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**2020**

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## **ACTIONAID NEPAL**

ActionAid is a global federation working to achieve social justice, gender equality and poverty eradication. ActionAid Nepal is a member of the global federation of ActionAid, working for human rights, poverty eradication and gender equality. It is a non-governmental national social justice organisation established in 1982 and working locally in different provinces of Nepal. It is also a part of both national and global social justice movement and other civil society networks, alliances and coalitions.




## VISION

Our vision is a just and equitable society in Nepal and beyond, where every person enjoys the right to a life of dignity and freedom from poverty and inequality.



## MISSION

Our mission is to achieve social justice, gender equality and poverty eradication by working with people living in poverty and exclusion and their communities, organisations and movements.



## WE WORK WITH

Women & girls, children, landless and smallholder farmers, Dalit, socio-economically marginalised people, young people, alliances, networks and agencies for People Living in Poverty and Exclusion.



## OUR APPROACH

Shaped and driven by our values, vision and mission, we work for transformative and structural social changes through people's active agencies. We believe in human rights and embrace HRBA to fight against structural causes of poverty, injustice and inequality.

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## ACRONYMS

<b>AAN</b>	ActionAid Nepal
<b>CRSA</b>	Climate Resilient Sustainable Agriculture
<b>DMC</b>	Disaster Management Committee
<b>DRR</b>	Disaster Risk Reduction
<b>GBP</b>	Great Britain Pound
<b>HRBA</b>	Human Rights-based Approach
<b>LRP</b>	Local Rights Programme
<b>PRS</b>	Promoting Rights in School
<b>PVA</b>	Participatory Vulnerability Assessment
<b>REFLECT</b>	Regenerated Freirean Literacy through Empowering Community Techniques
<b>SMC</b>	School Management Committee
<b>SRHR</b>	Sexual Reproductive Health Rights
<b>VAWG</b>	Violence against Women and Girls

## GLOSSARY

**Chhaupadi:** A conservative social practice for women in certain districts of Western Nepal, which prohibits a woman from participating in normal family and community activities during menstruation and after childbirth, as she is considered impure.

**CRSA:** Climate Resilient Sustainable Agriculture is a strategy aimed at making small holder farmers less vulnerable and more resilient to future climate shocks. It is based on the science and practices of agroecology, and it contributes to both climate change mitigation and adaptation.

**HRBA:** Our human rights-based approach supports People Living in Poverty to become conscious of their rights, to organize themselves to claim their rights, and to hold duty bearers to account. AAN builds on

international human rights law, but goes beyond a legal or technical approach, supporting people to analyze and confront power imbalances and take sides with the PLIP.

**LRP:** Our long-term programmes in particular districts and communities; AAN refers to all of its programmes as rights programmes, which may be implemented at local, national and international levels.

**Off-farm livelihood:** Engagement in formal or informal skill-based works or enterprises that contribute the household incomes. For example: carpentry, mason, plumbing, etc.

**On-farm livelihood:** Direct involvement in the agriculture and/ or livestock rearing sector and considering it as a major source of income. For example: vegetable farming, poultry, etc.

**PRS:** It is a framework produced by the Right to Education Project together with ActionAid's International Education Team, aimed at actively engaging parents, children, teachers' unions, communities and local civil society organizations in collectively monitoring and improving the quality of public education. It offers a set of practical tools, to track 10 core rights of school education that can be used as a basis for mobilization, advocacy and campaigning.

**REFLECT:** Regenerated Freirean Literacy through Empowering Community Techniques-an innovative approach to adult learning and social change, which focuses on the theory of Paulo Freire and uses participatory rural appraisal methodologies.

# MESSAGE FROM BOARD CHAIR AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear All,  
Namaste!!



*Nirmala KC*  
**Dr. Nirmala KC**  
Board Chair



*Sujeeta Mathema*  
**Sujeeta Mathema**  
Executive Director

COVID-19 outbreak has brought with it unprecedented challenge in the entire world and Nepal had no exception. Followed by nationwide lockdown to break the chain of its transmission, the poor and marginalized communities, especially daily wage workers were hit the hardest with their livelihoods partially or completely shut down. Further, the rise of coronavirus positive cases in the country added challenges to already limited health care services and frontline workers.

Compelling the people to stay indoors had accelerated a rise in domestic violence, leaving women, girls and children at an increased risk of different forms of abuse. Further, this had also increased their already worse unpaid care work burden. Lockdowns boosted the use of digital platform, and this again led young women and girls with experiences of online violence. In a survey conducted by AAN in its 13 working districts with 128 young women and girls between 15-30 years, it was found that 1 in every 3 of them experienced online violence in one way or the other and 68% had to go through mental stress.

During these difficult times of the year, AAN was on the grounds to support poor and marginalized people within a month of the first nationwide lockdown being commenced. We were able to reach the most needy 8,004 households and supported them with food packages as per the Government relief standard. Similarly, 15,474 people were provided with COVID-19 prevention kits and 6,547 pregnant and lactating women with nutritious food. The health institutions and frontline workers were assisted with 9,677 complete PPE sets and mass community awareness on the pandemic were organized throughout the AAN working areas via different print, audio, audio-visual and digital means.

Sexual harassment cases were also reported in Isolation Centers during the beginning of the pandemic. To curb the incidents, AAN supported to establish Women and Children friendly Isolation Centers in Kathmandu Valley, Sankhuwasabha and Terhathum. Likewise, psychosocial counselling was

also provided to the communities through virtual means in order to cope the distress caused by the pandemic.

To sum up, AAN had continued its activism on various critical issues of Women's Rights, Quality Public Education, Resilient Livelihood and Disaster Risk Reductions in the year 2020. This document, 'Reflections and Learning 2020' reflects some of our major initiatives and achievements throughout the year and we are pleased to present it in front of you.

Last but not the least, we would like to thank Ministry of Women, Children and Senior Citizen, Ministry of Health and Population, Social Welfare Council, Central and District Project Advisory Committee, the local communities, our partner organizations, networks and alliances, AAN staff, National Board of Governance and ActionAid International Federation for their continued support and guidance throughout the year. They were indispensable to achieve the results presented in this report.

