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List of Acronyms

BCDT	Basic Community Development Training
CAO	Chief Administrative Officer
CBO	Community Based Organization
CBNO	Community Based Network Organization
CCN	Child Club Network
CC	Child Club
CDWN	Centre for Dalit Women Nepal
CECI	Centre for International Studies and Cooperation
CEO	Chief Executive Officer
CF	Community Facilitator
CG	Community Group
CO	Community Organization
COVID-19	Corona Virus Disease-2019
CSC	Community Score Card
CSO	Civil Society Organization
DCA	Danish Church Aid
DCC	District Coordination Committee
DDS	Dalit Development Society
DPAC	District Program Advisory Committee
DRM	Darma Rural Municipality
FEST	Facilitation and Empowerment for Social Transformation
FG	Farmers Group
FHI360	Family Health International
GESI	Gender Equality and Social Inclusion
GLT	Group Leadership Training
GRB	Gender Responsive Budget
Gov. N	Government of Nepal
GST	Group Strengthening Training
HFOMCs	Health Facility Operation and Management Committee
HMG	Health Mother Group
HRBA	Human Right Based Approach
IM	IM Swedish Development Partner
ICT	Information Communication Technology
KARM	Kalimati Rural Municipality



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KRM	Kapurkot Rural Municipality
LGs	Local Governments
MoU	Memorandum of Understanding
M/RM-PAC	Rural/Municipality Program Advisory Committee
M&E	Monitoring and Evaluation \
RM	Rural Municipality
SAT	Social Accountability Tools
PwD	People with Disabilities
PTAs	Parent Teacher Associations
PMC	Project Cycle Management
PLGSP	Provincial and Local Governance Support Program
PCDA	People Cantered Development Approach
PC	Program Coordinator
RM	Rural Municipality
SAT	Social Accountability Tools
SDGs	Sustainable Development Goals
SS	Saharkarmi Samaj
SKRM	Siddha Kumakh Rural Municipality
Tdh	Terre des homes
TRM	Triveni Rural Municipality
WASH	Water, Sanitation and Hygiene
YC	Youth Club
YIC	Youth Information Center



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1. Description

1.1 Name of Coordinator of the grant contract: Sahakarmi Samaj

1.2 Name and title of the contact Person: Mr. Amar Bahadur Air, Executive Director

1.3 Name of beneficiary (ies) and affiliated entities in the Action:

1. Sahakarmi Samaj
2. IM Swedish Development Partner
3. Terre des hommes Foundation
4. Dalit Development Society
5. Center for Dalit Women Nepal

1.4 Title of the Action: Enhancing Sub-National Good Governance in Nepal

1.5 Contract number: 2018/403-276

1.6 Start date and end date of the Action: 1st January 2020 to 31st December 2020

1.7 Target country(ies) or region(s): Karnali Province, Nepal

1.8 Final beneficiaries &/or target groups¹ (if different) (including numbers of women and men):

Target groups:

3,150 rights holders from grassroots organizations of 12 working palikas from Salyan, Kalikot and Jajarkot with a focus on women, youth and children, marginalized groups and minorities

557 members from CSOs

3,873 elected representatives of Palikas, and government institutions and government established committees

Final beneficiaries:

274,563 right holders from the targeted 12 Palikas, more broadly the 548,409 citizens of the targeted 3 districts, with a focus on women & children and indirectly the entire 1.57 million citizens of Karnali province.

1.9 Country (ies) in which the activities take place (if different from 1.7): - See 1.7 above

¹ ““Target groups”” are the groups/entities who will be directly positively affected by the project at the Project Purpose level, and ““final beneficiaries”” are those who will benefit from the project in the long term at the level of the society or sector at large.



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2. Assessment of implementation of Action activities

2.1. Executive summary of the Action

Second year of the project operation has been progressive and collaborative despite the unprecedented situation created by the Covid-19 pandemic and the lockdown. The project has been able to strengthen collaborative and cooperative relations among citizens, Local Governments (LGs) and Province Government. The project made its meaningful presence in provincial and local governance system through substantial engagement from policy level to community mobilization. Policy research, provincial governance conference, sub-national dialogues, learning sharing workshop at local level and provincial level, workshop with Local Governments (LGs) were some major accomplishments which effectively translated the project objective into action. Project has succeeded to collaborate and create synergy with government project (PLGSP) at implementation level by organizing regular coordinating meeting and learning sharing. Furthermore, a provincial governance network for promoting governance has been formed. This is an inclusive forum representing the members of community level CSOs, concerned stakeholders working in the governance sector.

At community level, 4415 members from 156 CGs were sensitized and mobilized to enhance accountability of the government. Similarly, the 12 palika level youth forum were also effective to raise citizen’s voice to make the government accountable. At Palika level, regular interactions, dialogues, learning sharing workshop, capacity building trainings, ICT support program etc. to elected representatives, thematic officials (Education, Health, WASH, Agriculture and Livestock) and other stakeholders have contributed to enhance the collaborative and constructive relation between citizens and LGs.

However, the pandemic affected almost more than half of the year of the reporting period. Restrictions on travel and gatherings delayed some of the planned activities and thus had to be postponed for upcoming year 2021. During the COVID-19 context and lockdown, Sahakarmi Samaj (SS) and Dalit Development Society (DDS) promoted health safety measures among the rights holders and helped them to access government support programs. (Detail in annex-1 for)

The project intervention logic is in track. It will put more efforts on empowering and mobilizing the rights holders. On the other hand, the project will strengthen LGs and facilitate them to be accountable. We continue to make best utilization of the strength of consortium members and collaboration and coordination with the government programs like PLGSP to bring synergy in the result.

However, it is reflected that some changes and modification in log frame are needed in the changed context to make the target more realistic and achievable.

2.2 Results and Activities

A. RESULTS

Overall objective: An enhanced participation among citizens in sub-national (local & provincial) good governance in the new federal system in Nepal

There is an increasing trend of citizen’s participation in governance which is reflected by the increased dialogue of the governments with the civil society leaders at local level. The right holders have increased participation in



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the planning process, which helped to increase their access to government resources. The level of awareness among right holders on municipal planning process is above 90% whereas around 60% have moderate to very good knowledge of planning process. Coordination mechanisms between CSO/CG/CBOs and municipal level are functional and working smoothly whereby right holders participate and raise voices.

Women member of CSO/CG/CBOs participating in the Palikas’ annual planning process has slightly risen from the baseline value of 15.9% to 20%. Likewise, participants from minority or disadvantaged groups have increased to 38.6% compared to baseline value of 33.5%.

Specific objective (S01): Enhanced participatory and cooperative relationships between citizens and local governments, by strengthening public governance, accountability, and transparency.

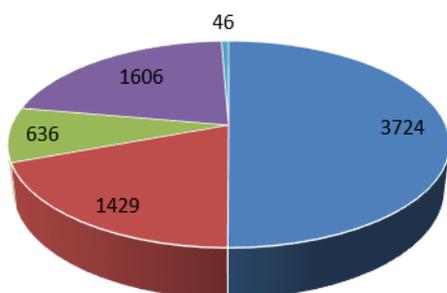
The relationships between citizens and local government is improving. Almost half (49%) of the citizens who are involved in CSOs/CG/CBO, also involved in planning process of the local government. The involvement is significantly higher compared to the baseline value i.e. about 32 %.

Specific objective (S02): Cooperation and dialogue among local governments, between local and provincial governments and ministries to improve overall local service delivery and ensure reflection of local needs in programmes and policies is established.

The project contributed to make the provincial council functional. The council was established by the Karnali Province government. The representatives of the working palikas, parliamentarians, and ministers discussed on the identified issues for example support of the province to the palikas on promoting inclusion and participatory policy making.

iOc1: 3150 citizens from about 600 grassroots organisation including women, Dalit & marginalized people are represented, empowered & mobilized to ensure inclusive, participatory & accountable local governance.

