

Annual Report 2080/81



SAMABIKAS Nepal

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Introduction

SAMABIKAS Nepal is a right based organization established by gender and rights activists August 2004. It is a community-based organization that works for assisting the marginalized and excluded sections of the society, who have been the victims of the cultural and socio-economic bias. It is also a women lead organization based in Achham district of Far-Western Province of Nepal that works towards creating a powerful social change through advocacy, engagement and empowerment of women, girls and children. SAMABIKAS (meaning equity and development) Nepal is a non-partisan, non-discriminatory and non-religious organization established to create a just and equitable society.

The organization is registered by the District Administration Office, Achham on 15 August 2004 (2061-4-31) with registration number 174. The organization is affiliated with the Social Welfare Council with affiliation number: 13143. It also has got registered with the Internal Revenue Office, Dhangadi with PAN: 301853589. The organization is being renewed as per government rules. The organization is also a member of Beyond Beijing Committee (BBC) Nepal and Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) Federation.

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Our Vision

Our Vision is to “Create equal, social, just and dignified society”

Our Mission

Our Mission is to “Empower, respect, create meaningful participation, capacity building, institutional development and policy advocacy of

women, children, marginalized, differently able and neglected group and community.”

Goals

Our Goals are:

1. Preserving human rights of women, Dalit, children, differently able, marginalized and backward class.
2. Contribute to localizing and execution of the motto of sustainable development goals that is “Leave no one behind.”

Objectives

Our main objectives are:

1. Find out the major problems and issues associated with the women, Dalit, differently abled and children, who have been excluded in terms of socio-economic status, are victims of domestic violence and take initiative to solve the issues.
2. Short- and long-term rehabilitation and facilitating access to justice for the survivors of gender-based violence and people affected by it.
3. Provide social security to economic and social upliftment by developing entrepreneurship skills of women, minority, backward and at-risk groups.
4. Exercise, structure and promote gender, children and adolescent friendly policies.
5. Involve, represent, and develop leadership roles of women in politics
6. Work to assure women’s sexual and reproductive health and rights.

Thematic Areas:

1. Sexual and Reproductive Health
2. Rehabilitation of survivors of gender-based violence
3. Human rights
4. Gender Equality
5. Social Justice
6. Skill development and economic empowerment
7. Formation Safe House.

Fiscal Year 2023/2024

KEY RESULTS/ACHIEVEMENTS

- 3500 Girls and women directly benefited from project intervention.
- 15 girls and women benefited from the safe house and counseling service centre.
- 35 Young women started enterprises with startup support from the project.
- 1196 freedom kit bags distributed.
- 160 Period kit bags distributed to the differently able women and girls.

Girls Empowerment Project

Women's empowerment is a fundamental human right and a cornerstone of social and economic development. It involves empowering women to make choices about their lives, participate fully in decision-making processes, and access resources and opportunities that are often denied to them. Therefore, to empower the girls, the “Girls’ empowerment project” is implementing in Achham district with the financial support from Girls First Fund (GFF) for the period July 2022 to June 2024.

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Funding Agent: Girls First Fund

Area Coverage: Mellekh Rural Municipality, Sanfebagar and Chaurpati Municipality

Goal: To enhance girls' leadership and reduce the child marriage in 3 Municipality of Achham district.

- ❖ 246 girls and 25 boys participated in 107 BLOP Classes.
- ❖ Orientation on Sexual and reproductive and reproductive health for 200 girls.
- ❖ A district level women's volleyball tournament organized with 132 women participating in 11 teams.
- ❖ A provincial meeting held in Dhangadi kailali participated.
- ❖ 10 orientation events on legal provisions and violence were conducted involving 234 participants.
- ❖ 12 girls and women received enterprise development training and startup support for making bag making business.
- ❖ 7 ward level meetings in mellekh ,chaurpati and sanfebagar municipalities with 200 participants, focusing on eliminating Chaupadi goth , stopping GBV and and ending child marriage.
- ❖ Meeting with judicial committee and local police station sanfebagar to discuss addressing child marriage and GBV cases.



