCs) in 14 municipalities were supported with search and rescue items in Doti, Kailali, Udaypur, Sindhuli, Mahottari and Rautahat district, similarly, LEOC in Nalgadh of Jajarkot was supported with emergency search and rescue items. World Vision further

supported the formulation of Local Disaster and Climate Resilience Plan (LDCRP) of Lamjung in collaboration with Catholic Relief Services for the joint facilitation of the LDCRP. Similarly, three local governments of Kailali were supported in updating the disaster preparedness and response plan.

- ▶ **45** non-food items (NFI) kits (solar lamp, nylon cloth, blanket, mattress, tarpaulin) were supported for possible disaster/emergency response in future-Lamjung AP.
- ▶ Emergency and rescue items were supported to **13** LDMC for disaster mitigation.



Workshop/capacity building

World Vision aims to support the government at various levels to strengthen the disaster risk management. Through the World Vision's intervention, capacity building workshops for of Ward Level Disaster Management Committees on mitigation measures of the hazard already identified in LDCRP was conducted in Lamjung. Various events including resource mapping, simulation exercise with security forces, disaster risk reduction policy and strategy plan have been supported to the local government across different local governments in World Vision's working areas. Similarly, with World Vision's program support hazard-specific simulations were conducted in 75 schools (60-earthquake and landslides; 15-earthquake and flood) while school safety plans for 90 schools were updated.

In FY23, 166 Community Disaster Management Committees were formed and provided orientation to 60 task forces. World Vision was designated as the District Lead Support Agency in Mahottari and Sarlahi.

NEPAL INNOVATION LAB

Ramailo Yatra Boardgame

World Vision developed a boardgame targeting school going students on protection and social issues relating to children and ways to report issues if encountered. Community schools and child clubs across WVI Nepal's working areas received a total of 1,982 copies of the Nepali version of the Ramailo Yatra board game.

Preliminary findings of the pilot of the project indicates that 94% of children from the treatment group have put the knowledge learned from the game into practice in their day-to-day lives. Additionally, 91% of the children responded they would recommend this game to others to play and learn from.

As part of the 2023 World Vision global Innovation Challenge, WVI Nepal partnered with WV Somalia and proposed to scale the boardgame to a new country as well as context, leveraging the learnings from the Nepal implementation to create a new category of learning tool for the Somali context. The proposal was awarded an innovation challenge grant as a Substantial Innovation, collaborating to localise the game for the Somali context with new scenarios and learning objectives.

Stories of Innovation & Stories of Change Podcast Series

World Vision developed the "Stories of Innovation" podcast through various digital media platforms in 2023. The series featured distinguished guests such as the USAID Regional Bureau Head for South Asia and Central Asia, EU Ambassador to Nepal, entrepreneurs and innovators based in Nepal. The eleven episodes of the podcast were weekly released through WVI Nepal's streaming platforms, as well as Apple Music, Spotify, Google Podcast, and YouTube.

Similarly, as season two of the podcast titled "Stories of Change: It Takes a World" supporting World Vision's global campaign It Takes a World to End Violence Against Women was broadcasted. This season consisted of seven episodes from seven different countries globally.



PIPER

World Vision implemented the PIPER Pilot project in two Municipalities of Kailali. The project piloted installation of PolyFloss insulated roofing made of recycled plastics in 12 classrooms. The pilot indicated success of the project objectives, with a notable temperature reduction of up to 8 degrees in the classrooms measured with the heat index, along with an enhanced classroom learning environment due to improved aesthetics and reduced noise. An external sharing event was hosted with private sector partners, development agencies as well as government participants to share the findings and achievements. The project is underway a scale-up based on the learnings from the pilot to cover more schools as well as explore livelihood support options in the community.

GRANT ACQUISITION

World Vision in Nepal is growing in grant acquisition and funding. In FY 2023, WVI Nepal implemented grant-funded projects from Government of Australia under the Australian NGO Corporation Program - SIKAI; MOFA Japan - Community Based Disaster Risk Reduction; LEGO-Playful Parenting for Brighter Childhood; Listening to Brides; Social Plastics; and Start Fund Network. These grants supported child protection system strengthening, improved livelihoods, improved nutritional status of children, and improved quality and inclusive education status of children, along with building disaster resilient communities in close coordination and partnership with all tiers of the Government of Nepal, other I/NGOs and local communities.

