



Ensuring quality education for needy children



Reducing maternal & neonatal deaths in remote communities



Providing livelihood opportunities for rural women



# ANNUAL REPORT 2019



helping people help themselves



# MESSAGE FROM CHAIRPERSON

## A 25 year long journey from passion to impact

2019 was an incredible year for SWAN Nepal. It was a year marked by a huge milestone of 25 years of serving those in need. Right from its inception in 1994, we had a clear vision of giving needy children get an access to education, empowering women to reach their potential and capacitating health care services at the local level through small scale projects in Baglung district of Nepal.

In the first ten years, SWAN was focused on sponsoring the children's education, strengthening community health and introducing livelihood programs, particularly in Baglung district. During the first decade the idea was to learn and understand the right working modality to approach and address issues such as poverty, inequality and ignorance of basic health necessities among local rural communities. These years were spent in allowing our passion to create impact – big and small and in the process, we were able to witness the transformations that could be brought upon even by small scale projects. And in the due course of time, we were able to hear from the communities and the local government, the existing problems and ideas they had to overcome them and based on their recommendations we introduced suitable interventions, one step at a time.

### Education and Child Development

Poverty was a major concern for the locals who wanted access to quality education, health and well-being and resilient livelihoods. This was when I and friends of mine, both driven by our passion for people knew it was time to translate this passion into action. This was when the idea of sponsoring needy children, giving quality education to to the students in community schools through infrastructure support, promoting early education, providing education/playing materials kits, teachers support and training, dawned upon us, and we embraced it. Over the course of time, sponsorship program changed the lives of thousands of impoverished children. They finally had the opportunity to pursue their academics and excel a transformation that was truly gratifying.

### Maternal and Child Health

In 2010, we intervened the specific five-year-long maternal and child health project in Baglung which today has brought upon a significant difference in the capacity of health workers and birthing centers. This was made possible through trainings and provision of essential equipment - that almost Zero home deliveries while reducing maternal and neonatal deaths and strengthening referral mechanisms. This project was highly recognized by the Government as well.

### **Livelihoods**

In the initial years, our livelihoods projects were solely focused on encouraging women to get involved in income generation activities. However, today women are empowered with skills and trainings such as goat rearing, off-seasonal vegetable farming among others. They are being capacitated to move from managing household chores to take on more entrepreneurial roles in sectors including eco-tourism, hospitality, handicrafts among others which although not necessarily on a huge scale has certainly diversified their livelihood options.

### **Humanitarian aid**

During the time of the massive earthquake in 2015, SWAN took an initiative of helping earthquake victims by supplying relief materials, rebuilding 5+ schools with 25 classrooms and 15+ health facilities reconstructed that benefited 50,000+ people.

After the earthquake, we have been able to expand our projects from Baglung to other new districts, including Sindhupalchowk, Gorkha, Nuwakot, Parbat and Humla. Thanks to the relentless support provided by our donors across the world who have played a stronger role in enabling us to become a stronger non-profit organization today.

As a part of this expansion, we took our project to Udayapur district in the eastern part of Nepal and replicated our education and child development and drinking water support project there and also introduced maternal and child health project in Humla in 2018. The maternal and child health care project in Humla has created a huge impact, upping the number of institutional deliveries to ten from zero in one year's time. As a part of our mission, to improve the maternal health in remote regions of the country, we are now taking the project to lower Humla

Right from the very beginning, our aim has been to help people help themselves and we have been striving to achieve that through our thematic goals. At SWAN, we have a small yet powerful team, who have been serving our mission with Sustainability, Equality, Transparency at the core. Here the size of the impact has always overridden the size of the budget and this is what helps us press forward in our mission.

From giving quality education to children who deserve it the most to providing proper health care services for new mothers and newborns and eventually capacitating communities, SWAN believes in putting other's needs before its own - a trait that continues to set us apart.

As we continue our 25 year legacy, we remain committed to our mission of achieving more milestones, creating more impact and adding to the number - for the sake of our people and the country as a whole!



**Krishna Karki**  
Founder Chairperson  
SWAN Nepal



# ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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We are extremely happy to share the Annual Report 2019 of Social Welfare Association of Nepal (SWAN). This Annual Report is the summary progress report of the activities and achievements under various projects carried by SWAN in the year 2019.

Our key development partners- SWAN Deutschland e.V, SWAN Österreich, Camping & Pension Au an der Donau, travel to nature Asia, EcoTrip Nepal Treks and Expedition, For Family Reisen, travel-to-nature, Clemens Lammers GmbH, and IMPULS Projekt Fonds have been our powerful force to continue our mission through critical interventions based on our three thematic goals.

