

ANNUAL REPORT 2081/82

Action Nepal



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Introduction

This report serves as a brief compilation of the projects and activities carried out during FY 081/82, highlighting the 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 the Executive Director

“Action Nepal is a hub where young minds, innovative ideas, and skills come together to transform communities and contribute to a resilient Nepal. Since our establishment in 2000 AD, guided by the vision that millions of people in Nepal can live dignified lives free from poverty and in control of the resources they need, Action Nepal has been empowering marginalized, vulnerable, and disaster-prone communities through integrated development and humanitarian approaches, climate resilience, nature-based solutions, and sustainable development practices.

This year has been particularly challenging for rural communities. The growing impacts of climate change, persistent poverty, and limited opportunities have intensified hardships, especially for women, youth, Dalit, Chepang, and other marginalized groups. Despite shrinking resources, Action Nepal remained steadfast in building resilience, strengthening livelihoods, and promoting inclusion, ensuring that no one is left behind. Across three districts, we reached even the hardest-to-reach areas, delivering support in livelihoods, protection, health, disaster response, clean water, education, and skills development.

Throughout all our efforts, we integrate essential cross-cutting priorities. We actively promote gender equality and social inclusion (GESI), empower marginalized groups and women to lead change, harness the creativity of youth as future leaders, champion climate action and nature-based solutions, and uphold the highest standards of safeguarding and accountability.

Our extensive history and experience in both development and humanitarian work 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. At the heart of our success is a dedicated and passionate team, strengthened by enduring partnerships with local governments, development allies, and donors. Together, we have built a reputation for integrity, innovation, and meaningful impact.

Looking ahead, Action Nepal remains committed to advancing social inclusion, championing climate-smart solutions, and walking alongside communities to ensure that real and lasting change begins with the people themselves. Thank you for your continued support and partnership. Together, we can continue to drive positive change and build a brighter, more resilient future for Nepal. Action Nepal stands for dignity, resilience, and opportunity for all.”

Kamal Raj Dhungana

Executive Director, Action Nepal

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.

Vision

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

Core Values

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

Cross-cutting Commitments

Youth Empowerment & Leadership Development

GESI - Gender Equality and Social Inclusion

Climate Action

Our Reach and Impact in a Year

Action Nepal has a long and successful history of providing humanitarian relief and implementing development initiatives, addressing critical needs through interventions in Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR), Resilient Livelihoods, WASH, Good Governance, and Community Infrastructure. Over time, the organization has gradually expanded its services in Disaster Risk Management, Livelihoods, Community

Infrastructure, and cross-cutting thematic areas. Today, its programs are closely integrated with long-term development initiatives and emergency humanitarian relief, ensuring that the communities it serves are empowered to strengthen their livelihoods, manage disaster risks, and improve their overall quality of life.

For the past 25 years, Action Nepal has been at the forefront of driving positive change in Nepal, actively contributing to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). With steadfast commitment to its mission, the organization has played a pivotal role in advancing 11 of the 17 SDGs. Through diverse initiatives and a collaborative approach, Action Nepal has made significant progress in addressing critical challenges and improving 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.

- We reached 4270 people directly (1713 male and 2557 female)
- We covered 3 districts (Dhading, Bara and Parsa)
- Diversity and Inclusion: Dalit- 6%, Janajati- 52%, Marginalized groups (Chepang, Kumal and Majhi)- 8%, B/C- 25%, Muslim-1%, Madhesi- 6% and Others- 2%
- Indirect reach: 3657 people
- Media/Digital Platform: 23,550 people

Impact Highlight in a year

- Livelihoods & Food Security: 1,337 smallholders and women entrepreneurs enhanced income through climate-resilient farming, goat rearing, mushroom cultivation, beekeeping, and enterprise training.
- Disaster Risk Reduction: 2,364 people enhanced their preparedness through awareness and sensitization programs, DRR training, and the adoption of early warning systems, resilience practices, and disaster management measures.
- Resilient Infrastructure: 2,211 people benefited from safe bridges, irrigation systems, drinking water facilities, and protective structures, enhancing community resilience to disasters.
- Digital Resilience & Governance: 438 municipal officials and citizens applied CRISTA 2.0 for real-time monitoring of climate-vulnerable infrastructure.
- Youth & Community Empowerment: 36 rural households (homestays) generated tourism income, and engaged in leadership, volunteerism, and community development.
- Advocacy & Outreach: Over 23,000 people were reached through media, campaigns, and public dialogues on climate, DRR, and sustainable livelihoods.
- Safeguarding Child Rights: 325 marginalized children gained access to education and protection through scholarships, learning support, mentorship, and awareness against child marriage.
- Women Empowerment: Strengthened more than 150 women's leadership and awareness through GESI, PSEA, and empowerment trainings, regular community orientations, and celebrations of events like the 16 Days of Activism and International Women's Day.