No. of citizens empowered and mobilized by the project in 2020



■ Women ■ Dalit ■ Janajati ■ Youth ■ Persons with disabilities

A total of 4415 citizens from 156 grassroots organizations (CGs/CBOs/CSOs) were sensitized, empowered and mobilized in the local level to ensure inclusive, participatory and accountable local governance. Through regular meetings, discussions and interactions they have become able to identify issues, prioritize them, discuss on the possible solutions, make plan of actions and implement them. Besides that, a Palika level youth forum for governance was also formed and mobilized in each Palika especially in youth related issues. They have started raising voices collectively for their own rights, and those of disadvantaged groups and communities too. Their meaningful participation in the planning process has improved in addressing of their voices in annual plan and budgeting. Similarly, their coordination and

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linkage with the local service provider has enhanced the local service delivery and make them able to tap the available resources.



We are glad to share that we succeed to tap the resources of nearly one hundred thousand rupees from the Municipality's Agriculture section after submitting our proposal. After getting local government near to home 1st time we realize the value of it. We would like to give the credit to Chetansil Community group and our facilitator who facilitated us to raise and try for this opportunity. We heard about the offer, discussed in meeting, talked to ward representative and applied proposal and received 3 oranges and 14 lemon plant. Nowadays we have a good relation with the municipality, we can easily ask for available resources and services there. But before we didn't have such unity and organized knowledge and skills on how to reach out and grab the resources. Instead we

used to ask representative verbally and individually. And used to blame them for not providing, but it was not like that when we follow the process there is a high possibility and opportunities.

*Lila Pun
President*

Chetansil Community Group

Bheri Municipality-5 Chhiprena, Jajarkot

Box story 1: Voice of CGs member after receiving resources from Municipality they have proposed.

Op 1.1. CSO/CG/CBO members have stronger knowledge, capacities, tools and feel empowered to play their role as active citizens in local governance and participatory & inclusive decision-making systems, processes / mechanisms, structure and access to government services.

Project focused its first quarter of the year 2020 on community facilitation and mobilization taking Community Groups (CGs) as a root structure. 4415 community members were sensitized, empowered and mobilized regularly through 156 formed/reformed CGs meetings. Furthermore, other needful trainings on advocacy, proposal and report writing, civic engagement, 7 step planning process, group strengthening and leadership, youth mobilization, enterprise development etc. were also provided to enhance their technical and institutional capacity to ensure their participation, engagement and mobilization in the governance process. Project has received positive response and feedback from the community and stakeholders as the CGs have materialized the concept into action. Community has already started responding to the household and community level issues such as repairing community walkways, sanitizing water resources, making kitchen garden, dish washing spots, making garbage pit, campaigns against social issues like child marriage, violations, alcohol consumption etc. by utilizing the available resources on their own leadership. Within the groups, inclusive and participatory practices encouraged all the participants' especially disadvantaged group to be raised and lead the issues effectively.

Op 1.2. Issues and initiatives raised by CSO/CG/CBOs are implemented & their members (including significant number of disadvantaged group members) are represented in planning, decision-making, implementation & monitoring of LGs operations especially Health, WASH, Education & Agriculture sectors.

Various activities were conducted to facilitate initiatives such as resources mapping and linkage workshop with Palikas, Workshop on sectorial (WASH, Health, Education, Agriculture) plan and policies, practices of social accountability tools etc. Through these intervention, CGs member got opportunity to know about the available resources and put their voice to be included in the plan and policies. CGs have started mapping the available resources at local and placed demand as per the need in relevant thematic sections at local level. This year, in the local level planning process a total of 327 plans were proposed by different community groups in all the thematic

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sectors. Out of which 24 were addressed by including those issues in plan and budget. It can be taken as a good result for CGs as there was not such practice of proposing plans in such an organized and formal way before.

iOc2: Local Governments (LGs) in 12 municipalities are equipped to design and develop inclusive plans, Policies and ensure their implementation, with the active participation of Community Groups (CGs) and CSOs.

Supporting LGs with the essential knowledge and skill on inclusive plan, policies, transparent and effective implementation has improved the participatory and constructive relationship between citizens and local governments. There was a huge gap in the technical knowledge and skills on inclusive and participatory approaches, but the trainings and workshop provided has led them towards materializing the true essence of democracy over a period of time. Training on social accountability tools, people centred development approach, GESI, GRB, Leadership, inclusive planning etc. are some major skills provided to LGs.



This three day workshop has provided so many practical and useful information as well as techniques to make our role more democratic, people centred and participatory. It would have been more relevant had this workshop organized in the initial phase of our tenure. However, it will be very useful further. Now, I understand how community people are being mobilized to deal with household and community level issues by their own leadership through this project.

The way we are facilitated made us reflected, resourceful and thoughtful on our duties and priorities. I am interested and open to collaborate with Sahakarmi Samaj in community mobilization part as Bheri Municipality has been doing already. I offer Sahakarmi to propose a plan to Junichande Palikas on how we can collaborate on community mobilization in holistic approach.

Shiva Acharya
Acting Chairperson,
Junichade Rural Municipality

Box story 2: Voice of Acting Chairperson during PCDA workshop organized in Junichade

Op 2.1. LG representatives including thematic committee members and staff have gained increased knowledge and skills and adequate tools and methods on inclusive local governance e.g. GESI responsive policy making and planning, participatory and transparent planning, decision-making and budgeting, implementation and monitoring process etc.

Project has implemented various activities in working Palikas this year to equip elected representatives and staffs with knowledge, skills and techniques required for effective and accountable local governance. For this, trainings on leadership, GESI/GRB, people centred development approach etc. were implemented. These interventions did not only instil knowledge and skills but also helped to reflect and review the tenure and feedback for the further action. In the training the elected representatives shared their experiences and feelings on how the training eased them to assess, prioritize and formulate the community needs into plan and policies inclusively and implement it effectively.

Op 2.2. Mechanisms (e.g. tools, budget and human resources including ICT for governance) are in place in at least 6 Palikas for formulating inclusive and transparent policy, plans, strategies and budgets, implementation.

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ICT tools (websites and mobile apps) have been developed through a human centred design approach facilitating a co-creation model wherein Siddha kumakh Rural Municipality of Salyan district and Shivalaya Rural Municipality of Jajarkot to promote interaction between local governments and citizens thereby strengthening transparency and accountability system. Similarly, steps has already taken to work in periodic plan in three palikas of Jajarkot (Chhedagad) and Salyan (Kalimati and Triveni) on the basis of need based assessment.

Policy research and briefs in WASH, Health, Agriculture and Education has been published; gaps, findings and recommendation of such report was discussed and shared in the meeting/interaction between LGs policy makes and CSOs, which also create a space to get together and discuss in the majors issues and help Palikas to get feedback and way forward for further action.

iOc3: Province & 12 Palika-level Government (PG) work constructively and collaboratively in promoting local good governance.

A dialogue between local and provincial governments has enabled both the parties to reflect about the need of such a formal mechanism to collaborate and coordinate on planning, monitoring and implementation process to ensure inclusive and participatory approach. Provincial government has committed to take a substantial step to form such mechanism and make it functioning as soon as possible. Likewise, a provincial good governance network has been formed with an aim of playing the true role of civil society to ensure good governance in province and local level.

"The effort has been made for the coordination between PGs and LGs from the ministry level. But we admit that we could not make it well organized and consistent. While preparing a budget we need to discuss with the specific people to make it more inclusive and effective. Today this interaction has added more value on it and make us realised. I would like to commit here and ensure everyone that I will raise this in ministry council and play the needful role to make this formal committee soon in the future. As a concerned minister I have experienced the gap and the need of such forums for making our budget inclusive and implement it effectively."

Hon. Prakash Jwala,
Economic and Internal Affairs Minister, Karnali Province



Box story 3: Voice of Minister during dialogue organized between provincial and local government.

