



Nepal

Sustainable Sanitation and Hygiene for All (SSH4A) Project

Let's celebrate!

We have mobilised, sensitised and strengthened local Village Health Committees to carry out WASH activities such as pipeline construction, operation and maintenance, and spread BCC messaging—with women in many places taking centre stage in the activities.

Context

1. Activities are scattered across three ecological zones (mountain, hills and plains) with their respective contexts; for example, the plains are densely populated and have areas subject to flooding whereas the hill and mountains have scattered populations with poor road access and fragile environments.
2. The project is aligned with government policies and priorities, especially the National Sanitation and Hygiene Master Plan (2011), and is supporting the government to move towards the new milestone of Total Sanitation after status of ODF has been achieved.
3. The country is subject to unforeseeable disturbances such as the earthquake of April 2015 and the six-month long blockade in the plain areas following the promulgation of the constitution. This causes significant challenges for project progress.

Highlights of the approach

1. Multi-component approach to sustainable sanitation that encompasses sanitation demand creation, strengthening supply chains, behaviour change communication and WASH governance.
2. Capacity building and advisory services for the office responsible for district water supply and sanitation to be able to lead and steer district-wide sector development on sanitation and hygiene and moving from Open-Defecation-Free (ODF) status towards Total Sanitation.
3. Cross-sectoral focus with multi-stakeholder engagement to promote sanitation and hygiene that is sensitive to gender, social inclusion and disabilities.



Demonstrating the handwashing method in Kalikot District.



District ODF Ceremony in Jumla District.



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Things to share

1. Experiences and learning of responding to challenges and working in difficult circumstances.
2. Moving to the next milestone of Total Sanitation after achieving ODF status in a community.
3. Female-led campaigns leading to improved sanitation and hygiene especially for communities where women are less visible in the public (veiled culture).

Things to learn

1. Making access to sanitation and hygiene the norm for people with disabilities.
2. Menstrual hygiene management.
3. Transitioning sanitation sub-sector from a “sanitation movement” to “professional services” to be able to move towards next milestone in sanitation and hygiene.

