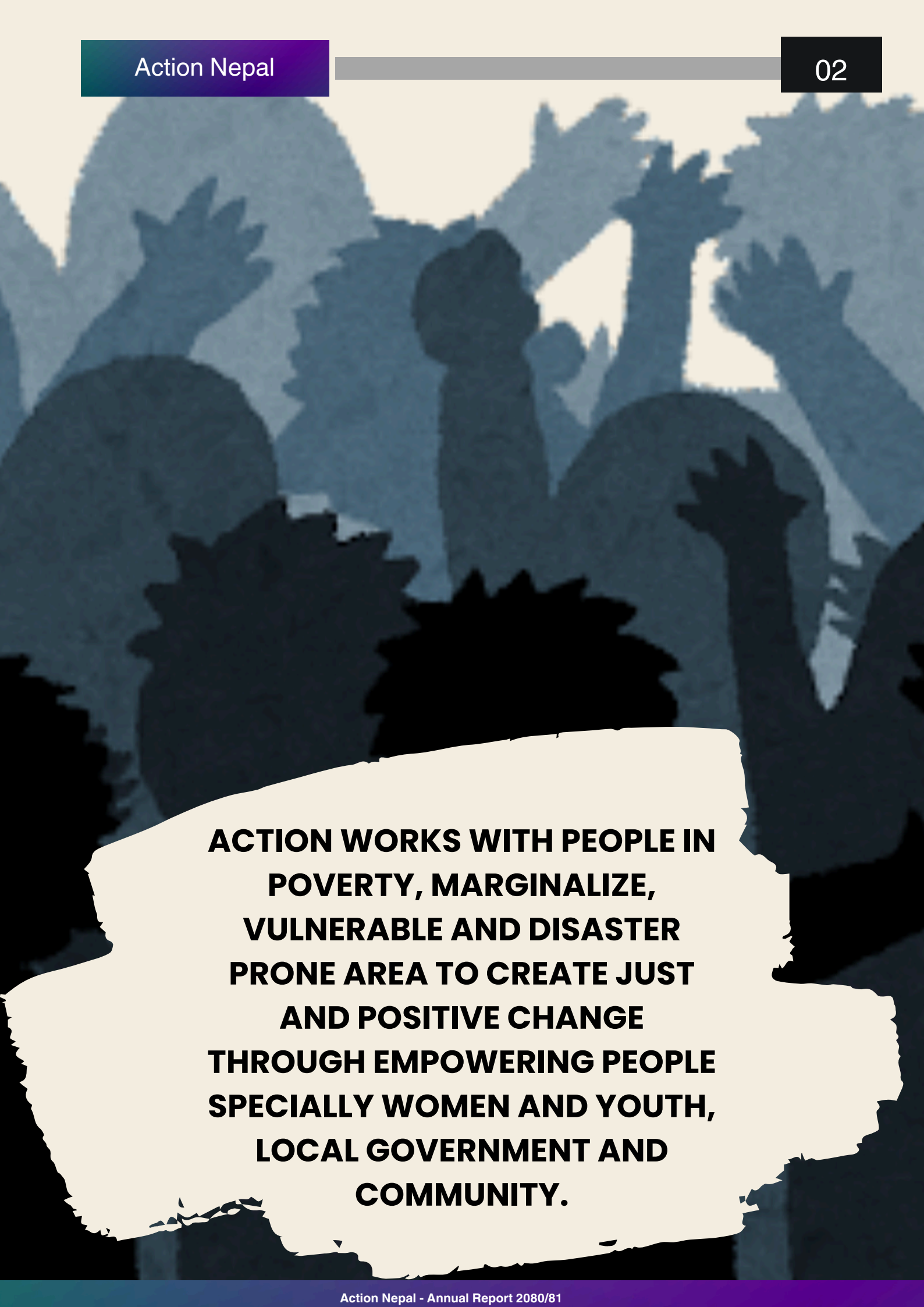


ANNUAL REPORT 2080/81



ACTION NEPAL
COORDINATION AND COOPERATION FOR "BETTER NEPAL"



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Introduction

This report performs as a short compilation of the projects and activities carried out during FY 080/81, highlighting progress status and transformation indicators achieved within the year. In keeping with Action Nepal's tradition, the Annual Report is published and distributed to delegates and relevant authorities during the Annual General Assembly, offering an overview of the organization's work. The report outlines the program areas, thematic progress, activities undertaken, and the achievements made.

Message from Leadership



It is with great pride and a deep sense of responsibility that I share with you the vision and accomplishments of Action Nepal. Our organization was established with a singular aim: to enhance the socioeconomic status of the people of Nepal, with a particular focus on those residing in rural and underserved areas.

Action Nepal is dedicated to working closely with deprived and marginalized communities, employing strategies that leverage local resources and technology to achieve the greatest impact. Over the past twenty-four years, we have successfully managed more than a hundred development projects, reaching nearly a million people across Nepal. Our interventions span crucial areas including Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR), resilient livelihoods, nutrition, WASH (Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene), good governance, and communal infrastructure.