Year in Review: project highlights of the year

1. EFFORT Project

The EFFORT project empowers communities in the Trishuli River basin, specifically in Benighat Rorang RM, Siddhalek RM, and Neelkantha Municipality of Dhading district to build resilient livelihoods and strengthen disaster risk management. These areas rely on agriculture and river-based livelihoods and benefit from access to the Prithvi Highway and Kathmandu markets, but face serious challenges from climate change, including frequent landslides and riverbank erosion.

With 88% of land on steep slopes, small and poor-quality farms struggle to meet subsistence needs, especially for marginalized groups such as Chepang, Newar, Indigenous, and Dalit communities, who face low literacy, limited land ownership, and unsustainable practices. Climate change, deforestation, and poor farming methods worsen their vulnerability.

The project promotes sustainable agriculture, market chain development, climate-resilient technologies, and disaster preparedness to reduce risks and improve productivity. By doing so, EFFORT strengthens the communities' capacity to adapt, enhances economic opportunities, and improves resilience against climate and disaster impacts.

The specific objectives of the project are;

- To enhance the economic empowerment of women and youth through the promotion of sustainable agriculture and enterprises
- To enhance the capacity of local government, CBOs and private sectors in managing and mitigating the climate-induced risk in the Trisuli River Basin area.



Target Group

- Youth, women, and small farmers from vulnerable and marginalized communities, local government/officials, and community organizations

Key Highlights & Achievements

The EFFORT project successfully implemented a range of livelihood and disaster risk reduction (DRR) activities in Siddhalek and Benighat Rorang Rural Municipalities, directly benefiting farming households, women, and youth.

Major achievements include:

Climate-Resilient Agriculture and Infrastructure

- 23 farmers from Mothers' Groups benefited from greenhouse and drip irrigation systems.
- 3 mushroom polyhouses established to support commercial farming for 3 farmer groups.
- 30 soil tanks constructed across 7 groups to improve water storage and irrigation.
- 110 farmers supported through group-based initiatives, including goat shelters for 39 farmers, distribution of 42 she-goats, and one breeding he-goat benefiting (in a group with) 29 households.

Capacity Building and Training

- 100 farmers trained in climate-resilient and agroecological practices from 8 farmer groups.

- Farmer Field Schools (FFS) established in 3 Mothers' Groups, with 27 out of 51 planned sessions completed, engaging 237 rights holders in theory and hands-on demonstrations.
- Conducted 3 soil testing trainings/orientations for farmer groups in Gauthale, Bhedabari and Chailing.
- Orientation on Fall Armyworm pest management provided to 21 farmers in Bedabari Community, Siddhalek.
- Provided sauce-making training to 30 members from Mothers' Farmer Group in Gauthale Community, Siddhalek, promoting value addition and income diversification.

Agriculture Tools and Technology Support

- Distributed agricultural tools to 5 Mothers' Groups, including: Corn Shellers (3), Hajaris (11), Knapsack Sprayers (7), Secateurs (5), Soil Drilling Machines (2), Jab Planters (4)
- Pruning secateurs and plant cutters provided to 3 farmer groups (2 for each group)

Organic and Sustainable Farming Initiatives

- Bhakaro Sudhar Program supported 10 households from 5 groups in producing organic farming inputs.
- Jholmol Program benefited 75 households from 3 groups, promoting bio-fertilizers and eco-friendly practices.



Livelihood Diversification

- 14 Chepang households supported with honeybee enterprise development.

Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) and Governance

- 10 DRR awareness and sensitization programs conducted with active youth participation.
- Over 870 participants, including students, teachers, youth, and women farmers, directly benefited from DRR events.
- Installed the BIPAD portal in Siddhalek RM, strengthening local disaster information management.



- Anticipatory actions included building a drainage system to safely divert floodwater, preventing damage and landslide risks, and protecting 3 households and the wider community.
- Constructed a Multi-Use System (MUS) for drinking water and irrigation in Chailing Community, with matching funds from Benighat Rorang RM and community benefit 29 Hhs
- Held 2 municipal-level meetings with 29 government officials and more than 75 community-level meetings with groups.

