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## **VISION**

**CREATE SELF-RELIANT AND EQUITABLE SOCIETY IN NEPAL**

## **MISSION**

**BASE COMMITS FOR SOCIO-ECONOMIC, HUMAN RESOURCE AND INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT; CULTURAL, ENVIRONMENTAL AND HUMAN RIGHT PROTECTION AND PROMOTION AND CREATION OF EQUITABLE, PEACEFUL AND PROSPEROUS SOCIETY.**

## **GOAL**

**TO CREATE EDUCATED, EQUITABLE AND HEALTHY SOCIETY BY PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES OF LIVELIHOOD, DEVELOPMENT, EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND SOCIAL INCLUSIONS FOR EXCLUDED COMMUNITY.**



## STATEMENT

If we look back to 2021 it's difficult to capture such a complex year in a word and it was challenging for all human kind in the globe due to effect of Covid-19 pandemic. In this challenging period BASE Organization has made tangible results of its service delivery work and I am happy to share BASE Organization's annual progress report 2021 with significant achievement we have been able to make successful with our collective actions. This report

gives an overview of the BASE development projects implemented in west Nepal.

In this year BASE has revised its five year long term strategy (2021- 2025) and the strategy focuses on major thematic areas such as [-education and social protection \(child labor and human trafficking\)](#), livelihood, agriculture, entrepreneurship and employment, [health, nutrition and WASH, peace, governance and human rights, climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction and GESI, advocacy and institutional strengthening](#). Having the sole vision "to create self-reliant and equitable society", BASE has implemented its projects in collaboration with state actors in its target districts.

BASE has specifically worked to raise the living standards of marginalized and disadvantaged grassroots communities, and has done this through its management of BASE members and professional activists to support them in aligning their work with the needs of target groups. BASE has focused more on response to Covid-19 pandemic and strengthening institutional capacity of local level government health facility centres. The organization has provided technical support to develop economic recovery plan of local level governments. In additions to this, the organization has provided emergency aid and humanitarian relief packages to the Covid-19 pandemic affected families and migrant returnees.

Moreover, BASE has provided technical assistance to formulate children policies and guidelines for the local government along with structural formation for responding children issues in regards to eliminating child labor from hazardous works like brick kilns. The organization has also supported to develop Annual School Improvement Plan and build the capacity of SMC and PTAs where children have been benefited for the quality education, thousand days mothers received support for nutrition pancakes and telephone counselling services on health and nutrition, marginalized communities have access to safe drinking water and quality health care from trained health workers, support to strengthen sub national government through dialogues for sustainable peace building in the community, strengthening system through lobby and advocacy and build capacity of local government and CBOs to combat child labour and trafficking.

I would like to extend my grateful thank to development partners; Kailash Satyarthi Children Foundation US and New Delhi, Mercy Corps/UK Aid, Save the Children, The Asia Foundation, Water Aid, Lutheran World Relief, Christian Aid, World Education Inc. HKI, CARE, Global Giving, Martin Dunn Charity, Federal, Province and Local government of Nepal. We greatly appreciate to our charismatic leadership and Founder President Dilli Bahadur Chaudhary who is always envisioning innovation for changing of socio economic empowerment of marginalized community.

We are very thankful to line Ministries, SWC, District Coordination Committee and local level government-Municipalities for their continuous support. These achievements would not have been possible without support from the Government of Nepal and Municipalities. I would like to thank our Central Management Team (CMT), Program Director and program leads for quality

implementation of the program and effective administration. Last but not the least, thank you to all our program coordinators, district coordinators, admin and finance team including board members without their support this report wouldn't come up with this face.

Thank you.

**Churna Bahadur Chaudhari**

**Executive Director**

## PROJECT Highlights 2021

Year 2021 was an essential year for BASE with extreme challenges and opportunities resulted by the pandemic of COVID-19. With the support of our donors, partners, volunteers and other stakeholders, we were able to achieve significant success. Key highlights of the year include:

## STRENGTHENING SUB-NATIONAL GOVERNANCE (DIALOGUE) PROGRAM

Sub-National Governance (Dialogue) bridging phase program supports on strengthening state–society relationship building on emerging issues through dialogue. Sambad Samuha has played a vital role to facilitate on different issues and dispute raised in local, province and federal level government. Program has been focusing on economic recovery, health facilities improvement and social justice. The main objective of the program is to crafting spaces, relationship sand mechanisms to support dialogue and collaboration at provincial and community levels in conflict-prone areas; and to use transformed relationships in conflict transformation and peace building and collaborations at different level. Project is being implemented in three provinces (Lumbini, Sudurpaschim and Karnali), covering eight districts i.e; Dang, Banke, Bardiya, Kailali, Kanchanpur, Surkhet, East Rukum, Kapilbastu.

