



PLAN
INTERNATIONAL

ANNUAL HIGHLIGHTS 2017

THE **BRIEF REPORT** INCLUDES THE PROGRESS OF
PLAN INTERNATIONAL'S PROGRAMME BETWEEN
JULY 2016 AND JUNE 2017 IN NEPAL.

IN 2017...

We worked in

2244
COMMUNITIES

of

42
DISTRICTS

We implemented

91
PROJECTS

through

214
DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS



HEALTH

151,177
WOMEN
aware on
safe birth



WATER, SANITATION AND
HYGIENE

30,070
HOUSEHOLDS
build toilets



EDUCATION

38,775
CHILDREN
retain in school
with educational
materials support



ECONOMIC SECURITY

1,955
YOUTH
receive career
counselling



CHILD PROTECTION

13,291
PEOPLE
aware on child
protection and
gender equality



CHILD CENTRE DISASTER
RISK MANAGEMENT

52
SCHOOLS
carry out disaster
preparedness
activities

Developing New Strategy

LOOKING AT THE FUTURE 2017–2022

We have developed a new strategy that focuses on a robust gender transformative approach and a strong emphasis on inclusion for children with disabilities and other marginalised groups including Dalits. The overarching goal of the strategy is an elimination of child/early and forced marriage which will be contributed by all its five programmes. We have an ambitious plan to reach out to 1 million girls within the period of new strategy through the programmes. The indirect reach through policy influence and media campaigns will be 10 million children; half of them are girls.

GIRLS AND BOYS START EQUALLY

Girls and boys grow up healthy from the start in an environment providing equal opportunities as parents and caregivers socialize them in a gender equal and inclusive manner.

GIRLS LEARN EQUALLY

Girls and boys learn in gender-transformative and disability-inclusive educational institutions that deliver quality education in developmental and humanitarian settings.



GIRLS ACT

The agency of children, especially that of adolescent girls, is increased through asset-building, enhanced access to sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) services, and growth in self-protection capabilities.

GIRLS PROTECT

Girls experience reduced levels of gender-based violence and discriminatory social norms and practices and grow up safely in communities free of child marriage, child trafficking and child labor.

RESILIENT GIRLS AND BOYS

Girls and boys strengthen community resilience-building through gender-transformative and disability-inclusive disaster risk management; climate change adaptation; and WASH promotion.



WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE (WASH)

This year too, we supported 26 communities to declare them Open Defecation Free (ODF) through Community Led Total Sanitation (CLTS) approach. We also conducted hygiene promotion activities in the ODF declared communities mainly to raise awareness and realisation for hygiene behaviour change among the people. Schools in our working areas were supported for child, gender and disability friendly WASH facilities together with hygiene and menstrual hygiene behaviour promotion. This contributed to improve children's health and teaching and learning environment in the schools. WASH in schools also helped to reduce the absenteeism among adolescent girls during their menstruation period in the schools. We also helped communities to construct new drinking water supply schemes and reconstruct/ rehabilitate earthquake damaged water supply schemes. WASH activities mainly hygiene promotion integrated with nutrition messaging continued in 14 hilly districts of Nepal through our PAHAL (Promoting Agriculture Health and Alternative Livelihood) Project funded by USAID.

KEY FACTS

- 30,070 households built improved toilets by their own and declared their communities Open Defecation Free
- 10,222 people were made aware and realized on hygiene behavior change
- 433 families in rural communities gained access to improved clean drinking water supply with construction of 10 new and rehabilitation of earthquake damaged water supply schemes
- 42 child clubs were mobilised to promote hygiene behavior
- 24 schools and 13 early childhood care and development centers were supported with WASH facilities



HEALTH

One of our aims is to reduce maternal, new-born and child health mortality rate contributing to national health system in our working areas through our various programmes. To achieve the aim, we provided training on skill birth attendant and new-born care to health professional and community health volunteers. We continued our support of providing equipment to health centres and construction of birthing centre. Our Pregnant Women Group Project, which was implemented in 335 village development committees of 15 districts played a crucial role to reduce maternal and neonatal deaths as the project made aware hundreds of pregnant women. Furthermore, we supported to conduct health camps that screened children with different types of disabilities and provided assistance and rehabilitation.

