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Message from Executive Director



It is with great pleasure that I present the Annual Report for 2023, highlighting the remarkable achievements of our organization and the positive impact we have made in the community. This report showcases our journey of empowering the impoverished and marginalized, safeguarding their rights, and fostering inclusive and equitable development for a dignified life, and provides a transparent account of our financial stewardship throughout the year.

This report draws on our regular and extensive interactions, reviews, and reflections on the progress, challenges, and issues faced during the implementation of our projects. The year 2023 has been a testament to both individual and collective transformations, inspiring Sahakarmi Samaj to maximize the impact of the resources which the organization has mobilized during the year. In 2023, in addition to development projects, Sahakarmi Samaj, in collaboration with our partners, played a crucial role in the humanitarian response to the November 2023 earthquake in Jajarkot and Salyan districts in mid-western Nepal. We extend our deep gratitude to our development partners for their invaluable support to the vulnerable communities affected by this disaster. Throughout the year, Sahakarmi Samaj successfully implemented 10 projects across all thematic areas as outlined in our Strategic Plan. These projects have made significant strides in advancing our vision and mission and have brought us closer to achieving our goals.

We extend our heartfelt appreciation to the Local, Provincial, and Federal Governments, Development Partners, Networks, Community-Based Network Organizations, and the communities we serve for their unwavering support. Our dedicated and hardworking employees deserve special recognition for their commitment, and continuous hard work. I am also grateful to our visionary board for their tireless guidance, encouragement, and support. It is my hope that this 2023 Annual Report will serve as a valuable resource, providing a comprehensive understanding of Sahakarmi Samaj and its contributions to the SDG 2030 agenda, to Prosperous Nepal, and to the happiness of the Nepali people. We eagerly anticipate in 2024 another year filled with visible, impactful, and accountable initiatives.

Your feedback, comments, and critiques are invaluable and will serve as inspiration for us to further enhance the responsible CSO movement. We look forward to your continued support and collaboration as we strive to make a lasting impact.

Thank you for your dedication and commitment to our shared mission. Together, we will continue to drive positive change and empower those who need it most.

Sincerely,

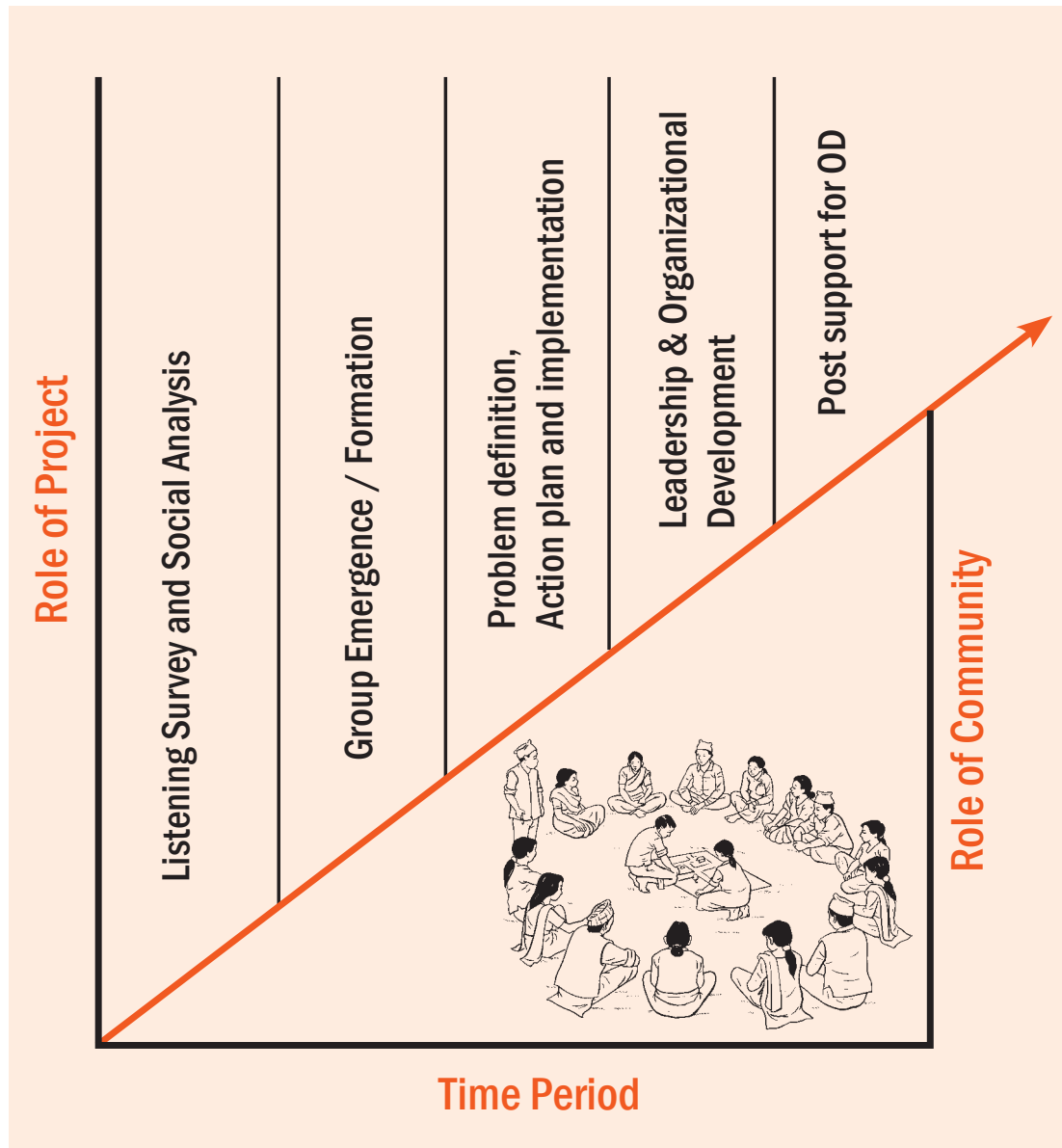
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Our Strategic Objectives