## HIGHLIGHTS 2021

During the year of 2021 Sambad Samuha Secretariat has able to facilitate 21 issues of different sectors and areas. Among them 13 Issues have been successfully managed and transformed. In total 5417 (Female-1667,

Male-3718, Gender and Sexual minorities-32) stakeholders has been engaged during the facilitation.

The project has contributed to increase harmony and peace among the team members of various local government. Communication gap is minimized by the Dialogue and Appreciative Inquiry in the Tikapur Municipality between/among the elected representatives and executive committee. Vice-Mayor (Kesari Bista Rawal) who is also the chairman of the Judiciary Committee says that I am personally and professionally benefitted more than others.



MEETING WITH THE CHIEF MINISTER OF KARNALI PROVINCE, HONORABLE MAHENDRA BAHADUR SHAHI

During the Covid-19 pandemic dialogue group members have actively engaged to serve the people with information dissemination, facilitation for safety as well as protection of community people. Total 788 (Female- 442 and Male -346) COVID-19 affected persons and their families received Psychosocial First Aid (Psychosocial Care). Jointly supported by LWR and TAF, BASE has organized the mobile health camps in Dang and Kailali District through SNGP program mobilizing a team of doctors and health workers for community health counselling. From the mobile health camp total 2562

(female-1464 and male-1098) have been directly benefitted by receiving counselling, basic health check-up, medicine distribution as well as antigen test services.

After the dialogue on Covid-19 response, total 50 isolation beds added in Baal Mandir of Nepalgunj Banke. In the initiation of Sambad Samuha Tikapur Municipality and Janaki Rural Municipality allocated 15 hundred thousand Nepali rupees for the management of the Oxygen Plant in Tikapur Hospital.

In the coordination of Chief District Officer (CDO) Kanchanpur, 2200 senior citizens and PWDs got vaccinated against Covid-19. In the initiation of Sambad Samuha Kanchanpur 17266 returnees have been tested antigen among them 555 were found positive and they were sent to the quarantine centres.

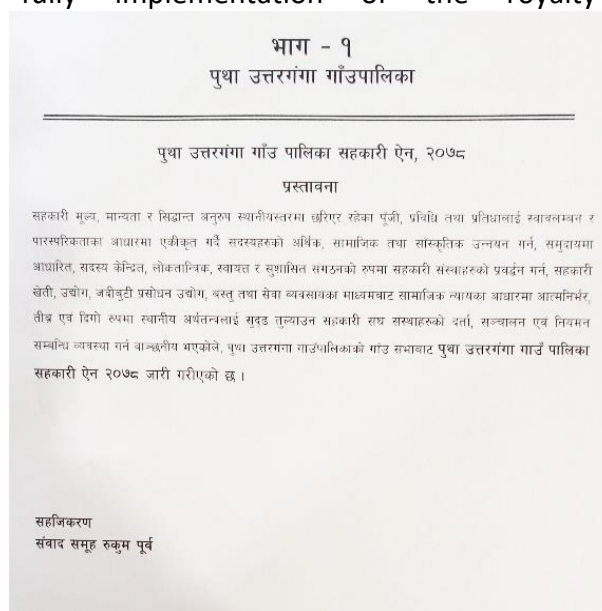
Sambad Samuha have contributed to developed 4 policies (Education, Health, Judiciary and Cooperative) and 12 guidelines of Putha Uttarganga RM of Rukum East. The Putha Uttarganga RM has endorsed the policies and guidelines. By the facilitation of Sambad Samuha Kapilvastu, Mayadevi RM has prepared and endorsed the GEDSI policy and 22 GEDSI project are highly prioritized in Kapilvastu.

The social and political context analysis of 3 Provinces (Lumbini, Sudur Paschim and Karnali) has been finalized and disseminated to the province level governments and stakeholders. Sambad Samuha also engage to develop relationship and social harmony in the society. Now the bitter relationship between Hindu and Muslim community has been turned in to sweet in Banke district. During the COVID pandemic BASE and NFRJ has did the research on religious and social harmony. The finding of the research was

combine as the book and distributed to all the religious leaders of Banke, Bardia and Kapilvastu district.

This program has contributed to capacities 466 (male-281, female-181 and gender minority-4) BASE team besides staffs as well as Sambad Samuha members. The training has been provided on appreciative enquiry, good governance, documentation, Gender Responsive Budget planning, Monitoring, Evaluation, concept of Theory of Change, GEDSI Plan, Data Tracker and excel template training were provided to institutionalize federalism.

