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Striving for Big Impact Through Small Efforts



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Urban Environment Management Society



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Yet another year has passed under the global COVID-19 pandemic impact. Urban Environment Management Society (UEMS), since its establishment in 2002, never had to encounter such an enormous challenges in working for the community as in the present time. In the past UEMS has served the urban and peri-urban population, especially marginalized and vulnerable communities through its works in water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH). This year too, UEMS concentrated its efforts in increasing access to safe drinking water in urban and peri-urban settlements, improving sanitation facilities to school children, capacity building of the stakeholders for child labour elimination, contributing to climate change adaptation through groundwater recharge and protecting the vulnerable people affected by COVID-19 pandemic through food support, personal protective materials etc. 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), Kathmandu Valley Water Supply Management Board (KVWSMB), Solaqua Foundation, Sécours populaire français (SPF), World Education (WE), Child Hope UK through Voice of Children (VOC), communities and other partners for their support and cooperation.

Members and the staff in UEMS have adapted well in working under new normal conditions like maintaining social distances, wearing masks, frequent hand washings, virtual meetings and working from home. Having said that however, facing the current challenges have not been easy. With the frequent lockdowns, our projects have been delayed, our members and staff have been affected from the coronavirus and had to remain in isolation. 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
Chairperson

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OUR VISION, MISSION AND VALUES

Introduction

Urban Environment Management Society (UEMS), a not-for-profit non-government organization established in 2002, is dedicated to people-centered urban development and striving to contribute for better living environment through efforts for sustainable development. UEMS supports urban and sub-urbs population, especially poor and marginalized vulnerable communities through its work in water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), Solid Waste Management (SWM), Climate Change Adaptation (CCA) & Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR), Health, Child Protection and Resilient Livelihood.

Our Vision: “Healthy Environment for Prosperous Life”

Our Mission: Creating clean, healthy, just and sustainable environment in partnership and collaboration with community groups and relevant stakeholders

Values

- Integrity
- Equity
- Empathy with Poor & Marginalized
- Accountability and
- Mutual Respect

Thematic Areas of Work

- Water, Sanitation and Hygiene
- Waste Management
- Child Protection
- Health
- Climate Change Adaptation and Disaster Risk Management
- Resilient Livelihood

Working Approaches

UEMS working approaches aim to bring synergy among the communities, sector actors and agencies. UEMS especially works on enhance the following approaches while developing and implementing all interventions as cross cutting ingredients:

- Service delivery with business approach
- Research and advocacy
- Capacity building
- Mobilization of local resources
- Participatory approach
- Gender equality and social inclusion (GESI)
- Learning, sharing and networking
- Quality assurance and use of technology

KEY PROJECTS AND PROGRAMME ACHIEVEMENTS

Sakriya

UEMS is implementing Sakriya project in Lalitpur Metropolitan City (LMC) and Godavari Municipality (GM) with expansion to Mahalaxmi Municipality (MM), Lalitpur. The major activities of this project are 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) provided online mentoring session on case management to LMC and GM officials in coordination of UEMS. Swatantrata Abhiyan Nepal (SAN) provided trainings on Community-Based Research and Advocacy (CBRA), process tracing and case study. Orientations on data collection through KOBO Collect app, data analysis, Child Protection Information Management System (CPIMS) and report writing were provided to project team and representatives of Community Based Organizations (CBOs). The project team also participated in the policy review research workshop organized by SAN. Antenna Foundation Nepal (AFN) conducted a 5-days training on “Social Behavior Change and Communication (SBCC)” and orientation on communication strategy to the project team.



In coordination of UEMS, three days case management refresher training focused on Community-Based Child Protection Mechanism (CBCPM), Case Management Process and Referral Mechanism was organized by Tdh to implementing partner organizations and municipality representatives including multi-sector stakeholders. World Education conducted 5-days organizational capacity assessment and M&E workshop in Kathmandu. The objectives of the workshop were capacity assessment of organizations and update on Sakriya Project research. In coordination of UEMS, the workshop on child right, child club formation and case management was organized to child protection committee coordinators from Wards 1 to 29 of LMC. Furthermore, UEMS supported in organizing workshop for formation of the child protection network and finalization of the child related guidelines of LMC. Municipal Project Advisory Committee (MPAC) meeting was conducted for orientation on Sakriya Project to the government officials from different sectors at MM. Orientation training on child labour case management has also been conducted to MM officials. CBRA conducted in LMC, GM and MM. Meanwhile, the project team conducted an orientation on child labour case management to UEMS board members and general members. During the period, UEMS has supported 30 child workers of brick and carpet factories for health, food and education.



