

### 17<sup>th</sup> GENERAL ASSEMBLY



SAHAS- Nepal's 17<sup>th</sup> General Assembly was held on October 14, 2012 at Pokhara Village Resort in Pokhara. The General Assembly is the highest authority of SAHAS- Nepal. The GA meets annually and provides overall institutional policy framework. The event was chaired by Mr. Brahma Dhoj Gurung, the chairperson of the organisation. In total, 55 participants attended the meeting which includes members and staffs. The programme was divided into 2 sessions: open session and closed session. In the open session, the progress reports of different projects implemented by SAHAS-Nepal were presented.

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Similarly, financial report was presented by the treasurer Mr. Sunil Shakya. Further, presentation on the organization annual activities was presented by the Member Secretary Dr. Surendra Kumar Shrestha. After the end of the open session, activity reports of the organisation were reviewed, critically analyzed during the closed session, and approved by the General Members. Valuable suggestions for effective implementation of the organizational programs in future were also given by the members. The assembly concluded with discussion and appreciation of programs and plans of the organization for the following year.

### COMPLETION OF BAJURA STORM AND LANDSLIDE DISASTER PROJECT

A devastating landslide triggered by intensive rain left 5 people dead and many injured in the remote village, Pipaldali and Kolti Bazar of Bajura on June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012. The strong wind and heavy rain for one and half hours causing landslide produced a physical, social and economical impacts in the community. The victims were all from poor families and many were "Dalits". Therefore, SAHAS-Nepal developed a project named Bajura Storm and Landslide Disaster Project to support these victims in long term basis. Further, a need for shelter construction was felt and for this land purchase fund was also developed for the construction of houses to the victims. Under this, agreement was made with FELM Nepal to purchase the land for the 4 landless people. A total of 1 Ropani land (5476 sq.ft) was purchased and distributed to the landless families along with Land Ownership Certificate.



Similarly, under disaster relief project, SAHAS-Nepal along with the community participation, constructed 18HHs in Badhun VDC ward no.9. Among 18 HHs, 8 were of Dalit and remaining 10 were of karki. The houses were all 2 storeys and contain 4 rooms in each. Further, all the houses were equipped with smokeless stove and toilet. Furthermore, the project has constructed 154 toilets, 12 drinking water taps, 2 Dams, 1 collection Chamber, 1 distribution chamber and 2RBT (20m<sup>3</sup> & 30m<sup>3</sup>) in total. 156 HHs has benefitted from the project. In addition, SAHAS-Nepal also supported with equipment and furniture for the primary health care centre. 6 stretchers, 4 medicine display shelf and a fridge were distributed. After the support, the service was effective and there was continuation in vaccination programme for children. Similarly, different training on home gardening and sanitation awareness was also organised. The project did not complete in the end of December 2012 due to various reasons. Hence, after organising few meetings with the Country Manger of FELM Nepal, approval was made to extent the project until 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2013. Therefore, the project was successfully completed and celebration and handover to the community was done in the presence of Hannaleena, Country Manager of FELM Nepal and Dr. Surendra K. Shrestha, Executive Director of SAHAS-Nepal.

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PROGRAMME DIVERSIFICATION AND STRENGTHENED SAHAS-NEPAL"*



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## INAGURATION OF LIFT IRRIGATION PROJECT

Inaguration of LIFT Irrigation Project was held on 15 May, 2013 under the chairmanship of Local Development Officer, Mr. Chabilal Rijal. The inaguration ceremony was also observed by the Executive Director Dr. Surendra K. Shrestha of SAHAS-Nepal, DDC officer Mr. Ganesh Ghimire, Eng. Prakash Bhandari, secretary of VDC, Bhoj Narayan Shrestha. Representatives from the political parties were also present in the inaguration of the project. The financial report was presented by the treasurer Motisara

Gurung and the cost estimated was given by the Team Leader. Irrigated agriculture has contributed greatly to food security and has presented new opportunities for reducing poverty. Irrigation can be done throughout the year which greatly benefits seasonal and off-seasonal vegetable farming. This also contributes to a significant increase in the income of resource poor farmers through vegetable farming. Further the chairperson added that this project is one of the model for development. project only becomes successful if the community can utilize and earn from it. He wished that the community can make effective achievements through this. Chairman of the group Fulmaya Gurung also shared her experience and learnings. She added that the project was delayed due to the un-availabilty of electricity. She also promised that they will take benefits from the project. Simalry, certificate of appreciation was also given to 3 groups after the evaluation.



## CHHAUPADI FREE WARD DECLARATION PROGRAMME

Chhaupadi is a traditional practice in which women and girls are forbidden to touch and have to live in cowshed during menstruation period. It is widespread practice prevalent in far west and some parts of mid west region of Nepal, among which Kalikot is also one of them. The shed are usually very

poor hygiene and lack of nutritious food most of the women fall sick during the practice of such chhaupadi system and few have lost their lives as well. Therefore, SAHAS-Nepal has carried out its project in different VDC of these districts to eradicate the chhaupadi system. In this process, programme has been arranged in Badalkot VDC, Ward no. 1 to declare the ward as Chhaupadi free ward on 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2013. The slogan of the programme was **"Lets walk together to eliminate the violence against women and make a better society"**. The programme was observed by the political leaders, representatives from the government officials, journalist and the local community. The programme was broadcasted through Radio Naya Karnali and Radio Chulimali.



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### !!!Farewell for our Advisor!!!!

We want to thank our Advisor Claudia Mahneke for being a great mentor. Your guidance and advices were all been a great help for each one of us. Working with you was a pleasure. The team will never be the same without you. SAHAS-Nepal wishes her all the best for her new venture.