# WORKING AREAS OF ACTIONAID NEPAL IN 2020

## AAN'S PROGRAMME DETAILS

14 DISTRICTS

10 TOTAL LRPs

12 LRP PARTNERS

15 PROJECT PARTNERS

### PROJECTS

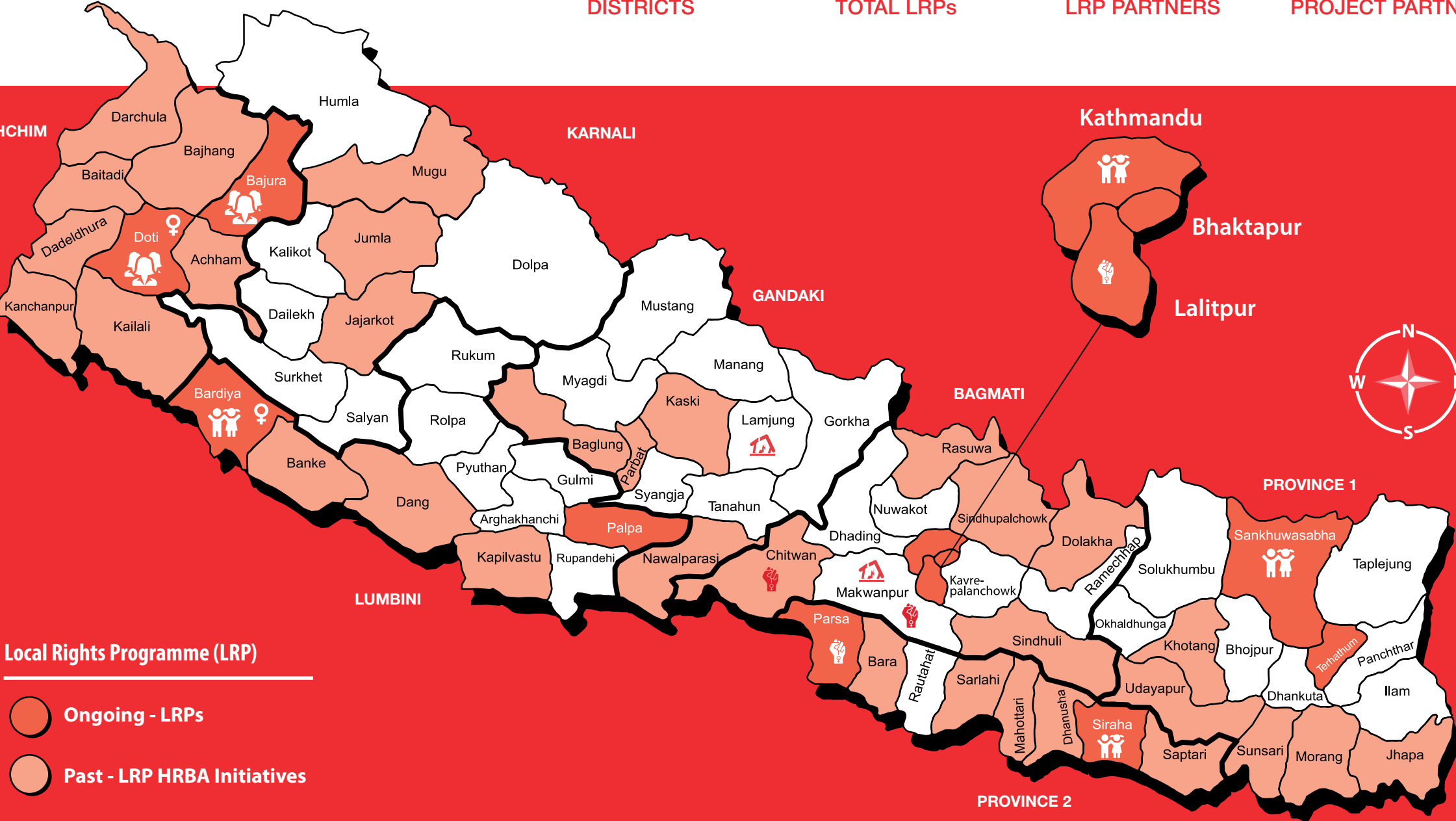
  
Making it Work for Women (Mahila Network)

  
Women's Rights Programme II (SAMUNNATI)

  
Leave No-one Behind Housing in Earthquake-Affected Districts of Nepal

  
Empowering Youth Led Volunteering in Local Responses

  
Joint action of women and youth to break the harmful menstrual taboos

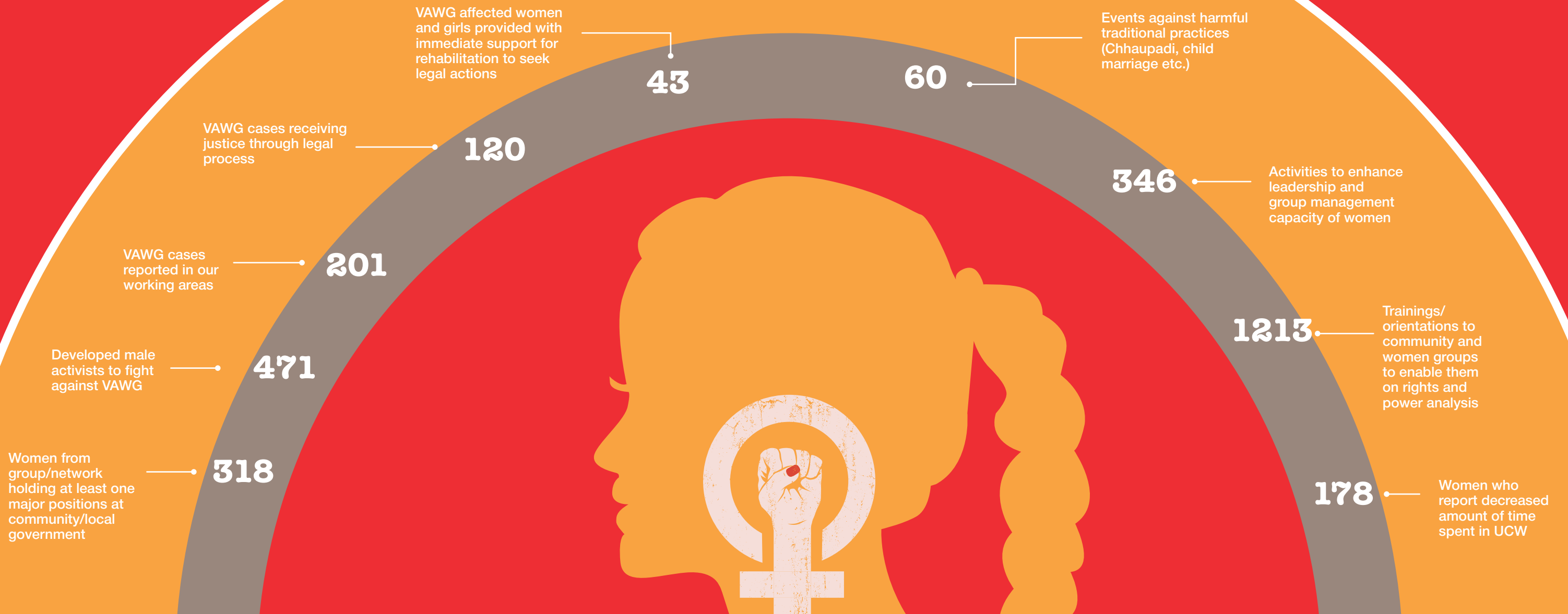


**Local Rights Programme (LRP)**

-  Ongoing - LRPs
-  Past - LRP HRBA Initiatives

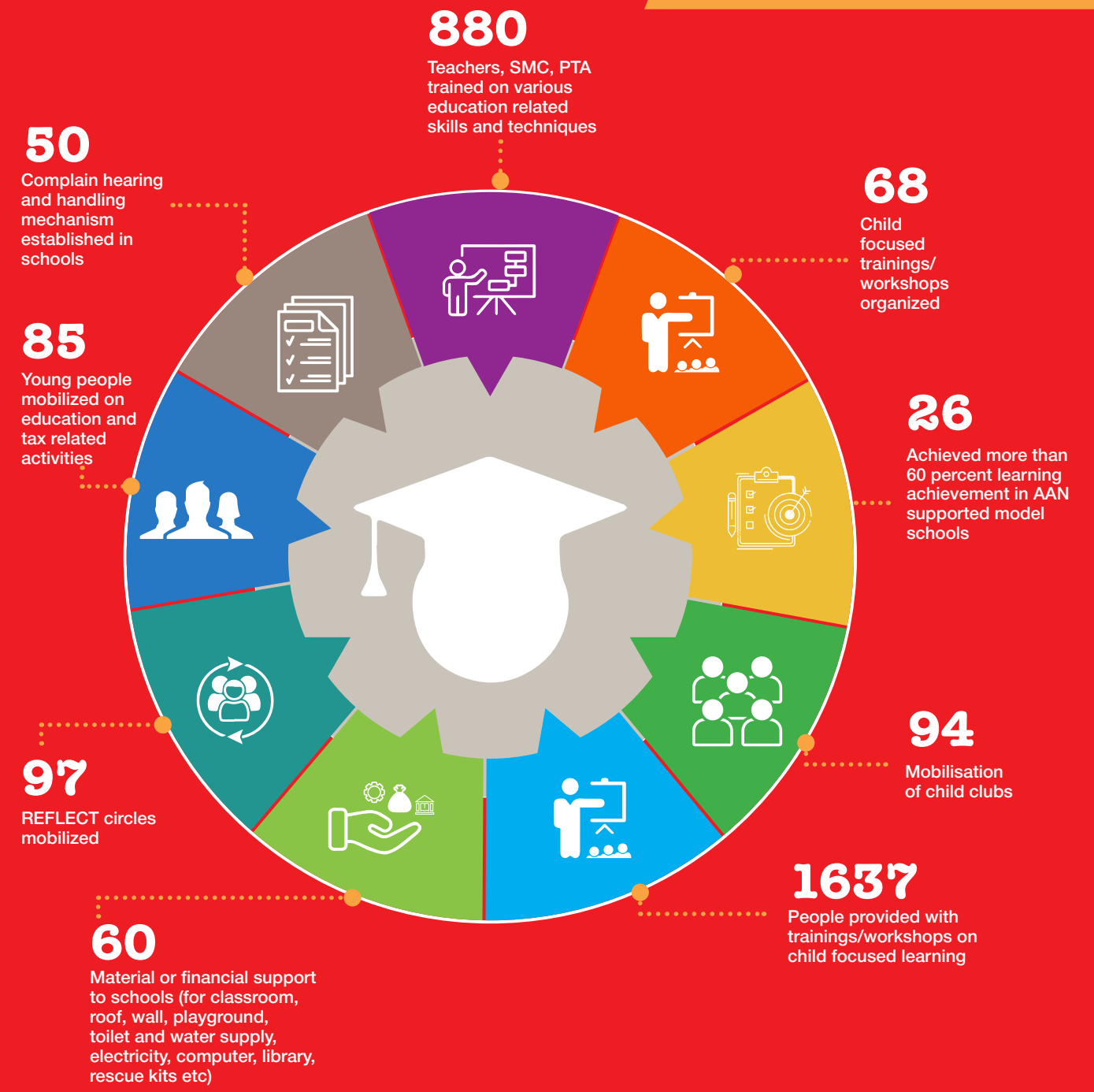
# Glimpse of Quantitative Achievements 2020

