



Annual Report 2013



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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Good Neighbors International (GNI) has been working in Nepal since 2002 with the objective to improve lives of people especially children through education, income generating activities, skill development, health services, advocacy, network building and emergency relief in 11 districts. It has been working continuously with the concept of sustainable community development and enhancing the capacity of poor community people to improve their livelihood and quality of life.

GNI believes in good coordination and partnership with concerned ministries of Nepal and different line agencies working in same thematic areas is the only way for sustainable development programme in Nepal. Community development concept of GNI will be exemplary model for development programme in Nepal. GNI will put every effort to expand programme and ensure that the benefits will reach to the targeted members across the country. GNI believes on strengthening system for sustainable community development – guided by value and driven by evidence.

I would like to offer my sincere appreciation to all staff members for putting their sincere effort to bring GNI up to this level. I am extremely thankful to donors, line agencies, partner organizations, communities for their invaluable commitment, contribution and support.

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Roh Kyung-hoo
Country Director

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58,301 community members benefited through project

2,669 disadvantaged children sponsored and provided education

18 general health check-up organized, 24,000 children and parents benefited

Education material provided to 125 public schools

47 public schools renovated

Critical health treatment provided to 31 children

Logistic material supported to 72 Early Childhood Development Centers

Books provided to 25 schools for library establishment

Nutritious food provided to 2,500 children

2013 Key Results



Gender equity training received by 26 persons

476 households benefited through hand pumps

150 garbage can placed in community and schools

Immediate relief support provided to 696 households

Sanitation materials provided to 33,000 children

Climate change adaptation and mitigation workshop attended by 450 people

Antenatal and postnatal care training provided to 5,000 community members

163 first aid kits donated to schools and child clubs

Human, child and women rights training provided to 8,618 persons

HIV/AIDS prevention training provided to 40 persons

Toilet construction materials supported to 1,674 households

Income generating groups saved
5,280,312 (NRs)

12 cooperatives registered

Basic computer training provided
to **30** youths

Pickle making training provided to **40** women

Eco-friendly training provided to **1** school

9 vegetable farms, **8** pig farms, **12** poultry
farms and **2** fish farms established

Seed money (363,800 NRS) provided
to **4** cooperatives

1 aromatic plant processor
established in Humla

Ergonomic tools provided to
30 households

Candle making training provided
to **10** women



House repairing support provided to **5** households

Sewing and knitting training provided to **61** women

3 Community Centers
constructed in Kathmandu,
Bardiya and Doti

230 Community Development
Committee formed

Exposure visit organized for **429** farmers
to learn modern agriculture techniques

Support provided to **1** household
to establish fresh house

18 Project Management
Committee formed

For establishment of sewing center, **10**
sewing machine provided

Introduction

Good Neighbors International (GNI) is a humanitarian and development international NGO in general consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). It strives to improve lives of people especially children through education, income generating activities, skill development, health services, advocacy, network building and emergency relief. This organization has made great strides in its mission by providing better quality of life to people around the world since 1991. It has been working in Nepal since 2002 with the objectives to provide quality education to children of disadvantaged family and improve their health and socio-economic status.

GNI program principles are based on following Millennium Development Goals (MDGs):

- ◆ MDG goals 1, 2 and 3 – Education and Child Protection.
- ◆ MDG goals 4, 5 and 6 – Health Promotion
- ◆ MDG goals 6 and 7 – Water and Sanitation
- ◆ MDG goals 1 and 7 – Income Generation
- ◆ MDG 8 – Partnership and Network Building
- ◆ MDG 3 – Organization Building and Advocacy

Mission Statement:

Good Neighbors International exists to make the world a place without hunger, where people live together in harmony. It respects the human rights of our neighbors suffering from poverty, disaster and oppression, and helps them live in self-reliance by encouraging them to have hopes.



Goal:

To improve the quality of primary school education and enhance the livelihood through income generation supports.

Specific Objectives:

A. Child-focused School Education Program (CSEP)

- ◆ To provide the school education support to children and assist in school building infrastructure.
- ◆ To provide the general health check-up for children, parents and community people.
- ◆ To improve the condition of sanitation and drinking water in the schools and community.

B. Livelihood Enhancement Program (LEP)

- ◆ To support poor families for their livelihood improvement.

- ◆ To enhance socioeconomic condition through local resource mobilization.
- ◆ To provide need based skill enhancement training.

C. Community Welfare Program (CWP)

- ◆ To promote local leaders on conceptualization of sustainable community development.
- ◆ To generate awareness on gender, culture, climate change, health education and food security related issues.
- ◆ To mitigate major disaster by providing emergency response.