Studies and Market Linkages

- Two expert studies conducted on livelihood status, opportunities, and project outcomes in Siddhalek and Benighat Rorang RMs.

- Organized B2B linkages meetings with farmers, local authorities, and business stakeholders to strengthen market connections.

2. Promoting DRR Initiatives in most vulnerable communities of Dhading District



Dhading is a district in Central Nepal that is highly vulnerable to natural hazards, including landslides and floods. In recent years, the district has experienced several disasters that have resulted in significant loss of life and property damage. The project will be implemented 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 proposed project aims to build resilience of

some most vulnerable communities in Dhading to natural hazards through risk reduction and mitigation activities. The major objectives of the project are:

- To promote a culture of preparedness and resilience in the communities.
- To identify and support sustainable and nature-based solutions to reduce disaster risks.
- To facilitate national and regional dialogues to promote collaboration for community of practice.

Target Group

Disaster affected community members and local government

. Key Highlights & Achievements

- Total of 7 high risk assessment of vulnerabilities and hazards was conducted across the Benighat Rorang RM.
- 2 Nature based Solutions and 3 technical mitigations were implemented at marginalized Chepang communities at Salangghat and Laitak of Benighat Rorang RM which directly benefited 50 households and indirectly benefited 90 households of 5 different communities.
- The project provided essential search and rescue gear sets including Carabiner, tent, Tatpolin, throw bag rope, Pully, Fire Protect Jacket, helmet, Gloves, eye and other essential tools to ward 3 and ward 10 of Benighat Rorang RM preparing them to respond effectively to emergencies
- 43 Ward/Community Disaster Management Committee, ward officials, ward members, and community representatives were trained on roles and responsibilities of C/WDMC that can help



with planning and effective response during disaster.

- Trained 42 participants, including elected representatives, government officials, Local Disaster Management Committee (LDMC) members on Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (DRRM).
- Monthly media dialogue on CCA and DRRM is being broadcasted through radio network monthly

3. Humanitarian Crisis Fund for Nepal Flood _October_2024

Dhading, a district in Central Nepal, is highly vulnerable to natural hazards such as landslides, floods, and earthquakes, compounded by poverty, poor infrastructure, and limited access to basic services. Recent disasters have caused significant loss of life and property, highlighting the urgent need for resilience-building measures. This three-month project, in partnership with DCA Nepal, local governments, and other stakeholders, aims to strengthen the resilience of the most vulnerable communities through risk reduction and mitigation activities. Key interventions include technical mitigation and soil stabilization in landslide-affected areas, promoting longer-term sustainability, and providing immediate cash assistance to support community labor in response efforts. The project seeks to reduce disaster impacts and contribute to sustainable development in Dhading.

The major objectives of the project are:

- To provide technical mitigation to landslide affected areas.
- To help in stabilization of soil in landslide affected areas.
- To enhance longer sustainability and reduce immediate effect.
- To provide immediate cash assistance to groups for labour payment work.

Target Group

Disaster affected community, Government School, and individual house

Key Highlights & Achievements



- A community was protected at Benighat Rorang RM-03, Bichbajar with 73.5 m3 of Gabion work, 6.3 m3 of masonry work and 14.5m3 of plumb work.
- A community was protected at Siddhalekh RM -04, Gauthale with 101 m3 of Gabion work.
- Government School named Kalidevi Secondary School at Siddhalekh RM-04, Aarubas was mitigated from the impact of landslide with 106.5 m3 of Gabion work.
- A house was protected from landslide at Siddhalekh RM-04 Bhedabari with 37 M3 of Gabion work.

People Reached directly in a year: 250 HHs

4. Youth Leadership Camp (Volunteer Camp)

Action Nepal has been organizing the Volunteer Camp in coordination with DCA since 2018. To date, we have successfully completed over 18 batches of the camp. Every year, the camp is held in the areas where our projects are active. Students, teachers, and youth leaders from various schools and groups in Denmark visit these project locations and engage directly with local communities.

During their stay, participants live with host families in the community. They take part in planned activities during the day and spend the remaining time interacting with their host family, fostering mutual learning and cultural exchange. This volunteer program, combined with the homestay experience, has had a positive impact on both the communities and the host families. Since 2023, Action Nepal has been representing Nepal in Danish schools and groups under the DCA-led *Go Global* initiative, participating in cultural exchange, learning, interaction, and knowledge-sharing programs.