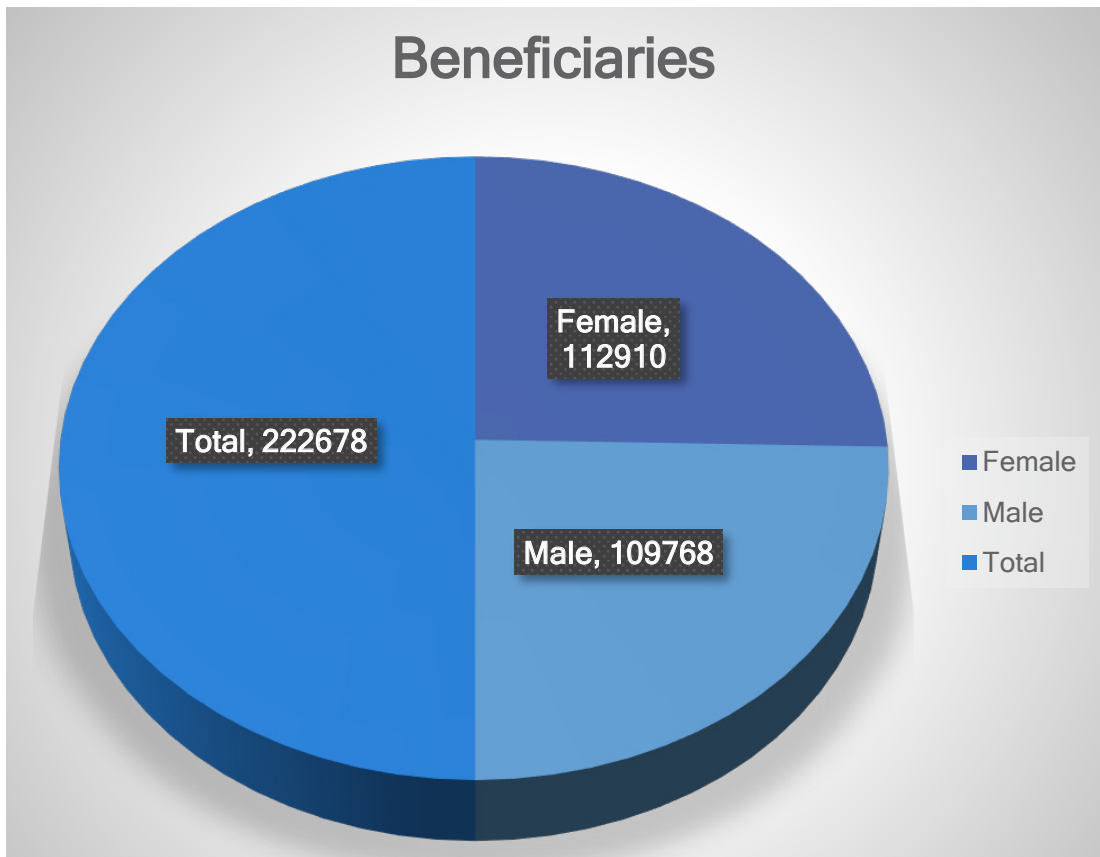


FEST Approach – Working steps

Role of Program



Coverage 2023



Community Based Network Organization

SAHAKARMI SAMAJ DIRECTLY SUPPORTS 28 CBNOS



1900 Community Development Groups (CDG)

Project Working Districts

(in Provinces 5, 6 and 7)

Community Group Members: 55,000

Female: 39,470

Male: 15,530



No. of Households: 54,350



Alignment with the SDG



On-going Projects

SN.	Project Name	Project Duration	Funding Organization	Project coverage
1	Community Organizing for Sustainable and Empowerment based livelihood Improvement program Phase 2 (COSEL)	2021 - 2025	The Development Fund Norway	Bajura: Jagannath RM Banke: Kohalpur Municipality and Janaki RM Bardiya: Badhaiyatal RM and Gulariya RM Dang: Banglachuli RM and Dangisharan RM Jajarkot: Bheri Municipality, Chhedagad RM, and Shivalaya RM
2	SHAKTI (Empowering Civil Societies of Nepal) Program	1 st November 2022 31 st December 2025	Irish AID SHEP, Ireland Jagannath RM Gaumul RM	Gaumul RM & Jagannath RM Bajura Gauriganga Municipality Kailali Beldandi RM Kanchanpur
3	Enabling Truth, Memory and Justice	January 2022 to December 2024	International Alert	Surkhet (Chingad RM, Chaukune RM & Birendranagar Municipality) Rukum west (Musikot Municipality, Triveni RM) Rukum East (Bhume RM)
4	Strengthening Community Engagement at Local Level through mobilization and Empowerment of Tole Lane Organizations (TLOs) to Improve Local Governance	2023 (Pilot) to 2027 (Expected)	The Asia Foundation, Australian Aid	Birendranagar Municipality of Surkhet Tikapur Municipality of Kailali
5	Community-led Agroecological Practice for Food Sovereignty (CAPFS)	January 2022 to December 2024	FASTENAKTION, Switzerland	Junichande Rural Municipality (wards no. 7 , 8 , & 9)
6	Water Justice Fund (WJF)	October 2022 to December 2023	Simavi, Netherlands	Banglachuli Rural Municipality of Dang Gauriganga Municipality
7	Capacity development of Community Groups/Tole Bikaas Committee and Community governance strengthening Program	Irish AID SHEP, Ireland Jagannath RM Gaumul RM	Gaumul RM & Jagannath RM Bajura Gauriganga Municipality Kailali Beldandi RM Kanchanpur	Bheri Municipality Jagannath Municipality Budinanda Municipality Badimalika Municipality Gaumul RM
8	Livelihood Initiatives for Vulnerable & Excluded (Pilot Project)	January 2023 to December 2023	FEMI, Netherlands	Dangisharan Rural Municipality
9	Facilitating the Implementation of the activities under the Accountability Project	20 th April 2023 to 20 th Oct 2023	UNDP	4 districts and 10 municipalities
10	SAHAJ PROJECT Integrated Program for Strengthening Security and Justice	July 2023 to December 2023	International Alert, IJPSJ/ UK AID	2 palika of Karnali Province 4 palikas of Lumbini Province

Key Activities



Nandulal Chaudhary- member of Samaj Sudhar CDG from Dangisaran-7 earning out of making and selling brooms

11,597 members in 522 community groups and main committees facilitated by Sahakarmi Samaj have collected 118.7 million rupees (USD 892,000; Euro 824,000) through regular and seasonal savings. 68% of these savings have been invested in income generation and 30% in household work. The remaining 2% is in cash or bank balance. This has led to financial independence among the marginalized communities resulting in their freedom from high interest rate charged by private money lenders. The members of community have contributed and participated in the economic and social transformation of the society. This is a great example of how the people of the community can create and mobilize a large amount of resources themselves.

Resource Generation and Group Fund Mobilization Summary table of Group Funds (aggregate savings at end of 2023)

<i>Detail</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Male</i>
<i>No. of Community Groups Saving fund</i>	544	-	-
<i>Members involved in savings</i>	11,597	9,858	1,739
<i>Total fund (NPR)</i>	118,768,147		
<i>Invested in Income generation (revolving fund)</i>	80,488,772 (67.77%)		
<i>Invested in household expenses</i>	36,173,463 (30.45%)		
<i>Cash and Bank Deposit</i>	2,105,912 (1.77%)		
<i>Total number of people that have taken loan</i>	4,020		

Access to Government Service Facilities



Facilitating group discussions, lobbying and mentoring through the local employees resulted in participation of 83,189 members in the local level planning process. A total of 4,306 proposals were submitted by the 1245 groups to the municipalities through the ward committee to address the issues of the communities. This year, 81 new community groups have been officially registered in the municipalities and 66 have been renewed. The representatives of the municipalities participated in 65 programs conducted by the community groups. 11 interactions on government service facility and quality measurement were held along with and 27 village (tole) level plan selection process facilitation. Through these activities, mutual accountability has been strengthened between the duty bearers and the right holders.

