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1. Executive Summary

This annual report covers the key activities of Lumanti that have been carried out during the fiscal year 2019 – 20. During this fiscal year Lumanti has implemented its various projects under different thematic programs which includes HOUSING, WASH, DISASTER RISK REDUCTION and COMMUNITY LED FINANCE leading to socio-economic improvement of the low income families in 26 rural and urban centers covering 13 districts of all provinces except in 6 and 7.

Concerning the improvement of the housing condition of the low income families in the targeted communities and securing their shelter, Lumanti, along with its technical support, has mobilized grant support from its international funding partners meeting the need of 69 families. Besides, Lumanti has also partnered with commercial banks and women cooperatives to access soft loan support to 112 needy families to improve their housing condition. Mobilization of the loan support through Municipal Level Urban Community Support Fund for housing improvement benefitting 28 low income families in Kalaiya and Ratnanagar can be considered as one of the remarkable achievement this year and this has been the greatest impact of strong partnership with the local government in establishing city level revolving fund specifically targeted for the low income families.

Apart from housing program, improving water and sanitation facilities meeting the needs of the low income families and the communities along with WASH awareness campaign has been the integral part of Lumanti's engagement for slum upgrading this year. This year, Lumanti has reached to more than 2000 families (nearly 11000 people) covering 5 cities in accessing grant and loan support for improving the WASH facilities in individual households and communities. This year, Lumanti has installed individual and communal hand pumps, water taps and water supply units in the communities along with individual toilets. Apart from this, in collaboration with concerned municipalities, Lumanti has contributed in construction of community drainages and road widening works in the communities in some areas. Promoting public – private partnership model in WASH intervention, Lumanti has partnered with private agencies for WASH facility suppliers and local government to develop supply chain in WASH market.

Empowering and strengthening the community people and their federations has been one of the key medium of project intervention in Lumanti. Since its inception, Lumanti has been organizing the communities and enabling the people of the community through various thematic trainings, orientations, exposures and other capacity enhancement activities making the community resilient to cope with the changing social, environmental, economic and ecological environment. This year, as well, Lumanti has carried various capacity building trainings on different themes which includes WASH awareness, livelihood improvement, governance, disaster risk reduction, leadership and many more. Nearly 3400 people were directly benefitted through more than 100 training events this year. With the advanced capacity of the community people and their federation, they are now being able to influence the municipal decision through community action plan being developed in their active participation and also have accessed and leveraged municipal budget to meet the community needs.

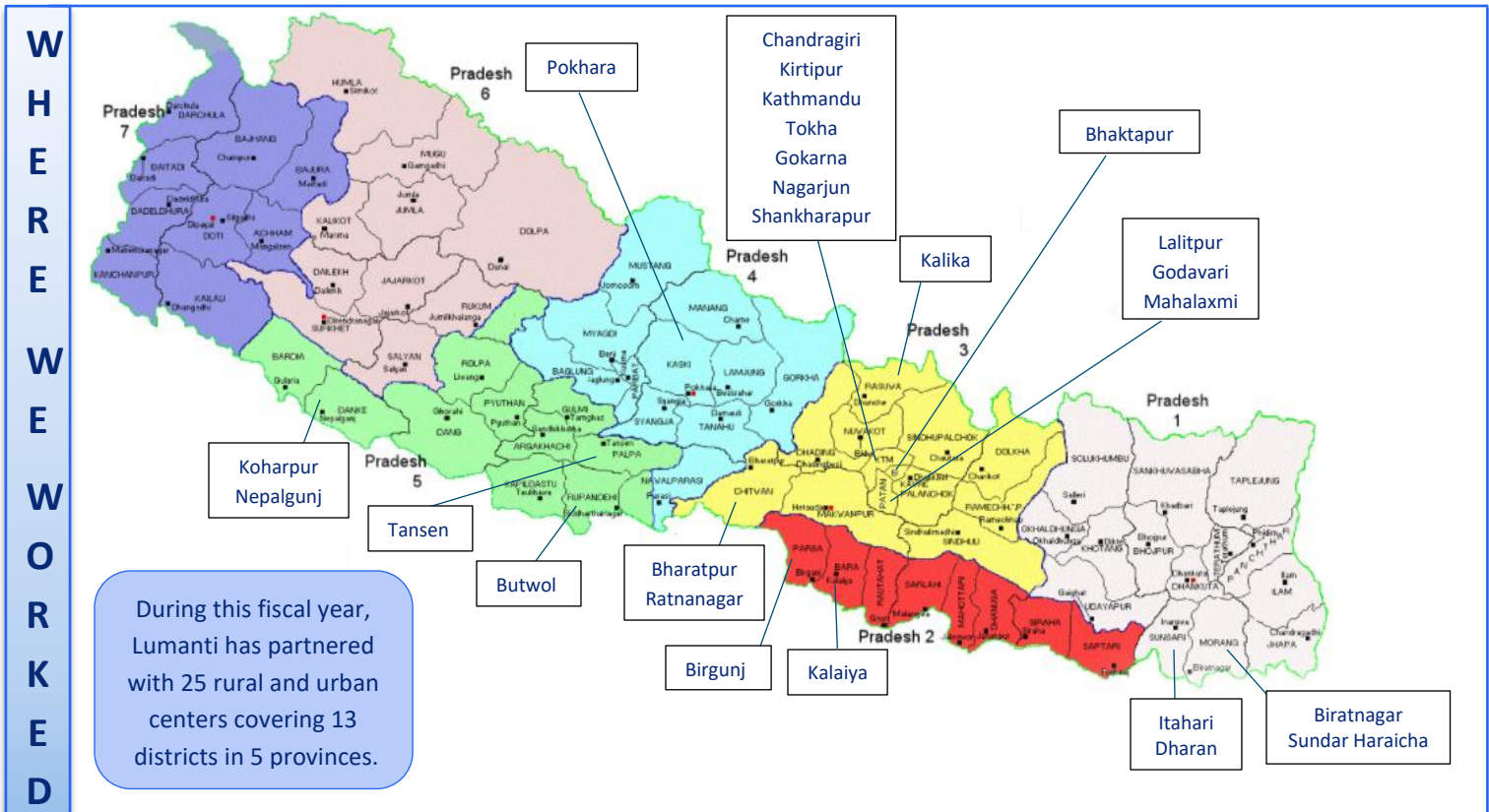
Promoting women saving and credit groups with the motive to empower the women economically is another key element of Lumanti's program intervention. Community led finance has been the medium of organizing the community and is considered as the binding factor. Adopting this modality in every project works, this year, Lumanti is providing technical and financial support to 44 community based women saving and credit groups and cooperatives including 30 formal, 14 informally run women cooperatives and women self-help groups for their promotion and strengthening. Total of 1488 saving groups with 38390 women are being directly benefitted through this community led finance program of Lumanti this year.

