ITP SUWAS 2017 A Change Project

Status: Completed


Project Area: Bansighat, Kathmandu, Nepal

Project Duration: January to March 2018

Aim:
People in Bansighat community become healthy and live a dignified life through inclusive and sustainable WASH services

Project Description:
The geographical situation, need of job opportunities, lack of land in hometown, natural disasters and conflict have compelled the people to migrate from rural to urban areas while the facilities and infrastructures in urban areas have also attracted people in rural areas to migrate in cities. The informal settlements are mostly found in the unused land of the Government such as sloppy land, bank of the river, and areas far from transportation facilities and not been used since long time. However, their issues remain disdained while considering the urban planning.

‘Adequate water’ seems to be a dream for the slum and squatter communities as till date, there is no provision of piped water supply. They have to rely on irregular water supply through private water tankers. The water quality of dug well are not tested and it may even not be safe to drink. The only option is to purchase water from private water vendors. Due to the poor sanitation and hygiene situation, the people are often at high risk of cholera outbreak and other water borne diseases. The community and its people are excluded due to its filthy environment and have to bear the social stigmas and live life with disgrace. People are not aware of hygienic behavior. Only few people somehow manage to get the WASH services but still many are deprived of the facilities. The government had set up an approach to ensure services through Low Income Consumer Support Unit (LICSU) but the service could not be provided regularly to the communities.
As a part of Advanced International Training Program in Sustainable Urban Water and Sanitation (SUWAS) – Integrated Processes (ITP: 301A), ENPHO, with the financial support of WaterAid Nepal and in collaboration with the collaborative partners namely KVWSMB, KUKL, Department of Education and Lumanti implemented “ITP SUWAS 2017 A Change Project” in Bansighat.

Project Outputs:
- Tested drinking water quality in the community;
- Developed WASH entrepreneurs and trainers;
- Developed a documentary on the change project for documentation and sharing

Major Achievements:
- Sensitized community people on use of water treatment options, thereby, people now have started using one of the water treatment options to treat drinking water;
- Tested drinking water quality in the community;
- Establishment of SanMart for easy accessibility of WASH facilities, services and products within the community;
- Trained and capacitated 4 community people on water quality testing by using ENPHO Water Test Kit;
- Trained 18 women from the community in making homemade sanitary pad;
- Trained 19 community people on Community Health Promotion
- Developed a documentary on the change project for documentation and sharing (It is available at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TV4GcPXkAF8&t=42s

Beneficiaries:

Total Beneficiaries from the Project

1500 people