CHILD SPONSORSHIP

World Vision's child sponsorship programme connects sponsors with vulnerable children, creating life-enriching experiences for both. The goal of sponsorship is to improve the well-being of children. The most vulnerable children are registered in World Vision's programmes and help them overcome the barriers that prevent them from enjoying life in all its fullness. The project activities in the communities benefit both children registered for sponsorship as well as all children and their families in the community. In FY23, a total of 68,000 children were reached through sponsorship approach.



STORY

Embracing Dreams through Sponsorship: Rahul's Journey of Artistic Resilience

"Being a World Vision sponsored child, I have found opportunities where I have gained the confidence to follow my dream and believe in what I am capable of achieving," Rahul said with his eyes shining with determination.

Born to a simple family, Rahul had a major accident at his house which led to the left part of his body being paralysed when he was just three years old. Now at 17, Rahul, a sponsored child, remains determined to pursue his love for art despite of his disability.

Regardless of the physical distance between Rahul and his sponsor in Hong Kong, art became the bridge that connected their worlds. Rahul found a source of inspiration that would shape





his future. Through his drawings, Rahul found solace and encouragement. "Receiving praise for my drawings really inspires me to keep going," he confessed with a smile tugging at the corners of his lips. His elder brother and his parents feel the same about Rahul's artwork and support him in every endeavor he chooses.

Rahul's journey with World Vision International Nepal (WVI Nepal) has spanned nearly six years, during which he has explored and developed his passion as a person. He recounts how the organisation's various life-skill development activities has transformed not only his life but also the lives of children like him in his community. "By participating in the life-skills training with other children, I not only learned about our rights and responsibilities, but it also made me more aware and confident to participate in activities within my community," Rahul reflected, his voice resonating with gratitude. The young artist also participated in the comic-writing and drawing event as a part of the WVI Nepal's programme, the experience that intrigued him greatly as it was something he had never done before.

His mother says, "Rahul used to keep his artistic abilities to himself and did not display them to others. I was unable to purchase the supplies for his artwork because I could not afford it. I was not even aware of the supplies he required for his art. I still clearly remember his joy after receiving those colourful and beautiful copies from WVI Nepal. He made many beautiful art using them. His art has also made its way to his friends in Hong Kong."

Rahul has been an artist for as long as he could remember, his passion for drawing and colouring was evident since childhood. He appreciates the encouragement that he has received from his sponsors, "I have always been passionate about art, but without encouragement and platforms provided by World Vision, I would never be able to gather my confidence to pursue my passion for art," he says. At the age of 14, he made the resolute decision to study arts in high school. Supported wholeheartedly by his family, Rahul embraced his artistic journey with enthusiasm and is currently studying fine arts which he enjoys a lot. Though living with a disability, Rahul refused to let this hinder his creative pursuits.

With his unwavering determination, he continued to create art, using his drawings and paintings as a powerful medium of self-expression. One of his most cherished paintings is that of the Bagbhairav temple which took him three weeks to complete, meticulously adding shades and intricacies to bring the structure to life. WVI Nepal, through Child Sponsorship, supported Rahul's artistic dreams, providing him with opportunities to showcase his talent in art and comic book creation activities. With help from the programme activities, his artwork was featured during local government events and was

included in WVI Nepal's diary, calendar, and envelopes used to send out letters to sponsors. This recognition was a major motivation for Rahul to further his career as an artist.

Rahul's journey serves as motivation for others and is a testament that miracles can happen when aspirations are earnestly pursued and never given up. He strives to lead by example, inspiring others to follow their own aspirations despite any challenges they may encounter. As he continues to paint his future with the colors of determination and resilience, Rahul and his family cherish the accomplishments he has achieved with the support from World Vision.

In Nepal, Child Sponsorship is one of World Vision's successful working modality, which supports more than 68,000 children like Rahul to pursue their dreams through various capacity enhancement, and awareness programmes for them, and their families. Through Child Sponsorship, World Vision implements a community-based, child-focused development model by investing in the well-being of children, through long-term shared benefit of communities. World Vision's Child Sponsorship approach supports children and families through various education, livelihoods, protection and health & nutrition activities to ultimately contribute to the well-being of children.