In addition to these core areas, we address cross-cutting themes such as Gender Equality and Social Inclusion (GESI), youth engagement, and climate action. Our work is underpinned by a profound connection with the communities we serve, supported by a dedicated and experienced professional and technical team.

Our extensive history and experience have equipped us with a deep understanding of effective project implementation. We are committed to fostering economic resilience and improving the quality of life for all Nepalese people through targeted, sustainable interventions.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. Together, we can continue to drive positive change and build a brighter future for Nepal.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'KRD' or similar, written over a light blue rectangular background.

Kamal Raj Dhungana
President

About us

Established in 2000 in the Dhading district, Action Nepal is a non-governmental, non-profit development and humanitarian organization affiliated with the Social Welfare Council (SWC). Dedicated to improving the socio-economic status of the Nepalese people, particularly those in rural areas, Action Nepal empowers marginalized, vulnerable, and disaster-prone communities through integrated and sustainable development approaches. Action Nepal is committed to enhancing the quality of life and well-being of individuals and communities by addressing their diverse needs and promoting social justice, equality, and human rights.



Millions of people in Nepal will live their dignified life free from poverty, and have control over the resources to sustain their lives.

- Integrity
- Trustworthiness
- Honesty
- Transparency
- Teamwork
- Accountability

The major thematic areas of Action Nepal

- **Livelihood and Nutrition**
- **Good Governance**
- **WASH**
- **Construction of Communal Infrastructure**
- **Advancement in Information Technology**
- **Youth Empowerment & Leadership Development**

Cross-cutting Commitments

- **Youth Engagement**
- **GESI - Gender Equality and Social Inclusion**
- **Climate Action**

Our Reach and Impact in a year



THE GLOBAL GOALS



Action Nepal has a long and successful history of providing humanitarian relief and implementing development initiatives by responding to the development needs through interventions in DRR, Resilient Livelihood, WASH, Good Governance, and Communal Infrastructure. And, it gradually upscaled services in the area of Disaster Risk Management, Livelihood, Communal Infrastructure and cross cutting theme. Now our programs have been connected to the regular long-term development programs, making sure that the communities we work with are able to empower themselves to strengthen their livelihoods, manage disaster risk and improve their lifestyle.

For the past 24 years, Action Nepal has been at the forefront of creating positive change in Nepal, actively contributing to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). With perseverance and commitment to its mission, Action Nepal has played a pivotal role in addressing and advancing 11 of the 17 SDGs. Through its diverse initiatives and collaborative approach, the organization has made substantial strides in addressing critical challenges and enhancing the lives of countless individuals and communities. As Action Nepal continues its journey, it remains committed to furthering its impact across the spectrum of sustainable development. By embracing innovation, strengthening partnerships, and adapting to evolving challenges, the organization aspires to make a lasting difference within Nepalese communities.

Our Reach and Impact in a year

REACH

We reached 17,570 people directly
♂ 8494 ♀ 9,076

Geographic Coverage

We Covered 3 Districts
Across 15 Local Governments

Diversity and Inclusion

Dalit: 10%
Janajati: 54%
Brahmin/Chhetri: 26%
Muslim: 2%
Others: 8%

Impact Highlights

- **3,075 individuals were empowered through enhanced livelihood initiatives.**
- **13,764 individuals accessed essential infrastructure, enhancing safety and disaster resilience.**
- **731 students received education on disaster sanitization and support for future learning.**



Year in Review: project highlights of the year

1. Enhance Economic Resilience of Targeted Vulnerable Indigenous Group

Action Nepal and USAID's Tayar Nepal successfully implemented the 'Enhance Economic Resilience of Targeted Vulnerable Indigenous Groups' project, which supported 300 vulnerable households, focusing on indigenous groups, smallholders, landless individuals, and ethnic minorities in Neelakantha and Bhimeshwar Municipalities, such as the Kumal, Thami, and Dalit. These communities not only face natural disasters but also contend with challenges like floods, landslides, hailstorms, and droughts. Limited access to resources exacerbates their hardships.

Overall Objective:

- To promote economically resilient farm and off farm enterprises in collaboration with the public and private sectors.
- Establish linkage with municipalities and key market actors for the sustainability of proposed enterprises in two municipalities.

Target Groups:

300 households from indigenous group specially Kumal and Thami community and vulnerable to different types of hazards and disasters Focusing on the youth, adolescent girls, young men, and women.



"Empowered youth from indigenous communities actively engage in sustainable mushroom cultivation, harnessing traditional knowledge to promote food security and economic resilience."