Summary table of activities

Activity	Unit	Total
<i>Participating in tole meeting and planning process</i>	<i>People</i>	<i>83,189</i>
<i>Submission of proposals concerning issues of the community to the municipalities through wards</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>4,306</i>
<i>Community members participating in ward and municipal public hearing – number of times</i>	<i>Times</i>	<i>123</i>
<i>Participation of representatives of local government in events organized by communities</i>	<i>People</i>	<i>65</i>
<i>Interactions on Quality-of-service delivery by local government – number of times</i>	<i>Times</i>	<i>11</i>
<i>Interface about what?? between local government and communities</i>	<i>Times</i>	<i>49</i>

Community Governance and Capacity Building



Annual General Assembly of Paschim Jajarkot Bikas Samaj

Sahakarmi Samaj holds the belief that the long-term transformation of the marginalized communities is possible only if they can prepare the framework of their own change. Emphasis is placed on the institutional development of local community organizations to institutionalize the process of communities taking leadership and ownership of change in a sustainable manner and to enable local organizations to transform their communities. In order for the organized power of local citizens to move forward in accordance with the FEST process for social transformation, Sahakarmi Samaj is continuously advancing the process of cooperation, support and partnership in a planned manner. After the empowerment of community groups in marginalized communities, a strategy has been taken to move community groups forward in an organized and sustainable manner by building community-based network organizations (CBNOs) and developing the capacity of such organizations. Sahakarmi Samaj is supporting the institutional development of 20 CBNOs in Banke, Bardia, Surkhet, Kailali, Kanchanpur, Dang and Jajarkot by providing various types of training, facilitating interactions and consulting for sustainable development. The CBNOs are continuously striving for the empowerment of the local community and for ensuring sustainable livelihoods by identifying, protecting and using local resources and continuing their efforts to find solutions to local problems. This process is an important contribution to achieving the goal of improving the wellbeing for the people of marginalized communities through their institutional development.

Problem Analysis, Action Planning and Implementation Evaluation



Sirjana Pulami- community educator facilitating a group meeting at Hariyali CDG of Banglachuli-4, Dang using CODE facilitation

This year, 6,465 community plans were implemented through the analysis of 4,203 community problems identified with the help of FEST's CODE facilitation in 706 groups including community groups, village development organizations, and women's groups. A total of 5,087 plans were executed with the use of local knowledge and skill resources. 4,720 action plans were reviewed and reflected.

Livelihood Improvement & Entrepreneurial Development



Sita Chaudhary of Suryamukhi CDG from Dangisaran-3 Dang harvesting tomato from her farm.

With the direct and indirect support and support of Sahakarmi Samaj, a variety of livelihood activities have been initiated by the marginalized communities. These businesses and activities have helped ensure more sustainable livelihoods.

Summary Table of Income generation activities initiated by community members

<i>Activities</i>	<i>Unit</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>Kitchen Garden</i>	<i>Households</i>	<i>5,490</i>
<i>Commercial Vegetable Farming</i>	<i>Households</i>	<i>615</i>
<i>Animal Husbandry (goat, buffalo, cow)</i>	<i>Households</i>	<i>4,534</i>
<i>Cash Crop (Mushroom, ginger, turmeric, yam)</i>	<i>Household</i>	<i>2,797</i>
<i>Poultry (chicken, duck, turkey)</i>	<i>Household</i>	<i>1,704</i>
<i>Collective farming</i>	<i>Group</i>	<i>45</i>
<i>Subsidy of agriculture tools</i>	<i>person</i>	<i>132</i>
<i>Bee-keeping</i>	<i>Person</i>	<i>28</i>
<i>Grocery, shops, sewing and stitching, fancy shop</i>	<i>person</i>	<i>493</i>
<i>Cold store</i>	<i>person</i>	<i>11</i>
<i>Chat and chatpat shop</i>	<i>Person</i>	<i>12</i>
<i>Fruit and flower nursery</i>	<i>person</i>	<i>1</i>

Construction and Maintenance of Community Facilities



Irrigation pond established by Fanadhar GC in Banglachuli-6 Dang

Community groups have completed various community development projects using local knowledge, skills, resources and experience. As a result, they have been able to overcome some of the problems they face in their daily lives. The people of the communities in collaboration with the local

government, and other stakeholders, have constructed: culverts at 80 locations; water irrigation canals at 111 locations; roads at 332 locations, including maintenance, cleaning and grading (348.25 km); 16 embankments along rivers; 50 group buildings; construction and maintenance of 10 irrigation ponds; installation of 14 hump pipes; digging of 29 drinking water wells; construction of retaining walls at 150 locations to prevent landslides; construction of ramps at 45 places to cross rivers; construction of 46 quadrilaterals; and construction of 25 dykes

Community Health, Sanitation and Drinking Water



Members of community groups, in cooperation with the support and facilitation of Sahakarmi Samaj, have made significant contributions in community health, sanitation and drinking water, which has improved the health of people and increased access to drinking water, health and sanitation. With community resources, and the support of local government: 7,826 houses and roads were cleaned; hand washing managementsystems were built in 4,718 houses; 594 water sources were cleaned; 2,795 sheds were built, repaired and cleaned; 21,565 drying racks; and 3,000 meters of drain construction and cleaning have been completed. 1,093 people received health checks in health camps; 528 visits and counseling for malnourished people were conducted; 989 children with their parents received information about measles vaccination services; 3,64 people built and used garbage disposal pits; 153 women got pregnancy checkups, 90,074 people purchased and used water filters; 20 blocks were constructed and cleaned; 296 women used sanitary pads regularly; 90 groups participated in health and sanitation related interactions; and sample eco septic tanks were installed.

Ensuring Quality Educational



Dipa KC- a grade 12 student receiving scholarship worth of NPR. 25,00 to continue her studies



Samridhi Samaj Dang distributing scholarship worth of NPR 25,00 to Menaka Chaudhary-a student of grade 10 of Dangisaran-3

Activities were implemented to ensure regular and quality education for the children of Sahakarmi Samaj's working areas. The community members were sensitized and mobilized to monitor the operation and services of the community schools.

