**SAHAVAGI**

**Ratnanagar-9 Chitwan**

**Organization Profile**

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| **1. Name and introduction of the organization:** | Name of the organization: SAHAVAGI Address: Dhikuwa, SAHAVAGI Marga, SAHAVAGI Complex District: Chitwan Municipality: Ratnanagar Municipality Ward #: 09 Phone number: +977-561353, 9845221361E-mail: sahavagico@sahavagi.org.np |
| **2. Introduction** | SAHAVGI is a social organization registered as non-profit seeking civil society organization/non-governmental organization on 07th April, 1997 AD (2053 /12/25 B.S). It is registered in Chitwan District Administration Office under Association Registration Act, 2034 Nepal (Registration No.103/053/054), affiliated with Social Welfare Council (Affiliation No.8971) under Section 16 of Social Welfare Act, 2049 of Nepal and one of the members of NGO Federation Nepal, CR-CHI-27, National NGOs Network Group Against AIDS- Nepal (NANGAN), Human Rights National Magna Meet, Beyond Beijing Committee (BBC), Federation of Democratic NGOs Nepal (FEDEN), and we favor of the rights based works of different networks like: National Alliance of Women Human Rights Defenders (NAWHRD), **VAW Campaign,** WOREC, Nepal: Violence against Women Migrants, Women Security Pressure Group Nepal (WSPG), National Alliance of Women Human Rights Defenders (WHRD), and ‘Child Rights and Child Rights Initiatives’.It is founded and led by social activists from among Dalits, Janjatis, socially excluded group people and other social sectors. We have majority of the number of poor, vulnerable, disadvantaged groups as volunteer or staff members. Representation of the activist is remarkable in General Assembly (GA) and Board of Directors (BOD). GA is the assembly which guides the organization, makes substantial policies, and elects BOD for three years tenure. Generally, it happens yearly basis and in need more too. BOD, at present, comprised of Chairperson-1 male from Brahmins ethnicity, Secretary-1 representing Janjati, Treasurer-1 representing dalits, three members from women, and remaining three members are male from Brahmins. Regular meeting of the board will be four times in a year; other meetings-any time as per need. |
| **3. Organizational Doctrine** | **Vision:** Building a self-reliant and prosperous society both socially and economically.**Mission:** Contribute to empowerment through participatory approaches for the targeted groups.**Goal:** Improve the economic and social conditions of women, children, senior citizens, poor, Dalits, the disabled, individuals at risk, and other marginalized groups who are deprived of the benefits of development.**Objectives:**1. To conduct research and action programs in agriculture, forestry, environment, climate change, biodiversity, and social issues.
2. To provide support to increase access to quality education, health, and sanitation while empowering the target group.
3. To develop the entrepreneurship of the target group and make them financially self-reliant by involving them in skill and income-based activities.
4. To facilitate the construction of physical infrastructure necessary for the upliftment of the living standards of the target group.
5. Enhancing the institutional capacity of local organizations.
6. Strengthening the organizational capacity of SAHAVAGI.
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| **Target Group (TG)** | Poor, Dalits (occupational caste), Women, Madhesi, endangered/marginalized and disadvantaged, excluded, endangered ethnic groups, marginalized and differently-abled people are the main target groups (TGs). We summarize TG as: SLOW (small farmer, landless, occupational caste, women), excluded, marginalized and endangered ethnic groups, poor, and other disadvantaged. |
| **Organization Structure** | The central office is in Ratnanagar Municipality Chitwan, with branches in Bharatpur Metrocity and Barghat Municipality Nawalparasi. The Working committee consists of 9 inclusive members (women- 3, Dalit- 1 Janajati- 1, and others) Paid staff is 40 (F- 31 M-9) and 9 are volunteers. This is a member-based organisation at present 31 people are members. Currently, 4 projects are under implementation from SAHAVAGI.  |