ADVOCACY AND CAMPAIGN



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कीर्तियन



Local to national to global advocacy for policy influence

World Vision International Nepal collaborated with the Government at all levels to influence the policies related to children. As a result of our continuous engagement with the Government ministries, 24 policy and guideline development processes have been supported at the federal and provincial levels.

World Vision facilitated the children's engagement component and children from WVI Nepal working areas were engaged in the Regional Child Labor

Forum and provided input to finalize the SAARC level regional action plan on child labour.

Similarly, WVI Nepal partnered in the regional child marriage forum in Kathmandu. The children from across the country participated in the forum and put forward recommendations to the Government delegates on the urgency of the issue of child and early marriage.

To influence the UNCRC reporting process, a national validation workshop was convened where children from children from different provinces of Nepal actively participated on the issues identified at provincial level workshops. A five-member report writing team has been formed for reporting where a child representation has also been ensured.

In the partnership with the Nepal SDGs Forum a provincial dialogue

was organized in Madhesh province. The event was a platform for in-depth discussions and presentations aimed at advancing the understanding and implementation of the SDGs at the province level. Likewise, the national level workshop entitled, 'Progress review and consultation meeting on SDG indicators related to children' was organized in Kathmandu following the Provincial discussions to further scale up the issues raised at the provinces.



Child Friendly Local Governance

World Vision supported five wards to achieve Child Friendly Local Governance (CFLG) indicators. Following the rigorous effort of the local governments with the support from different stakeholders including World Vision over the past few years, Besisahar Wards 2 and 10 in Lamjung, Udayapurgadhi Ward 1 in Udayapur, Tinpatan Ward 5 in Sindhuli, and Kirtipur Ward 7 in Kathmandu have been declared CFLG in 2023. Declaration of CFLG has ensured the fulfilment and commitment of the local Government to eliminate child marriage and child labour from their communities.

Upon request from Bheri Municipality, Jajarkot, World Vision supported to the municipality and CSOs working on child rights with an orientation workshop on CFLG as well as on developing the plan to execute CFLG. Adopting the plan, the municipality has set a target to declare CFLG in their municipality by December 2025.

To continue the positive momentum World Vision collaborated with National CFLG Forum to amplify the national advocacy on CFLG. This partnership has convened various trainings and national level workshops together with Ministry of Federal Affairs and General Administration (MoFAGA), Ministry of Women, Children and Senior Citizen (MoWCSC) and National Child Rights Council (NCRC).

A guideline related to Child Congress through MoFAGA has also been introduced through this partnership. As a result of continued lobbying, MoFAGA endorsed the guidelines and requested all municipalities to adopt the guidelines.



It Takes Nepal to End Child Marriage Campaign

World Vision has formally ended the child marriage campaign in the fiscal year 2023. World Vision has urged all stakeholders to keep joining hands to continue the momentum of the campaign.

World Vision International Nepal between the period of 2017-2023 collaborated with the Government at all levels, political leaders, diplomats, civil society representatives, children, academia, and private sectors. To bring impact through the campaign by

strengthening systems, changing behaviors of children, adolescents, and their families, and influencing the effective implementation of policy, World Vision collaborated with more than 70 partner in Nepal. The campaign reached almost 450,000 children, adolescents, young people, and their families through campaign initiatives including awareness-raising events, popular mobilisations, collaboration with mega events such as cricket premier league, Private and Boarding Schools Organisation Nepal, film festivals as well as intensive engagement with the governments in local, provincial and federal level. More than 550 child marriages have been stopped as a result of campaign initiatives while various stakeholders have been sensitised to influenced the prevention of countless more through changed community attitudes towards child marriage.

Leveraging Advocacy Support and Citizen Voice and Action to facilitate local advocacy

World Vision has been implementing Citizen Voice and Action (CVA) in its health and education program. In FY23, 65 health facilities have adopted CVA under health program and, more than 100 schools are implementing CVA in our education programme. The CVA groups work to ensure accountability by working closely with the health facilities and school management committees. The groups have been capacitated on the policy provisions and existing implementation practices of CVA through various workshops.