Summary of work carried out to ensure regular and quality education

Activities	Unit	Total
Scholarship distribution	Girls	71
Meetings and interactions with Parents	Times	281
Monitoring of school facilities and services by community members	Times	52
Community members restart their studies after dropout	Person	26
Community members elected into School Management Committee (SMC)	Person	244
Feedback provided to schools concerning quality education	School	35
Continuation of studies after scholarship support	Person	171
ECD construction	Number	1
Cleaning School premises	Number	4

Environment/Climate Adaptation & DRR Efforts



Samridhi Samaj facilitating the transportation of the saplings bought by the Ujeli CDG of Dangisaran-4 Dang

Sahakarmi Samaj's overarching objective is to build resilient communities, including integrating activities for forest protection and climate adaptation in project programs. In this financial year, within the work area of the Sahakarmi Samaj, disaster reduction and disaster management discussions were held 141 times. A total of 9,804 trees were planted, and 25 drains and culverts were constructed to manage water run-off and flooding. Discussions on embankments in rivers and streams in disaster-prone areas took place, and 35 houses and 8 temporary shelters were built. An emergency relief fund was established by 29 groups, totaling Rs. 83,500. Additionally, fire lines were made in 11 forests; 29 plastic tunnels were set up; earthing was implemented in the electrical wiring of 4 houses; 15 grazing areas were protected; and 5 forests established systems to manage animal control. These community activities were carried out to mitigate potential disaster risks. Over the past year, significant progress has been made in these areas through various community-driven initiatives:

1. Community Involvement in Forest Management:

- Election to Forest Committees: 282 group members were elected to community-level forest committees.
- Forest Clearings and Public Hearings: 121 forest clearings were conducted, and 17 requests for public hearings on forest management were submitted in ward meetings.

2. Tree Planting and Grass Cultivation:

- Seedling Planting: 28,558 seedlings of various types were planted to enhance forest cover.
- Grass Cultivation: 961 households engaged in grass cultivation to support livestock and prevent soil erosion.

3. Renewable Energy and Sustainable Practices:

- Bio Gas Connections: 82 households installed bio-gas connections, promoting clean energy use.
- ts: 654 animal sheds were improved or repaired, enhancing livestock welfare and productivity.



4. Income Generation:

- Dunatpari Production: 25 individuals generated income through dunatpari (local handicrafts: plates made of leaves).

5. Organic Farming and Waste Management:

- Organic Practices: 1,325 households adopted the production and use of bag manure and organic pesticides, promoting sustainable agriculture.
- Garbage Pits: 466 households constructed and used garbage pits for better waste management.
- Irrigation Ponds: 32 households constructed and used irrigation ponds to manage water resources efficiently.

6. Forest Maintenance and Monitoring:

- Community forests were maintained and the community members conducted 14 monitoring visit, ensuring ongoing protection and sustainability.

These activities have significantly contributed to climate adaptation and environmental protection, fostering resilient communities that are better equipped to face climate challenges

Reconciliation, Peace and Reunification



Members of Suryamukhi Community Development Group from Dangisaran-3 preparing Compost Manure

Sahakarmi Samaj is a process-oriented social organization with a significant influence in various fields. It has been actively facilitating and supporting initiatives in areas such as reconciliation, peace, and reunification. It has made substantial contributions to fostering mutual relations, respect, and maintaining social harmony within the community.

This year, Community Based Network Organizations, community groups and local stakeholders in cooperation with Sahakarmi have achieved notable milestones, including:

- Reconciliation of 150 group members through mediation.
- Coaching 34 individuals to resolve land and boundary disputes.
- Addressing family discord in 384 families.
- Organizing collective celebrations of the traditional festivals of Maghi and DeusiBhailo with 45 groups.
- Supporting 29 groups in collective farming.
- Settling conflicts between mothers-in-law and daughters-in-law in 36 households.
- Conducting discussions on caste discrimination in 19 groups.
- Forming civil networks for justice in 6 communities.

Through these efforts, Sahakarmi Samaj continues to play a vital role in promoting peace and social cohesion in the community.

Enhanced Interface and Coordination with Local Government



The Chairperson of Dangisaran delivering his speech amid the 2nd Annual General Meeting of Samridhi Samaj CBNO.

There have been increased and enhanced local community interfaces and coordination with the local government. These interfaces and coordination have resulted in local government providing the members of communities with opportunities for capacity building trainings, and participation in workshops and seminars. And this has led to more active and enthusiastic participation by local communities in the programs organized by local government: Women's Day and Teej programs. These efforts have significantly increased awareness and capacity development among the community.

Highlights of participation include:

- Maghi Festival: 88 people participated in the festival organized by the municipality and received awards.
- Women's Day: 275 people received awards for their excellent contributions in jointly organizing Women's Day.
- Empowerment Training: 1,509 people participated in empowerment training sessions.
- Animal Husbandry Training: 297 people took part in animal husbandry training.
- Leadership Training: 256 people participated in people's leadership training.
- Sanitation Training: 164 people attended sanitation training.
- Local Government Training and Interactions: community members participated in 24 training and interaction sessions organized by the local governments.

Participation in the Government's Local Planning Process



Member of CDG taking part in Local Planning Process in Gauml RM Bajura

Regular facilitation, coaching, and mentoring by Sahakarmi Samaj led to the active participation of 20,941 people, 13,564 women and 7,549 men, in the local planning process of the local governments. These participants engaged in addressing community-level issues, lobbying, and advocating for solutions. As a result, commitments have been received from the concerned local government to address some of these issues. Additionally, 247 people with disabilities and 1,676 youth also took part in this process.

Gender and Ethnicity Segregation of people participating in the Local Planning Process

CBNOs & Municipalities	Participation							Ethnicity		
	Female	Male	3rd Gender	Total	PWDs	Youth	BC	Janajati	Dalit	Others
Samaj Bikas Sanjal CBNO	274	540	0	814	5	78	260	342	204	8
Samriddha Samaj CBNO	221	195	0	416	4	33	66	270	35	12
PJBS CBNO	460	122	0	582	3	170	397	25	160	0
BSBM CBNO	452	43	0	495	2	56	345	38	112	0
Tribeni Bikash Samaj CBNO	345	49	0	394	2	23	72	263	59	0
JSBS CBNO	75	15	0	90	0	35	12	35	30	13
Nepal Gandharva Samaj CBNO	5	5	0	10	0	3	0	0	10	0
SBS CBNO	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
KSBK CBNO	142	30	0	0	2	30	0	0	0	0
Gaumul Rural Municipality	1392	160	0	1552	12	1122	1254	0	298	0
Budinanda Municipality	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jagganath Rural Municipality	560	135	0	695	15	126	2	0	254	0
Birendranagar Municipality	5962	3965	0	9927	125	0	4835	2291	2796	0
Tikapur Municipality	3676	2290	0	5966	77	0	1776	1060	3130	0
RukumSurkhet	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BAS, Banke and Surkhet	2323	127	0	2450	0	245	490	982	978	0
Total	13564	7549	0	20941	247	1676	9019	4324	7088	33

Gender Equality, Disability and Social Inclusion



Nirmala Khanal-member of CDG in Bahgalchuli-1 Dang sharing her experience of working in the group in an event to commemorate the International Women's Day



Anti-Discrimination Day celebration at Kanchan Samudayik Bikash Kendra- Beldandi RM

Sahakarmi Samaj is a Gender Equality, Disability, and Social Inclusion (GEDSI) friendly organization, and its programs are also being made GEDSI friendly. As part of its efforts, Sahakarmi Samaj conducted 502 interactions related to gender equality, disability and social inclusion across various projects in Nepal. Additionally, the organization hosted Teej Milan (women's) programs in 21 locations and Women's Day programs in 5 locations. Moreover, 54 women served as representatives in consumer committees, and 60 women took leadership roles in various groups

Food and Nutrition

This year, significant strides have been made at the community level to improve food sufficiency and nutrition. A total of 3,351 households have contributed to planting 24,420 fruit plants, while 381 nutrition awareness sessions have been conducted. Additionally, 1,150 households have engaged in planting 10,709 herbal plants. Moreover, there has been a notable improvement in the adoption of balanced dietary practices within 3,498 households. Furthermore, 2,952 households have reported an increase in food crop production, while 146 households have successfully reduced junk food consumption.