In addition to the regular thematic program, Lumanti, this has extended massive emergency relief support during the lock down situation followed by global pandemic of corona virus COVID-19. In coordination and collaboration with the municipalities, community partners and groups, Lumanti has provided food packages, WASH materials, medical support and personal protection equipment in Birgunj, Biratnagar, Sundar Haraicha, Ratnanagar and in different areas of Kathmandu valley reaching more than 2700 households. Besides, Lumanti also installed hand washing stations in different quarantine stations in Kirtipur, Siddhipur, Godavari, Tokha, Machhegaon and water facilities in more than 1500 households in different informal settlements and slums within Kathmandu valley. Apart from the relief support, Lumant has also carried out massive awareness campaign through audio-visual media and social sites in Birgunj, Kalaiya, Ratnanagar, Sundar Haraicha, Kohalpur, Lalitpur and Kathmandu.

One of the initiative of Lumanti this year, beyond its thematic program, is the facilitation support for the development of heritage recovery plan of ten traditional settlements (Balambu, Kisipidi, Kirtipur, Panga, Chobhar, Siddhipur, Lubhu, Thaiba, Thech and Chapagaon of four municipalities in Kathmandu valley. With the active participation of the local people and in close coordination with concerned ward office and municipalities, the heritage recovery plan was developed and was whole heartedly accepted by the local government with their assurance for implementation of recommended activities. Under the project, five traditional patis and rest houses were constructed with technical and financial support of Lumanti in Lalitpur, Kirtipur, Chandragiri, Godawari and Mahalaxmi Municipalities. Additionally, a pathway joining Karyabinayak Temple and Machhendranath Temple of Bungamati in Lalitpur was also constructed with active participation of community people in coordination with local authorities and stakeholder. Along with this, a solid waste management plan/strategy was developed with full participation of all the stakeholders in Bungamati as the part of the project.

Another key achievement this year is the identification, verification and Recordation of Informal tenure holders for Municipality level land management for improved tenure security in Ratnanagar. This survey was carried out by applying STDM tool. With this, Ratnanagar Municipality has been the first city to record the systematic data of the informal settlers. Follow by this initiatives, MoU between Ratnanagar Municipality and Land Issue Resolving Commission as an initiation of the process to distribute land ownership certificate to 1504 informal settlers has been carried out. This is one of the biggest achievement of Lumanti this year.

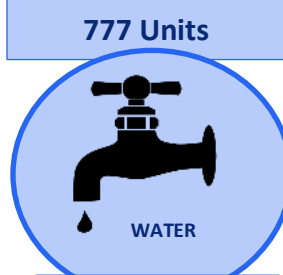
2. ACHIEVEMENTS in NUMBERS



Number of beneficiaries reached in 2019 - 20



942 People



10391 People



596 People



3397 People



38890 Members



13 communities

3. Housing the poor

Housing as one of the key activities of Lumanti, we have been supporting the low income families for improving their housing condition adopting various approaches and modality through grant support or leveraging fund support from different agencies or accessing soft loan from the commercial banks or community cooperatives. During this year, in total we have been able to access support to 209 families from 9 cities for meeting their housing need.

3.1. Accessing grant support for housing improvement

As in the past year, this year as well we have accessed some fund from different international funding partners and could able to provide grant support to 69 low income families in Kalaiya (19) and Sundar Haraicha (50) for improving their housing condition. The housing program in Kalaiya and Sundar Haraicha has been carried out in coordination with respected Municipality. As recommended by the Municipality, the poor community for housing support were identified and the needy families were selected through community users groups and Tole Lane Organizations. In both housing project, as the grant fund is not adequate to complete the house, deficient fund were managed by the households themselves and in case of Kalaiya the Municipality as well contributed NPR 30000.00 for each family.

Housing program in Kalaiya

Under the housing program in Kalaiya, total of 53 low income families in poor communities have improved their housing condition. Each families have received NRs 120,000.00 for housing construction under the project supported by SELAVIP.

The community mobilizers were mobilized in the targeted communities and carried out series of community meetings and interactions to form the Community User's Groups (CUGs) in all targeted communities. The formation of the CUGs in the communities is basically aimed to promote the system of collective or bulk purchase of the construction materials through the CUGs so that the beneficiary households can get the materials in relatively cheaper rate. All the members of the CUGs along with the people in the communities were oriented and informed about their roles and responsibilities. They were being prepared for their active participation throughout the construction process and also were ensured for the household funding contributions to complete the house.

The beneficiary households in the community were provided funding support in three installments on the basis of the construction progress. The beneficiary household are also being linked with Urban Community Support Fund for the soft loan to complete the construction whereas some households have used their saving. The municipality has also provided NRs 30000.00 grant for each families.





Small support encourages the community to improve their housing condition

Dipu Namuna is the informal settlement of Mushahar community with 56 households. The community is located in ward no. 5 of Sundar Haraicha Municipality. Despite of the easy access to the community from the city area, the community people have limited access to the city services. Access to proper sanitation services, safe water and healthy life seems very challenging in the community. All the households in the communities are engaged in informal jobs like unskill labour in construction works, households works, agricultural labour, transporation labour etc. Due to the low economic condition of the families, they had not being able to fulfil their desire to improve their housing condition and were compelled to live in the pitiable condition.

Lumanti has coordinated with the Sundar Haraicha Municipality for the selection of the most needy communities for housing improvement and received written approval from the municipality. The selection of the families to be supported through the project was even more challenging. As most of the families in the communities are poor and the housing condition are very miserable and needed improvement for the betterment of their life, the municipality recommended for covering more and more families as far as possible. Lumanti has mobilized its community mobilizers in the targeted community and conducted series of discussion with the communities and formed Users Groups for the selection of the families to be supported through the project, families who were more deserving. The team also provided necessary orientation for their active participation throughout the construction process and also ensured for the household funding and labour contributions to complete the house.

For mobilizing the grant support to construct the house, agreement has been done prior to the release of grant support ensuring the completion of the construction. With the nominal grant support worth NPR 50,000.00 to each families total of 50 houses have been constructed in the community.

In fact, the small grant fund from Lumanti has worked as the catalyst and the motivational factor leading to improve the housing condition of the low income families in the community.