Fig: Adolescents group formation and BLOP Class

Womens empowerment Project

Women Empowerment Project aims to equip women with the necessary skills, resources, and support to achieve economic independence, break free from societal constraints, and contribute meaningfully to their communities. By addressing gender inequality and empowering women, the organization, strive to create a more just and equitable society. Women's empowerment project is implementing in Achham district with the financial support from Women Fund Asia for the period January 2023 to December 2024.

Area Coverage: Chaurpati Rural Municipality, Mellekh Rural Municipality and Sanfebagar Municipality.

Funding Agent: Women Fund Asia

Goal: Empowering and transforming women from rural areas who are economically, socially, and politically marginalized.

- ❖ 5 women get Nepali citizenship, Marriage certificate and National identity card.
- ❖ District level Judicial meeting to discuss on GBV.
- ❖ 5 Leadership and capacity building training for women right activist, girls.

- ❖ Orientation program on civic documentation and vital registration for 150 women.
- ❖ 3 Capacity building training to the Judicial Committee on their roles and responsibilities.
- ❖ District level Policy Dialogue program on Chaupadigoth pratha elimination.



Fig: Support on civic documentation and vital registration of women, Dalits and marginalized groups

Hamro Pahichan Project

Theme Ideas for "Hamro Pahichan" (Our Identity) Project for Girls and Women is "Breaking Stereotypes and Challenging Norms" in the society. Overcoming societal expectations and embracing individuality. This project focuses on challenging gender roles, cultural biases, and harmful stereotypes that limit women's potential.

Hamro Pahichan project is implementing in Achham district with the financial support from Obama Foundation for the period January 2023 to December 2024.

Funding Agent: Obama Foundation

Coverage Area: Sanfebagar Municipality, Mangalsen Municipality, Chaurpati Rural Municipality and Bannigadhi Jaygadh Rural Municipality.

Goal: Eliminating discrimination against women with different abilities, other women, and children, and empowering them to raise their voices and assert their rights

- ❖ 8 adolescents girls group formation and leadership training to those groups.
- ❖ District level discuss program on gender issues.
- ❖ 160 period kit bags distributed to differently abled Adolescent girls and womens.
- ❖ Enterprises training and economic support to 24 womens.



Safety and Care Project

The Urgent Action Fund plays a critical role in protecting the safety and well-being of vulnerable individuals and communities. By supporting this project, SAMABIKAS Nepal, can help to ensure that those facing urgent

threats have the resources they need to survive, thrive, and contribute to a more just and equitable world. Safety and Care project is implementing in Achham district with the financial support from Urgent Action Fund for the period December 2023 to November 2024.

Funding Agent: Urgent Action Fund

Coverage Area: Achham District

Goal: To establish a safe and supportive structure for WHRDs, encompassing health and well-being, legal and political protection, economic empowerment, sustainable livelihoods, and social and cultural support

Safety and Care project is implementing in Achham district with the financial support from Urgent Action Fund for the period December 2023 to November 2024.

- ❖ Enterprise support to 15 women .
- ❖ Orientation on women safety and care for 80 women of Achham district.
- ❖ Formation of WHRDs group of 45 women.
- ❖ 4 network meeting participating 80 women who works on the matter of women.
- ❖ 6 days long yoga and meditation class by Patanjali group of Achham district .



Fig: Network formation and mobilization of WHRDS

Freedom Kit Bags Project

Freedom Kit Bags are a revolutionary initiative designed to empower women and girls in Nepal by providing them with essential menstrual hygiene products and education. These kits offer a practical solution to a significant challenge faced by many women in the region, where access to sanitary products and proper menstrual hygiene practices can be limited.

The freedom kit bags project was started in April 2021 with the support from Freedom kits Bags, UK. The project goal is to end period poverty and raise awareness on menstrual hygiene.

Funding Agent: Freedom Kit Bags, UK

Area Coverage: Achham

Goal: To end period poverty by providing the menstrual kit bags and creating awareness on menstrual hygiene because there is a lack of education and understanding of menstruation process in Achham.