Local Partners:

GNI is collaborating with three local partners in Nepal:

- ◆ Ashal Chhimeki Nepal (ACN)
- ◆ Sonaha Bikash Samaj (SBS)
- ◆ Lele Samudayik Bikash Kendra (LSBK)



Mid Western Region

Districts: Bardiya, Mugu, Humla
No. of CDPs: 4
No. of Sponsored Children: 7,347
No. of Community Members: 27,356
VDC Covered: 26
Supported Schools: 103
Community Welfare Center: 1
Sonaha Bikash Samaj
(Counterpart NGO)

Humla

Mugu

Mid Western

Bardiya

Darchula

Far Western

Bajura

Doti

Kailali

Far Western Region

Districts: Kailali, Doti, Bajura, Darchula
No. of CDPs: 9
No. of Sponsored Children: 10,191
No. of Community Members: 23,834
VDC Covered: 11
Municipality Covered: 1
Supported Schools: 103
Community Welfare Center: 2
GNI Regional Office: Kailali, Tikapur
District Office: Doti, Silgaun, Dipayal
FFNV Project, (Partnership with WFP)

Working Location (Region-wise)

GNI Nepal has been working in 11 districts of four development regions. It works through 18 Community Development Projects in 1 Municipality, 65 VDCs focusing on education, health and income generation activities. Till date, 22,669 children and 58,301 community members are already benefitted from the projects.



Western Region

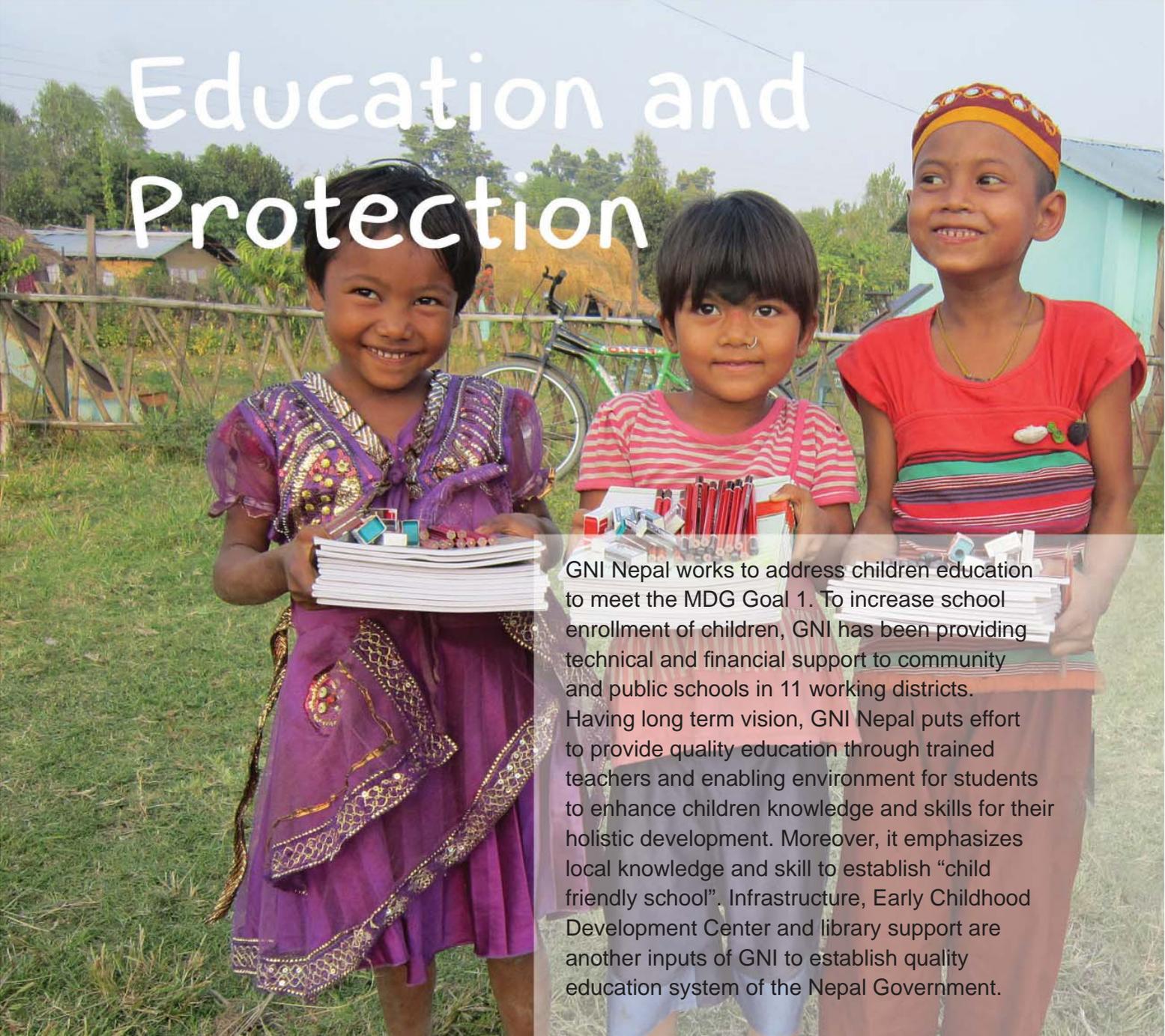
Districts: Parbat, Myagdi, Kaski, Gorkha
No. of CDPs: 4
No. of Sponsored Children: 9,347
No. of Community Members: 27,356
VDC Covered: 20
Supported Schools: 173



Central Region

Districts: Kathmandu and Lalitpur
No. of CDPs: 3
No. of Sponsored Children: 2,665
No. of Community Members: 3,065
VDC Covered: 12
Supported Schools: 30
Community Welfare Center: 1
GNI Head Office
Ashal Chhimeki Nepal (Counterpart NGO)
Lele Community Dev. Center (Counterpart NGO)

Education and Protection

A photograph of three young girls standing outdoors in a rural setting. The girl on the left is wearing a purple dress with gold and white patterns and is smiling while holding a stack of books and school supplies. The girl in the middle is wearing a pink and white striped shirt and is looking directly at the camera. The girl on the right is wearing a red shirt with a colorful patterned headband and is smiling. They are all holding stacks of books and school supplies. In the background, there are trees, a bicycle, and a simple building.