Thematic area:	Child Protection
Project period:	October 2019 to April 2022
Objective:	To build the capacity of civil society to more effectively detect and combat forced child labour and other labour abuses in Nepal in brick, embroidery and carpet weaving sectors
Working locations:	Lalitpur Metropolitan City (LMC), Godawari Municipality (GM) and Mahalaxmi Municipality (MM)
Supporting partner:	World Education, Swatantrata Abhuyan Nepal (SAN), Terre des hommes (Tdh) and Antenna Foundation Nepal (AFN)
Total project budget:	NPR 5,452,471
Achievements:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Conducted research on child labour in brick Kilns in LMC, GM and MMCapacitated UEMS staff and CBOs representatives on child labour case managementCapacitated officials of LMC, GM and MM on child labour case managementSupported 30 child workers of brick and carpet factories for health, food and education

COMMUNITY MANAGED WATER TREATMENT AND DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS IN KATHMANDU VALLEY, PHASE -II

UEMS with the funding support of Solaqua Foundation, successfully completed “Community Managed Water Treatment and Distribution Systems in Kathmandu Valley, Phase II”. The project was implemented in five communities in Machhindra Bahal, Cha Baha, Tun:Nani Hakha, Agnishala and Druk Mahadev of Lalitpur Metropolitan City (LMC) aiming to improve access of the people to safe water.

Under the project, a large BSF system coupled with UV disinfection was installed in four communities (Tun: Nani Hakha, Agnishala, Cha Baha and Druk Mahadev), whereas RO system coupled with sedimentation filter, carbon filters and UV disinfection was installed in Machhindra Bahal. Other major activities performed were various trainings and orientation workshops for capacity building at local, awareness and advocacy in order to sustain the water treatment and distribution systems, household survey, water quality testing, community mobilization and support in expansion of water distribution and sustainability, construction of groundwater recharge (GWR) pits and improvement of wells, and training on water quality test and safety measures and water quality control to water user committees (WUCs). Business Plan for jar water selling has been separately prepared for all the project communities. Handover of the water treatment and distribution systems have been done to the respective WUCs in all five project sites. The WUCs are distributing Jar water at a low price of NPR 20-30 compared with market price of NPR 40-50.

Thematic area:	WASH and RWH/GWR
Project period:	May 2019-June 2020 (Extension till December 2020 due to COVID-19)
Objective:	To increase access to safe drinking water, to compensate the ground water extraction and through rainwater harvesting and ground water recharge systems and to strengthen community institutions to manage water distribution systems
Working locations:	Ward no. 8, 12 and 19 of LMC
Total beneficiaries:	2,837
Supporting partner:	Solaqua Foundation
Total project budget:	NPR 6,957,315
Achievements:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Water treatment and distribution systems constructed in all five target communities➤ Rehabilitated two dug-wells and constructed eight GWR pits➤ Awareness raised among the locals on importance of safe water➤ The WUCs with trainings on O&M of the water treatment and distribution systems are able to conduct O&M themselves➤ Support and contribution from local government offices received due to effective lobbying and advocacy, and regular follow up➤ Community institutions strengthened to manage water distribution systems and link with local government/municipality and concerned authorities for expansion and sustainability

WASH FOR EDUCATION

UEMS, as knowledge partner for Voice of Children (VOC) in ‘WASH for Education’ project, is providing technical guidance for the construction of the toilets and water purification systems in Mahankal Rural Municipality and Itahari Municipality. In addition, UEMS is also supporting VOC in orientation and trainings related to WASH. UEMS has enhanced capacity of VOC staff, volunteers, CBOs representatives, School Management Committee (SMC) and Parent Teachers Association (PTA) members, Women group and other stakeholders on WASH through orientations and trainings.

Thematic area:	WASH and Child Protection
Project period:	May, 2019 - April, 2022
Objective:	To improve children and girl friendly accessible WASH facilities and to enable students and teachers taking lead in promotion of sanitation and hygiene awareness
Working locations:	South Lalitpur and Sunsari
Supporting partner:	Child Hope UK through Voice of Children Nepal
Total project budget:	NPR 2,700,000 (3 year)
Achievements:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Enhanced capacity of project staff, volunteers, CBOs members, SMC and PTA members, Women Group etc. of Mahankal Rural Municipality and Itahari Municipality➤ Improvement in school sanitation facilities in Mahankal Rural Municipality and Itahari Municipality



EMPOWERMENT AND CAPACITY BUILDING OF WOMEN IN KHOKANA AFFECTED BY THE 2015 EARTHQUAKE

In Khokana, one of the worst hit place of Lalitpur by the earthquake and aftershocks in 2015 where 650 households were fully displaced, women and children are the most affected by the earthquakes in terms of their livelihoods, health and overall well-being. The project aims to economically empower earthquake affected women in Khokana through traditional craft based entrepreneurship development. UEMS will construct 2-storey steel-structured building in a leased land 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. Skill development and empowerment will help earthquake affected women have cash income to meet their daily needs.

The land of 3 ropani has been leased for 10 years and the map prepared for the proposed building has been approved for construction work by LMC. Bidding and selection of contractors for the construction work are in process.

