

Student as well as a child worker of carpet factory

Fourteen years old Sagar Gole, lives in Godawari Municipality-14, Lalitpur with his mother, Asha Gole and Sister, Asmi Gole. His father, Bikram Gole is in the overseas, Saudi Arabia for work. His mother and sister work in carpet factory for livelihood. Sagar goes to school, and also works in the factory after school so as to support the family. They have a small rented room nearby the work place.

During the Covid-19 pandemic, most of the carpet factory workers were affected by Covid infection. Sagar and his family members had difficult time during the lockdown as the pandemic badly affected the earnings with dropping of carpet knitting. The pandemic had badly affected the factory business, and the owner became unable to make timely payment of wages to the workers. It made them difficult to meet the family expenses, and Sagar began to spend more time working in the factory. He worked more than 5-6 hours in a day during the lockdown, and 3 hours during school days. Even though, the earning was not sufficient for his family. That period, Urban Environment Management Society (UEMS) supported his family with



food materials. In addition to food support, UEMS also provided stationery to him for pursuing school days. Sagar and his family thanked UEMS for supporting them, saying "the support provided help them a lot during the difficult time". Sagar mentioned it would be good if he could just focus on study and education as the factory works distract his attention besides physical and mental adverse effects.

Key Achiviments

- Sakriya
Advocated and built capacity of local government officials of LMC, GM and MM on child labour case management. Capacitated CBOs representatives, and UEMS staff and the organization itself on child protection issue.

- WASH for Education
Improved WASH facilities in schools in VOC's project areas of Mahankal Rural Municipality of Lalitpur District and Itahari Sub metropolitan City of Sunasari District.

- Achieving Resilient and Water Safe Communities in Urban and Peri-urban areas of Lalitpur District
Advocacy on the Sustainable Development Goal 6 and water conservation through RWH and GWR among the local government officials in Lalitpur. Build capacity of community people on household level water treatment and safe storage, and hand hygiene, and capacitated water user committees on water safety plan and water quality testing using field kits.

- We Rise Again: Construction of additional floors in the newly constructed school building at Shree Siddhi Mangal Secondary School, Siddhipur - Phase II

The newly constructed building of Shree Siddhi Mangal Secondary School, Siddhipur (Phase II) has helped to accommodate increased number of students, and conduct co-curricular activities providing safe and learning environment. Number of students in the school has increased from 500 to nearly 900.

- Empowerment and capacity building of earthquake affected women in Khokana, Lalitpur
Two-storey multi-purpose crafts building for training activities for learning skills, practice traditional craft activities and demonstrate products of women entrepreneurs. Fabrics weaving training in Khokana has empowered 19 women of Khokana with the income generation skill for producing plain and Dhaka fabrics.



Snap Shots



Case support to brick kiln children of Kantipur Ita Udyog at Badikhel under Sakriya Project



Playing WASH game at Lalit Kalyan School under Cholera campaign.



Practically Orientation to students of Little Flower's Public school on Rain Water harvesting and Ground Water Recharging.



Students are enjoying to read books in Library at Shree Siddhi Mangal Secondary School.



Active CDM Volunteers



Newly Constructed school building of Shree Siddhi Mangal Secondary School of Mahalaxmi Municipality.



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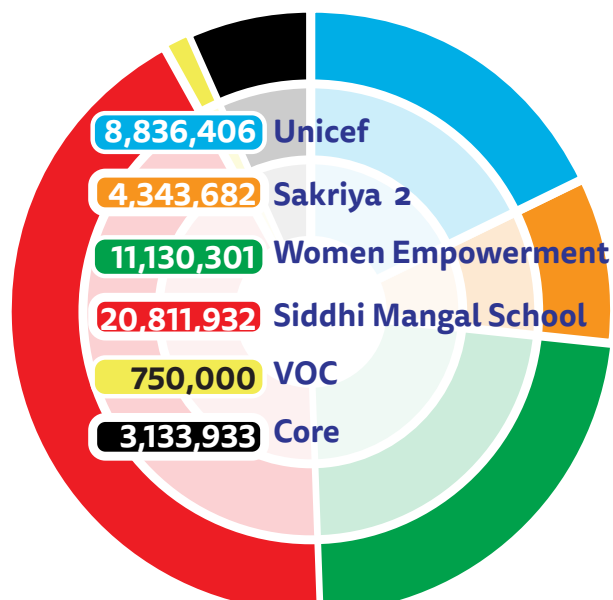
Urban Environment Management Society (UEMS) is on a journey of 20 glorious years with continuous service to community, a lot of experiences and learnings from the ground. This year too, UEMS has made efforts in serving the urban and peri-urban population, especially marginalized and vulnerable communities through its works in water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), water conservation through Rainwater Harvesting (RWH) and Groundwater Recharge (GWR), Child Protection and Empowerment of Women through skill enhancement. The achievements and progresses made are due to the continuous and collective efforts, partnership and collaborative interventions. We in UEMS are thankful to Lalitpur Metropolitan City (LMC), World Education (WE), Child Hope UK through Voice of Children (VOC), UNICEF Nepal, Séjours populaire français (SPF), communities and other partners for their support and cooperation.