GNI Nepal works to address children education to meet the MDG Goal 1. To increase school enrollment of children, GNI has been providing technical and financial support to community and public schools in 11 working districts. Having long term vision, GNI Nepal puts effort to provide quality education through trained teachers and enabling environment for students to enhance children knowledge and skills for their holistic development. Moreover, it emphasizes local knowledge and skill to establish “child friendly school”. Infrastructure, Early Childhood Development Center and library support are another inputs of GNI to establish quality education system of the Nepal Government.

Achievement



- Assisted 22,669 children of 11 districts to enroll and receive school education.
- School education materials were provided to 125 public schools in order to improve the quality of education.
- Renovated 47 public schools.
- Books were provided to 25 schools for library establishment.
- Non-formal education was provided to 1,418 community members.
- Logistic materials were supported to 72 Early Childhood Development Centers.

Output

- 22,669 sponsored children received uniform and education materials till 2013.
- Out of 16,426 supported students in primary level, 15,662 (95%) promoted to next grade.
- Out of 5,375 supported students in secondary level, 5171 (96%) promoted to next grade.

Remarkable Achievement of 2013 - Private School Merged in Community School

“Good Neighbors Academy” was established in 2003 in Badikhel VDC, Lalitpur. Main objective of this school was to provide quality education to poor children of Pahari Community. After operating this school for 10 years, GNI initiated to merge with community school for its sustainability. It was combined on 24 January 2013 and the agreement was signed between two schools in presence of Mr. Sung Hoon Ko, Country Director of GNI Nepal, Mr. Dambar Gurung, Vice President, Executive Committee of Ashal Chhimeki Nepal and Mr. Mankaji Shrestha, District Education Officer, Lalitpur. This agreement contains school building construction and teacher support from 24 January 2013 to 31 December 2015. Altogether, 428 children of both schools are benefitted.



Health and Medical Services



GNI puts every effort to improve health situation of children and communities by providing medical services, raising awareness on prevention of diseases, sanitation and hygiene and providing nutrition for children. The primary goal of Health Program is to support and strengthen the Government Health System in order to provide quality of health services to target beneficiaries.

Achievement



- 18 general health check-up organized, 24,000 children and parents were benefited.
- Health insurance service provided to 807 households in Kailali.
- Critical health treatment provided to 31 children.
- 163 first aid kits were donated to schools and child clubs.
- Antenatal and postnatal care training was provided to 5,000 community members.
- Nutritious food was provided to 2,500 children.

I am Very Happy - I got New Life

My name is Hira Devi Nepali. I live in Ruga-4, Mugu. I study at class seven in Shree Masta Lower Secondary School, Tharpa.

Our economic situation was very weak. Therefore, my father had to work on daily wages. Although we had small plot of land but production wasn't sufficient for our family. For further income, we always had to explore alternative resources and for this, I used to collect Yarchagumba (a kind of Himalyan herb). I remember one bad moment in my life when I slipped on the snow and my right leg injured badly. I was taken immediately to hospital nearby though it took three days to reach there. Unfortunately, the available doctor could not treat me and referred to Nepalgunj Zonal Hospital. Thank you Good Neighbors for bearing all expanses of my treatment including my family expenditure. Due to unavailability of fastest means of transportation, it took almost a week to reach Nepalgunj. Therefore, my treatment was being delayed, I lost my right leg and it was really difficult walking with the support of others then I felt disabled and indeed.

Good Neighbors again supported me to reach Kathmandu for further treatment and finally I got artificial leg. Now, I feel happy as I can perform my work independently though I am disabled physically but I am perfect mentally with good health condition. After being treated, I got new life. Thank you very much Good Neighbors for blessing me a new life.



Water and Sanitation Improvement



GNI Nepal is supporting water and sanitation sector to improve condition of drinking water and sanitation of schools and communities. It has been providing personal hygiene materials and training to students and supporting in installation of tap and hand pumps, construction of toilet and management of waste. In addition, GNI has been supporting to manage Open Defecation Free (ODF) and Post ODF in order to reduce water related diseases in community.

Achievement



- Sanitation material provided to 33,000 children.
- 476 households benefited through hand pumps.
- Toilet construction materials supported to 1,674 households.
- 150 garbage cans placed in community and schools.

Output:

- 54% of the households have access of drinking water.
- 63% of the households have access to toilet.



Boys using garbage can



Distribute Toilet Equipment



Happy children

Income Generation

A photograph showing two men in a river. One man is in the water, wearing a white tank top, and the other is on the bank, wearing a blue long-sleeved shirt. They are holding a large, brown fishing net that is partially submerged in the water. The water is murky and greenish. The background shows a grassy bank.

