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# GRANT DISBURSEMENT



*Amount disbursed*  
**NRs. 13,527,250**

*Districts covered*  
**29**



**49** *Grants disbursed*

*Organizations*

**47**





A total of NPR 13,527,250.00 was disbursed between the period of January – June 2022 to 49 organizations including 21 new organizations in 29 districts. East Nawalparasi district was added during this period.

During this period, Tewa focused on strengthening the community hospitals and health posts through Humanitarian crisis support. The eight grant disbursed under this support was NRs. 3,000,000 where NRs. 2,700,000 was disbursed for COVID response and NRs. 300,000 for hurricane-affected marginalized families. We also supported for awareness campaign on precautions against COVID-19 and advocacy for vaccination at the community level and also addressed the need for conflict-affected children for their online education.

Surakshya Anudan of NRs. 1,800,000 was provided for the informed and effective participation of women in the local election of 2079.

# CAPACITY BUILDING AND STRENGTHENING



In collaboration with our mentee organization, various training was conducted on organization and leadership development, account management, report and proposal writing, and refresher training.

Various training on Women's Rights and Environmental Justice, Role of Women in Conservation of Natural Resource, Grantee Partner Capacity Strengthening on Tewa's Learning, Monitoring and Evaluation Model and Community Philanthropy, Refresher training, and Capacity Strengthening Excursion visit to Sikkim of Sahayatra were conducted by our grantee organizations.

Addressing the need for Informed and Effective Participation of Women in Local Election 2079 Tewa collaborated with two of its grantee partners of five districts for the awareness of Local Election where 320 people benefitted.

Furthermore, National Conference on localizing Climate Actions through Climate and Development Dialogue and Interaction programs with Women Organizations to explore the new grantee partners in Sudurpaschim, Lumbini, and Karnali Pradesh were organized with the participation of 90+ and 63 participants respectively.



**18**  
Capacity  
Strengthening  
Training

**7**  
Districts



**39**  
Organizations



**3719**  
Beneficiaries





# LEARNING, MONITORING & EVALUATION



In the first half of the year 2022, a total of 15 projects of 15 different grantee partners from three provinces namely, Sudhuraschhim Province, Bagmati Province, and Province 1 have either been evaluated or monitored. The evaluation was carried out for the completed projects while process monitoring was done for the ongoing projects.

Additionally, observation visits to programs carried out by eight organizations namely, Women for Human Rights Sunakothi, Siddhipur Mahila Sasktikaran Samaj, Sahara Foundation, Manaswi Parijat Mahila Kendra, Janajati Mahila Samaj, Nepal Austria Partnership, Women Empowerment Center, and Naya Chori Uddhyami Nepal has been carried out.

Moreover, in order to capacitate new grantee partners i.e. grantee partners receiving the second cycle Samman grant and adhar grant from the fiscal year 2021/2022 were provided with capacity strengthening session on Tewa's Learning, Monitoring, and Evaluation Model and Local Fundraising from May 2 to 4, 2021 (Baishak 19-21, 2079) at Tewa. A total of 42 participants from 23 organizations participated as part of grantee capacity strengthening training.

Overall, the projects were mostly observed to have supported women in terms of economic empowerment and financial self-reliance through organic vegetable farming and cloth bag manufacturing. Additionally, enhanced knowledge and information on leadership skills, organic farming, and women's rights have been observed by the women.



**18**  
Projects

**10**  
Evaluation



**8**  
Monitoring

# MENTORSHIP PROGRAM



During the period, two "Mentors Meet-up" and one "Mentors and Mentees Meet-Up" has been conducted with a motive to have frequent interaction and communication with them along with capacity enhancement. Frequent interactions are made with mentors through messenger groups, telephone calls, e-mail, face-to-face, and bi-monthly virtual zoom meetings. Altogether eight bi-monthly virtual zoom meetings have been conducted within this period. The regular meetings between mentors help to strengthen the connection among each other as well as update the work, learn from each other, and share the challenges.

On the basis of those visits to mentee organizations, observations, and reports, problems are identified along with possible solutions, and also have been provided with necessary capacity enhancement training based on necessity. Various case stories are prepared and SWOT analyses are conducted at a certain interval to identify the position that mentee organizations hold.

Visits to Panauti, Bungmati, and Barpak have been made as an observation and exposure visit to mentee organizations. As a "Learning and Exposure Visit" a recent visit has been made to Barpak along with our seven mentors. Similarly, a training program on "Organizational and Leadership Development" was provided to the mentee organization of Dakshinkaali with the participation of 30 people.

