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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

During the reporting year, Lumanti Support Group for Shelter continued to advance its vision of inclusive, resilient, and community-led urban development across Nepal. Working in partnership with communities, local and national governments, financial institutions, academic institutions, and civil society networks, Lumanti expanded its reach to all seven provinces, covering 34 urban and three rural centers across 21 districts. Through these collective efforts, Lumanti delivered tangible improvements in housing, water, sanitation, livelihoods, and community resilience, positively impacting thousands of people.

A major milestone of the year was the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Ministry of Urban Development, strengthening collaboration to improve housing access for low-income and marginalized families. Across multiple municipalities, Lumanti promoted affordable, climate-resilient, and disaster-safe housing models. Innovative approaches included infill housing with improved seismic performance in Lalitpur, bamboo housing in Jeetpursimara, and the use of Compressed Stabilized Earth Blocks (CSEB) in Sundar Haraicha. Through grants, municipal contributions, and housing finance partnerships, a total of 176 houses were constructed, providing safe shelter and stability for 885 individuals. These initiatives demonstrated how community participation, local materials, and affordable financing can create dignified and sustainable housing solutions.

Improving access to clean water, sanitation, and essential infrastructure remained a core priority. Lumanti supported inclusive Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) planning in Pokhara, Hetauda, and other municipalities, ensuring that the needs of marginalized groups, including persons with disabilities, sanitation workers, Dalit communities, and LGBTQIA++ individuals, were actively addressed. During the year, 17 water taps were connected, benefiting 331 people, while 18 toilets, including one public facility, were constructed, collectively serving 9,198 people. In addition, Lumanti completed nine community infrastructure projects, including road improvements, community buildings, emergency shelters, drainage systems, a community pond, and rainwater harvesting systems, improving living conditions for 5,428 individuals.

At the national level, Lumanti, through its role as the secretariat of FANSA Nepal, played a key role in strengthening rights-based WASH advocacy. National dialogues, a WASH summit, and policy engagements brought together government officials, civil society, and community representatives to promote inclusive, sustainable sanitation services and stronger political commitment toward achieving Sustainable Development Goal 6.

Strengthening community resilience was a cross-cutting focus throughout the year. Lumanti organized 171 trainings, workshops, and learning events, engaging 4,344 participants, including women, youth, community leaders, sanitation workers, and local officials. These capacity-building efforts covered housing, WASH, disaster risk reduction, climate change, leadership, livelihoods, and community organization. Women's groups in Devdaha initiated small enterprises, disaster management committees were strengthened in several municipalities, and youth were actively engaged in planning, awareness campaigns, and local governance processes.

Community finance continued to be a cornerstone of Lumanti's approach to empowerment and inclusion. The organization supported 37 community-based women's savings and credit cooperatives across Nepal, with a combined membership of 52,856 women. These cooperatives played a critical role in mobilizing savings, expanding access to credit, and strengthening women's leadership and financial independence at the community level.

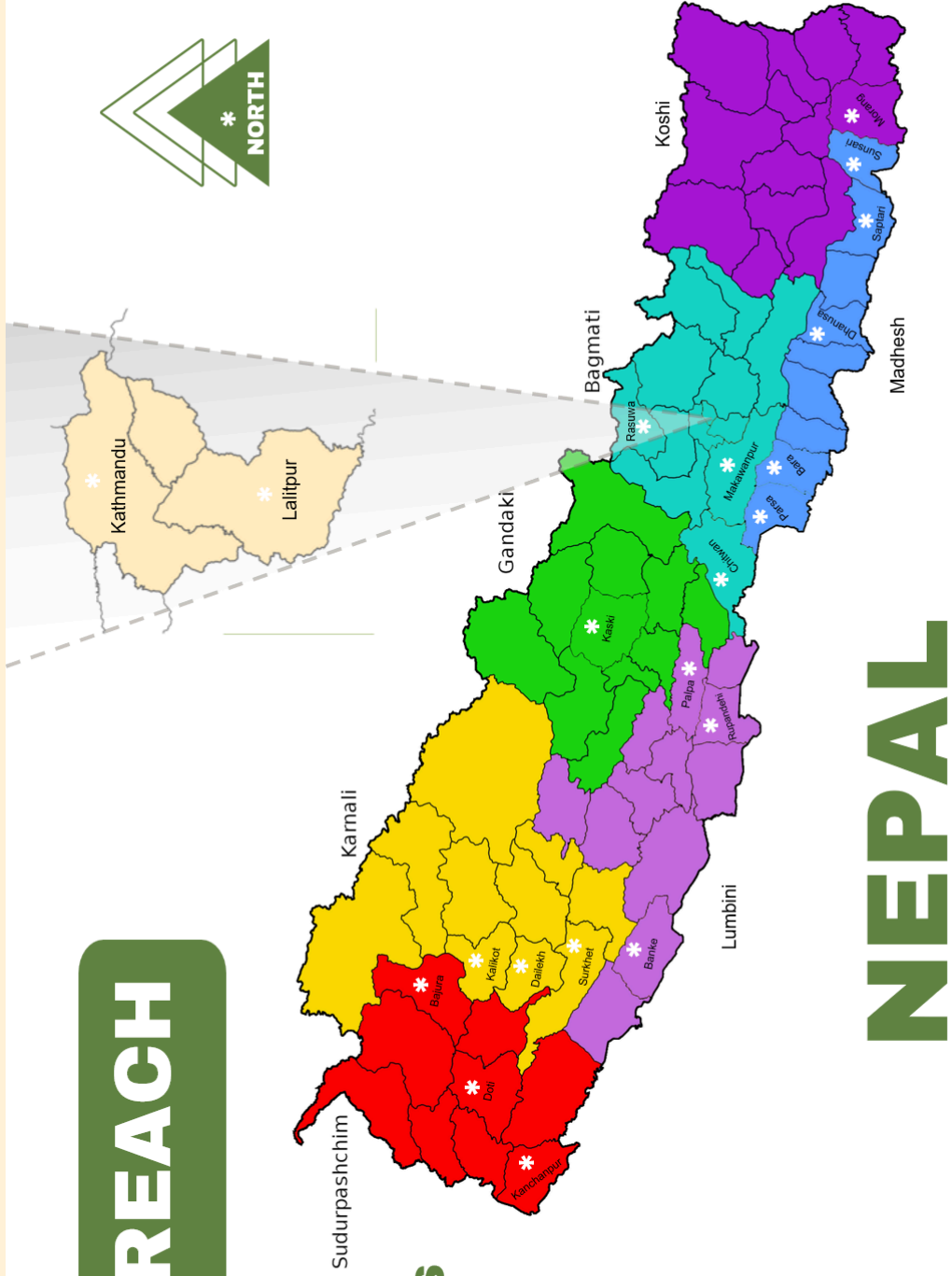
The year also marked the expansion of Lumanti's work into new thematic areas. The Community Care Project began advocating for the recognition of unpaid care work and the rights of caregivers, particularly women, within local planning processes. Meanwhile, the Youth-Centered Governance and Media Project empowered young people to engage in civic life through creative expression, community

