

SOCIAL WELFARE ASSOCIATION OF NEPAL (SWAN)

Annual Report 2024



MESSAGE FROM FOUNDER CHAIRPERSON

Celebrating
30 GLORIOUS YEARS OF SWAN



Dear Friends, Supporters, and Well-Wishers,

As we celebrate the SWAN's 30th anniversary, I am filled with immense pride and gratitude for the journey we have shared. What began three decades ago in the humble village of Narayansthan, Baglung, has grown into a mission that now reaches countless disadvantaged people and marginalized communities across Nepal.

Our commitment to improving lives through education, healthcare, women's empowerment, and infrastructure development has been unwavering. Over the years, we have provided scholarships to thousands of students, ensuring that poverty does not become a barrier to their future. We have constructed health facilities and schools in rural areas where access to basic care & education was once a distant dream. We have supported women in their pursuit of dignity, independence, and leadership roles within their communities. Through our WASH (Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene) initiatives,

we have ensured cleaner, safer environments for families, and our infrastructure projects have transformed villages, connecting them to opportunities that were once out of reach.

For the past 30 years, SWAN operates on the philosophy of "helping people help themselves," empowering individuals and groups to take charge of their own development. By providing resources, training, and support, SWAN equips marginalized and disadvantaged populations with the skills and knowledge needed to overcome challenges independently. This approach fosters self-reliance and resilience, ensuring that communities can sustain progress long after SWAN's direct involvement. Through initiatives in education, health, women's empowerment, and infrastructure, SWAN not only provides immediate aid but also lays the foundation for lasting, community-led development.

Moreover, SWAN's inclusive approach is centered on actively engaging community members in every step of its projects, fostering a strong sense of ownership. By working hand-in-hand with local people, SWAN ensures that their voices are heard, and their needs are prioritized. This collaboration empowers communities to take responsibility for the upkeep and success of initiatives, from education to infrastructure. Additionally, SWAN works closely with local government agencies, aligning projects with national development goals and policies. This partnership with the government enhances the long-term sustainability of projects, ensuring that they receive ongoing support and integration into local governance systems for years to come.

This journey, however, has not been ours alone. It is a testament to the collective dedication and tireless efforts of SWAN team, our partners, supporters, and volunteers—both within Nepal and around the world. Our sister organizations, SWAN Austria and SWAN Germany, have stood by us, strengthening

our capacity to serve and expand our reach. Together, we have faced challenges, whether it be the devastation of earthquakes, the hardships of the COVID-19 pandemic, or the everyday struggles of those we serve. And together, we have risen to these challenges with resilience and hope.

As we look to the future, SWAN remains committed to its mission of building a more just, equitable, and prosperous society for all. Our work is far from done, and we are more motivated than ever to continue serving those who need us most. On behalf of SWAN, I extend my heartfelt thanks to all who have walked this path with us. Your belief in our cause, your generosity, and your unwavering support have made these 30 years possible. Here's to the next chapter in our shared journey of hope and transformation.

With deepest gratitude,

Krishna Karki

Founder Chairperson, SWAN Nepal

Date: May 11, 2024



Krishna Karki, Founder Chairperson, SWAN with school children in Sarkegad, Humla.



30 YEARS OF IMPACT

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| <p>300+ PROJECTS focused on education, healthcare, and women empowerment.</p> | <p>15+ DISTRICTS are reached including the most remotest region.</p> | <p>20,000+ CHILDREN are reached across the country.</p> |
| <p>20,000+ MOTHERS & NEWBORN Supported during pregnancy, delivery and postnatal period.</p> | <p>10,000+ RURAL WOMEN Empowered with skills and income generation opportunities.</p> | <p>75,000+ PEOPLE Helped in Emergencies. (Earthquake and COVID -19 Response)</p> |

■ NEWS

30th Anniversary of SWAN

SWAN celebrated its 30th anniversary and held its Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 28 September 2024 at Hotel Manaslu, Kathmandu. The event saw the attendance of 47 people including executive board members, general members, special guests, local stakeholders, development partners, and friends.