Key Achievements of the project for a year

- Trained 100 Kumal and Thami households in off-season vegetable production, including 2 permanent and 2 semi-permanent greenhouses, plus 38 plastic tunnels.
- Provided mushroom training to 60 farmers, with 3 demonstration houses and materials support, including seeds and production tools.
- Trained 70 households in ginger, turmeric, and cardamom cultivation, distributing 1,400 cardamom seedlings and 350 kg of ginger and turmeric seeds.
- Trained 50 households in kiwi farming, with demonstrations and support, including 50 secateurs and irrigation pipes.
- 50 households were qualified with pickle-making skills, and 5 stoves and complete utensil sets were provided.
- Trained 20 households in potato chips making, with support including 10 manual slicers, 2 electric packaging machines, and cooking utensils (including stove, frying pot, knife, potato peeler, bucket and packing plastic)
- Trained 50 Hhs in production of organic fertilizer (vermicompost, composting technologies), organic pesticide (jholmol) enterprise with demonstration and materials support



2. EFFORT Project

Action Nepal and DCA have been implementing the EFFORT (Enhancing livelihood and Fostering Resilience among the Vulnerable Community along Trishuli River Basin) project to strengthen community capacity in building resilient livelihoods and managing disaster risks. The project focuses on sustainable agricultural practices, market chain development, and the dissemination of climate-resilient technologies, aiming to create resilient communities in the rural municipalities of Gajuri, Benighat Rorang, and Siddhalekh. The key purposes are to enhance the resilience of community members, particularly women and youth, in sustainable agriculture and disaster risk reduction.

The specific objectives of the project are;

- To enhance the economic empowerment of women and youth in agro-ecological and eco-tourism sectors
- To enhance the capacity of local government, CBO and private sectors in managing and mitigating the climate-induced disaster risk in the Trisuli River Basin area.
- To build the resilience of community people with a focus on women and youth in sustainable agriculture and disaster risk reduction along Trisuli River Basin of three Rural Municipalities.



Key Achievements of the project for a year

- **Climate Resilient Agriculture:** Trained 64 farmers in climate-resilient agriculture and agroecology-based practices. Provided 58 greenhouses and 40 soil tanks to 104 HHs in Benighat RM and Siddhalek RM to support sustainable farming.
- **Livestock Support and Infrastructure:** Constructed 40 goat sheds with a he-goat to 40 households to improve livestock management in Gauthale and Thimwang communities.
- **Irrigation Infrastructure:** Constructed an RCC water tank in the Fachimtar community and a 50-meter RCC canal in the Gauthale community to support irrigation efforts.
- **Community Building:** Built a multi-purpose RCC building in Chailing, Benighat RM, to support the community.
- **Empowered youth through Enterprise Development:** Established 3 CSEB (Compressed Stabilized Earth Blocks) enterprises, empowering youth from Benighat and Siddhalek RMs.
- **Emergency Preparedness:** Installed the BIPAD portal in Siddalek and Gajuri rural municipalities to enhance disaster resilience. Established contingency funds in 2 RMs for emergency response and provided 5 sets of basic search and rescue gear to the rural municipality.
- **Disaster Planning and Policy Development:** Developed contingency funds and policies for Gajuri and Siddhalek RMs. Prepared Community-Based Disaster Plans (CBDP) for 5 wards in Benighat Rorang RM and updated disaster plans and policies for 4 wards in Siddhalek RM.
- **Research and Studies:** Conducted 3 academic research studies and 1 expert study focused on disaster risk reduction (DRR) and mitigation approaches.
- **Awareness and Sensitization:** Organized 13 DRR awareness and sensitization events, engaging youth in activities such as plantation drives, cleaning campaigns, panel discussion, rally, street drama, speech competitions, and drawing contests in schools and communities.



3. Promoting DRR Initiatives project

The project will be implemented over a period of 2 year, in partnership with DCA Nepal, national stakeholders, local government officials, community-based organizations, and other stakeholders. The project will involve conducting community-based risk assessments to identify potential hazards, their frequency, and potential impacts on the communities. The project will assess vulnerability to natural hazards and implement appropriate risk reduction and mitigation measures to enhance their resilience. The project's goal is to reduce the impact of disasters on communities and contribute to sustainable development in the district. The major objectives of the project are:

- To promote a culture of preparedness and resilience in the target communities and local level.
- To identify and support sustainable and nature-based solutions to reduce disaster risks.

Key Achievements of the project for a year

- Team of experts (Nature Based solution and landslide experts) visited the landslide affected communities and houses
- Drone mapping of the affected area was performed and with the images and contour line community map were developed
- 2 CDMC and 2 WDMC were formed at Benighat Rorang RM and basic orientation were provided
- Nature based Solutions were implemented at 3 landslide affected communities of Benighat Rorang RM
- National dialogue on Climate change was successfully completed in coordination with Municipal Association of Nepal
- Monthly media dialogue on CCA and DRRM is being broadcasted through radio network monthly.



"Strengthening Dhading's resilience through gabion wall construction and nature-based solutions, protecting vulnerable communities from natural hazards."

4. IALVC Project

The Innovations in Agri-Livestock Value Chains (IALVC- Enhancing Competitiveness of Rural Women Entrepreneurs through Innovation in Vegetable Value Chain) project, launched by Heifer International Nepal in collaboration with Action Nepal, focuses on boosting the livelihoods of rural women entrepreneurs and smallholder farmers in Dhading, Nepal. The project, which spans fiscal year 2024/26, aims to improve agricultural productivity, empower cooperatives, and establish market linkages through the use of climate-smart farming techniques and value addition.