dialogue, and digital platforms. Internationally, Lumanti strengthened its leadership as secretariat of the Asian Coalition for Housing Rights (ACHR) and FANSA South Asia, contributing Nepal's community-led experiences to regional and global learning spaces.

Overall, the year reaffirmed Lumanti's belief that lasting change is achieved when communities lead, institutions collaborate, and development processes are inclusive and participatory. As Lumanti looks ahead, it remains committed to scaling proven models, deepening partnerships, and ensuring that the voices of the urban and rural poor continue to shape more just, resilient, and inclusive cities and communities.

OUR OUTREACH

- 7 PROVINCES
- 21 DISTRICTS
- 34 URBAN CENTERS
- 3 RURAL CENTERS



NEPAL

176
HOUSES
885
PEOPLE

17
WATER TAPS
331
PEOPLE

18
TOILETS
9198
PEOPLE

9
COMMUNITY
INFRASTRUCTURE
5428
PEOPLE

37
COMMUNITY FINANCE
52856
PEOPLE

171
TRAININGS
WORKSHOPS
4344
PEOPLE

ACHIEVEMENTS

Housing for low income families



National-Level Consultation Workshop on Community-led Housing

This year has seen significant progress in housing initiatives, highlighted by a memorandum of understanding between the Ministry of Urban Development (MoUD) and Lumanti Support Group for Shelter. This agreement aims to support national, provincial, and local governments in enhancing housing access for low-income populations. Central to this collaboration is the promotion of sustainable housing models and the improvement of essential infrastructure and services in marginalized communities. The initiative emphasizes the importance of community organization participation in the housing policy-making process, while also focusing on strengthening the capacity of partner organizations to advocate for sustainable and inclusive housing solutions. Additionally, the agreement seeks to encourage activities that mitigate the impacts of climate change and other disasters, thereby fostering resilience within vulnerable communities.



Demonstration to build affordable infill-housing in Lalitpur

In Lalitpur, innovative approaches to affordable housing have been demonstrated through the development of infill housing that boasts improved sustainability and seismic performance compared to traditional concrete-framed structures. This initiative addresses land subdivision challenges by creating more adaptable housing types. Furthermore, initial research findings have been shared with municipal engineers and technical officers of Lalitpur Metropolitan City, aiming to inform and inspire practical applications in local urban planning and housing strategies. Collaborative discussions have also taken place regarding a manual draft with Lalitpur Metropolitan City and Earthquake Safety Solution.



Thematic Program Achievements



Five-days Training of Trainers for the Land Literacy Program

The five-day Training of Trainers for the Land Literacy Program, a collaborative initiative between the Lumanti Support Group for Shelter and the Land Management Training Center, wrapped up on March 7, 2025, at the Land Management Training Center in Dhulikhel, Kavre. This extensive training aimed to bolster participants' understanding and skills in land management and literacy, equipping them to tackle land-related challenges within their communities effectively.

A total of 26 participants took part in the program, representing a varied group that included community members, youth, women, and municipal officials from Dharan, Kalaiya Kalika Municipality, Sundar Haraicha Municipality, and Jeetpursimara Sub-metropolitan City. Additionally, staff from the Lumanti Support Group for Shelter and the Community Women Forum were also involved, highlighting the program's inclusive approach.

The training, conducted from March 3 to 10, 2025, was specifically designed for local government employees, facilitators, civil society representatives, and personnel from community-based organizations. During the closing ceremony, certificates were presented to the participants by Chief Guest Mr. Hari Prasad Rizal, Chairperson of the Land Issues Resolving Commission, alongside Ms. Guheshwori Shrestha, Chair of the Lumanti Support Group for Shelter.

