



Literacy class participants

POVERTY REDUCTION THROUGH SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (SED) PROJECT

The Adventist Development Relief Agency (ADRA) Nepal is initiating the "Poverty Reduction through Sustainable Economic Development (SED)" Project. This three year project, funded by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT) of New Zealand's Aid Program through ADRA New Zealand, will be conducted in the districts of Dang and Salyan in the Mid-Western Development Region of Nepal. The overall goal of the project is to contribute to the reduction of poverty through education and economic development activities in the target districts by 2014 by improving the socioeconomic and literacy status of 10,000 members of socially and economically marginalised communities. This will be achieved through increasing the education level and community awareness of target populations, improving their economic status through income generation, and livelihood skills and disaster risk reduction (DRR) practices. SED will benefit 2,000 households, and indirectly benefit 7,000 women, men and children. In addition,

it is assumed that there will be a multiplier effect and neighboring villages and districts will also benefit from the project. The project will develop specific criteria to identify vulnerable participants in need of support. Project activities include supporting 100 children for education, providing trainings on Self Learning Literacy (SLL), Behavioural Change Communication (BCC), kitchen gardening, saving and credit management, and a Result Orientated Leadership Development Programme. Furthermore, 20 Vulnerable Capacity Assessment (VCA) & Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) Action plans will also be prepared as part of the activities. Results will be achieved through community participation and utilization of local resources for better health and economic growth.



Community members building a dam



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FROM THE CD

Nepal went through 'interesting times' this quarter. The Constituent Assembly was extended for another three months and the constitution writing process is still ongoing.

These are 'Big Ticket' changes to communities in Nepal.

ADRA Nepal also moved ahead helping to create positive changes in households and local communities. We have presented information on the beginning of two new projects: the Sustainable Economic Development (SED) project supported by ADRA New Zealand and implemented by local partner BASE in the districts of Dang and Salyan; and the Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) project supported by ADRA Germany and implemented through the Nepal Red Cross Society in the districts of Dang, Rukum and Salyan. We look forward to continuing our positive working relationship with these communities.

DISASTER RISK REDUCTION

ADRA Nepal has started the "Disaster Risk Reduction" project from June 2011 in the districts of Dang, Rukum and Salyan funded by ADRA Germany. The main objective of the project will be to reduce disaster risk by increasing local coping capacities and develop local community and institutional capacities to plan, implement and monitor activities for disaster preparedness and mitigation to increase community resilience and reduce vulnerability.

SEED PROJECT SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED

ADRA Nepal Successfully completed the Sustainable Economic and Environmental Development Project for Flood Affected Communities (SEED) in the districts of Banke, Bardiya and Kailali in Western Nepal funded by New Zealand's International Aid and Development Agency through ADRA New Zealand from August 2009 until April 2011 and implemented by BASE Nepal. The main objectives of the project focused on: improving literacy skills (reading, writing, and basic arithmetic) in flood affected communities; providing saving and credit and income generation activities to improve the socioeconomic status of flood victims; improving environmental and natural resource management knowledge, providing basic health, hygiene and sanitation training; and empowering district and local level leadership in Leadership and Management capacities that ensure good governance and ownership of the project.

Through the collective efforts of ADRA Nepal, ADRA New Zealand, BASE Nepal and other regional and district level stakeholders, these communities were helped to improve the education, livelihoods and saving practices.



Meeting with community people

INTERNATIONAL VISITORS

Project: LeGGo II, Exposure visit from ADRA Australia

Location: Kavre and Dhading districts

Participants: Ms. Jessica Parsons and team

Date: 22 April-2 May 2011

Project: United for Education, Monitoring visit

Location: Kavre, Kathmandu and Lalitpur districts

Participants: Ms. Glenys Chapman and team

Date: 19 April-7 May 2011



ENHANCING NON-FORMAL EDUCATION THROUGH LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT MODEL

“This training was a unique experience for me because of its content, methodology and facilitation. We are very excited to make a difference in the Non Formal Education (NFE) sector with this training. It has created momentum for sensitizing NFE issues among different stakeholders.”

-Shova Shaha, Women and Children's Officer, Banke.

