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General Introduction

Vijaya Development Resource Centre (VDRC- Nepal), initially established as Vijaya Youth Club, is a nonprofit, non-political member based national level social development organization. It has been working in the community development sector for the last 44 years with a vision of Equitable, peaceful, affluent and self-reliant society. Established as a local self-help group in 1979, it is now recognized as a national level Social Development Non-government Organization with multidisciplinary human resources and good infrastructure facilities. It has successfully completed a number of community development projects across the country and has made a significant contribution in bringing positive changes through a people-centered development and governance approach. It has successfully demonstrated how a holistic community development model can be applied for sustainable livelihoods in rural areas. Furthermore, it has been able to mobilize local resources and developed the foundations for a centre for social learning. VDRC-Nepal has experienced four institutional development stages pioneering different development paradigms and models; namely, initial stage as a self-help group, institutional development stage as an intermediary organization, professionalism stage as a resource organization, and innovation stage as pioneering a holistic community development model. The different stages are explained below:

Initial Stage: Self-help Group [1979-1987]

Initial or primary stage covers the period 1979 – 1987 when the organization was known as Vijaya Youth Club. The main objectives of the organization was to organize and mobilize local youth and motivate them towards to organize different cultural programs, quiz competitions, sports, debate competitions and so forth. The organization was generating funds by performing Deusi, Bhailo and other cultural programs and the generated fund was spent on games, donation, fire-fighting, flood rescue etc. Through these activities, the organization was able to gain popularity in the local community.

Institutional Development Stage: Local Support Organization [1987-1993]

The period from 1987 to 1993 is referred to as the institutional development stage. The organization was legally registered at the District Administrative Office, Nawalparasi in 1987. The organization built its own office building by mobilizing local resources, and also started working in partnership projects with other development agencies. In addition, the organization gave its prime focus on development of both physical infrastructure and human resources. The concept of Savings and Credit was initiated during the stage, which resulted in the establishment of VYCCU Savings and Credit Cooperative Ltd.

Professionalism Development Stage: Resource Organization [1993-2001]

The professionalism development stage (1993 to 2001) brought major changes in VDRC's institutional structure. The organization's name was changed from Vijaya Youth Club to Vijaya Development Resource Center (VDRC-Nepal) and it has started to expand program areas both geographically and thematically. The major program areas that VDRC started working on were: Poverty Alleviation, Women's Empowerment, Self-help Promotion, Child Development, Formal and Non-Formal Education, HIV/AIDS, Safe Motherhood, Food Security, and Health and Sanitation. The programs were implemented in close collaboration with different donor agencies. Moreover, the organization divided its program in three major departments i.e. Business Wing, Core Program and Promotional Programs, and it further changed its working modality and gave more focus on process facilitation rather than services delivery.

Innovation Stage: [2002- Till date]

The period from 2002 to date is known as the stage of innovation. This is the period when VDRC started testing the holistic development approach in the local community in a view that four pillars, economic, social, media and educational institutions were essential for a holistic development of a society.

Establishment of Vijaya Community Education Cooperative was one of the pioneer acts in the process which aimed to contribute to the field of education. It runs neither as a public school nor as a private one; thus, it operates on the principle of a cooperative and is a third-dimensional educational institution. Similarly, with the slogan of “Information and communication, the basis of public empowerment”, Vijaya Community FM 101.6 MHZ was established in 2004. Additionally, a Health Micro Insurance Program and experimentation of Agricultural Farm were other initiatives started during the period. Therefore, the year from 2002 until date can consider as the creative period of the organization.

Vision, Mission and Goals:

Vision: Dignified, prosperous and equitable Society

Mission: Continue with the efforts of establishing an equitable, peaceful, affluent and self-reliant society by making the institutions resource-filled and by maintaining peace at the community level, skill development and human power management, employment creation, identification, mobilization and management of resources, safeguarding of human values and protection of all the types of rights.

Goals:

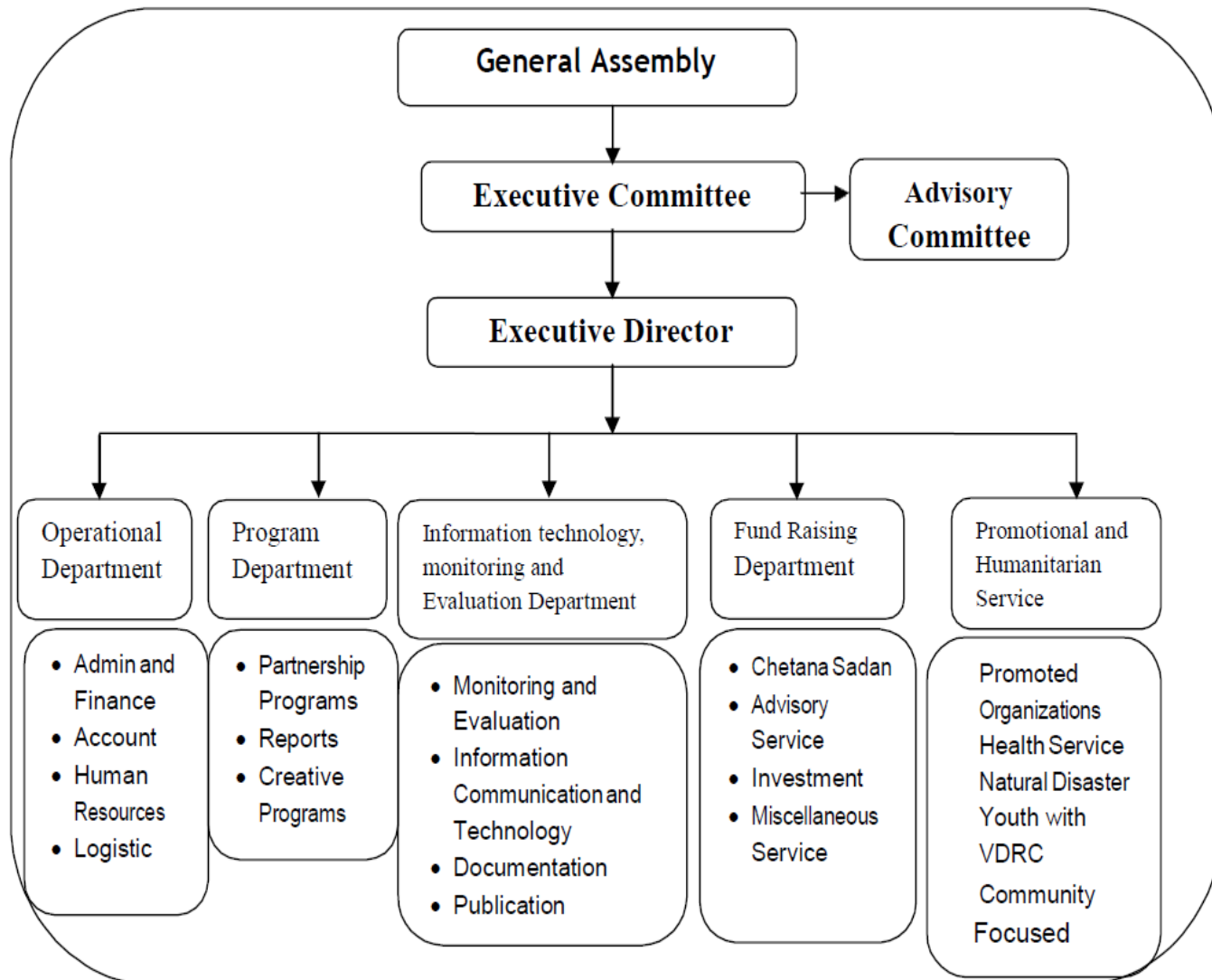
- Advocate for the creation of a fearless environment in the society by ending prevalent social evils and corruption.
- Ensure an environment of respectful complete rehabilitation and reintegration of the internally displaced and the victims of civil war.
- Create enough social pressure for the reconstruction of the infrastructures demolished during conflict and assist on the same.
- Play a pioneering role in the strengthening of all the institutions at the community level.
- Ensure an environment of meaning full participation of women, children, ethnic groups, disadvantaged group, HIV-infected etc. at the decision making level.
- Ensure optimum mobilization of available human power, creation of the opportunity for the skill development and production of required human power.
- Strengthen and protect economic, material, natural and human resources, and traditional skills and culture at the local level.
- Work as a resource center for the programs related to micro finance and emphasize on the development and strengthening of skills and trade.
- Identify, counsel, investigate and conduct programs related to the development of micro entrepreneurship and professional entrepreneurship.
- Work in coordination with the governmental organizations, Private Sectors and Civic Society to control corruption.
- Create public awareness on the right to information and open data
- Ensure meaningful participation of civic society in the government sector, private sector and civic society for good governance.
- Create an environment for a respectful living.

- Ensure an environment of the observance, respect and implementation of basic human rights
- Advocate for, create awareness on the role of individual, society, and state in climate change and reduction of its effect.
- Assist in the reduction of the negative impact of climate change by reducing the emission of green -house effect.

Organizational Structure

The Governing body, the Executive Committee, provides overall policy guidance to the organization and ensures its smooth operations. The President heads the committee and its selection process is democratic one. Committee elected once in every two years period and it is comprised of 13 members. General assembly is the supreme body of the organization. There are 92 members out of which 3 are honorary, 61 are general members, 4 Co-members and 24 are Life members. Executive committee forms different sub committees to carry out the organizational activities. The duration of sub committees varies on nature and activities of program. An Executive Director nominated by the executive committee to oversee the overall day-to-day office management and administration. The person is directly responsible to the committee. Apart from this, VDRC central office has divided into four (Operation, Program, Fund raising and Promotion & Humanitarian service) departments headed by separate department heads to manage the program activities of the organization. Currently, there is 41 staff contributing their best endeavors to VDRC.