The inaugural session showcased the highlights of the 30th anniversary celebration, while the closed session focused on the standard procedures of the Annual General Meeting (AGM). The event began by paying tribute to SWAN patrons Klaus Dyckhoff, and founding members Poorna Singh Khatri, and Damber Kumar Karki whose vision and

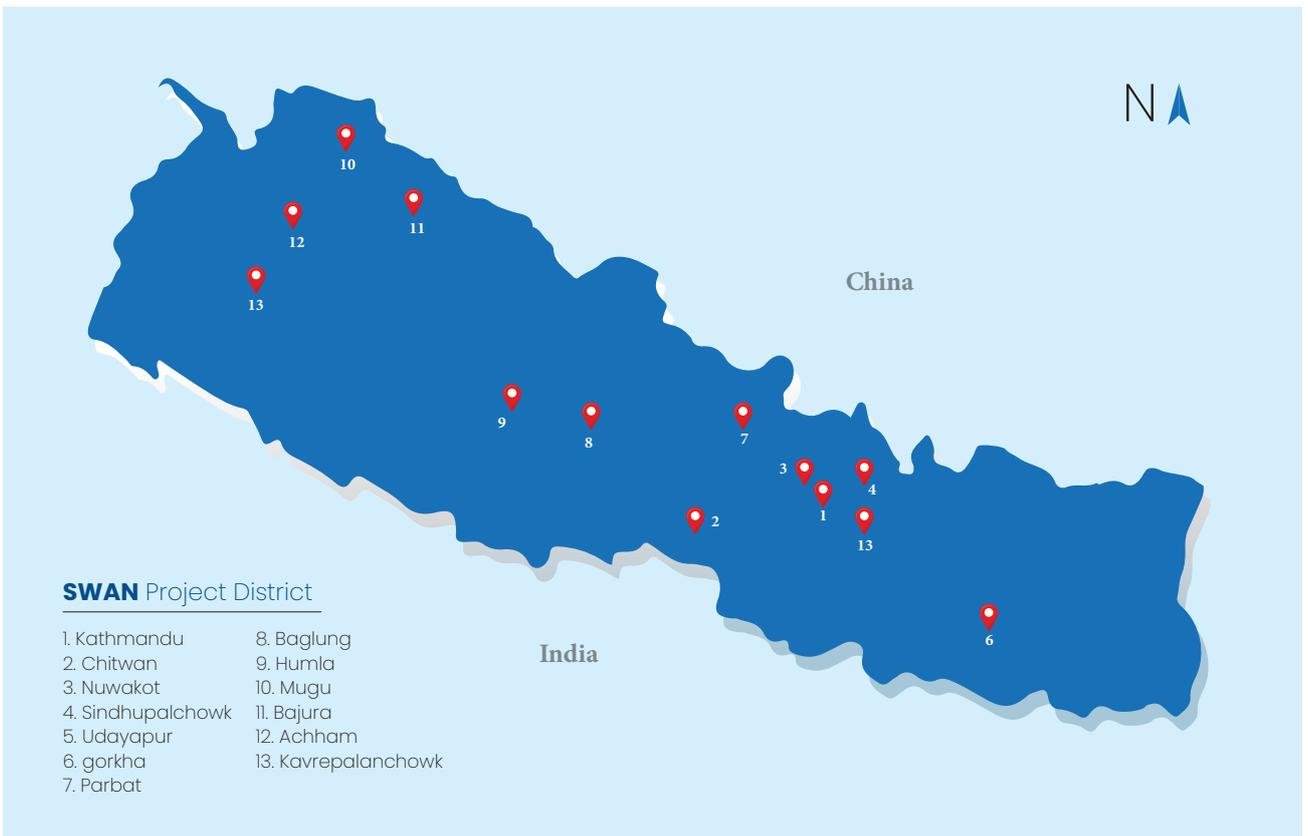
dedication laid the foundation for SWAN's enduring mission in bringing positive change to remote communities. Ms. Kalpana Karki, Programme Director of SWAN welcomed the guests present at the 30th anniversary celebration.