The major objectives of the project are:

- Facilitate the exchange of culture, knowledge, and traditions.
- Observe and support communities in their daily activities during the homestay.
- Conduct new activities that benefit local communities and schools.
- Learn about family life, living conditions, and working methods.
- Promote domestic tourism and local engagement.

Key Highlights & Achievements

- Constructed 5 soil tanks in Gauthale, Siddhalek RM.
- Built 2 mushroom houses for mushroom cultivation and one greenhouse for a nursery in Gauthale, Siddhalek RM
- Conducted plantation activities in the Gauthale community.
- Constructed a plastic tunnel and 40 m RCC canal for irrigation in Tallo Gauthale, Siddhalek RM
- Built a Chautara (traditional resting platform) and carried out DRR mitigation work at Chandeshwari Higher Secondary School, Neelkantha Municipality.
- Constructed an access trail for the school in Ramkot, Neelkantha Municipality.
- Constructed Stone Masonry DRR mitigation work and RCC water Storage tank for school in Khorbhanjyang, Benighat Rorang RM.
- Built 2 soil tanks and constructed landslide mitigation work in Chailing, Benighat Rorang RM
- Actively engaged in cultural exchange with local communities
- 36 households benefited economically from homestay services by hosting volunteers.

5. IALVC: Enhancing Competitiveness of Rural Women Entrepreneurs through Innovation in Vegetable Value Chain Project



Action Nepal, in partnership with Heifer International Nepal and Neelakantha Municipality, has been implementing the project “*Enhancing Competitiveness of Rural Women Entrepreneurs through Innovation in Vegetable Value Chain*” in Dhading. The three-year project directly supports 1,560 families and indirectly benefits 2,000 families from Neelakantha, Siddhalek, Jwalamukhi, Tripurasundari, and Khaniyabas municipalities. It promotes sustainable living income through vegetable production, market-led approaches, climate-smart technologies, and stronger cooperatives. The project also enhances farmers’ access to markets,

finance, insurance, and private sector linkages, while upgrading and strengthening a vegetable processing center in Dhading.

The major objectives of the project are:

- 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.

Target Group

- Women Entrepreneurs, Cooperatives and Farmer Groups, Local Government Officials, Private Sector, Vegetable Value Chain Actor (VCA), MSMEs and Input Suppliers

Key Highlights & Achievements

- Farmer Group Mapping & Orientation: 30 groups mapped and oriented
- Farmer Business School (FBS) Training: 53 groups formed; 29 completed training, reaching 1,509 individuals (1,202 women, 307 men)
- Vegetable & HVA Demonstration Plots: 106 established
- Group Nurseries: 5 established in strategic locations
- Collection Points: 5 constructed/upgraded with equipment support
- Crate Distribution: 294 crates distributed to 22 groups
- Small Irrigation Support: 15 farmers supported with tanks, HDPE pipes, and pumps
- Project Inception & Closing Meetings: 2 meetings completed
- B2B Meetings:
 - 1 with MSMEs, VCAs, and private sector
 - 2 with input suppliers completed, strengthening farmer–supplier relationships
- Logistics Support: Provided to cooperatives for collective marketing and loss mitigation



6. Trail Bridge Construction Project in Dhading District-TBCP

Action Nepal is implementing the Trail Bridge Support Unit project to support the trail bridge construction in rural Dhading in collaboration with the Nepal Government and Helvitas with the goal of constructing

short-span, below 120m trail bridges in the Dhading District, where people are surviving as the beasts of burden. Action Nepal is undertaking the program with technical and social support. The aim of this project is to enhance the active participation of local people in the construction of trail bridges to make them feel ownership towards the infrastructure and to ease their lives with convenient pathway routes. Through this program, Action Nepal works to contribute the poverty alleviation and to improve access to fundamental services, economic opportunities, and resources of local people, especially the women and the people of marginalized communities, addressing their need for transportation through the installation of trail bridges in rural Dhading.



The objectives of the project are

- To improve accessibility to the trail system.
 - Improvement in basic needs a human and personal, and financial growth.
 - Provide a safe crossing over natural obstacles such as rivers, streams, and uneven terrain.
 - Minimize the risk of accidents and ensure a secure passage for hikers and other trail users.
- Support Economic and social Progress.

Key Highlights & Achievements

- Two Trail bridge in Benighat Rorang RM and Ganga Jamuna RM has been completed.
- 3 bridges in 3 RM (Jwalamukhi, Tripurasundari, Thakre) are ongoing.
- 6 bridges in 5 RM (Ruby valley, Ganga Jamuna, Netrawati, Nilkantha, Galchi) are completed but payment is remaining.