Sambad Samuha are involved in the community development works that contributes to achieve SDG of Nepal government's national plan. Kapilvastu Sambad Samuha facilitated for Hulaki Road construction in Taulihawa area which has been started officially. Likewise, Mahakali and Bhimdatta Municipality have started fully implementation of the royalty



**PUTHA UTTARGANGA RM COOPERATIVE ACT 2078 SAMPLE COPY**

collection in Mahakali River. It has been consented that the Bhimdatta Municipality

will claim 60% and Mahakali Municipality will claim 40% of royalty from the Mahakali River that belongs to both municipality.

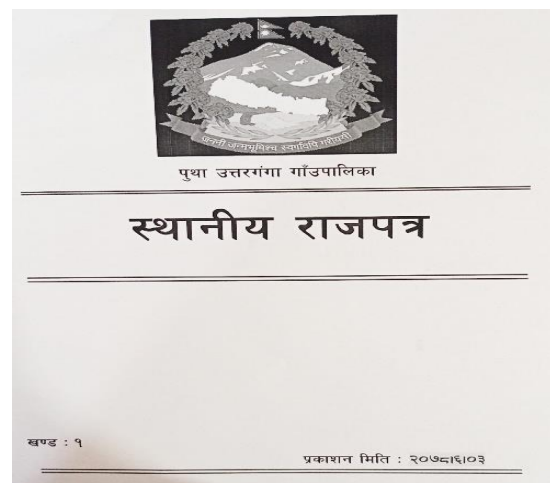
Likewise, Sambad Samuha Surkhet has successfully facilitated the dispute of natural resource like excavation of riverine material of Bheri River at Panchapuri RM ward no 5 has been resolved which is going to save 23 houses of ward no- 9 from the flooding every year. Moreover, in Surkhet district the dispute and strikes of the partial professors, Students and Midwestern University management committee has been transformed and the agreement made during the dispute transformation is applying. Like these, in the initiation of Sambad Samuha Kanchanpur and Tikapur the oxygen plant management worked has been completed and operating form the provincial hospital Kanchanpur and Tikapur Hospital.

### CASE STORY

**Policy Formation issues of Putha Utterganga Rural Municipality East Rukum district resolved through dialogue facilitation.**

One of the most remote districts of Nepal and Lumbini province is East Rukum. It is deprived from all types of service and resources of government. It is the youngest district of Nepal. The area is not in sights of the government eye. There is no proper road access, communication access, even no access of electricity, and health facilities. After the construction of New structure in Nepal Putha Uttarganga RM is made for federal government service provide but the skill human resources are lacking in the RM. Federal government has provided authority to the local level for the preparation of

different policy, act, guideline but due to the lack of the skill human resource Putha Utterganga RM couldn't prepared any act, policy and guideline. During the coordination between the spares of governments in different issues raised by the covid-19 pandemic and policy dialogue in Lumbini province it comes to know that in Rukum Purba Putha Uttarganga RM has no any policy and the Putha Utterganga RM also knew about the working process of sambad on facilitating in different issue and the RM request with Sambad to support in policy dialogue, technical support for the policy formation and finding the resource person. After the policy dialogue facilitation on the issues of Education policy, Health Policy, Judiciary policy and Cooperative policy formation and implementation Putha Utterganga RM Rukum, Executive committee of Putha Uttarganga RM has ensured to prepare 4 policies. The draft policy has been prepared and need to discuss with the key stakeholder related to the respective policies and after collecting



**PUTHA UTTARGANGA RM LOCAL GAZETTE**

the feedback from the key stakeholder the policies will be endorse by the Village council. The Putha Utter Ganga RM has endorsed and implementing the following act and guidelines in the technical and

facilitation support of Sambad Samuha. Sambad Samuha has mobilized 3 advocate (Bishnu Mani Dhital-Dang, Pralahad Bahadur Karki. Banke and Kiran Gautam – Rukum purva) who are also member of Sambad supporting to draft the policies. Along with technical support Sambad samuha Rukum make sensitize for the importance of the policies. By this sanitization Putha Uttargang has prepared the following 12 guideline-

1. *Gaun Palika Karya Sampadan Niyamawoli 2078*
2. *Gaun Palika Karya Vibhajan Niyamawoli revised 2078*
3. *Gaun Palika Anugaman तथा Superibekhsyan samitiko karya sanchan karyabidhi 2078*
4. *Gaun Palika Aarthik Ain 2078*
5. *Gaun Palika Bishayagat samitiko Baithak sanchanlan Karyabidhi 2078*
6. *Gaun Palika Bipad Jokhim Niunikaran तथा Byabasthapan karyabidhi 2078*
7. *Youva Bikaas sanchalan Karyabiddhi 2078*
8. *Laingik Hinsu Niwaran Kosh Sanchalan Karyabidhi 2078*
9. *Biniyojan Ain 2078*
10. *Sarbajanik Parikhsayan Karyabidhi 2078*
11. *Sabajanik Sunuwai Karyabidhi 2078*
12. *Baithak Sanchalan Karyabidhi 2078*