It takes Nepal to end child marriage



10-year Education Sector Plan and Education Policy Formation.

Child Rights Committee formation and orientation on role and responsibilities of CRC committee to reduce child marriage, VAC and children related issues.

Workshop to finalize the draft of Regulation related to Children.

Listening to Brides research report released.

WVI Nepal supports **Local Level Context Analysis (LLCA)** and facilitates to formulate 5 years strategy plan including ending child marriage.

Collaboration for engaging children in the **Regional Forum on Ending Child Marriage in South Asia.**

CFLG DECLARED IN 5 WARDS IN LAMJUNG, UDAYAPUR, SINDHULI, AND KATHMANDU - Besisahar ward no. 2 & 10 Lamjung, Udayapurgadhi rural municipality ward no. 1 ward Udayapur, Tinpatan ward no. 5 Sindhuli, Kirtipur



7
YEARS

16
DISTRICTS

40⁺
POLICIES

500⁺
CHILD MARRIAGES
STOPPED

400,000⁺
DIRECT REACH

60⁺
PARTNERS

GENDER EQUALITY AND SOCIAL INCLUSION

World Vision mainstreams gender equality and social inclusion as a cross-cutting issue across all its programme interventions. World Vision conducted a Gender Equality and Social Inclusion assessment to assess and identify the existence and strength of GESI mainstreaming in organizational policies and programs and the potential for incorporating GESI into organizational policies, programmes and plans. The assessment was focused on the following areas: i) GESI within strategies,

policies, and priorities; ii) capacity for GESI; iii) resourcing and advocating for GESI; iv) GESI within programming and v) organisational culture. The GESI self-assessment process conducted in 2023, has recommended a series of actions that have been reflected and endorsed by World Vision Nepal as an organisational commitment for the upcoming years.

In FY23, World Vision also initiated the practice of conducting a GESI analysis before designing new programs and projects. The major objectives of the analysis are; to identify the social construct in terms of gender, ethnicity, culture, class, caste, age, and disability; to get information on social intersectionality and its impact, and social inclusion status of vulnerability; to get information on roles of women and men at different levels in policies, programs and projects; to identify women, men, girl and boy's access to and control over resources, materials and non-material benefits of society; to identify gender-specific needs, to seek and articulate the viewpoints of women and men and make their contribution a critical part of developing programs and projects; to promote women and girls' participation and engagement in community, political and economic life for transformative change; and to generate strong programmatic need identification and recommendation.

World Vision is committed to providing non-discrimination and equal opportunities for its staff members. It is also committed to enhancing equitable work environments for women, men and persons with disability.



PROGRAMME ACCOUNTABILITY



World Vision is committed to working transparently and responsibly to build the trust and respect of all program participants including children, communities, and stakeholders. The organisation embraces accountability to respect the needs, concerns, capacities, and disposition of those with whom it works. We prioritise answering the concerns of project participants, stakeholders, and donors on its actions and decisions. We have a strong commitment to enhancing accountability in its programming and operations.

In FY 2023, World Vision continued to strengthen accountability mechanisms and practices through effective information sharing; promoting the participation of the community, particularly the children; consultations with community people, government, and other stakeholders; and handling community feedback and response mechanisms across its development programme and humanitarian response projects. A total of 32,455 feedback was registered in the community feedback and response system in the past year, with nearly a quarter (22%) of complaint/feedback provided by children and nearly three in five (59%) reported by girls and women. A majority of the complaints/feedback (60%) were responded to, with 40% not requiring any further actions as were mostly thanks/appreciation, request/demand, suggestion, commitment and queries.

WORKING AREAS

KOSHI PROVINCE

UDAYAPUR

Tapli Rural Municipality
Limchungbung Rural Municipality
Rautamai Rural Municipality
Triyuga Municipality
Udayapurgadhi Rural Municipality
Katari Municipality

GANDAKI PROVINCE

LAMJUNG

Beshisaha Municipality
Sundarbazar Municipality
Kwhlosothar Rural Municipality
Dordi Rural Municipality

BAGMATI PROVINCE

KATHMANDU

Kirtipur Municipality
Kathmandu Metropolitan city

LALITPUR

Lalitpur Metropolitan city

SINDHULI

Golanjor Rural Municipality
Fikkal Rural Municipality
Tinpatan Rural Municipality