| **Current and past projects** | **Completed Projects:** • Local self-reliance program-Humla (2011-2021 AD)• Local Self-Reliance Program-Darchula (2005-2010 AD)• Local self-reliance program (year 1999-2004 AD)• Social Service Unit Operation (2071-2077 BS), Bharatpur Hospital, Chitwan• Safe Highway Public Health Project (2006-2011 AD), Chitwan and Nawalparasi• Gender Responsive Decentralized Governance Project, Asia (2010-2011 AD), Chitwan• Project against Gender Violence (2009-2010 AD), Darchula• Crop Diversification Program for Poverty Reduction, (year 2003-2006), Dailekh• Potato Production Program (2003-2006), Dailekh**Ongoing Projects*** **USAID/FSIL-Nepal Project (FASECC), 2022 to 2024:** The study topic of this research project is “Drivers of Safer Food Production and Consumption in Nepal: Understanding the Adoption of Food Safety Practices and Consumer Consciousness in Fresh Produce”. The donor agency of the project is FSIL, USA. One of the 4 implementing bodies of the project is a SAHAVAGI, while the remaining 3 implementing bodies are: Agriculture and Forestry University Rampur, Chitwan, Tennessee State University, and Arizona State University, USA. The project covers Food Safety topics in two broad spectrums of market chain-producers and consumers.
* **HIV/AIDS Prevention Care Support and Treatment Program:** Project Asha from 2006 to 2011, Saath Saath Project from 2011 to 2016 and Linkage Project from 2016 to 2020 were implemented in Chitwan, Nawalpur and Parasi districts in partnership with USAID, PEPFAR and FHI 360. Currently EpiC project is being implemented since October 2020 in collaboration with USAID, PEPFAR, FHI 360.
* **Local suspension bridge construction program (continuous since 2002):** In collaboration with the then District Development Committee, Chitwan, TBSU-Helvetas Kathmandu, federal suspension bridge regional program, municipalities, 76 suspension bridges have been completed in Chitwan district and 8 are under construction.
* **Social Service Unit Operation (2080 and continuous) in Bharatpur Hospital Chitwan.**
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| **Research and publications** | * Chalise, K.R. and Paudyal, E.N. 2022. The psychological effect of COVID-19 in elderly people of Nepal. Department of Study and Research, SAHAVAGI central office Ratnanagar-9 Chitwan Nepal. 61pp.
* Study on women's progress (1995-2015) in Nepal after Beijing +20. SAHAVAGI was a lead organization and UN Women Nepal supported to conduct of the study.
* Review and Revision of the Existing GRB Guidelines, Manuals, GRB criteria, and software of MOF, NPC, and line Ministries then Development of case studies on GRB Experiences and Good Practices (UN Women 2010-11).
* Capacity Enhancement Activities for Government Officials for applying GRB Approaches in Their APP and Budgeting Process. (UNIFEM-2010).
* Incorporating Gender and Social Inclusion in the census Project Document 2011 (UNFPA - 2009).
* Stakeholders Consultations as an input to updating Gender Chapter for Gender and Social Exclusions Assessment (ESP - 2009).
* Situation Analysis of Gender Responsive Budgeting in the Education Sector (UNESCO-2009).
* New Updated Version of ‘Study on Gender Equality and Women Empowerment (1997)’ in 2005-2006; funded by UNFPA.
* Capacity building of Ministry of Education of Nepal personnel on ‘Gender Equality in Educational Plan and Programs’, MOES/UNICEF 2003 — 2004.
* One month’s Curriculum development on ‘Gender Training to Government Officials’, funded by UNFPA, Sept. — Nov, 2000).
* Gender Assessment and Audit of Ministry of Local Development of Nepal on ‘Budget and Program’, LMD 2003 — 2004.
* Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA) Training to DDC/Municipalities/NGOs, 2000-2002.
* Worked in making the Tenth Plan of Nepal gender friendly (Engendering), MGEP 2001.
* Engendering Support to CBS Nepal in Population Census (GON/UNDP/

MGRP 1998 — 2001): Training on Concept and Practice of Development to NGOs, 2001; Study on engendering in Bureaucracy (GON/CBS/UNIFEM 2000; