

Suaahara II

Status: Ongoing

Project Partner: USAID/HKI

Project Areas:

Province 1 : Sankhuwasabha, Bhojpur, Solukhumbu, Taplejung, Panchthar districts

Province 3: Dhading, Rasuwa, Nuwakot, Sindhupalchowk, Dolakha districts

Province 4: Gorkha, Myagdi, Baglung, Lamjung, Syangja, Nawalparasi (West), Nawalpur districts

Province 5: Nawalparasi (East), Kapilvastu, Rupandehi, Gulmi, Argakhachi, Palpa, Rukum, Dang, Rolpa, Pyuthan, Bardiya, Banke districts

Province 6: Dailekh, Jajarkot, Rukum west, Salyan and Surkhet districts

Province 7: Bajura, Darchula, Baitadi, Achham, Dadelhdhura, Bajhang, Doti, Kanchanpur and Kailali districts

Project Duration: May 2016 to April 2021

Aim:

To improve nutritional status of women and children in Nepal

Project Description:

Suaahara II is a five-year, comprehensive, community focused multi-sectoral nutrition program aiming to improve health and nutritional status of the people, particularly that of 1000 days women and their children. The program works under consortium approach in which ENPHO has been contributing to achieve Intermediate Result 1.2 -“Household Adopts Essential WASH Actions”.



In this fiscal year, the program particularly focused upon four major activities; providing technical assistance in contributing for national ODF campaign, provide technical assistance

and support local GoN bodies to attained healthy home status contributing to total sanitation movement in Nepal, promote two key priority behaviors; water treatment and hand washing through its frontline workers and social media platforms and collaborate with private sectors actors to scale up establishment of WASH marts to improve access of affordable WASH products in remote areas. Additionally, *Suaahara* II has also implemented Risk Communication and Community Engagement activities to support GoN preparedness and response to the COVID-19 pandemic and to mitigate risk of COVID-19 in the working districts.

Project Outputs:

- Provided technical support and facilitation to increase improved sanitation facilities for national ODF campaign;
- 86,884 community people reached through 3,818 WASH triggering and orientation events and counselled more than 99,777 households through home visits on healthy home behaviors;
- Trained 588 newly-elected bodies/ WASH CC members and MNSP stakeholders from 23 districts (Panchthar, Dhading, Dolakha, Nuwakot, Sindhupalchowk, Gorkha, Lamjung, Myagdi, Nawalparasi-East, Nawalparasi-West, Arghakhachi, Bardiya, Dang, Gulmi, Kapilbastu, Palpa, Rupandehi, Dailekh, Salyan, Achham, Bajhang, Dadeldhura, Kailali) on total sanitation;
- 153 local leaders from 6 municipalities of 6 districts (Achham, Baglung, Bajura, Myagdi, Palpa and Nuwakot) were provided with technical support for formulation of WASH plans;
- 199 local tailors have been trained to make re-usable sanitary pads ;
- Explored, identified and collaborated with private sectors to strengthen WASH supply chain thereby improving access to affordable WASH products in remote areas;
- Reached 1,232,635 households through COVID-19 response activities and provided tele-counselling on hand hygiene, respiratory hygiene and other COVID-19 related WASH behaviors.

Major Achievements:

- Five districts; Kapilvastu, Sindhupalchowk, Dolakha, Solukhumbu and Bhojpur attained ODF through technical support of *Suaahara* II
- Four wards of three districts (Kwholasothar RM-7 and Kwholasothar RM-8 of Lamjung, Galkot M-5 of Baglung and Kamalbazar M-6 of Achham) have been declared Total Sanitation Oriented Healthy Home Wards.
- Altogether 7,441 households have attained healthy home status including households in four healthy home declared wards;
- 333 new WASH marts were established to increase excess of affordable WASH materials like water filter, soap, toilet cleaning materials etc. at local level.

No. of Beneficiaries through activities conducted in FY 2019/2020