We would like to express our sincere thanks to all our individual sponsors like Renate Zollers, Dirk Kuchel, Christina Ennemoser, Bryan Thomas Jones (Katkando) among other donors.

SWAN Nepal also extends its gratitude towards local Government, stakeholders, and communities for their constant support in making the project successful.

We really hope that this Annual Report will be useful to explain the major accomplishments of SWAN in 2019 - contributing to gain more understanding about SWAN.

Thank you very much for your continued support and best wishes!

**SWAN Nepal team**



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# ABOUT SWAN NEPAL

SWAN is a registered non profit organization working alongside the Government of Nepal since 1994. SWAN has been providing hope in the lives of rural women and children of Nepal as it works on three thematic goals - education and child development, health and livelihoods. As a development and humanitarian organization, our effort, focus on needy children, disadvantaged women and marginalized communities, mostly working in Nepal's districts like Baglung, Parbat, Sindhupalchowk, Gorkha, Nuwakot, Udayapur and Humla. We work in close collaboration with government line agencies, municipalities, rural municipalities, stakeholders, schools and communities, and over the past twenty five years, we have witnessed some remarkable difference in the lives of individuals/communities we work with.

## OUR VISION

helping people help themselves

## OUR MISSION

SWAN strives to support disadvantaged and rural communities in Nepal by providing accessible health care, education opportunity for children, and enabling women to achieve financial independence.



# OUR PROJECTS IN 2019

## EDUCATION AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

This fiscal year, SWAN has increased its focus to improve the physical facility of the schools with reconstruction and renovation efforts in a bid to provide a safe learning environment to school children. SWAN continues to provide scholarship to the poor, marginalized and differently-able children from 17 districts across Nepal. SWAN has also supported education materials, sports materials, sanitary kits, among others. Additionally, we encouraged community schools to give a priority to the early education mainly focusing on play and learning techniques, teacher training, while promoting child-friendly classrooms in Udayapur, Nuwakot, Parbat and Baglung districts.

### KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- Provided scholarship to 165 underprivileged children.
- Reconstructed one primary school block with six classrooms, including kindergarten and gender-friendly toilets in Parbat.
- Renovated and repaired school block consisting six classrooms of the Shree Shankadevi Secondary School in Nuwakot.
- Supported five teachers in the community schools in Baglung.





## CONGRATULATIONS MANISH HARIZAN!!

SWAN sponsored student, **Manish Harijan**, a permanent resident of Baglung completed his Master's Degree in Fine Arts with outstanding results from the Sheffield Hallam University, England this year. His art education from the beginning until Master's degree was supported by our Patron **Mr/Mrs. Nick/Marie Cragg** in Nepal and abroad through SWAN Nepal. He has been doing several art exhibitions in countries like Nepal, India, Austria, and England while winning several national and international awards for his artistic creation. He has now become a well-renowned contemporary global artist. It is gratifying to learn about his success made through our **sponsorship** program.

## KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- Established 5 birthing center in Namkha Rural Municipality; Hepka, Kermi, Yalbung, Muchhu, and Limi with birthing center equipment and trained staff.
- Provided Skilled Birth Attendants (SBA) training to 9 ANMs, conducted by the National Health Training Center (NHTC).
- Capacitated 32 health workers on WHO/Nepal standardized courses: Helping Babies Breathe (HBB), Essential Care for Every Baby (ECEB), Essential Care for Small Baby (ECSB), and Helping Mother Survive (HMS) from 6 Health Post and District Hospital, Simikot.
- Equipped 30 Female Community Health Volunteers (FCHVs) from 4 Health Posts on Birth Preparedness Plan (BPP).
- An increased number of institutional deliveries from zero to 11, right after the project intervention.

## MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH

SWAN Nepal has been working to improve maternal and child health care services in the Namkha Rural Municipality of Humla since May 2018. In this region, the majority of deliveries occurred at home in the absence of a proper birthing center, trained staff and essential equipment/medicine with no record of institutional deliveries. Hence, the project aimed at strengthening the birthing centers of six health facilities; Hepka, Kermi, Muchu, Yalbung, Khagalgau, and Limi. This project is funded by **SWAN Deutschland e.V.** of Germany and implemented in collaboration with Global Partners for Child Health (GPCH) /University of Utah, Namkha Rural Municipality and District Health Office, Humla.



