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Integrated settlement in Kharanitar, Nuwakot | Photo by Sofia Vaidya/Oxfam

BUILDING INTEGRATED SETTLEMENT

Since the onset of the devastating Earthquake in 2015, Oxfam has been supporting affected families in emergency response and recovery. Rebuilding houses along with creating livelihood improvements, access to water and sanitation, gender, social inclusion and protection of vulnerable people has been a priority for Oxfam. Oxfam has always believed in “saving lives now and in the future with enhanced resilience for vulnerable women and men at risk of, or coping with, disasters and impacts of climate change.”

As a part of this program, Oxfam is currently engaged in supporting 500 most vulnerable and displaced families with integrated housing in different sites of Sindupalchowk and Nuwakot districts. The intervention focuses on earthquake-affected population displaced from their original habitat, due to the alarming risk of geo-hazards in their land. We aim to support the most vulnerable families to build back better, improve their livelihood and facilities, reduce disaster risk, optimize local resources, building social capital and promoting environmentally friendly practices in post-disaster recovery. Following are integral parts of our integrated re-settlement approach for displaced people; Community Engagement and Empowerment, Build Back Better with Earthquake Resistance Buildings, Gender and Social Inclusion and Environment-Friendly intervention.

I, along with entire Oxfam team are very honored to be supporting affected communities in their quest to revive their lives again after earthquake of 2015. Do read about our Integrated Settlement Approach here.

Cecilia Keizer, Country Director

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NEPAL EARTHQUAKE RECOVERY PROGRAMME

BENEFICIARY REACH

FOUR YEARS

(April 2015 – March 2019)

Total beneficiary reached

645,804



WOMEN

51%



MEN

49%



LAST YEAR

(APRIL 2018 – MARCH 2019)

Total beneficiary reached

38,981



WOMEN

52%



MEN

48%



DHADING

105,408



WOMEN 52%

MEN 48%



GORKHA

122,758



WOMEN 52%

MEN 48%



KATHMANDU

158,962



WOMEN 52%

MEN 48%



NUWAKOT

120,587



WOMEN 51%

MEN 49%



SINDHUPALCHOK

136,902



WOMEN 52%

MEN 48%



WASH

482,014



WOMEN 51%

MEN 49%



LIVELIHOOD

341,770



WOMEN 52%

MEN 48%



SHELTER

36,256



WOMEN 51%

MEN 49%



GENDER

336,714



WOMEN 85%

MEN 15%



*There could be duplication among the sectors

HANDING OVER THE DECENTRALIZED WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEM (WASH)

The decentralized Wastewater Treatment System which was constructed under Nepal Earthquake Recovery and Reconstruction Project has been handed over to the Mayor of Dakchinkali Municipality. The treatment constructed with financial support from Oxfam and technical support from ENPHO (Environment and Public Health Organization) aimed to improve the local environment by constructing the wastewater treatment center at the place which was previously an openly drained in the public area, and further use the water from plant in the irrigation of nearby agricultural lands of Naite Kholsa.



Photo: Oxfam in Nepal

Mr. Buddha Narayan Manandhar, Coordinator, Monitoring Committee, recalled naming the place as the filthy place (Naite: Nakh Thunne thau – to cover the nose) before the construction of the treatment plant and shared that he is now very proud to introduce the place as the only learning hub and treatment plant in the whole municipality. He appreciated the untiring efforts commenced by the sanitation users' committee..

CITIZEN WATER OBSERVATORIES STARTED (WASH)

Trans-boundary rivers of South Asia (TROSA) Nepal team started a citizen water observatories on river pollution through Citizen Science on World Water Day, 22 March 2019 in Dadeldhura. The observatory was focused on the Mahakali river pollutions. Community members, as citizen scientists comprising members of Women Empowerment Centers (WEC), teachers and students from universities, conducted water quality assessment to determine sewer waste, solid waste, and pesticides content in the Mahakali river water of both sides, Nepal and India. The news was covered by **national daily** and **online news**

Read the bilingual publication on stories of women from Mahakali river **here**.



Photo: Oxfam in Nepal

BECOMING SELF-RELIANT (DRR-HUM)

"I used to be fully dependent on my husband and had to ask him to provide me some money for my daily expenses. But after joining women's group and starting to receive earnings from the mushroom farming, I am now self-reliant for my daily expenses," says Sita Kandel, member of the mushroom farming business group. "I am now also able to pay the school fee of my son. I used to be afraid to speak and interact with people. After joining the women's group, I can speak with people without any hesitation," Ms. Kandel says.

The group recently received NPR 366,000 from the Prime Minister Special Program in Nepal for producing the best mushroom in the city. The funds will be used for scaling up their business. Sita is one amongst many women who are part of the 23 green businesses that have received support to set up or expand their business concepts in Nepal.



