



A Combined Report on (Joint Monitoring, DPAC/Social Audit and Provincial Sharing Meetings)

1. Background:

Nepal National Social Welfare Association (NNSWA) is a civil society organization located at Kanchanpur district of Nepal. It has been implementing different programs in different sectors of health, education, agriculture, livelihood, DRR, disability and other community engagement activities for social welfare. NNSWA has been regularly conducting Joint Monitoring, DPAC/Social Audit meetings in every year and started conducting the Provincial Sharing Meeting since 2020. The Events for Joint monitoring visits at different program implemented sites of NNSWA is lead by District Coordination Committee (DCC) Kanchanpur as well as chairing the District Program Advisory Committee (DPAC) Meeting. Similarly, the provincial sharing meeting is conducted at provincial head quarter under the chief guest of Social Development Minister of Province. All these meetings are conducted in the last week of the December. In these meetings, NNSWA shares about its all project/program achievement, financial expenses, best practices, challenges and solving strategy by presentations. NNSWA also collect the feedbacks from the participants for betterment and way forward of the project intervention and organizational itself.

2. Rationale:

To make closer and transparent among the stakeholders such review meetings, sharing meetings are important. Joint monitoring, DPAC, Social Audit are mandatory for the Civil Society Organizations. So, the Social Welfare Council (SWC) has also mandated for these events at least once a year. In other hand these events also give an opportunity to the organization to improve their working patterns by receiving the feedbacks of the participants. Similarly, these events also provide an opportunity to make synergy among the likeminded organization and local government to work jointly for the same working area or with communities.



3. Descriptions of Events:

Joint Monitoring Visits:

The joint monitoring visit was conducted on 20th December 2023. The monitoring team included DCC Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson, DCC members, Agriculture Knowledge Center, Health Office, respective municipality representative, DRR Focal person and Journalists. The monitoring team was divided into two teams to monitor in two separate areas covering Kanchanpur and Kailali districts project areas. One team was proposed to visit Major sites of Bheemdatt and Dodhara-Chandani Municipalities whereas the other team was mobilized to monitor Suklaphanta, Punarbas and Krishnapur Municipality of Kanchanpur and Dhangadhi Sub-metropolitan city of Kailali district. A specified Schedule was prepared for both the team. After a short briefing and Breakfast the both team were moved to their targeted sites for monitoring visits.



Major activities and sites that were visited during monitoring visits by both the teams were as;



Team-1 (Total 14 people were involved)			
S.N.	Activity	Site	Project
1	Interaction with committee member for 150 m Biological Embankment and its effectiveness	Suklaphanta-1, Khajuwapatti	M-RED
2	Observation and Monitoring (Bio-embankment, conservation of river beach, Sugarcane farming)	Punarbasi-9, Sitabasti	M-RED
	Interaction with CDMC and community group on activities being taken or conducted for Disaster risk reduction and management	Punarbasi-9, Sitabasti	M-RED
3.	NNSWA City clinic visit	Dhangadi, Kailali	Epic Nepal project
4.	Observation of Aadarsh Reading Camp and interaction with Guardian of center	Krishnapur-9, Rajghat	PCESP /IQE

Team-2 (Total 14 people were involved)			
S.N.	Activity	Site	Project
1	Meeting with the cooperative and home stay member and Progress sharing by Cooperatives Observation of vegetable farming	Bhemdatt-14/16 Bhemdatta-13 sonapur	Sudridh
2	Observation & short meeting with groups (vegetable farming & CSEB Entrepreneur visit	Bhimdutta-12	Sudridh
3.	Visited Radar Level Sensor (RLS) installed site	4 lane bridge at Mahakali river	Sudridh
4.	CSEB Entrepreneur visit Mushroom & vegetable farming visit Reysham Badi Shoes enterprise Dairy shop visit	Dodhara-Chandani-5, 6	Sudridh
5	Interaction with stakeholders at Dodhara PHC, ART Site	PHC, Dodhara-Chandani-6,	HIV (Migrant & Epic)
6	Visited the installation site of Audio Emergency Warning and Notification System, Safe House	Dodhara-10, Kutiyakabar	Sudridh

The monitoring team adopted monitoring methods like mainly observation, group discussion, individual question answers, etc. During the visit, the local bodies from respective municipalities were also present and supported the visit. The monitoring team highly appreciated the work of NNSWA as they observed the visible impact on the community and in the life of beneficiaries.