Organogram of VDRC



Strategies, Approaches and Thematic areas

The major Strategies and Approaches that VDRC has been following can be summarized in following points.

- Promotion and support local Initiatives
- Process Facilitation for sustainable development
- Empowerment & Sensitization
- Local Resource Mobilization
- Emergency Response and Disaster Risk Management
- Local Government Strengthening
- Open Society and Open Government
- Participatory Planning, Implementation, Monitoring and Evaluation.
- Training and capacity building
- Promotion of people's organization
- Institutional/Capacity building
- Human right based approach
- Gender and social justice (inclusion) VDRC has decided to work in following thematic areas
- Re-construction and re-habilitation
- Food Security
- Education
- Health
- Economic development (Micro finance and micro entrepreneurship)
- Good Governance and Accountability
- HIV and AIDS
- Local Government Capacity Building and Strengthening

Following are the crosscutting issues that VDRC keeps in mind while implementing the programs in community.

- Social and gender inclusiveness
- Environment friendly

Major Partnership Programs

This program is being implemented to extend own experiences, learning, skill and reflections of community development sector to avail a weaker section of community people towards the process of sustainable livelihood. The programs are running in close collaboration with different donor agencies in various fields. VDRC only work as a partner to those agencies, which have similar working approach and modality. The following program shows our partnership.

Enhancing Electoral Integrity through Non-Partisan Monitoring and Voters Education (EEIME) Project:

A project dedicated towards strengthening the voter's education and independent monitoring of local, provincial and federal election was launched in April, 2022. The project aims to enhance knowledge of both voters and candidates on electoral process through civic education and sensitization for accountable and transparent election including selection of candidates. Likewise the project aims to monitor the election process to keep its integrity and fairness. The project has been launched in five district under consortium partnership. VDRC-Nepal has been leading the project as consortium lead and working in Nawalpur district while four different CSOs has been working in other four districts. The districts and the dedicated CSOs for implementing the project are; Sayapatri Society in Kaski, Palpa Development Center in Palpa, Chadani Nepal in Rupendehi and MAHURI Home in Kapilvastu. The project has successfully conducted mahor activities related to voter's awareness through animated videos, radio programs, workshop with youth, women and disables. Like-wise capacity building of local CSOs were done for their dedicated work on strengthening democracy, inclusion and increasing public participation. Voter education was enhanced through distribution of leaflets, pamphlet and stickers, establishment of hoarding board, conduction of civic rally and oratory competition. For dedicated following of election code of conduct, day long orientation to political representatives and candidates were give and monitoring of the overall election process was done on the election day.

Child Dedicated COVID-19 Emergency Response Project:

Uncertainty was looming large amid the prevalence of the pandemic with various speculations on the emergence of the third wave. The first and second waves have already inflicted a whopping loss and damage of the lives and property of the people as well as to the multiple affairs which have a direct bearing on the lives and livelihoods. There was an immense need for relief packages from the governmental and nongovernmental side for the health system and the economic upliftment of underprivileged people. To address the situation, VDRC-Nepal with financial assistance from Americares, a Child Dedicated COVID-19 Emergency Response Project was launched in Gaindakot Municipal Hospital, Gaindakot Municipality and Madyabindu District Hospital, Kawasoti Municipality. This includes the development of infrastructure in the form of a Covid ward for the children who are subject to higher risks during the third wave. Likewise, the dissemination of information as part of community awareness of Covid-19 is planned through radio programs and child-focused Covid-19 awareness graphic animated videos. The project aims to reduce the level of severity of the Covid-19 infestation and minimize the risk, especially for children with the assured health care facility. This project is funded by the Americares Foundation, USA. This project led to the development of 14-bed covid-19 ward for the children in Gaindakot Municipal Hospital and Madyabindu District Hospital. Similarly, psycho-social counseling was done through the child ward as well as pediatrician was made available for six days in a week. More than 18 schools were facilitated through psycho-social counseling and free eye camp in their own school.

Food Balance Sheet Project:

The prior data and information on agriculture production, distribution, and consumption have many limitations and to draw any sort of conclusion from such data is impossible. Thus to identify the current trends and to project the strategies for addressing the existing and upcoming problems in agriculture Food Balance Sheet Project was designed and implemented. The municipal food balance sheet project was funded by the Open Society Policy Centre, New York, USA. It was implemented as a Covid-19 response project for a year. which is supposed to act as an alerting tool for preparing a safe and sound environment even in havoc condition The food balance sheet project has been launched by four municipal bodies of Nawalpur and one ward of Bharatpur Metropolitan. The municipal bodies adopting the food balance project were Gaiindakot municipality, Devchuli Municipality, Binaya Triveni rural municipality, and Bulingtar rural municipality while Bharatpur 14 ward was the only ward adopting the food balancing project. The project aimed to construct a food balance sheet of all the above-mentioned municipal bodies that helped them to project changes in the required aspects of food production, distribution, and consumption patterns. All the municipal bodies with their respective food balance sheet were presented in the form of individual report and compiled report was published.