GNI Nepal has been implementing income generation and promotion activities through community based social enterprises to enhance the socioeconomic condition of community people by mobilizing local resources. Agriculture development (high value crops-seasonal and off-seasonal vegetables, medicinal and aromatic plants) and livestock development (pig, poultry, fish, cow, goat, mule, yak and buffalo) are the major components of Income Generation. GNI has also been focusing in group and cooperative formation in order to establish social enterprises at community level.

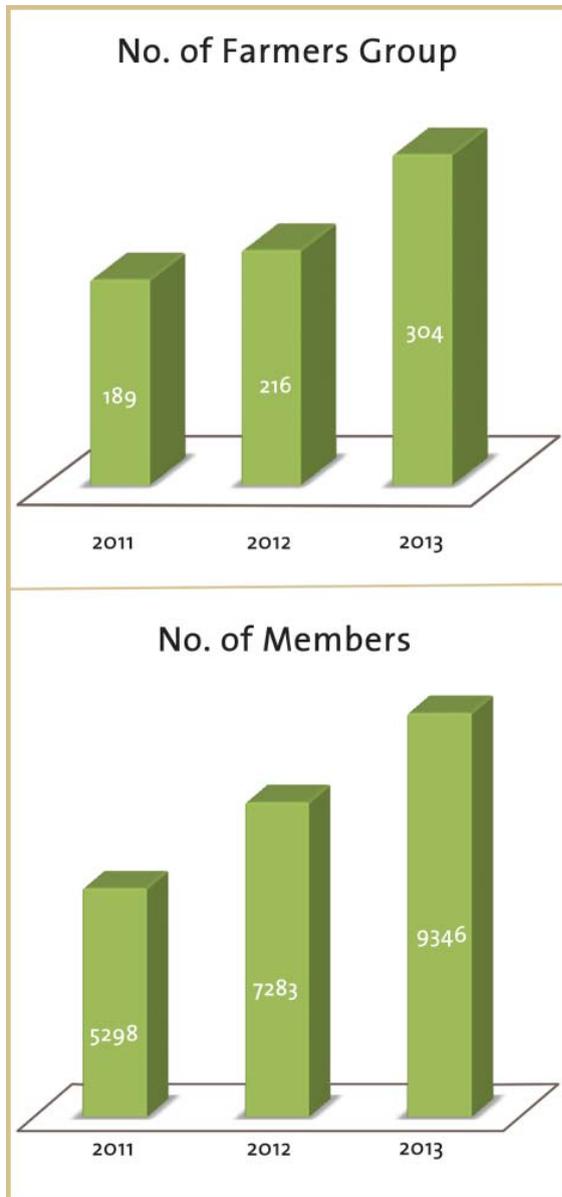
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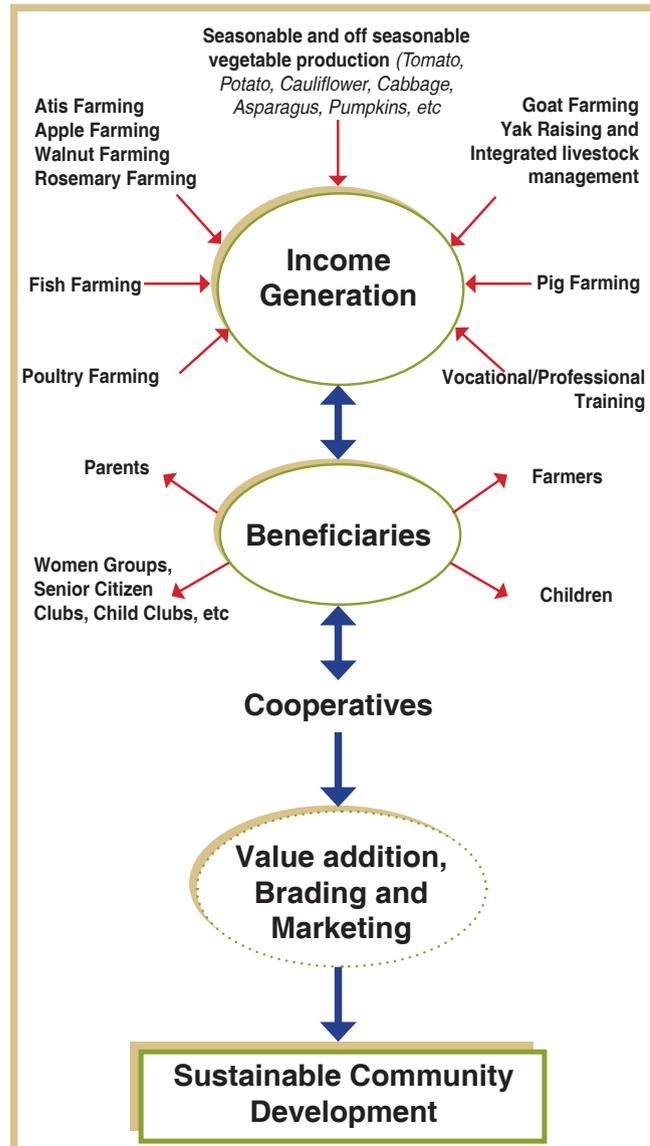
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Farmers Groups and Members