### **Progress on Hulaki Road construction which had been delaying in Taulihawa area**

**Postal Highway** also called **Hulaki Rajmarg** runs across the Terai region of Nepal, from Bhadrapur, Jhapa in the east to Dodhara, Kanchanpur in the west, cutting across the entire width of the country. The highway is a two lane road which connects 20 districts of terai frontier. During the construction of this road in Kapilvastu Taulihawa area there had been delaying.

Seeing the delaying status of road construction, Kapilvastu District Administration Office verbally requested with Sambad members to facilitate the issue.

15 houses were demolished in Taulihawa bazar area. That houses were lied in the road area. 10 houses have received compensation. 5 houses are not received any compensation. During the road construction, there were mud and dust in the roadside. People have been suffering the mud and dust. The market is also affected by the dust and road damages. There are only fewer customers for the traders and shopkeeper.



**ELECTRICITY POLES BEING TRANSFERRED FROM THE HULAKI ROAD**

Sambad Samuha Kapilvastu initiated to facilitate the issue for construction work in time. Conducted a mini- Joint interaction meeting on the date of 26 Sep 2021. The key stakeholders were CDO, Sharma Construction engineer, Hulaki road engineer, Taulihawa Electricity office chief, Kapilvastu RM ward- 3, 2, 1 Chairman, Nepal journalist federation, Drinking water committee representatives. During the meeting that area road construction (Sharma Construction) company stated the causes of being delay for the road

construction. Road construction delaying causes are-

1. Some people's houses are in the area of road construction. The people are reluctant to remove houses.
2. Electricity and internet wire and poles are not cleared by the Electricity Office.
3. There are pipe of drinking water in the road construction area. The pipe should be managed.
4. Heavy rain also hampered the construction work.
5. Problems in road construction due to changing course of river Banganga.
6. Lacking of coordination among Road Construction Company, Drinking water association and electricity and internet suppliers.



**Hulai Road Construction of Kapilvastu after dialogue**

In this very meeting Electricity Office, drinking water association ensured to manage the electricity extension pole and underground pipe of drinking water. During the mini- joint interaction, the following consents were agreed-

1. Electricity Authority office will manage the electricity pole.
2. Drinking water committee will manage the drinking water extension pipe.

3. Road Construction Company will start the construction work and try to protect electricity pole and drinking water pipe.
4. Local government will spray water in road during the construction for stopping dust.
5. Sambd Samuha will coordinate all stakeholder and support to manage scattered cattle in the road.

According to the consents, the Electricity Authority office has managed the electricity pole and drinking water association managed the drinking water pipe. Now the road construction work is speeding. There is no more delay for the road construction.

### **SUAHARA-II (Good Nutrition) PROJECT**

Good Nutrition Program is being implemented by BASE in 10 municipalities of Dang district. The main objective of this program is to improve the nutritional status of women, children and adolescent girls in Nepal. The project focuses on providing knowledge on nutrition, health, for pregnant, lactating mother and mother with six month babies to deliver right message in right time. Along with the project idea is about family planning, water, sanitation and hygiene, agriculture, food production, gender equity and social inclusion.

### **HIGHLIGHTS 2021**

Onsite coaching on Integrated Management of Acute Malnutrition (IMAM) was done in 15 health facilities where 171 health workers participated. Now, they have been applying their knowledge and skills to manage Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) and Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM) cases with proper counseling. Front line workers

reached 10800 people and they have been received counseling services during COVID-19 pandemic via cell phone about the emergency guideline. 4489 participants (154 m & 4335f) attended and observed food demo session from 238 health mother group (HMG). Among them 2689 were thousand days' mothers, 5 VMFs, 235 FCHVs, 119



**DEPUTY MAYOR OF GHORAHÍ HANDING OVER NUTRITIOUS FOOD TO THE MOTHER**

adolescent girls, 1680 community members. Women of 1000 days have been practicing to provide homemade nutritious food to their babies.