Change Starts at Home:

This project was launched in May 2021 with a duration of twenty-three months. The major aim of the project was to reduce the incidence of intimate partner violence and to aware the family and the couples about gender equality, social inclusion, maternal and reproductive health through weekly classes. The major classes and their curriculum were designed to set an exclusive knowledge on health, gender rights, violence and maternal health. The major intervening areas are four wards of Hupsekot and six wards of Binaya Triveni Rural Municipality. The project is funded by Equal Access International

SUAAHARA II:

VDRN-Nepal led the homestead food production (HFP) component of Suaahara II ‘Good Nutrition’ program being implemented in 40 districts. The component contributes to improved access to diverse and nutrient-rich foods by women and children and mostly engages them in the event of the program. The major aim of the HFP component is to train the local resource person on poultry farming and vegetable cultivation. Similarly, provision of help for developing business plan and strategies for initiating the small scale agriculture and livestock business. The project lasted for six years and was led by Helen Keller International and funded by USAID.

Poverty Alleviation Project with Focus on Poor Women in Southern Hills of Tanahun:

With the goal to uplift the socio-economic condition of the poor and disadvantaged women the program was started in 2005 and completed in 2007 A.D. Majorly, eight VDCs namely Devghat, Kota, Chhipchhipe, Baidi, Dharampani, Kotdarbar, Bhirkot and Kanhu Shivapur were selected for the intervention. Under the program support was provided in formation and capacity building of the local institutions. Major training on vegetable and crop production, livestock promotion and exposure visits were done with the aim to raise the income level of participating household. Awareness related to food habit, food security, nutrition, health and sanitation status was done among the women and children. For creating greater education opportunities within the communities child literacy, business literacy, scholarship support, legal advice camp activities were conducted. Like-wise support on infrastructure development, transport support improvement, clean drinking water, market accessibility was done to strengthen the community infrastructure development.

Expansion Employment Opportunities for Women (EOW):

From the support of International Labor Organization (ILO) and with the objective to assist national efforts towards alleviation of poverty, gender equity and overall status of women, the women employment program was started. The program strengthened the overall capacity of saving and credit cooperatives (SCCs) and mediated with different financial institutions for the increased credit volume. A total of sixteen cooperatives with 1786 members were directly facilitated. The different income generation program through training on handicraft production, crop production and protection, marketing management, para vet refresher, mushroom production, banana fiber production were given. Production planning of the high value crops and pest management training were conducted. Under the awareness raising program, the project has organized a four days refresher paralegal training at Kathmandu. After the completion of the training trained manpower has conducted 49 legal literacy workshop in their respective VDCs from which altogether a total of 12,145 women get benefited.

Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Program (RWSSP):

From support of Rural Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation Fund Development Board (RWSSFDB), VDRC implemented rural drinking water and sanitation program in Gorkha and Tanahun districts. Now the program is in post construction monitoring phase. It has incorporated sanitation program along with rural drinking water program. The major objective of the program was to provide clean drinking water for the community and support to construct toilets & create health awareness in the community.

Child Friendly Local Governance (CFLG) Program:

In partnership with UNICEF Nepal, VDRC-Nepal implemented the Child Friendly Local Governance (CFLG) program in 12 VDCs of Nawalparasi district. It supported and strengthened the capacities of individuals, families and communities for quality basic education, protection rights, maternal health, child health care and nutrition, psychosocial development, sanitation, hygiene and water quality, HIV/AIDS, decentralize governance and community action process. Since the beginning of the program, VDRC was being involved in basic and refresher trainings, for regular up gradation of CM's skill to support CAP facilitations in Nawalparasi district. VDRC was involved in CAP implementation in the Rupauliya VDC in 2003. VDRC-Nepal completed 11 slots of CFLG orientation programs in 11 earthquake- affected districts. The on-hand profound experiences and learning of the organization on child development sector were used in the earthquake-affected districts through CFLG training interventions, which were expected to largely help increase children's participation at local level planning in the aftermath of the quake.

Participatory Democracy Initiative Program:

Participatory Democracy Initiative (PDI) has been implemented in four VDCs (Tamsariya, Prasauni, Naya Belhani and Dumkibas) of Nawalparasi district partnership with Action Aid International Nepal (AAIN). Major objectives of the project were to support to the poor, marginalized and excluded people for the political, democratic and economic empowerment by adopting participatory democratic facilitation process and to bring state and civil society in common point which was supportive to the citizen to make accountable state and its agencies by doing critical and creative discussion and interaction for the assurance of qualitative fundamental demand. Project was targeting to Dalit, Women, Indigenous People, Landless and Marginalized Farmers and follows the Human Right Based Approach.

