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FOREWORD

In 2017, SWAN has helped build health facility in the remote village of Gorkha district, provided medicines and medical equipments, reach out to 156 children from 12 different districts, encouraging them to go to School and engaged over 500 women in income generation activities in the rural villages of Nepal.

The completion of 3 years Standard Treatment Protocol (STP) Project in Parbat and Baglung district under Health program in close collaboration with the Primary Health Care Revitalization Division (PHCRD) and District Health Office (DHO) of the respective districts is another milestone, SWAN has achieved in 2017. An impact study conducted in November shows that training on STP has made a significant impact on Rational Use of Medicine (RUM) and adherence to STP in both districts as compared to the baseline survey.

SWAN hosted 7 consultants from the University of Pennsylvania, USA who helped us improve our organization through project deliverables such as; Marketing Strategy, Impact Assessment, Sponsorship Packet, Volunteer and Internship Programs etc. Likewise, 4 interns from Austria contributed their 2 weeks to empowering young school children in 2 community schools of Baglung.

SWAN has today become a household name in its project areas and communities and various study shows that its projects have created a lasting impact in the needy communities.

I look forward to the support of all to continue our life-changing programs, uninterrupted. SWAN believes that together we can achieve impossible.



Krishna Karki
Founder Chairperson
SWAN

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We are extremely happy to share you the Annual Report, 2017 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 Social Welfare Association of Nepal (SWAN) in the year 2017.

Our key development partners- SWAN Deutschland e.V., Apotheker Ohne Grenzen, travel to nature Asia, EcoTrip Nepal Treks and Expedition, For Family Reisen, travel-to-nature, Clemens Lammers GmbH, Impuls Projekt Fonds, Camping & Pension Au an der Donau and SWAN Österreich deserves a credit for their generosity and continued support.

We would like to express our sincere thanks to all of our individual sponsors and other types of donors. Most importantly, SWAN extends its gratitude towards Government line agencies, stakeholders and community people for their consistent support and also being a part of our mission.

Last but not the least, we would like to thank SWAN board and all the staffs for their massive support in making the projects successful in 2017.

I sincerely hope that this Annual Report will be useful to delineate the major accomplishment of SWAN in 2017 and contribute to gain more understanding about SWAN.

Thank you once again for your support and best wishes!



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Kalpana Basnet
Team Leader
SWAN

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ABOUT US

SWAN is a registered NGO with Government of Nepal and it has been delivering hope since 1994. SWAN helps people achieve self sustainability through all round education, overall wellbeing and resilient livelihoods. As a development and humanitarian organization, we work alongside impoverished children, disadvantaged women and marginalized communities. We are mainly working in 4 districts; Baglung, Parbat, Sindhupalchowk and Gorkha in close collaboration with government line agencies, municipalities, rural municipalities, stakeholders, schools and communities. We also supported over 35,000 people affected by the earthquake 2015 through our relief and reconstruction projects mainly in the areas of education & child development and health. Over the course of time, SWAN has seen remarkable changes in the communities while working together with the government and communities. SWAN is affiliated with the Social Welfare Council under section 13 of the Social Welfare Act, 1992 (SWC No. 1752) and is registered under the Organization Registration Act 2034 Nepal at the District Administration Office, Kathmandu (Registration No. 381/50/51).



Our Vision: help people help themselves

Our Mission : SWAN strives to support disadvantaged rural communities in Nepal by providing universally accessible health care, giving all children an opportunity to education, and enabling women to achieve financial independence.

Our Values: Sustainability, Equality and Transparency

Organizational Goal:

- Ensure basic quality education to the children of the impoverished, disadvantaged and marginalized rural communities.
- Build a healthy society through the reduction of maternal and infant mortality and by strengthening the community based health services.
- Improve the social status of women by protecting & advocating for their rights and involving them in income generation.
- Develop an environmentally friendly society through the conservation and promotion of eco-tourism.

SWAN Nepal in 2017 (Major Highlights)

156 impoverished children from 12 districts received scholarship, 200 children benefitted through Early Childhood Development Program, 7 teachers support in community schools.