7. Enhancing Competitiveness of Rural Women Entrepreneurs through Innovation in Vegetable Value Chain (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:

- Develop a robust decision-support system for climate resilient CI for monitoring climate-induced vulnerabilities and damages to CI systems.
- Support in data driven and evidence-based decision making to enhance the preparedness and response capacity of critical infrastructure management authorities and officials.



- 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 group

Local Government Officials, Community Members, and Stakeholders in Climate Adaptation

Key Highlights & Achievements

- Equipped 26 officials (including municipal ICT, infrastructure department and emergency services) in the project municipalities with full proficiency in system operation, data management, analysis and action.
- Trained 350 community members in using the mobile application for incident reporting and alerts.
- Successfully deployed and established the CRISTA system in four municipalities (three initial: Gajuri RM, Benighat Rorang RM and Neelkantha Municipality one additional: Siddhalek RM) in Dhading district, enabling real-time monitoring of critical infrastructure vulnerabilities and damages.
- Achieved 438 system users (432 mobile application users and 6 dashboard users) of the CRISTA system.
- The CRISTA system was introduced and demonstrated to more than 760 individuals, representing parliamentarians, elected and government officials, media, and organizations.
- Altogether 12 (twelve) media news and open-ed articles have been published featuring CRISTA innovation and its potential application and utilization in Nepal.
- The project was able to successfully expand the implementation of the CRISTA system into an additional municipality, Siddhalek Rural Municipality, in Dhading district upon the request from the municipality having witnessed the system's application in the other municipalities.

8. Sadikshya Scholarship

The Sadikshya project, implemented by Action Nepal with the support of the Dutch foundation Hart4onderwijsNepal, aims to provide scholarships to underprivileged students in Nepal, particularly those aged 9 to 15 who are at risk of dropping out of school due to financial constraints. The project prioritizes children from poor, marginalized, and low-income families, ensuring that those most

vulnerable to educational exclusion receive support. Recognizing that the cost of education, including tuition fees, textbooks, and uniforms, poses a significant burden for many families, the project offers financial assistance to cover these expenses. In addition, the project provides mentoring and guidance to help students succeed academically and personally. Through close collaboration with local schools and communities, deserving students are carefully selected based on their academic potential, financial need, and social vulnerability. By reducing financial barriers and offering continued support, the Sadikshya project encourages children to remain in school, complete their education, and pursue a brighter future.

The objectives of the project are

- To increase access to education for financially disadvantaged students aged 9-15, ensuring that they have the necessary resources to actively participate in their academic journey.
- To empower scholarship recipients through orientation sessions, emphasizing the importance of education, their role in societal development, and encouraging them to attend their classes every day.

Target group

- Children aged 3–15 years from financially disadvantaged families, marginalized groups



Key Highlights & Achievements

Total students supported this year: 325

- Full Set- 116 students: 45 students from Kalidevi Secondary School, Siddhalekh RM, Dhading, and 71 students from Shree Nepal Rashtriya Secondary School, Birgunj MC, Parsa (Full set of educational resources, including school bags, copies, pens, pencils, scientific calculators, geometry sets, and art materials)
- Top-up (previously supported schools)- 209: 117 students in Benighat Rorang RM (Shree Banskarka Secondary; Jarung Simtar Basic; Shree Kalika Basic; Shree Bitesh Basic; Rastriya Basic) Dhading and 92 students at Shree Nepal Rashtriya Aadharbhat Vidyalaya, Aadhabhar, Bara (Top-up support including, copies, art materials, pens, and pencil boxes)
- Supported sports materials (for the Benighat Rorang group): carrom, chess, badminton, volleyball.
- Conducted motivational orientation to students on child-marriage awareness integrated.

Digital, Innovation & Technological Components of Action Nepal

1. BIPAD Portal/CRISTA – Support digital geospatial monitoring, mobile applications, and a web-based dashboard for real-time tracking of climate-induced vulnerabilities, damages, and community-level disaster information.
2. Nature-Based Solutions – Eco-friendly, climate-resilient interventions to mitigate landslides and build community resilience.
3. Market & Green Enterprise Innovation – Promotion of CSEB enterprises, crate-based collective marketing, and B2B linkages for climate-friendly bricks, sauces, honey, and other local products

to enhance income opportunities. Also strengthens agri-tourism in Chailing by producing organic vegetables and promoting organic farming practices.

