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ADRA Nepal Strategic Planning for 2012-2014

ADRA Nepal held a three day workshop from August 23-25 with the aim of updating its strategic plans for the next three years. Held at the Gorkarna Forest Resort in Kathmandu, attendees included ADRA Nepal's programming staff, three of ADRA Nepal's board members, representatives from donor agencies (such as the European Union and UNFPA), and representatives from ADRA Germany and ADRA Asia Regional Office. Also present were ADRA Nepal's local partner organizations BASE, ASTHA Nepal, and RIMS Nepal.

As an organization ADRA Nepal is committed to constant improvement and thus believes in the importance of evaluating its current position and its goals for the future. The strategic planning workshop focused on re-evaluating and reformulating ADRA Nepal's Vision Statement, Extended Vision, Strategic Objectives, and

Strategic Map for 2012-2014. Using an adapted version of the Balanced Scorecard model developed by Kaplan and Norton (2008), the workshop featured a thorough SWOT analysis as well as several large and small group work sessions.

Presentations were made by representatives of donor agencies in the European Union, UNFPA and the ADRA Network. In addition, the workshop reviewed the plans and development goals of the Government of Nepal. A robust and focused strategic plan was produced at the end of the workshop and will be published and shared with ADRA Nepal's stakeholders soon.



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The months of July to September cover the monsoon period in Nepal. This life giving rain provides farmers with water and urban areas with uninterrupted electricity for a short period. It can also bring hardships with many areas being flooded and landslides common in the hills and mountains. Through the DRR project, ADRA has been helping to reduce the impact of these natural hazards. The ASIC project has also been assisting young people to adjust to difficulties in their life that may have resulted from the previous conflict.

We have also been working hard to produce the Strategic Plan for 2012-2014 with the help of partners inside and outside Nepal. Thanks to the ADRA Regional Office in Bangkok (Daniel and Jair) and ADRA Germany (Marc) along with three board members (Pr Chuck, Lincoln and Bhaju) who came and helped us in our workshop.

Project Monitoring by Donor

ADRA Nepal has been running a project with the assistance of ADRA UK funding through the European Union (EU) entitled the "Action for Social Inclusion of Children Affected by Armed Conflict in Nepal" (ASIC). This project, implemented in partnership with the Association for Social Transformation and Humanitarian Assistance (ASTHA), is being run in the Mid-Western districts of Rukum, Rolpa, Salyan, and Surkhet.

On the 1st and 2nd of August, a delegation from the European Commission (EC) of Nepal monitored ASIC project activities in the target district of Surkhet. The monitoring mission consisted of four members from the EC delegation. Members representing the European Union in Brussels, Ms. Martha Mendez and Mr. Dirk Bocken Devco, were accompanied by staff from the EU Delegation to Nepal- Programme Manager, Mr. Shiva Bhandari, and Finance Manager Ms. Adelheid Schneckenburger.

The monitoring mission visited a project site in Babiyachaur, a VDC in Surkhet, and conducted several activities to measure the outcome of the project. Activities included: class observation and interaction with literacy participants; interactions with former combatants; meeting with Village Child Protection Committee (VCPC) and Support Committee members and school teachers; and interactions with conflict affected community members (literacy participant guardians)

This mission has helped facilitate for the quality implementation of the ASIC project by encouraging the project team to ensure that its processes and procedures are up to date. ADRA and partner NGO (ASTHA) were delighted to welcome the distinguished team and would like to thank them for their support in helping provide better services to Nepalese communities.



What is ADRA Nepal ?

Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) is an independent humanitarian agency established by the Seventh Day Adventist Church for the purpose of providing individual and community development and disaster relief. Locally registered with the Social Welfare Council (SWC), ADRA serves people without regard to their religious association. It simply helps people in need, especially those most vulnerable such as women, children and the elderly. Currently, ADRA Nepal works in 27 districts mainly focused in the mid and far western regions of Nepal.



Post Level Literacy Facilitator Initial Training

The Sustainable Economic Development (SED) Project funded by New Zealand Aid Program through ADRA New Zealand, implemented in the districts of Dang and Salyan, completed the Post Level Literacy (PLL) training for its Literacy Facilitators. The SED project aims to improve the socioeconomic and literacy status of marginalized populations through teaching literacy, awareness of environment, health, sanitation, disaster and livelihood activities in 40 Post Level Literacy classes.

The objectives of the training were to:

- Enhance presentation skills, knowledge and attitudes for PLL classes.
- Clarify concepts of community and economic development, saving collection, and mobilization processes.
- Mobilize local resources and garner more community involvement.
- Enhance participant knowledge and skills in managing Literacy Centres.