A major highlight of the event was the presentation by the Founder Chairperson of SWAN, Mr Krishna Karki who reflected SWAN's rich history, milestone achievements, and focused on the commitment to sustainable development and humanity. Mr. Karki also acknowledged the contribution of everyone for being a part of SWAN's mission.

On the momentous occasion of SWAN, the SWAN Executive Board decided to award seven individuals who have contributed to SWAN's mission. They include Sakas GC, Former Programme Manager, Raju Tuladhar,

Former Executive Director, Chairman and now secretary, Shyam Kumar Majhi, Field Coordinator, Udayapur, Dhurba Shrestha, Former Programme Manager, Katari Municipality, Bernard Fassel (USA), health adviser to SWAN and Bernard Storm, a donor

from Germany. At the event, Mr. Sakas G.C., a former SWAN Programme Manager, fondly recalled his 19 years of dedicated service, empowering communities through the SWAN's initiatives.





Message from the PROGRAMME DIRECTOR

In 2024, SWAN carried out several projects in areas such as education and school development, maternal & child health and empowering women through livelihood activities including humanitarian assistance to school children affected by the floods.

We are pleased to continue providing scholarships to underprivileged children, enabling them to pursue their education and build a foundation for a brighter future. The comprehensive education project implemented by SWAN in Katari Municipality, Udayapur, has significantly influenced the local government, inspiring it to co-invest in the initiative. This decision reflects the government's recognition of the project's positive impact on students and its contribution to enhancing the overall quality of education in the municipality. Likewise, SWAN's Maternal and Child Health project interventions in Achham and Bajura has contributed in promoting safer maternal & child health practices and improving access to basic healthcare services. This fiscal year, we implemented livelihoods activities such as organic farming, goat raising, and training

programmes in Katari Municipality, Udayapur, and Ramaroshan Rural Municipality, Achham. The beneficiaries are now growing fresh vegetables, raising goats, and sewing, and we are hopeful these efforts will help them achieve financial independence through local small businesses. Furthermore, we helped 17 community schools affected by the floods by providing uniforms to 395 students, helping to restore drinking water system in two schools, and supporting 27 sets of furniture to one school.

At SWAN, we strive to create a healthy, educated, and self-reliant community through our holistic and sustainable interventions and to continue our commitment to humanity and development by working in the most rural areas of Nepal.

In closing, I would like to invite you to explore the pages of our annual activity report, which tells stories of community development and humanity.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kalpana Karki

Programme Director, SWAN Nepal

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We are extremely happy to share the Annual Activity Report 2024 of Social Welfare Association of Nepal (SWAN). It includes programmatic achievements, financial details, testimonials and progresses over the year.

Our key development partners - SWAN Deutschland e.V, SWAN Österreich, Camping & Pension Au an der Donau, Clemens Lammers GmbH, and IMPULS Projekt Fonds, Inner Wheel Distrikt-90, travel-tonature, travel to nature Asia, Dyckhoff - Karki Himalayan Nature Treks and Expedition have been our powerful force to continue our mission through holistic and sustainable interventions based on our thematic goals. We sincerely thank our new partner, Global Envirotech Initiative (GEI) USA, for funding the Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Project, enabling us to reach rural communities in the Far-West Province. We also acknowledge the valuable technical support from Northeast Ohio Medical University, USA, which has

significantly enhanced health outcomes in the remote districts of Achham and Bajura. We would also like to express our sincere thanks to all our individual sponsors like Christoff/Anna Suedoff, Nick Cragg, Monika Frank, Renate Zollers, Dirk Kuchel, Christina Ennemoser, Bryan Thomas Jones (Katkando) among other donors.

SWAN Nepal also extends its gratitude towards Social Welfare Council (SWC), Provincial, and Local Government, project stakeholders, and communities for their constant support in making the project successful.

We really hope that this Annual Activity Report will be useful to explain the major accomplishments of SWAN in 2024 - contributing to gain more understanding about SWAN.

Thank you very much for your continued support.