MADHESH PROVINCE

MAHOTTARI

Ekdara Rural Municipality
Samsi Rural Municipality

RAUTAHAT

Garuda Municipality
Madhavnarayan Rural Municipality

SARLAHI

Brahmapuri Rural Municipality
Chandranagar Rural Municipality
Parsa Rural Municipality
Haripurwa Municipality

KARNALI PROVINCE

DAILEKH

Bhagawatimai Rural Municipality

JAJARKOT

Bheri Municipality
Bheri Municipality

JUMLA

Chandannath Municipality
Tatopani Rural Municipality
Patarasi Rural Municipality
Guthichaur Rural Municipality
Kankasundari Rural Municipality
Sinja Rural Municipality
Hima Rural Municipality
Tila Rural Municipality

SUDURPASHCHIM PROVINCE

ACHHAM

Kamalbazar Municipality
Panchadeval Binayak Municipality
Mellekh Rural Municipality
Sanphebagar Municipality
Purbichauki Rural Municipality

KAILALI

Tikapur Municipality
Kalleri Municipality
Gauriganga Municipality
Ghodaghodi Municipality
Bhajani Municipality

DOTI

Aadarsha Rural Municipality
Dipayal Silgadhi Municipality
Sayal Rural Municipality

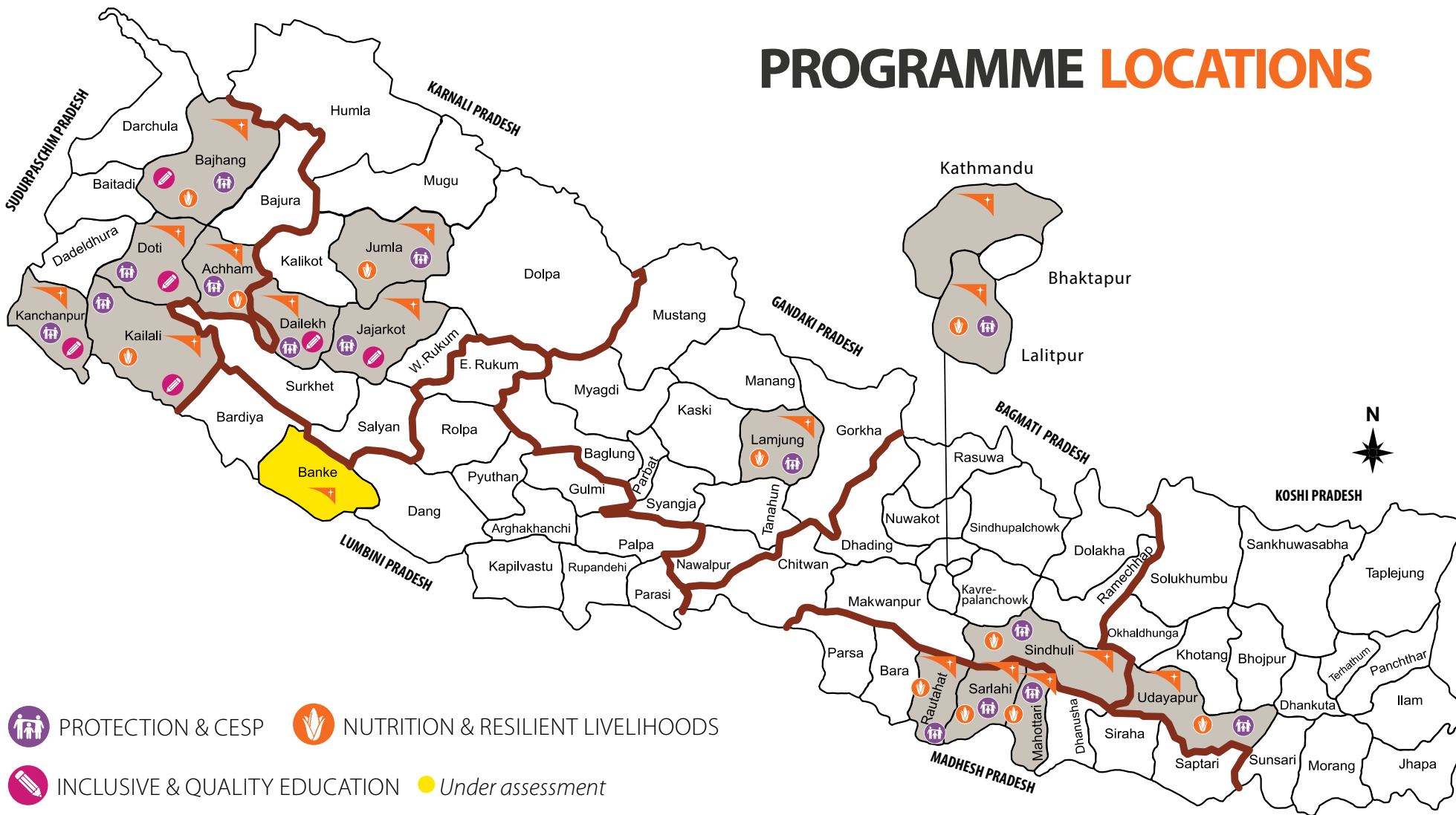
BAJHANG

Jayprithvi Municipality
Kedarsyun Rural Municipality

KANCHANPUR

Krishnapur Municipality

PROGRAMME LOCATIONS



ACRONYMS

BRICKK	Building Resilience in Children of Kathmandu's Brick Kilns
CEFM	Child, Early, and Forced Marriage
CFLG	Child Friendly Local Governance
CSO	Civil Society Organisation
CVA	Citizen Voice and Action
DRM	Disaster Risk Management
ECED	Early Childhood Education and Development
EU	European Union
FY	Fiscal Year
GESI	Gender Equality and Social Inclusion
HFOMC	Health Facility Operations and Management Committee
HH	Household
LCRC	Local Child rights Committee
LDCRP	Local Disaster and Climate Resilience Plan
LDMC	Local Disaster Management Committees
LEOC	Local Emergency Operation Center

MoFA	Ministry of Foreign Affairs
MoFAGA	Ministry of Federal Affairs and General Administration
NFI	Non-Food Item
NGO	Non-Governmental Organisation
NLAB	Nepal Innovations Lab