4. Livelihood Technology Support – Support for honey bee farming, chiuri, and high-value crops with innovative practices and local expertise.
5. Farmers Business School (FBS) – 17-week program combining technical farming knowledge, entrepreneurship, and business planning for smallholder farmers.
6. Climate-Smart Agriculture – Practical innovations such as biochar, Jholmal (organic pesticide), mulching, funnel traps, water traps, and plastic houses for off-season cultivation.

Success Story

Building Resilience in Bhedabari Community (Siddhalek-04)

In Bhedabari, Siddhalek-04, Action Nepal, through the EFFORT project supported by DCA, has strengthened community resilience by promoting climate-resilient agriculture and disaster risk reduction. Smallholder women farmers, previously dependent on rain-fed subsistence farming, now practice year-round organic vegetable cultivation using greenhouses, drip irrigation, composting, and natural pest management (Jholmol). Livestock-based income has also increased through goat rearing with project support in constructing goat sheds and providing animals. Disaster preparedness has improved significantly. The project constructed gabion walls and drainage systems in flood- and landslide-prone areas, protecting homes, schools, and farmlands. Awareness sessions on climate change and DRR equipped households to anticipate and respond to hazards effectively. As a result, food security, household incomes, and women's leadership in local decision-making have all improved, making the community more financially, physically, and socially resilient.



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Key Interventions: Capacity Building, Infrastructure Support, Livelihood Diversification, Technical Assistance & Monitoring, Women's Leadership development, DRR Awareness and Stakeholder Coordination

Community Impact Stories:

Securing Homes and Lives: Before project interventions, many households faced flooding and landslides, damaging property and threatening lives. Debaki Thapa Magar shares, “Previously, heavy rains damaged our home, and we feared for our lives. Now, with gabion walls and drainage, my house along with two others nearby, remains safe even during heavy rains recently.” Similarly, Amrita Rana Magar’s home, threatened by landslides, is now protected thanks to debris clearance and gabion wall construction, restoring her family’s peace of mind.



This year, Action Nepal implemented 3 mitigation and 1 anticipatory works in Siddhalek-4 to address landslide impacts caused by recent heavy rains, two in the community and one at a school. Similarly, anticipatory action was carried out in Bhedabari, where gabion walls and effective drainage systems were constructed to reduce the risks of landslides and floods.



From Struggle to Success: Subani Magar, 64, long struggled with rain-dependent farming, facing frequent food shortages and financial difficulties. After joining the Laliguras Aama Krishak Samuha under the EFFORT project, she learned greenhouse farming, drip irrigation system, and organic pest management techniques. With a soil-cement water tank and hands-on training through the Farmer Field School, Subani now grows vegetables year-round, earns a steady income, and provides healthier meals for her family.

She also shares her knowledge with other women, strengthening community-wide capacity. Subani says, “I never imagined I could farm all year and earn money from it. Before joining the Farmer Field School, I lacked proper techniques. Now, I understand better methods and how to work with the environment. Thanks to this support, I can meet my family’s needs. With the tunnel house, I grow vegetables for both my family and the local market, and the soil-cement tank has solved all my irrigation problems.”

The Bhedabari community has become stronger and more resilient thanks to a mix of climate-friendly farming, disaster risk reduction, women’s involvement, and active community participation. These efforts have helped improve income, safety, and unity in the community. They also offer a strong base for long-term progress, even as climate challenges continue. With continued support, these positive changes can grow and help the community do even better in the future. Action Nepal is continuing its efforts to build a climate-resilient community in Bhedabari.



A Bridge of Hope: Connecting Dreams in Chimbang Village"



Nestled in the remote hills of Benighat Rorang Rural Municipality-01, Chimbang village had long been isolated, not just by its rugged terrain, but by the mighty Purbi Khola River that split the village in two. Although only 32 km of blacktop road and 8 km of earthen track connect it to the district center, the reality was far from accessible, especially during the monsoon season when the river swelled with fury, turning into an unpassable barrier for months.

For years, the Purbi Khola was more than just a river; it was a symbol of struggle. On one side of the river stood a basic school, a health center, and a local government office. On the other side, home. Over 60 households, mostly from the Tamang community, faced this challenge every day. During the rainy season, the river would rise and isolate children from their right to education, and families from essential services. Students would often miss weeks or even months of school. In desperate times, community members, including parents, would risk their lives acting as a "human bridge" to carry children across the dangerous current.