Egg laying hen distributed to pregnant women in Chandhi CDG in Dangisaran-1, Dang

Lastly, 9 households have initiated farming on previously barren land, contributing to sustainable agricultural practices. These collective efforts underscore a commitment to enhancing food security and nutrition within the community.

CSO Strengthening and Capacity building



Sahakarmi Samaj exit policy consists of organizational strengthening of the CBNOs that runs directly in the initial years and then remote mentoring in the latter years. Sahakarmi Samaj conducts various trainings and capacity building workshops to different organization and civil societies: I/NGOs, CSOs, CBNOs, and government agencies. Likewise, it also conducts training workshops and strategic planning for their project employees to enhance staff's capacity. This year, Sahakarmi conducted 25 internal trainings and workshops where 524 participants honed their skills and experience. Likewise, 16 capacity building trainings were completed for the capacity development of employees and representatives of other external organizations and their partner organizations, in which 377 participants took part.

Summary Table of the trainings conducted to CSOs, I/NGOs, government agencies.

SN.	Name of training	Organizer	Period		Place	Facilitator's Name	Participants		
			From	To			Male	female	Total
1	TAF staff selection	TAF Surkhet	4-Jan-23	9-Jan-23	Surkhet	Rajaram Gupta	4	5	9
2	FEST foundation Training Bajura and Tikapur	TAF Surkhet and Gaumul	22-Jan-23	31-Jan-23	Kohalpur	Rajaram Gupta, Champhasingh	14	18	32
3	FEST foundation Training Surkhet	TAF Surkhet	2/2/2023	2/13/2023	Kohalpur	Rajaram Gupta, Champhasingh	8	22	30
4	Civic Education Training	SS Kohalpur	3/1/2023	3/7/2023	Kohalpur	Rajaram Gupta, Champhasingh	10	6	16
5	PCD and periodic plan wsp	SS- Kohalpur	4/20/2023	4/25/2023	Gaumul	Rajaram Gupta, Champhasingh	9	12	21
6	PCD Training to Beldandi	SS- Kohalpur	5/1/2023	5/3/2023	Kohalpur	Rajaram Gupta, Champhasingh	7	10	17
7	Institutional strengthening training to women groups in Dolpa	WWF- Nepal	5/15/2023	5/28/2023	Dolpa	Rajaram Gupta Punram Panthi	3	25	28
8	CAED FEST training	CAED Nepal	5/31/2023	6/3/2023	Kohalpur	Rajaram Gupta, Champhasingh	5	19	24
9	5R Training on Waste management	SBS- Kailali	7/23/2023	7/24/2023	Masuriya Kailai	Rajaram Gupta Sarita Shah	6	29	35
10	DRR Training	SBS- Kailali	7/25/2023	7/27/2023	Masuriya Kailai	Rajaram Gupta Sarita Shah	4	30	34
11	5R Training on Waste management	SBS- Dang	7/30/2023	7/31/2023	Banglachuli Dang	Rajaram Gupta Sarita Shah	6	29	35
12	DRR Training	SBS- Dang	8/1/2023	8/3/2023	Banglachuli Dang	Rajaram Gupta Sarita Shah	6	29	35
12	3 days Group mobilization FEST training	SSDO Kapilbastu	8/20/2023	22-Aug-23	Kohalpur	Rajaram Gupta	4	9	13
14	PRA Training to MILAP	MILAP- Nepalgunj	15-Oct-23	18th Oct 2023	Thakurdwara Bardiya	Rajaram Gupta	4	8	12
15	Financial management, Report and documentation Training	INF Surkhet	27-Dec-23	30-Dec-23	INF Surkhet	Rajaram Gupta	9	10	19
						Total	99	261	360

Messages from Representatives of Local Government

Social Awakening for Transformation – Municipality Chair in Dang District

For the past six years, the COSELI program has been conducted by the Sahakarmi Samaj in the Dangisharan Rural Municipality of Dang. This program has significantly benefited people from poor families in the area. Having closely observed the vision of the Sahakarmi Samaj, I have come to understand its primary focus: prioritizing human development over material development. Consequently, underprivileged women from backward communities have been forming groups, honing their skills and abilities, reconciling differences, and fostering unity within the society. Resources and local capital have been effectively mobilized, and each group is engaged in income-generating activities through fund collection and mobilization. This has led to a gradual improvement in the livelihood of the people.



The tasks that typically fall under the purview of the local government are being accomplished by the prosperous society with the support of the Sahakarmi Samaj. Many social transformation initiatives have been realized through social awakening. These include physical construction and development, education, health and sanitation, protection and utilization of public assets, collective farming, cultural reform, group savings, and mobile fund mobilization to boost production. The community has shown enthusiastic participation in these initiatives, contributing to the transformation of the community. The Sahakarmi Samaj has been instrumental in promoting the idea of self-reliance. This practice The Sahakarmi Samaj's proactive role in community development is commendable, emphasizing that the community should drive its own development rather than relying on external entities. The oppressed populations are now actively voicing their demands for rights, quality services, and development to their representatives. It has facilitated local stakeholders in understanding and addressing the people's needs effectively. On behalf of Dangisharan Rural Municipality, I extend my gratitude to the Sahakarmi Samaj and the Samriddha Samaj for their significant role in fulfilling the collective promise of making Dangisharan a prosperous municipality.

A top institution for human capacity development

Since its inception, Sahakarmi Samaj has been instrumental in fostering community development, and I have had the privilege of participating in its programs from the beginning. The initiatives undertaken by this organization in various communities have proven to be highly effective. Rooted in the belief that human development is fundamental and that material development can only follow, Sahakarmi Samaj has emerged as a pioneering force in advancing human development.