SWAN Nepal team



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SOCIAL WELFARE ASSOCIATION OF NEPAL (SWAN): An Overview

■ ABOUT SWAN NEPAL

SWAN has been providing hopes in the lives of rural women and children of Nepal by focusing on four thematic goals - education, health, livelihoods, water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH). Also, we incorporate ecotourism, gender equality and social inclusion (GESI), and emergency response as major cross-cutting issues for the sustainability of our programmes. As a development and humanitarian organization, our effort focuses on needy children, disadvantaged women and marginalized communities, mostly working in Nepal's remote communities. In the past, we have worked in Sindhupalchowk, Parbat, Gorkha,

Nuwakot, Mugu, Chitwan, and Humla. Currently, we are working in Baglung, Udayapur, Kavrepalanchok, Achham, Bajura and Humla. We work in close collaboration with government line agencies, municipalities, rural municipalities, key stakeholders, schools and communities, and over the past 30 years, we have witnessed some remarkable difference in the lives of individuals/communities we work with. In addition, we also responded to humanitarian crises like earthquake 2015, COVID-19 Pandemic and flood 2024 by implementing life-saving interventions to those in need.

OUR VISION

SWAN envisions a healthy, educated, and self-reliant community.

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 CORE VALUES

With Sustainability, Equality and Transparency at the core, we are governed by love for people and the places they come from.

OUR GOALS

- Ensure quality education of the underprivileged, vulnerable and marginalized children.

- Build healthy society by reducing maternal and infant mortality and strengthening the community-based health care services.
- Contribute to ensure women's social, economic and cultural rights through women's leadership development
- Ensure Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) facilities in schools, health facilities and communities.



SWAN Projects in 2024

1 EDUCATION AND SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

SWAN works to ensure the holistic development of children for their overall well-being, quality education, and good health. In 2024, SWAN conducted various activities under the Education and School Development Project in a bid to ensure quality education, improve school infrastructures, strengthen WASH facilities, build teacher's capacity and provide essential resources in community schools across the country.

Our Key Achievements:

1. Provided scholarship to 210 underprivileged children to support their education.
2. Built Early Childhood Development (ECD) Centre for Shree Bhawari Devi Basic School, Ward no-5, Katari Municipality, Udayapur.
3. Capacitate 15 teachers from (ECD, LKG, Grade 1) in Katari Municipality, Udayapur.
4. Provided learning resources to 166 students and lesson plans to 15 teachers from six community schools.
5. Strengthen WASH facilities and furniture support to three schools in Katari Municipality, Udayapur.
6. Completed the renovation and maintenance at Shree Pashupati Basic School, Ward no -7 in Katari Municipality, Udayapur, benefitting 100+ school children and teachers.
7. Established a children library at Shree Janata Dhan Secondary School in Narayansthan, Baglung by providing 343 books, along with essential furniture required for library.



Before receiving the training, we never thought classrooms could be so engaging and fun for Students. Thanks to SWAN's comprehensive programme, including training, books, worksheets, and constant assistance from field staff—we've gained the tools to create effective lesson plans, engage students in interactive learning, and foster a child-friendly environment. It's incredible how his journey has empowered us to reach our full potential as teachers.

Ranju Danwar
Shree Janata Basic School, Katari, Udayapur

A Parent's **Voice**

We originally come from remote village in Gorka, where life was very challenging. We moved to Chitwan seeking employment and quality education for our children. Here we work in the farm, but it's still not enough to fully support our three children and cover their education costs. Fortunately, SWAN's scholarship has enabled my daughter Sabina, a seventh grader, to attend school regularly with confidence, proper learning materials, and a clean uniform. This support is positively shaping her academic journey and as a parent, i'm incredibly excited about the opportunities that lie ahead for her.

Sabita Poudel, Mother
Bharatpur-28, Chitwan





Mr. Bernard Storm, a long-time donor from Germany visited the project area in Katari, Udayapur



I feel privileged to witness SWAN's work firsthand in Katari, Udayapur. Also, I got an opportunity to meet children, women, and key stakeholders of Katari Municipality, Udayapur. I can now confidently say that my donations to SWAN have been a wise decision, as they support women and children from disadvantaged and marginalized communities. I will return to Germany and share with others that SWAN is carrying out life-changing projects for the benefit of Nepali people.