Op 3.1. Coordination and dialogue mechanisms are established and functioning between Provincial and municipal authorities and between municipalities as foreseen by constitution and upcoming laws of provincial government.

In this year, an informal forum has been established as provincial governance network with inclusive representation to continue the organized and consistent practice of coordination and dialogue mechanism among wider stakeholder level in the province. A four days sub-national good governance conference was organized jointly with provincial PLGSP, in which learning sharing with stakeholders, interactions with provincial governments and planning commissions, and engagement with provincial parliamentarians were conducted. The conference concluded with a governance network established with an aim of enhancing such organized practices

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regarding governance in province. Similarly, two dialogues with provincial and local governments also received a realisation and commitment from the ministers and mayors to establish a formal coordination mechanism especially for policy formulation and planning purpose.

Op 3.2. Best practices on local good governance are documented and disseminated to other sub-national governments, development partners in the province and country wide.

Two district level and five Palika level coordination and sharing meetings/workshops were conducted with Palika's and other stakeholders in which progress and good practices were shared by CGs/CSOs/CBOs, LGs and other stakeholders. Information collected from such meeting/workshop and other activities was collected further published as e-newsletter half yearly and disseminated in the wider stakeholders in all level for replication.

B. ACTIVITIES (Reason of delayed, postponed or cancelled)

ER 1. Op 1.1. CSO/CG/CBO members have stronger knowledge, capacities, tools and feel empowered to play their role as active citizen in local governance and participatory & inclusive decision-making systems, processes / mechanisms, structure and access to government services.

Activity 1.1.1.: Formation and Strengthening of CBOs /CSOs

1.1.1.1: Formation, strengthening and mobilization of Community Groups (CGs), Community Based Organizations (CBOs)

151 CGs were already formed in 2019 under this project. They have been facilitated and mobilized through FEST approach regularly. Amid the lockdown they were facilitated in a distance approach to inform the safety measures declared by WHO and Nepal government. During the reporting period, five new CGs have been formed in some of remaining areas on the basis of need and community demand. The facilitation has led CGs towards their mobility and engagement in the social actions by their own. As a result, in 7 working Palikas of Kalikot and Jajarkot, 4415 members have been associated with and been mobilizing through 156 CGs.

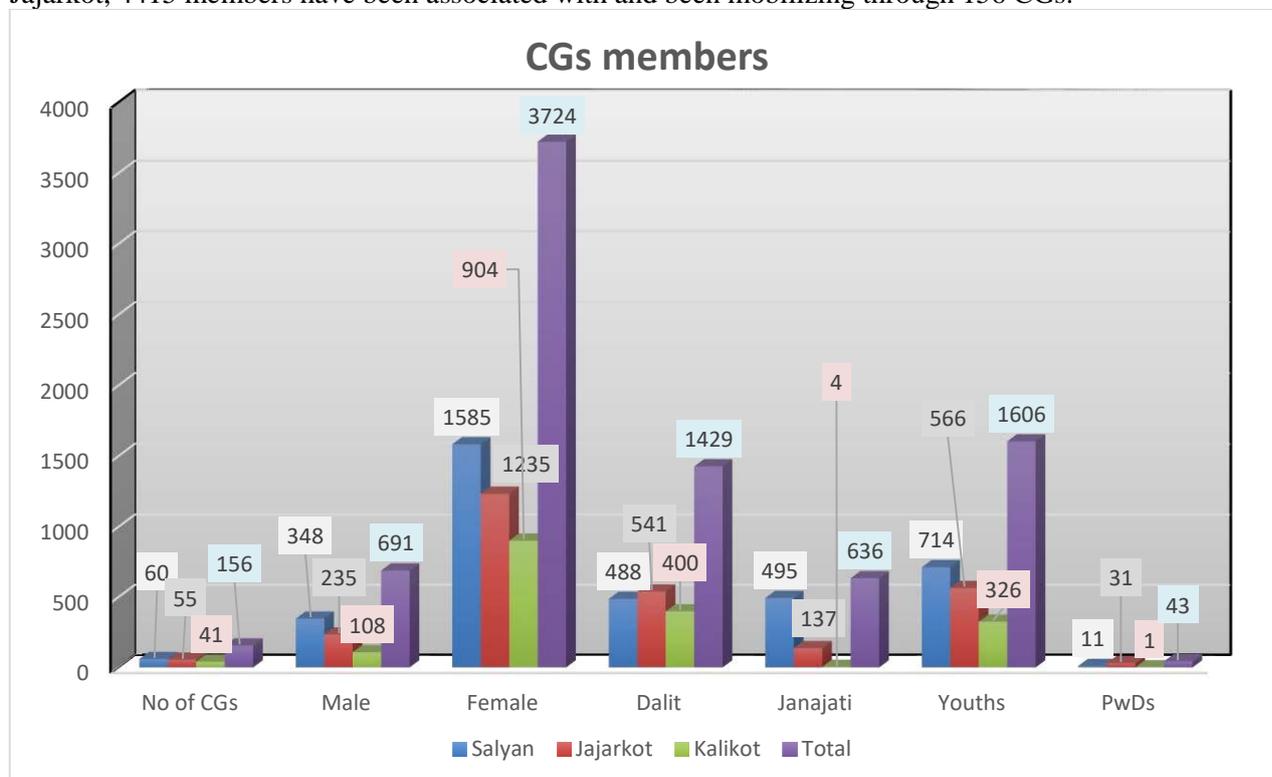


Chart 1: Disaggregated data of project beneficiaries

Reason for delay/postponement, challenge faced and addressed:



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It was not possible to facilitate group members almost six months during complete lockdown, however alternative ways were applied such as regular phone communication, meeting with physical distance in cluster etc. New formation of CGs has been postponed for next year as it required community mass gathering which was restricted due to Covid-19.

1.1.1.2 Support local CSOs and CBNOs to develop/strengthen institutional capacity (Budget 5.7.1)

This year eight events out of nine were carried out in all the working Palikas of Jajarkot and Kalikot under this activity of institutional capacity building. As per the modality of this activity, the CBNOs, based on their own need assessment and opinion proposed the need on office management materials to make the organizations institutionally sustained and well equipped. Therefore, the project supported them by providing such materials. This was given following the organizational need assessment and decision made by board members of the CBNO which was already formed by SS.

Reason for delay/postponement:

One event is shifted to next year as the vendor could not supply CBNO demanded materials in the given timeline.

1.1.1.3 Training on proposal development and report writing (Budget 5.7.2)

With the objective to capacitate the community group members to assess and tap resources at local level, five trainings on proposal development and report writing were organized in 9 palikas- Kalikot (Naraharinath RM), Jajarkot (Bheri, Shibalaya, Chhedagad and Junichade) and Salyan (SidhhaKumakh, Kapurkot, Kalimati and Triveni) district with the representative participation of each CGs. In total 210 CG members participated wherein 138 were female, 50 were Dalit, 29 were Janajatis, 147 were youths and one was person with disability. Participants expressed their excitement on being skilful and made commitment to utilizing those skills in community transformation specially on tapping the available resources at local level.

Reason for delay/postponement:

NA

1.1.1.4. Advocacy skill and leadership development training (Budget 5.7.3)

Project has aimed to equip and empower community people with adequate knowledge, skills and techniques so that they can raise their voices for themselves and community in need. This year remaining 6 events were organized on advocacy and leadership development to community group members and youths in 6 Palikas of Kalikot (Khadachakra), Jajarkot (Junichade and Bheri) and Salyan (Darma, Kapurkot and Kalimati). 133 community people were capacitated with advocacy and leadership skill and tools where 86 were female, 47 Dalit, 10 Janajati, 81 Youths and 3 persons with disabilities. Training was facilitated on participatory approach where participants got involved into many group activities which made them internalize the importance and procedure of identifying community issues, its causes and effects and develop a proper advocacy plan.