GNI Nepal Income Generation Modality for 2013



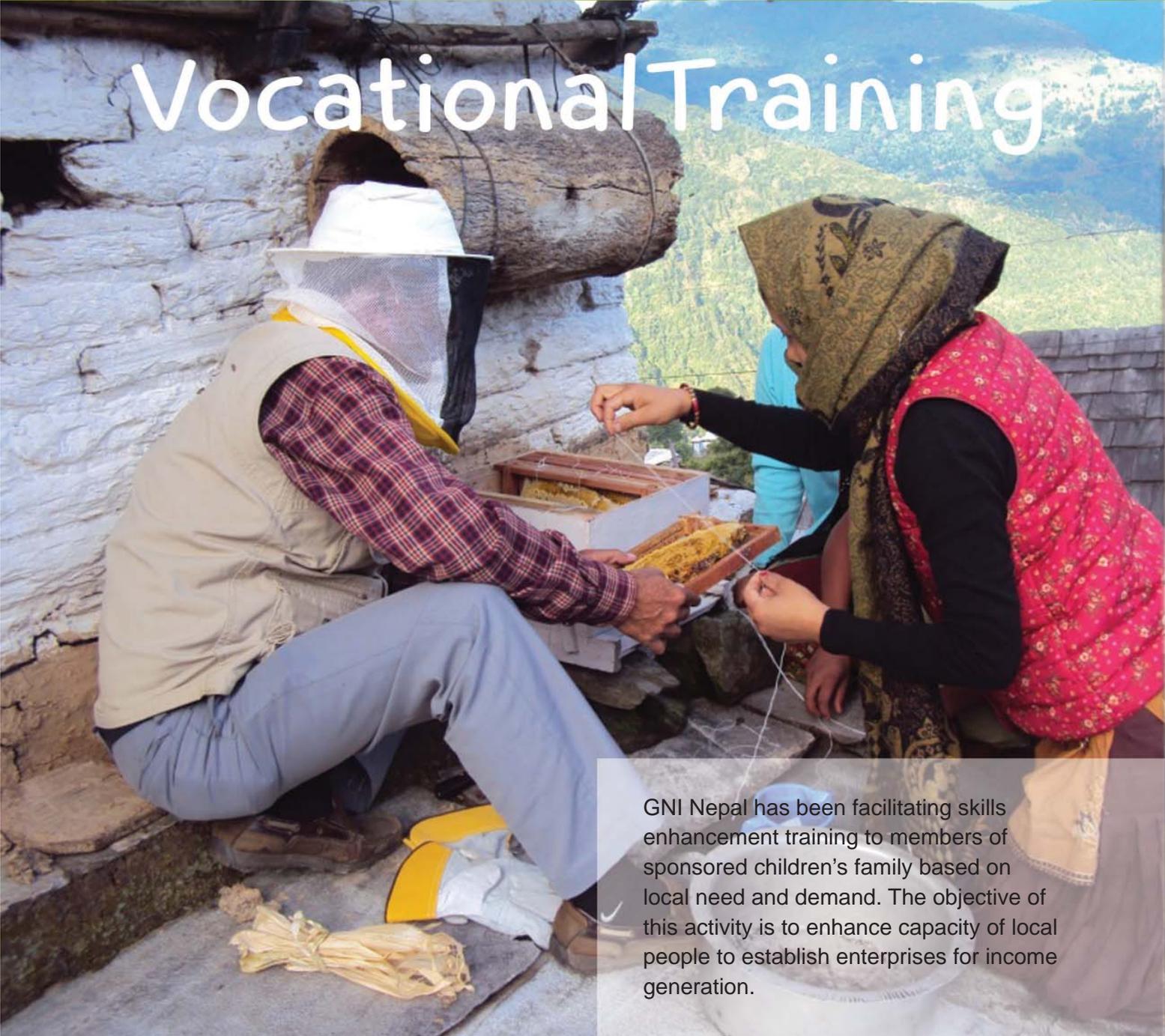
A New Dimension of Sustainability

My name is Shankar Budha, Chairperson of Haatemalo Community Development Agriculture and Herbs Cooperative Ltd, Rowa-7, Mugu. GNI Nepal facilitated to establish this cooperative. There were only 50 founder share-holders at the beginning of the cooperative formation. It was very much challenging job for us to convince community people for their involvement in the cooperative. We conducted many community meetings to share the benefits of the cooperative but they did not listen to us. However, we continued our activities. One day through our cooperative, we started herb collection and sold with good price. As a result, we were able to save some amount for our cooperatives too. At the same time, GNI Nepal supported us to establish retail-shop and purchase hosiery from the community people. Benefit was clearly visible at local level which motivated community people to be member of this cooperative. Now, we have 95 share-holders.

Currently, we have \$7,747 amount and it is increasing day by day, nine persons have got job in this cooperative and more than 200 community people have been partially involved in collection of herbs. Demand of hosiery is also increasing day by day. We are happy that this cooperative has been providing economic support to community people and it will definitely impact on our livelihood



Vocational Training

A man wearing a white hat and a beige vest over a plaid shirt is kneeling on a stone ledge, operating a traditional spinning wheel. A woman wearing a pink vest and a patterned headscarf is kneeling next to him, assisting with the process. They are outdoors, with a stone wall and a view of a green valley in the background. The spinning wheel is mounted on a log. The man is holding a tray of yellow wool, and the woman is pulling a strand of white thread. There are some yellow and white items on the ground in front of them.