KEY FACTS

- 151,177 women became aware on safe birth
- 4,194 people participated in behavioural change communication sessions
- 1,787 pregnant women of rural community received antenatal service
- 1,102 health professionals and 350 volunteers trained on skill birth attendant and antenatal care
- 952 children received health check-ups at camps
- 147 children with disabilities received assistive devices and 83 had corrective surgery
- 23 health facilities supported with health equipment (stretcher, bed, solar light, etc.)



BASIC EDUCATION

We contributed to improve access to quality inclusive basic education through the interventions of awareness campaign on no child left out from school and declaration of out of school children free communities. We also supported to run parenting education on responsive care and early stimulation to promote parent to child interactive environment at homes. Book corners inside the classrooms of ECED/pre-primary were set up. Teachers training on materials development; inclusive education management training to school management member, parents and teachers were provided.

Stationeries and education materials were also provided to girl child, children with disabilities, dalit and children from the economically poor background. Moreover, we continued to work with Ministry of Education, Department of Education and District Education Offices to bring Disability Inclusive Education Policy, Safe School Policy, Community Mobilisation Guideline for Early Grade Reading and Inclusive Education Training Manuals. For the improvement of students in their early grade, we developed 8 different types of early grade reading materials and distributed 8,000 sets of the materials to 500 schools. We had made significant



contribution to develop the Safe School Policy which is awaiting for cabinet's approval.

KEY FACTS

- 38,775 vulnerable children (girls 19,944) received stationeries and school bags; and monitored them to retain in school
- 721 children with disabilities provided with educational, hygiene and sanitation materials
- 641 out of school children of 14 communities brought back into school
- 504 teachers trained on producing early learning materials and inclusive education with focus to children with disabilities and dalit
- 82 schools promoted as a model classroom especially for 4 to 7 years children studying in pre-primary to grade 3 which created joyful learning environment to 8,500 children (girls: 4,390)



ECONOMIC SECURITY

We continued providing vocational and life skill training to adolescent girls and young women and supported to start their enterprises. We facilitated to form young women organisations in our working areas and worked through those groups. Apart from young women, we also supported marginalised and poor families through various income generating activities such as vegetable production, mushroom farming and dairy production. We also supported women cooperatives to strengthen their institutional capabilities in order to sustain and provide financial service at communities.

KEY FACTS

- 1,955 young women and men received career counselling
- 877 young women trained on agricultural and kitchen garden technique
- 300 marginalised families received start up support
- 249 survivors and highly vulnerable young women trained on vocational skill



- 142 young women provided with capacity building training
- 111 young women supported with micro grants to start enterprises
- 55 young women organisation formed with 2,827 members
- 29 women cooperatives (13,000 members) supported to expand their membership outreach and build their institutional capacity



CHILD PROTECTION

Through our programme work, we continued preventing and protecting children, young girls and women who were vulnerable and at risk from exploitation and abuse particularly from child labour, trafficking and child marriage. We facilitated life skills sessions to provide knowledge on goal setting, career planning, rights and responsibilities, reproductive health, child marriage and other skills needed for creating a brighter future. We carried out numerous campaigns and activities against child labour. Our support remained key to declare communities as child labour free area. Furthermore, we joined hands to advocate not to use or mobilise children in election campaigns. As a result, election-monitoring committees in our working districts were formed and political parties expressed their commitments in respecting the rights of the child.

We supported the government to revise and finalise the Standard Operation Procedure for repatriation of survivors of trafficking from India and third countries. Moreover, we collaborated in child rights budget analysis and developing action plans for implementation of recommendation of Universal Periodic review report (UPR) and Convention on rights of the child (CRC) and preparing voluntary

national review report on SDGs. One stop Crisis Centre of Bardiya and Sunsari were strengthened through providing training to medical doctors and staff nurses on health response on Gender Based Violence for ensuring quality service provision to survivors.