ADRA Nepal and the Government of Nepal's Non-formal Education Center (NFEC) have conducted trainings on enhancing NFE through a leadership development model with financial support by the United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). More than 160 people from 26 districts participated in the program. District level stakeholder participants included: District Development Committee (DDC), District Education Office (DEO), Women Development Office (WDO), Regional Education Offices (RED) of five development regions and representatives from Community Learning Centers (CLC). The objective of the training was to create an enabling environment for implementing a successful NFE program at the District Level. The specific objective of the training was to build the capacity of district level stakeholders in designing, planning, implementing, and reviewing NFE systems. The workshop facilitation was based on adult learning principles. A variety of participatory, action-oriented and reflective methods were applied. The training was facilitated by Mr. Bishow Raman Neupane Program Manager at ADRA Nepal, while technical input was provided by NFEC authorities and Prof. Dr. Bharat Bilash Pant.

The training was successful in raising awareness on NFE and the increasing the contribution and support of stakeholders in uplifting poor and marginalized populations through their involvement in NFE movement.



Participants making challenge project



Facilitator Bishow Raman Neupane (left) coaching the training



Ramita

“I AM USING A BIOGAS UNIT”

“Through joining the literacy class, I learned about various diseases and sanitation methods. Hence, after discussions with my family, I decided to manage the waste of my house through building a toilet and bio-gas unit in my house. I felt it would help make my kitchen smokeless, reduce environmental pollution, stop deforestation and would be effective while working in kitchen. I also encouraged other literacy class participants and my friends to make a toilet in their house. Now nine participants have made temporary toilet and they are also encouraging their friends to do the same. Now we are preparing to declare our village an ‘Open Defecation Free Village’. This program has brought some significant changes to us and our community.”

-Ramita Chaudhary, Woman's literacy class participant, Hasuliya-3, Nawalpur

TEAM BUILDING WORKSHOP

As in previous years ADRA Nepal organized a Team Building Workshop from 5-7 April 2011 in Pokhara. There were a total 59 participants for the workshop, including the family members of staff. During the workshop, the team participated in many team building activities which were fun and informative and are related to our daily work. Mr. Simon Lewis, Country Director conducted a SWOT (Strengths, Weakness, Opportunity and Threat) analysis with the staff. Similarly, Mr. Bishow Raman Neupane organized an Appreciative Inquiry Symposium for staff. This was one of the encouraging parts of the team building workshop. The workshop helped to refresh and energize staff and helped bring the ADRA Nepal family closer together, strengthening our team spirit.



WELCOME TO JOANNE WEIR

ADRA Nepal is pleased to welcome Ms. Joanne Weir who joined ADRA Nepal on the 31st of March 2011. She is an intern at ADRA Nepal, funded through the ADRA Australia's Intern Program. She is originally from Perth in Western Australia. Joanne studied at Edith Cowan University, where she obtained her Bachelor's in Criminology and Justice. Her areas of employment included the National Welfare Reform (Policy and Program) and Whole of Government policy for women's safety, equality and leadership in the Office for Women. Following the Graduate Program, Joanne continued working in Welfare Reform before transferring to the Department of Immigration and Citizenship where she was part of the Intelligence Analysis Section and was responsible for interviewing asylum seekers who came to Australia. Joanne will be at ADRA Nepal until the end of 2011.



APLI TRAINING AT BANGKOK

Select ADRA Nepal staff attended international workshops this quarter. Simon Lewis, Bidya Mahat, and Arunima Kayastha attended the APLI workshop on Fund raising and Partnership while Hera Barahi and Sushila Tandukar attended the SunPlus Accounting System workshop in April. Mr. Lewis also attended the ADRA Leadership Council (ALC) in June.

The ALC allowed Directors from different Implementing Offices, Supporting Offices, Regional Offices and ADRA International to share best practices, challenges, opportunities and provide their valuable input. It was an opportunity to understand challenges, opportunities, and perspectives of different offices and how best to go about operating as part of the ADRA Network.

JOINT MONITORING VISIT (GON/ECHO/UNFPA/ADRA)

A joint monitoring team visited the district of Baitadi as part of the "Emergency Reproductive Health Services to Conflict Affected and Marginalized Population of Nepal (Baitadi and Darchula)" on the 13th and 14th of June. The project is being implemented by ADRA Nepal with financial support from the European Commission's Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection department (ECHO) through UNFPA. The project will run from the 1st of December 2010 till the 30th of November 2011. Team members consisted of representatives from ADRA Nepal, ECHO, the Family Health Division, the Department of Health Services, RHMMO, UNFPA, and DHO of Baitadi. The high level mission observed the overall services of RH mobile camp project at Patan VDC in Baitadi and interacted with patients, clients, camp management committee members and local stakeholders. The monitoring team reviewed project activities and achievements till date, identified the strengths, opportunities and gaps of the project, and provided feedback and recommendations.



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