Reading Room (School Library) program:

Education is the base of the development. Educated children can initiate to make change in the world. Reading Room Program tried to put an ample effort to make proper educational environment to insure qualitative education in the government schools. Particularly, primary school is that school where students drop out rate seems increasing. Hence, it is essential need to build capacity of government schools in terms of qualitative education. In order to build up the capacity of schools, Room to Read and VDRC-Nepal were trying to put effort jointly for Reading Room Program. The program was launched in the partnership with

Room to Read in Chitwan and Nawalparasi districts for 8 years, where established Reading Room (Library room) in government schools. We supported to 405 government schools of Chitwan and Nawalparasi districts.

Literacy Instruction Program:

Literacy Instruction Program was an educational program launched in Nawalparasi district partnership with Room to Read. The major objective of the program was to develop the reading skill level of primary level students in government schools. The program intensively supported class 1 & 2 Nepali subject. The program facilitated & supported to Nepali subject teachers of both classes. This program covered the 40 government schools. The program introduced the different types of educational materials like letter card, windows card, picture word card, workbooks, wall brick chart, CV chart, Barhakhari chart, LLP books, etc. The program organized different types of teachers' capacity development training as well as refresher training to the teachers. Continuous assessments, remedial class conduction, creation of print rich environment in classes, uses of balance approach were the major characteristics of the program.

Promotion and Strengthening of Social Accountability for Good Governance at Local Level:

Promotion and Strengthening Social Accountability for Good Governance at Local Level (SAGG) project was implemented in 21 Government/Community schools of Nawalparasi district in partnership with CECI/PRAN. The aim of the project was to improve the efficiency of the community schools by making both community and the schools management fully aware of their rights, duties and entitlements. The ultimate goal to have such activities implemented was to bring the demand and supply side of the public service delivery dynamics into a single table with the initiative of the third party i.e. VDRC-Nepal. This synergy was expected to bridge the existing gap between the government and the citizens. The project aimed at targeting those 21 community schools, which the local communities have been seeking more accountable performances and statistics. Preliminary analysis of the problems indicated towards the accountability issue in part of the School Management Committees (SMC), principal and schoolteachers. Hence, the project targeted school management committees' members, school principals and teachers as service providers whereas parents and students as right holders.

Local Government and Community Development Program (LGCDP):

Government of Nepal has been implementing LGCDP since 16 July 2008 to improve the living standards of the people through community led development, efficient service delivery, good governance, based on a democratic value system and rights-based approach and inclusive development efforts subsequent to the restructuring of the state. VDRC-Nepal has worked in partnership with government of Nepal by applying the transformational approach. The program focused on voice, choice and rights of people for the capacity building and empowerment of the people. The over-arching goal of the program was to contribute towards poverty reduction through inclusive, responsive and accountable local governance and participatory community- led development ensuring increased involvement of Women, Dalits, Adibasi Janajatis, Muslims, Madhesis, disadvantaged groups in the local governance process.

Enriching local Agency for Enhancing Public Service Program:

The use of Citizen Report Card (CRC) could be of great help to bring and muster voices from the target groups. Issues highlighted and a common forum made functional to devise amicable solution to issues the clients feel were more important and urgent. Principles of constructive engagement neatly followed so that similar activities prevail to occur upon completion of the project. VDRCNepal's experience in the education sector (Promotion and Strengthening of Social Accountability for Good Governance at Local level in

partnership with CECI/PRAN Project), which also brought the participation of the service recipients actively had been extremely fruitful and praised by all stakeholders in the sector of social accountability.

The outstanding achievements made by VDRC-Nepal in improving the quality of education in community schools using another SA tool (CSC). The intervention was crucial in regulating the absenteeism of the teachers, distribution of scholarships among students, relocation of school finance in improving the cocurricular activities of the students and making the School Management Committees (SMCs) active and accountable in delivering quality education. The improvement in the last project has attracted a lot of media as well as line agencies' attention to scale up the activities. Such demand for the similar work has indicated the need of scaling up of the activities to some extent. The principal mechanism to follow up by the project was engaging officials, service providers and users in constructive dialogue on how services could be improved. The overall objective of the proposed assignment, therefore, was to increasing the access of people in the improved public services delivered by selected VDCs and Community School in Nawalparasi and Chitwan District. Major focused areas of the projects were identifying the satisfaction level of service users about the services providing by VDC, disseminating the findings from district to national level for the improvement and qualitative service delivery.

Monitoring for Enhancing Accountability Program:

VDRC-Nepal, in partnership with Helvetas-CARTA and Partnership for Transparency Fund (PTF) was selected to monitor independently the training programs of the EVENT Project under component one for enhanced accountability. Technical education and vocational training play major role for orienting the need of the skilled labor market inside the country and abroad. Enhanced Vocational Education and Training (EVENT) Project was established by the Government of Nepal, Ministry of Education with the financial support from the World Bank to enhance the capacity development of the technical education and vocational training sector in Nepal. Promoting good e governance and social accountability among concerned stakeholders of EVENT Project played the major role in limiting possible lapses in project implementation and its outputs. The project had these objectives. Use monitoring tool in agreement with the EVENT PS to assess the outputs of the capacity building component, verify whether the outputs achieved by the component are in line with the disbursement-linked indicators described in EVENT project appraisal document and assess the differences between standards and delivery of the training services through beneficiaries satisfaction survey. Target groups of project were master trainers, lead and assistant instructors, skill test managers and skill test assessors. The coverage of project was all parts of the country from mountain to Terai belt of Nepal as per the locations fixed by the training implementing organizations.