Reason for delay/postponement:

NA

1.1.1.5 Group leadership training to Community Groups (CGs) (Budget 5.7.36)

With an objective of assuring the sustainability and self-reliant community groups, 20 group leadership trainings to CG members were provided in Kalikot (Sannitriveni, Narahari and Khadachakra) and Jajarkot (Junichade and Shivalaya) district. A 3 day event was conducted jointly with 8-10 members from each 3 different CGs in the community to make them equipped with team work, organization development, leadership and other needful qualities to strengthen the group for sustainability. In total 511 members from 60 CGs (20 events) were participated out of them, 393 were female, 180 were dalits, 11 were janajatis, 2 were people with disabilities and



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234 were youths. Workshop had facilitated in a participatory and reflective approach by engaging participants to bring their inner hidden abilities out for the remarkable action.

Reason for delay/postponement:

Due to covid-19 restrictions remaining 30 events are postponed as it requires gathering in community.

Activity 1.1.2: Capacity Development Initiatives on Governance and Advocacy

1.1.2.1 Training on Civic space to CSOs/networks (Budget 5.7.4)

With the aim of providing information on international and national context, and constitutional and legal provisions related to civic space, training on civic space to CGs was conducted in 6 Palikas of Kalikot (Khadachakra), Jajarkot (Chhedagad and Junichade) and Salyan (Kalimati, Kapurkot and Darma). 122 participants were provided with the knowledge and information about the civic space and facilitated to analyse the local context in line with the constitutional and legal provisions. Among them 80 women, 31 Dalits, 13 were Janajatis, 70 were youths and one was people with disability. After the training, the confidence and a level of empowerment was observed as they committed to share the learning in respective groups and make further work plan on it.

Reason for delay/postponement:

NA

1.1.2.2 Trainings and refresher to partners on HRBA (Human Rights Based Approach), governance, accountability and GESI

NA

1.1.2.3 Capacity building support to partners on developing advocacy plans/strategies (Budget 5.7.6)

Three units of half-day event were organized on advocacy training through ZOOM for Sahakarmi Samaj (SS), Center for Dalit Women Nepal (CDWN) and Dalit Development Society (DDS) to provide technical support to finalise their advocacy strategies. The advocacy training was provided on year 1 to the consortium members and after the advocacy training SS, DDS and CDWN developed organisation wise advocacy strategy incorporating the issues from the community. Before organising the digital meeting, the draft strategy were reviewed by the resource person and IM. In the meeting, a thorough review of the draft strategy was done by resource person together with SS, DDS and CDWN team and detail inputs and comments on different section of the strategy was given to rework on it. For example; in the sections of specifying the advocacy issue, goal, objective, stakeholder analysis, advocacy position, advocacy strategy, challenges, programme and budget, financial and human resource management and learning documentation. After the digital meeting, SS, DDS and CDWN shared the revised strategy incorporating the inputs and comments from the meeting. The resource person and IM did a further review and written inputs on the revised strategy and then three advocacy strategy of i) SS on drinking water issue of Khadachakra Municipality, Kalikot, ii) DDS on health issues of Tribeni Rural Municipality, Salyan and iii) CDWN on proportional representation of women, Dalit and marginalized in the planning process of local government and addressing their issues was finalised.

Reason for delay/cancelation/postponement/modification of the activities:

There has been modification on the modality of providing technical support to the organizations. Originally, it was planned to visit each organization. However, considering the Covid-19 restrictions, an alternative method was adopted using digital means.

1.1.2.4 Support CGs, CBOs and CBNOs to develop advocacy strategy and implementation (Budget 5.7.7)

To provide the additional technical support to the CGs to the advocacy plan they have developed after getting the training on it, this one day event was organized as a follow-up and support training in 3 Palikas of Jajarkot



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(Chhedagad) and Kalikot (Narahari and Sannitriveni). In total, 52 members were participated in the training where 15 were male and 37 were female.

Reason for delay/postponement/Modification:

Due to Pandemic it could not be accomplished the advocacy training in first half of the year. We did it in the last quarter and for the follow up training it requires a gap at least 6 months for the better implementation; that is why this event is done to those groups only who have already got the advocacy training last year and other are postponed for next year.

1.1.2.5 Orientation to CGs/CBNOs on 7 steps planning, implementation and monitoring (Budget 5.7.8)

To aware and empower the CGs members for the local level planning process, orientation on 7 steps planning, implementation and monitoring was done all the working Palikas of Kalikot, Jajarkot and Salyan. It was amidst lockdown, there was lockdown situation throughout the country, but we did this activity through phone communication and other distance alternatives so that community participation could be ensured and raised issues could be addressed.

Reason for delay/postponement:

Due to lockdown we could not make it physically as planned. Thus, activity plan is postponed for next year.

1.1.2.6 Basic Community Development Training (BCDT) (Budget 5.7.35)

With an aim of instilling conceptual clarity on FEST and basic community development process and techniques; 11 day Basic Community Development Training (FEST Foundation) for project staff was organized in Surkhet. The training was facilitated on participatory, reflective, practical and real experience based methodologies which made participants engage actively to learn, share and get new tools and techniques on facilitation. The training was able to provide a six steps facilitation tool for the facilitators which is an internationally recognized tool of community mobilization designed by Sahakarmi Samaj.

Reason for delay/postponement:

Because of the lockdown imposed by government to contain covid-19 pandemic, the event was shifted and implemented from March to August with limited participants.

Activity 1.1.3: Youth empowerment and mobilization for governance

1.1.3.1 Mobilization of youth Forums for governance (Budget 5.7.9)

Project has envisioned youth mobilization as one of the major components. In the first year, Palika level youth forums were formed in all working palikas. This year a 3 days capacity building and mobilization workshop and meetings with all forum members have been conducted in all working Palikas. In total, 203 youths have participated in the workshop and discussed on role and responsibilities, priorities, vision, mission, goal and objectives, values and detail plan of actions. Among them 99 were women, 42 were dalits, 18 were Janajatis.

Reason for delay/postponement:

Quarterly meetings and research to be done by youth forums as per plan could not be carried out this year as it was restricted to meet and organized gatherings due to pandemic, which will be implemented next year.

1.1.3.2 Enterprise development training and input support to youths and women (for their active engagement in ensuring civic participation) (Budget 5.7.10)

With an aim of enhancing youths' economic reliance, project has envisioned a training and support program on enterprise development training to youths. This year this activity was conducted in all working Palikas of Jajarkot and Kalikot. In these trainings 192 youths from youth club, CGs/CBOs/CSOs had participated among these 134 were female, 57 were from Dalit community, 15 were from Janajatis and 1 was a person with disability. After this training all the participants developed their business plan and committed to initiate or improve their business as per the plan very soon. In the meantime 10 youths from Jajarkot and Kalikot were supported with some materials as per their demand who have initiated the business on the basis of their plan



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Reason for delay/postponement:

The training was rescheduled for November and December due to lockdown. And input support for all potential and needful entrepreneur could not be provided due to time limit, however it has been postponed for 3rd year.

Activity 1.2.1: Resource mapping and linkage with LGs

1.2.1.1 Resource mapping and linkage with LGs for accessing resources (Budget 5.7.11)

In terms of enabling citizens to be awakened of holding rights and meaningful engagements with LGs we accomplished 4 events in Kalikot (Naraharinath) and Salyan (SiddhaKumakh and Triveni) districts this year. Events were aimed at linking citizens with local governments with line agencies to map available resources. In total 95 CG members and respective LG officials participated in interaction; among them 32 were female, 11 were Dalits, 8 were Janajatis and 27 were youths. Facilitation was focused to have a reflection on available resources, gaps and discussion on process delivering service to right holders in proper way through group work, interaction and presentation methods. Program was concluded with action points noted and shared by participants.