## Women's Rights



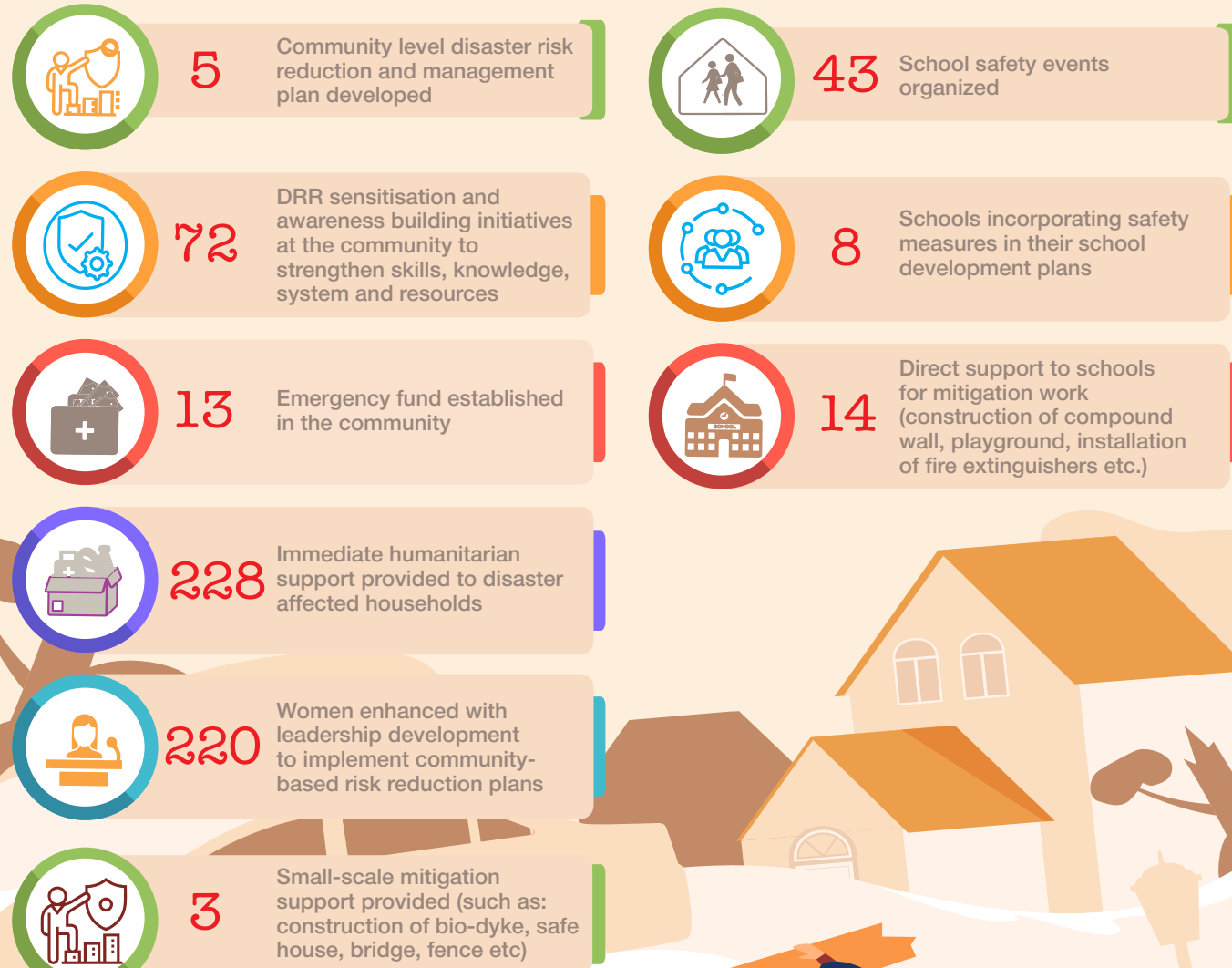
# Education

## Resilient Livelihood





# Disaster Risk Reductions



# COVID-19 Response



## THE COUNTRY CONTEXT

The year 2020 has been a challenging one for the entire world after COVID-19 outbreak and the series of lockdown that followed. In Nepal, as in rest of the world, vulnerable communities had to face a double emergency from hunger and COVID-19 as the pandemic had hit millions without enough to eat or drink, whose livelihoods were completely shut down. Further, the rise of coronavirus positive cases in the country added challenges to already limited health care services and frontline workers.

The lockdown has led to an unprecedented rise in different kinds of violence whereas domestic violence is in highest rate. Considering the data of Nepal Police, from the fiscal year of last 23 years, rape case registration has risen by 19 times (from 112 to 2230) and domestic violence cases by

43 times from (337 to 14737) in Nepal. At least 1,221 rape cases or seven cases per day were lodged during the lockdown from mid- March to mid-September 2020.

In the meantime, Government of Nepal has issued a presidency ordinance to amend some of the provisions against sexual violence and acid attack to make them stricter. Similarly, The Ministry of Home Affairs issued a three-point circular to all District Administration Offices of Karnali and Sudur Paschim provinces directing them to initiate stringent action against anyone who encourages or practices Chhaupadi.

The Education sector was also badly affected by the pandemic resulting to the nationwide shutdown of schools. Introduction to online classes divided gap between different

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A youth volunteer of Kathmandu holding a placard to deliver preventive measure of COVID-19.

classes of families. Children of poor and marginalized who could not afford digital gadgets lagged behind. Majority of public schools throughout the country were used for quarantining foreign returnee labour migrants. Education annual calendar of schools was completely affected and government was in dilemma to decide about school reopening.

Rural agriculture and rural economy are also affected by the pandemic. The small holder farmers had to face multiple challenges to timely market their produces and buy seeds, fertilizers, and technical equipment. At times, they were either compelled to sell their produces at lower price or dump them in the field. For the survival, most of the farmers were also compelled to take loans in higher interest during the lockdown, making their lives tougher and pushing them back under the poverty line.



# Programme Overview



# COVID-19 RESPONSE PROGRAMME

## COMMUNITY AWARENESS ON COVID-19

In the context of COVID-19 pandemic, AAN reached out to the communities with mass awareness on its preventive measures. Different means of print, audio, audio-visual and social media were used for the purpose. For instance, radio jingles and Television Talk Shows on different issues like COVID-19 prevention message, child rights, protection of women and girls, discrimination issues and psychological problems from the pandemic and so on were prepared and aired reaching to more than 6,246,938 people. A social media campaign, #merohaatsafachha challenge was also launched on AAN's Facebook page to amplify handwashing awareness and help to stop the spread.

8 video PSAs were prepared and broadcasted through National television. They were focused on COVID-19 precautions,

### MEDIA CAMPAIGN LAUNCH

on the occasion of Global Handwashing Day

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Joint Secretary, MoWS

Dr. Aruna Upreti  
Public Health Expert

Dr. Om Murti Anil  
Public Health Expert

Sujeeta Mathema  
Executive Director, ActionAid Nepal

**Talk Show**  
Raising awareness on COVID-19

Join us Live on:  
Date: 15 October 2020  
Time: 03:00-3:45 PM  
[www.facebook.com/actionaid.nep](https://www.facebook.com/actionaid.nep)  
[www.youtube.com/c/actionaidnepal1982](https://www.youtube.com/c/actionaidnepal1982)

And its Television Broadcast on:  
NTV News  
Date: 16 October 2020  
Time: 06:25 PM

ID: 4097867049  
Password: handwash

gender-based violence during the pandemic and awareness on other similar communicable diseases. Similarly, 8 television shows titled "Talks on Disaster" were developed and broadcasted on a fortnightly basis. LIVE streaming of them was made available on social media.

4 radio jingles in Nepali language were aired 450 times from national radio network. Popular celebrities were engaged in them to reach out more people. The topics include handwashing, preventive measures of COVID 19, unpaid care work and COVID awareness to foreign

» Children oriented on proper handwashing techniques, one of the effective and simplest preventive measures of COVID-19 and other communicable diseases.



» Mass awareness through public service announcement on the precautions of COVID-19 in Siraha.

» Youth volunteers oriented on COVID-19 precautions and mobilized during COVID-19 Response Programmes.

returnee migrants. In addition, 15 radio jingles were prepared in local level and broadcasted through regional radio stations and few were also translated in other local languages. The messages were developed as per the context of working areas.

In all the wards of Dhangadimai Municipality, Siraha, awareness message was disseminated through loudspeakers with a slogan "It is our accountability to reduce virus infection in our village". The message was delivered in local language, Maithali to enhance effectiveness and it was reached to 30,000 community people.