Improve Implementation of RTI in Nepal to Promote Good Governance:

Improve Implementation of RTI in Nepal to Promote Good Governance program was implemented in all the districts of western development region during July 2013 to December 2013 in partnership with National Information Commission (NIC), Citizen's Campaign to Right To Information (CCRI) and other 7 strategic partners across the country. The program was supported by ESP, a program of DFID. The program was focused to increase use of Right to Information act2064 at all level.

Support for Accountable National Institutions for Citizen's Access to Right to Information (SANCHAR) Support for Accountable National Institutions for citizen's access to Right to Information (SANCHAR) is a partnership project with Citizen Campaign for Right to Information (CCRI) funding from Governance Facility Nepal for increasing awareness and enhancing wisdom on right to information at local level. The project focused upon social accountability of government and public organizations/service provider to their service holders /citizens. Primarily right to information focuses upon transparency and accountability GOs programs towards the citizens. Every citizen have right over demanding the information of GOs and others public organizations' information of their programs concerning with citizens. The project have done the

capacity building of citizens, discussion workshops, seminars, interaction, orientation to information officers and head of departments of public organizations, TOT programs, public awareness on RTI through FM radio. VDRC worked various districts of Western Development Region including Chitwan district.

Village Model Farmers' Capacity Development Program:

VDRC has been working with multi-stakeholders and multi-sectors SUSAHARA project for women and children of golden thousands days to improve their nutrition by promoting homestead food productions. USAID funding SUSAHARA project is implementing in 25 districts of Nepal. Project was prioritized the homestead food production to increase the access of green vegetables, eggs and others protein contains foods. In this context, SUSAHARA promoted production groups of targeted community selected village model farmers from their groups. VDRC with the partnership Hellen Keller International is working in capacity building sectors of these Village model farmers. SUSAHARA uniquely integrates nutrition, hygiene, agriculture, family planning, reproductive and child health activities at the household and community level in 25 rural districts with poor nutrition indicators. The increased supply, access and consumption of a healthy, diverse and quality diet - care, food, and health - are critical dimensions of improving the nutrition in pregnant and breastfeeding women and children less than two years of age. To improve their access to nutritious food, SUSAHARA has been implementing and adapting the HKI's enhanced homestead food production model (HFP) that integrates home gardening to produce nutrient-dense vegetables with backyard poultry.

In this model, VMFs (Village Model Farms) would be established at community level to support in sustaining household homestead food production. VMF approach is being used an example of a Transfer of Technology (ToT) supply-push model. The VMF serve as a place for training and demonstrations on improved agricultural techniques, technologies for households participating in the program. VMFs would be enhanced as a production center, as it is a source of inputs like low cost quality seeds, seedlings, saplings and chicks. VDRC is providing this consultancy to support local implementing partners (NGOs) of SUSAHARA in enhancing the additional capacity and skill of selected VMFs through delivering the VMF development training to community people and practitioners in the use of manual. This consultancy services also contributes VMF to design and plan an agro based social enterprise. In order to meet the abovementioned objectives of the consultancy service (project) the following specific activities has been carried out and reported. VMF owners are responsible for sharing these new and improved practices and low cost inputs with other households in the village. In fact, the HFP model relies on the dedication of participating households, particularly owners of Village Model Farms. The Village Model Farmers are role model and positive deviant for other households in the village. Therefore, capacity building of VMF is very crucial which helps them to construct demonstration garden and provide technical inputs to other community members.

SAFAL:

The Blueberry Hill charitable Trust (BHCT) implemented a project called Sustainable Access to Finance and Livelihoods (SAFAL) Nepal in east and far west of Nepal. The main objective of SAFAL Nepal was to reduce poverty by supporting poor communities in rural and remote hills of Nepal to improve their livelihoods by increasing their access to finance, information, knowledge and skills; and by building their capacity to organize and use all these to get more control over their lives and livelihoods. Vijaya Development Resource Centre (VDRC) Nepal provided this consultancy to develop three years business plan for cooperatives operating in four SAFAL project districts (Dadeldhura, Doti, Achham and Bajura) of far west Nepal.

Mini Leprosy Elimination Campaign:

Mini Leprosy Elimination Campaign was organized at Nawalparasi district (Bardghat Susta - West) as district is densely populated and porous to cross broader movement of people likely vulnerable to Leprosy infection. The campaign was jointly run by the Damien Foundation, Sasakawa Foundation, District Public Health Office, Nawalparasi and Vijaya Development Resource Center. Two batches of campaign January 30 – February 1 and February 4 - February 6 for the Parasi and Guthi Surajpura area respectively covered the whole district except Bardghat Municipality. The campaign mobilized 470 health staff and women community health volunteers, 390 people's representative, teachers and social worker at health facilities bringing 80 new leprosy patients in light. These patients are taking free medicine from the nearby health facilities.