Earlier on 25th February 2025, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Lumanti Support Group for Shelter and Land Management Training Center (LMTTC) was signed for organizing a training of trainers (TOT) program on Land Literacy.

MOU signed with Himalayan college for collaboration for a community mapping and planning



The signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Himalayan College has facilitated collaboration on a community mapping and planning workshop in Jeetpursimara. This partnership is designed to bolster the implementation of community-led initiatives, ensuring they are effectively integrated into broader planning systems.

Thematic Program Achievements

Intervention of bamboo housing in marginalized communities in Jeetpursimara



In Jeetpursimara, interventions involving bamboo housing have been implemented in marginalized communities, supporting climate change mitigation efforts and advocating for the development of relevant regulations and policies at various government levels. As of now, 27 bamboo houses have been built mobilizing 17 bamboo artisans who have been trained through the project. The funding contributions from the Jeetpursimara Sub-metropolitan City has been successfully leveraged to support housing construction for marginalized families, demonstrating a commitment to inclusive development.



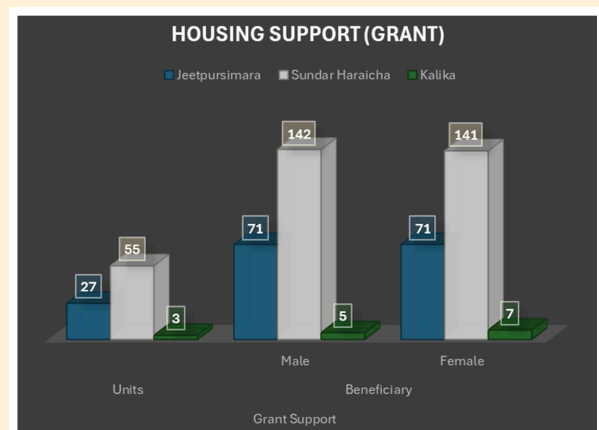
Apart from this, a research titled “Exploring the Role of Indigenous Knowledge in Developing Climate-Resilient Housing for Low-Income Groups in Hot Climate: Case of Jeetpursimara” has been conducted as part of a participatory action research project focused on clean cooling solutions.

Promoting Compressed Stabilized Earth Blocks (CSEB) in Sundar Haraicha and Kalika



Residents in Sundar Haraicha have been encouraged to construct their homes using Compressed Stabilized Earth Blocks (CSEB), a sustainable building material recognized for its climate resilience and potential to mitigate the impacts of climate change. Through the grant support in partnership with municipalities, a total of 55 families have built their houses out of targeted 100 houses in Sundar Hariacha whereas 3 families have constructed their houses in Kalika.

The financial contributions from the Sundar Haraicha and Kalika Municipality have been effectively utilized to facilitate the construction of housing for underprivileged families. This initiative not only addresses the pressing need for adequate shelter among marginalized communities but also reflects a broader commitment to social equity and community empowerment.



Partnership with financial institution for Housing Finance

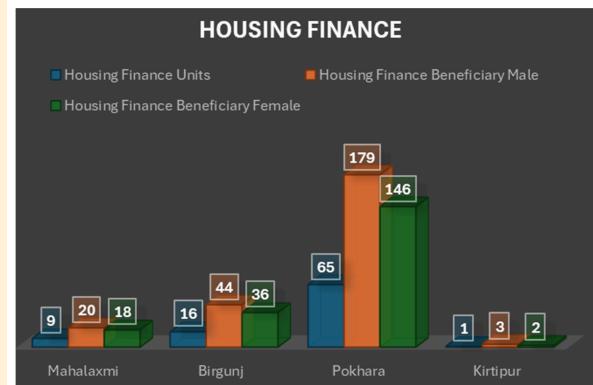


Towards housing finance, strategic partnerships have been established with Pokhara Metropolitan City and Kohalpur Municipality, enabling the mobilization of funds specifically aimed at providing housing for low-income families.

The signing of a tripartite agreement for a housing program in Pokhara marks the eleventh phase of this initiative, involving key partners such as Pokhara Sub-metropolitan City, LUMANTI, and Kamana Sewa Bikash Bank.

This agreement outlines a repayment period of seven years at an interest rate of 8 percent, with a maximum loan amount of NRs. 800,000. The ambitious target is to construct a total of 200 houses within a three-year timeframe.

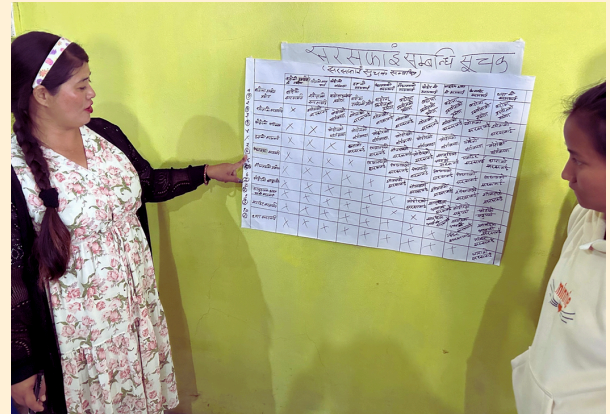
Additionally, a tripartite agreement has been signed for a housing program in Kohalpur, marking the first phase of this initiative. The partners involved include Kohalpur Municipality, LUMANTI, and NMB Bank, with a goal of constructing 100 houses within a one-year period.