3.2. Accessing loan for housing improvement

Partnering with different commercial banks, cooperatives and municipalities, Lumanti, this year has accessed soft loan for the low income communities in Kathmandu valley, Sukla Gandaki, Pokhara, Ratnanagar and Kalaiya for housing improvement. Total of 140 low income families have received loan from Urban Community Support Fund, commercial banks and women cooperatives to construct their houses.

3.2.1. Mobilizing loan support through Urban Community Support Fund

This year, apart from the grant support from Lumanti, total of 19 families in Kalaiya have received loan (maximum NPR 200,000 each with 7 percent interest for 3 years period) from Urban Community Support Fund to complete the construction of their houses. Whereas, in Ratnanagar, total of 9 families have received loan (NPR. 300,000/- each with 6 percent interest for 40 months period) from the Urban Community Support fund and constructed their houses.

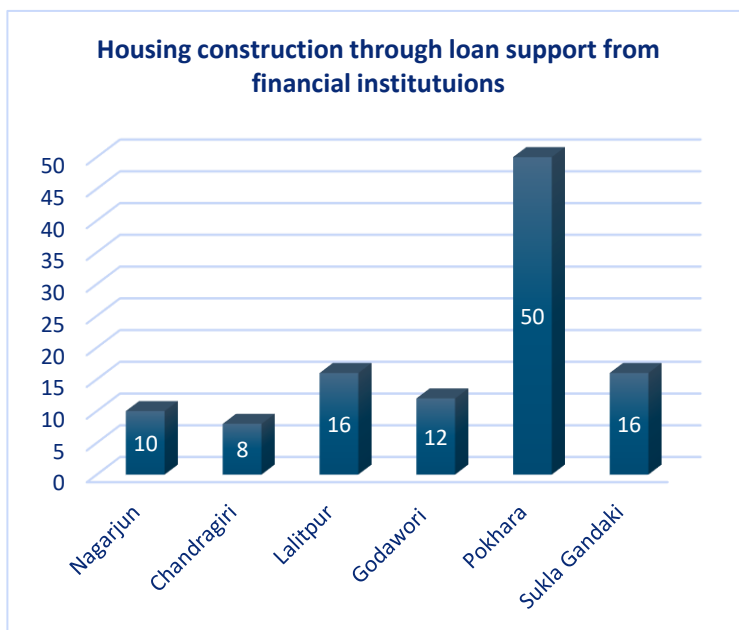
Urban Community Support Fund is the city level fund established in different cities in collaboration of concerned Municipality and other city stake holders including private sectors. The city level coordination committee has been formed to mobilize the fund. The Mayor of the Municipality is positioned as the head of the committee and Lumanti as the secretariat. Other city stakeholders are the member of the committee which also includes the representatives from the community federation, youth group and local women cooperatives. The Fund is being mobilized through the local women saving and credit cooperatives. The specific policy and guidelines have been designed for the mobilization of the fund and the fund is being mobilized in favour of the poor families in the poor and informal settlements with minimum interest rate. People in the communities are taking loan from the Urban Community Support Fund for various purposes including housing and WASH infrastructure improvement, livelihood, education, medicine and to meet their social and cultural needs.

Community Support Funds established in Ratnanagar and Kalaiya have supported the poor families in the targeted communities in accessing the soft loan to fulfill their needs concerning housing improvement, construction of toilets, installation of water taps and hand pumps along with investing for their income generating business. The encouraging contribution from stakeholders in the Community Support Fund including municipalities has definitely added value.

Due to the significant fund contribution from the stakeholders in Kalaiya the total fund reached to NRs 59,87,929/- with the additional fund worth NRs 900,000/- which includes contribution from Lumanti (NRs 700,000/-) and Kalaiya Sub-metropolitan City (NRs 17,90,000/-) this year. Similarly in Ratnanagar, Urban Poor Support Fund has been established with the equal contribution worth NRs 3 million from Municipality and Lumanti. Ratnanagar Municipality contributed NRs 30,00,000/- in UPSF where Lumanti added NRs 26,00,000/-. The current total fund in UPSF is Nrs 56,00,000/-.

3.2.2. Partnering with financial institutions for housing improvement support

Partnership with the financial institutions for the housing improvement in low income families continues this year as well. Lumanti has leveraged fund from commercial banks like Kamana Sewa Bank, and different women cooperatives in our network for housing improvement in low income families in different municipalities like Nagarjun and Chandragiri in Kathmandu district, Lalitpur and Godavari in Lalitpur district, Pokhara in Kaski district and Sukla Gandaki in Tanahu District. During this reporting period total of 112 houses were constructed with loan support from different financial institutions.



The families in Pokhara and Sukla Gandaki have received loan worth NPR 400000.00 from Kamana Sewa Bank Limited with 8 percent interest rate per annum for 7 years period whereas the families in Nagarjun, Chandragiri, Lalitpur and Godawari received loan worth seven hundred thousand to maximum one million with 10 percent interest rate per annum for the period of 7 years.