The project addresses key issues such as limited access to quality agricultural inputs, inadequate market access, and the need for sustainable farming practices in a region that is heavily reliant on agriculture for its economic growth. By promoting cooperative-owned enterprises and engaging the private sector, the project creates an enabling environment for small farmers to thrive, ensuring that women entrepreneurs and farmers can achieve a sustainable living income.

The project significantly contributes to enhancing livelihoods by empowering 1560 women entrepreneurs engaged in vegetable production. Through advanced farming practices like tunnel farming, drip irrigation, and bio pesticides, the project promotes increased agricultural productivity, which helps improve nutrition and food security in the community. The Farmer Business Schools (FBS) and vegetable demonstration plots further boost farmers' skills, enabling them to grow more nutritious and diverse crops, thus improving household-level food security.

Objectives:

- Enhancing the capacity and quality production technology access of small farmers included in the project to increase production and productivity.
- Increasing market access for small farmers
- Developing pre-market infrastructure to increase value in targeted value chains
- Strengthening small farmers' groups and organizations for their empowerment in entrepreneurial and sustainable profitable ventures,
- Enhancing access to financial services, agricultural and livestock insurance, agricultural inputs and equipment, technology, technical services, etc. for small farmers,
- The marketization of agricultural and livestock products produced by small farmers and expanding market relations
- Improving access to agricultural inputs and equipment for small farmers,
- Facilitating translation and implementation of small farmer-friendly policies and programs.



Key Achievements of the project for a year

The IALVC project achieved significant milestones during fiscal year 2080/81. These key accomplishments include:

- **SHG Formation:** A total of 28 Self Help Groups (SHGs) were established across five municipalities, involving 753 families. This surpassed the initial target of family beneficiaries, highlighting the success of community mobilization efforts.
- **Farmer Business Schools (FBS):** The project initiated 7 Farmer Business Schools, providing training on advanced agricultural practices and business skills to smallholder farmers. These sessions are ongoing and have already equipped farmers with essential knowledge in market-oriented vegetable production.
- **Vegetable Demonstration Plots:** The project established 14 vegetable demonstration plots (7 plastic tunnels and 7 open demonstration plots) that showcase innovative farming techniques such as tunnel farming, drip irrigation, and the use of biopesticides. These plots serve as learning sites for local farmers, demonstrating the potential of climate-smart agriculture in improving crop yields.
- **Irrigation Schemes:** In collaboration with local cooperatives, 13 irrigation schemes were completed, including RCC tanks, masonry tanks, plastic ponds, and surface pipe irrigation systems. These schemes ensure that farmers have consistent access to water, improving their ability to grow vegetables year-round and reducing the risks associated with water scarcity.
- **Vegetable Processing Center:** The design and detailed project report (DPR) for a cooperative-owned vegetable processing center were finalized, with the tender process underway. This center will play a crucial role in reducing post-harvest losses, adding value to agricultural products, and ensuring that farmers receive fair prices for their produce.



5. Food Security Task Order

USAID's Tayar Nepal and Action Nepal have come together to address the food security issues in the Neelakantha Municipality of Dhading district, one of the priority municipalities of Tayar Nepal. In order to counteract rising food prices, Tayar Nepal will offer immediate financial assistance to households with less than six months of food availability with the facilitation by Action Nepal and generous support of USAID under the Improved Disaster Risk Management Project's third component 'Food Security Task Order'. Through better transportation and affordable storage options, this intervention will also aid in increasing the availability of staple foods and the profitability of agricultural output. The primary objective of the project is to support food-insecure households through a social assistance program to help offset higher food costs and to assist them in improving warehousing, storage, and transportation capacity to reduce post-harvest loss and increase the shelf life of produce.

The specific objectives are as follows:

- To conduct a rapid assessment of food security status, post-harvest losses, existing storage facilities, and possible low-cost local solutions for transportation and storage in Neelakantha municipality
- To provide food security support activities through an unconditional cash transfer program, and
- To improve transportation and low- cost storage solutions through the distribution of grain storage bins and crates for cooperatives, farmer groups, and individual farmers.

The activity benefited 680 vulnerable households with a cash grant of Rs. 21500 and 500 individuals through low- cost transportation and storage options in the Neelakantha Municipality. 750 crates, 1200 hermetic bags, and 50 metal bins sets (each containing one 100 kg bin and another 200 kg bin) were distributed.



6. Trail Bridge Construction Project in Dhading District-TBCP

Action Nepal is implementing Trail Bridge Support Unit project to support the trail bridge construction in rural Dhading in collaboration with Nepal Government and Helvitas with the goal of constructing short-span below the 120m trail bridges in Dhading District where people are surviving as the beast of burden. Action Nepal is undertaking the program with financial and technical support of signatories. The aim of this project is to enhance the active participation of local people in construction of trail bridges to make them feel ownership towards the infrastructures and to ease their life with convenient pathway routes. The project started from 2001.