To contribute behaviour change communication, mobile messages were disseminated through SMS. The messages were sent through bulk message service in the project

areas to active users. A total of 3,600,000 SMSs were sent in the targeted areas. Further, the migrant worker returnees were informed on the importance of maintaining quarantine and isolation, awareness of medical test etc.

Youth volunteers were mobilized to organize series of webinars and discussion on diverse social issues affected by the pandemic. Online Violence, Experience sharing of youth on volunteering during the pandemic, Education in Crisis etc. were some of the issues discussed. The local government, civil society organizations and youth networks were participated in the events. In total, 544 youth volunteers (half of them, 272-Female) were trained on COVID precautions and actively engaged in information collection for beneficiary selection, relief distribution, risk communication,





« Contactless handwashing facility with the provision of drinking water installed in Bardiya.

promoting behaviour change for COVID precautions and monitoring the response programme. The young people also used art as a tool for awareness raising and organized 'Mithila Art' competition on COVID-19 and other communicable diseases.

### DISTRIBUTION OF FOOD, PPE SETS, PREVENTION KITS AND HANDWASHING SUPPLIES

Followed by the rapid rise of COVID-19 positive cases in Nepal, it had adversely impacted the lives of daily wage workers. Most of them have lost their jobs, making it difficult even to afford their basic meals. As per the Government relief standard, ActionAid Nepal distributed food package (rice, pulses, sugar, salt, oil etc.) to 8004 poor and marginalized households and COVID-19 prevention kits (mask, soap, toothpaste, thermometer, hand sanitizer, sanitary pad etc.) to the

needy 15,474 people of its working areas. Similarly, 6547 pregnant and lactating women were supported with nutritious food.

Further, 58 contactless handwashing facilities were established in AAN's working areas, especially in schools. Once the schools are reopened, it is expected that this will help children to develop the habit of maintaining personal hygiene and prevent them from similar other communicable diseases like COVID.

Considering the additional challenges to health care services and frontline workers, 9,677 PPE sets with reusable protection suit, eye goggles, KN95 mask, disposable gloves etc. including other health and sanitation kits like infrared thermometer, surgical masks, hand sanitizer, soap and waterproof reusable gown were distributed in local health institutions of the working districts and to the Ministry of Health and Population in Kathmandu.

In Paterwa Sugauli Rural Municipality, Parsa, commodity voucher assistance was initiated to 617 households affected by the pandemic. Commodity voucher is a digital system through which the beneficiaries receive a code in their mobile phones from financial service provider and this can be exchanged with food and non-food items. They were supported with the voucher equivalent to NPR 13,000 per household in the first phase.

In the second phase, the modality was switched to value voucher that allowed for purchase range of food and non-food items and some medicines and medical diagnosis and treatment costs. The total value of voucher was NPR 10,365 and it was provided to 2000 households of Pokhariya Municipality, Parsa District.

Further, the most marginalized 650 households of Musahar and Dom communities in Siraha were supported with buckets and soap

Ms. Sujeeta Mathema, Executive Director of AAN handing over PPE sets to the Ministry of Health and Population, Kathmandu for safety and precautions of frontline health workers.



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*Relief distribution of food packages, COVID-19 prevention and hygiene kits to the daily wage workers and vulnerable people, nutritious food for pregnant and lactating women in the working areas of AAN.*

to set up a handwashing space at their homes. This was done on Global Handwashing Day 2020 to promote the practice and enhance hygiene and sanitation in the communities.

### **WOMEN AND CHILDREN FRIENDLY ISOLATION CENTER**

With an aim to establish a separate safe space for COVID positive women and girls, AAN and its local partner, NMES signed a tripartite Memorandum of Understanding with Budanilkantha Municipality, Kathmandu to build a Women and Children Friendly Isolation Center. It has 50 beds with 3 metres distance between them. AAN and NMES contributed 23.32% of the total project cost of NPR 48,69,450. It is an effort to curb the sexual harassment cases in Isolation Centers that occurred in the beginning of the pandemic.

Similarly, women and disable friendly isolation center with 3 separate rooms for women and





« Commodity voucher assistance to poor and marginalized households affected by the pandemic in Paterwa Sugauli Rural Municipality, Parsa.



« Handwashing supplies distributed in Siraha to promote hygiene and sanitation in the communities.



▲ Tripartite MoU with Budanilkantha Municipality, Kathmandu to build a Women and Children Friendly Isolation Centre.

1 room for persons with disability was established in Chainpur, Sankhuwasabha and in Terhathum, a model quarantine center with 70 beds was supported. Orientation on COVID precautions was also provided in the quarantine center.

### SURVEY ON ONLINE VIOLENCE

In the backdrop of COVID-19 crisis and nationwide lockdown with the restriction in people's mobility and acceleration of the use of online resources, AAN conducted a survey, 'Online Violence: An Alarming Call' in its 13 working districts. It was done with 128 young women and girls between 15-30 years who are familiar with and use internet and social media.

The survey found that during the lockdown, 1 in every 3 young women and girls experienced online violence in one way or the other and 68% of them had to go through mental stress. It is more shocking to find that 9% of them tolerate the

### Case Study

### Relief support for pregnant and lactating women of vulnerable families

Manjita Sadaya (22) of Siraha was pregnant with her first child when the government announced the lockdown in March 2020. She like other people was also affected by it.

Her husband Dev Kumar Sadaya (26) is the sole earner of the family of 7. He used to work in a construction site as a daily wage worker in the nearby village and it was discontinued after lockdown. With this, he was not just worried about providing nutritious food for his pregnant wife but was more concerned about managing normal meals for his family twice a day. The family borrowed some amount from relatives and friends, which helped to sustain for some days.

Manjita's neighbor Punita (21) is nine months pregnant. Her husband, Sanjay Sadaya (25) who worked as a tractor driver also lost his job. Of the seven members in Punita's family, three used to work as daily wage workers. However, after the lockdown all of them lost jobs and they survived by having just

one meal for several days. Sanjay shared, "They say one must have nutritious food during pregnancy. At the time when managing just one meal was difficult, how could we arrange nutritious meal for her."

Like Manjita and Punita, many women in Dhangadhimai Municipality, Siraha had similar problems. The agony was the same, their wages were taken away by lockdown. Considering the scenario, AAN supported 702 pregnant and lactating women of the area with nutritious food. The relief items included 25 kg rice, 5 kg wheat flour, 400 gms Sarbottam pitho (multi-grain flour), 2 kg lentil & pulses, 1 kg salt, 1 liter cooking oil, 1 digital thermometer, 2 packets of sanitary pads, hand washing soap and bathing soap. The beneficiaries expressed their happiness and said that the food supplies helped them in their difficult times

**Case Study**

**Health worker's rise in confidence after receiving PPE**

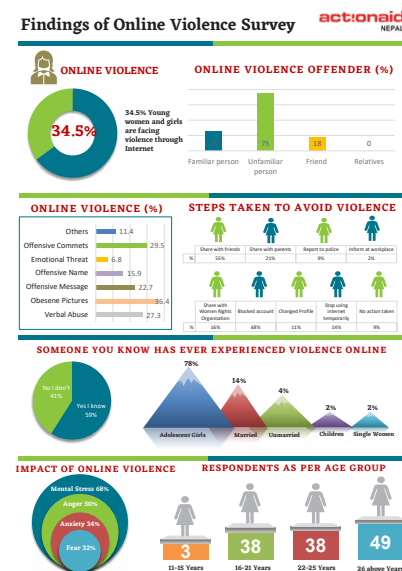
My name is Anjana Poudel. I am 32 years old. I work in Mainapokhari Health Post, Bardiya as an Assistant Health Worker. We are a total of 8 staff of which, 7 are technical and one is Administrative Assistant.

We provide regular health facilities including vaccination, mobile clinics, family planning and medical care for diseases like leprosy and tuberculosis among others. In the beginning of the pandemic, we did not have any form of protection during work. We were in a dilemma as to what would we do if any such cases arrive at the health post.

Before the lockdown, life was different. While professionals from other fields can work from home, we health professionals do not have its freedom and have been continuously working and providing health services. We feel proud of ourselves and at the same time, are scared too.

There is a stigma among the villagers that we, health professionals are the main culprits to spread the virus in the community. Even my family is scared. We feel very disturbed by hearing such things from friends and family. But we have not forgotten and will never forget our duty and responsibility as a health personnel; we have provided health services to every individual who has come to the post. In cases where we couldn't, we have referred them to higher authorities.