2571 targeted mothers' of 1000 days were oriented on their key roles and responsibility for 3 different major periods (just after giving birth, 4 months pregnant and 6 months' babies) for healthy babies during Key Life Celebration. 15 OTC centers have been providing Integrated Management of Acute Malnutrition (IMAM) services by managing SAM/MAM cases & encouraging to them to consume Ready to Use Therapeutic Food (RUTF) with proper counseling. 44 peer facilitators actively participated during peer facilitator review meeting. 4 GESI champions received orientation on basic concept of gender equality and social inclusion and 5 father and grandfather group meeting were conducted

and applying Gender Equality and Social Inclusion (GESI) principle in their family and communities. Community Health Score Board (CHSB) follows up meeting was done in 3 health facilities where 4 males and 59 female participated.

The measurement of the standard health and nutrition indicators were discussed and prepare plan to increase the weaker indicators. Conducted review and sharing meeting with district and municipality-level government and non-government agricultural and livestock stakeholders where 21 (M-17, Fe-4) stakeholders attended. Village Model Farmer (VMF) network meeting has been held, where 27 VMFs were attended. They are frequently coordinating with the local governments and provincial government and able to get resources. One of the VMF groups of Banglachuli RMhas received NPR 3500000 for livestock rearing grant.

2 days training on nutrition sensitive and nutrition specific agriculture extension has been conducted with the active participant of livestock and agriculture technician. After the training the livestock and agriculture technician of the 10 local level governments has allocated the budgets for nutrition sensitive. During this year Rajpur RM has



**FIELD STAFFS PRESENTING FOOD DEMO AMONG THE MOTHERS**

been developed CCA/DRR plan with the integration of nutrition component by the technical support of SP II in different 5 wards and endorse by the council. The Rajpur Rural Municipality council has raised the budgets to implement the plan in DRR sectors. Total 87 (60m, 27 f) municipal stakeholders actively participated in nutrition sustainability workshop. Likewise, 105(M-67, Fe38) elected leaders including municipal staffs participated in nutrition food security steering committee. After the training the elected leaders has been raised the budgets allocation in the nutrition sectors. For example, in Lamahi Municipality they lunch the Deputy Mayor Koseli program for lactating mothers and in Banglachuli RM NPR 400000 for Koseli program.

#### **CASE STORY**

##### **MUAAC screening saved the life of baby**



**HEALTH WORKER MEASURING ARM OF THE POSSIBLE SAM BABY**

MUAAC screening is one of the key to identify the Severe Acute Malnutrition Moderate Acute Malnutrition (SAM/MAM) case from community. It is accelerated by front line workers to find out cases. During community based screening, Field Workers of Suaahara II project identified 9 months old child named Puskar Chaudhary resident of

Rampur village of Ghorahi Municipality identified as SAM baby. Puspa Chaudhary the mother of child is labour with a farmer and earning very low income. Due to severe malnutrition this child even could not sit without support. Field Supervisor Bhisma Chaudhary advises her to visit OTC immediately and enrolled her child in OTC centre in Rampur. At the time of enrolment, the child was having a MUAC 110.1 mm. After confirmation of SAM case, SAM management procedures started and treated as per prescribed RUTF along with proper counselling to his parents. Field Supervisor including health team started to follow up regularly to child mother on weekly basis. During every visit, weight and MUAC found improving. On 6th visit; it was 13.5 CM MUAC observed that the child health improved then child discharged. The parents of the child become happy and gave special thanks to the Field Supervisor of Suaahara II program and health worker who participated on treatment

#### **SAKRIYA PROJECT**

The SAKIRYA project is working to improve the capacity of these networks to raise awareness of these problems: and improve capacity to implement initiative to address child labour or forced labour and violations of acceptable conditions of works. The project aims to improve capacity of civil society to identify and document accurate, independence, and objective information on the nature and scope of the child labour and forced labour, and violations of acceptable conditions of work in the brick, zari and carpet sectors as well as to raise awareness for the protection of works from child labour and/or forced labour, and violations of acceptable conditions of works. The project has also focused to capacity development of

the CSOs and BASE. BASE is focused on brick kilns in two municipalities i.e. Tulsipur and Lamahi of Dang district. The project has been implemented from October 2019 to April 2022 was funded by USDOL/World Education Inc.

### HIGHLIGHTS 2021

The SAKRIYA project has given opportunity to BASE organization to get recognized in child labor sector. The organization has been able to integrated capacity building in child rights actions such as data collection, campaign activities planning and case management of the children. BASE has been able to accomplish coordination meetings, child protection policy formulation workshops, round table discussions and action planning, situation analysis meetings with the three palikas Tulsipur, Lamahi and Rapti in which total 409 (Male-243 and Female-166) participants participated. Likewise, survey was carried out at the brick kilns of Tulsipur and Lamahi to collect data of child labourers. From this survey total 348 children were found in 15 brick kilns of Tulsipur and total 185 in 12 brick kilns of Lamahi. This findings have been presented to World Education and other partners



**HOME VISIT AND COUNSELING TO THE FAMILIES BY FIELD WORKER**



**EMERGENCY RELIEF MATERIALS DISTRIBUTION TO CHILD LABOR FAMILIES DURING THE LOCKDOWN CAUSED BY THE COVID 19 PANDEMIC**

during 5 days capacity assessment and M&E workshop at Kathmandu. Likewise, these findings have been shared with the Tulsipur sub-metropolitan city and Lamahi municipality for policy advocacy.

