Sustainable Water Air Sanitation and Hygiene (SWASH) project at Nagarkot

**Status: Ongoing**

**Project Partner:** WaterAid Nepal

**Project area:** Nagarkot municipality (ward no. 11, 12, 13) Bhaktapur; Shankharapur municipality (ward no. 7, 8, 9), Kathmandu

**Project Duration:** April 2013 - December 2016

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

**Project Description:**
Sustainable Water, Air, Sanitation and Hygiene (SWASH) project is a community based WASH project, being implemented in Nagarkot since 2013. SWASH project is an integrated approach aiming to promote healthy community. On April 25, 2015, an earthquake of magnitude 7.8 Richter scale struck Nepal, devastating millions of people’s houses and latrines. For the year 2015/16, SWASH project focused on rebuilding and recovery of WASH facilities and sensitizing community on disaster preparedness. Also, it has been focusing on strengthening and institutionalization of water supply users committee and W- WASH-CC for sustainability and capacity development.

**Project Outputs:**
- Construction/ rehabilitation of 7 community water supply schemes at community level
- Improved WASH facilities in 8 toilets of public schools.
- Construction of toilets in 356 HHs in Nagarkot and 450 in Suntole.
- Construction of 9 toilets with Satopan at Lama Tole.
- Establishment of – ‘Goth Sudhar’ (30) animal dung management unit for proper environment sanitation at community and household level.
- Education on MHM and food hygiene for youths and mothers.
- Capacity building of water supply users committee in WASH and DRR
- Care taker training- water supply resilience for WSUCs.
- Interaction with pregnant women and lactating mothers on food hygiene on DRR.

**Project Achievements:**
- 461 HH toilets have been constructed in Nagarkot and Suntole.
- Four regular and three earthquake affected WS systems have been rehabilitated.
- Construction of toilets and water supply in six public schools.
- Toilet construction in Nagarkot Health Post.
- Construction of 9 toilets with Satopan at Lama tole in emergency.
- 300 HH toilets have been constructed

**Beneficiaries:**
1465 people on safe water, 4235 on sanitation and 4235 on hygiene

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**Breaking the Silence**

“After we were provided homemade pad making training at school, we have been using them instead of pieces of cloth so that now, we do not have to face the embarrassing moment of having blood stains on a school bench. Through various trainings and programs organized by ENPHO, I have learnt a lot about menstrual hygiene management. I am now not ashamed of talking about it openly. We should further help each and every girl to break this silence as I have done,” says Fulkumari.

Fulkumari Tamang, 13, studies in grade nine at Shree Chunadevi Lower Secondary School in Nagarkot. The SWASH project has been providing support in the school ensuring the provision of safe drinking water, improved sanitation and good hygiene practices.