Reason for delay/postponement:

The training was conducted in November and December only due to restrictions created by the pandemic. And 2 planned events have been postponed for next year.

1.2.1.2 Workshop on sectoral (WASH, Health, Education & Agriculture) plan & policies (Budget 5.7.12)

To enhance the citizen's participation, access and linkage to the policy and plan of the local level, 4 events in total; 3 in Kalikot and 1 Jajarkot were conducted. In total, 56 participants from community group, local representatives and officials participated, where 23 were Female, 7 were Dalits, and 24 were Youths. The workshop was focused on the process and procedures practiced during policy and plan formulation, status of people's participation and its effectiveness.

Reason for delay/postponement/ cancellation):

There was delay in implementation than original plan and shifted to last quarter due to Covid-19 restriction and remaining 8 events have been postponed for next year due to limited timeframe.

1.2.1.3 Regular meeting of networks for coordination and advocacy (No cost)

Reason for delay/postponement/ cancellation):

Basically network organization will be formed in the last quarter of 3rd year only. Therefore, the progress under this line will be reported from next year.

Activity 1.2.2: Advocacy and Lobby for inclusion and improve the quality (No cost)

There were no particular events for this activity in year two.

1.2.2.1 Support CGs to monitor services of LGs and lobby to improve the quality (no cost)

Due to lockdown this activity could not be done and observed properly but CGs members and youth forum leaders did it from distance during local level planning process. Youth participated in Covid-19 relief distribution, quarantine management etc. to ensure transparency and accountability at local level

1.2.2.2 Advocacy and lobby visits for inclusive decision making (no cost)

Because of Covid-19 restriction, visits have been postponed for next year. This will be ensured in the 3rd year.

Activity 1.2.3: Improving Governance and Accountability

1.2.3.1 Conduct community Score card (CSC), satisfaction survey, exit poll, GESI audit and other accountability tools (Budget 5.7.14)

To contribute in improving governance at local level, a one-day orientation program was conducted in each Palika of Salyan (Darma, Shiddhakumakh, Tribeni, Kalimati, Kapurkot) district. In total, 120 peoples from CGs members, government officials and elected representative participated in the event. Out of these, 52 were female,



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19 were Dalits, 18 were Janajatis and 55 were Youths. The practice of make people aware about the legal provisions and importance of such tools for the better service delivery.

Reason for delay/postponement/ cancellation):

The follow-up events in Kalikot and Jajarkot was postponed for next year as it requires enough time to assess the status from both service providers and users and it was not relevant to conduct such gathering in the time of pandemic.

Activity 2.1.1: Networking and collaboration with LGs

2.1.1.1 Interaction with local government to reinforce GESI/GRB

A total of 8 events of interaction with local governments to reinforce GESI/GRB were organized in 8 municipalities (4 Jajarkot, 1 Kalikot and 3 Salyan). During the interaction, the discussion on Gender Responsive Budgeting and GESI was held linking it with the current fiscal year budget of every municipalities and ensuring the 7-step planning process at local level. The interaction was held among the ward chairperson, ward members (Dalit and women), ward secretaries and executive members of every municipalities. Altogether 234 people including elected representatives, executive members of municipalities and government officials and journalists were participated. Among the participants 104 were female, 59 were Dalit, 21 were Janajatis and 1 PwDs and 20 were youths. The interaction was able to orient the government officials regarding GRB and GESI planning and ensure the concept during the formulation of plans and policies and budget of the municipalities. The local facilitator was hired who was experienced in the field of the GRB and GESI planning.

Reason for delay/postponement/ cancellation):

The total target for the year was 12, however due to Covid-19 restrictions, field mobilization and peoples gatherings was limited for approximate 6 months of the year. Therefore able to achieve 8 out of 12 on last quarter of the month. Thus, the remaining activities are postponed to next year.

2.1.1.2 Interaction between local government and stakeholders on participatory planning (Budget 5.7.15)

With an aim of creating collaborative and participatory environment at local level, a one day interaction meeting was organised in all the working Palikas of Kalikot, Salyan and Jajarkot except Junichade RM. In total 370 governance stakeholders from CGs, CSOs, Palikas were participated among them 158 were women, 85 were dalits, 29 were janajatis and 119 youths. The interaction was concluded with collaborative roles of each sectors for the effective implementation of the plan and program in Palika.

Reason for delay/postponement/cancellation/modification:

Originally it was planned to be implemented before the local level planning process but due to Covid-19 restrictions it was shifted behind and modified with the agenda of discussion on effective, participatory and quality implementation of the made plan and policies of the Palikas.

2.1.1.3 Workshop with elected representatives (Ward and Municipality chairperson, Deputy-Chairperson, Dalit representatives) on inclusive planning (Budget 5.7.16)

Reason for delay/postponement/cancellation:

This year the planned activities were not able to organize due to the pandemic and postponed for next year.

2.1.1.4 Support LGs to develop guidelines and organize orientation on participatory planning implementation and monitoring

Reason for delay/postponement/cancellation:

This activity was not initiated this year due to the pandemic. However, the coordination with the working municipalities and elected representatives was done, they shared that they had not still developed guideline and thus needed technical support. This will be accomplished in the next year.

Activity 2.1.2: Training and orientation to LGs

2.1.2.1 Leadership training to women, ethnic and Dalit representatives (Budget 5.7.18)



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8 events of Leadership Development Trainings (4 refresher and 4 initial) were organized in 8 working municipalities (4 Jajarkot, 1 Kalikot and 3 Salyan) during the year.

Knowledge of 206 elected representatives of local governments of 8 municipalities were enhanced through three days leadership Development trainings and 2 days refresher training. This year two days refresher trainings were organized in the municipalities where 3 days trainings were provided in last year. The content of the training what is leadership, what are the leadership skills, quality and types, power relation, access to resources, advocacy and leadership development, communication skills and importance of effective communication along with plans and provisions related to Dalit and marginalized enshrined in constitution. The participants were 74 (11 Male and 63 Female) from Dalit community, 14 from Janajati (2 Male and 12 Female) 118 (42 Male and 76 Female) others.

Reason for delay/postponement

12 events were targeted for 2020 however, this activity was also unable to initiate in the beginning of the year due to pandemic. Able to accomplished 8 events and remaining are postponed to next year.

2.1.2.2 Training/orientation to local governments' officials on tools of social accountability (Budget 5.7.19)

This event was not planned in this year.

2.1.2.3 Workshop on 'People Centred Development Approach' (including Appreciative Inquiry) (Budget 5.7.20)

With an aim of making Palikas executive team well equipped with the value to people-led and people centred development approach, a 3 days' workshop in working Palikas was conducted. 8 events were organized in total; one in Naraharinath, Kalikot and 3 in Jajarkot (Junichade, Chhedagad, Shivalay and Bher (jointly)) and 4 in Salyan (Darma, Kapurkot, Darma and Triveni).

267 participants from Palikas executive council, members of administrative team and CGs/CBOs/CSOs members were participated to discuss, interact, share and reflect the status of democratic practices and people's participation. Out of them, 105 were female, 38 were Dalits, 33 were Janajatis, 3 were people with disabilities and 69 were youth. Workshop was able to make participants reflect and realize their roles, responsibilities, and lawful duties as they shared their feeling that it was a very relevant workshop which needed to be given in their initial stage of period. Workshop had covered many development, behavioural, practical and lawful content to be applied through different participatory and reflective facilitation methodologies.

Reason for delay/postponement/cancellation/modification:

Plan was shifted to the last quarter as there was a complete lockdown imposed by government due to Covid-19 from April to August. Out of 7 events planned for this year, 2 new events in Salyan were added as the tenure of the executive body at Palikas has reached at the mid-level and it is not relevant to provide this training at last quarter of their tenure. In Jajarkot, workshop for Bheri and Shivalay was organized jointly as a refresher workshop as it was already done their by Sahakarmi's another program.

