Sustainable Water Air Sanitation and Hygiene Project at Nagarkot VDC (SWASH)

Status: Ongoing

Project Partner: Water Aid Nepal

Project Area: Nagarkot VDC (ward no. 11, 12, 13 of Newly formed Mahamanjushree Municipality), Bhaktapur; Suntole VDC (ward no. : 6, 7, 8 of newly formed Shankharapur Municipality), Kathmandu

Project Duration: April, 2013 – December, 2016

Aim: Increase access towards water and sanitation in project area and develop healthy society.

Project Description:
Sustainable Water and Sanitation and Hygiene project is a community based WASH project being implemented at Nagarkot since April 2013. The project is in its third phase (year) of its implementation. Sustainable Water, Air, Sanitation and Hygiene (SWASH) is an integrated approach aiming to promote healthy community. The project also demonstrates low cost sustainable sanitation options and ties up sanitation to agriculture and livelihood. Also, after the major earthquake of 25th April, huge number of houses and latrines were damaged, which is a great loss for previously ODF declared VDCs. The project have been re-planned to integrate the recovery of WASH after the earthquake and upgrade the existing WASH situation of the VDC with the target to recover back to the ODF stage. Ultimately, SWASH project will contribute substantially to meet the target of bringing back Bhaktapur to ODF stage by November, 2016.

Project Outputs:
- Three communities have developed their communities as clean community of VDC. (ward 1, 3, 9)
- Improvement in hygiene practice behaviour at community and school (Although after earthquake it not possible to see the communities in that model stage)
Beneficiaries:
- 2083 people benefitted from rehabilitation of three large water supply schemes and three small water supply schemes.
- 803 people benefitted from latrine construction.
- 500 students and staffs of one public school benefitted from improvement activities of hand washing facilities and water supply at the school level.
- 648 Students and staffs of one public schools were benefited from improvement activities of toilet at the school level.
- For the environmental sanitation part: 280 peoples benefitted from Juthelno construction, 263 peoples benefitted from solid waste management, 263 people benefitted from improved cook stoves.

Project Achievements:
- Behavioural change of community people and school is seen in total sanitation campaign.
- WASH issue is adopted by community people and school;
- More than 3000 populations are benefitted by improved WASH services.