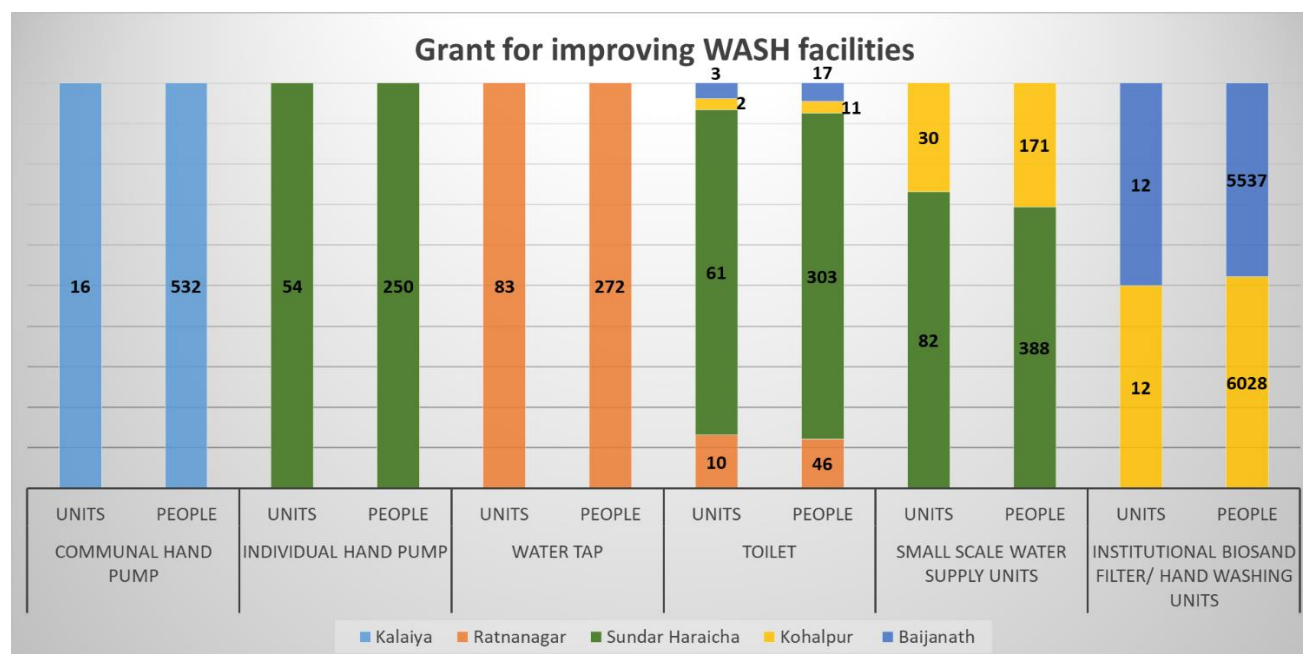


4. WASH and Community Infrastructures support

Lumanti has been enhancing the access to water and sanitation services in different low income communities of Kohalpur, Baijanath, Kalaiya, Ratnanagar and Sundar Haraicha in coordination and collaboration with the municipalities and city service providers. During this year, grant or loan support were provided to construct / install individual hand pumps, water taps, toilets and bio-sand filters benefitting 872 low income families covering 4427 people. Additionally, in collaboration with the municipalities, 28 units of water supply units along with bio-sand filters and hand washing units were installed in community schools and public spaces benefitting 6560 people. In total, we have reached to 10987 people for accessing WASH services.

4.1. Providing nominal grant for improving WASH facilities

Lumanti in collaboration with Municipality, City Water Service Providers and other stakeholders in Kalaiya, Ratnanagar, Sundar Haraicha, Kohalpur and Baijanath, this year, has mobilized nominal grant support for improving WASH facilities like communal and individual hand pumps, water taps, communal water schemes, bio-sand filters with hand washing units and individual toilets benefitting 353 households and community centers covering the services to 8001 people.



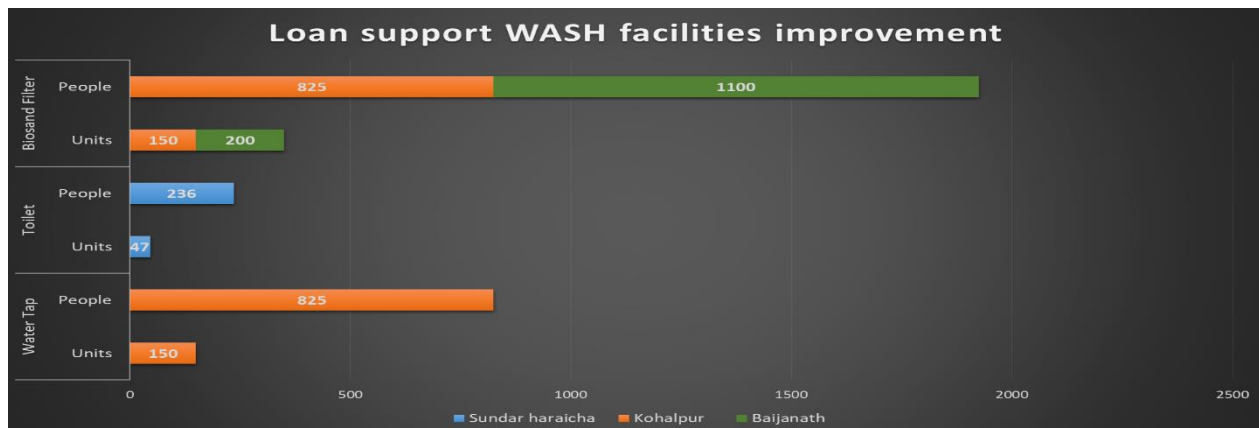
Lumanti has coordinated with local government specifically the concerned municipalities and the local community groups for the identification of the needy families and facilitated with local agencies including services and other stakeholders for leveraging cash or kind contribution for improving the people's access to WASH facilities.



In Kohalpur and Baijanath, apart from individual support for the families to improve the access WASH facilities, Lumanti in collaboration with local government, private sector and community schools have installed community hand washing stations, bio-sand filters and water supply schemes in community schools, public spaces and ward office.

4.1. Providing loan support for improving WASH facilities

In low income communities in Kohalpur, mobilizing loan support through local women cooperative, 150 households with 825 people were connected with individual water tap. Lobby and advocacy initiatives were carried out to reduce the connection charges. Adopting public private partnership model, ensuring the safe consumption of water and in coordination with the local government WASH service value chain was created to promote bio-sand filter in the communities. Under this initiatives, low income families from Kohalpur and Baijanath were accessed soft loan support from the local women cooperatives to purchase bio-sand. Total of 350 families (1925 people) are directly benefitted through this initiatives. In Sundar Haraicha, 47 families (236 people) were accessed loan support to construct toilet in their home.



Sanitation Fund to access loan support for toilet construction in Sundar Haraicha

As the Post Open defecation Free Campaign in Sundar Haraicha, Lumanti in partnership with the Municipality has been organizing various sanitation orientation including toilet construction programs in different communities. The community mobilizers from Lumanti along with the women groups, TLO representatives and youth volunteers are being mobilized in different communities to aware the people on the hygienic use of toilet and essentiality of using the toilet promoting the construction of the toilets in their own premises.

As the supplementary support for the low income families for the construction of toilet, Lumanti has initiated to establish the Sanitation Fund with its seed fund contribution worth NRs 120000/-. The fund is now being managed by City Level Women Saving and Credit Groups Management Committee recently formed with the representation of women saving and credit groups in the communities. Construction of toilet in the low income communities through mobilizing Sanitation Fund is very rapid now. With the establishment of Sanitation Fund in the city with the motive to encourage the people in the low income communities for the construction of toilet, people are found highly motivated to take loan from the Sanitation fund with zero percent interest. The maximum loan size for the construction of toilet is NRs 10000.00 for a family and the family has to pay back the loan within 5 months. Till date total 47 toilets were constructed in 8 communities through Sanitation Fund.