Activity 2.1.3: Media mobilization and Advocacy (no cost)

2.1.3.1 Media engagement to raise awareness on local planning and implementation process (no cost)

This time, during government's local planning process there was a complete lockdown imposed due to Covid-19. However, other events, progress and engagements are done with the close coordination and coordination of local Medias for its wider awareness and advocacy.

Please see annex 2 for media coverage.

2.1.3.2 Evidence-based advocacy (no cost)

This year, advocacy training has given to all the CGs in all Palikas, work on strategy and action will be done in coming year.

Activity 2.2.1: Support to LGs for system strengthening

2.2.1.1 ICT solution support for E-governance (mobile app, website strengthening, training and system strengthening) (Budget 6.1.11)



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ICT tools (websites and mobile apps) have been developed through a human centred design approach facilitating a co-creation model wherein Siddha kumakh Rural Municipality of Salyan district and Shivalaya Rural Municipality of Jajarkot had participated from the very beginning of the process. As this task was completed in December and the full-fledged deployment would start from the first quarter of 2021 onwards, the project has not been able to produce outcome level reporting in this interim report 2020. Please see annex 3 for details report.

Reason for delay/postponement/cancellation/Modification:

Physical visits to the project areas were affected by the imposition of nationwide lockdown and inter-district travel restriction. However, the ICT consulting firm managed to accomplish the task through remote management. They appointed two focal persons to liaise and coordinate with the rural municipalities and IT officers while they coordinated with the district-based consortium partners to gather data and information on citizen aspects. Internet and telephony connectivity was an issue at Shivalaya Rural Municipality. Offline functionality has been put in place in the technological development.

2.2.1.4 Support to develop/revise periodic or strategic plan of LGs on thematic areas (Budget 6.1.13)

A tripartite Memorandum of Understanding was drafted and shared with Triveni Rural Municipality and Kalimati Rural Municipality of Salyan district and Chhedagaad Municipality of Jajarkot for their review and feedback. The MoU has spelled out the roles and responsibilities of the parties to be involved in the formulation process of municipal sectoral plans.

Reason for delay/postponement of this activity

This activity required a detailed assessment of the needs and priorities of Palikas. But the lockdown and travel restriction halted physical meetings with local governments in time. However, the district-based consortium partners did collect information from all the 12 Palikas on their needs/priorities and the budgets allocated for periodic or sectoral plan/policies. Due to the delay in assessment and the time taken by the local governments in decision making, the activity had to be postponed for 2021.

Activity 2.2.2: Research and advocacy on policies and schemes

2.2.2.1 Research on mapping policies, government schemes, its implementation and gaps (Budget 6.1.14)

A comprehensive policy research report on federal, provincial and local level Health, WASH, Education and Agriculture policies is developed based on the in-depth policy research carried out in year 1. Four separate policy briefs on Health, WASH, Education and Agriculture is also developed based on the findings and recommendations of the policy research report. The report provides an analysis of the policies enacted by the federal, provincial and local governments on WASH, health, education, and agriculture sectors in the federal setup from a human rights-based approach. The report gives valuable insights into the issues and challenges for the implementation of those policies and the gaps between policies and practices on the ground. Besides, the report also provides key recommendations to all levels of government for needed improvement in the participatory policy formulation, ensuring fundamental rights of the citizens in policy documents and for effective implementation of the policies along with suggestions for active civic engagement in the processes.

The in-depth policy research was conducted in year 1 at workings Palikas of Kalikot, Jajarkot and Salyan district, and with concerned government ministries, departments and offices of Karnali Province. The research is also conducted at federal level with key relevant line ministries, department and offices. The research has adopted both qualitative and quantitative methods including in-depth interviews, key informants interviews, focus group discussions, community score cards, case studies, observations, informal interviews and discussions, and secondary information carrying out field work in all 12 Palikas of Kalikot, Jajarkot and Salyan districts. See Annex-4 for detail policy research report.

Reason for delay/cancelation/postponement/modification of the activities:



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There has been modification in number of copies of policy research report to be published due to expensive publication cost. The original plan was to publish 500 copies of policy research report. However due to budget constraint, 100 copies of policy research report and 800 copies of policy briefs are published and disseminated.

2.2.2.3 Conduct meetings on participatory policy formulation between LGs and CSOs (Budget 5.7.21)

In three events implemented in working Palikas of Kalikot 72 participants from LGs and CSOs participated where 44 were male and 28 were female. Meeting enabled both parties to reflect about the gap between the core value of constitution and current status at filed. Facilitation was done in group to assess the current policy formulation practice which reflects both the parties to be more conscious about their roles and responsibilities to install this new system in a good way. An action plan was also committed from participants to meet the basic requirement further during policy formulation and implementation.

Reason for delay/postponement/cancellation:

NA

Activity 3.1.1: Facilitate coordination between Palikas and Province

3.1.1.1 Facilitate coordination & dialogue between Palika and provincial governments (Budget 5.7.22)

The provincial dialogue was organized in two themes identified in coordination with the consortium partners (Sahakarmi Samaj, Dalit Development Society DDS and IM). The themes were A) situation of the coordination

and cooperation between provincial government and local governments for the effective implementation of GRB/GESI budget and plan. B) Sharing and discussion on the findings of the policy research WASH, Health, Agriculture and Education. As participants shared the workshops were fruitful and very much appreciable. There was presence of 56 (35 Male and 21 Female) people including, provincial ministers (Economic and Internal affairs Ministers and Social Development Minister) , provincial parliamentarians, locally elected representatives of Kalikot, Jajakot and Salyan, Dalit Rights activists and Journalists. Among 56, 17 Dalit, 4 Janajati and 4 were youths. It was a platform for the provincial parliamentarians and local elected representatives to share their problems, challenges and grievances. They shared that there is lack of coordination among the PGs and LGs and technical support from PGs to LGs during planning and budgeting. Therefore, the economic and internal affair Minister made commitment to establish the effective coordination mechanism between PGs and LGs.

Reason for delay/ postponement/cancellation/Modification: NA

3.1.1.2 Conduct learning sharing workshop among LGs, CBNOs and province (Budget 5.7.23)

With an aim to connect, share and plan on the basis of experiences and practices on governance in province and local levels, a learning sharing workshop between CSOs, CBOs and province was organized in Surkhet jointly with Nepal government, provincial and local governance support program (PLGSP). With the representative participation of CGs, Youth forums, CBOs at local level, CSOs at District, thematic sections of provincial government and provincial planning commission; 2 days' workshop led discussion to share, reflect and make further joint plans. 50 participants form Kalikot, Jajarkot, Salyan and Surkhet had participated, out of them 13 were female, 7 Dalits, 6 Janajatis and 21 were youth. On the first day governance status was observed in three different ways such as; i. Status of citizens' participation at local level, ii. Status of governance in thematic areas (Health, education, Agriculture and Wash), iii. Governance practices within CG/CSOs/CBOs and other non-government stakeholders. And on second day the interaction was held with provincial thematic officials and provincial planning commission on the basis of first day outcomes. The two day workshop was concluded with the mutual understanding of possible constructive and collaborative initiatives to be followed by all to promote the governance in province and local level.

Reason for delay/ postponement/cancellation/Modification:

NA

3.1.1.3 Engagement with Province parliamentarians (5.7.24)



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A one day engagement with Province parliamentarians was organized in Surkhet jointly with Nepal government provincial and local governance support program (PLGSP) where parliamentarian. 53 participants from CGs/CBOs/CSOs representatives, media representatives and other stakeholders were participated to raise the issues and discuss on it to. On the program, presentation on governance status, burning issues, community voices was done at first followed by an interaction session facilitated by a journalist between stakeholders and parliamentarian. All the attendees from the provincial parliament address the raised issues with their commitments and appeals to institutionalize the governance at province and local level. All the participants expressed their thankfulness to program for creating such a platform to ask, complain and collaborate for the promotion and institutionalization of good governance in Province and Local level.