The implementation of this program will be managed by the Kohalpur Aawash, Khanepani, Swasthya tatha Safai Kosh. The financial modality for this initiative includes a repayment period of five years at an interest rate of 8.5 percent, with a maximum loan amount set at NRs. 700,000.

Through the housing finance this year, a significant milestone was reached with the construction of 91 houses, which has directly benefited 448 individuals across Mahalaxmi, Birgunj, Pokhara, and Kirtipur.

WASH and Community Infrastructure Improvements



Emphasizing City Wide Inclusive Sanitation (CWIS) in Hetauda and Pokhara

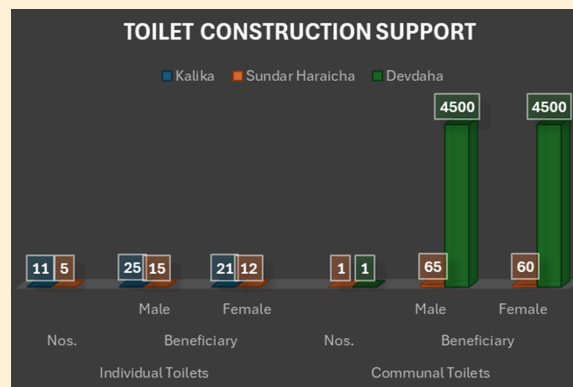
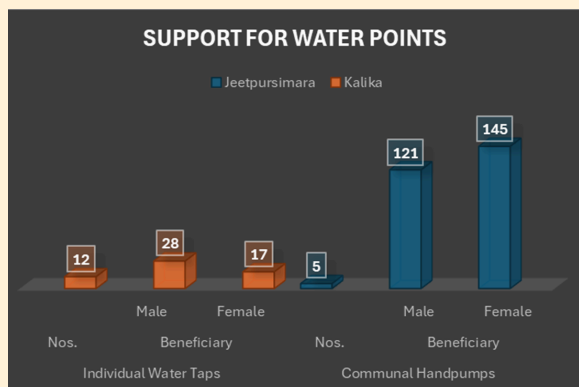
This year, Lumanti has made significant strides in advancing Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) and infrastructure initiatives, particularly in the municipalities of Pokhara and Hetauda. Community profiles were meticulously developed for the Khudikhola and Himalaya toles in Pokhara, as well as for Simaltar asti in Hetauda. These profiles underscore the critical importance of City Wide Inclusive Sanitation (CWIS) and the establishment of Safely Managed Sanitation Systems (SMSS). By focusing on the inclusion of marginalized groups, such as Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) and the LGBTQIA++ community, Lumanti has ensured that these vulnerable populations are actively considered in sanitation planning and implementation efforts within both municipalities.

The effectiveness of safe sanitation initiatives has been notably enhanced through the promotion of networks among the communities of Simaltar and Khudikhola, as well as among sanitation workers. Community leaders and sanitation workers in both Pokhara and Hetauda have received comprehensive training in leadership and group management, occupational health and safety, and education on their rights and responsibilities as outlined in Nepal's policies. This training has empowered them to advocate for critical WASH issues, enabling them to monitor service delivery, assert their rights, and directly address concerns with local authorities. Such capacity building is essential for fostering a community-driven approach to sanitation and hygiene.



Thematic Program Achievements

Improving access to WASH services in the marginalized communities



Lumanti has successfully collaborated with local water service providers to subsidize the installation of water taps for marginalized families, resulting in the establishment of 17 water points that benefit 331 individuals in Jeetpursimara and Kalika. Besides, a total of 18 toilets, both individual and communal, have been constructed in collaboration with various stakeholders, benefiting an impressive 9,198 people across Kalika, Devdaha, and Sundar Haraicha.

Improving access to WASH services in the marginalized communities

Bhumi Raj Pakhrin, a 46-year-old resident of Ward No. 3 in Kalika Municipality, along with his wife, has been striving to support their family of four through labor-intensive work. Their household includes Mrs. Tara Devi Darai, their 12-year-old daughter, and a 9-year-old son. They reside in a modest home constructed from blocks and tin, situated on approximately 84.65 square meters of land. Initially, Bhumi Raj's wife raised goats to contribute to the family income; however, the lack of sufficient earnings compelled her to join her husband as a day laborer. Bhumi Raj expressed the challenges they face in sustaining their livelihood, primarily due to the unpredictability of their wages and income. This uncertainty has led him to contemplate seeking opportunities abroad, as remaining in Nepal seemed increasingly futile.