Frequent guidance, support, observation, and field visits through mentorship programs have helped mentee organizations to grow and evolve. This has also helped mentees to be empowered, educated, and motivated to perform efficiently inside and outside the organization at societal and community levels as well. They have improvised their communication skills, interpersonal skills, presentation skills, and professional skills. They have also started to emphasize more organizational development aspects and second-line leadership creation and handover.

# LOCAL RESOURCE MOBILIZATION



Total Fundraised  
**NRs. 1,508,573**



## HIKE FOR TEWA

Fundraised  
**NRs. 171,310**

## HAAT BAZAAR

Fundraised  
**NRs. 124,765**



## RAFFLE TICKET

Fundraised  
**NRs. 336,550**

## DEEP PRAJWOLAN

Fundraised  
**NRs. 157,800**





Tewa had organized four local fundraising events during the first half of 2022 i.e. Hike for Tewa, Deep Prajwolan, Raffle Ticket, and Haat bazaar.



## HIKE FOR TEWA

Hike for Tewa was organized on 8th January 2022 for the first time in the history of Tewa as a local fundraising event. The route for the hike was from Panchmane to Tarkeshowr Temple (Shivapuri National Park). The hike was concluded successfully with the engagement of 80+ participants including our staff, volunteers, and well-wishers.

## RAFFLE TICKET

Raffle was organized on April 29 which was conducted at Tewa in presence of general members, volunteers and staff. After a lot of excitement and fun, raffle opening got its lucky 25 winners out of which 20 got consolation prizes and rest, first to fifth prizes. We were able to raised more than three lakh rupees from this event exceeding our target.



## DEEP PRAJWOLAN

Deep prajwolan is a special event that has been going on for more than 20 years now. This is the event that engages community people, our grantee partners and volunteers, staff, board and general members because of its essence of evoking peace and harmony. On the 29th April, we merged our two local fundraising events i.e. Deep prajwolan and raffle ticket which was organized in presence of almost 150 people.

## HAAT BAZAAR

Tewa has been doing haat bazaar time and again in collaboration with Daraz. It is serving as a platform for our volunteers, staff, grantees and their beneficiaries to buy, promote, and sell and buy the products and as for Tewa, it is helping to promote community philanthropy, raise local funds and to promote the organization. During the period, we were able to raise NRs.124,765 from Haat Bazaar.



# VOLUNTEERS PROGRAM



The three days of volunteers' training was organized from 9th - 11th March 2022 at Tewa for the period. As usual, the volunteers were oriented about Tewa, its activities, and their need and role as volunteers at Tewa and in fundraising. The volunteers have been able to raise NRs. 300,873 during their mentoring period.

Apart from volunteer training, Tewa has been mobilizing the volunteers in different events and engaging with them through training and workshops, and exposure visit to our grantee partners' organizations. During the period, we have been able to mobilize 156 volunteers successfully.

As the risk of COVID-19 was growing in the country during the starting of 2022, we managed to conduct an orientation program for our 53rd volunteers batch virtually on 17th January with the participation of 16 volunteers who were oriented about Tewa.

The Well-being session was organized by Tewa for volunteers that took place on the 7th February curated by our Consultant Psychologist - Ms. Monika Devkota for the volunteers from 1997 - 2015.



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Volunteers

The volunteers got the opportunity to interact with each other and with this, we also go the opportunity to update Tewa's work. The other main motto of this program is to keep engaging and mobilizing the volunteers.

When the situation started to get better, we organized a workshop for our volunteers physically on 'Well-being and How to take care of yourself' and 'Well-being and mental health' on 3rd March and 24th May respectively at Tewa. With the participation of 33 volunteers, the session was again facilitated by Ms. Monika Devkota.

By the end of this period, Tewa also organized an exposure visit for the volunteers to our grantee partner's organization - Shri Griha Shramik Brahmayani Mahila Samuha at Panauti on the 2nd of June. This visit was motivational for the volunteers. 20 volunteers participated in the visit along with three staff of Tewa. The organization has also received one time grant from Tewa. The main goal of the organization is to create awareness on socio-economic rights.

## CHILDREN'S PROGRAM



The weekly sessions of the children's program resumed on 16th April 2022 after the COVID-19 situation started to get better. 14 children participated in the first session of the program and were engaged in different activities such as art and craft. Two young interns also joined this program in Jestha 2079 to give their input and support the children's program.