In Banglachuli Rural Municipality, Sahakarmi Samaj has significantly contributed to establishing a robust social development network. By raising awareness among community members and fostering social unity and harmony, the cooperative society has championed people-centered development, encouraging communities to take responsibility for their own progress. Historically, this organization has facilitated the mobilization of local resources and skills by empowering villagers to undertake community projects. It has also collaborated with local governments on financial matters and advocated for community needs through organized group efforts. Importantly, Sahakarmi Samaj has worked to enhance access to local government services and resources, particularly for marginalized communities.

This organization, which spearheaded the social transformation campaign, has been pivotal in the development of Banglachuli. Through regular collaboration with the local government, it has earned recognition as a key development partner. Sahakarmi Samaj Nepal has consistently implemented best practices and initiatives aimed at capacity building and improving the livelihoods of marginalized communities. It has guided individuals in understanding and addressing their rights, pains, sorrows, and social issues. The organization's people-oriented approach organizes individuals into groups, fostering sustainable and effective village development. The groups affiliated with the social development network have been diligent in saving regularly and utilizing these savings for income-generating activities. Consequently, people from impoverished families in this area have improved their livelihoods through these savings initiatives. Sahakarmi Samaj Nepal has created an enabling environment for addressing health and sanitation, drinking water, nutrition, capacity development, climate adaptation, and the preservation of indigenous culture. It operates through continuous consultation, coordination, and cooperation with the local government. This year, a tripartite partnership between Banglachuli Rural Municipality, Sahakarmi Sama, and Samaj Bikas Sanjal has been established to manage a fund program for safe water.

On behalf of Banglachuli Rural Municipality, I extend my heartfelt wishes for the continued success of Sahakarmi Samaj Nepal in achieving its mission of social transformation.



- Bhakta Bahadur G.C
Deputy Chairperson- Banglachuli Rural Municipality

Independent Auditor's Report

Sahakarmi Samaj Birendranagar, Surkhet Balance Sheet As on 31st Ashad 2080 (16th July, 2023)

Sources of Funds	Annexure	As at 31st Asadh 2080	As at 31st Asadh 2079
		Amount Rs.	Amount Rs.
Capital Funds			
SS Capital Fund		27,142,251.93	27,142,251.93
Add : This year SS Capital Fund		-	-
		27,142,251.93	27,142,251.93
Reserves and Surplus			
Previous Year's Balance		4,875,567.00	6,367,573.67
Add: Surplus (Deficit)		813,555.75	(1,492,006.67)
Accumulated Surplus		5,689,122.75	4,875,567.00
Current Liabilities			
Account Payables	2	22,464,223.84	4,786,275.55
Unspend Donors' Funds	2	19,683,488.60	51,886,731.62
Current Liabilities		42,147,712.44	56,673,007.17
Total Sources of Funds		74,979,087.12	88,690,826.10
Application of Funds			
Fixed Assets			
	3		
a. Cost Price		17,457,570.19	18,256,162.57
b. This Year Addition		-	-
c. Accumulated Depreciation		745,914.61	798,592.38
Written Down Value		16,711,655.58	17,457,570.19
Current Assets			
Advance and Deposit	2	22,243,798.76	43,843,395.03
Cash and Bank Balances	2	36,023,632.78	27,389,860.88
Total Application of Funds		74,979,087.12	88,690,826.10

Annexure 1 to 26 forms an integral part of this financial statement

Date: 2080/08/19

Place: Kohalpur, Banke

Admin/Finance Manager
Hema Budhathoki

Executive Director
Ammar Bdr. Air

Treasurer
Bakhat Bdr. KC

Chair Person
Tul Bahadur Sahakar

As per our report of even date

Gyanendra B. Bhasi
B.R.S. Neupane & Co.



Sahakarmi Samaj Birendranagar, Surkhet

Income & Expenditure Statement for the FY 2079/080

For The Period Ending 31st Asadh 2080 (16th July, 2023)

Particulars	Annexure	As at 31st Asadh 2080 Amount Rs.	As at 31st Asadh 2079 Amount Rs.
Income			
EU / ICCO for REAL Program		-	2,572,522.74
Cordiad CERN - COVID 19		-	18,311,516.00
ACT Alliance - COVID 19		-	11,197,136.00
Irish Aid /SHEP (NCESLG Program)		268,824.23	8,695,326.64
SHEP Ireland for PCGS Program		280,890.00	-
sahakarmi samaj internal income		2,403,424.00	135,580.78
DF Norway for COSELI Program		26,564,228.00	23,901,081.00
EU/IM/Tdh (ECPSNGG Program)		42,923,498.32	43,294,745.69
Irish Aid and Local Govt. (Matual Fund)		5,019,849.00	3,877,619.00
Wild Gesee (Change the Game Academy)		144,172.00	436,536.00
SIMAVI (WASH Program)		6,423,373.00	9,742,697.00
Local Govt. (TCGB Program Bajur, Jajarkot & Tikapur)		7,282,295.00	4,002,049.00
FASTENOFER for CAPFS		5,641,129.00	1,946,937.00
Irish Aid /SHEP (SAKTI Program)		5,311,712.00	-
The Asia Foundation (TLO)		7,721,510.00	-
International Alet (TJ)		4,092,135.40	-
SIMAVI (Water Justice Fund)		1,438,394.00	-
UNDP (FIAP)		1,229,384.00	-
Staff Contribution for Scholarship		316,329.36	247,417.40
Total Income		117,061,147.31	128,361,164.25
Expenditure			
Pro: Sahakarmi Institutional Development Fund	4	1,030,283.00	289,469.00
Pro: Community Organizing for Sustainable and Empowerment based Livelihood Improvement (COSELI)	5	26,564,228.00	23,901,081.00
Pro: Right to Earn A Living (REAL)	6	-	3,075,905.21
Pro: Promoting Community Governance through Strengthening (PCGS)	7	280,890.00	-
Pro: WASH SDG (SIMAVI)	8	6,423,373.00	9,742,697.00
Pro: Empowering Civil Society in Nepal (SHAKTI)	9	5,311,712.00	-
Pro: NCESLG Program	10	268,824.23	8,695,326.64
Pro: ECPSNGG Program	11	42,923,498.32	43,294,745.69
Pro: Change the Game Academy	12	144,172.00	436,536.00
Pro: Tole Committee Capacity Building (Jagannath, Budhinanda, Chhedagad, Junichade, Bheri & Tikapur)	13, 14, 15, 16, 24, 25	7,282,295.00	3,995,610.00
Pro: Community led Agroecological practices for Sovereignty (Fastenofer)	17	5,641,129.00	1,946,937.00
Pro: Covid 19 Emergency Response in westren Nepal (CERN)	18	-	18,311,516.00
Pro: ACT Covid 19 response NPL211	19	-	11,197,136.00
Pro: Empowering Tole Lane Organisation for Good Governance (TAF)	20	7,721,510.00	-
Pro: Enabling Truth, Memory and Justice (TJ)	21	4,092,135.40	-
Pro: Facilitating the implementation of the activities under accountability (UNDP)	22	1,229,384.00	-
Pro: Water Justice Fund (SIMAVI)	23	1,438,394.00	-
Pro: Irish & Local Govt. Matual Fund (Gaumul, Jagannath, SHEP & SS)	26	5,019,849.00	3,877,619.00
Pro: SS- Staff Welfare Fund		130,000.00	290,000.00
Depreciation	3	745,914.61	798,592.38
Total Expenditure (b)		116,247,591.56	129,853,170.92
Surplus (Deficit) During the year		813,555.75	(1,492,006.67)