Thematic area:	DRR, Resilient Livelihood
Project period:	Project period: February, 2020-January, 2022
Objective:	To empower women of Khokana directly affected by the 2015 earthquake through skills training and lucrative activities based on local knowledge and culture
Working locations:	Khokana, Lalitpur
Total beneficiaries:	150 earthquake affected women
Supporting partner:	SPF
Total project budget:	NPR 16,220,000
Achievements:	<div><div>➤</div>Lease of 3 ropani land for 10 years for construction of 2-storey steel structure building for the project activities</div> <div><div>➤</div>Prepared map for building construction approved by LMC</div> <div><div>➤</div>Bidding and selection of the contractor in progress</div>

THE PROGRAMME/PROJECTS IN YEAR 2021-22 (2078/079)

- Continue empowerment and capacity building of women in Khokana affected by the 2015 earthquake
- Continue WASH for education project in Lalitpur and Sunsari
- Continue SANRACHANA (Sakriya) Project for child protection in Lalitpur
- Continue Sa Pucha led waste management (composting)
- A supplementary project to the ongoing Empowerment and Capacity Building of Earthquake Affected Women Project in Khokana
- We Rise Again: Construction of additional floors in the newly constructed school building at Shree Siddhimangal Secondary School, Phase II
- Retrofitting and construction of retaining wall and fencing in Shree Jalapadevi Secondary School, Melamchi, Sindhupalchok

Green Santa Event 2020

With the support from Sécours populaire français, UEMS organized 'Green Santa Event 2020' for Copain du Monde (CDM) members and families, staff and volunteers. Food items and hand-washing soaps for a month were provided to 40 children staying at an orphanage home, Hattiban, Lalitpur. A meal event for 110 old aged men and women



staying in a community elderly home at Pashupati, Kathmandu was performed. In consideration of very cold and winter time, warm wear jacket were provided to 100 elderly and single women and men staying at two different support centres (Manav Sewa Ashram in Hattiban, Lalitpur and Mudita Service Sewa Ashram in Imadole, Lalitpur), and few other needy ones. Warm wear jackets were also provided to CDM Nepal club members. In total, there were 320 direct beneficiaries.

18th Annual General Meeting of UEMS

The 18th AGM of UEMS concluded virtually via ZOOM Meeting on 23 October 2020. The meeting was organized in-house in consideration of health safety of all due to COVID-19 pandemic situation. In the meeting chaired by Dr Suresh Das Shrestha, chairperson of UEMS Executive Committee, there were 32 participants including UEMS members and other invitees. The AGM approved its annual report including audit reports of year 2019/20 and the plans for year 2020/21.

WE ARE GRATEFUL TO OUR

Supporting Partners

- World Education
- Solaqua Foundation
- Sécours populaire français
- Child Hope, UK
- Lalitpur Metropolitan City

Collaborative Partners

- Mahalaxmi Municipality
- Lalitpur Metropolitan City
- Kathmandu Valley Water Supply Management Board (KVWSMB)
- Godawari Municipality
- Voice of Children (VOC)
- Terre des hommes (Tdh)
- Swatantrata Abhiyan Nepal (SAN)
- Antenna Foundation Nepal (AFN)

Past Supporting Partners

- Water Aid Nepal
- UNICEF
- UNDP/The GEF SEG/Coca-cola
- UN Habitat
- Terre des hommes (Tdh)
- International Medical Corps
- Global Fairness Initiative
- Geneva Global/ Legatum Foundation
- Canadian Fund For Local Initiative



Balance Sheet

Urban Environment Management Society (UEMS)
Statement of Financial Position
As at 15th July, 2021 [31st Asadh, 2078]

Particulars	Note	Amount 'NRs	
		[As at 15th July, 2021]	[As at 15th July, 2020]
Surplus Fund			
(a) Restricted Fund	2	15,027,551	10,321,422
(b) Unrestricted Fund	3	1,912,710	2,139,998
Total Surplus Fund		16,940,262	12,461,420
Current Liabilities			
(a) Short-Term Payables	4	248,984	1,760,255
(b) TDS Payables	5	12,845	18,632
Total Liabilities		261,829	1,778,887
Total Surplus Fund and Liabilities			
		17,202,091	14,240,306
Fixed Assets			
(a) Property, Plant and Equipment	6	-	-
Investment			
(a) Investment	7	4,000,000	4,000,000
Current Assets			
(a) Advances, Deposits and Receiva	8	296,408	942,378
(b) Cash and Cash Equivalents	9	12,905,682	9,297,928
Total Current Assets		13,202,090	10,240,306
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		17,202,090	14,240,306

Note 1 includes notes to accounts and significant accounting policies
Notes 1-11 are integral parts of this financial statement


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Income and Expenditure Statement

Urban Environment Management Society (UEMS)
Statement of Income and Expenditure
For the period ended 15th July, 2021 [31st Asadh, 2078]

Particulars	Note	Amount 'NRs	
		2020-21	2019-20
<u>Incoming Resources</u>			
(a) Income from Restricted Fund	2	7,824,316	6,730,058
(b) Income from Unrestricted Fund	3	1,919,833	1,436,113
Total Income		9,744,149	8,166,171
<u>Expenditures</u>			
(a) Program Expenditures	11	7,054,898	6,730,058
(b) Administrative and Other Expenditures	11	2,689,251	1,436,113
Total Expenditures		9,744,149	8,166,171
Surplus / (Deficit) transferred to free reserves			
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