

Support My School (SMS) Campaign in Nepal

Status: Completed

Project Partner: Coca-Cola Company, UN Habitat, Teach For Nepal, Bottlers Nepal Limited, SPLASH Nepal, Youth Society Nepal,

Project Area: 18 Schools in Lalitpur District, 2 schools in Chitwan District

Project Duration: July, 2014 – March, 2015

Aim:

The overall aim of this project is to improve the health condition of poor and extremely poor children, through improved WASH, educational and sports facilities in public schools and increased awareness on healthy and active living in schools and their surrounding environment.

Project Description:

Schools are one of the most important centers within communities. Basic amenities such as safe water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) facilities as well as education and sports facilities and a clean environment are important for improving the learning environment in schools. Safe and child-friendly water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) in schools improves health, boosts educational achievement, promotes gender equity and has a positive impact on communities. Realizing the urgent need to invest in WASH and other basic facilities in



public schools and mobilize support for this purpose, Coca Cola Company and UN-Habitat, and together with other partners have initiated the “Support My School” campaign in Nepal in 2013. The campaign aims to create a healthy and active learning environment in schools and also assist young children become agents of change in our society.

Project Outputs:

- Improve the school WASH facilities of 20 schools of Chitwan and Lalitpur districts
- Upgrade education facilities such as libraries in the 20 selected schools
- Improve sports facilities in the 20 selected schools
- Improve the overall environment in and around the school
- Build the capacity of students, teachers and school management in operation of WASH, education and sports facilities
- Expand the "Support My School" campaign in Nepal with new partners and programmes

Beneficiaries:

Altogether 8,203 students and 495 school staff were directly benefitted from this project.

Project Achievements:

- Improved WASH facilities, sports and education facilities in 20 selected schools;
- Communities at 4 schools have access to safe drinking water supply during the earthquake.