4.2. Improving small scale community infrastructures

4.3.1. Drainage and road improvements

Lumanti's collaboration with Municipalities offices in Sundar Haraicha and Ratnanagar for the improvement of small scale community infrastructures continues this year as well. Lumanti has contributed nominal support and leveraged fund from Sundar Haraicha Municipality and also facilitated community users groups to collect household contribution for the construction of community drainage in Tanakpur (102 mt.), Aaitabare (139 mt.), Chariguwa (268 mt.) and Pacham (188 mt.) benefitting 1075 people from 227 households directly. Similarly, in collaboration with Ratnanagar Municipality, 231 mt. long drainage in Chaudhari Milan community and 200 mt. drainage in Salghari community were constructed benefitting around 200 households. Around 30 families from the community were directly benefitted through this construction.

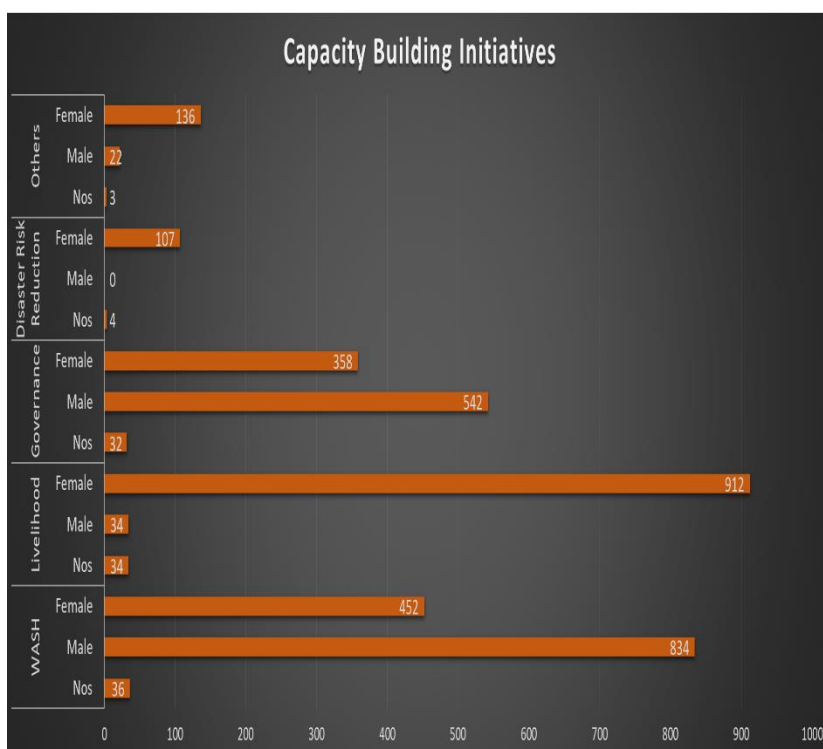


5. Making community resilient

5.1. Enhancing capacity of the community people

Community Resilient Fund (CRF) is being implemented since 2011. This has been an important means to provide access to financial resource to the groups of women in different cities by improving opportunities to get engaged in income generating activities and building their own resilient capacity against economic shocks.

As in the past years, Lumanti has also carried out several capacity enhancement initiatives in different project intervening areas in Pokhara, Butwol, Kohalpur,



Baijanath, Ratnanagar, Kalaiya, Sundar Haraicha and in different communities in Kathamandu valley. This year the trainings were focused on different thematic areas like WASH, Livelihood, Governance, Disaster Risk Reduction etc.

As the impact of the capacity building initiatives, the community groups and networks have initiated and implemented various activities by themselves. In addition to this, they have been able to leveraged financial and technical support from the ward authorities and Municipalities to conduct women focused activities. During this year, more than 109 different trainings were conducted in various thematic areas benefitting 3397 people comprising 1432 male and 1965 female.

5.2. Emergency WASH support for Bara tornado survivor

The first recorded wind-induced disaster of the country, tornado that hit Bara and Parsa districts on 31 March 2019 killed 30, injured more than 1150 people and made more than 2890 families homeless. A mosque, schools, industries, agricultural lands, businesses were damaged along with utility services including water supply and electricity. Immediate after the incident, Lumanti mobilized its staff members from Kalaiya office to observe the situation and mobilized fund support to the tornado survivors in collaboration with Kalaiya Sub-metropolitan City. Through the fund support from Lumanti, the users group in Bharwaliya community in ward 8 of Kalaiya have installed 24 communal hand pumps in the community. The fund worth NPR 700,000.00 was mobilized through Urban Community Support Fund.

5.3. Relief support to sustain during COVID-19 infection

Corona virus (COVID – 19) has affected globally. Nepal is not the exception. The infection rate is rapidly increasing in Nepal. In order to minimize the outbreak of coronavirus COVID-19, the government of Nepal has declared the country lock down. As a result, the poor and marginalized people have been affected and suffered more in their daily life. The people survived with daily labour wages are facing difficulty to solve the problem of hand to mouth in their daily lives.

A week after the announcement of the lock down by the Government, Lumanti carried out series of focal group discussions (FGDs) with the community people using Facebook messenger and zoom. The key objectives of the FGDs were to understand the situation and impact of the lock down situation due to worldwide epidemic coronavirus (COVID-19) infection. The discussions were made to understand the various aspects of the urban poor communities which includes the study of their socio-economic situation, health situation, self-coping mechanism to sustain their livelihood, relief distribution and status of their hosing, WASH and other facilities.

After the series of FGDs with the community people, Lumanti felt the need of immediate relief support targeting the poorest of the poor families in different low income communities. Lumanti started communication with the funding partners and Government line agencies for necessary coordination and to collect fund for necessary relief program. Lumanti received funding support from its various international partners. Lumanti has also collected the individual support from its board and staff members.

Through the financial support from various funding partners and Lumanti team, Emergency Relief Program was carried out mobilizing Lumanti's networks, women groups/ cooperatives and youth groups in the Municipalities. The local women groups / cooperatives, community federation and local youth groups within the network of Lumanti have assessed the situation of the needy families in their respective communities and in close coordination with the local government, specifically ward office and Municipalities, has distributed relief materials to the identified needy families.



Distribution of food package: In Kathmandu Valley, through different women groups and cooperatives, Lumanti in coordination with different Municipalities have provided food package support to nearly 700 low income families which also includes families resided in informal settlements.