KEY FACTS

- 13,291 people and 989 protection committees' members aware on child protection and gender equality
- 4,772 marginalised adolescents including 123 boys participated in life skill classes
- 1,470 girls and boys were trained on protecting themselves from abuse and exploitation
- 446 child labours rescued and reintegrated with their families
- 437 young women working in entertainment sector supported
- 173 community based child protection mechanisms were supported and strengthened, among them 114 are working actively
- 171 children and young women survivor from gender based violence supported with education and income generating activities
- 123 children intercepted from being trafficked from border information booths



CHILD CENTRED DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT

Plan International Nepal, as part of its commitment to contribute towards community resilience, have implemented child centred disaster risk reduction project in 5 districts namely; Bardiya (through Banke Programme Unit), Rautahat, Makwanpur, Sunsari and Morang covering 12 VDCs and 15 schools. Further, we implemented safe school projects in Sindhuli, Makwanpur and Baglung and flood resilience project in Morang and Sunsari. Through the project, we raised awareness on disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation among communities and students. As result of our intervention, now people of these areas feel more resilient and have been able to support during emergency. Students are aware about climate change and its consequences in their surroundings. They raise awareness on disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation in their area by publishing wall magazine, carrying out fire safety campaign, street drama and more.

We worked as a district lead support agency (DLSA) in Sunsari and Makwanpur and provided support to DDRC for the coordination of DRM activities at district level.



KEY FACTS

- 14,875 people took part in various activities on DRR
- 240 children received training on child protection in emergencies
- 120 people are developed as first responders to provide first aid service during emergencies
- 58 people received community based search and rescue training and 9 schools were supported with community based search and rescue materials
- 15 schools were supported to carry out risk assessment for assessing the vulnerability and capacity
- 13 schools carried out mock drill
- 15 school based disaster risk management committees formed
- 12 local disaster risk management plans developed.

EARTHQUAKE RECOVERY SUPPORT

We continued to support for recovery interventions in major four earthquake affected districts namely Dolakha, Sindhupalchowk, Makwanpur and Sindhuli. During the reporting period, we reached 58,673 households in 49 village development committees in those district through our programmes. Some key highlights:

CHILD PROTECTION

- 28 Child Protection Committee formed to raise awareness on child protection
- 90 alert and monitoring system operated to act as watch groups to reduce child labour and child trafficking
- 514 children were intercepted through five anti trafficking booths
- 753 vulnerable children received education support to continue study

BASIC EDUCATION

- 12 safe schools built enabling 3200 students to have access on safe environment and inclusive education
- 832 teachers, Education Officials and School Management Committee members received training on safe school



- 228 WASH facilities established at schools for children to access water and sanitation
- 2,320 parents and community members received training on resilient features, safe school and inclusive education

SHELTER

- 10,503 households received construction materials and fixing tools for shelter
- 5,967 families received information on safer construction through trained masons
- 861 local masons and carpenters trained on earthquake resistant house constructions
- 418 local representatives oriented on ongoing housing reconstruction processes and policies

WASH

- 21,886 households received materials to rebuild toilets
- 194 hygiene promotion events were conducted to raise awareness on hand washing, menstrual health and water handling techniques, etc
- 169 community water supply schemes were reconstructed/rehabilitated

LIVELIHOODS

- 350 vulnerable young women received skill training and support to operate their business

HEALTH

- A health post damaged by quake at Babare in Dolakha district reconstructed

CHILD SPONSORSHIP

Through child sponsorship, Plan International generates fund to bring a long lasting positive impact in lives of girls and children. At the current stage, Plan International Nepal has 39,000-sponsored children including ratio of 78% girls. Sponsored children are connected with their sponsors through various communications means such as letters and drawing. Some sponsors pay visit to their sponsored children

communities and witness the change their support has brought in their lives and communities.

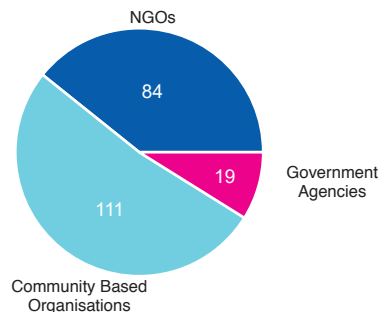
During the reporting period 35 sponsors paid visit to their sponsored children in Nepal.