Annexure 1 to 26 forms an integral part of this financial statement
Date: 2080/08/19
Place: Kohalpur, Banke

As per our report of even date

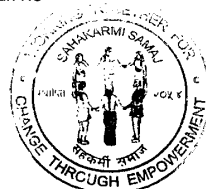
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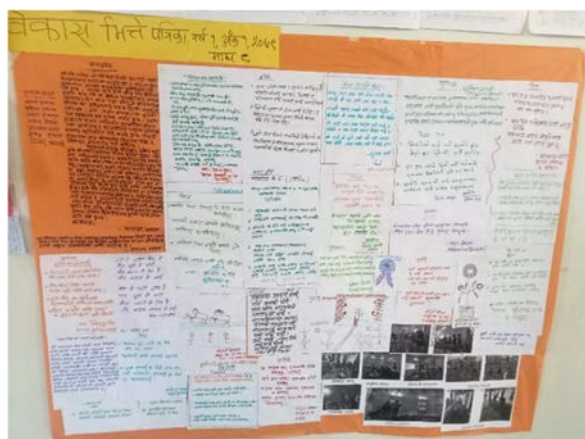
Publication Communication of Information



An annual publication consisting of success stories and articles from the member of community development groups



A game book for community educators/facilitators



Weekly development newsletters published during FEST Foundation training

PHOTO GALLERY



Locally made basket produced and sold by a member of Suryamukhi CDG from Dang.



Collective production of Dunatapari (plate made up of leaves) for income generation from Milijuly CDG in Dangisaran-1



Putri Sunar of Banglachuli-2 selling tomato produced in her farm



Agriculture materials distribution at GaumalBajura



Commercial vegetable farming in Dang



Sumitra Chaudhary from Ujeli CDG initiating banana farm in Dangisaran-4



Goat being a hope for a member of CDG in Kanchanpur

MEDIA COVERAGE

सामाजिक सद्भाव र विकासका लागि 'सहकर्मी समाज'

कृष्णा ओली
बासुरा, पुस २०

एउटा बनाइ छ, गाउँमा घर टाढा मन नजिक, सहयोग घर नजिक मन टाढा । तर यो बनाइजस्तै गाउँमा सबैसँग सबैका मन र भावना भनेजस्तै नजिक हुँदैनन् । कुनै न कुनै कारणले मन नजिक टाढा भइराख्छ । टोल, वडा, विचार, सिद्धान्त अनि साथीसँगै आदिले गाउँ पनि नदेखिने र नसुनिने गरी भुसको आगोभैँ भित्रिभित्रै विभाजित र विभक्त हुने गरेका थुप्रै उदाहरण छन् ।

एक घरको अर्कोलाई मतलब नहुने र एकले अर्कोको समस्यामा साथ नदिने मात्रै होइन, कुनै बस्ती टोलका घर आफ्नै भए पनि हालको पानीसमेत खान नपरोस् भन्ने कठोर मन बनाएर विभाजित भएका थुप्रै तथ्य गाउँ पुग्दा भेटिन्छन् । तर त्यो अवस्थाबाट बुढीनन्दा नगरपालिकाका गाउँ केशी फरक र केशी सुधारको लक्ष्यमा भेटिए । सबै सुधार र सबै राम्रो अनि सोचेकै जस्तै अवस्था हुन अर्कै समय लाग्छ । शतप्रतिशत नजिता पनि नआउला तर सुधारको शुभ संकेत बुढीनन्दा नगरपालिकाका टोलमा देखिएको छ । गाउँमा पुरुषभन्दा बढी महिला भेटिन्छन् । भेटिएकाहरू एकले अर्कोसँगको सम्बन्ध, मेलामिलाप, बोलचाल अनि सहयोग साटासाटको अवस्था सबै अवस्थाले फरकमन देखिन थालेको छ । पालिकाभित्र १० वटा वडा छन् । ती वडामा सबैजसो समेटिने गरी टोल सुधार समिति गठन गरिएको छ । एक वडामा ६ वटा टोल समिति छन् । त्यो अर्पु भएको र भौगोलिक विच्छेदताले समेट्न समस्या देखिएको टोल वा गाउँमा थप गर्ने पालिकाले नै तयारी गरेको छ । ती टोल सुधार समिति सरकारको काममा सहयोग पुऱ्याउने र सामाजिक सद्भाव र सहकार्य कायम गर्ने गरी गठन गरिएको नगरप्रमुख जनककुमार बोहराले बताए ।

पालिकाभित्रका ६० टोल समितिमा ६ हजारको संख्यामा सदस्य आबद्ध छन् । टोल समिति कम्तीमा ६० जना सदस्य संख्याका छन् । टोलमा एक घर एक सदस्यको अवधारणा छ । त्यसमा पनि महिलालाई प्राथमिकतामा राख्ने गरिएको सहकर्मी समाज कार्यक्रमका प्रमुख इम्गर भण्डारीले बताए । सामाजिक सद्भाव र विकासमा सहकार्य जोड्न नगरपालिकाले थालेको सहकर्मी समाज अभियानले नै राजनीतिक आस्था, सिद्धान्त र विचारमाथि उत्रेर विकासमा सहकार्य र श्रमदानको अवधारणा विकास भएको बताउँछन् भण्डारी । पालिकामा यो अवधारणा सञ्चालन गरिएको वर्ष दिन पुग्न लागेको छ ।

१० वटै वडामा पालिकास्तरबाटै सहजकर्मी राखिएको छ । टोलटोलमा स्वयंसेवी भावनाले खट्ने सचेत युवालाई पनि सहयोगी र सहकार्यको भावना विकासका लागि अभियन्ताकै भूमिकामा परिचालन गरिएको छ । विकासमा सहकार्य र सद्भावका लागि सहकर्मीको अवधारणाले नै नयाँ अभ्यास सुरु हुन

लागेकामा नगरप्रमुख जनककुमार बोहराले खुसी व्यक्त गरे । पैसा नभई कुनै काम नहुने, धारापैपैरो सरसफाइमा कसैको ध्यान नजान्ने, सामाजिक कामप्रतिको अपनत्व नै हटिसकेको र स्वार्थवाहेक अरुमा ध्यान नहुने अवस्थामा सुधार ल्याउने अभियानका रूपमा सहकर्मी समाज अवधारणाको कार्यक्रमलाई बुढीनन्दाले प्राथमिकतामा राखेको छ ।

