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Development Opportunities in the Eastern Development Region of Nepal.

Sankhuwasabha is one of the beautiful districts in Province No. 1 of Eastern Nepal, with mountains and startlingly surreal landscapes with diverse ethnicities living in harmony, separated from other communities. ICA Nepal conducted Need Assessment along with the distribution of educational and healthcare materials at the Northern Part of Sankhuwasabha and Makalu-Barun Areas. The local organizations and people provided full support to the program. The 6-day trip remained fascinating and unforgettable. It



approximately took us 2-days to reach the administrative center of Sankhuwasabha i.e Khandbari along with some short visits to Khotang Haleshi Temple, and some renowned places of Nepal such as Diktel, Okhaldhunga, Bhojpur, Sindhuli, Hile, and Mid Hill Highway

Khadbari was surrounded by breathtaking scenery and mountain views, the local people were also very kind and innocent; additionally, they welcomed us with great hospitality. We successfully distributed educational and healthcare materials such as bags, books, copies, pen/pencil, sanitary napkins, soaps, sanitizers, masks, and COVID prevention posters at six different schools at Sankhuwasabha. The local schools included Shree Krishna Secondary School; Bhotkhola Municipality, Dharmadovar Basic School; Makalu Rural Municipality, Ekuwa Basic School; Makalu Rural Municipality, Shree Shova Basic School, Simma Health Post, and Pawakhola Health Post as well as School.



Education Support Program

The unavailability of electricity, and any other means of transportation, as well as road construction, was also the problems at peak; followed by innutritious food. People light up torch lights, tuki, and use solar power to eliminate the dark. Alaichi's farming was highly observed as a source of income generation. Due to Alaichi farming, people tend to farm fewer cash crops and buy overdue rice from India at a low price. The locals highly consume junk foods and more and more housewives are finding it easier to cook instant noodles and serve their families. During our visit, the people were expecting of getting more than just donations. We also observed discrimination as Dalits were not allowed to enter the kitchen whereas other ethnic groups were warmly welcomed inside the house. The unmanaged water resources have also been causing problems as livestock pollute the water. The construction of the reservoir was considered essential.



The locals further enlightened us about the conditions of health posts and requirements for Medical Equipment such as beds and generators in Karmarang and other health centers as well. The students need to take a long 3-4 hour route to come to school and lack nutritious lunch as well as shelter. The female students tend to suffer more and the day-to-day activities of these students have been very troublesome. The Need Assessment concluded that they require proper Hostels, especially for girls. To gain Higher Studies they further need to visit different other places that take around 6 -7 hours foot as there are no other means of transportation and are forced to drop out of school even though they wish to study more. The visit was full of surprises and worthy because of unforgettable moments spared in the lap of glorifying nature and with welcoming communities.



Every Friday Learning Friday

ICA Nepal has been organizing different Classified Talks shows from experts on Fundraising and Development-related topics. As mentioned in the earlier reports, we have been conducting Every Friday, Learning Friday program sessions by experts in a particular field. Topics for this January were:



- Leadership Management and Governance (LMG); Talk Series on NGO Capacity Building 1- Prof. Dr. Tatwa P. Timsina
- Gender Mainstreaming in Fundraising- Ms. Shreedhari Pandey
- Development Opportunities in Northern Sankhuwasabha: Views of NGOs' Activists- Mr. Lakpa Nurbu Sherpa, Ms. Ishu Subba
- NPL: Skill for Fundraising- Mr. Min Ghale

Attendees have warmly appreciated the learning program and the number of participants is growing each week. More and more audiences are attending this free webinar and improving their fundraising skills each Friday with ICA from all around Nepal. The experts and facilitators provide excellent insights to the participants. Additionally, we also express our gratitude to the experts through our Certificate of Appreciation.

ICA Nepal is an active leading facilitator for various organizations and has trained hundreds of facilitators on Leadership, Management, and Governance (LMG). ICA team organized a series of training on LMG for Handicap International and Rotary Clubs to encourage the design and implementation of challenge projects.

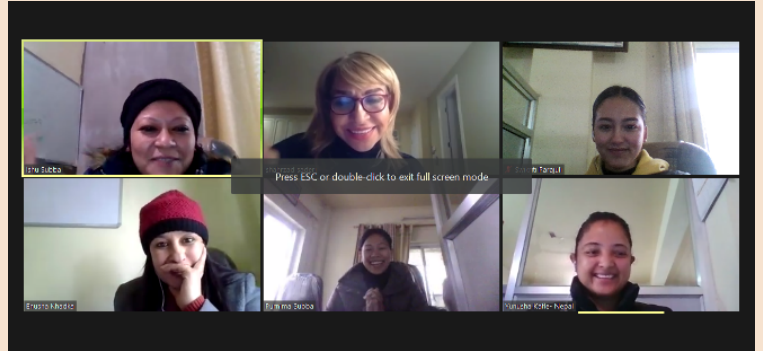
ICA Nepal has been facilitating different programs with the themes Women in Community Development.

This January, we successfully conducted a 3-day virtual training session on Master the Skill of Project Proposal Writing and Fundraisings.

ICA Nepal supported local farmers of Sindhupalchowk to sell Shitake Mushroom.

Prof. Tatwa P. Timsina, Founding Chair of ICA Nepal presented ICA Nepal's publications to Ms. Pemba Lama, Secretary of Madan Bhandari Foundation in Kathmandu.

Furthermore, we are very delighted to share that our founder, Prof. Dr. Tatwa P. Timsina, has been elected as the Chairperson of Imagine Nepal.



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