NRL	Nutrition and Resilient Livelihood
PD	Positive Deviance
SAARC	South Asian Association for regional Cooperation
SDG	Sustainable Development Goal
SMC	School Management Committee
S4T	Saving for Transformation
WASH	Water, Sanitation and Hygiene
WVI	World Vision International
UN	United Nations
UNCRC	United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child

OUR IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS

WEST FIELD PROGRAMME

Association for Social Transformation and Humanitarian Assistance (ASTHA Nepal)
 Centre for Equal Access Development (CEAD)
 Community Development Centre (CDC)
 Conscious Society for Social Development (CSSD)
 Dalit Help Society (DHS)
 Digo Bikas Samaj (DBS)
 Karnali Integrated Rural Development and Research Center (KIRDARC)
 Nepal National Social Welfare Association (NNSWA)
 Panchatara Yuwa Samrakshak Manch (PTYSM)
 Progressive Youth Society (PYS)
 Social Service Centre Nepal (SOSEC Nepal)
 Welfare Association for Children Tikapur (WACT)
 Working for Access and Creation Nepal (WAC Nepal)
 Youth Alliance for Development (YARD)

URBAN PROGRAMME

Child Development Society (CDS)
 Good Neighbours Nepal (GNN)
 Rural Community Development Centre (RCDC)
 Rural Women's Development and Unity Centre (RUWDUC)

EAST FIELD PROGRAMME

Bagmati Welfare Society Nepal (BWSN)
 Dalit Society Welfare Community Nepal (DSWCN)
 Human Rights and Environment Development Centre (HuRENDEC)
 Integrated Rural Development Society (IRDS)
 Jalpa Integrated Development Society (JIDS)
 Rastriya Rojgar Parbardan Kendra (RRPK)
 Relief Nepal
 Rural Development Centre Nepal (RDC Nepal)
 Sindhuli Integrated Development Service (SIDS)
 Social Development Centre (SDC)

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 Jagriti Child and Youth Concern (JCYCN) Nepal
 National Inter-Religious Network (NIRN)-Nepal
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