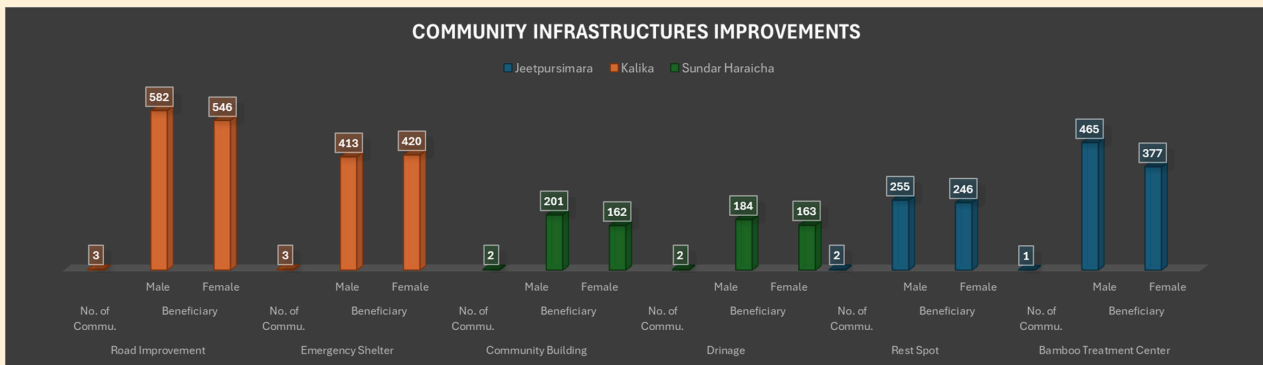


In the back of their home, Bhumi Raj has a toilet and a goat pen, both of which remain unfinished due to financial constraints. Although a water tank is located nearby, he had been unable to install a tap until recently, when community support made it possible. Under the guidance of Ajiv Gole, the chairman of the Bakiran group, a meeting was convened to facilitate financial assistance from Lumanti, which included obtaining the necessary recommendations from the local ward for the tap installation. After paying the required fees to the Padampur Water Supply and Sanitation Users Committee, Bhumi Raj successfully had a new tap installed in his home, with a contribution of Rs. 5,000 from Lumanti. He recounted the difficulties faced by him and his neighbors when sharing a communal tap, particularly regarding billing and water usage. Mrs. Tara Devi noted that having a tap installed at home has significantly simplified their daily routines, enhancing their quality of life.

Thematic Program Achievements



Improving community infrastructures in the marginalized communities in Jeetpursimara, Kalika, Sundar Haraicha and Devdaha



The improvement of community infrastructures including roads upgrading, community buildings construction, establishing emergency shelters, drainage systems improvements, community ponds construction, and the implementation of rainwater harvesting systems, in the marginalized areas of Jeetpursimara, Kalika, and Sundar Haraicha has been significantly influenced by the implementation of a Community Action Plan.

This plan, which has been meticulously crafted and widely shared, incorporates feedback from a diverse array of city stakeholders, ensuring a holistic approach to community development.

Through this initiative, substantial funding has been secured from municipal sources, enabling the establishment of collaborative partnerships with various entities.



Thematic Program Achievements

National WASH Summit focused on rights-based advocacy and sustainable WASH services.



Lumanti, serving as the secretariat for FANSA, collaborated with FEDWASUN, an implementing partner of FANSA Nepal, to host a National WASH Summit focused on rights-based advocacy and sustainable water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) services. The summit attracted 122 participants, including government officials, donors, and various WASH stakeholders, who came together to share best practices and discuss the governance and sustainability of Water and Sanitation Users Committees (WSUCs). A key outcome of the event was the adoption of a 14-point declaration aimed at revitalizing the WASH sector and integrating it into political agendas to meet Sustainable Development Goal 6 by 2030. The summit also initiated a parliamentary debate on WASH issues, called for increased budget allocations, and underscored the necessity for climate financing and inclusive solutions for marginalized communities.

National Policy Dialogue Charts Toward Inclusive and Accountable WASH Services in Nepal



A National Policy Dialogue convened over 100 stakeholders to deliberate on the future of WASH services in Nepal. The dialogue aimed to foster inclusive, equitable, and sustainable WASH services through collaborative discussions and advocacy, while also enhancing the role of WSUCs and ensuring that policies are accessible. The event emphasized the importance of legally recognizing WSUCs and increasing the participation of women and marginalized groups in WASH governance.

Empowering Marginalized Youth in Nepal through Skill-Based Training



The Nepal Government's 16th Five-Year Plan for Dalit empowerment has led to a collaboration between FANSA Nepal and the Balaju Technical Training Centre (BTTC) to offer plumbing training to four young individuals from informal communities in Pokhara Metropolitan City.

This 65-day program included a new module on basic septic tank installation, equipping participants with essential skills.

The training emphasized the critical impact of construction errors on water contamination and public health, highlighting the necessity of proper installation techniques.

Thematic Program Achievements

CSO Networks Present key WASH Recommendations to Ministry of Water Supply in Nepal



In a concerted effort to improve WASH services in Nepal, FANSA Nepal, RADO Nepal, and FEDWASUN presented key recommendations to Mr. Ram Babu Puri, Joint Secretary at the Ministry of Water Supply. These strategic recommendations aim to promote inclusive and sustainable WASH services and are in line with the SWA Civil Society Constituency Joint Messaging Document. Among the primary suggestions are the reinforcement of political will, the provision of adequate financial and technical support, the finalization of the WASH sector capacity development Master Plan, the encouragement of inclusive participation, and the strengthening of accountability mechanisms.

Capacity Building Initiative: Community level participatory training in Pokhara, Nepal



A capacity-building training session was held at the community level in Pokhara, Nepal, focusing on participatory methods.

This event brought together 32 participants from eight Toile Lane Organizations to enhance their skills in utilizing participatory tools such as social mapping, focus group discussions, and problem-solution analysis.

The primary goal of this initiative was to empower communities to develop sustainable sanitation systems that align with the principles of Comprehensive Water and Sanitation (CWIS).