Reason for delay/ postponement/cancellation/Modification:

NA

3.1.2.1 Province level Good Governance network formation / participation (Budget 5.7.25)

SS organized a one day meeting with CGs/CBOs/CSOs working in good governance in project working area to discuss about the need of provincial good governance network as a governance watch duck, to advocate governance issues and to collaborate for the progressive outcomes in sub-national good governance. In total 41 CGs/CBOs/CSOs, journalists, NGOs and other civil society representative from Jajarkot, Kalikot, Surkhet and Salyan district were participated. Out of them, 12 were female, 7 were dalits, 5 were janajatis and 21 were youth. The workshop started with a lecturer session by Mr. Pitambar Dhakal former Dean of Mid-western University on importance of civil society on governance. After an intensive discussion, the meeting decided to form an ad hoc committee to take initiation to unite governance stakeholders from all the district of the Karnali Province and form a unified, inclusive and well purposive network for the organized and consistent action. 8 members committee consisting 2 (one male and on female) members from each available district has formed.

Reason for delay/ postponement/cancellation/Modification:

The program was conducted jointly with other provincial events to ensure the Covid-19 precautions and minimize the public mobilization amid Covid-19 recovering situation.

ER3: Op 3.2. Best practices on local good governance are documented and disseminated to other sub-national governments, development partners in the province and country-wide.

Activity 3.2.1: Documentation and dissemination of results for replication

3.2.1.1 Identify, document and disseminate the best practices for replication

Please see 3.2.1.2 for newsletter related reports.

3.2.1.2 Publish newsletter and disseminate to stakeholders

Two e-newsletter for the project is published and disseminated in a half yearly basis to the consortium members and wider stakeholders in June and December 2020. A several round of consultations were done with the consortium members to collect information from field. Photos and contents were collected from SS, DDS and CDWN team. During the designing phase also the consortium members were consulted for their inputs and comments. The newsletter has covered the information about the project, its consortium members, working areas, target groups, expected outcomes and the major activities conducted in 2020 with success stories. See Annex- 5.1 and 5.2 for E- newsletter details.

Reason for delay/ postponement/cancellation/Modification:

NA

3.2.2.1 Conduct coordination meeting/workshop among LGs of working Palikas (Budget 5.7.26)

With an aim of creating a platform for collaboration, coordination and replication at Palikas, 5 events were organized in each working Palikas of Salyan district. Local level representatives, governmental staffs and other stakeholders were the participants of this coordination meeting among them 31 were female, 12 were Dalit, 17



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were Janajati and 46 were Youths. In the meeting, each participants shared their experience on good practices, learnings and challenges faced on good governance including elected representative and government officials.

Reason for delay/ postponement/cancellation/Modification:

Events planned for Kalikot and Jajarkot has postponed due to restriction on public gathering on Pandemic and in Salyan it was shifted and implemented in last quarter.

3.2.2.2 Conduct sharing meeting/workshop among LGs of working districts (Budget 5.7.27)

2 district level learning sharing workshops were successfully organized in Kalikot and Jajarkot to create a platform to share the best practices, issues and work on collaborative action against them together in each district. 43 participants from district level govt and non govt. Out of them 16 were female, 11 dalits, 2 janajatis and 15 were youth. In the meeting, each participant shared their experience on good practices, learnings and challenges faced on good governance including elected representative and government officials. The meeting was concluded with some action points to play a progressive, collaborative and reflective actions from each stakeholder for the betterment in district.

Reason for delay/ postponement/cancellation/Modification:

In Salyan, it is postponed and planned for next as it was unable to conduct this year in a limited time frame as government had loosen up the lockdown after September only.

Project Cycle Management (PCM) Activities:

04 Supporting partners on donor's compliance management (finance, procurement, communication and visibility) Budget 5.7.30

A regular coaching and guidance has been ensured for the finance team of consortium partners from SS and IM in a regular basis using digital means even in COVID-19 restrictions. Joint financial compliance monitoring have been continued in a periodic basis to manage the EU compliance on procurement and finance. Furthermore, Consortium coordinator SS organized a 3 day EU compliance and financial management training to the consortium members in 2020. The training was facilitated by IM as a technical partner. Training enabled participants to discuss and share the experiences on the issues they are facing and make clearer on ways to address such issues and compliance requirements properly.

05 Annual and Semi-Annual Review and Planning meetings (Budget 5.7.31)

The annual and semi-annual review and planning meetings with all the project team was done on time even virtually amidst Covid-19 restriction. The first training was done in Kathmandu with an aim of making annual plan. Two virtual meetings were done in between to review and discuss on how to run project activities continuously even during nationwide lockdown. In December there was a 2 days' workshop for annual review in Kathmandu where all the consortium members participated. This meeting was key to bring together all partners to review the progress of intervention and develop strategies to accelerate project's implementation and ensuring quality. In the workshop, the in-depth discussion was done on projects' annual progress, challenges, way forward, roles and responsibilities and further strategies.

Reason for delay/ postponement/cancellation:

The semi-annual review was done virtually due to covid-19 restrictions.

Ref Methodology Section 2.1.2.3 Social Audit and R/MPAC of the Project at the R/M level (Budget 5.7.32)

As a major tool of social accountability, the project conducted social audit in all working Palikas of Kalikot, Jajarkot and Salyan. In two Palikas Bheri and Khadachakra the event was implemented jointly with DPAC/M/RM-PAC. Other 10 events were conducted in working palikas of Kalikot (Narahari, Sanni), Jajarkot (Shivalay, Chhedagad, Junichade) and Salyan (Kapurkot, Kalimati, Triveni, Sidhhakumakh and Darma). In total 240 stakeholders from Palikas, CGs/CSOs/CBOs, Journalists and other likeminded organizations participated. Out of them 125 were female, 53 were dalits, 20 were janajatis, 4 were peoples with disabilities and 131 were youth. Local elected representatives, government officials and members of the community groups had raised their concerns, suggestions and appreciations regarding program implementation.



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NA

Ref Methodology 2.1.2.4 The procedures for follow up and internal/external evaluation;

Development of Project Monitoring Framework:

M&E interaction sessions were held virtually among the consortium partners on the project's logframe. M&E data collection tools developed in 2019 was further refined and a common understanding built up among the consortium programmes teams.

The consortium meeting decided to postpone the activity of inline survey planned for the 4th quarter of 2020 given the hectic work schedule. With the lifting of lockdown, the field teams were focused on executing field activities. On the other hand, the project has not budgeted the inline survey. Thus, this would be done within June 2021 under the leadership of M&E Officer with support from the field teams.

Methodology section 2.1.2.3 Partner's level monthly review and planning staff meeting (all partners) (Ref 5.7.33)

All consortium partners conducted their monthly staff review and planning meeting consistently. Regular update and sharing within project management team was ensured through mail communication and virtual meetings. Steering committee meeting had also taken place as per the need and usual practice. Such meetings were conducted in a participatory way so that actual context from each working area could be reflected and addressed. The regular meeting and sharing within the project team has made implementation more efficient and effective as all the raised issues were addressed well in team with enough discussion.

Reason for delay/ postponement/cancellation/Modification:

The quarterly review and planning workshop with the project implementation team was conducted virtually due to covid-19 restrictions.

Activity 5.4.2 DPAC meeting (2.1.2.4)

As a part of the government compliance, SS and DDS have conducted DPAC, MPAC and RMPAC of the project in working areas. SS conducted 2 DPAC in Kalikot and Jajarkot in December involving the representative participation of LGs of working Palikas, thematic agencies at District and other stakeholders and shared its implementation status. In total 57 people had taken part in the meeting out of which 22 were female, 21 were dalits and 21 were youth. The meeting highlighted good practice to be encouraged, gaps to be addressed and priorities to be focused on further by project. Most of the members shared their hope of bringing positive change on good governance as the project has amalgamated many proven approaches which enable and unite all the stakeholders together to the joint action and also shared their good experience they have observed by the project.

