



Sustainable Economic and Environmental Development Project for Flood Affected Communities in Western Nepal (SEED)

Project Description

The heavy monsoon rains from 26 July to 6 August 2007 caused grave devastation throughout Nepal. The resulting floods and landslides adversely affected 56,000 families (333,500 people) in 33 districts. Specifically, there were 94 deaths, 21,570 displaced families, and major property and livelihood losses attributed to this catastrophe.

The proposed project area, Banke, Bardiya and Kailali districts, are three districts in Western Nepal populated by large numbers of people affected by flood in 2007. Even before the flooding, these people lacked in literacy, health care access, and employment opportunities and they suffered from various forms of discrimination. Our needs assessments with local government and community officials indicated there are rural areas in these districts where these issues are significantly worse. These communities are largely comprised of lower castes and ethnic minorities, especially Tharu, Chaudhary and Mushahar, who have traditionally had little or no access to education and employment. This project will focus primarily on these communities.

The project will be implemented in three districts (Banke, Bardiya and Kailali) of the Western Development Region. This action aims primarily to serve 432 severely flood-affected households and communities, as well as improve the leadership skills of 90 district level government officials. Beneficiaries will participate in almost three years of literacy, water, sanitation and health care, natural resource management, economic empowerment, and leadership development training and activities.

The entry point into project activities for these 432 households will be through 30 literacy groups (10 each in Kailali and Bardiya districts and 10 in Banke district), each of which will have 30 members per group. The literacy groups will include approximately 80% female and 20% male participants. 5,400 family members of flood affected households and 30 district level government officials and community leaders will also be involved in the project.



Districts Coverage
Banke, Bardiya and Kailali districts of Nepal

Sector
Economic Development

Beneficiaries
10,000 people

Donor
New Zealand's International Aid and Development Agency through ADRA New Zealand

Project Period
August 2009 – July 2012

Budget
NZ \$ 360,000
(US \$ 240,000)

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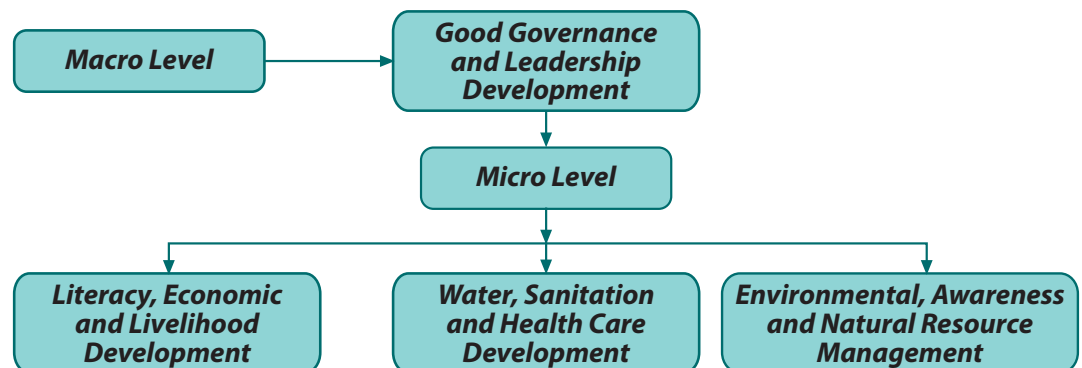
Project Goal

The main goal of the project is to support and empower people from socially excluded and economically marginalised, vulnerable communities in flood affected areas in the Banke, Bardiya, and Kailali districts of Nepal.

Objectives

- ▶ Improve literacy skills (reading, writing, and basic arithmetic) of 900 people in flood affected communities in Banke, Bardiya, and Kailali districts.
- ▶ Improve the socioeconomic status of 900 flood affected people through savings and credit and income generation activities by 2012.
- ▶ To improve knowledge and skills on environmental and natural resources management of 10,000 people in 10 VDCs of 3 districts by 2012.
- ▶ Improve water and sanitation in flood affected communities by installing 50 toilets and 15 water hand pumps and provide basic health, hygiene and sanitation training.
- ▶ Empower district and local level leadership in Leadership and Management capacities that ensure good governance and ownership of the project.

Conceptual Framework



Major Activities

- Literacy training to men and women
- Livelihood program (saving and credit, income generation)
- Creating employment opportunity through vocational skill training and support
- To provide support to build 50 toilets and 15 water hand pumps.
- Gender based training



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