Members and the staff in UEMS have adapted well in working under new normal conditions after the Covid-19 pandemic. The global economic crisis has limited funding opportunities, and this has made the situation challenging for organizations in sustaining. All these, however, have not deterred us from achieving our goals. We remain dedicated as ever in achieving our goals. Once again I would like to thank our partners and hope our collective efforts will continue in future too.

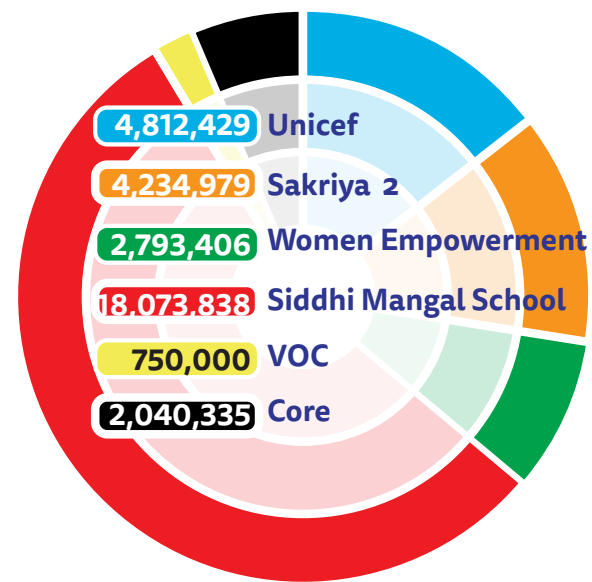
Thank you.

Dr. Suresh Das Shrestha
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Annual Budget



Expenditure



KEY PROJECTS AND PROGRAMME ACHIEVEMENTS

Sakriya

UEMS has successfully completed Sakriya project (October 2019 – May 2022). The project was implemented in Lalitpur Metropolitan City (LMC), Godavari Municipality (GM) and Mahalaxmi Municipality (MM), Lalitpur. The major activities of this project were to identify and document accurate, independent, and objective information on the nature and scope of child labour and violations of acceptable conditions of work; raise awareness for the protection of workers from labour abuses; and implement initiatives to address child labour, forced labour, and violations of acceptable conditions of work. Under the project, research on child labour and case management have been carried out in brick and carpet factories and zari in the project municipalities. Terre des Hommes (TdH), Swatantrata Abhiyan Nepal (SAN) and Antenna Foundation Nepal (AFN) were technical partners throughout the project period. The project has not only capacitated staff members on child labour case management but has also strengthened the organizational capacity on child protection issues.

In coordination of UEMS, several capacity building orientations, workshops and trainings related to child protection and child labour elimination were conducted to local government officials of LMC, GM and MM. Of the total recorded 758 child workers in brick, carpet and Zari factories, UEMS has supported 148 child workers of brick and carpet factories for health, food and education.

Total project budget: NPR 5,452,471

WASH for Education

UEMS provided technical guidance to Voice of Children (VOC) Nepal for the 'WASH for Education' project. During the project period (May 2019 to April 2022), UEMS supported VOC in the construction/ maintenance works of water purification systems and sanitation facilities in schools in Mahankal Rural Municipality and Itahari Municipality. In addition, UEMS also assisted VOC in orientation and trainings related to WASH thereby enhancing capacity of VOC staff, volunteers, CBOs representatives, School Management Committee (SMC) and Parent Teachers Association (PTA) members, Women group and other stakeholders through orientations and trainings.