To enhance the learning of the children, an exposure visit was organized to Balkumari Mandir at Sunakothi on the 4th of June with the participation of 17 children along with the interns and volunteers.

Besides this, a Digital Well-being session was held on 11th June. The session was moderated by Ms. Monika Devkota with the engagement of 20 children. The session focused on the common digital wellness practices including implementing screen time limits, wearing blue-light-blocking glasses to alleviate eyestrain, muting notifications on mobile devices to prevent constant interruptions, and also maintaining healthy habits with physical activity, nutrition, and sleep. Overall, the session addressed the awareness on mental health and digital well-being.

# PARTICIPATION AND VOICE OF EXCLUDED WOMEN (PAVE)



The PAVE project focuses mainly on empowering and capacitating elected women in the working areas of Bajura, which are Tribeni and Badimalika Municipalities where 39 elected women have been a part of this project since the beginning. It has held leadership training focusing on 'Gender Responsive Budgeting' this period in 2022, where elected women from the two municipalities were participating and a consultant conducted the two-day training. However, a huge gap was seen in the budget allocation at the province level itself and especially in the districts where the knowledge of gender-responsive budgeting was found to be poor. This training was not a start but rather a refresher training for the participants to understand the necessity to allocate budgets for the communities that are most in need and the advocacy towards this with other political leaders as well.

'Gender Responsive Budgeting' for 25 government officials was conducted by a consultant which was a vital topic for political engagement, not only for the elected women but also for the government officials who are definitely more literate and play a vital role in decision-making.

The project has successfully reached 302 women in the two municipalities of Bajura, Tribeni and Badimalika Municipality. Support monthly meetings are done each month in ten groups comprising single women, Dalit women, women with disability, and women who are from a poor economic background. This activity of the project is imperative as the majority of women in the group are not literate and have not been active participants in their community. The meetings encourage savings and this has enabled many to be economically independent and mindful of financial freedom within themselves. Moreover, this creates a network for them to belong in a group of women where information and knowledge sharing amongst themselves is an easy flow.

With the participation of 38 women, the Women's Rights Platform event was held in Dhangadi which was led by the three organizations working in a consortium for PAVE, which is Tewa, FEDO, and WHR. The establishment of the network at the provincial level was done envisioning a sustainable approach for women in Sudharpaschim to continue working with each other to combat issues for women in various marginalized communities. The four-day event covered topics on advocacy, network strengthening, and different issues addressed to minority groups and women with disability. An action plan was also developed where all the districts took up vital roles to ensure the implementation of this network and its goals, for this quarter they took up a role to begin a campaign to increase women's participation in politics to 50 percent.

Qualitative data collection such as FGDs and interviews proved to be extremely vital to understanding the impact of the project collectively and in a holistic manner. The different activities over the years have improved the community women as well as the elected women's confidence in taking up leadership roles inside of their homes as well as in their community.

Furthermore, the seed money that was given to the women after the entrepreneurship training has definitely built the women's confidence and their participation in political party meetings and engagement in other committees has been seen to be increasing as mobility is positively impacted by growing financial freedom.



# COMMUNITY SAFETY NET AND FEMINIST MOVEMENT BUILDING



The second and third capacity enhancement workshop in seven provinces along with counselor training and five monitoring visits were completed during this period. A total of 111 participants including excluded groups have enhanced their capacity to form and roll out a community safety net through the first capacity enhancement workshop covering 6 provinces excluding Province 3 as it was already completed in the first quarter.