Key Achievements:

- ❖ 1196 Freedom Kits Bag distributed to the young adolescent girls and women's.
- ❖ Basic Menstrual hygiene behaviour orientation to 1196 girls and women.



Fig: Freedom distribution bag distribution

Safe House and legal counselling centre in Sanfebagar Achham

In coordination and collaboration with the sanfebagar municipality and sudurpaschim provincial municipality, SAMABIKAS Nepal has been managing a safe house and legal counselling centre in Sanfebagar Achham. It is a safe shelter for girls and women experiencing domestic violence, sexual assault, or any other forms of abuse. Here, the advocacy and support services to help survivors rebuild their lives. Through this Project;

Area Coverage : Achham District

Goal: Identifying the problems of various women affected by violence, providing counseling services, and referring them to the relevant places as needed.

- ❖ 15 girls and women directly benefited from safe house and legal counselling centre who faced the domestic and gender based violence.
- ❖ One girl was referred to KOSISH Kathmandu(National mental health self help organization) for further treatment and has returned after recovering.



Fig: Safe House and legal counselling centre , Achham

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Working Modality:-

- I. Coordination and Cooperation
- II. Awareness and Capacity Development
- III. Economic Empowerment
- IV. Dialogue
- V. BLOP
- VI. Event management

Success Stories

Citizenship at the age of 45 Years



My name is Amrita Auji and I live in Gaguda's Chaurpati municipality ward number three. My family consists of three sons, three daughters, and me. I come from a humble family background. As the daughter of Chauthe Auji and Jhuma Devi Auji, I was born in Chaurpati Rural Municipality, Ward No. 06, Duni on February 12, 2036. At the age of 17, I married Pare Auji of Chaurpati Rural Municipality, Ward No. 3, Gaguda. After we got married, my spouse left me alone and traveled to India to make money. I stayed at home and performed farming. My husband eventually returned home, and I asked him to make a marriage certificate and citizenship, but he refused and postponed it for a while before returning to India.

He died suddenly in India. Thereafter, I have no one to support me. Without a citizen, I was unable to file a claim for Bidhuwa Bhatta (single women's allowances). I didn't have the money to go to the Mangalsen CDO office to obtain citizenship. I begged everyone for help, but no one was there to fix my situation or assist me.

On 2081/02/22 B.S, SAMABIKAS Nepal's women empowerment project held an orientation program on vital registration, my life took a turn when I encountered Samabikash Nepal, an organization dedicated to empowering women and promoting social justice. Their programs and support provided a beacon of hope. Through Samabikash Nepal, I discovered my legal rights and learned about the

resources available to me.

Determined to break free from the constraints of my circumstances, I sought legal assistance from Samabikash Nepal. I spoke with Raju Saud, a political spokesperson, and the social mobilizer of SAMABIKAS Nepal. I was overjoyed when they indicated they would assist me to gain citizenship. Amrita Auji stated that Dil Kumari, the social mobilizer, assisted in obtaining a letter of reference for citizenship as well. I traveled to Mangalsen from Gaguda with Dilkumari B.K. early on March 9, 2081, and I was granted citizenship

At the age of 45, she finally gained the courage to assert her rights and claim her rightful share of property. With the organization's unwavering support, Amrita successfully navigated the legal process, securing her land ownership and financial independence.

Amrita's journey serves as a testament to the power of resilience and the transformative impact of organizations like Samabikash Nepal. Her story is a beacon of hope for women facing similar challenges, demonstrating that even in the face of adversity, it is possible to overcome obstacles and achieve personal empowerment.

At the end-I want to express my thanks to Dil Kumari BK, the social mobilizer, and Pashupati Kunwar, the founder and current executive director of SAMABIKAS Nepal who helped in every aspect to get my citizenship in my hand.

I wish to continue such type of program for a long period of time to help others like me. She emphasized that we must work for our own rights. According to Nepal's legal system, we have the right to citizenship at the age of 16, but I am grateful to have received it at the age of 45.

Funding Agencies/Partners

Current funding partners/Agencies



Freedom Kit Bags
*eco-friendly, sustainable, hygienic
sanitary wear*

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Previous funding agencies/Partners





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