Total project budget: NPR 2,700,000

Achieving Resilient and Water Safe Communities in Urban and Peri-urban areas of Lalitpur District

With the objective of contributing in addressing issue of drinking water quality for achieving Sustainable Development Goal 6.1, UEMS with support from the UNICEF Nepal has been implementing 'Resilient and Safe Water Communities in Urban and Peri-Urban Areas of Lalitpur District' from December 2021. Under the initiative, activities for declaration of water safe communities (WSCs), water conservation through Rainwater Harvesting (RWH) and Groundwater Recharge (GWR) systems, Child-Centred Risk Mapping of 10 Schools and their



The Programme/Projects in Year 2022-23 (2079/2080)

- Continue "Achieving Resilient and Water Safe Communities in Urban and Peri-urban areas of Lalitpur District"
- Continue Empowerment and capacity building of women in Khokana affected by the 2015 earthquake
- Continue Sa Pucha led waste management (using compost bins at the household level)
- Reconstruction of additional school building at Shree Rudrayani Secondary School, Khokana, Lalitpur
- Empowerment and capacity building of women in selected clusters of Mahalaxmi Municipality, Lalitpur
- Retrofitting and construction of retaining wall and fencing in Shree Jalapadevi Secondary School, Melamchi, Sindhupalchok

catchment areas to trigger WSC, Knowledge Management and Advocacy for establishment and expansion of WSCs, water quality improvement of the water distribution systems operated and managed by local water user committees, water quality monitoring and surveillance mechanism at the Palika levels are ongoing. This project is implemented in seven communities (three communities in Lalitpur Metropolitan city, one community in Godavari Municipality and three communities in Bagmati Rural Municipality). In order to prevent the spread of cholera cases in the communities, awareness campaign was carried out by booth campaign for disseminating messages on the importance of safe water and hand hygiene under the emergency response. In the campaign organized in collaboration with local government mobilizing health promoters and volunteers from the respective ward offices, thousands of print IEC materials on cholera and household level water treatment methods, hand hygiene, food safety and safe storage were distributed, and bucket chlorination and water tests were done, and chlorine solution for drinking water disinfection also distributed free of cost to the booth visitors.

Total project budget: NPR 9,432,006

We Rise Again: Construction of additional floors in the newly constructed school building at Shree Siddhi Mangal Secondary School, Siddhipur - Phase II

Following the construction of a two storey school building at Shree Siddhi Mangal Secondary School, Siddhipur with SPF Essonne Federation support in the first phase, the number of student enrollment significantly increased with need of more classrooms in the school. At the request of the school management committee (SMC), again with SPF Essonne Federation support, UEMS successfully completed the construction of additional two floors under the Phase II project at the school. The extension of additional floors in the school building has accommodated four classrooms in RCC structure on the existing new school building. Truss on the top has been designated for meeting/training hall, science laboratory and library. Full set of furniture for 6 classrooms have also been setup along with necessary furniture for a science laboratory and a library room. Roofing of stairs in the adjoining lavatory annex has also been done. Number of students in the school now has reached to over 900.

The handover of the newly constructed building to the SMC has been done on 9 July 2022 in a special event attended by Hon. Minister of Education, Science and Technology Mr. Devendra Poudel, as the chief guest. Mr. Olivier Griron, secretary general of SPF Essonne Federation presented the school handover certificate to the school in presence of the Mr. Thierry Robert, SPF Director General and Mr. Ismail Hassouneh, SPF National Secretary. Nearly 500 participants including various government officials, students, parents, teachers and other community leaders were present during the handover ceremony.

Total project cost: NPR 21,040,737

Empowerment and capacity building of earthquake affected women in Khokana, Lalitpur

This project aims to construct 2-storey steel-structured building in a leased land in Khokana to accommodate Craft Centre for learning skills, practice traditional craft activities and demonstrate products of women entrepreneurs. The project also aims to make market linkages of the products by women. Construction of the building as per the map approved by Lalitpur Metropolitan City is in progress through the selected contractor. As of now, all the steel structure works have been completed and roofing and interior finishing works are ongoing. Upon completion of the construction works, skill-based trainings will take place in the multi-purpose crafts building. UEMS will conduct training to 150 earthquake affected women on traditional craft to help generate income and develop enterprises. Skill development and empowerment will help earthquake affected women have cash income to meet their daily needs.

A supplementary project to this project was also implemented through a 3 months long basic training in handloom-based fabric production which was concluded in March 2022, with a small funding of SPF Rhône Federation. Lalitpur Metropolitan City, Ward No. 21 has been regularly coordinated in the process of project planning and making community participation. The selection of trainees and logistics arrangement were undertaken by Ward No. 21 Office. This pilot initiative helped 19 women from Khokana to learn basic skills in weaving plain and Dhaka fabrics.

Total project budget: 16,220,000.