In Ratna Nagar and Sundar Haraicha Municipality, Lumanti has contributed fund support worth one hundred thousand rupees to each municipality for relief distribution ensuring the relief support. The municipality, along with their contribution, distributed food item support to total of 1486 low income



families. Likewise, Lumanti, in coordination with Biratnagar Metropolitan City, distributed food items to 100 income families mobilizing the local women cooperatives. Whereas in Birgunj, Lumanti partnered with local youth club which has coordinated with the Birgunj Metropolitan City, and distributed relief materials to 307 needy families in low income communities. The youth club as well shared equal contribution for relief distribution.

Medical and other support: Total of 80 elderly people suffering from diabetes, blood pressure and severe heart diseases are supplied with medicines and provided supported for their laboratory test in Siddhipur. Additionally, support has been provided for disinfecting the communities in Siddhipur.

Sanitation material support: Quarantine stations in Kirtipur Municipality is provided with sanitation materials. Total of 160 buckets and jugs, 160 towels and 16 toilets pan were provided to the quarantine station. Besides, installation of 4 pedal operated hand washing stations in the quarantine centres in Kirtipur, Siddhipur, Godavari and Tokha were done in the ward offices in Siddhipur and Machhegaon.

In addition to this, total of 45 Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) were provided to the sanitation workers in Teku, Kathmandu and Siddhipur, Lalitpur.



Apart from these, six drinking water facility with filter system and 6 hand washing stations, 3 each in Kohalpur and Baijanath, are installed in the 6 community schools turned into quarantine centres. Both the municipalities were provided Rs. 150,000 each. The fund was spent in installation of hand washing stations in all the ward offices and distribution of masks and PPEs to the health workers.

Media mobilization for information dissemination: COVID-19 focused awareness raising information have been disseminated through electronic media (radio and social media) in different urban areas including Birgunj, Kalaiya, Ratnanagar, Sundar Haraicha, Kohalpur and Kathmandu. Weekly radio programs focusing on various issues related to COVID-19 are launched in Sundar Haraicha and Kalaiya.



6. Community Led Finance

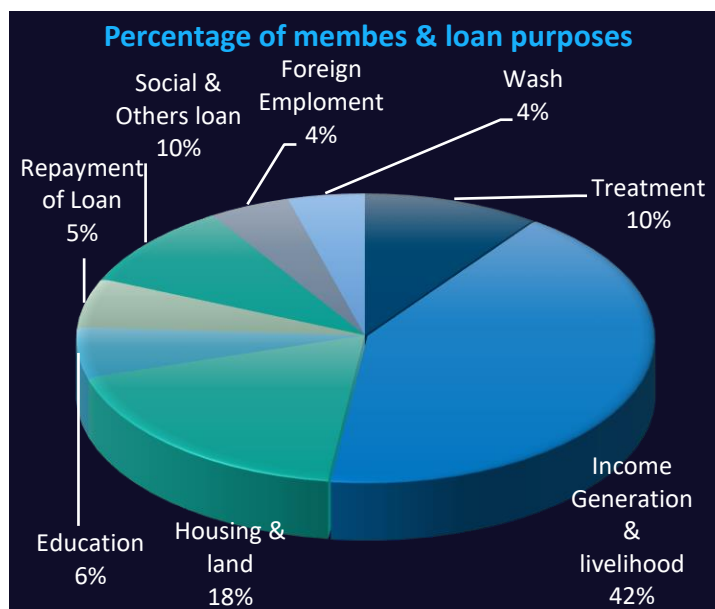
Lumanti has been promoting community led finance mechanism since its inception as one of the central lines of action through strengthening women based saving and credit programs. In addition to this, community led finance has been the key program for the economic empowerment of the low income families leading to the enhancement of their socio-economic conditions and increased self-dignity.

At present, Lumanti has been providing technical and financial support for promoting and strengthening 44 community based women saving and credit groups and cooperatives including 30 formal, 14 informally run women cooperatives and women self-help groups. The current data shows that there are 38890 women associated with 1488 women groups.

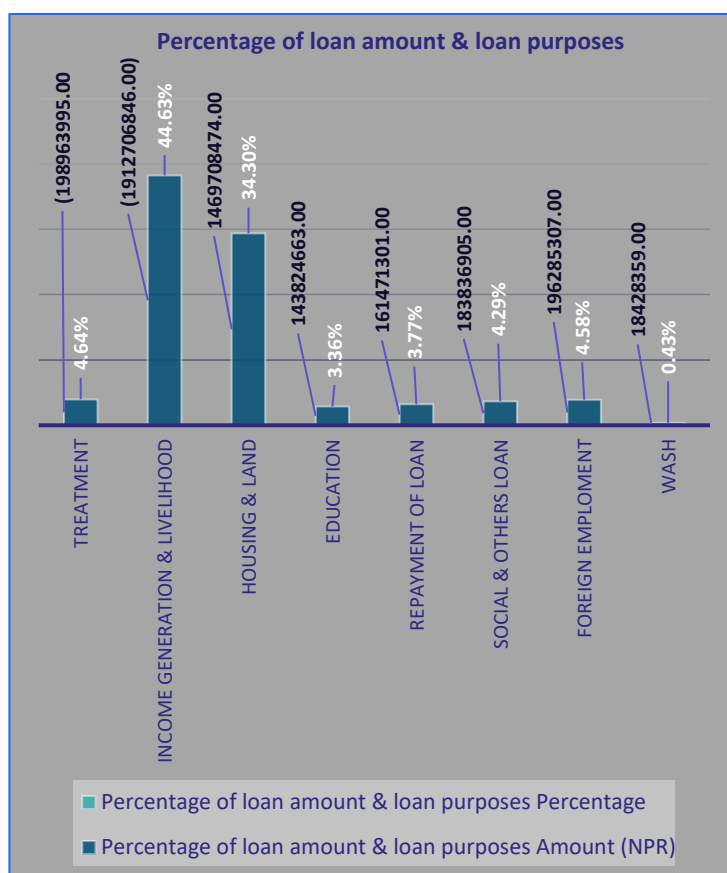


During this year, the members of these 44 women cooperatives and self-help groups in different urban centers have mobilized total of NPR 4,285,225,850.00 (Four billion two hundred eighty-five million two hundred twenty-five thousand eight hundred fifty rupees) in loan meeting their financial need. This year, out of total 63921 loan taking members, maximum families (26829 households.) which is nearly 42 percent of the total have received loan for investing it for initiating or promoting their income oriented business whereas only 2802 families which is slightly more than 4 percent, have invested for improving WASH infrastructure in their home. There are around 5 percent of the loan taking families who have used the loan amount for sending their family members to foreign employment. Total of 2947 families have sent their family members for foreign employment.