Mr. Bernard Storm
Managing Director, STORM Company,
Germany



Kindergarten built with funding support from Mr. Bernhard Storm, Germany and Katari Municipality

2 MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH PROJECT

SWAN works to ensure quality maternal and child health care services at the community level, particularly in the rural areas of Nepal. Since 2010, SWAN has implemented life-saving interventions to improve maternal and child health in districts such as Baglung and Humla.



Based on baseline findings, SWAN has been implementing a two-year “Maternal and Child Health” project in Achham and Bajura with GEI USA funding since January 2024. This project is aimed at reducing maternal and infant mortality deaths rate throughout remote communities with tailored interventions that include strengthening birthing centers with logistics support, providing Helping Babies Breathe (HBB), and Helping Mothers Survive (HMS) training to health workers, providing Birth Preparedness

Package (BPP) training to Female Community Health Volunteers (FCHVs), and fostering leadership skills to Health Facility Management Committee (HFOMC) and working closely with the local government. SWAN selected three municipalities in Bajura district - Budinanda Municipality, Jagannath Rural Municipality, and Swamikartik Khapar Rural Municipality and two rural municipalities in Achham district - Ramaroshan and Chaurpati Rural Municipalities for project implementation.

Our Key Achievements:

- 16 birthing centers are supported with life-saving birthing center equipment and supplies.
- A total of 374 Female Community Health Volunteers (FCHVs) received Birth Preparedness Plan (BPP) training in Achham and Bajura.
- A total of 238 Health Facility Operation Management Committee (HFOMC) members, and key stakeholders received management and leadership training in Achham and Bajura.
- A total of four health facilities received support for the renovation and maintenance of maternity ward to encourage safe institutional deliveries.



A pregnant woman receives antenatal care from a local health worker in Bajura.



I have been working in community as a FCHV for the last 18 years. This training empowers us with the technical skills to support pregnant women, ensure safe delivery practices, promote proper nutrition, and provide postnatal care. In remote communities such as ours, these trainings are vital to benefit many underserved populations.

Kausila Saud, FCHV
Lungra Health-Post, Chaurpati
Rural Municipality
Achham



We are now aware that HFOMCs members are responsible for the effectiveness of health care facilities.

We will work closely with health post in-charge, health workers, and the local government in a bid to ensure quality health outcomes in our communities. We now understand the need for developing village health plans and the best way to use the resources provided by the local government for health-related activities.

Paras Bahadur Shahi,
Health Coordinator Swamikartik
Khapar Rural Municipality, Bajura





Padam jun
18 March

Cross-Cutting Theme - LIVELIHOOD ACTIVITY IN ACHHAM AND BAJURA

Under the Maternal and Child Health Project, SWAN supported 22 farmers for organic tunnel farming and equipped them with farming skills and agriculture supplies like seeds, and equipment in Ramaroshan Rural Municipality, Udayapur. This activity was aimed at promoting sustainable livelihoods, improving food security, health and well-being in remote communities.

“We have been using traditional methods to grow vegetables, but despite our hard work, the yield was limited. This training has taught us valuable skills such as compost production, seasonal vegetable cultivation, disease protection, and year-round farming techniques. It also covered soil fertility, irrigation, and crop selection. We’re excited to grow organic vegetables that will improve our nutrition and provide a sustainable income right here in our village.”

Mina Rawal
Chairperson,
Pipalbot Women’s Group, Ramososhan RM



Spener Crocker, Director of GEI USA, visits tunnel farming in Ramaroshan Rural Municipality, Achham

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EMPOWERING MARGINALIZED WOMEN THROUGH LIVELIHOODS PROJECT

SWAN continued to improve the quality of life of disadvantaged and marginalized women through the income generation Programme (IGP) and leadership skills. In 2024, we supported organic farming, skills development training, essential resources support, and financial literacy workshop to ensure women to be educated, empowered, and financially independent in Katari Municipality, Udayapur.



Kalpana Karki, Programme Director, SWAN addresses a women's group in Katari, Udayapur.

