



SHANTI NEPAL

An organization for wholistic transformation

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God is the head of this organization because he is the ultimate reason of its existence.

Soil Test Campaign

Shanti Nepal and Agriculture Service Centre, Gajuri organized soil test campaign in collaboration with District Soil Test Laboratory, Hetauda at Gajuri VDC on 15 December 2015. The campaign aims to support Chepang communities to identify the problems related to soil fertility and to develop and implement the soil and fertilizer management technologies to increase the agricultural productivity. 170 participants gained the knowledge on the importance and necessity of soil testing, identifying the soil-based farming and the balance usage of biocides and pesticides. Mr. Bed Prasad Regmi, Chief of agriculture service centre and Mr. Suresh Sigdel, SN JTA facilitated the training while technicians from District Agriculture Development Office examined the soil at different 7 VDCs, Jogimara, Dhusha, Benighat, Mahadevsthan, Gajuri, Pida and Nalang. The soil acidity was found in 68 households where 102 households were found normal. The availability of fertilizer nutrients such as nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium was found decreased in 163 households while 7 households were found sufficient.



VWAHCC Meeting

In the active participation of VWASHCC members, local political party representative, local social workers, government and Non-Government organizations, VWASHCC meeting was successfully concluded in December. During the meeting, the partnership agreement between Shanti Nepal and VWASHCC was made to run the sanitation program in northern part of 6 VDCs.



Mr. Krishna Man Shakya, Executive Director facilitating the meeting

Primary Health Training

SN CHEP conducted primary health training among mothers group at Ree VDC on 14 December. 33 participants learnt the basic information about sanitation, nutrition, vaccination, diarrhea and respiratory diseases. They also learnt to make super flour and ORH during the training.



BPP Orientation Program

SN CHEP facilitated ward level Birth Preparedness Orientation Program at Ree VDC-2 on 16 December. 49 participants acquired the knowledge on pregnancy and maternal check-up and the risk symptoms during pregnancy. Local mothers group, health post members and political party representatives attended the program.

Material Support

SN distributed toilet materials to 154 households of the northern part of Dhading district, Darkha, Ree, Jhalang and Sertung VDCs and 109 households of central part, Sunaulabazaar and Khari VDCs on 1 December.

Success Testimonies

Shanti Nepal has been supporting Mothers groups, Chepang communities and different functional groups by mobilizing revolving fund for income generation activities by providing loans. The village people are somewhere working very hard to improve their livelihoods. Here are some success testimonies of Chepang communities:

1. I, Bishnu Bahadur Chepang from Gajuri VDC-6, am able to earn Rs. 27,000 from vegetable farming such as tomato, beans and cauliflower. Before getting the water pipe service provided by Shanti Nepal, It was tough to do vegetable farming and I hardly earned Rs 5000. But now, after having water pipe facility from SN, vegetable farming is quite an easy and it produces beyond my imagination.



2. I, Sabitri Chepang from Gajuri VDC-3, am able to earn Rs. 45,000 from vegetable farming such as long gourd, chili and beans. I have started vegetable farming with the help of SN revolving fund support. After successful earning, I've added one more item to my vegetable farming and that is Onion. This gives me more Rs. 5,200 by selling the onion seed plant alone. Now with all this excitement, I have planned to earn Rs. 15,000 more by producing more Onion seed plant.

3. I, Sukmaya Chepang, have received the seed of beans, cucumber, okra and leafy vegetable from Shanti Nepal and was able to earn Rs. 6,000 from vegetable farming. The kitchen gardening is very necessary for earning income as it is easy to produce, time saving, less usage of water and money saving also. I am very grateful to Shanti Nepal for making me capable through farming training and distributing seeds.



4. I, Buddhi Bahadur Chepang, had a hard time surviving even for food and daily living. However, after starting vegetable and goat farming with the help of loan, life becomes easy. I am not worrying about my food; moreover, I even paid back my 10,000 loan amount that I took to start farming. I really am thankful to Shanti Nepal for the support which changed my life.



Prayer Issues

Our Project and Organization

1. Successful staff annual performance review of 2015.
2. Successful PHCORC and CHC rebuilding project in Dhading in partnership with MTI.
3. Successful selection of volunteers and orientation training for baseline survey of MCH project from 11-22 January.
4. Successful Nutrition and Food Security monitoring survey training and field work from 12-18 January.
5. Fruitful monitoring and evaluation from SWC (Social Welfare Council) from 24-29 January.
6. Successful SWC approval of new and existing projects grant approval for 2016.
7. Timely preparation for implementation of projects in 2016.
8. Smooth operation of SN projects, CHEP, CHC & PHCORC.

Our Family and Friends

1. Krishna Man Shakya, Executive Director is planning to take leave for Thailand on last week of January for personal visit. Pray for his safe journey.

Nations and our Local Community

1. As we all are suffering from massive shortage of cooking gas, fuel and so many other daily consumables due to southern borders blockage, let's all pray together that everything may come to the normal situation and people can have relief and peace.

Thank You so much Lord

1. Successful disable community training on 8-9 December.
2. Successful ward health leaders reproductive health training and review on 28-29 December.
3. Successful exposure visit of model farmers from six southern VDCs from 9-11 December.
4. Successful annual project review workshop from 4-7 January 2016.
5. Financial grant received for earthquake victims.
6. Successful publication of Christmas card and disseminated to all staff, members and stakeholders.
7. Fruitful Executive meeting on 9 January 2016.

Next Monthly Prayer Meeting

Date: 5 February, 2016 (22 Magh, 2072)
Day: Friday
Time: 7 am - 8 am
Venue: Central Office of Shanti Nepal, Talchikhel, Lalitpur