## LIVELIHOODS

This fiscal year, SWAN introduced Dhaka-weaving training among indigenous (*Magar*) community of Baglung. The main objective of the training is to diversify the livelihood option while connecting the micro enterprise and ecotourism. Besides this, SWAN continues to support rural women groups through income generation programs like, off-season vegetable farming and goat raising in Parbat and Baglung.

### KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- 24 indigenous women received Dhaka-weaving training from the two experts.
- In the six month period, they sold the Dhaka products of worth € 700.
- Development of handicraft entrepreneurship at local level.
- Increased support to community-based ecotourism.



## ECO TOURISM

Total 5 groups came from Europe as a part of the 'Community Charity Trek' this season and gained hands-on understanding of how SWAN's helping people in remote communities through the years.

Such trek has thus become a medium in helping us find new donors, create jobs at the local level and raise awareness among foreigners and locals about tourist destinations and conservation of biodiversity.

### IN BAGLUNG

- 50+ Homestays flourished.
- 25+ women equipped to establish a center for handicraft products.
- A museum established to portray the indigenous (*Magar*) culture.



# PROJECT EXPANSION IN UDAYAPUR

SWAN launched a five-year project in Udayapur on the occasion of its 25th Anniversary in 2019. SWAN replicated regular projects like education and child development, water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) programs in the first year.

## KALIKA SECONDARY SCHOOL

This fiscal year, SWAN established safe drinking water system in the school premises that caters to 400 students and teachers in the Kalika Secondary School, Katari Municipality, Ratanpur-7, Udayapur with the funding of **Katkando** - a charity based organization of the United Kingdom. We also supported furniture and playing materials for the kindergarten.

The same school had poor infrastructures such as broken doors and windows, leaking roofs, and lack of proper furniture to name a few. To address the poor infrastructure issues, SWAN kicked off the school renovation and maintenance project with the funding of **SWAN Österreich**. Major works like plasters, fixing CGI sheets, doors and windows in eight classrooms have been completed. However, few works are remaining like painting, setting new desks and benches and supply education materials. The project ensures the safe learning environment in the school.



## RATANPUR DRINKING WATER PROJECT

With an objective to provide safe and sustainable drinking water supply for more than 100 households in Ratanpur-7, Udayapur, SWAN with the funding of SWAN Österreich and in close collaboration with the local government and community started the project. This project will help locals to address the 15 years of water crisis in the community.

The construction work like well-intake with a capacity of 15,000 liters and reservoir tank of 20,000 liters and one tap-stand has been completed. Project activities like pipe extensions and tap stands are yet to be constructed. There will be 15 tap stands in the different locations of the village.

*The drinking water project was inaugurated on 25 December, amidst a function. The inauguration ceremony saw the presence of the representatives of the funding partner, **SWAN Österreich**, representatives of local government, other stakeholders, and the locals.*



## OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

SWAN-Nepal organized a 25th Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 24 November 2019 in Kathmandu, Nepal.

At the 25th Annual General Meeting (AGM), SWAN Nepal recognized the role and long-time contribution of Mrs. Dhanadevi Sharma as an employee since the inception of the organization. Likewise, SWAN also recognized the long-standing roles, commitment, and dedication of our Patron, Rainer Stoll from Germany to achieve our organizational goals.



In June, Krishna Karki, Founder and Chairperson of SWAN Nepal, Dr. Barbara Dyckhoff-Karki, President of SWAN Deutschland e.V. and Heike Hartmann, Secretary of SWAN Deutschland e.V. joined the annual conference of the Inner Wheel Deutschland Distrikt 90 in Lünen, Germany.

The Inner Wheel Deutschland Distrikt-90 under the presidency of Mrs. Barbara Reinke supported the school reconstruction support project of the Shree Birendra Secondary School in Parbat.



In October, we welcomed the opportunity to host the representatives of Inner Wheel Deutschland Distrikt 90 and German Rotary Club Members at SWAN project sites in Parbat and Baglung.

They witnessed our education and livelihood projects which has benefited thousands of needy children and disadvantaged women. Also, they immersed themselves in the local culture, tradition, nature, trek and explored the rural village lifestyles.

In August, Kalpana Karki Basnet, Team Leader and Dhanadevi Sharma, Field Coordinator visited Rheine, Germany. They had a meeting with our individual donors, patrons, and board members of the partner organization, SWAN Deutschland e.V. Also, they explored major touristic destinations in Germany and Netherlands for 2 weeks.



This year, Chris Ross (Australia) and Franzi Korte (Germany) volunteered for two weeks as tutor at the Kalika Secondary School, Katari Municipality-7, Udayapur.

They engaged students in sports, clean up events, cultural exchange and teamwork activities. Students, particularly from Grade 7- Grade 10 had been benefitted throughout their volunteering.