GNI Nepal has been facilitating skills enhancement training to members of sponsored children's family based on local need and demand. The objective of this activity is to enhance capacity of local people to establish enterprises for income generation.

Achievement



- Sewing and knitting training provided to 61 women
- Basic computer training provided to 30 youths
- Candle making training provided to 10 women
- Pickle making training provided to 40 women

“Leaping towards Economic Sustainability”

Village Income through Value Addition (VIVA) is a joint initiation of Korean International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) and GNI Nepal for identifying market-oriented production activities and by developing medicinal and aromatic plants (MAPs) industry. H plant has overall responsibility for implementation of VIVA in close coordination with district level line agencies and concerned ministries. This project has been implementing in two districts - Mugu and Humla of Mid-Western Development Region. The project facilitated to establish processing unit for extraction of essential oils from medicinal and aromatic plants and to create rural employment opportunities. It has also constructed distillation unit in Humla and has also done market research in Nepal, India and overseas for the promotion of products and market expansion.



Sewing Training: Shifted towards Independency



My name is Pawan Shahi (35 yrs). I live in Patharaiya- 8 Katakse of Kailali. There are three members in my family. Ten years ago, my husband went India for labour work and got married there and never came back. Our bad days started thereafter and we had difficult living situation. Fortunately, Good Neighbors Nepal appeared as supporting hand and supported my son Suresh Shahi to get free education. Now, he is studying at Arunodaya Higher Secondary School.

I used to work as day labor for our living. 2013 will remain memorable year for me forever because I got opportunity to receive six months sewing training organized by Kailali Patharaiya Community Development Project of Good Neighbors Nepal. After completion of training, one sewing machine, one scissor and measuring tape were provided to me. With that support, I felt confident enough to establish my own tailoring shop in my own house. Now I earn around 12,000 NRS per month. I am convinced now to open tailoring center in Katakse market area and hope to earn sufficient money to support my children. Thank you very much Good Neighbors for all your support and letting me to be independent.

Emergency Response



The emergency response is mostly focused to protect sponsored children and their families from natural disaster. Altogether 696 families were supported by providing food, clothes in Bardiya, Kailali, Darchula, Myagdi, Kathmandu and Lalitpur district during flood and landslides.

Advocacy



GNI Nepal has been organizing advocacy programs to raise awareness on different topics such as Human Right, Child Right, Women Right, Climate Change, Reproductive Health and HIV/AIDS, Gender Equity and etc to community people.

Achievement

- Human, child and women rights training provided to 8,618 persons
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Good Neighbors - Made me a Change Agent

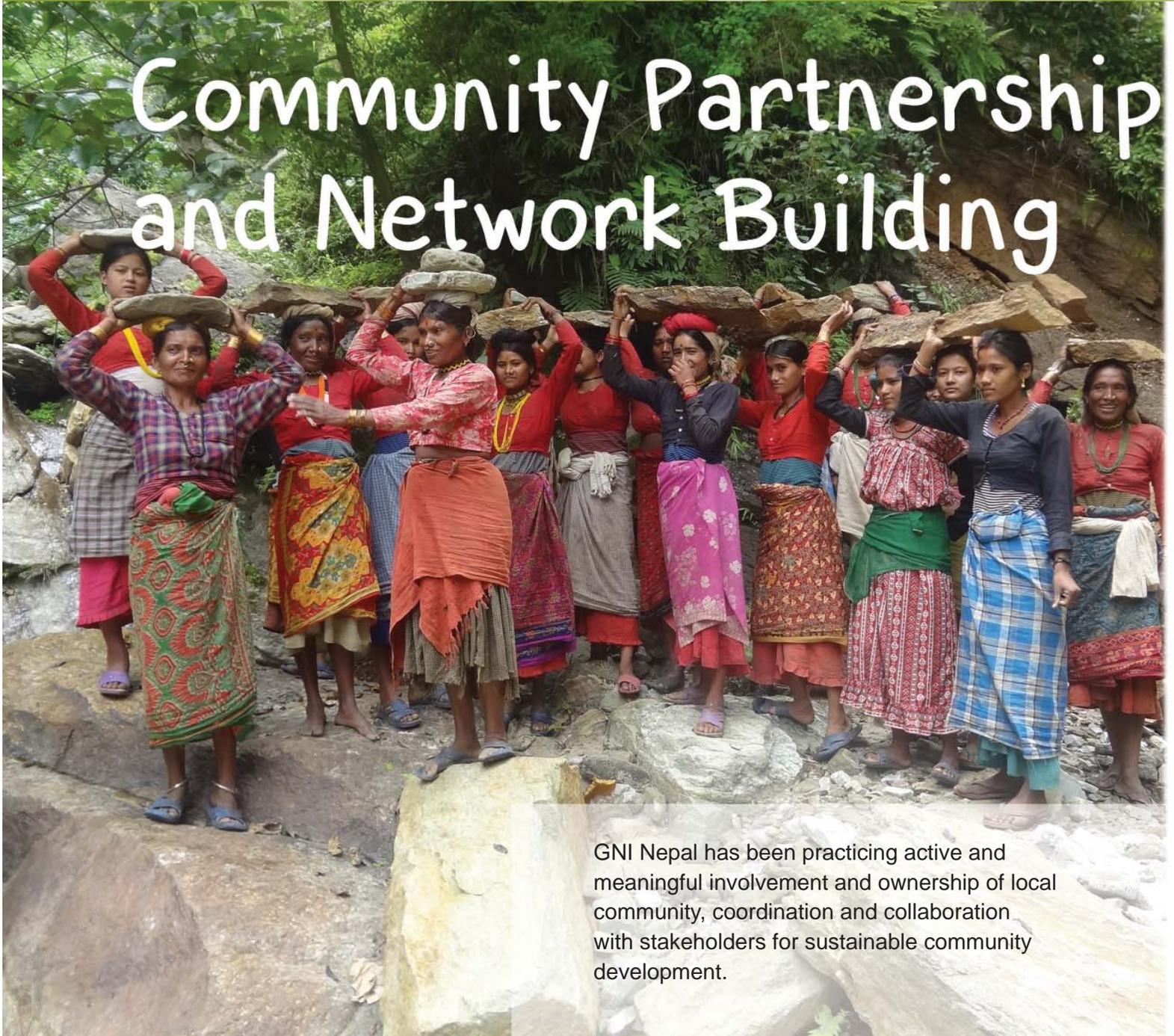
My name is Puja Thapa (27 yrs). I live in Patharaiya VDC, Ward no. 4. I have four members in my family. My husband is in India for labor work and I don't have professional job therefore, I work as housemaid to take care of my children.