The data indicates that there is the significant demand for loan for housing improvement in low income families as more than 18 percent of the families (11663 households) have invested the loan amount for construction and renovation of their housing infrastructure. People in the low income families also takes loan from their cooperatives and self-help groups for meeting their social and other needs which seems relatively high which is nearly equal to the number of families who have taken loan for medical treatment. This year more than 6000 families (nearly 10 percent of the loan taking families) have taken loan for meeting the social and other needs. Likewise, total of 6426 families have used their loan amount for treatment purpose which is slightly more than 10 percent. Some percent of the families are seen utilizing their loan amount for their children's education and for the repayment of the loan, both being nearly 6 percent of the total loan taking families.



While analyzing the loan amount taken by the families with respect to their investment, maximum amount of loan that is NPR 1,912,706,846.00 (One billion nine hundred twelve million seven hundred six thousand eight hundred forty-six rupees only) which is nearly 45% of the total loan amount has been utilized for investing it for initiating or promoting their income oriented business whereas for the housing construction and renovation, NPR 1,469,708,474.00 (one billion four hundred sixty-nine million seven hundred eight thousand four hundred seventy-four rupees only) which is slightly more than 34% of the total loan amount has been found investment. Relatively there is less investment worth NPR 18,428,359.00



(nearly 1 percent of the total loan amount) seen in the WASH infrastructure improvement through the loan amount. Nearly 5 percent of the total loan amount has been utilized for treatment (NPR 1,98,963,995.00) , foreign employment (NPR 1,96,285,307.00) and social / other purposes (NPR 1,83,836,905.00) whereas nearly 4 percent of the total amount has been invested for education (NPR 143824663.00) and repayment of loan (NPR 1,61,471,301.00).

7. Other key initiatives

Apart from the regular thematic activities, Lumanti has carried several other projects in active participation of community people and their federation in Kathmandu valley and Ratnangar in partnership with concerned Municipalities and other city stakeholders.

7.1. Heritage Recovery Plan

With the active participation of the local people from ten traditional settlements of four municipalities in Kathmandu valley and in close coordination with concerned ward office and Municipalities, Lumanti has facilitated to develop Heritage Recovery Plan of those heritage settlements and disseminated the heritage plan.

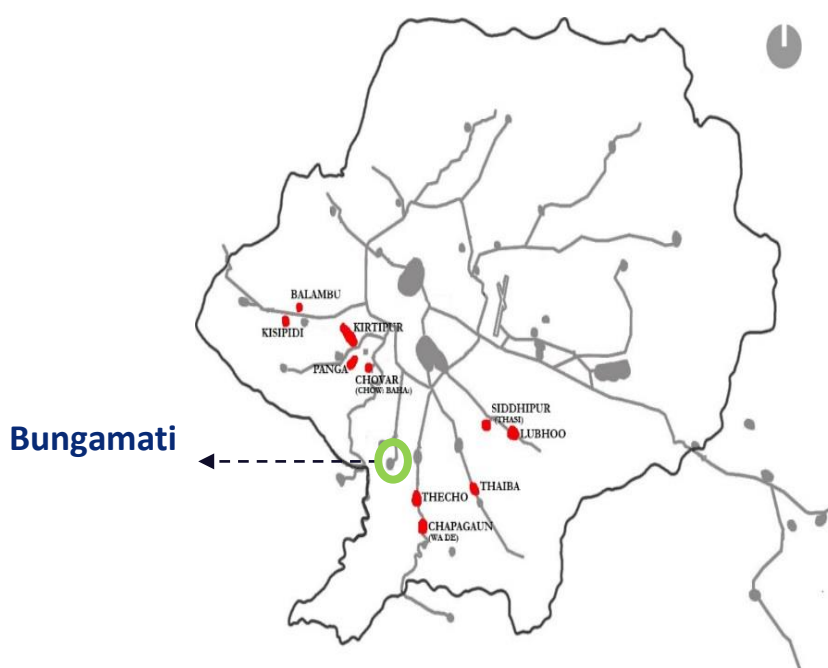


Figure 1: Kathmandu showing location of Ten Heritage Settlement selected in relation with Bungamati. (ICOMOS-Nepal, 2015)

The prepared plan was whole heartedly accepted by the local government and has assured to implement and construct as per plan prepared by Lumanti in coordination with stakeholders. Mayor of Kirtipur Municipality has announced to allocate budget of 10 million (1 crore) for the implementation of heritage recovery plan of Chovar.

As the part of the project, a solid waste management plan/strategy was developed with full participation of all the stakeholders in Bungamati. A solid waste management committee with representatives from all the 13 clusters have been formed which will lead in the effective solid waste management in Bungamati and will ensure that the SWM plan is effectively implemented. During the process, Solid Waste Management training carried out in Bungamati has motivated community on source segregation of waste and home composting. Partnership with Lalitpur Municipality is ensured for sustainable Solid waste management of the settlement.



Glimpses of Heritage Recovery Plan preparation and its dissemination

Under this project, community spaces of 5 municipalities (Lalitpur, Kirtipur, Chandragiri, Godavari and Mahalaxmi) were constructed with active participation of community and local government. During the project period, Lumanti has not only engaged the community in the process but also helped to raise the awareness of the people towards heritage conservation. The small scale infrastructures were identified and prioritized by the community and the municipality during the preparation of Heritage Recovery Plan. Primarily project supported with technical assistant and construction of infrastructure in the heritage settlement were done in coordination with local government and stakeholders. During the project period, at least 20 families in those municipalities were provided technical assistance in terms of preparing municipal approval drawings for rebuilding their houses. The municipality and the community has owned the process, and have contributed both in kind and cash to complete the project.



In addition to these, the construction of a community space in Kisipidi, Chandragiri Municipality is the final stage of completion. The local carpenters are engaged for the construction of this community space and they are using new innovative construction technique. With the active community participation for the construction on infrastructure both the municipality and the community has owned the process, and have contributed both in kind and cash to complete the project.

Besides, a pathway joining Karyabinayak Temple and Machhendranath Temple of Bungamati in Lalitpur was also constructed with active participation of community people in coordination with local authorities and stakeholder. This pathway has helped to manage solid waste, which was otherwise deteriorating the environment of the surrounding. This has been a model approach for solid waste management in Bungamati and is being replicated in other clusters as well.