ActionAid Nepal and its local partner provided PPE sets to all the staff. Our confidence uplifted when we received them. We are providing services by maintaining our own safety using masks, gloves and sanitizers. We are very thankful to AAN for considering our challenge and extending support when we were in an immediate need.



violence and take no action. The alarming cyber-crime is steadily evolving as a serious form of violence against women and girls, which further demands immediate measures.

**OTHER COVID-19 RESPONSE INITIATIVES**

Psychosocial counselling was provided via telephone to



1005 people in Bajura. They were oriented on the coping mechanisms during this difficult time and consoled that the whole world is in the similar situation like us. Further, information on the necessary precautions, quarantine and isolation were also shared.

Community classes were conducted in the catchment area of Budhinanda Basic School, Bajura by maintaining physical distance and other safety precautions. The initiative was

done in coordination with local government. Orienting children on preventive measures of the pandemic and helping them out to prioritize teaching learning process were its major objectives. Likewise, 17 public schools of Budhinanda Municipality which were used for quarantine were supported with thorough disinfection process and 107 schools were supported with other medical materials such as mask, sanitizers for safe school reopening process.

*Public school of Bajura supported for thorough disinfection process which was used for quarantining the migrants.*



# WOMEN'S RIGHTS

Walk for Survival:  
Global march for change

लैंगिक हिंसा अन्त्यको  
प्रतिवद्धता  
व्यक्ति, समाज र सर्वैको  
श्रेयवद्धता

walk for  
survival  
A global march for change



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*Boy's engagement  
on the activism  
against VAWG in  
Parsa.*

## VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS

Women's Rights Forum has been continuously advocating against gender-based violence and facilitating the justice process for violence survivor women. These groups are working closely with Judicial committee, mediation committee and different women led organization and referral mechanism for collective action to provide justice for VAWG victims. They facilitated 241 GBV cases to get justice even during lockdown using phone, SMS, and social media out of which, 201 were resolved.

875 women and girls of Bajura and Doti districts were able to break the cultural taboo of Chhaupadi. To receive solidarity and support from community leaders and traditional healers in the campaign against Chhaupadi, 157 of them were sensitized on it and its legal provisions. They were then engaged in communities to collectively combat the ill practice. After series of advocacy and campaign, women have now started living inside their homes while having their periods.

Men's engagement to fight back VAWG was prioritized in all the AAN working areas. The door-to-door campaign and street drama on VAWG in Chainpur,

Sankhuwasabha with men's active participation showed an example that their perception is changing and their support towards women empowerment and fighting against VAWG has become a priority.

This year, 35 child marriage cases were stopped in different working areas. Most of them were stopped

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**Women's Rights Forum facilitated 241 GBV cases to get justice even during lockdown using phone, SMS, and social media out of which, 201 were resolved.**

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A hoarding board placed  
in a public space of  
Sankhuwasabha for  
community awareness on  
legal age for marriage.



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'Walk for Survival: Global  
March for Change' which  
has a goal to walk cumulative  
40,075 kms (Earth's  
circumference) throughout  
ActionAid federation by  
anyone, anywhere.



Case Study

**Strong determination of  
Child club to end Dowry**

A young committed teenage girl, Eetu Chaudhary (16) is actively working to spread awareness against dowry through child club. At present, 80% of her community people has agreed not to give and take dowry in marriages. This is a huge change in the community people's mindset, in which Eetu and her child club played a significant role. Eetu is the eldest daughter in her family of 8. Her family lives in Dharampur, Parsa.

Dowry is an age-old tradition practiced in her community, especially among Muslim Dalit people. Lots of cash and clothes along with automobiles from the groom's family are demanded. Eetu shared an experience when she was in Grade 8. One of the parents in her community had 5 daughters. He had to take loan from the bank

for his daughters' marriage and paid a huge chunk of dowry in the marriages. Due to high bank interest, he could not pay the debt and had to sell all his property. Now, he sells firewood for living and because of financial crisis, his only son could not continue his study. His wife has also left him and now he is mentally ill too. Dowry was the major cause behind all these problems in the family and there are many similar stories in the community.

Eetu shares that AAN and its local partner formed the child club a year ago and its members were provided with various trainings on women and child rights. They were also involved in extracurricular activities and AAN's campaign programmes. This provided them knowledge and confidence to start the campaign against the ill traditional practice.

by adolescent girls' group, women's rights forum and child clubs. The child and adolescent girls' groups have organized campaign against child and early marriage and they have also conducted regular discussion with parents to send their daughter in school rather than marrying them too early. As a commitment, 197 households of Shikhar Municipality, Doti showed solidarity to discard child marriage and send their daughters to school regularly.

A marathon of 42 kms for men and 21 kms for women was organized in Nepalgunj for solidarity with 'Walk for Survival: Global March for Change', which had a goal to walk cumulative 40,075 kms (Earth's circumference) throughout ActionAid federation by anyone, anywhere. It was a march to survive, for justice, for a life of

dignity and for the planet and our future. In Nepal, it was initiated to amplify two alarming issues of Violence against Women and Girls: Walk against Rape and Justice for Informal sector Women Workers. The event also had a walk of 3 kms for corporates.

**RAISING WOMEN'S  
RIGHTS LEADERS**

Women leadership is one of the key components of ActionAid's humanitarian signature. AAN also supported humanitarian response programmes led by women in decision making and implementation. Women and their agencies were empowered, mobilized and engaged in local to national level emergency preparedness, response and recovery efforts.



» Women rights activist in solidarity with the fight against VAWG.

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*A youth volunteer taking leadership on an advocacy for gender equality and justice.*

“ This year, 455 community plans were submitted out of which 158 were approved by Local government. Proposal development process of these plans were led by women.

Community women groups were provided with various capacity building trainings to access the resources available in local level and they were also able to hold decision-making position in various user committees such as: SMC, PTA, CFUG, road construction etc. This year, 455 community plans were submitted out of which 158 were approved by Local government. Proposal development process of these plans were led by women. For instance, the REFLECT circle women of KI Singh

Rural Municipality, Doti submitted the proposal to ward office for community building construction, in which they succeeded to receive NPR. 326,000 to construct a 2-room building. This has provided them space to conduct the REFLECT sessions.

### WOMEN'S RIGHTS AND POLICY ADVOCACY

AAN has been facilitating and collaborating with three Municipalities of Kathmandu Valley for GESI policy formulation. Its first draft has already been produced ensuring participation of local stakeholders and women's groups to incorporate their needs.

In the National level, since COVID-19 has hit the informal sector workers the hardest and women involved in such sectors are suffering the most, AAN is working



with related Ministries, trade union, National Women's Commission and women rights forums to assure women's social protection involved in the sector.

AAN is directly working with 7 local governments (4 in Bajura and 3 in Doti) to prepare adequate policy

and procedure on Chhaupadi and child marriage. This year, 5 of them supported for it, which include passing procedures against the tradition from Municipality Council and declaring Chhaupadi free wards/villages.

After series of advocacy on equal wage rates, a local government in Siraha has fixed a new wage rate equal for both men and women and aligning with the Government's minimum wage rate. This has motivated women workers, especially those involved in the construction sector.

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# Education



« A student in a model school of Parsa supported for the fulfillment of PRS and school enrollment campaign.

## COMPLEMENTING QUALITY PUBLIC EDUCATION

AAN has been taking Promoting Rights in School (PRS) as an overarching framework in the process of improving school governance and audit the status of quality education. In Palpa, 14 education watch groups with 215 members were formed and mobilized to provide feedback to school management. In Siraha, the groups were formed in 13 Dalit communities to draw attention of learning process, classroom monitoring, teacher's presence in classroom, school stakeholders, organize their action and monthly reflection meeting. As a result, 394 school going children (234 girls) are continuing their class after post-COVID school reopening context in between.

Child clubs formed in AAN working areas were actively engaged in complementing quality education in public schools and engaging in extra-curricular activities. For instance in Siraha, a health camp was organized by the child club in coordination with Lahan Eye Hospital, benefiting 140 people including 37 senior citizens with free eye and ear check-up. In Terhathum, the school management committee expressed commitment to address the issues of teachers' irregularity and proper management of drinking water and girl's friendly toilet after the recommendation of child clubs.

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through local television. Similarly, radio programmes useful for SEE students were also prepared and aired in local radio stations of Bajura.



« *Training on homemade sanitary pads for adolescent girls to reduce school absenteeism during their periods.*



« *A security personnel facilitating an orientation on cybercrime to a youth group of Kathmandu.*

## PROMOTING GIRL'S EDUCATION

Enhancing adolescent girls and boys on sexual and reproductive rights has helped them to realize their health rights and they have also started discussion within their peer circles on menstruation as a taboo. In Doti, 120 girls started to make homemade sanitary pads after receiving training. It turned out cost effective and also helped to reduce school absenteeism of girls during their periods. Further, after installation of incinerator machine for disposal of sanitary pad in 3 schools of Athrai, Terhathum has helped in regularity of adolescent girls. Prior to this, lack of proper use and disposal of sanitary pads during school time had led drop out of school girls.