During the visit, the monitoring team visited the riverbank to observe the bio-embankment at Punarbasi municipality and interacted with the committee members.

The City Clinic team also highlighted the key observation in services delivery of HIV program from city clinic of Epic Project and visited the reading camp at Krishnapur municipality.

Furthermore, the observation and interaction among the beneficiaries was conducted successfully. All the beneficiaries highly appreciated the support provided by NNSWA and also explained the processes and methods that how NNSWA provided step by step guidance and support for their entrepreneurship. Both





the monitoring team and community people appreciated the task and leading community for their development.

Along with the monitoring the task of social audit was also provided to Mr. Khem Bhandari. So, both the monitoring and social audit perspective was focused during the visit.

DPAC (District Project Advisory Committee)/Social Audit:

The DPAC Meeting along with Social audit sharing was conducted in Kanchanpur district on 22nd December, 2023 at the hall of District Coordination Committee (DCC) under the chair of Chairperson of Kanchanpur DCC Mr. Durga Datta Bohara and Chief Guest Mr. Gopal Kumar Adhikari CDO, Kanchanpur. Different representatives from District & local government line agencies, directly and indirectly linked key stakeholders from civil society organization, journalists, other stakeholders from private organizations including partner INGOs and community representatives as beneficiaries. A total of 121 participants were present in the meeting.



The meeting was formally started by pouring water in the flowerpot by both the chairperson and Chief Guest and then a welcome speech was given by NNSWA Board member Mr. Roshan Lal Chaudhary.

Then, sharing of individual project's key achievement was done by respective program coordinators and their representatives. For sharing about the projects, their areas and achievement was also shared as poster reflection through gallery presentation.

After the sharing of all implemented projects achievements, Mr. Khem Bhandari shared his major observations, findings and recommendation from social audit perspective. He facilitated for open discussion for comments, queries and feedback collection. Some participants shared their appreciation to NNSWA support, as they said that NNSWA has supported a little but their technical guidance, regular follow up, as well as motivation for entrepreneurship was the key for their positive achievement and they also compared with government support as they rarely get support from local government. One of the community member, Purna Bdr. Sunar, from Dodhara-Chandani-10, raised his voice saying, "The pattern of housing is reducing as comparison in 2023BS there were 200 Households whereas in 2080 there are only 42, the flood has cutdown most of the lands and flew the houses, but the local government still has no focus. In this scenario, NNSWA has supported for providing confidence and empowering local people for themselves.

So, Thank you to NNSWA and the whole team". Others community representatives also spoke on the welfare that NNSWA has provided to general people. They highlighted the tasks that local governments couldn't conduct but NNSWA has provided.

Adding on the voice from participants, Mr. Bhandari summarized his observation from field and presentations of individual projects and shared key observations and recommendations from social audit prospective as;



- Satisfaction and empowerment of community people was visible but still the level of Satisfaction, Dedication as well as the sustainability of cooperatives established and empowered by NNSWA should be done by cooperative themselves with the support of local government. For this NNSWA should motivate and guide them.
- Although most of the projects has shown their achievements in data and that was impressive but in regard to agriculture and livelihood projects/activities needs to quantify that could reflects the exact achievement in number that brings clear view.
- In sector of DRR, NNSWA was seen as the leading organization and thus the activities and attempts for all the preparedness and response was highly appreciated by monitoring team members as well as community visited.
- In terms of engagement in health sector, the focus on HIV/AIDS from both at community level as well as Service Center was very effective. The change of community perception from last decades can be observed from the result achieved by the different three projects under HIV/AIDS prevention. From HIV testing & counseling to treatment and regular follow up clients was effective and remarkable to save the life of people.
- Along with this, the service provided for identification of leprosy and prevention through screening and administering 1 dose of Rifampicin through Leprosy relief project was also appreciative.
- In the education sector, NNSWA has brought changes through reading campaign to all those who were lacking proper education. Recommended to extend reading campaigns up to 5 grades at least.