Ganesh Laxmi contributing for clean, green and healthy Bungamati

Ganesh Laxmi Bramacharya, 52 years, Tafa tole of Bungamati delighted to have Solid Waste Management Training from Lumanti. With the aim to make community aware of the waste management and to provide a hands-on experience about bin composting, Lumanti organized training on solid waste management.

She is using compost manure in rooftop farming & nearby field for crops and had quality vegetables everyday. She loves to do composting and knitting recyclable materials. She had been knitting by using recyclable waste materials since 5 years.

"I believe that we all can contribute for clean, green and healthy Bungamati. Solid waste management training really helped us to manage household waste minimizing the unwanted waste from home to landfill", she added. "I carry my own cotton bag during shopping and ignore the single use plastic bag from shop. I believe if everyone had practice of reduce and reuse of the waste, the community will be neat and clean."

Bungamati is the pilgrimage site and its our responsibility to take care and make the heritage site neat and clean. Its simple, our household waste and we can manage ourselves, she added.

Clean, green and healthy Bungamati is achievable!

Bindra Kumari Tuladhar is the resident of Bungamati in Lalitpur Metropolitan. She is one of the of the participants of solid waste management training organized by Lumanti. He is positioned as the Vice Chairperson of Bungamati Solid Waste Management Committee. Bindra Kumari has been growing flowers and some vegetables at her roof top garden and consuming it regularly. "I am making use of plastics utensils which was lying idle in my home for growing vegetable and flowers. I make compost from the waste generated from my kitchen," She added, "Utilizing not-in-use utensils and little space in my roof top we can feel green environment."

Bindra Kumari believes that the aim to make Bungamati – a clean, green and healthy community can be achievable if everybody contributes and become responsible. She claimed, "If every citizen plays important role in managing solid waste management that generates from households applying source segregating, reuse and recycling habits, developing Bungamati as the heritage tourism destination is possible in near future." She feels that the solid waste management training that they received has really helped them to manage household waste minimizing the unwanted waste from our home to landfill. "The training encouraged people to start home composting. Following the training, all participants realize the benefits of compost and the simplicity or composting house-hold waste. It is more convenient to compost the organic matter rather than just dump the waste or give it to the waste collector as it reduces environment pollution and reduces the volume of waste during the transportation to landfill, she explained.



7.2. STDM based Municipal Informal Tenure Information System

Lumanti in collaboration with Ratnanagar Municipality has implemented STDM based Municipal Informal Tenure information System Program in Ratnanagar. The major objective of the project was Identification, verification and Recordation of Informal tenure holders by applying STDM tool for Municipality level land management for improved tenure security in Ratnanagar Municipality.



Under the project activities, STDM based household survey of the informal settlements in Ratnanagar Municipality was carried out. Through the survey, it is identified that total of 1504 households are habituated as the informal settlers in 58 communities of Ratnanagar city covering 0.36 sq. km land. The survey has showed the detail study about the land occupancy situation in the informal settlements along with the official evidence about the occupancy and residential permit. Besides, the study was also focused on housing situation in the informal settlements which also includes the information about basic services like WASH and electricity access. The study has also includes the detail demographic situation of the families resided in the informal settlements which comprises the detail about gender composition, academic and employment status along with income detail.



With the completion and handed over of the STDM tools to the Ratnanagar Municipality, the city is now equipped with the systematic information system for survey and accomplishing the survey works in identifying the households who are resided at the informal settlements, the city has become the first municipality to achieve this success.



In terms of updating the system, the concerned municipal officers are being now oriented and trained to function the system. The representatives from the community federation and local youth groups are being equally trained for the assistance.

In context of the formation of Land Issue Resolving Committee and its initiation for the management of land issues, with the availability of the information about the informal city dwellers in Ratnanagar, the recently done agreement between Ratnanagar Municipality and the Land Issue Resolving Committee for the management of the land issues and distribution of land ownership certificate for the informal settlers in Ratnanagar is the milestone achievement for us.

Fear to Fill-up Household survey Form- Sabitri Rai



Sabitri Rai, is living in Doban tole, ward 9 of Ratnanagar Municipality. Some 15 years ago she was migrated to Ratnanagar from Kathmandu with her family members. Since then she has been resided in the ailana land, building house for six members. Among six members two sons are in foreign employment, husband is a mansion and she owned her own poultry and fishery business. "Community user group and women's group create favorable environment for women to work from house which inspire me to open poultry farm. With their support till now I am running farm from home," she said.

Talking about the household survey under the STDM based Municipal Informal Tenure Information System, she expressed, for some extent I have a kind of fear to fill up questionnaire regarding land ownership as I have owned a piece of land apart from the land where we are living here. She added, as I am informed during the survey, I need to provide the actual information in order to get land ownership certificate from government. Despite of the fear that I might bear legal action from government, I have fill-up correct information in the survey form.

Land ownership lies under National park area

- Suka Bahadur Kumal



Sukha Bahadur Kumal Staying in Ramilo tole-8 of Ratnanagar Municipality. He has his own land holding land number 390 with coverage of 18,225 sq. in Ratnanagar-7 Municipality. Later Chitwan National Park enlarges it's periphery due to which Sukha bahadur land lies under conservation area.

As per rule government provided compensation to land owner which doesn't cover land actual valuation due to which sukha bahadur is deprived from his own land. Even though he has his own land, he has been forced to stay as squatter in informal settlement

8. Financial Summary

LUMANTI (Samjhana)
Support Group for Shelter


Statement of Income & Expenditure

for the period 01 Shrawan 2076 to 31 Ashad 2077 (17 July 2019 to 15 July 2020)

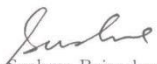
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Particulars	Schedule	2076/77	2075/76
Income			
From Restricted Funds	3	110,309,761.90	154,379,338.48
From Unrestricted Funds	4	1,043,563.73	1,555,948.54
Total Income		111,353,325.63	155,935,287.02
Expenditure			
Programme Cost	6	66,161,047.98	95,845,186.24
Staff Cost		34,663,027.81	43,893,798.32
Travel Cost		552,597.00	1,191,434.17
Admin & Office Cost	7	9,878,678.56	14,187,008.21
Non Expendable Assets		85,000.00	834,688.00
Transfer to Reserve Fund		12,974.28	(16,827.92)
Total Expenditure		111,353,325.63	155,935,287.02


As per our report of even date


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Dr. Anita Manandhar
Executive Secretary


Sushma Bajracharya
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Gyani Shakya
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Place: Kathmandu
Date: 20 October 2020

