

School Led Safe Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Improvement in Mid-Western Nepal (Su-Swastha Project)

Status: Completed

Project Partner: USAID and EAWAG/ SANDEC, RMSO, DDC, VDC government bodies, Municipality Office and relevant institutions

Project Area: Ramghat, Kalyan, Mehelkuna, Sahare and Kaprichaur VDCs and wards 1, 2 & 11 of Birendranagar Municipality of Surkhet District

Project Duration: January 2011 – December 2013; Extended to March 2014

Aim:

Sustained improvement in water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) in the project areas.

Project Description:

In order to support the government's plan for achieving total sanitation in Surkhet district by 2015, this project was designed to demonstrate an integrated community-based WASH campaign to achieve SWASTHA (Safe Water, Sanitation and Hygiene for All) communities using schools as entry points in 5 VDCs and 3 wards of Birendranagar Municipality, Surkhet district.



At the field level, ENPHO worked with 58 schools and local community groups, as well as frontline workers such as FCHVs and women's group leaders to reach out to the community. This integrated project focused on both hardware and software interventions for WASH improvement and capacity building of local individuals. For the sustainability of the project, it fostered effective coordination and networking between government bodies and local organizations through various committees. Apart from that frontline workers were trained on BCC so that the awareness on WASH reached the community to change their behavior in a long term, even after the completion of the project.

Project Outputs:

- Establishment of a Regional Resource Center at Birendranagar, Surkhet.

- Construction of 29 ECOSAN toilets, 4 ECOSAN toilets with biogas attached and 332 biogas attached toilets.
- WASH improvement at 3 health posts and 58 schools.
- Rehabilitation of 6 water sources using WSP.
- Establishment of 6 WASH Marts.
- Construction of 6108 improved permanent latrines at household level and 6 public toilets.
- Construction of 2 waste burning chambers.
- Promotion of 568 filters, 615 improved permanent latrines, 583 solid waste management pit, 604 ICS, 592 Chang, 597 Juthelno, 582 hand washing provision and 397 waste water management at 10 Su-Swastha communities.

Beneficiaries:

- Total 39,391 people benefitted from the software intervention programs.
- Around 47,000 people benefitted from the hardware intervention programs.
- More than 50,000 people benefitted from various exhibition and exposure events.
- Approximately 13,828 students and teachers of 58 schools of project areas benefitted from WASH interventions.
- Total 3242 individual of 10 Su-SWASTHA communities benefitted from integrated WASH promotion.
- Approximately 48,346 people of the ODF declared VDCs and wards of Municipality benefitted from improved sanitation.
- Among the total benefitted individuals almost 48% were female.

Project Achievements

- **Su-SWASTHA declared communities:**
 - Ratamata and Bhalukhola of Sahare VDC on 11th and 12th June, 2013 respectively.
 - Nangi of Mehelkuna VDC on 13th June, 2013.
 - Gozibazaar of Kaprichaur VDC on 25th June, 2013.
 - Chhitali, Thotri, Kachurghari and Labana of Kalyan VDC on 29th September, 2013.
 - Dapcha of Sahare VDC on 4th December, 2013.
 - Ragmale of Ramghat VDC on 5th December, 2013.
- **ODF declared VDCs:**
 - Sahare VDC on 27th December, 2012.
 - Kaprichaur VDC on 23rd April, 2013.
 - Kalyan VDC on 8th May, 2013.
 - Mehelkuna VDC on 21st June, 2013.
 - Ramghat VDC on 24th June, 2013.
 - Maintada VDC on 30th October, 2013.
- **ODF declared Wards of Birendranagar Municipality:**
Ward-11 on 2nd September, 2013, Ward-2 on 18th December, 2013 and Ward-1 on 28th March, 2014.