PARTNERSHIP

Partnership plays a strong role to achieve positive impact in the work we do. This year, we worked with 214 various local development partners to bring the change in the lives of girls and boys including their families and communities.

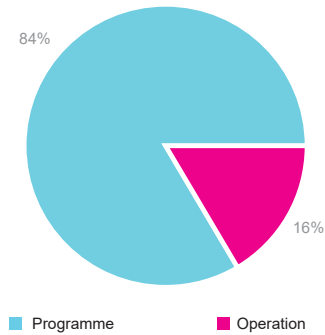
Plan International Nepal's Partners in 2017



FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS 2017

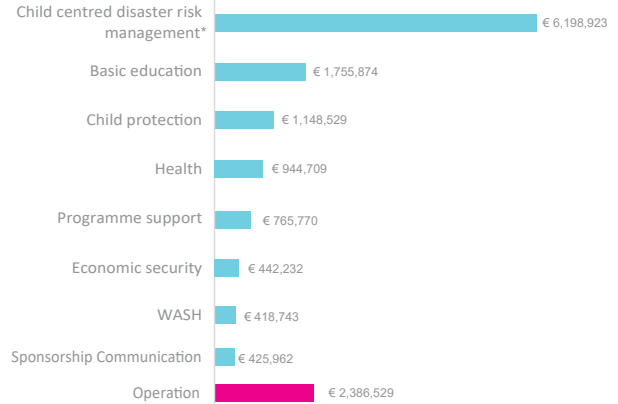
Programme Vs operation cost

Total expenditure: €14.47 million



Expenditure detail

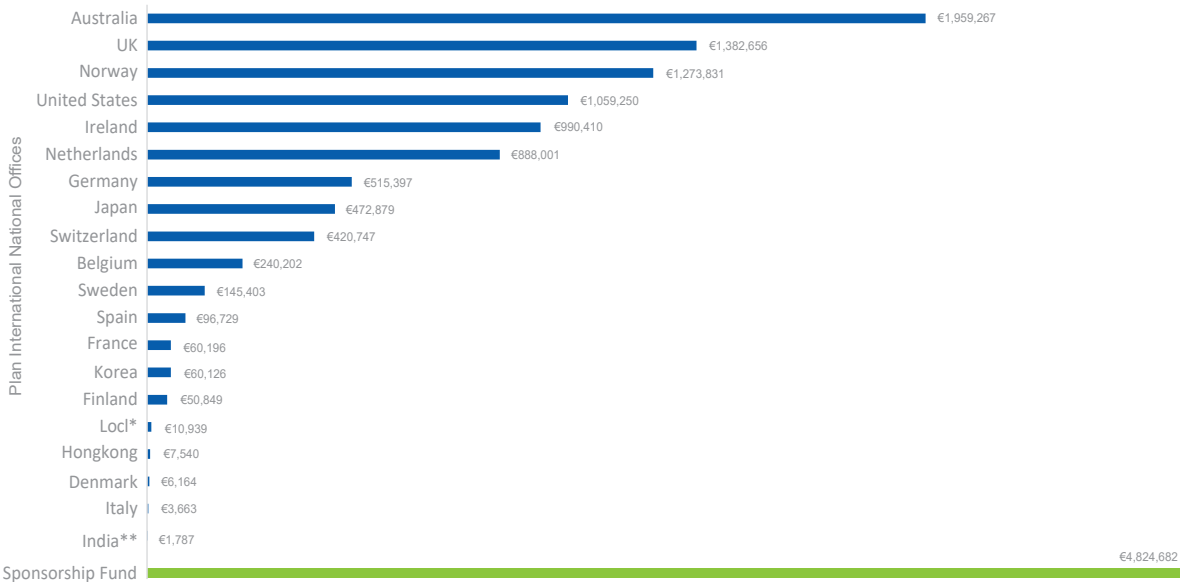
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* Includes the expenditure of earthquake recovery support

Expenditure by funding sources

Grants: €9.6 million and Sponsorship: €4.8 million



* Raised within the country ** Gift in Kinds

WE ARE ACCOUNTABLE

We are accountable to children and communities where we operate our programmes. In our programme areas, we invite children and community members to share us their thoughts about our programmes in