Through this program, Action Nepal works to contribute the poverty alleviation and to improve the access to fundamental services, economic opportunities and resources of local people especially the women and the people of marginalized community by addressing their sheer need of transportation through the installation of trail bridges in rural Dhading.

The objectives of project are

- Improve accessibility to trail system.
- Improvement in basic need a human and develop personal and financial growth.
- Provide a safe crossing over natural obstacles such as river, stream, and uneven terrain.
- Minimize the risk accidents and ensuring a secure passage for hikers and others trail users.
- Support Economic and social Progress.

Key Achievements of the project for a year

- 7 Trail Bridge in 4 Rural Municipalities (Rubi Vally, Khaniyabas, Netrawati and Galchhi) of Dhading District were completed
- 2 Trail Bridge in Nilkantha Municipality were completed
- 5 Trail bridges in 5 Rural Municipalities (Tripurasundari, Jwalamukhi, GangaJamua, Benighat Rorang and Thakre) of Dhading district are under construction

This project directly benefited around 13714 people and was helpful to increase access of Health facility, School, Government services and Local Market. No more lives will be loss while crossing river and bridge increases the possibility of tourism and trade. Project has provided the opportunity for improving livelihoods of certain household by acquiring local labors and provided opportunity for economic growth to the local people.



7. Youth Leadership Camp

Action Nepal has been organizing the volunteer camp since 2018 in coordination with DCA. Till date we have completed 15th batch of Volunteer camp. Every year the camp is organized by Action Nepal at the working area of our projects. The students and teachers from different school at Denmark visit our project location and spend their times within our communities. Major time of their stay will be at community where they stay with host family. They perform certain activities during day and they spend their rest of the time with the member of host family. They try to interact more and learn from them.

Overall Objective:

- Exchange of culture, knowledge and traditions.
- Observe and support the communities in their regular work during the time of homestay.
- Perform some new activities for the local communities and schools.
- Observe the family status, way of living, working methods.
- To promote internal tourism.

Key Achievements of the project for a year

- Two plastic tunnels with drip irrigation system were constructed by Volunteers at Benighat Rorang-09 Fachimtar with support from house member and Action Nepal Team.
- 30 meter each access trails were constructed at Fachimtar and Pokhari Gau to have easy access of the facilities at the community. The trails also include 10 m length of retaining structure.
- The RCC overhead irrigation tank was constructed by the EFFORT project and the team of volunteers were involved on coloring of the tank and completed it.
- Nature based activities were implemented at Gauthale community to protect the basic school from the effect of landslide.
- 5 soil cement tanks were constructed at Gauthale community and 3 at Panchaling to collect waste water and used it in kitchen gardening.
- The volunteers were engaged on setting up knowledge hub at Neelkantha Multiple campus where the volunteers supported with furniture, internet facilities and books case.
- Drinking water system at Bhedabari were repaired and 500 m length of pipeline was installed with fencing and coloring of reservoir tank.
- 3 schools of Siddhalekh RM were supported with ECD wall painting work and 6 schools of Benighat and Siddhalekh RM were supported with educational and furniture related materials.
- The volunteers participated on culture exchange events like marriage, bartabanda, Swarsoti puja, participated on community work, visited temples and participated on community events.



8. Sadikshya Scholarship

Sadikshya is an educational project implemented by Action Nepal with the generous support of the Dutch foundation Hart4onderwijsNepal that aims to provide scholarships to underprivileged students in Nepal. The project was launched with the objective of helping students who are financially challenged but possess the potential to succeed in life. The project team recognized poverty as one of the main reasons for student dropout rate in school. The cost of education, including tuition fees, textbooks, and uniforms can be a significant financial burden for many families. To address this issue, the Sadikshya project provided scholarships to 265 young students aged 3 to 10 years at Shree Nepal Rashtriya Aadharbhut Vidyalaya, Bara, who were at risk of dropping out of school due to financial constraints. The scholarships provided essential school supplies such as school bags, notebooks, pens, pencils, sharpeners, erasers, scientific calculators, art supplies (like color pencils and drawing books), and geometry sets. These items were sufficient for each child for a full academic year, aiming to alleviate financial pressures and encourage continued school attendance. By providing essential school supplies such as bags and stationery items, the project has improved access to education for these students, removing barriers that may have hindered their academic pursuits. In the coming days, an increase in school attendance can be expected among the supported students, reflecting the positive impact of the project on their educational participation.



9. Climate Resilient Infrastructure for Social Transformation and Adaptation (CRISTA 2.0)

The Climate Resilient Infrastructure for Social Transformation and Adaptation (CRISTA) project, developed by the Asian Institute of Technology (AIT), Thailand, addresses the critical need for climate adaptation in infrastructure systems. CRISTA 2.0, the scaled-up version of the initial pilot, is currently being implemented in Dhading district, Nepal. The project aims to strengthen local governments' capacities to manage and mitigate climate-induced hazards, specifically focusing on critical infrastructure such as roads and power networks.

In Nepal, where infrastructure is highly vulnerable to natural disasters like floods and landslides, CRISTA 2.0 integrates advanced geospatial technologies, scientific knowledge, and community engagement to create a robust monitoring and management system. This system empowers local governments to reduce direct and indirect losses and enhances community resilience. The project also aligns with national climate adaptation goals, contributing to a more resilient infrastructure framework that supports long-term development.