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I learned about money management, saving, knowing the difference between needs and wants, and how to plan expenses at home through a one-day workshop by SWAN. This training has helped our women's group understand the value of money and feel more confident, empowered, and independent.

Maya Danuwar
Member, Jyoti Women's Group, Katari Municipality, Udayapur

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Our Key Achievements:

1. Supported 10 farmers in organic tunnel farming by providing training and essential agricultural supplies such as seeds and equipment.
2. Supported 10 farmers in goat raising activity by providing goats and shed management training.
3. Conducted a three-months sewing and cutting tailoring programme for 10 marginalized women. Also, supported essential tools such as machine, scissors, tape measures, needles, sewing threads etc.
4. Provided financial literacy workshop for 100 women.



Sujata Danuwar earns a good income by stitching clothes.

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SUPPORTING SCHOOL CHILDREN AFFECTED BY FLOODS & LANDSLIDE 2024: HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE

In late September 2024, Nepal experienced catastrophic floods and landslides, claiming over 250 lives. Countless homes, roads, bridges, school buildings and vital water systems were destroyed. The floods affected almost 50 districts, with the hardest hit area reported in Kavrepalanchok, Sindhuli and Lalitpur. In response to the floods, SWAN, in close collaboration with the Panauti Municipality, Kavrepalanchok, extended support to school children affected by the floods.

OUR RESPONSE:

- Provided school uniforms to 395 flood affected children across 17 community schools.
- Supported the restoration of drinking water system in two severely affected schools by floods and landslides- Shree Bhalchandra Secondary School, Panauti, Ward no-1, Shree Kushadevi Secondary School, Panauti, Ward no-2.
- Provided 27 sets of furniture to Shree Indradevi Basic School, Panauti, Ward no-12.



Arnold Hoermann, Chairperson of SWAN Österreich, visits flood-affected schoolchildren in Panauti, Kavrepalanchok.



I lost all my clothes, including my school uniform, in the recent floods. I am very thankful to the generous donors for providing me with new uniforms and supporting us during this difficult time.

Unnati Rai, Grade 2
Shree Bhalchandra Secondary School
Ward no-1, Panauti



SWAN'S IMPACT 2024



SWAN is a nonprofit organization working alongside the Government of Nepal since 1994. SWAN Nepal is registered under the Organization Registration Act 2034 of Nepal with the District Administration Office, Kathmandu (Regd. No. 381/50/51) and is affiliated with the Social Welfare Council under section 13 of the Social Welfare Act, 1992 (SWC No. 1752).