पालिकाले कार्यक्रम सञ्चालनपछि टोलमा मेलामिलाप बढेको, स्कूल जान बच्चाहरूकै लागि बाटो अन्क्यारो थियो, त्यो पनि निर्माण गरिएको र आफ्ना लागि आफैँ गर्न सकिन्छ भन्ने चेतनासमेत विकास भएको भन्छन्, प्रतियोगी टोल सुधार समितिका अध्यक्ष विस्ना चौदारा ।

चौदाराकै टोलमा ४० बढी परिवार छन् । ती सबैको घरमा लुक्कान निर्माण छन् । धारापैपैरामा हेक

घरको एक जनालाई सामाजिक कार्यमा सक्रिय हुनुपर्ने अनिवार्य गराइएको छ । यसले आफ्नो कामप्रतिको अपनत्व, विकासप्रतिको जिम्मेवारी र लगानशीलता बढ्ने, सामूहिकताको विकास, सामाजिक सहकार्य तथा सद्भावमा समेत फाइदा पुग्ने विश्वास स्थानीयले लिएका छन् ।

हप्ता सामूहिक सरसफाइ गरिन्छ । शौचालय नभएको वा भत्केको घरमा सबैले श्रमदान गरेर निर्माणसमेत गरिदिएका उदाहरण छन् । पैसा नभएर पनि धेरै काम गर्न सकिने छेउ भन्ने सिकाइ सहकर्मी समाजले सिकाएको मिलिजुली टोल सुधार समूहका अध्यक्ष किट्टी ल्यारले बताइन् । टोल सुधार समूहकै सक्रियतामा बुढीनन्दा नगरपालिका-५ का स्थानीयले करिब ६ लाख रूपैयाँ बढीको लागत लाग्ने श्रमदानबाटै मर्मतसहित निर्माण गरेका छन् । यो वर्ष वर्षामा भौत्कएका काठे सँगु पालिकाको बजेट खर्च गरेर निर्माण गर्नुपर्ने अवस्था नै धेरै कम रह्यो । सबै सहकर्मी अभियानअन्तर्गत नै निर्माण गरिएको भन्छन्, नगर उपप्रमुख रामबहादुर बोहरा ।

कार्यक्रमको अवधारणा, अभ्यास र आपसी सहकार्य सबै राम्रो भएकाले पालिकाले विशेष महत्त्व दिएर सञ्चालन गरेको बोहराले थपे । समाजमा मेलामिलाप पनि, सहकार्यसहितको विकास पनि । आपसी सहयोग र सम्बन्ध पनि पालिका सरकारको उद्देश्य यही भएकाले सर्वसहमतिको साथ पाँच वर्ष नगर सरकारले सहकर्मी अभियानलाई निरन्तरता दिन

खोजेको नगर प्रवक्ता जंगवीर रोकाया बताउँछन् ।

जहाँको समाज एकतावद्ध छ । सामूहिक सहकार्यमा विश्वास गर्छ । सम्बन्ध र सहयोगी भावनाले काम गर्छ । त्यो समाजको विकास अरुको भन्दा फरक र बढी छ । त्यही भावना र सिकाइ बीट्ने उद्देश्य सहकर्मी समाज निर्माण अभियान कार्यक्रमको रहेको प्रमुख प्रशासकीय अधिकृत सन्तोष कुमार शाहले बताए । बुढीनन्दा नगरपालिकाले छोटो समयमै उपलब्धि हात पार्न सकेको कार्यक्रम नै सहकर्मी अभियान हो । नगर सरकारलाई गाउँ टोलका समस्या सुनाउने, सवाल तय गर्ने, समस्याको पहिचान गर्ने र सकेको आफैँ र आफ्नै सक्रियतामा सम्पन्न गर्ने गरिएको हामैमाले टोल सुधार समूहका सदस्य सपेलाल बुढाले धारणा राखे ।

स्थानीय पनि कार्यक्रमप्रति सन्तुष्ट छन् । सुधारमा भत्ता नभएको कार्यक्रम, पैसा नपर्ने काम मात्रै गराउने कार्यक्रम भनेर गालीसमेत पाइने अवस्था थियो । विस्तारै बुझेपछि आफ्ना लागि आफूले नै गर्नुपर्ने सकिन्छ साथ सहयोग दिने गरेको बुढीनन्दा १० को सहजकर्ता पुष्पा खड्काले बताइन् । लगानीविनै धेरै काम हुने छेउ भन्ने सिकाइ नै कार्यक्रमबाट भएको पुष्पाको भनाइ छ ।

घरको एक जनालाई सामाजिक कार्यमा सक्रिय हुनुपर्ने अनिवार्य गराइएको छ । यसले आफ्नो कामप्रतिको अपनत्व, विकासप्रतिको जिम्मेवारी र लगानशीलता बढ्ने, सामूहिकताको विकास हुने र सामाजिक सहकार्य र सद्भावमा समेत फाइदा पुग्ने विश्वास स्थानीयले लिएका छन् । पालिकाका नगरप्रमुख, उपप्रमुखसहितका जनप्रतिनिधि १० वटै वडामा फुम टोल समूहसँग सामूहिक संवाद गर्ने, सहकार्यको योजना सुनाउने र सुने गरेका छन् । महिला महिलाबीचको आपसी मिश्रवन्त भावनाको विकास र सहकार्यमा सकारात्मक सन्देश प्रभाव गरिदिएकी महिला अधिकार मन्त्र बुढीनन्दाका अध्यक्ष सुरशीला शाहीले बताइन् ।

वन हेर्ने हेरास्ता, पानी मर्मतका लागि प्लम्बर, बाटोपाटो, धारा पैंपैरो सरसफाइको पूर्वाधारित मिति तय गरेर टोल समूहमा राखिएको हुन्छ । को आउने को नआउने भन्ने नै हुँदैन, घरमा भएका वा समूहमा बसेका सदस्यले पूर्व जानकारीअनुसार नै काममा आउने र जाने गरेका छन् । समस्याको पहिचान, कामको खोजी स्वयंको जिम्मेवारी । क्षमता विकास, ज्ञान र सिप अभिवृद्धि गर्ने कार्यको थालनीबाटै धेरै काम टोलमै हुने गरेका छन् । घरमा तरकारी खेती, छोराछोरीको पढाइप्रतिको चिन्ता र श्रमदानबारे टोल समूहका छलफल गर्नुपर्ने अनिवार्य विषय नै बनेका छन् । पालिकाले बजेट रदिएसम्म आँगनको ढुंगासमेत नसार्ने अवस्था अन्त्य गराउने र पालिका र जनताबीचको सम्बन्धलाई फुग्न नजिक र आत्मीय बनाउने लक्ष्य कार्यक्रमले बोकेको देखिन्छ । समाज निर्माणका लागि भइरहेको सामाजिक सहकार्यको अभ्यास नै लोभलाग्दो देखिन्छ ।

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