Overall Objective:

- To develop a robust decision-support system for climate resilient CI for monitoring climate-induced vulnerabilities and damages to CI systems
- To support data driven and evidence-based decision making to enhance the preparedness and response capacity of critical infrastructure management authorities and officials.
- To enhance knowledge and capacity of local communities and authorities; and sensitize them on climate-induced risks to CI systems and how it implicates sustainable development.

Target Groups:

- **Local Government Officials:** Officers in the selected 3 municipalities of Dhading district, who will be trained to operate and maintain the CRISTA platform, ensuring effective monitoring and management of critical infrastructure.
- **Community Members:** Residents of the project implementation area, who will be engaged through awareness programs and empowered to participate in climate risk management activities.
- **Stakeholders in Climate Adaptation:** Local and national actors, including municipal authorities and organizations involved in climate adaptation and disaster risk reduction, who will be consulted and involved in the project to ensure alignment with broader national goals and to foster a sense of ownership

Key Achievements of the project for a year

- Baseline study including hazard scenario, stakeholder mapping and capacity assessment
- Extensive field surveys were conducted across three project area in Dhading district, resulting in the successful mapping of key climate hazards and critical infrastructure. This mapping provided a comprehensive understanding of the vulnerabilities in the region, forming a solid foundation for further risk assessment and decision-making.
- The climate vulnerability and risk assessment were completed for the identified critical infrastructure systems, including roads and power networks. This assessment highlighted the most at-risk areas and infrastructure, enabling targeted interventions to enhance resilience and reduce potential damages
- A web-based GIS database was successfully created, integrating all baseline information and maps from the field surveys and risk assessments. This database now serves as a centralized platform for storing and accessing critical data, essential for ongoing monitoring and decision-making.
- The CRISTA system was upgraded to version 2.0, which included significant enhancements to the dashboard, user interface, and mobile application. The upgraded system was rigorously field-tested, ensuring that it is user-friendly, functional, and reliable for both local government officials and community users.



Success Story



The Trail Bridge That Transformed Takure Community

"Durga Bahadur Magar, a resident, shared the positive impact of the newly constructed trail bridge. With the bridge in place, students can now attend school daily without fear, fostering a brighter future for these young minds through consistent access to education. Farmers are also experiencing renewed hope and stability, as they can deliver their milk to the collection centre every day, ensuring steady income and secure livelihoods."

The Takure, a small community with 33 households in Thakre Rural Municipality, life revolved around farming and livestock. Many families, especially the farmers, relied on their daily milk production for income. However, their path to success was obstructed by a significant challenge: the Khishthe Khola River.

Each day, around 20 farmers had to pass through this river to deliver their milk to the collection centre in Galchhi RM. Additionally, about 15 to 16 students faced the same risky journey on their way to school. The river, particularly during the rainy season, became a dangerous obstacle. Flooding and rising water levels often made it impossible to cross, disrupting both education and income.



Durga Bahadur Magar, a resident, shared the impact of this challenge: "Before the bridge was built, students risked their lives daily just to attend school. During floods, they missed out on education and opportunities. Farmers struggled too, unable to deliver their dairy products to the collection centre and market, which affected their income and livelihood." But then came a transformative change. Action Nepal in collaboration with Nepal Government and Helvitas, a trail bridge was constructed over the Khishthe Khola. This bridge was not just a physical structure; it was a lifeline for the community. With the new bridge in place, students can now attend school daily without fear. The consistent access to education is fostering a brighter future for these young minds. Farmers, too, are experiencing a renewed sense of hope and stability. They can deliver their milk to the collection centre every day, ensuring their income remains steady and their livelihoods secure.

The bridge has also become a symbol of progress and unity in Takure. The construction process involved active participation from the local people, fostering a sense of ownership and pride in their new infrastructure. As a result, life in Takure has significantly improved. The bridge has eased daily commutes, enabled consistent education, and supported local livelihoods. The community's resilience and cooperation have turned a challenging situation into a story of success and hope.

This project exemplifies how a simple infrastructure improvement can create ripples of positive change, transforming lives and communities for the better.



Dhuna Lamsal's Journey from Subsistence to Commercial Farming

Dhuna Lamsal, from Neelkantha-09, Bhaluban, is a shining example of how capacity building and hands-on training through the Farmers Business School can transform lives. Before joining the program, Dhuna produced vegetables but struggled with low income and had difficulty providing for her family. Her situation changed dramatically after enrolling in the Farmer Business School training, where she learned modern farming techniques and gained valuable skills.

Equipped with this new knowledge, Dhuna started cultivating cucumbers and bitter gourd shortly after completing the training. In just three months, she harvested her vegetables and sold more than 1,000 kilograms, earning over NPR 35,000. She is expecting an additional harvest of 700 kg, which will bring her total income to about NRS 65,000 in just one crop cycle.