In Kathmandu, an initiative 'Miteri Peer' was introduced as a peer support programme to support

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junior adolescent girls by their senior counterparts on sharing SRHR concerns. It was started during 16 days of activism against GBV and is expected to create an enabling environment for the young girls to share GBV issues and work together to solve them.

After series of advocacy, provision of gender desk with designated gender focal person in schools has helped to stop the cases of sexual harassment among adolescent girls. For instance, one of the students of Panga, Kathmandu complained about her incident

of being harassed by her house owner. The case was immediately taken action and resolved. Similarly, the cases of bullying and teasing girls in schools were being reported and the culprits were warned. In Parsa, the complaint hearing mechanism in schools helped to stop 2 cases of child marriage.

## POLICY ENGAGEMENT FOR ENSURING RIGHT TO EDUCATION

In Bajura, review and learning meetings were organized in Rural Municipality level on the status of education financing and improving quality of education in schools. Similar tax power campaign was organized in Bardiya and Palpa with the participation of students, teachers, tax campaigners, local NGOs, CBOs and local governments. The local governments prepared an action plan to increase budget in

### Case Study

## School of Bajura breaking the social taboo – opened very first time for girls during their menstruation

It was a time of the academic year's final exam; a 14-year-old girl Kamala Rokaya of Bajura came to school to appear her exam of Grade Seven. She was on her periods during that time and some of her friends had informed teachers about it. It is believed that girls/ women during their menstruation is considered impure. So, she was restricted to enter school premises by teachers. At other times, she used to stay at home during her periods but this time, she had to come to attend the exam. This has left Kamala feel humiliated and started crying.

The teachers themselves were confused because this was the first time that a girl had tried to enter in school during menstruation. They discussed in the team and decided to let her appear in the exam but she has to sit outside the school premises. The incident was hidden for few days but later, it was covered by the local and national media.

This was just a representative case. All female students as well as female

teachers used to skip school during their menstruation. As a result, no girls had good marks in exams above Grade Five. On this regard, AAN and its local partners organized series of advocacy initiatives with the local government and empowerment activities to the community people.

Several empowerment activities were conducted with women groups like the in-laws, training was organized for traditional healers, school management and teachers and open discussion forums were conducted for villagers. Similarly, training on home-made sanitary pads was organized for adolescent girls and child club members to ensure their menstrual hygiene in a cost-effective manner. In each training, discussion on menstruation was done and all were empowered with the fact that it is a natural process and not a curse. A girl will get ill if she doesn't menstruate. They were also informed that discrimination on the basis of

menstruation is a crime; with a sentence of three-month jail or Rs. 3,000 fine or both against the culprit. Collaboration with the police, local government and medical person was also done during the campaign.

The initiatives were successful to change the people's mindset and they have now started sending their girls to schools during their periods. They have realized that their education should never be hampered in the name of these ill-practices. The local government has also supported to demolish Chhaugoth of the area.

We can now see different scenario in the school. Regularity of female teachers and girls have made it easy to conduct classes in the school without any hindrance. A parent, Kalchya Rokaya says, "I would like to thank AAN for this fight against the ill-practice, which proved that change against such deep rooted tradition is possible, helping to liberate us from inequalities."

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A vending machine  
for the use of sanitary  
pad installed in a  
school of Parsa.

education for infrastructure and learning material development, capacity building of teachers and some of them were successful to do so in the district.

### REFLECT AND CIVIC EDUCATION

REFLECT circle has become a tool to identify community problems and their causes, empower the right-holders and find solutions. In Parsa, the so called dalits and non-dalits used to hesitate in sharing the same mattress to sit for REFLECT discussions. Series of awareness initiatives against caste-based discussion was conducted to empower the REFLECT members as well as the community people. The situation has now changed and they don't hesitate to share the space.





# Resilient Livelihood



« *A woman entrepreneur engaged in goat rearing with AAN's seed money support and women empowerment initiatives.*

## IMPROVED LIVELIHOOD OPTIONS

AAN has been promoting income generating alternatives through women and youth entrepreneurship development in both on-farm and off-farm activities. For this, preparing business plans and skill development training on running different kinds of small scale agro and non-agro based enterprises such as: mobile shop, tailoring, Allo processing, Dhaka weaving, dairy products, bee keeping, handicrafts etc. were provided. For instance, 684 women are initiating their own small-scale business in Bardiya.

To explore new income generation alternative, a homestay was established in Bardiya in a joint initiative with Geruwa Rural Municipality. The Rural Municipality contributed with the financial support of NPR 5,00,000 for the purpose. In Sankhuwasabha, an

outlet to sell locally made Allo cloth was constructed. Chainpur Municipality supported NPR 5,00,000 and AAN contributed NPR 75,000 for the construction. It has helped the small holder farmers engaged in its production. In Bardiya, a vegetable collection center was established to promote women friendly market system and also to facilitate small holder farmers to receive fair price. It was established with joint financial contribution of local and provincial governments as well as AAN.

In Terhathum, 10 schemes worth NPR 9,10,000 for income generating activities was submitted in which 9 of them worth NPR 6,60,000 were approved by local and provincial government. The support has helped to revitalize the disrupted economic activities caused by the pandemic. Further, 133 members have been able to

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get various kinds of support such as cowshed renovation support, plastic tunnel, plants of different fruits, goat rearing support etc. from the local government.

To break the gender stereotype of labour, a 15-day training on electricity wiring and maintenance was conducted in Gulariya, Bardiya. It was participated by 14 young women from marginalized and poor families and 2 of them interested to start their own business in the sector were supported with seed money.

This year, 540 farmers were provided with seed money support



« *Small holder farmers trained and supported on Akbare chili farming in Sankhuwasabha.*

for on-farm income generation activities. Further, to promote sustainable agriculture, modern agro- technologies like drip irrigation, tunnel farming, bio pesticide and shed improvement were practiced and the farmers were also supported with agricultural tools and vegetable seeds.

**CLIMATE RESILIENT SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE (CRSA)**

To promote CRSA, small holder farmers were engaged in different activities like organic farming, improved cow shed, preparing compost manure and rainwater harvesting for irrigation. In Laligurans Municipality, Terhathum, 40 cowsheds were constructed with orientation on their use for organic manures. In Bardiya, 19 biogas plants were supported, which helped to reduce unpaid care



« *Ms. Kabita Tharu of Bardiya starting an electrical equipment business breaking the gender stereotype of labour.*

work of women saving their time of firewood collection and at the same time, conserving the environment.

In Terhathum, the small holder farmer's groups were facilitated to register in palika so that they could be institutionalized and seek eligible resources. This was also an initiative to contribute for the palika's campaign of organic farming.

**ACCESS TO LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

In Siraha, campaign on land and shelter rights for the landless is going on since long. This year, 20 landless people were able to secure 2 Bigahas 3 Katha land in Dhangadhi Mai Municipality. They were also provided with housing support with an aim to build a model village.

This year, 45 women were able to receive single or joint land

“ **In Bardiya, 19 biogas plants were supported, which helped to reduce unpaid care work of women saving their time of firewood collection and at the same time, conserving the environment.**

ownership certificates supporting them for their economic empowerment and shifting the existing unequal power relation among men and women within their families and communities.



“ *Community people of Bardiya oriented on eco-friendly energy and supported with biogas plants.*



Case Study

**Good income can be earned with easy cultivation even in small piece of land**

Lali Maya Rana Magar, a resident of Terhathum has 3 grown up children. Her family was surviving through daily wage work, but the income was not sufficient even to afford daily meals. So, her husband decided to migrate Qatar as a construction worker and borrowed loan to meet the travel expenses. But unfortunately, he couldn't work there and returned within 6 months. The family is still unable to pay back loan and also has to struggle for the daily meals.

Few years back, AAN and its local partner formed women's group in her ward, in which Lali Maya also participated and was regular in its meetings. The group had discussions on livelihood alternatives for income upliftment of its members. Lali Maya

was chosen among other 7 members as most vulnerable household who needs support. So, she was provided with a plastic tunnel from AAN, in which she planted *Akbare* Chili. The cultivation yielded well and Lali Maya was able to earn NPR 11,000 from its first sale.

From the good experience of first tunnel farming, Lali Maya was motivated to add more of it. She approached local government for the support and was able to receive one more tunnel from Agriculture Knowledge Center of the Municipality. Now, she is not just confined with *Akbare* Chili and has expanded her cultivation. She planted brinjal, tomato, radish and cucumber and the income earned from the produces is

sufficient to feed her family as well as meet children's education expenses. She is also able to deposit NPR 200/month in the women's group, which can later be used as revolving fund to support her business.