Decentralization Action for Women and Children (DACAW), Tanahun:

The program was started with support of UNICEF from August 2004 to June 2007 with the objectives; increasing the level of awareness on HIV/AIDS and STI to reduce the rate of HIV transmission and the level of awareness on HIV/AIDS and STI among adolescence particularly the age group 10-19 to reduce the rate of HIV transmission and imparting the knowledge and skill to local resource persons (School Teachers, Village Facilitators FCHVs, Health Workers, OSP Facilitators) for the prevention and control of HIV/AIDS in CAP13 VDCs and 1 municipality. Altogether, 30 peer educators from CCOSP, UOSP and Child Clubs orientated and also provided with Life Skill Based Training to educate people about HIV/AIDS and its impact.

Decentralization Action for Women and Children (DACAW), Kapilvastu:

VDRRC-Nepal and UNICEF have implemented awareness and prevention of drugs substances and HIV/AIDS among young people aged 10-19 years through Life Skill Based Education Program in 13 VDCs DACAW Kapilvastu from August 2004 to June 2007. The program specially focused on training regarding HIV/AIDS awareness. During the project period, 16 VDC Facilitator, 35 School Teachers and 69 FCHVs were oriented with HIV/AIDS Awareness Training Programs.

Promotional Programs

Programs has been implementing with the technical expertise of VDRRC, its own resources and innovative are referred as promotional program.

VYCCU Credit and Saving Cooperative Ltd.

VYCCU Savings and Credit co-operative Society Ltd. VYCCU is an independent savings and credit cooperative society which was promoted by VDRRC- Nepal and established in 1991. VYCCU now has become a national level cooperative organization. Till 1st Dec 2022 there are about 108,544 share members. It has portfolio some Rs. 91,15, 78,500.00 as share capital, savings and other deposits and the amount has been mobilized within the member as loan. It has provided various services to the members and has own policy for savings, and loan. VYCCU have provided different capacity building training to different small farmer cooperatives, women cooperatives etc. and development of business plan for small enterprise development. VYCCU has got approval from Nepal Rastra Bank (central bank) to conduct limited banking transaction.

Vijaya Information and Communication Cooperative Ltd. (Vijaya FM 101.6 MHZ)

With the slogan “information and communication, the basis of people’s empowerment”, Vijaya Community Information and Communication Cooperative Ltd. (VICCOL) was promoted in 2000 and Vijaya F.M. (101.6 Megahertz) has been brought into operation since 2004. It is located in Gaidakot, Nawalparasi with an aim to provide easier access of information and communication to the rural community focusing excluded people who have less or no any access over it. With a view to provide the useful information to

the community people on social, educational, cultural, income generation as well as healthy entertainment, this Community Radio has been promoted. Currently it has been providing its service to around 3 million people. The radio is operating 19 hours a day.

Vijaya Community Education Cooperative Ltd.

This single purpose cooperative organization is promoted by VDRC Nepal to work in the field of education by guiding principle of cooperative. This is a very new and innovative approach in our country. The cooperative is running a higher secondary school named by Vijaya Samudayik Siksha Sadan. Currently there are 1200 students studying from Nursery to grade 12. This cooperative school was established in 2001 with the aim to provide qualitative education in very nominal expenses. Most of the share holders are community organizations and parents and guardians.

Vijaya Laghubitta Bittiya Sanstha Limited

The idea of Vijaya Lagubitta Bittaya Sastha (VLBS), a national level micro-finance institution, was initiated by Vijaya Development Resource Centre (VDRC- Nepal). With the given expertise and knowledge of VDRC and VYCCU for last two decades, especially in the area of microfinance, both organizations in association with other agencies and individual professionals have come together to scale up of the services and its quality that they have been providing till date. The team therefore has decided to establish a Micro Finance Bank to provide services to the rural people including poor and marginalized sections of the society and contribute on the overall economic development and poverty eradication in the country. The vision of the institution is "reaching the unreached: demonstrating excellence" and the mission is "Establishing the bank as a centre of excellence to cater efficient and effective services with less procedural hassle and minimal paper work"

Institutional Development support Program:

VDRC-Nepal has been providing technical supports to promote several Savings and Credit organizations, Local NGOs and Local groups on its own efforts and resources within the Nawalparasi district. VDRCNepal has introduced this program with a view to enhance the organizational capacity of the local community based organizations.

Welfare and Humanitarian Programs

As a non-profit making and non political organization, VDRC-Nepal believes to provide welfare service to the community people and those who are seeking support from the VDRC-Nepal. In this backdrop, welfare program is dedicated to bring positive social change in the society. All the expenses incurred in this program are being managed by VDRC-Nepal itself from its internal source.