In addition to these, TDH has provided 3 days virtual case management to the staffs and representatives of Rapti rural municipality the added palika. AFN facilitated for audience survey to identify media selection through physical field visits in both palikas. They also provided 2 days orientation session to BASE and CBOs about communication strategy. BASE conducted meetings with child clubs and network in both palikas that has developed coordination with these structures. BASE staffs and board members got opportunity to participate in 5 days Social and Behavioural Change Communication (SBCC) training organized by AFN in Pokhara. SAN organized 5 days Community Based Research Action (CBRA) data management and case study development training to BASE staffs in Nepalgunj that increased the skills and knowledge of our team. Likewise, AFN provided 3 days Media and

Communication Outreach Materials Development workshop in Nepalgunj that has helped to better understand the selection of media and produce outreach materials. After this SAN provided 2 days Process Tracing training to BASE team in Kathmandu. Radio PSA messages produced to raise awareness campaign were pre-tested in the fields by BASE and AFN. In order to address immediate need of the children and families at brick kilns during lockdown period, 58 families were distributed emergency support those included food items, educational materials through TDH.

BASE has provided support to Tulsipur sub-metropolitan city for the formation of Ward Child Rights Committees (WCRC) which is a part of palika's action plan in child rights policies. Total 8 WCRC have been formed till December 2021. AFN provided 2 days SBCC refresher training in Kathmandu that enhanced further skills and knowledge about campaign activities. BASE has been disseminating mass media- audio and video PSA through Radio Tulsipur FM and Highway FM as well as STN TV channel for mass awareness raising. TDH representatives visited BASE and its CBOs as well as local government representatives for monitoring purpose. We participated in 5 days capacity assessment and strategy review workshop organized by WEI in Kathmandu that has given rich documentation and data to our organization. Two of our Social Mobilizers attended in 10 days ToT of Case Management by TDH in Kathmandu that has equipped them with good understanding about case management in child protection. Similarly BASE has been collaborating day celebrations with the local palikas. Technical assistance to the local government by BASE in policy and guidelines formulation has

helped palikas to have their own policies to address children issues and Rapti RM which was one of the palikas without any policies and guidelines for children now has received them and are ready to get endorsement. Now the local government and our organization has own the child labor issues.



**CASE MANAGEMENT TRAINING PARTICIPANTS FROM CBOS**

The skills and knowledge has been transferred to CBOs and stakeholders for raising voices against child labor. Brick kilns are reducing child workers and taking adult workers and parents have been aware and accountable towards their children and their rights to education.

### **RECOVERY OF COVID-19 AFFECTED COMMUNITIES IN WESTERN NEPAL (RECOVER) PROGRAM**

Since its spread, the COVID-19 pandemic has been a major public health concern and badly impacting health and economies. The pandemic outstripped the country's health-care capabilities, highlighting the need to enhance the health-care system. Similarly, the food security and livelihoods of Nepalese households have been severely disrupted, generating fears that the situation is even



**PROJECT KICK OFF MEETING OF KAILARI RM**

worsening. To address these issues and challenges, the project was designed with the aim to “Improve health resilience among vulnerable communities in 3 districts of Western Nepal” emphasizing two key components, i.e., strengthen resilience of health system to respond to COVID 19 outbreak and future shocks and restore affected livelihood in communities. The project is being implemented in three local governments; Dhangadhi Sub-metropolitan city, Godwari Municipality and Kailari Rural



**A 92 YEARS OLD MAN GETTING VACCINATED IN GODAWARI MUNICIPALITY**

Municipality of Kailali district by Backward Society Education (BASE) in the financial and technical support of Lutheran World Relief (LWR) for the period October 5, 2021 to June 2022.

### **HIGHLIGHTS 2021**

Successfully completed the training to 46 health personnel and local health professionals which enhanced their



**HEALTH STAFF FACILITATING ABOUT THE ADVERTIZED HEALTH FACILITIES, RANA MURA KAILARI**

knowledge as well as technical skills. It was achieved with the close coordination and support of health section of local government. This has ensured community people get timely response for health services.