Dhuna shared her experience: “Since joining the Farmers Business School, I’ve learned valuable techniques for market-oriented vegetable production. With guidance and support from Action Nepal, I’ve started my farming journey and have already earned over NPR 35,000. Now, I am financially independent and no longer depend just on my husband. I contribute to my family’s income and support my children’s education and other needs. I am excited to achieve even more. I am truly grateful to Action Nepal for their support and the knowledge they’ve provided.”



Action Nepal, in collaboration with Heifer International Nepal, is working to enhance the livelihoods of rural women entrepreneurs and smallholder farmers in Dhading through the IALVC project (Enhancing Competitiveness of Rural Women Entrepreneurs Through Innovation in the Vegetable Value Chain). This initiative offers training in advanced agricultural practices and business skills, equipping farmers with the knowledge needed for market-oriented vegetable production. Demonstration plots for vegetable farming help improve farmers' skills, enabling them to grow nutritious and diverse crops, thereby enhancing household-level food security.

This success story illustrates how modern agricultural training can significantly improve the lives of smallholder farmers. Dhuna's achievements have not only increased her income but also inspired her community, showcasing the benefits of effective farming practices.



Transforming Gauthale: A Community's Journey to Agricultural Resilience

Problem: Over 32 farmers in Siddhalek RM, Gauthale, struggled with crop losses due to limited irrigation and follow ancient agriculture practices.

Action Taken: The Gauthale Aama Krishak Samuha, supported by Action Nepal and DCA Nepal, provided the community with agriculture related skills, tools and trainings. Also, initiated an irrigation project to rebuild and improve water canals and roads.

Transformative Impact: Empowering the community with agriculture input, tools trainings and farming practices has helped the member to enhance their income .The repair canals ensured a steady water supply, and repaired roads enhanced travel and transportation, leading to thriving green fields and healthy crops.



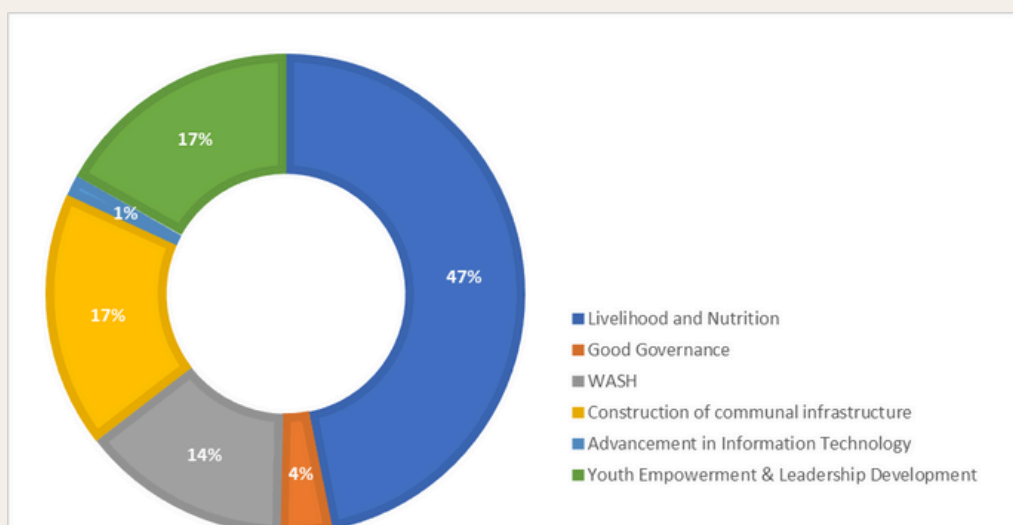
Outcome: The project empowered local farmers, transforming their livelihoods and creating a vibrant, resilient community.