Sharing of CWIS Assessment Findings - Hetauda Sub-Metropolitan City



FANSA Nepal convened a meeting in Hetauda to present the first CWIS-based assessment of safely managed sanitation services in Nepal. The gathering aimed to enhance collaboration and improve sanitation services throughout the region. Participants engaged in discussions regarding the assessment's findings, identifying existing gaps and exploring potential improvements. Officials expressed their commitment to implementing necessary corrective actions while acknowledging the progress that has already been made.

Thematic Program Achievements

Public Dialogue on WASH Rights & Policy Commitments Held in Hetauda



The FANSA Nepal Chapter, in collaboration with Hetauda Sub-Metropolitan City and under the leadership of FEDWASUN, organized a Public Dialogue focused on WASH Rights and Policy Commitments. Key speakers included Mayor Mina Kumari Lama and Mr. Rajendra Aryal, the National President of FEDWASUN. The dialogue highlighted the critical need to incorporate marginalized groups, such as Dalits, indigenous communities, and the LGBTIQ+ community, into WASH planning and decision-making processes.

Hetauda Municipality Demonstrates Accountability to Ensure Safe Water and Sanitation for Marginalized Communities



Hetauda Municipality is taking steps to ensure safe water and sanitation for marginalized communities. The municipality is working with the Hetauda Water Supply Management Board to provide safer, separate tap connections for households as part of the “Rising for Rights” initiative. Mayor Mina Kumari Lama reaffirmed the municipality's dedication to protecting the rights of vulnerable families, announcing that over 8,000 households consuming less than 10,000 liters per month will benefit from free water services.

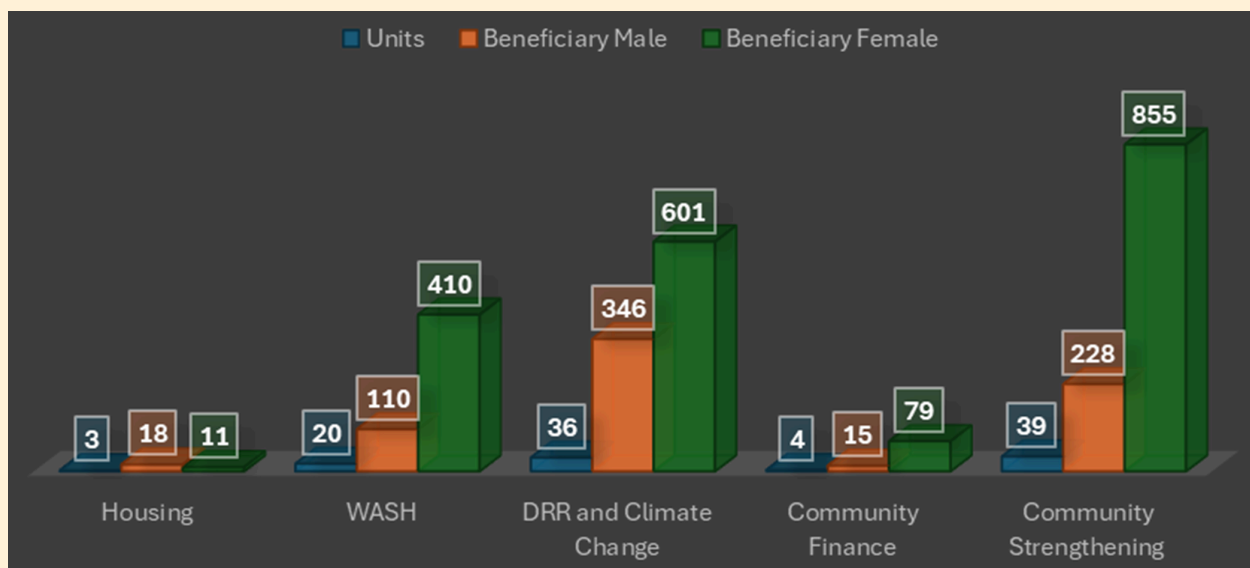
World Environment Day 2025- Honoring Silent Heroes in Sanitation Sector



On World Environment Day 2025, Hetauda Sub-Metropolitan City recognized the contributions of seven sanitation workers, including four women, one man, and two members of the LGBTIQ+ community. This event celebrated their dignity and resilience, honoring those who play a vital role in maintaining sanitation and public health within the community.

Thematic Program Achievements

Community Resilience and Disaster Risk Reduction



Community resilience through a variety of capacity-building initiatives

This year has seen significant progresses in enhancing community resilience through a variety of capacity-building initiatives across multiple cities. A comprehensive series of 102 training sessions, orientation programs, and learning visits were conducted, focusing on critical areas such as housing, water, sanitation, hygiene (WASH), disaster risk reduction (DRR), climate change, and community strengthening. These efforts have directly benefited 2,673 individuals, equipping them with essential skills and knowledge to better navigate the challenges posed by environmental and social factors.

Collaborative small businesses by women's group in Devdaha



In Devdaha, five women's groups have successfully launched collaborative small businesses with the support of Lumanti and the local municipality. These enterprises, which include beekeeping, incense making, and goat raising, have engaged over 50 women, fostering economic empowerment and community cohesion. Additionally, leadership development has been a focal point, with advanced leaders from Butwal facilitating the organization and execution of planned activities in Devdaha. Furthermore, more than 110 advanced leaders from the Deepshikha Cooperative in Kalaiya have been identified to serve as mentors and trainers on climate-related issues, thereby enhancing local capacity to address environmental challenges.