Orientation training to 55 FCHVs was successfully completed on COVID-19 vaccination and information about new variant omicron. The health section of local government supported in identifying the resource person and invitation to the participants. FCHVs inform and encourage the community people for vaccination and to apply safety measures.

The willingness of community people will be increased for vaccination and more people

get vaccinated.

Reached 466 community people through a campaign to advertise health posts services available to communities. Mobilization of local health personnel of respective community supported to carry out the campaign. Increased the awareness of community about the health services at nearby health facilities. The willingness of community people to seek health services will be increased and number of health services taking people will also be increased. The project team successfully selected 100 households for quick impact with agriculture inputs support, 101 households to enrol for health insurance and 18 migrant workers for livelihood assistance in close coordination and recommendation of local government. The selected beneficiaries will get opportunity to restore livelihoods and health services in free of cost.

## DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE (DPR) PROGRAM

At the request of District Disaster Management Committee (DDMC) BASE organization has implemented Disaster



INTRODUCTION AND CONSULTATION MEETING, BANKE



SUMULATION PROGRAM

Preparedness and Response Plan preparation program in Raptisonari Rural Municipality and Nepalgunj Sub Metropolitan city. The Disaster preparedness and response program is financially supported by Save the Children. All of the planned activities have been carried out in the close coordination and collaboration with both local governments.

## HIGHLIGHTS 2021

We have provided technical assistance for the preparation of Disaster Preparedness Response Plan of Nepalgunj sub-metropolitan city and Rapti Sonari Rural



DISASTER PREPAREDNESS PLAN HANDLING OVER TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Municipality and handed over to them. Both of these local governments have been applying to control and response to disaster as these both are prone to disaster. The plan has been developed based on the consultation, data and context analysis with both municipalities. This has built a strong relationship with the local government. The simulation program has also been organized for the stakeholders which helps to gather ideas of rescue and response.

## COVID-19 RESPONSE AND RELIEF PROGRAM

BASE Organization operated COVID-19 response activities to support one of the most affected and remote Kailari Municipality of Kailali district during the second wave of COVID. The support activities were carried out through the grant fund received from Kailash Satyarthi Children Foundation, US. During the havoc of the second wave Kailari RM was very affected with the spread of COVID-19 at the community level. The RM is populated with marginalized communities those were lacking their access to the health treatment during COVID infection. Based on the recommendation from the civil societies and request from the local government BASE



**MEDIA COVERAGE OF THE MEDICAL CAMP**



**HEALTH PERSONNELS AT THE MEDICAL CAMP**

mobilized medical team to carry out rapid COVID response in that RM.

## HIGHLIGHTS 2021

BASE hired and mobilized a team including three doctors, nine health workers, 3 volunteers and one journalist in the villages of Kailari rural municipality. The medical team conducted health camps for nine days providing health checkup, antigen test, PCR test and medicine distribution and refer services to the people of Kailari RM. The team used to travel from Dhangadhi hospital to provide the services in coordination with rural municipality. The COVID infected patients and those having symptoms were distributed medicines of controlling fever, cough, ORS, Vitamin C and D tabs.

This was a great support to the local government to control the spread of COVID 19 on the communities. This effort was very much appreciated by the communities and local government with wider media coverage. BASE and KSCF US have contributed their great support to respond the disaster caused by COVID-19.

This support was able to provide their services to the following numbers of people.

Particulars	Number
Total people attended	288
Male	165
Female	123
Age < 20	40
Age > 50	68
Age 20-50	180
PCR test	44
PCR Positive	29
Antigen test	288
Antigen positive	60
Medicine distribution	119
Referral	3

## SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM OF MARGINALIZED WOMEN IN NEPAL PROGRAM

BASE has implemented Sustainable Economic Development Program of Marginalized Women in Nepal in Dang and



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Banke districts. The project started in April 1, 2021 and concluded in Sep. 30, 2021 was funded by Dunn Development Corp. The project targeted to 300 marginalized women to uplift their economic status through the support of skill development training and market linkages for their production. The main objectives of the project are empowerment of marginalized women for their economic empowerment and build their decision-making capacity through the promotion and protection of important indigenous skills.

## HIGHLIGHTS 2021



WOMEN GETTING TRAINING OF SEWING AND CUTTING

75 marginalized rural women and youth received advance training packages and running garments factory. They also created market oriented job. Rural women received advance training and enhance their knowledge and skills that have built their confident and run their small business to skip from poverty and slavery. Created common platform and opportunity for the marginalized women and poor families to access into economic activities which is supporting to their livelihood. The women and young girls are started to become good entrepreneurs for their regular income and created job in the community. Every

individual is able to earn NPR 11,000 to 35,000 (100 to 300 USD) monthly which is good support for their children's education cost. Tharu culture is being preserved and promoted in local level and national as well as international markets. Rural women are empowered and access to the economic activities.