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## Organizational Development Professional Meeting

Organizational Development professional meeting was held at Pokhara Village Resort, Lake Side from 27<sup>th</sup> Feb- 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2013. The meeting was organized by SAHAS-Nepal to focus on improving and enhancing capabilities within organizations and to meet tactical goals. This kind of meeting is essential to up-to date information, knowledge and skills to staff. This also includes activities for improving and better understanding on how the organization functions and ultimately the success of organization and capacity development of staff.

## Outcome Impact Orientation Training

Outcome and Impact Orientation applies to the entire project cycle which means that when the concepts and plans are prepared attention should be paid to the outcomes and impacts. OIO is particularly important in the field of emergency aid, rehabilitation and development co-operation and for this the outcome/impacts of the projects have to be considered during the planning phase and monitored and analysed after the project has started. Therefore, the workshop on outcome and impact orientation for SAHAS-Nepal was held at DEC Nepal, Sauraha, Chitwan from 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> Feb 2013. This workshop was organized by SAHAS-Nepal.

## Professional Group Meeting

The workshop on Professional group meeting –Agriculture for SAHAS-Nepal was held at DEC Nepal, Sauraha, Chitwan from 21<sup>st</sup> to 22<sup>th</sup> Feb 2013. The workshop was organized by SAHAS-Nepal and was attended by Programme Officer and Agriculture Technician working under SAHAS-Nepal. This workshop is a new practice initiated as part of capacity building and to develop similarity in understanding and way of activities putting in place over the SAHAS projects. Similarly, 2 days PGM for finance was also organised on 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> may 2013. The main objective was to amend the policy, bring uniformity, Fund mobilization and to share the problem among all the working districts.

## Climate Change and community based adaptation Training

With a view to disseminate information about climate change ,its present scenario and its community base mitigation and

adaptation measures among staffs of SAHAS-Nepal, two days Climate Change and community base adaptation training was held at DEC-Nepal Sauraha from 19-20<sup>th</sup> Feb,2013

## Phase Out of CEP and IFCO project

The CEP project which was implemented by SAHAS-Nepal to mainstream the socially excluded group in the state,-through their meaningful participation in the process of constitution making has completed its project cycle. Being SAHAS -Nepal implemented the CEP project in the areas where it has been already implementing the livelihoods based programmes/projects, has given synergy effects to the sustainable community development. The CEP has supported to empower the communities to claim their rights with local level governmental bodies whereas other projects/programmes have supported to improve their livelihoods status.

Similarly, IFCO project has also successfully completed its 3 year project cycle. The project aimed to increase the food security for poor and marginalized people.

## Funding Partner (EED) Visit to SAHAS-Nepal's Central Office

Kristen Gade of EED (now BfW) made a monitoring visit in SAHAS-Nepal's Central Office on 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2013. The discussions were done regarding the project integration of CEP in to other projects. Further, issues related to Reserve Fund, preparation of Draft TOR for final evaluation of CEP and extension of working VDCs in LIFT project of 3 districts were also discussed during the visit. Questions were also raised by Kristen on the negative outcome of the project and how the organization is dealing with it. The visit was effective in understanding the situation of the project.



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## Visit to the project area by the Partner Organization (FELM)

A 2 days visit was made by the Project partner FELM on 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2013. The representatives from FELM were Hannaleena and Anu. Similarly, Executive Director of SAHAS-Nepal and Project Co-ordinator were also present during the visit. The visit was made on one of the working area of the project, Taklung VDC of Gorkha. During the visit, monitoring was done on the activities implemented by the project. Also, interaction with the group members was also made.

The groups showed their gratification towards the visit made by the donor organization and shared that the visit has initiated to develop socially and personally and made them proud. The female group also presented their hand-made goods as a souvenir to the visitors. Similarly, the representatives from FELM appreciated on the achievements made by the groups on income generation, social development and organizational development. In

addition, the representatives from FELM were delighted to see the organized documentation, activities achieved through resource sharing and effective mobilization. They further added that, this has made them to support further in the future.



## District Level Network Organization Ad Hoc Committee Meeting

The Ad Hoc committee meeting was organized for the Sustainable Rural Empowerment Network (SUREN) in Okhaldhunga under the facilitation of SAHAS-Nepal and 5 CBOs Network organizations on June 6, 2013 under the chairmanship of Duryodhan Rai. The ad hoc committee meeting vice-chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer and Joint



secretary was respectively Kamal Krishna Tamang, Peshal kumar Adhikari, Meera Dahal and Dhan Bahadur Magar. Similarly, the members are respectively Hem Kumari Tamang, Lok Bahadur Sunuwar, Aamta Rai, Muna Shrestha,

Hem Kumar Ghimire and one nominated. Representatives from the CBOs including the Executive Director of SAHAS-Nepal Dr. Surendra K. Shrestha attended the meeting. The meeting decided to start necessary process for the registration and make Act for the organization. SAHAS-Nepal has been implemented different project for the community development in the rural parts of Okhaldhunga district. According to the working procedure of the organization different CBOs have been formed. Therefore, SAHAS-Nepal has helped in capacity building of the organization.

## Working Area Extension

The extension of the working areas in Illaka 8 (Raniban, Palakhu, Kalika, Fulbari Bilandu & Ferigut) of Okhaldhunga and Illaka 10 (Tribeni) & Ilaka 11 (Lekhani, Mahimkhu, Hardeni, Swabru Chabiso & Limpatar) of Udayapur District allows SAHAS-Nepal to extend its working areas and to develop and implement programme and project so as to provide direct benefit to the marginalized community.