Engaged over 500 women in income generation activities through goat raising, vegetable farming and skills development trainings. Build one livelihood center for women's group in Parbat.

4 interns from Austria contributed their 3 weeks in empowering young children of 2 schools in Narayansthan, Baglung.

7 Consultants from the University of Pennsylvania, USA visited Nepal and helped us improving our organization through project deliverables such as; Marketing Strategy and Donor Relations, Impact Assessment, Sponsorship Packet, Volunteer and Internship Programs.

Constructed 1 Community Health Unit in Gorkha, provided medicines, medical consumables, equipments, furniture. Conducted a baseline survey for Maternal and New Born Care project in the remote Humla district.

Completed Standard Treatment Protocol (STP) project which helped strengthening basic health care services at community level in Parbat and Baglung districts.

4 groups from Germany & Austria visited SWAN project area, Baglung under the eco-tourism project.

Conducted School Health Education Program in 10 Schools of Parbat benefitting 500 children.

Our Project in 2017



1. Education and Child Development

This year too, SWAN provided a scholarship to the poor, marginalized and differently able children from 12 districts. We also encouraged and supported Government and community schools in operating Early Childhood Development (ECD) centers smoothly in Parbat and Baglung districts. In addition, teacher training, teacher support, parenting education was provided for the all round development of young children in both districts.

Key Achievements:

- Provided scholarship to 156 (80 Boys, 76 Girls) impoverished children.
- Constructed Jyoti Bal Bikas Kendra (ECD Centre/Kindergarten) for Dalit children in Baglung. Supported mid day meal, 2 facilitators, furniture, education and playing materials.
- Renovated Narayansthan Children Library and provided furniture like low-height tables and cushion.
- Supported 7 teachers in the community schools in Baglung.
- Organized 4 days Basic Training for the teachers of 11 Early Childhood Development Centers/Kindergarten in Parbat.
- Provided furniture like cushions, low-height tables, book rack, shoe rack and carpet, which created child friendly ECD classes to 12 ECD centers benefitting over 200 children aged 3 to 5.

“Throughout this training, I understood my responsibility to prepare young minds in a simple and super fun way and how to prepare them to go to school.”

- Amrita Lamichhane
ECD Teacher, Parbat



2. Health

2.1 Standard Treatment Protocol (STP) Project

Standard Treatment Protocol (STP), a 3 year (2015-2017) project is completed in Parbat and Baglung district in December, 2017 in close collaboration with the Primary Health Care Revitalization Division (PHCRD) and with the financial support of Apotheker Ohne Grenzen (AoG), Germany. Under this project, SWAN provided STP trainings to 126 health workers of both districts which helped strengthen basic health care services at the community level.

study conducted in November shows that training on STP has made a significant impact on Rational Use

of Medicine (RUM) and adherence to STP in both districts as compared to the baseline survey. Likewise, many recommendations were formulated to the Government agencies like, ensuring the availability of required essential medicines at the facility to improve the adherence to STP, carrying out the RUM study at the national level and developing comprehensive training manuals on STP and RUM across the country.



2.2 Construction of Community Health Unit

SWAN constructed 2 rooms spaced Community Health Unit (CHU) in the Hulchuk Village of Dharche Rural Municipality in Gorkha district. Despite geographical barriers and inaccessibility, SWAN completed the construction timely and officially handed over this CHU to the community amid a function.

SWAN also provided medicines, medical consumables, furniture, electricity and drinking water along with toilet facility. A total of 205 households, including over 1,000 people are the direct beneficiaries of this project. This project was funded by SWAN Deutschland e.V of Germany.



“SWAN gave us hope, motivation and empowerment,” Now we have clean toilet, adequate medicines, and sound infrastructures.”

- Sangita Gurung, Health Worker
Hulchuk Community Health Unit

3. Livelihoods

We continued to improve the quality of life of disadvantaged women through the income generation Program (IGP) and leadership skills. SWAN recognizes local capacity and their aspirations and also open doors for self sustainability by establishing livelihood centers, which serve as



training, social entrepreneurship and ecotourism units. Overall, we are creating an environment for women active participation in the development process through self reliant means.