# FINANCIAL STATEMENT

## JANUARY 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2019

### INCOME

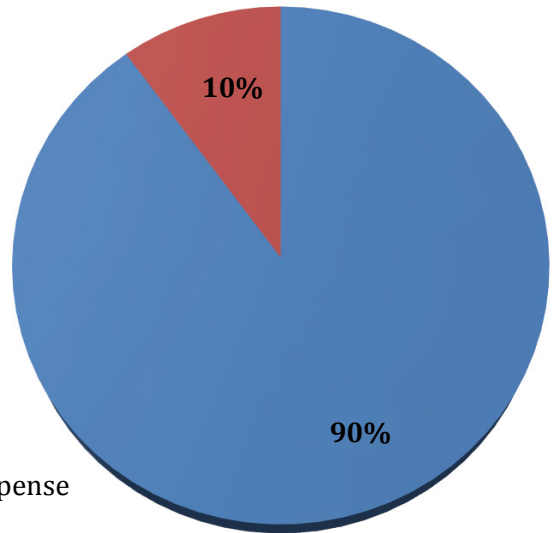
Donors	Amount
SWAN Deutschland e.V	7,730,124.60
SWAN Austria	2,163,210.44
IMPULS PROJEKT FONDS	1,063,164.45
PHASE UK	397,950.71
KatkanDO	295,525.80
Others	390,904.06
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,040,880.06</b>

### EXPENDITURE

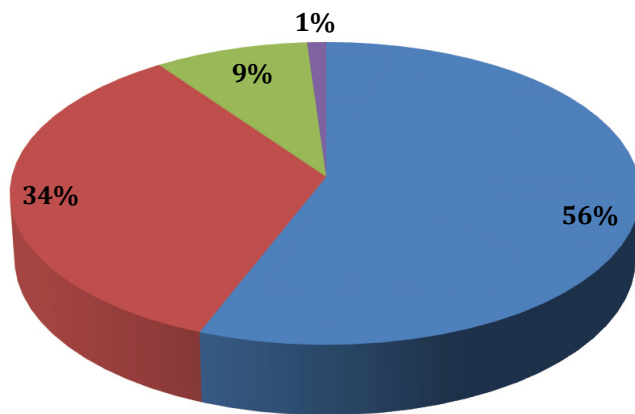
Project/Program	Amount
<b>Education &amp; Child Development Project</b>	6,059,958.86
Scholarship	2,136,202.00
Early Childhood Education Development (ECED)	610,946.86
Teacher Support to Community School Program	622,000.00
Reconstruction of School Building of Birendra Secondary School, Parbat	1,669,545.00
Drinking Water Project in Kalika Secondary School Katari Udayapur	255,600.00
Janatadhan Secondary School Integrated Blind Hostel Support Program	257,263.00
Maintenance & Renovation of Shankadevi Secondary School, Nuwakote	474,127.00
Renovation & Maintenance of Kalika Secondary School, Katari Udayapur	34,275.00
<b>Health &amp; Sanitation Program</b>	3,717,796.00
Maternal & Child Health Project in Humla District	2,827,443.00
School Health Project	261,075.00
Ratanpur Community Drinking Water Project, Katari Udayapur	629,278.00
<b>Livelihood Program</b>	949,398.20
Income Generation Program for Rural Women in Tilhara Parbat District	153,400.00
Income Generation Program for Rural Women in Narayansthan Baglung District	94,399.20
Dhaka Weaving Training Bhakunde, Baglung	701,599.00
<b>Organization Dev &amp; Capacity Building</b>	117,181.00
Staff Review & Planning Meeting	14,030.00
Project Survey & Evaluation	90,361.00
Volunteer & Internship Program	12,790.00
<b>Administration Exp</b>	1,215,941.50
Staff Salary & Allowance	728,835.00
Board Meeting/AGM/Others	79,545.00
Central Office Operative Cost	397,072.50
Field Office Operative Cost	10,489.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,060,275.56</b>

## PROGRAM AND ADMIN EXPENSE

Program Expense	10,844,334.06
Admin Expense	1,215,941.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,060,275.56</b>



- Program Expense
- Admin Expense



- Edu & Child Dev Program
- Health & Sanitation Program
- Livelihood Program
- Organization Dev & Capacity Building

## PROGRAM WISE EXPENSE

Edu & Child Dev Program	6,059,958.86
Health & Sanitation Program	3,717,796.00
Livelihood Program	949,398.20
Organization Dev & Capacity Building	117,181.00





## OUR SMART PARTNERS



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