Reason for delay/ postponement/cancellation/Modification:

NA

2.3 Log frame matrix updated

Please see annex-6 for updated log frame.

<Please list all contracts (works, supplies, services) above € 60 000 awarded for the implementation of the action during the reporting period, giving for each contract the amount, the name of the contractor and a brief description on how the contractor was selected.>

NA

2.4 Please provide an updated action plan for the future activities of the project2

Please see annex-7 for updated action plan.

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This plan will cover the financial period between the interim report and the next report.



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3. Beneficiaries/affiliated entities and other Cooperation

3.1 How do you assess the relationship between the beneficiaries/affiliated entities of this grant contract (i.e. those having signed the mandate for the Coordinator or the affiliated entity statement)? Please provide specific information for each beneficiary/affiliated entity.

There is a healthy and collaborative relationship among the beneficiaries/affiliated entities of this grant contract. SS has taken responsibility of synergising the overall project objective through consistent interactions, meetings and observations. Furthermore, as an implementing partner and technical expert of community mobilization in the team, SS have been playing a vital role to install the project them at community level.

As a technical expert in financial compliances, Education, Agriculture and livestock, Human right, GESI, C&V etc.; IM have played a very supportive and remarkable role in the project to ensure the quality delivery in such thematic areas. Similarly, Tdh have been effectively playing its part and providing technical support related to Health, WASH, ICT, Youth mobilization and M&E effectively. CDWN has a strong role to implement the project activities to ensure the GESI approach in the governance by conducting various training to the local government on GRB and capacity development etc.

DDS is sincerely implementing its part in the Salyan district. As a local organization it has been a very supportive and coordinative role especially to implement activities in Salyan. The combination of partners with specific expertise in acquired project methodologies has been making the implementation process more efficient. Within the consortium it has been a means of capacity enhancement by exchanging the learning among each other as per the need.

3.2 How would you assess the relationship between your organisation and State authorities in the Action countries? How has this relationship affected the Action?

There exists compatibility and sense of respect between SS and state authorities at local and provincial level. While there was a severe situation at province due to Covid-19 outbreak, consortium lead; SS contributed one hundred thousand rupees in the relief fund of Provincial government from its internal core fund and collaborated with local governments to mobilize the volunteers in community for awareness campaign. The track record and previous indulgence of SS in the working districts has made it more convenient for the project activities to be implemented and accepted by local authorities. Regular consultation and interaction with state authorities has been fruitful and their eagerness towards collaborating with SS has made the effectiveness of the project more ensured.

Likewise, Tdh attended various workshops/meetings related to governance in Kathmandu and shared its learning and useful information with partners related to the project. Tdh also visited three Rural Municipalities in Salyan and Jajarkot and discussed project objectives, their impression towards the project.

Similarly, CDWN has a good impression with the government authorities as a Dalit women led organization which has helped to coordinate with national, provincial and local representatives. There was a good collaboration with the provincial government, provincial planning commission and local governments. We had jointly organized a provincial sub-national governance conference in Birendranagar with Nepal governments' Provincial and Local Governance Support Program (PLGSP) Karnali Province.

There has been a smooth relationship between the relevant state authorities and IM despite our HRBA and advocacy based working approach. In 2nd year also IM coordinated with all three level government during accomplishing policy research. Dalit Development Society, since its establishment has been working with the close coordination and collaboration with many other governmental as well as non-governmental organization.



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Overall, there is a good relationship established between all the consortiums and state authorities in the country. This has helped for the smooth implementation of the project.

3.3 Where applicable, describe your relationship with any other organisations involved in implementing the Action:

Associate(s) (if any) NA

Contractor(s) (if any) NA

Final Beneficiaries and Target groups

After reaching out at least each local level of the proposed Palikas in the first year, this year we focused to enhance the community mobilization through a well-known facilitation tool FEST; which leads community groups towards their progressive action for the change by their own. Specially FEST approached facilitation at the group has reflected people with their internal potentialities and resources which enabled them to take various initiations on their own such as making foot path reconstruction, public place sanitation events etc. Furthermore, at the last quarter of 2nd year we provided group strengthening/leadership training (GST) to 7-8 group leaders of each CGs to enhance their skills and abilities to lead the group in long run. Community people had shared their exciting experiences with the CGs and showed their spirit to lead the community by their own. This spells that we have built a good and trustworthy relationship with our final beneficiaries and target groups.

Other third parties involved (including other donors, other government agencies or local government units, NGOs, etc.)

There was a close and detailed coordination and interaction with other I/NGOs, AIN, CBOs, CSOs, Palikas executives, provincial thematic units, province planning commission, PLGSP and other stakeholders. As a governance project we had several coordination meetings, interactions and workshops to enhance the subnational good governance with all the concerned stakeholders working in governance in Karnali Province. In that way project has scaled up the healthy and meaningful relation with other parties in the working area.

3.4 Where applicable, outline any links and synergies you have developed with other actions.

Project team has established a good relationship with Karnali province Social Development Ministry, Planning Commission and local government (Mayor, Deputy Mayors and elected women representatives of working palikas) through learning sharing initiatives and interactions we conducted collaboratively. Apart from that, a

four-day governance conference was organized jointly with Nepal government's Provincial and Local Governance Support Program (PLGSP) with the close coordination of likeminded organizations which had successfully formed a provincial good governance network as organized forum with the inclusive representation of province level CSOs from each district. This is very new initiative in the province which will coordinate, collaborate and advocate the governance issues in the province.

3.5 If your organisation has received previous EU grants in view of strengthening the same target group, in how far has this Action been able to build upon/complement the previous one(s)? (List all previous relevant EU grants).

NA

4. Visibility

The visibility is ensured through the banners and other materials having the Logo of the EC has been used in following events and items;



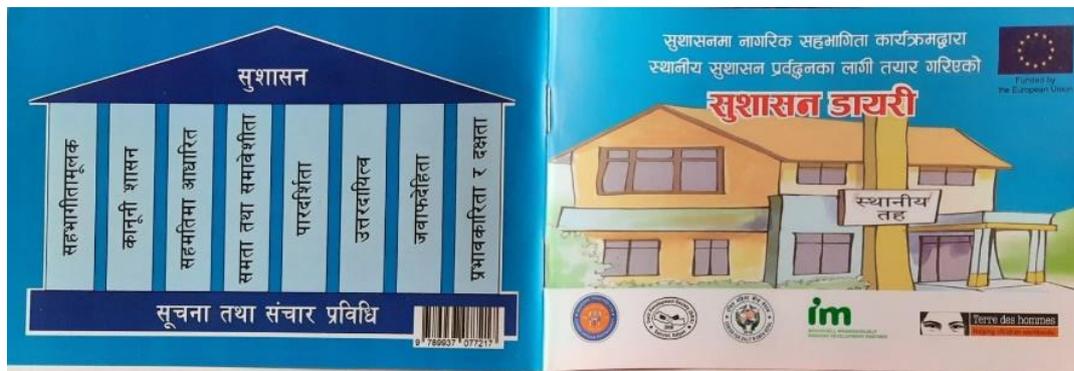
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- At workshops/ trainings/ orientations/ interactions programme at field, district, provincial and national level wherever possible with the consent of the target groups
- In e-newsletter, policy briefs and reports, good governance diary published and flip chart published
- Reports, financial vouchers, monthly timesheet, PowerPoint presentations
- At t-shirt and pen drive produced



Pen drive, policy research reports, Policy briefs published.



Sushasan (Good Governance) Diary Published



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It will be our pleasure to share the results of the action through the Europe Aid Website. We have no objection.

Please see annex-8 for project related photos.

List of annexes;

- Annex 1: Covid-19 engagement of the project
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