Financial Statement

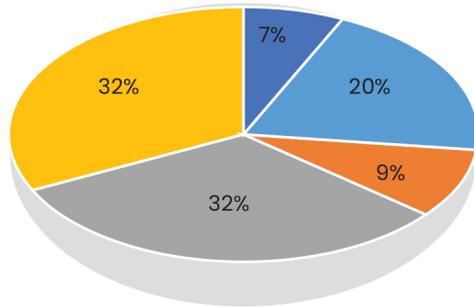
January 1 through December 31, 2024

| Income | |
|---|----------------------|
| Donors | Amount (NPR) |
| SWAN Deutschland e.V, Germany | 3,609,609.00 |
| SWAN Österreich, Austria | 1,693,842.32 |
| IMPULS PROJEKT FONDS, Germany | 5,585,541.50 |
| Global Envirotech Initiative, USA | 5,585,541.50 |
| PHASE UK | 220,866.00 |
| Sharwan Kumar Rana | 150,000.00 |
| Others | 798,223.91 |
| Total | 17,643,624.23 |
| Expenditure | |
| Project/Programmes | Amount (NPR) |
| Education & ECD Programme | 7,656,921.00 |
| Scholarship | 2,183,803.00 |
| Early Child Development (ECD) | 292,940.00 |
| Community School Teacher Support Programme | 122,720.00 |
| Construction of School Building in Shree Bhawaridevi Basic School, Udayapur | 1,922,397.00 |
| Ensuring Quality Education in Community Schools, Udayapur | 2,769,318.00 |
| Establishing School Library in Shree Janatadhan Secondary School, Baglung | 331,743.00 |
| Children's Day Quiz Contest 2081, Udayapur | 34,000.00 |
| Health Programmes | 6,311,465.00 |
| Baseline Survey & Feasibility Study for MCH in Acchham and Bajura Distrcit | 6,271,465.00 |
| Medical Treatment Support | 40,000.00 |
| Livelihood Program | 686,466.00 |
| Empowering women through Income Generation in Katari, Udayapur | 661,966.00 |
| Supporting Shikar Aama Samuha, Udayapur | 24,500.00 |
| Biodiversity Conservation | 587,291.00 |
| Community Forest and Biodiversity Conservation Project | 587,291.00 |
| Organization & Institutional Dev Support | 108,944.20 |
| Support for Construction of Manmaya Tamang House, Katari -5, Udayapur | 105,664.20 |
| Need Assessment and Project Fied Survey | 3,280.00 |
| Administration Exp | 2,087,238.90 |
| Staff Salary, Allowance & Benefit | 1,483,908.00 |
| Board Meeting /AGM/Other Meeting | 219,786.00 |
| Staff planning meeting and retreat | 6,060.00 |
| Central & Field Office Operation Cost | 377,484.90 |
| Total | 17,438,326.10 |

Financial Statement

January 1 through December 31, 2024

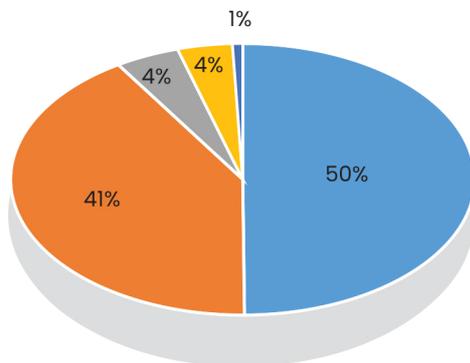
Income for the year 2024



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| SWAN Österreich, Austria | 1,693,842.32 |
| IMPULS PROJEKT FONDS, Germany | 5,585,541.50 |
| Global Envirotech Initiative, USA | 5,585,541.50 |
| Others | 1,169,089.91 |
| Total | 17,643,624.23 |

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- SWAN Österreich, Austria
- Global envirotech Initiative, USA
- Others

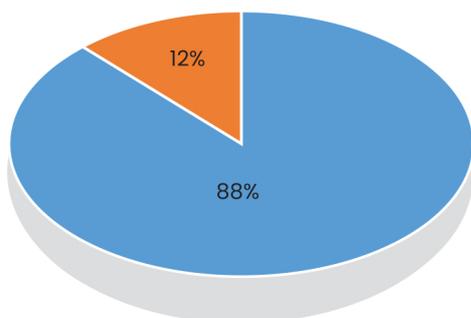
Programme expenditure for the year 2024



| Project/Programmes | Amount (NPR) |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| Education & ECD Programme | 7,656,921.00 |
| Health Programme | 6,311,465.00 |
| Livelihood Programme | 686,466.00 |
| Biodiversity Conservation | 587,291.00 |
| Organization & Institutional Dev. | 108,944.20 |
| Total | 15,351,087.20 |

- Education & ECD Programme
- Livelihood Programme
- Organization & Institutional Dev.
- Health Programme
- Biodiversity Conservation

Programme and Admin Expenses Ratio for the year 2024



| Expenses Description | Amount (NPR) |
|----------------------|----------------------|
| Programme Exp | 15,351,087.20 |
| Admin Exp | 2,087,238.90 |
| Total | 17,438,326.10 |

- Programme Exp
- Admin Exp



SWAN Nepal Celebrate its 30th anniversary milestones together with the invaluable Donors and Partner Organizations who have been helping Nepali people and communities all through the years!

Smart Partners



Phillip Henmann Trust (PHT), UK
IMPULS Projectfonds e.V. Germany



A brief glimpse of Tumcha Village,
Sarkegad Rural Municipality
Humla



helping people help themselves

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