



## NAME, AGE, COUNTRY

Kanchanpur, Nepal

Story summary:

### *CSOs leadership for Inclusive Education in their Community"*

Adiwashi Janajati Sangha of Laljhadi was established in 2080 BS to support the Rana/Tharu communities in western Terai. Officially registered in June 2024, the organization represents indigenous peoples across all six wards of Laljhadi Rural Municipality with the aim of addressing social, economic, educational, and cultural challenges.

The organization received crucial support from NNSWA (Nepal National Social Welfare Association) in partnership with Save the Children, funded by the European Union. This partnership provided 4 lakh Nepalese rupees to address educational disparities affecting marginalized communities.

The organization focuses on **Increasing educational access** for marginalized families, particularly Janajati, Rana Tharu communities, Dalit communities, children with disabilities and economically marginalized children, by **Engaging with local government** through dialogue about existing educational barriers and participating in local government planning process, policy formation & update, and, **Conducting awareness programs** to highlight the importance of inclusive education,

The project aligns with broader objectives of strengthening Civil Society Organizations through funding support and capacity building for inclusive and equitable education. A significant achievement for them is **Laljhadi Rural Municipality committed 2.5 lakh rupees to support their initiatives apart from the project fund support**. It has ensured their sustainability and a motivation to work for issues & barriers that persist in the community. **Likewise, another example has been set by the Bheri Municipality of Jajarkot district by funding 3 lakh rupees to the grassroot organization (Apang Swabalambhan Sanstha).**



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### Strong quotes:

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### How is NNSWA helping (or did we help) that child or family:

By supporting the fund to the CSO under fund support to third party (FSTP). Under FSTP support Adiwashi Janajati Sangha secured 4 lakh rupees from the project and additional 2.5 lakh rupees from the Laljhadi Rural Municipality as result of project intervention.

### Additional interviews:

#### Interviewee's story in their own words (Quotes):

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Notes from the interviewer: NA



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## Background / Project information

NNSWA, in partnership with Save The Children, is implementing the EU-funded project Quality Education-Leaving No One Behind: Strengthening Civil Society in Nepal to Drive Inclusive Access to Education for All Children. This initiative operates across Karnali, and Sudurpaschim provinces, aiming to address educational inequities and promote inclusive access to quality education, particularly for marginalized groups such as children with disabilities, Dalits, and LGBTQI+ youth. The 42-month project focuses on empowering civil society to advocate for inclusive policies, reducing barriers to education, and enhancing collaboration between civil society and government. By integrating community-driven solutions, model schools, and capacity-building efforts, the project aims to create a scalable framework for equity and inclusion in Nepal's education sector.

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