Financial Overview in FY 2080/081

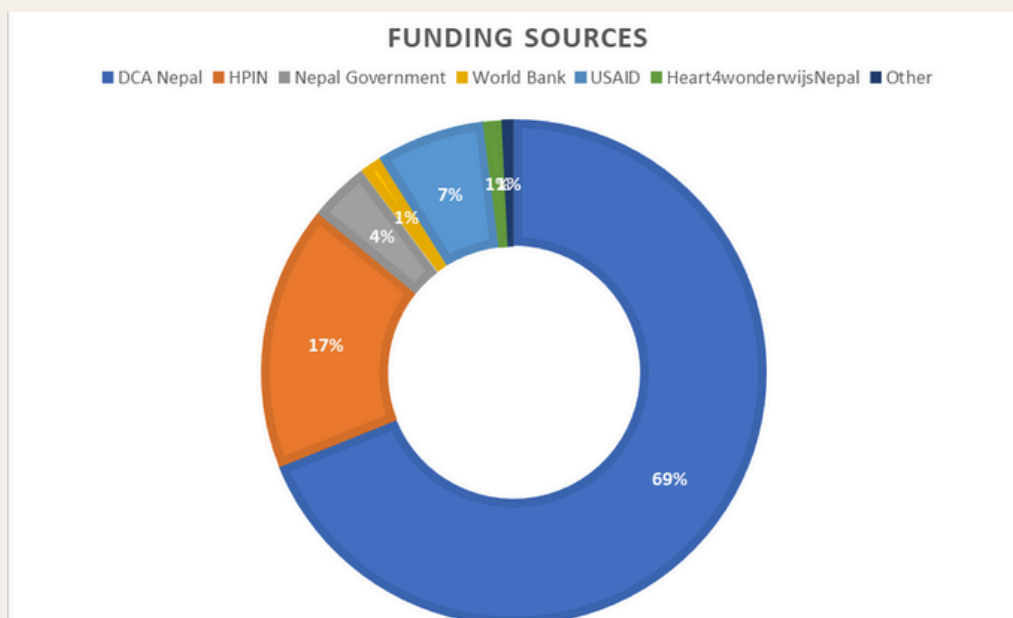
1. Thematic Expenditure

Action Nepal implemented 10 projects in Nepali fiscal year 2080/081. Among them Livelihood and Nutrition theme covered 47% of portfolio whereas Good Governance covered 4%, WASH covered 14%, Construction of Communal Infrastructure covered 17%, Advancement in Information and Technology covered 1% & rest 17% was covered by Youth Empowerment and Leadership Development.



2. Funding Sources

DCA Nepal has been supporting Action Nepal since FY 2072/073 being one of the major donors. Fund received from DCA Nepal for fiscal year 2080/081 was 69% of the total funding portfolio of Action Nepal. Whereas Heifer International Nepal covered 17%, Nepal Government covered 4%, World Bank covered 1%, USAID covered 7% and rest 1% was covered by other funding sources to carryout activities for fiscal year 2080/081.



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Acknowledgement

As we conclude this year's annual report, we would like to extend our deepest gratitude to all who made our achievements possible. Our heartfelt thanks go to our donors, for their continuous support and belief in our mission. Your contributions have been fundamental in helping us implement impactful projects and initiatives.

We also express our appreciation to the government authorities, local leaders, and stakeholders who have worked closely with us, ensuring that our programs align with the needs of the communities we serve.

A special thanks go to the dedicated staff and board members of Action Nepal, whose tireless efforts, passion, and commitment have made all the difference. Without your hard work, we would not have achieved the milestones we proudly present in this report.

Finally, we are deeply inspired by the resilience and cooperation of the communities we work with. Your trust and active participation continue to motivate us to bring positive change.

Together, we look forward to further successes in the years ahead.

**Senior Management Team
Action Nepal**



Flash Back.....



Action Nepal proudly represented in Denmark as part of the Go Global initiative, led by DCA.



Action Nepal joined the 3rd International Symposium on Disaster Resilience and Sustainable Development, partnering with 19 organizations for a two-day event at the AIT Conference Center in Bangkok.



Action Nepal welcomes and orients Danish volunteers, fostering collaboration and cultural exchange.



Action Nepal supported and participated in the National Dialogue on Climate Change, organized by the Municipal Association of Nepal, as a co-organizer



Action Nepal celebrated Constitution Day with sports match, promoting unity and community spirit.



Action Nepal participating in the Theory of Change workshop alongside DCA and other partner NGOs.



Training and demonstration on pickle business development



Masonry tank at Neelkantha-09



Glimpse of Demo plot at Bhaluban



Glimps of Goat shed at Gauthale



Cleaning Campaign with Natural Dustbins Led by Youth Initiatives



Disaster mitigation activities through nature-based solutions



Multipurpose mothers group building at Chailing



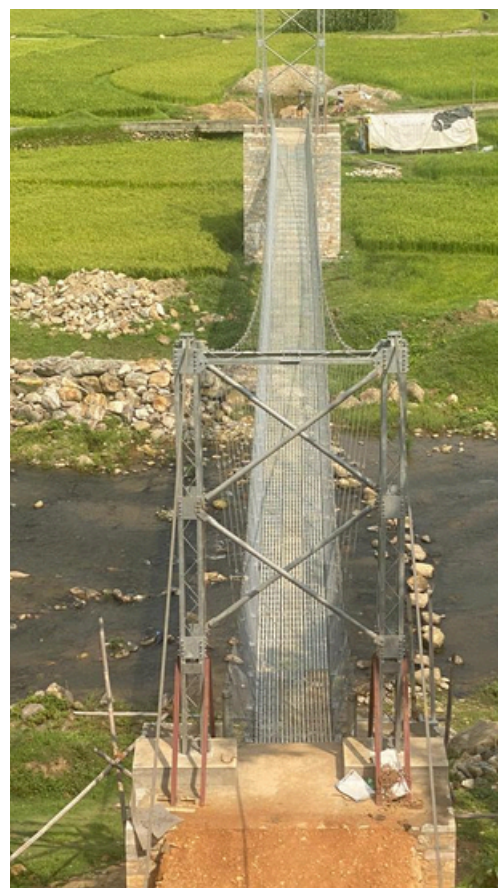
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Established the CSEB Green Enterprises to empower youth through sustainable and eco-friendly construction practices.



Market linkage meeting between businesspersons, local government, and farmers.



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