At the same time, the Municipality has also recently brought a programme of One House, One Tunnel to promote vegetable farming in the area, in which 165 other households started the initiative. Tunnel farming has become productive livelihood alternative in the community since the farmers are able to yield good amount of income from small piece of land. Lali Maya is happy to get involved in it since it has brought life changing results in her family.

*Irrigation equipment support to small holder farmers of Bardiya to enhance their agro based economy.*



# Disaster Risk Reductions



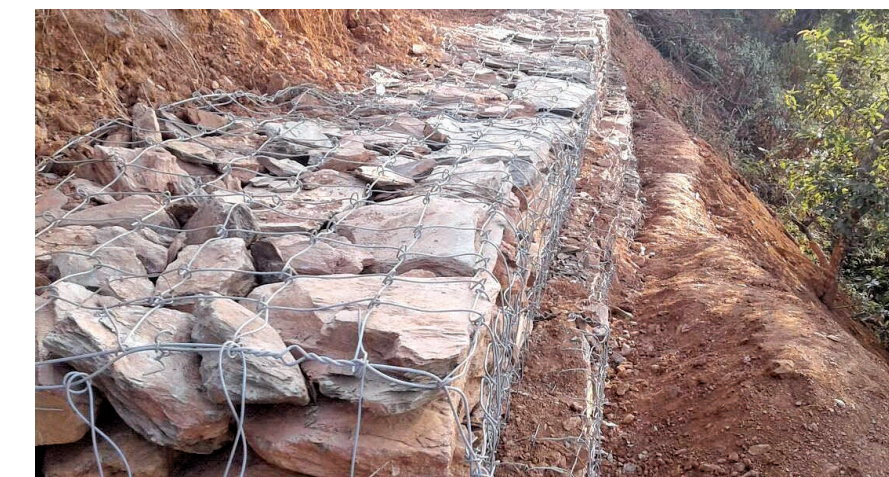
« Cold wave affected poor families were supported with warm clothes and blankets.

## COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT FOR DISASTER MANAGEMENT

Community people were organized and empowered to take local actions for having disaster resilience through women leadership. In Bardiya, 10 ward level Disaster Management Committees (DMCs) were formed in 4 palikas. Among them, 9 are chaired by women and all of them have established emergency fund for humanitarian response at local level. The community DMC took leadership to construct 32 culverts benefitting 500 households of two palikas. In Sankhuwasabha, Chainpur Municipality, Ward No. 10 is moving towards disaster resilient ward by developing its 17 indicators. This year, 900 households with the total population of 5073 were supported with warm clothes and blankets to survive cold wave.

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In 2019, a community based mobile siren was established in Sangharsanagar, Bardiya as a pilot activity in collaboration with local government authorities including security forces. By using mobile, community members are able to inform any kind of emergency incidents to their community through siren and report to



⚡ Mitigation support in Sankhuwasabha as a preventive measure of landslides.



« PVA conducted in a school of Bardiya to identify the possible risk of disasters and prepare school DRR plans.

concerned authorities for taking immediate action. This siren was very helpful for community members to gather and respond emergency abruptly. It also proved helpful to reduce cases of violence against women in the community and report the incidents of wild animal attacks. In 2020, the siren was activated 3 times, which helped the community people to be safe from wild elephant attack.

In Siraha, 1000-meter temporary dam was constructed at Gagan river in coordination with Aurahi Rural Municipality and ward office. It has directly benefitted 120 households and saved 20 bigha land from flooding. Similarly, 112 toilets were constructed for Musahar community in coordination with Dhangadhimai Municipality and ward office helping to declare it as ODF free Municipality.

**“ In Chainpur Municipality, Ward No. 10, an earthing system has been installed in 5 schools as preventive measure of lightening.**

### **PROMOTING SAFETY AND DRR IN SCHOOL**

Lightening has emerged as major threat in recent days, especially in hilly areas with many casualties. Terthathum and Sankhuwasabha districts are mostly affected by it. AAN and its partners collaborated with local governments to install community earthing system. In Chainpur Municipality, Ward No. 10, the system has been installed in 5 schools. This year, 14 schools were supported with small mitigation task like building compound walls and safe playground.

Flood, landslide and epidemic were identified as major hazards through 6 PVA exercises conducted in Bardiya, Bajura and Palpa. Based on it, school safety plans were prepared and incorporated in School Improvement Plan. In Bardiya, two mock drills on earthquake safety were also conducted in schools.

### **DRR AND POLICY ADVOCACY**

As the continuation of previous years, AAN and its local partner in Bardiya supported to update Disaster Preparedness and Response Plan (DPRP). The DDMC Bardiya was supported to update this plan after taking role of District Lead Support Agency (DLSA) since 2015. Local governments have prioritized DRR in their plan and allocated budget for disaster management fund.



▲ A school girl in Sankhuwasabha demonstrating an earthquake resilient model house as an alternative for DRR.

# OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL INITIATIVES AND PROCESSES

## 17<sup>TH</sup> NATIONAL SOCIAL AUDIT

AAN organized its 17th National Social Audit on 18 December 2020. The event was organized for the first time through virtual medium considering the risk of COVID-19 transmission. Representatives from government agencies, local elected representatives, peer organizations, partner organizations, media, alliances, journalists and communities participated the programme.

During this event, AAN's programme interventions, its effectiveness, and achievements as well as costs involved during the year 2019 and 2020 were presented and discussed. Representatives from CSOs, Government stakeholders, SWC,

media and partner organizations shared their remarks and opinion. They also highlighted how AAN is contributing to ensure accountability and transparency as a part of its multiple accountabilities. The highlights of the programme were also broadcasted through National television and different print media.

## ANNUAL NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of AAN was held virtually on 04 September 2020 with 20 General Assembly members. AAI representative Mr. Andreas Dybkjaer also participated in it. This AGM formed a new Executive Committee as per the organization's constitution and the board sub committees were also updated.



17<sup>th</sup> National Social Audit conducted virtually to ensure organization's accountability and transparency in its initiatives.

## ANNUAL FINANCIAL UPDATE, 2020

Overall income of AAN in 2020:

GBP '000

Income	2020 (Actual)	2020 (Plan)
Regular Giving	1,108	1,185
Other Income	1,038	718
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>2,146</b>	<b>1,903</b>

The Funding Affiliate wise breakdown and composition of the Regular Giving Income for 2020:

GBP '000

Regular Giving Income	2020 Actual	2020 Plan
ActionAid UK	271	319
ActionAid Italy	473	453
ActionAid Ireland	154	140
ActionAid Greece	120	130
ActionAid Brazil	90	143
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,108</b>	<b>1,185</b>

Regular Giving Income	2020 Actual	2020 Composition
ActionAid UK	271	24%
ActionAid Italy	473	43%
ActionAid Ireland	154	14%
ActionAid Greece	120	11%
ActionAid Brazil	90	8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,108</b>	<b>100%</b>

## Expenditure

GBP '000

Natural Cost Classification	Actual 2020	Plan 2020
Grants and Community Inputs	1,604	1,551
Salaries and Benefits (staff cost)	327	435
Travel and transportation	12	52
Office and service cost	58	138
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,002</b>	<b>2,176</b>
Statutory Cost Analysis	Actual	Plan
Project Cost	1,708	1,914
Fundraising Cost	65	80
Governance Cost	22	32
Support Cost	207	150
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,002</b>	<b>2,176</b>

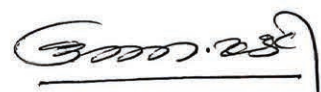

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR 2020

## ActionAid International Nepal Statement of Income and Expenditure For the period from 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2020

Particulars	Note Reference	NPR'000 2020	£'000 2020	NPR'000 2019	£'000 2019
<b>Income- Total (A)</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>335,849</b>	<b>2,146</b>	<b>300,083</b>	<b>2,036</b>
Individual Giving-Regular		165,270	1,108	152,634	1,070
Individual Giving-Other		12,770	86	54,339	381
Philanthropy & Partnership Income		41,934	281	47,293	333
Institutional Income		96,900	650	34,962	241
Other Income		3,197	21	1,512	11
Translation Gain/ (Loss)		15,778	-	9,343	
<b>Expenditure- Total (B)</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>302,982</b>	<b>2,002</b>	<b>286,022</b>	<b>2,006</b>
Programme		259,698	1,711	239,482	1,662
Fundraising		9,725	65	9,937	69
Governance		3,377	22	4,058	28
Support		30,182	204	32,545	247
<b>International Contribution (C)</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,854</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Outgoing Transfers (D)</b>		<b>6,920</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>8,740</b>	<b>61</b>
<b>Transfer between Funds (E)</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Surplus/ (deficit)- Total (A-B-C-D+E)</b>		<b>25,947</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>3,467</b>	<b>(44)</b>