I am a member of "Good Mothers Group" in Good Neighbors Nepal - Kailali Mom Center. Every month, we receive different types of capacity building training and orientation through this Mom Center. Before being member of this group, I had kind of fear and could not expose my feeling in front of mass. But, Mom Center motivated me to bring out my fear. Now, I am very happy since I am able to convince and motivate community people to change their behavior. For example - I still remember staying in the shed during my menstruation period. It is called Chhaupadi (women are forced to stay in dark isolated room) and during this time, women are not allowed to enter house and perform regular household chores and touch goods as well as male members of family.

One day, I got opportunity to participate in safe menstruation and Chhaupadi elimination training organized by Good Neighbors. This training taught me about menstruation cycle, menstrual hygiene, and negative aspect of Chhaupadi. Finally, I knew that menstruation is a natural and biological process and it is not impure. After participating in this training, I committed to change myself and change the community and immediately I started advocating against Chhaupadi from my family and gradually in the community. Nowadays, my family and community are aware about it and help women to stay at their house, take care of their health and disseminate this message to neighboring communities. Now, I am very happy that I am able to change my family and community with the support of Good Neighbors Nepal's initiation. Thank You Good Neighbors for making me a change agent.



Community Partnership and Network Building



GNI Nepal has been practicing active and meaningful involvement and ownership of local community, coordination and collaboration with stakeholders for sustainable community development.

Achievement

- 18 Project Management Committee formed and 130 members actively participate in CDP
- 230 Community Development Committee formed and 1,646 members actively participate in CDP
- 3 Community Centers constructed in Kathmandu, Bardiya and Doti
- Established four new Community Development Projects (Myagdi, Parbat, Bajura and Darchula).

Girl Leadership

G-Football

G-Football was organized from Jan 02 to 04, 2013 under the theme “Sports for Girl’s Leadership Development” at Shree Janata Lower Secondary School, Pathraiya-9. The objective of this event was to improve coordination and leadership skills among girls which contribute to develop different activities related to health, gender discrimination and etc in their community. Total 210 girls between 12 to 16 ages from seven districts of GNI working areas participated in the event. The program was conducted in coordination with District Sports Development Committee and National Sports Council. The Mugu CDP girls’ team won the tournament. Similarly, 27 (13%) out of 210 girls were selected for National Level Girls Football from this event.

G-Workshop

G-workshop was held from Jan 06 to 08, 2013, in Kailali Mom Center with the objective to empower girls in leadership, identify their roles in family, school and community, enhance capacity on life skills, and raise awareness on menstrual hygiene.



Sunkali Budha; “From Shepherd to Best Player”

I am Sunkali Budha (15 years) from Ruga-6, Bama VDC of Mugu district. I spent most of my time rearing buffaloes and collecting firewood from jungle because my family is very poor. When GNI Nepal selected me as sponsored child, I was very happy because I was able to continue my education. Now, I am already at grade 8 at Shree Himodaya Lower Secondary School.

I didn't have knowledge about football until I joined the Good Neighbors' children's club in Mugu. I learned the rules and skills of football through playing several games organized by this child club. I participated in girl's football in 2011 and 2012 in Mugu and won both matches. In January 2013, GNI Nepal organized GN Inter Project G-Football in Kailali and I was selected as a team member from Mugu. My team played against Badikhel and Tikapur CDPs children's club and won the match. I was recognized as the best striker in the match and popularity increases within and outside of the district. My parent felt proud of me. This kind of opportunity provided better management and leadership skills. Now, I have very good confidence to be a great football player