Dirga Thapa, the principal of the basic school, recalls the helplessness: *"Earlier during the rainy season, no students could come to school. We had no option other than just watching them from across the river."*

But that story has changed.

With the coordinated effort of Action Nepal and its development partners, and with the unwavering support of the local community, **a trail bridge has now been constructed over the Purbi Khola**, an achievement that goes beyond engineering. It is a symbol of resilience, equity, and progress.

From the very beginning, the local men and women poured their hearts into the construction work. Their sweat and determination shaped every cable and plank, and their unity transformed a long-standing challenge into an inspiring success. Today, the bridge stands tall—not just over water, but over years of struggle.



The results are life-changing. Students now walk safely to school throughout the year. Health emergencies can be addressed without delay. Government services are within reach. The community no longer lives in fear of being cut off. The bridge has brought more than access, it has brought hope, dignity, and opportunity.

"What was once a daily risk has become a daily right for education, for healthcare, and for connection."

Roshika Gurung : One of the examples of ameliorative impacted farmer from IALVC Project of Action Nepal in Siddhalekh Rural Municipality.



In the heart of Siddhalekh Rural Municipality, where farming is not just a livelihood but a way of life, lives a determined woman, **Roshika Gurung**, a middle-aged farmer whose story embodies resilience, adaptation, and growth. Until recently, her agricultural journey was one marked by struggle. Relying on traditional farming methods, she grew cereals and vegetables with few tunnel houses, barely meeting their nutritional and financial needs.

Yet, despite her relentless efforts, two persistent challenges haunted her: crop damage from pests and the scarcity of fertilizers; and market exploitation by middlemen who delayed payments and paid only the lowest prices. These dual burdens made her agricultural work feel more like survival than success.

But everything began to change when Rosika Gurung joined the **Farmers Business School (FBS)**, a component of the *Innovation in Agriculture and Livestock Value Chain (IALVC)* project, implemented by Action Nepal in partnership with Heifer International Nepal. This intervention proved to be a turning point, not just for her farm, but for her mindset.

Through the training, she was introduced to the **Market-Focused Crop Calendar**, a simple yet transformative tool that enabled her to align her planting schedule with peak market demand. With a smile, she compared it to a sacred text, saying, *“This calendar for farmers feels as significant as the holy Patro priests use for setting puja dates.”* The statement wasn’t poetic exaggeration; it reflected how much value she placed in knowledge that truly changed her practice.



Moreover, the training on **climate-smart agriculture** practices opened new possibilities for her. She began cultivating high-value crops while mitigating threats from pests, diseases, and unpredictable weather. One of the most significant innovations was **mulching combined with drip irrigation** technique that optimized moisture retention and reduced weed growth, saving both time and resources. The result: visibly healthier crops, higher yields, and improved income. She used to farm in 5 ropanies with only 8 tunnels that gave her hope to be a exemplary farmer in her community. Her effort along with support from her husband has helped expand her agricultural land with 20 tunnels targeted to grow climate smart agriculture. Last year she earned a healthy amount of money from tomato cultivation. This year her plan is to produce healthy best quality tomato along with other vegetable in higher quantity to meet in peak consumption period of festival.



Her long-standing dependency on expensive and often unavailable chemical fertilizers was replaced with **Jholmol**, a locally prepared bio-liquid fertilizer. She innovatively combined it with bat droppings available in her village. Previously, bat waste had proven too nitrogen-rich and unbalanced; but now, enhanced with Jholmol, it formed a balanced nutrient package. “My fertilizer problems have finally been solved,” she shared proudly. “And my crops have never looked better.”

The FBS training also emphasized post-harvest handling, business planning, and the importance of collective marketing. Rosika now looks forward to the upcoming **processing center** being built in Dhading District, a facility that will allow her to store and sell surplus produce even when local markets are saturated.