Significant Accounting Policies and Notes to Financial Statements

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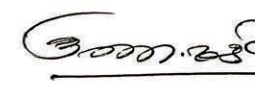


Date: 5 April 2021  
Place: Kathmandu, Nepal

## ActionAid International Nepal Statement of Financial Position As on 31 December 2020

Particulars	Note Reference	NPR'000 2020	£'000 2020	NPR'000 2019	£'000 2019
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
Fixed Assets Cost		8,036	57	8,036	57
Fixed Assets Depreciation		(8,036)	(57)	(8,036)	(57)
<b>Debtors</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>219,939</b>	<b>1,385</b>	<b>149,607</b>	<b>1,000</b>
BS-Debt-Employees		367	2	251	2
BS-Debt-Other		898	6	1,699	11
BS-Debt-Prepayments		12,657	80	6,930	46
BS-Debt-ICBs - AAI		201,912	1,271	135,665	907
BS-Debt-ICBs - Other Countries		4,105	26	5,062	34
<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>24,449</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>54,960</b>	<b>368</b>
BS-Cash-GBP		19,572	123	34,891	233
BS-Cash-USD		104	1	112	1
BS-Cash-EUR		345	2	12,061	81
BS-Cash-Other		4,428	28	7,896	53
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>244,388</b>	<b>1,539</b>	<b>204,567</b>	<b>1,368</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	<b>11</b>				
BS-Creditor-Employees		8,263	53	6,006	40
BS-Creditor-Deferred Income		22,111	139	-	-
BS-Creditor-Tax Payable		2,592	16	314	2
BS-Creditor-Trade		16,364	103	29,254	196
<b>Total Creditors</b>		<b>49,330</b>	<b>311</b>	<b>35,574</b>	<b>238</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<b>195,058</b>	<b>1,228</b>	<b>168,993</b>	<b>1,130</b>
<b>Funds as at 31 December 2020</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>195,058</b>	<b>1,228</b>	<b>168,993</b>	<b>1,130</b>

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# KNOWLEDGE GENERATION IN 2020



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## WOMEN WORKERS AND LEGAL LAW

This publication is the analysis of ILO's existing policy provisions, Labour Act 2074 and other related laws and policies with feminist lens. It covers the areas of women's safety and security at workplace, equal opportunity and pay, occupational health safety etc.



## ONLINE VIOLENCE: AN ALARMING CALL

It is a survey on VAWG due to the rise of internet's use followed by COVID-19 and travel restrictions. It presents the findings of 128 young women and girls between 15-30 years who were familiar with and use internet and social media. The study was conducted in AAN's 13 working districts.



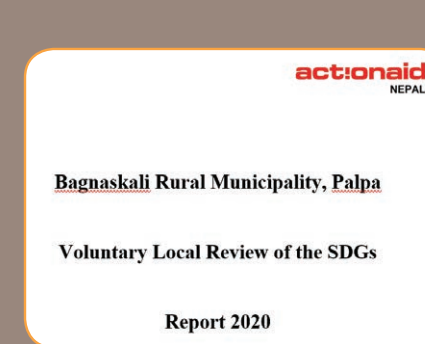
## COVID-19 IMPACT ON CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS

It is a study on the analysis of consequences in Nepalese people's lives after COVID-19 and the nationwide lockdown that followed.



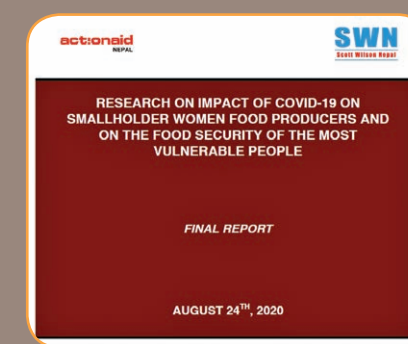
## INDEPENDENT FAIR TAX MONITORING NEPAL

This is a study to present an overview of the tax system in Nepal including its gender sensitivity, Government's spending, accountability and transparency.



## VOLUNTARY LOCAL REVIEW OF THE SDGs, BAGNASKALI RURAL MUNICIPALITY, PALPA

The study is on tracking the progress of SDG goals in local level through the engagement of young people and their intergenerational coalitions and to provide strong evidence-based support for further advocacy.



## RESEARCH ON IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON SMALLHOLDER WOMEN FOOD PRODUCERS AND ON THE FOOD SECURITY OF THE MOST VULNERABLE PEOPLE

This report presents research findings on an impact of COVID-19 on food security of smallholder farmers with a particular focus on smallholder women farmers, their access to markets, their experience/perception on GBV, their plan and coping mechanisms for next sowing season.



## REFLECTIONS AND LEARNING 2019

It is an annual report of 2019 with programmatic achievements, financial details, case studies and progresses over the year.

## ANNEX 1

### LOCAL RIGHTS PROGRAMME (LRP) PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS – 2020

Districts	Long-term LRP Partners
Bajura	Human Resource Centre (HRC) Peacewin
Terhathum	Dalit Awareness Society (DAS) Deurali Society (DS)
Kathmandu	HomeNet Nepal (HNN) Nepal Mahila Ekta Samaj (NMES)
Bardiya	Kamaiya Mahila Jagaran Samaj (KMJS)
Sankhuwasabha	The Society Touch (TST)
Doti	Equality Development Centre (EDC)
Siraha	Dalit Jana Kalyan Yuba Club (DJKYC)
Palpa	Social Resource Development Centre Nepal (SRDCN)
Parsa	Dibya Yuba Club (DYC)

## ANNEX 2

### PROJECTS MANAGED BY ACTIONAID NEPAL IN 2020

SN	Projects	Donor	Implementing Partner	Duration
1	Women's Rights Programme II (Sammunati)	Irish Aid	Chitwan: Chitwan Sakriya Mahila Samuha Makwanpur: Makwanpur Mahila Samuha Parsa: Divya Yuwa Club Lalitpur: Prerana (Secretariat of Mahila Adhikar Manch)	Jan 2017 to Dec 2021
2	Making it Work for Women	UK Giving Club	Doti: Equality Development Center Bardiya: Kamaiya Mahila Jagaran Samaj	May 2017 to Aug 2020
3	Leave No-one Behind Housing in Earthquake-Affected Districts of Nepal (Consortium Project with Practical Action and Center of Resilient Development)	DFID	Makwanpur: Center for Community Development Nepal Lamjung: Committee for the Promotion of Public Awareness and Development Studies	Sept 2018 to Aug 2020
4	Joint Action of Women and Youth to Break the Harmful Menstrual Taboos	ActionAid Denmark – DTV	Bajura: PeaceWin and Human Resource Centre Doti: Equality Development Centre	May 2019 to Apr 2021
5	Leave No One Behind, Especially Women and Girls – Tackling the Spread of COVID-19 in the Most Vulnerable Communities with Locally Led Expertise for Impact at a National Level – Hygiene and Behaviour Change Coalition (HBCC)	Unilever and DFID	Kathmandu Valley: HomeNet Nepal and Nepal Mahila Ekta Samaj Doti: Equality Development Center Bajura: Human Resource Center and Peacewin Bardiya: Kamaiya Mahila Jagaran Samaj	May 2020 to Aug 2021

6	Enhanced Access to Prevention Measures Through Basic Livelihood and Hygiene Product Support to Vulnerable Households of Nepal	Standard Chartered Bank	Kathmandu Valley: HomeNet Nepal and Nepal Mahila Ekta Samaj Siraha: Dalit Jana Kalyan Yuwa Club Bardiya: Kamaiya Mahila Jagaran Samaj	May 2020 to Apr 2021
7	Palpa School Project	Corti Foundation	Palpa: Social Resource Development Center Nepal	Aug 2020 to Jul 2022
8	Youth Fellowship for Leadership Development Project	AA Denmark/ DANIDA	Palpa: Social Resource Development Center Nepal Bardiya: Kamaiya Mahila Jagaran Samaj	Feb 2020 to Jan 2021
9	Empowering Youth Led Volunteering in Local Responses	EU	Bardiya: Kamaiya Mahila Jagaran Samaj Kathmandu Valley: HomeNet Nepal, Nepal Mahila Ekta Samaj and Youth Advocacy Nepal Sankhuwasabha: The Society Touch Siraha: Dalit Jana Kalyan Yuwa Club	Jan 2019 to Jan 2021
10	COVID-19 Secondary Impact Resilience Response in Province 2, 5 and Karnali	Save the Children/ FCDO	Parsa: Divya Yuwa Club	Jun 2020 to Dec 2021



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