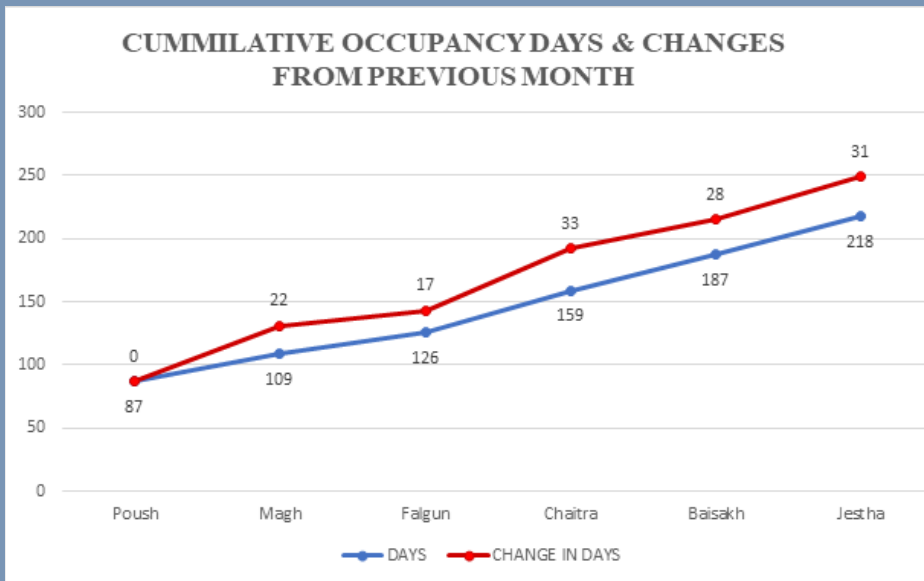
Community orientation was conducted at the district level to ensure maximum participation of the members of the community safety nets as the community members have less access to information on the local government and civil services. Hence, the participants need to be oriented on service providers and schemes of government so more information has to be given to capacitate the CSN members. Besides that, frequent follow-up and capacity-building training were given to the counselors time and again as women's organizations still lack the capacity to fulfilling the administrative procedures.

Also, the In-kind support relief distribution was distributed to 500 CSN members of 21 districts.

During this period, 206 women, 9 men, and 5 from the LGBTIQ community have enhanced their capacities to promote and strengthen their leadership and network building through nine capacity enhancement provincial workshops. The workshops were conducted at the Province level in six Provinces whereas in Province -1 it was district level because of the geographical vulnerabilities and implementation of CSN was not speedy in those districts.

# DEEP YOGINI

The time period from January to June 2022 (Nepali month – Poush 2078 to Jestha 2079) was very good for Deepyogini. (DY). The occupancy day counts are in the upward swing. COVID-19 and its effect had a profound impact on the uses of DY properties, thus this upswing trend is encouraging. The data in the accompanying graph shows this trend.

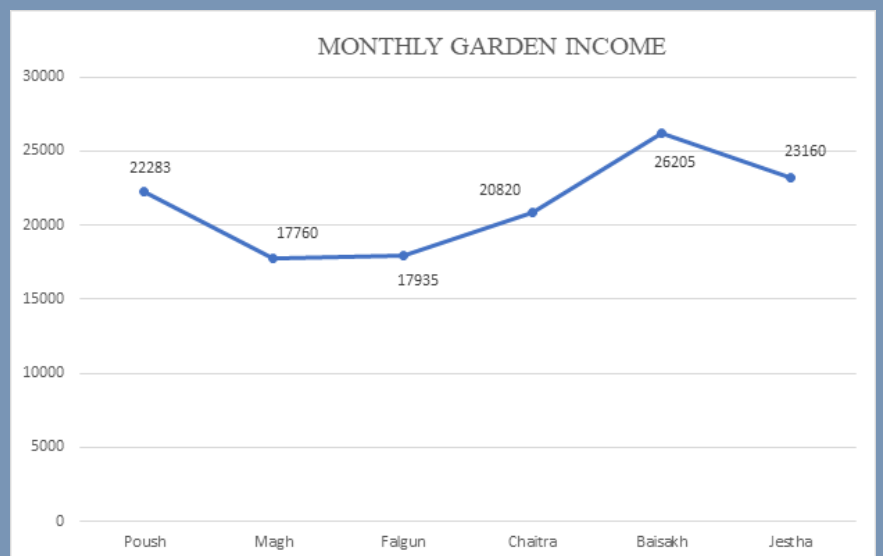


The number of residents was 930 in total from Nepal, India, and Korea.

Tewa's current Strategic Plan envisages DY would create itself as a knowledge center too. So as a part of that goal, Tewa in collaboration with other social organizations from India, Bangladesh, Nepal, and in particular Sangat Nepal hosted "The traveling International Film Festival".

The event showcased short documentaries and national and international films on Gender, Sexuality, Masculinity, and Relationships were screened at DY's Jamghat Hall.

Income from our garden products, except for the month of Magh and Falgun (>17 thousand) has remained above 20 thousand rupees per month. The cumulative revenue generated from garden products from January to June 2022 (Poush 2078 to Jestha 2079) was NRs. 128,163.





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