Photo by Emeli Moller/NDF

REVIEW AND REFLECTION WORKSHOP (DRR-HUM)



Photo by Raju Siwakoti/Oxfam

Disaster Risk Reduction and Humanitarian program organized a two-day review and reflection workshop to revisit the activities carried out last year. The workshop conducted with an ambition to evaluate planning versus progress of program activities, financial updates and key learning of the projects, saw the presence of 32 participants from within Oxfam in Nepal.

In the workshop, group discussion and presentation were carried out and issues related to sustainability was raised, staff turnover and lack of ownership amongst community members. The workshop concluded with further planning to bring significant changes in the implementation of remaining work in the field. It was decided that, all partners will be treated critically for quality demonstration with agreed resources and time frame.

ANTI-FRAUD AND CORRUPTION ORIENTATION (BSD)

An anti-fraud and corruption orientation was carried out during the monthly annual staff meeting at Oxfam in Nepal office. More than 25 staff members attended the session which was led by Amrit Thapa, the Oxfam's internal trained Fraud investigator. The major area covered included the techniques of identify and stopping fraud and corruption in an organization, reporting mechanisms and updates on recorded suspicions for the year 2017 and 2018.

There was good feedback from participants especially clarity on reporting mechanism of suspicion, roles and responsibilities of everyone to stop fraud and corruption in the organization.



Photo by Bimala Chapagain/Oxfam

GROW NEPAL WEBSITE LAUNCHED

Social Enterprise "Grow Nepal Social Enterprise Private Limited" has recently launched its website with information about the company at www.grownepal.com.np

The Social Enterprise runs with the motto to Incubate and Invest for Impact in Small and Medium Enterprises. It services benefit poor communities, creating fair and inclusive economic growth. The company was registered in Nepal in 2018 and can be contacted at info@grownepal.com.np with any queries regarding social enterprises..

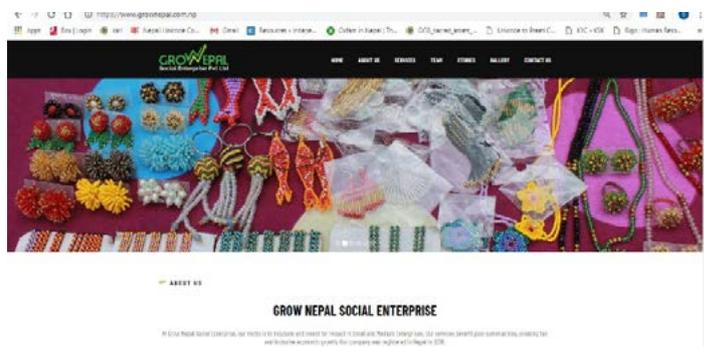
VITAL REGISTRATION CAMP (GESI)

Oxfam in Nepal with support from Mahila Atma Nirbharta Kendra (MANK) organized a mobile camp in Jugal municipality of Sindhupalchowk to facilitate people to access their vital registrations, such as citizenship card, disability card, birth registration and marriage registration. Altogether, 464 people of the Jugal rural municipality were benefited from the camp.

These documents have helped community people to claim the support provided by government for post-earthquake reconstruction and other social security provision provided by the government.



Photo by MANK



Quick links to new stories and images published last month through Oxfam in Nepal website:

- [Start of a good life with proper water supply](#)
- [Saving lives with local life jacket](#)
- [Enough! Atti Bho!](#)
- [Courageous women of Mahakali river basin](#)
- [Stories of women from the Mahakali River Basin](#)

DIALOGUE WITH PARLIAMENTARIANS ON INEQUALITY ISSUES

(Advocacy and influencing)



Photo by Geeta Pandey/HAMI

'The inequality report seems very progressive. It has brought to light the issues that we all must be aware of and take up for further discussion even in the parliament. Findings of the report are so strong that they contribute to base the foundation for people's democracy. If we can address the recommendations made, they create the fortress for socialism oriented state system.'

- A parliamentarian speaking in the event

The remarks of the parliamentarian augur well for fruitful coordination with the policy makers, which is crucial for a success of the inequality campaign that we have been leading. At the same time, such observations have made it clear that facts and evidences drawn through research and analysis, and if presented well help set the terms of debate, and establish agenda to take up for policy discourse. All the parliamentarians asked Oxfam and its partner to continue doing such research and providing them with evidence which they will utilize to design and roll out policies and programmes. The event was jointly organized by Oxfam and HAMI on 19 March 2019 in Kathmandu.



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FEEDBACK?

Do you have programme updates, stories, pictures, videos to share? Or, any important questions on the newsletter?

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