Key Achievements:

- More than 300 women engaged in off seasonal vegetable farming and goat raising.
- Trained over 200 women to enhance the alternative farming skills and goat raising techniques.
- Constructed livelihood center consisting 3 rooms; 1 for training hall, 1 for store and 1 for the Office purpose for the Sayapatri Mothers Group in Parbat.

“We earned a good income through tomato farming this season. Training on tomato farming helped us yield more production which made me easier to handle my expenses. The market demand of tomato is also high. So, I will continue the tomato farming in future. Many thanks to SWAN”

- Maya Dhakal, Baglung



4. Eco Tourism

In 2017, 4 groups from Germany and Austria visited the SWAN's Project area in Baglung under the project tour event with the kind support of Eco Trip Nepal Treks and Expedition Pvt. Ltd



and travel-to-nature-Asia. SWAN has taken up the responsibility of helping tourists reach our project areas like Baglung. This has also helped render direct and indirect support to other development projects of SWAN. Besides immersing themselves in the local culture and exploring the lifestyles of the rural villages in Nepal, many tourists, after seeing the impact made by SWAN have also shown interest in our programs while also becoming regular

donors. This project 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.

Volunteer/Internship Story

We always welcome people and their talents who have a passion to bring about transformation within communities. At SWAN, we are promoting volunteering and internship programs from 2017.

4 interns from Austria visited SWAN project sites in Narayansthan, Baglung in August. They contributed their 3 weeks as an intern to empowering rural children of Shree Janata Dhan Secondary School and Shree Adharbhoot Basic School. These interns got an opportunity to observe the rural lifestyles, cultural background, education system and children's behavior.

To know more about their experiences as an intern in our



project sites, please read the thoughts shared by Sophie, Julia, Beate and Klara.

Namaste!

Our experience in Narayansthan, August 6th – 25th, 2017

We are four girls from Austria, between 22 and 26 years and we study social pedagogy. Due to our study we spent three weeks in Narayansthan, district Baglung, to do our internship there. Two by two we visited the Shree Aadharbhootbasic and the Shree Janata secondary school.

We spent a great and unforgettable time there by:

- Teaching English and German language skills
- Talking about the differences between Austria and Nepal
- Playing games, singing and dancing
- Supporting kids and teachers with their daily routine

All of them have been very open-minded, helpful and friendly, so we felt really comfortable. Moreover, it was very interesting by getting in touch with the culture and lifestyle of Nepal. We're glad that we did our internship with SWAN Nepal, because everything worked pretty well.

We enjoyed our stay a lot and can definitely recommend an experience like this to other interested students and interns. Some day we will come back! Sophie, Julia, Beate and Klara



FINANCIAL STATEMENT

January 1 through December 31, 2017

INCOME

Donors	Amount
SWAN Deutschland e.V	4,081,419.80
SWAN Österreich	1,724,523.42
IMPULS PROJEKT FONDS	1,257,893.95
Apotheker Ohne Grenzen (AOG)	1,478,120.00
Phase UK	168,013.00
Others	263,234.79
Total	8,973,204.96

EXPENDITURE

Program/Project	Amount
Education & Child Development	4,191,691.06
Scholarship	1,628,073.00
Early Childhood Education Development (ECED)	2,154,118.06
Teacher Support	367,000.00
Support to Community School	42,500.00
Health Program	4,218,702.00
Standard Treatment Protocol (STP) Project	1,098,065.00
Construction of Community Health Unit in Keruja of Gorkha District	3,120,637.00
Livelihood Program	1,115,530.26
Income Generation Program for Rural Women	1,115,530.26
Organization Development & Capacity Building Program	212,831.00
Staff Review & Planning Meeting	49,346.00
Staff Training & Workshop	19,836.00
Project Survey & Evaluation	64,849.00
Support to Local Club	3,000.00
Website/Email Development & Maintenance	75,800.00
Administrative Expenses	976,858.38
Total	10,715,612.70

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