

**PeaceWin Profile on WATER,  
SANITATION & Hygiene (WASH)  
and SRHR**



PeaceWin as a community based Civil Society Organization (CSO) was established with effort of rural farmers of remote district Bajura, Nepal. Indeed, it is from the feeling of community people as CSO. This is the strength that enabling its actions to be accountable to the communities and stakeholders. Pit latrines making and using, village cleaning campaigning, awareness for hand washing before eating and after defecation, traditional forest management and conservation, school enrollment to girls, inspire to women and children for vaccination, suggest to using temporary means of family planning were the major initial volunteer works of the organization. It has long experience on participatory community and school led sanitation and environment management. From the experience PeaceWin is in conclusion that livelihood improvement, health and hygiene, gender violence and caste discrimination, infant-maternal/reproductive health are also interrelated issues of WASH.

Realizing the causes PeaceWin has been taking the issue of water and sanitation as also major leading component of social transformation, because children and women are primarily affected community from the stumpy service of water and sanitation.

## **PeaceWin has working experiences on WASH:**

### **School led WASH:**

PeaceWin had supported to 137 number of drinking water taps in 126 schools and 159 numbers of toilets tin 125 schools and altogether 27860 children were benefitted. 41 schools out of these had been continuing to practice water and sanitation as school package. Activities completed in school WASH are:

- Orientation/awareness on SHN.
- Training and supported first aid kit boxes
- TOT on schoolteachers on total WASH and sanitation.
- Formation and capacitate WASH and sanitation focal groups in school and ward level and conducted the monthly review and reflection and planning meeting among teachers and focal groups.
- Training on sanitary pad preparation to schoolgirls in secondary schools.
- Awareness and sensitization session in school on total sanitation and menstruation hygiene
- Supported to built girls friendly toilets with sanitary disposal

### **Community Led WASH:**

- Close facilitation in Open Defecation Free community declaration in Bajura and Achham
- Supported in private and community toilet construction and village cleaning campaign
- 12 drinking water schemes (small and huge) in 10 VDCs with 65 taps and 965 toilets were supported and benefitted 1413 households.

- Improved stove construction support and household smoke management to reduce respiratory effect to women at kitchen
- Campaign on hand washing

### **SRHR:**

- Facilitation in Chhaupadi Goth (Menstruation Shed) free community in Bajura, Achham and Kailali districts
- Campaign to respect the menstruation period by applying 6-sa ABHYAN in Sudurpashchim province (During the menstruation period it focuses on \: Sarsaphai- personal hygiene, Surakshit basai- Safe residence, Suaahara- Nutritious food, Subista-Rest, Sushiksha-Regularity to school, Suchana-information on menstruation causes)
- Sensitization to couple using temporary and fixed means of family planning
- Implemented health-related five project in Bajura, Bajhang, Achham, Doti and Kailali in partnership of CARE Nepal, Save the Children, Restless Development International, Good Neighbors Gnternational, global Fund/Family Planning Association Nepal, Action Aid Nepal focusing on HIV, family planning, Maternal & Neonatal health, reproductive health, safe motherhood, adolescents' skill enhancing on SRHR etc.
- Support in birthing centers and health post building construction
- Established SRHR information and youth information centers in community
- Conducted reproductive health session in schools and community collaboration with FCHVs and their skill/capacity development support
- Life skill education to adolescent girls and legal framework on safe abortion in Nepal. Effect of unwanted pregnancy and its health effect, if unsafe abortion happened
- Awareness and sensitization on child marriage, reducing stigma and discrimination on HIV and AIDS
- Facilitation on complete immunization and declaration
- Sensitization on regular health check up ANC/PNC, and ensure institutional delivery
- Strengthen COAC, BOAC through equipment and SBA training, BPP training has been conducted
- Support equipment to birthing centers

### **Human Resource:**

PEACEWIN has full time experienced regular staffs in WASH and SRHR for implementation and basic knowledge to board members and volunteers for monitoring process. Strategically it stresses to retain experienced human resource.

### **Social Change Agents:**

PeaceWin has experienced and committed volunteer members, officers and social mobilizers for planning, policy advocacy, community empowerment/ capacity building, and documentation, coordination, management in specified sector.

#### **Skill/ knowledge transfer and learning sharing process of the organization:**

PeaceWin owns the capacity and practice to train new staffs. Its In-house sharing and skill/ knowledge transfer system is live. It has culture to share among team members. Project location-based orientation and coach by staffs/ members are in practice for enhancing organizational performance. It has project guidelines that supports to gain skill and easy to work.

#### **Working Approach on WASH**

PeaceWin works with existing community groups, like: Women Rights Forums, child clubs, drinking water management groups, community forest groups, school management committees, health post coordination committees etc. This enhances the capacity for long lasting management through training, maintenance fund, exposure, external inputs etc. Working with local level Government is strategically prime of the organization.

#### **Partners for Water and Sanitation program:**

- Good Neighbors International in Bajura
- District Development Committee/ Rural Village Water Resource Management Project (RVWRMP) from 2009 in three VDCs, Bajura
- Save the Children International in Nepal from 2003 to the sector of school sanitation, Bajura and Achham districts
- CARE Nepal/ Community Support Programme (ASHA) from 2005 – 2010 to the sector of community as well as school led sanitation in 13 VDCs, Bajura
- UNICEF in 1999 in a ward of Gudukhati VDC, Bajura
- District Drinking Water Office to primary schools of Brahmtola VDC, Bajura
- UNHABITAT/KIRDARC in Bajura

Thank you.