



## Community Based Organization Strengthening Project (CBOs)

### Project Description:

With funding received from ADRA Canada, ADRA Nepal is implementing this project in partnership with ICD and CSC in Kavre and Rupandehi districts of Nepal.

ADRA Nepal is working with 175 (155 in Kavre and 70 in Rupandehi) women's groups, 10 farmer's groups and 15 sub-health post support committee groups in the Kavre district. The majority of groups represents the poor, disadvantaged, and socially excluded (low caste, ethnic minorities, women and children). However, these groups lack the capacity to clearly identify their roles and respond to the needs of poor and disadvantaged communities efficiently and effectively. At present, they are in the initial development stage and need support to enhance their capacities. Only 2% of these groups are registered as CBOs in the local district authority.

After this process, CBO members will be able to use new skills and capacity to develop themselves and their communities by using their own available local resources as well as to disseminate these to the broader community including other development partners. Some of these community groups have registered already through the help of ADRA.

It is believed that the root cause of poverty in Nepalese the unresponsive social system, discriminatory social practices and lack of access to resources by communities. Based on almost twenty years of experience in Nepal, ADRA feels that these challenges of poverty can be best addressed by strengthening the capacity of those groups already existing in the communities. This can be achieved by facilitating them to legally register as CBOs in the district and by providing them livelihood skills.

This project is coherence with the government of Nepal's Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper (PRSP), which aims to, "involve local governments and community groups in area development efforts by mobilization of deprived groups through NGOs and CBOs, ensuring that they are adequately represented in the decision making process." **Government of Nepal, The Tenth Plan (PRSP) 2002-2007 - Summary. National Planning Commission, Kathmandu, 2003.**

**District Coverage:**  
Kavre and Rupandehi districts

**Sector:**  
Economic Development

**Beneficiaries:**  
2,700 CBO members

**Implementing Partners:**  
Community Service Centre Nepal (CSC) and Integrated Community Development Center (ICD) of Kavre

**Donor:**  
ADRA Canada

**Project Period:**  
July 2006 - June 2009

**Budget:**  
US\$ 188,472

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**Goal:** To improve the quality of life of 2,700 people from disadvantaged and poor groups.

**Objective:** To strengthen 15 CBOs working to improve the lives of their members and development opportunities in their communities.

**Indicators:**

- 15 project staff trained for smooth program implementation
- 750 CBO member received training in various management skills and capacity strengthening
- 1 livelihood improvement community investment per CBOs
- 4 stakeholders with increased capacities to support project Implementation and program sustainability
- 15 diaries, bulletin boards, calendars being used
- Increased CBO capacities to self-evaluate and sustain their community programs
- Each of 15 CBOs adopts at least one thing learned from another group
- 2 exhibitions organized in Kavre and Rupandehi districts

**Activities:**

- Trainings for the CBOS members on Group/Office Management, Project Planning, Savings/Credit Management, Livelihood/Vocational Training; Gender Awareness, Conflict Management, Business Planning, Marketing Skills, Resource Management, Monitoring and Evaluation, Security etc.
- Logistic support for key stakeholders
- Linkage Program - finding other business and development partners for CBOs.
- Advocacy Support - helping CBOs have a voice within government.
- Self-Monitoring by CBOs - diaries and bulletin boards
- Self-Evaluations by CBOs and learning visits
- Annual CBO Exhibitions



**Expected results:**

- Improvements in the livelihoods of the communities sustained by the continued independent actions of the partner CBOs.
- CBOs continue to conduct activities 12 months after project support ends.
- The broader community will develop an increased level of gender awareness due to the influence of the CBO members.
- Increased environmental awareness in some CBOs results in improvements in the interaction between the broader community and their environment.



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