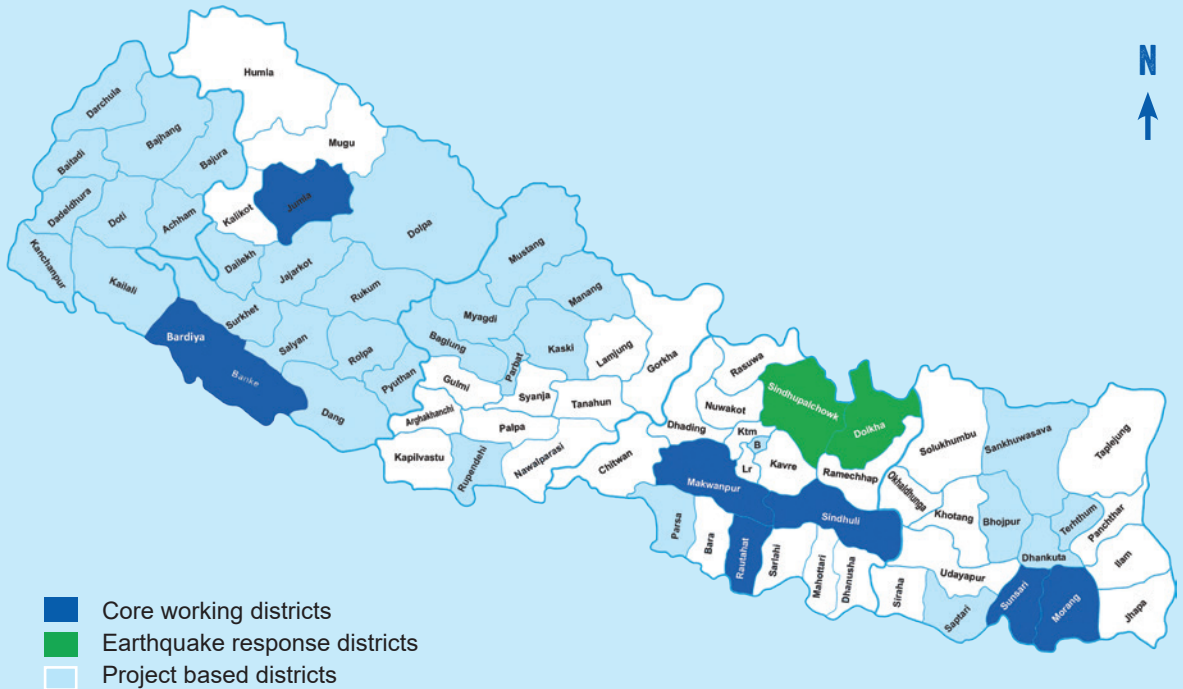
various occasions. We also collect feedback on our programmes and address them on time. Our projects and programmes are evaluated externally that provide us recommendation to improve programme quality. We ensure we listen the views of children as their views matter the most for us.

BECAUSE I AM A GIRL CAMPAIGN

Plan International's Because I am a Girl supports the youth-led, global movement for girls' rights and gender equality. This movement supports girls to take the lead and influence decisions that matter to them. As a part of the global movement, we supported to organised several activities to raise awareness on gender equality and make girls realised their potentialities.

During the reporting period, on the fifth International Day of Girl Child, a biggest girl's leadership event was held by organising a takeover in presidents' office where 40 girls from various districts collectively handed over an action plan to support girls in Nepal. Moreover, Sabina a 17-year-old girl, a child rights activist from Morang district took part in various takeover events in Spain where she voiced about the issue of child marriage and call for its immediate end.

PLAN INTERNATIONAL NEPAL WORKING DISTRICTS



ABOUT PLAN INTERNATIONAL NEPAL

Plan International is an independent development and humanitarian organisation that advances children's rights and equality for girls. We have been working in Nepal since 1978 to help marginalised children, their families and communities for accessing their rights to survival, development, protection, and participation.

We operated programmes through development partners in 42 districts including two quake affected districts in cooperations with government, civil society organisations and schools. Child Centred Community Development; human rights based approach is our way of working in all of our programmes.



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