Then after, the event was moved to the closing section where Mayor of Punarbas and Dodhara-Chandani municipality shared their views on overall achievement of organization appreciating their work at community level and committed for local government support for effective result and sustainability of project.

The closing remarks from the chairperson Mr. Durga Datta Bohara, emphasizes on more community engagement and its continuation. He said, 'name of NNSWA is enough to highlight its work for community development as it has completed its 3 decades for community empowerment and development. The work done by NNSWA is always accountable and appreciative'.

With the great enthusiasm of all the participants and positive comments and commitments from the participants, the DPAC meeting was successfully completed.

Provincial Sharing Meeting:

A provincial sharing meeting was conducted in Dhangadhi Sub Metropolitan Municipality, Kailali on 24th December 2023 under the Chair of Mr. Binod Bikram Jairu Acting Executive Director of NNSWA and Chief Guest Honorable Minister Mr. Shiva Raj Bhatt, Sudur Paschim Province, Ministry of Internal Affairs and Law. A total of 67 participants from different ministries, Health Office, Health Insurance, Provincial hospital and representatives from different concerned government offices and privative organizations including partner INGOs and journalists were present in the meeting.



The meeting was started by watering the flower pot following a welcome speech and objective sharing. Then the individual program coordinators shared about their projects, key activities, and achievements, and after sharing the progress, an open discussion session was facilitated by Mr. Khem Bhandari, Social Auditor. The concerns and queries raised from the participants were answered by respective project heads.



Furthermore, Mr. Bhandari said that the selection of Beneficiaries, selection of activities was very nice, accountability was maintained at all levels of work, providing access of education to those who don't have access, work on DRR, establishing an early warning system, safe house, support on cooperatives for entrepreneurship, etc. All works were very appreciative and effective.

From the sharing of Social audit findings, other participants also shared their views. Mr. Manoj Ojha from Health Directorate, Doti requested to increase the district coverage of Leprosy prevention. Also he added that the HIV Prevention program needs to verify data and focus on minimizing duplication on HIV data and also need to emphasize on the distribution of assistive devices for disability. Other speakers also stated that the actions for DRR support, empowering community people for entrepreneurship, development of cooperatives, support on agriculture sector, early warning system, establishment of safe house, and many more activities were appreciative.

Summarizing the meeting with the closing remarks from the chief guest, Mr. Bhatt, explained the need on continuing the educational awareness on drug abuse and improve the counseling and also need to establish the rehabilitation center. Not other than last, the chairperson of the meeting, Mr. Binod Bikram Jaisu, highly appreciated the comments, queries, commitments from the participants and closed the meeting by thanking all the participants.

Suggestions: NNSWA needs to quantify all the achievements of projects and summarize the overall achievements. Also they need to work on the sustainability part of all projects implemented at community level by linking with Municipalities. DPAC, Joint monitoring and provincial sharing meeting should be continued.

4. Cost Sharing for the all JDP:

The JDP was conducted with a cost sharing basis among the existing projects in NNSWA.

5. Overall Outcome:

NNSWA has been conducting the Joint Monitoring, DPAC/SOCIAL Audit and Provincial Sharing Meeting (JDP) as most important events for the organization. The JDP gives us many opportunities such as coordinating, sharing of best practices, making us transparent and fulfilling the government obligation as a civil society organization in Nepal. It has also



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provided us an opportunity to listen the feedback from the stakeholders and community groups and individuals which is most important to improve the organizational working style, approaches and support for the next year planning. The major outcomes from JDP are; Interaction among the community groups, cooperatives, and government authorities

- Knowing about the achievement, area of improvement
- Project sharing at district and province level
- Conducted Joint Monitoring, DPAC/Social Audit and Provincial Meeting

6. Conclusion:

NNSWA a civil society organization has been working in Sudur Paschim Province from 1990 and has been conducting the joint monitoring and DPAC meeting till dates. The last week of the December month usually JDP were conducted as major events of the organization. The events were conducted to bring the highlight of key activities and achievement of NNSWA to key stakeholders. These actions were focused on collection of feedback and betterment of activities for upcoming days.

We thank you to all participants, supporters, community, local and provincial government for their valuable participation and suggestions.

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