Natural Resource Management

The Eastern and Southern part of Gaidakot VDC, which lies in bank of Narayani River, was affected by Narayani River over many years. Having felt the need of embanking, VDRC-Nepal took initiatives and planted about 16000 Sisso plant throughout the bank of Narayani River covering 4.2 hectors land and has given due care for the conservation of growing trees. A part timer guard is also hired to protect the tree plantation area.

Community Health

VDRC-Nepal has been contributing to community health related issues since its establishment. Water born diseases treatment, safe drinking water supply and sanitation are the major concerns of the VDRC towards community people. Apart from this, blood donation program is organized occasionally and conduct health campaign on epidemic diseases, vaccination program against Hepatitis-B and HIV/Aids. There are regular/annual activities feature various forms of community based awareness raising and prevention,

promotive and curative intervention namely health camps (breast, cervical cancer and pthyroid) and growth monitoring of school age children.

Community Library

VDRC-Nepal has been operating a community library for last 8 years in the premises of VDRCNepal with a view to make easy access on various development related materials, journals, literature, research paper, reports, daily newspaper and VDRC-Nepal's publication to its staff members', community people and other researchers. It has made a provision to become library member for its members as well as community people and has developed a proper system to manage the library. Currently, it has 1500 books and different journals, research reports, development reports etc.

Rescue Fund for Natural Calamities

All the staffs, members and professionals of VDRC-Nepal are obliged to contribute their one day salary or remuneration to generate rescue fund per annum, which is used to rescue to the people who have become victims from natural calamities. This fund is utilized in the working area of VDRC-Nepal. Mass Sensitization / Radio Program

VDRC-Nepal has been producing and broadcasting several radio programs for mass sensitization in different issues. Bikash Chintan (Development thinking) VDRC's sponsorship program and broadcasting as a fortnightly basis.

Covid-19 Risk Minimization and Support Program

The spread of the Covid-19 pandemic across the globe and the emergence of different variants have worsened the situation. The second wave has engulfed one of the Least Developed Countries, Nepal, posing a serious threat to the public health systems and subsistence-based economy. The lack of different indispensable materials like oxygen cylinders, PCR, ICU beds, ambulances and health consultation had led to the loss of many lives. Regarding the situation, VDRC took a lead and collaborated with the Vijaya Group of Institutions (VGI) comprising eight diverse organizations for providing services and goods to needy ones. This included the provision of food commodities to poor and vulnerable groups, free transportation to Covid-19 patients for health check-ups, Covid-19 doctor consultation services and dissemination of awareness information about the severity of Covid-19 and preventive measures. For the provision of support, the information about the needy people was gathered and aired via Vijaya FM— a community-based radio and other 5 radio stations set up under the aegis and leadership of VDRC. The people with physical and mental disabilities were more prioritized for the provision of food and other services. Medical equipment and PPE support were provided to the district hospital and municipal hospital. he provision of transportation facilities to the Covid-19 patients and daily incentives to the driver was also delivered. The overall objective and approach of VDRC and VGI are to reduce the risks and provide enough support to needy people in troubled times. This program is still undergoing which has been supported by helping hands of VDRC who are living abroad (USA, CANADA, SOUTH KOREA and PORTUGAL). This program is running named by "Connecting Gaindakot".

Priorities and Expectation of Organization on Working on possible thematic areas:

Over the past decade, the shift in climatic parameters and prevalence of uncertain natural disasters have compelled to think and plan about the mitigation strategies of climate change. The diminishing margins in agriculture and livestock production due to inappropriate human activities influencing climatic elements have raised concerns over global food security and minimizing hunger. The consequences attained through the impartial change in climate have created an urgency to address the problems in a sustainable way and concentrate the organizational effort on emergency response and minimizing risk. Further for developing a safe and resilient social and economic system, VDRC have prioritized to work for the

support of local government disaster control mechanism. The needed initiatives will be coordinated and organized by the joint coordination of VDRC and local government which may include orientation, training and workshop. VDRC-Nepal has opened its door for different allies for possible partnership and coordination to dedicate its work towards mitigating climate change and respond to emergency. Likewise with the emerging need of holistic development and expectation of public, local government are at immense pressure to address the keen issues and requirement of people. As our federal system has just crossed a tenure, it has showcased the limitations on fulfillment of responsibility of local government on adhering with the needs of local people. Additionally issues on transparency, accountability and creditability of local government is hooping day by day. This problematic situation needs a way out on which VDRC-Nepal is continuously suggestion solutions on the basic principles of open government and good governance. VDRC has shown great willingness to carry the efforts on establishing basic norms of good governance and open society, on the part of which the organization has provided technical and human resource support for developing local framework on good governance and accountability. Therefore with the emerging concerns over proper functioning of local government, VDRC-Nepal expects to coordinate and lead various initiatives to resolve the problems and work for establishing better society with basic humanitarian and social principles.