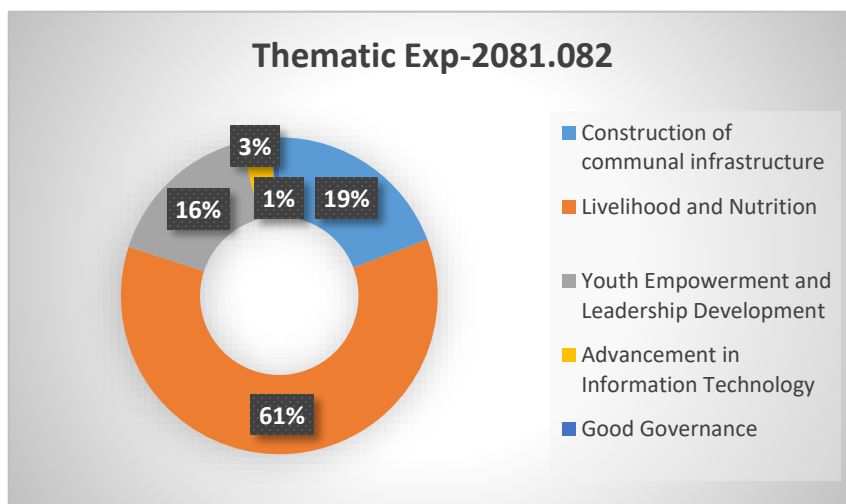
Today, she is more than just a farmer; she is a **role model** for smallholder farmers—especially women—who aspire to shift from subsistence farming to **commercial vegetable production**. Her story demonstrates that when traditional knowledge meets innovation, transformation is not just possible it's inevitable.

Financial Overview

In FY 2081/082, Action Nepal effectively mobilized multiple funding sources and recorded a total expenditure of approximately USD 299,868.80 (NPR 4,21,55,048.90), representing more than 90% of the total estimated budget for the fiscal year.

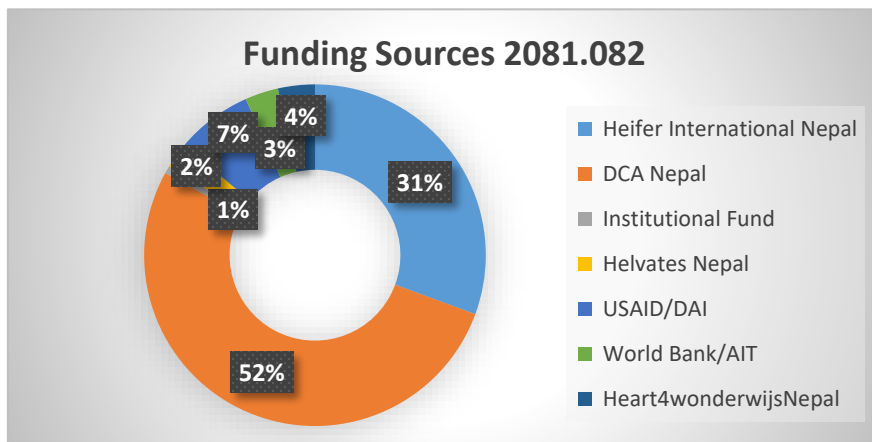
By thematic area:

- Livelihood and Nutrition: NPR 256,18,808.02
- Good Governance: NPR 308,500.00
- Construction of communal infrastructure (DRR): NPR 81,05,006.54
- Advancement in Information Technology: NPR 13,29,550.20
- Youth Empowerment and Leadership Development: NPR 67,93,184.14



Funding Sources:

As in the previous fiscal year, DCA Nepal remained one of Action Nepal's major funding partners. In FY 2081/082, funding received from DCA Nepal amounted to NPR 2,20,77,278.35, representing 52% of Action Nepal's total funding portfolio. The remaining 48% was contributed by other funding partners, as illustrated in the pie chart.



Partner Agencies for this Year





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 thank you goes 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.

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Flash Back



Vegetable cultivation with trellising and staking



Farmers Business School



Training and demonstration on Jholmol/Bishadi preparation and Biochar production



Construction of Poly-house to protect seedling in winter



*Harvesting of vegetables in crates:
Collective Marketing*



Collective Marketing through Cooperative



Modern Beehive box distribution to marginalized community



Construction of Soil Tank



RCC tank built on POG irrigation activities



Humanitarian support (Landslide response)



Nature Based Solutions



Trail Bridge Construction



Goat Shed Construction



Learning Sharing meeting with local authorities



Training to local authorities on Disaster Management and Climate Action



Scholarships support to underprivileged students



Celebration of the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence program in rural community



DRR Sensitization and Climate Awareness Events in Schools



Honored with appreciation from Bhimeshwar Municipality, Dolakha, and Nilkantha Municipality, Dhading



Empowering Women with Leadership Skills



Office team celebration of the Teej festival



Monitoring visit by the Head of Procurement, DCA Headquarter, Denmark, and team



Monitoring visit by Head of Finance and team, DCA Nepal



Field Monitoring from Ministry of Women Children and Senior Citizens



Program observed by Palika Chairperson