Thematic Program Achievements

Making community resilient through strengthening the local disaster management committees



The implementation of disaster management strategies has also progressed significantly, with the formation and strengthening of Disaster Management Committees in Jeetpursimara, Kalika, and Sundar Haraicha. An assessment of municipal disaster management plans and policies has been conducted, leading to the ongoing preparation of the Local Disaster and Climate Resilience Plan (LDCRP) and the Local Disaster Preparedness Resilience Plan (LDPRP) in Sundar Haraicha and Kalika.

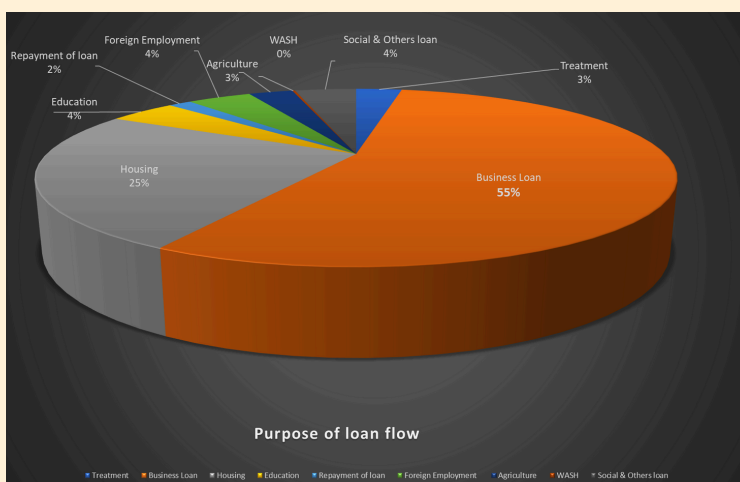


Community Led Finance

Status of Community Finance			
	2023	2024	2025 June
Total Municipality Reached	24	24	24
No. of Group	1,551	1,625	1,790
No. of Members	48,480	49,440	52,856
No. of Cooperatives	35	36	37
Proposed Cooperative	5	5	4
Selfhelp group	4	4	4
Total Saving and other fund	3,144,127,007	3,227,111,612	3,128,991,918
Outstanding loan	1,817,873,823	2,098,916,572	2,424,082,014
Cummulative loan flow	6,368,192,181	8,737,932,353	9,061,773,812

Lumanti is currently enhancing the capabilities of 37 community-based women’s savings and credit cooperatives, alongside 4 proposed cooperatives and 4 self-help groups, spanning 24 municipalities throughout Nepal. These cooperatives collectively consist of 52,875 members organized into 1,790 groups.

From a financial standpoint, these communities have shown a remarkable ability to mobilize internal resources, with total savings and community-managed funds amounting to NPR 3.13 billion and outstanding loans reaching NPR 2.42 billion. The cumulative loan flow has reached NPR 9.06 billion. These outcomes illustrate that the fortification of community finance has led to greater financial inclusion, strengthened local institutions, enhanced savings mobilization, and significantly improved access to credit, underscoring the importance of community-led financial systems in fostering economic resilience and promoting inclusive local development in the targeted municipalities.



The loan investment pattern of women saving and credit cooperatives is predominantly livelihood-focused, with strong emphasis on business (55%) and housing (25%). While social sectors such as education (4%), agriculture (3%), and migration (4%) receive some attention, WASH financing is absent.

Thematic Program Achievements

Noteworthy achievements and initiatives of women's saving and credit cooperatives



The achievements and initiatives of women's saving and credit cooperatives are noteworthy. The Thecho Women Cooperative was honored with the Best Cooperative Award by the Lalitpur District Saving and Credit Cooperative Ltd., and it has also been granted the right to use the Probation Band Logo from NEFESCUS for the third consecutive time.

Dibyajyoti SACCOS in Dharan, Dipshikha SACCOS in Kalaiya, and Shree Mahila Tarakari SACCOS in Kalimati were recognized as the Best Cooperatives for the year 2081.

Furthermore, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between Public Health Concern Trust Nepal (Phect Nepal), Kirtipur Hospital, Kathmandu Model Hospital Institute of Health Sciences (KMH-IHS), and the Community Women Forum (CWF) to provide subsidized health services for cooperative members.



New Initiatives

This year, Lumanti has expanded its efforts beyond traditional thematic interventions by introducing innovative initiatives such as the Community Care Project and the Youth-Centered Governance and Media (YCIV) Project.

Community Care Project



The Community Care Project is designed to foster a more equitable environment for caregivers, focusing on improving the quality of life for care recipients while simultaneously empowering caregivers themselves. This dual approach not only enhances the caregivers' ability to thrive in their roles but also encourages their active contribution to the community.



To achieve these goals, Lumanti is engaged in capacity-building activities, raising awareness, and advocating for policy changes across ten local government units (LGUs) in the Sudurpashim, Karnali, and Madesh provinces.



As part of this initiative, advocacy groups have been established at the Palika level, comprising 25 to 30 members in both the Madhesh and Sudur Pashchim provinces. These groups have conducted multi-stakeholder consultations that have provided valuable insights into the current state of care work and the challenges faced by local communities.

Youth, Civic Media & Urban Governance (YCIV Project)



The YCIV Project represents a collaborative effort involving various national and international universities and research institutions, aimed at enhancing urban governance through the active engagement of youth and community members via civic media.