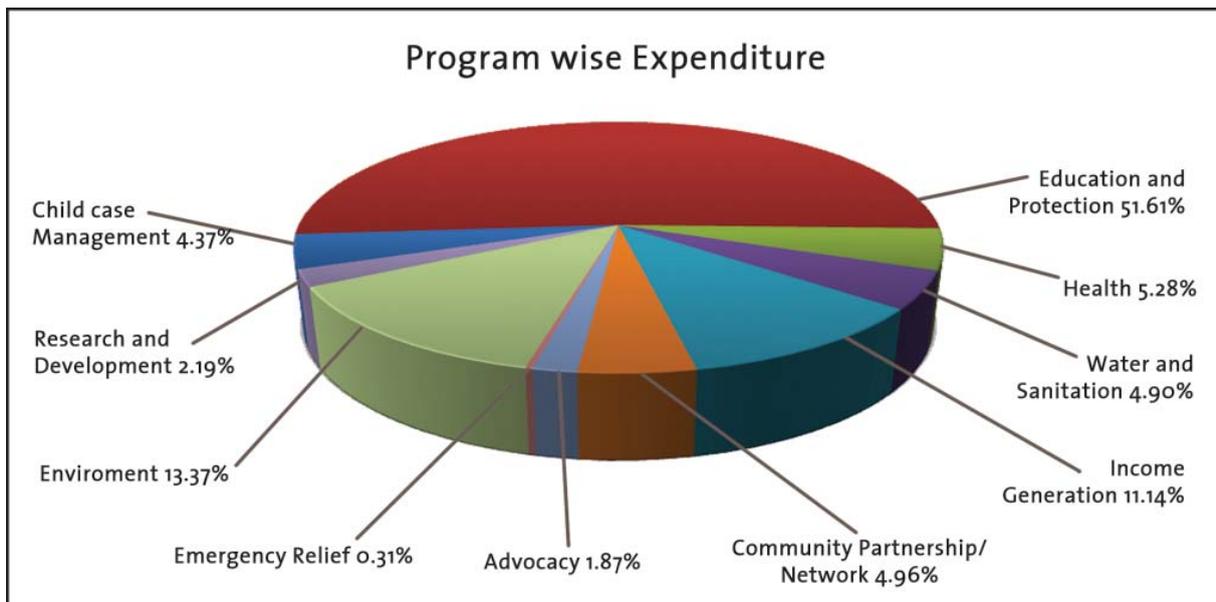
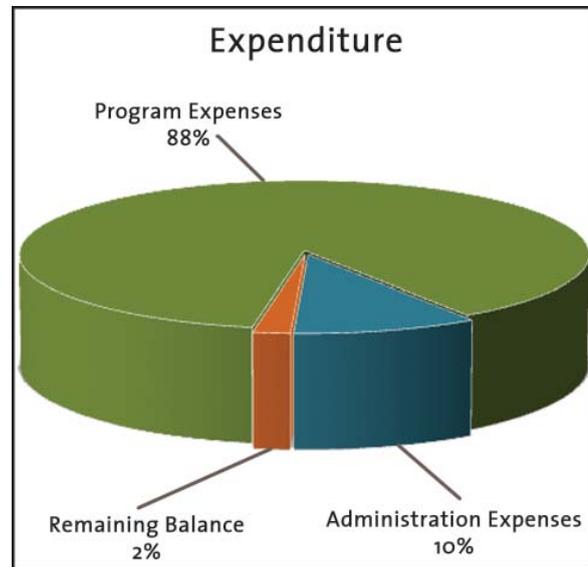
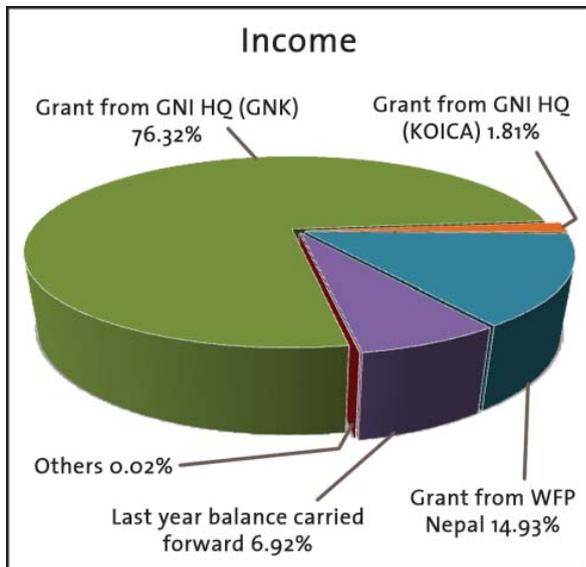




Financial Summary:

Income of 2013 was NRs. 469,438,802.96 where as the expenditure was NRs. 460,030,463.58 (98%). Details of income and expenditure are as follows:

		Category	2013 (NRs.)	%
Income	Contributions	Grant from GNI HQ (GNK)	358,230,574.80	76.31
		Grant from GNI HQ (KOICA)	8,503,985.15	1.81
		Grant from WFP Nepal	70,101,806.15	14.93
		Last year balance carried forward	32,489,114.86	6.92
		Others	113,322.00	0.02
		Total	469,438,802.96	100
Expenditure	Program	Ashal Chhimeki Nepal	406,779,977.14	86.65
		Sonaha Development Society	3,461,525.00	0.74
		Lele Community Development Center	2,625,592.00	0.56
	Administration	Administration Expenses	47,163,369.44	10.05
	Balance Remained			9,408,339.38
Total			469,438,802.96	100





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