“I have been blessed” –*Madhab Kandel Satakhani VDC, Surkhet.*

“When I was 14 years old, my mother and I went to my uncle’s house, where my aunt had been baking bread for laborers who were helping with paddy sowing. My mother was yelled at by my aunt while trying to help her count the pieces of bread that had been baked. My mother immediately left for home with tears in her eyes. It hurt me to see my mother so sad, the event bothered me to the point where I could not sleep or focus on studying. Our family was discriminated against because my mother, my father, and my little brother were all HIV positive.

In 2003, my father had been diagnosed as HIV positive and passed away soon after. He was infected while working in India and despite being aware of his affliction, he did not share this information with any of us. He impregnated my mother after being infected and as a result, she too became HIV positive, and my brother was born with HIV.

As the eldest male in the family, I had to look after my elder sister, my two brothers, and my mother. This was especially hard to do when our family was ostracized from our community. My mother fell ill and was diagnosed with uterus cancer. Overwhelmed by stress and the burdens of my family, I became irritated and angry with my family. I became anti-social and would spend my days with grief and melancholy.

Through the ASIC project, I learned about how psychosocial problems work, and how I could learn to cope with them through constructive behavior. I created a plan of action for my situation and slowly gained confidence. I started opening up to my friends and discussing my problems with them. Through ASIC, I began coordinating with district level stakeholders and established a relationship with an NGO named NAVA KIRAN to help with my mother’s treatment at the Bharatpur Cancer Hospital. Through this coordination, I was also able to receive support from the VDC office.

Now, through the ASIC project, I too developed my skills and became a Community Psychosocial Worker (CPSW) and have been facilitating literacy and life-skills education classes for the project. The small help received from the project has been a blessing for me and my life. “



Welcome to Finance & Administration Director

Welcome to Yuba Raj Chaudhary, new Finance and Administration Director.

Mr. Chaudhary has joined the ADRA team from the 16 of July, 2011. He holds a Masters degree in Business Administration and has over 18 years work experience in the Finance and Administration sector.

Mr. Chaudhary has extensive knowledge, experience, and skills gained from several key positions in the Finance and Administration sector. His previous roles include the Finance and Administration Director at International Development Enterprises (IDE), as well as Financial Management Advisor, Finance and Administration Manager, and Finance Officer in several other organizations.

ADRA Nepal takes great pleasure in welcoming Mr. Chaudhary to the ADRA Network!



Project Agreement Signed with Social Welfare Council

A Project Agreement for the "Leadership and Good Governance II" (LeGGO II) Project has been signed between ADRA Nepal and the Social Welfare Council on 15 July 2011. This project is funded by ADRA Australia and is currently being implemented in the districts of Dhading and Kavre in partnership with the Resource Identification and Management Society Nepal (RIMS-Nepal).



Life Skill Education- Chetana's Kitchen Garden

"I was deprived from an education because of the conflict. In 2003, an agitated group came into my house and kidnapped my elder brother Yamlal Gharti. My parents, afraid that another child of theirs would be abducted by a party, told me to stay at home. I began helping my parents around the house by carrying out household chores, all the while seeing all my friends continuing education. After 4 years, my brother returned home and I asked my family if I could go back to school. With my parents and brother's consent I rejoined the school and continued my studies from grade 6. In grade eight, I heard about ASTHA Nepal's literacy and life skills education class for conflict affected children and joined the class.



"I received a golden opportunity to join and regularly attended the class. I learned various life skills, was taught about HIV/AIDS, and received information about on malnutrition and the benefits of kitchen gardening. Using the material related to kitchen gardening, I myself have planted vegetables such as cauliflower, cabbages, and peas. I have been able to give some of my produce to my neighbors and my literacy class facilitator, Radha Thapa, for which they were very grateful.

I would like to express my appreciation to the European Commission, ADRA Nepal, and ASTHA Nepal who have all been working to lighten the lives of thousands of children like me."

International Visits

- Mr. Denison Grellmann (ADRA Australia)- M & E, LeGGO
- Mr. Marc Andre Hensel (ADRA Germany)- M & E, DRR
- Mr. Howa Avan Nomayo (ADRA UK)- M & E, ASIC
- Mr. Daniel Dos Santos and Jair Parada (ADRA Regional Office, Bangkok) - Strategic Planning Workshop
- Mr. Robert Cooke (ADRA International)- USAID Finance Training
- Ms. Mai Ogawa (ADRA Japan)- Proposal Development



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