In Nepal, Lumanti is implementing this project in Dharan, while in India, the Hunarshala Foundation is executing it in Bhuj, Gujarat. This initiative has created a collaborative atmosphere where young individuals are encouraged to participate in local governance and articulate their views on community issues through the Community Action Plan (CAP) approach.

By fostering dialogue and raising awareness among community members, the project has contributed to a more informed public regarding the challenges faced in Dharan, utilizing various social media platforms to disseminate information effectively



Youth involvement has been a cornerstone of the YCIV Project, with participants engaging in community forums, street dramas, and eco-hikes. These activities not only bolster the confidence of young individuals but also promote awareness of eco-tourism and solid waste management in Dharan. By actively participating in these initiatives, youth are not only learning about governance and community issues but are also becoming advocates for sustainable practices within their communities. This engagement is crucial for fostering a sense of responsibility and ownership among the younger generation, ultimately leading to a more vibrant and participatory civic environment.

International Networking

Secretariat for the Asian Coalition for Housing Rights (ACHR)



As the host of the secretariat for the Asian Coalition for Housing Rights (ACHR), Lumanti is dedicated to promoting and enhancing the collective housing process across Asian cities within the ACHR network.

This initiative spans several regions, including South Asia, which encompasses countries such as Nepal, India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, and Bangladesh; Southeast Asia, represented by Myanmar, Thailand, the Philippines, and Indonesia; and East Asia, with Mongolia as a participant.

Through these efforts, Lumanti aims to foster collaboration and innovation in housing solutions that address the unique challenges faced by urban populations in these diverse locales.



International Networking

Secretariat for the Freshwater Action Network South Asia (FANSA)



Lumanti also serves as the secretariat for the Freshwater Action Network South Asia (FANSA). This network has been instrumental in evaluating WASH (Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene) sector policies and investment frameworks across several South Asian countries, including Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, the Maldives, Nepal, Sri Lanka, and Pakistan.

The insights gained from these evaluations have been disseminated at significant events such as the Global Summit on Sanitation and the World Urban Forum, leading to notable policy advancements. These include increased budgets for the WASH sector in Bangladesh, Nepal, and Pakistan, as well as the formal adoption of national WASH standards in schools in Bhutan, which significantly enhances safe sanitation for children.

FANSA's impact extends beyond policy advocacy; it has also focused on empowering grassroots community groups throughout South Asia. By collaborating closely with national chapters, FANSA has facilitated visible improvements in public sanitation services and strengthened accountability mechanisms. Central to this engagement is the enhancement of leadership and advocacy skills among local communities, enabling them to effectively monitor WASH service delivery, assert their rights, and communicate their concerns directly to local authorities. Furthermore, community leaders and FANSA members representing marginalized groups have received formal recognition for their contributions, providing them with opportunities to voice their experiences and insights on national, regional, and global platforms.



Conclusion

Lumanti Support Group for Shelter is dedicated to fostering inclusive, rights-based, and community-driven development in Nepal. By collaborating with marginalized communities and engaging with local and national governments, financial institutions, academic partners, and civil society networks, Lumanti has successfully transformed policy discussions and grassroots initiatives into significant advancements in housing, water and sanitation, community infrastructure, livelihoods, and social inclusion.

This year, notable progress in affordable and climate-resilient housing highlighted the effectiveness of collaborative financing, appropriate local technologies, and active community involvement in providing dignified shelter for low-income and marginalized families. Additionally, inclusive planning and investments in WASH have enhanced services, ensuring that the needs of marginalized groups are integrated into municipal systems. Capacity-building efforts have further empowered local leadership, improved disaster preparedness, and encouraged the active participation of women and youth in community development.

Moreover, our advocacy at national, regional, and international levels has improved the dialogue surrounding housing, sanitation, and urban justice. Our leadership roles within networks such as FANSA and ACHR have facilitated the sharing of community-driven experiences, fostering solidarity and learning across borders. New initiatives focused on community care and youth-centered governance reflect our commitment to addressing evolving social realities and tackling structural inequalities beyond mere physical infrastructure.

Looking forward, we acknowledge that the challenges posed by urbanization, climate change, inequality, and access to essential services are likely to escalate. Continuing our effort, we are dedicated for community driven approaches, enhancing partnerships, and strengthening community institutions. By prioritizing the voices, insights, and leadership of the marginalized groups, we will continue to contribute for equitable, resilient, and inclusive cities and communities in Nepal.

Lumanti, Support Group for Shelter

Hattiban, Lalitpur

Statement of Income & Expenditure

For the Year Ended Ashadh 32, 2082 (July 16, 2025)

Particulars	Amount in NPR
	FY 2081/82
INCOME	
Incoming Resources	138,185,491
Financial Income	13,105,481
Other Income	-
Total Income	151,290,972
EXPENDITURE	
Staff Cost	57,399,638
Direct Programme Expenses	79,630,885
General Administrative Expenditure	9,767,118
Depreciation	
Other Expenditure	
Total expenditure	146,797,640
Net surplus/(deficit) before Taxation	4,493,332
Income Tax Expenses	362,883
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	4,130,448
Apportionment To	
Unrestricted Fund	9,601,654
Designated Fund	(5,471,207)
<i>The Notes to accounts form an integral part of the financial statements.</i>	
<i>As per our report of even date</i>	







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