## MEETING THE COVID CRISIS IN THE THARU VILLAGES OF MID WEST NEPAL

The COVID-19 response program through the financial support of the Advocacy Project, US was implemented in Dang district from June 15 to September 15, 2021. The program activities were carried out in 60 villages with a population of around 10,000 people. The second wave of infections had devastated the Tharu people, who inhabit several districts in the Midwest of Nepal. Infections began to surge in Dang in late May and quickly overwhelmed hospitals in Tulsipur. Two BASE Board members died. The virus also spread quickly in the villages, where villagers were locked down and



**RIGHT BASED ORIENTATION SESSION TO REDUCE RISK AGAINST CHILDREN AND WOMEN DURING COVID-19, DANG**



**MEDICAL TEAM PROVIDING HEALTH CHECK-UP SERVICES IN THE VILLAGE OF DANG**

largely unaware of the threat. The government estimated that over 35,000 were infected by the end of May. As of mid-June, the crisis has eased in the towns but not in the villages. The government was also warning that a third wave of the Delta variant might be imminent and ordered that 20% of all hospital beds be reserved for children. This was causing a great deal of fear. This project has helped BASE and the local authorities in Dang district to deal with this emergency, while also laying a strong foundation to confront future waves of the virus and other pandemics. BASE is well placed to take the lead in such a critical mission. During three decades of advocating for labour rights, the organization has built a network of dedicated community volunteers among the Tharu people and they coordinated BASE's response to the pandemic in the villages. The local government has also entrusted BASE with administering Antigen tests in the villages. Finally, BASE recently established two health teams that have begun to take health care into isolated villages.

## HIGHLIGHTS 2021

BASE mobilized a team of Health Workers including doctor, staff nurse those carried

out medical camp in the selected villages of three municipalities i.e. Tulsipur sub-metropolitancity, Babai Rural Municipality and Shantinagar Rural Municipality. The camp was organized for a month from August 17 to September 16. Total 1363 people were attended by the medical team. Counselling, basic health check-up, medicine distribution and antigen test were carried out by the team.

The training to the members from 60 villages have been successfully accomplished. Two facilitators (Mr. Nirmal Nepali - Human Rights worker, Child Rights Expert cum Government Teacher and Ms. Sushma Giri - Women Rights Worker, Leader) facilitated the trainings. The training was about the importance of children rights and reduction of gender based violence. Similarly the training participants contributed as the facilitators to deliver safety precautions messages against COVID-19 in the villages and distributed the masks and other safety materials on behalf of BASE organization.



**HEALTH EQUIPMENTS SUPPORT TO SHANTINAGAR RM  
HCF, DANG**

15 sets of PPE were purchased and distributed in three Health Centre Facilities i.e. Panchakule HCF, Shantinagar HCF and



**HANDMADE MASKS DISTRIBUTED TO THE CHILDREN FOR  
THEIR SAFETY**

Phulbari HCF. 8 oximeters were purchased and distributed those three HCFs along with PPE sets. 60 packets of medicine kits were prepared and distributed in the villages to those affected by COVID 19 as well as having similar symptoms. 5 boxes of safety gloves distributed to HCFs along with PPE sets. 6000 handmade cotton masks have been prepared and distributed in the villages through the members. Children size and normal size masks were prepared by 11 women of different villages. The medical camp team has carried out Antigen tests in the villages for those had similar symptoms to COVID-19. Then we updated the day to day information of the infections to the focal person of COVID -19 Mr. Bimal KC in Tulsipur. BASE produced radio jingle message and it was disseminated through three local FM radio stations i.e. Tulsipur FM, Sanjivani FM and Hapure FM. Each FM station aired the messages 10 times a day.

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The role of our funding partners and stakeholders is highly valuable to enable BASE to serve for the last three decades in mid and far western regions of Nepal. As we have still long way to go, we believe our partnership will be further strengthened in the days to come. We express our sincere thanks to our donors, local governments, stakeholders, BASE members and network for contributing our mission to work in grassroots with backward and disadvantaged to create self-reliant and equitable society through socio-economic empowerment and responsible action. In spite of pandemic of COVID-19, we could bring down our efforts to serve our people with the support and trust of our partners and stakeholders. We were able to respond with humanitarian support to combat COVID-19 in western Nepal. We thank to the partners with whom we worked together throughout the year of 2021. We are equally grateful to our strategic partners whom we have already worked with and intend towards fruitful partnership in futures. Therefore, we have mentioned the names of both currently working and strategic partners as following.

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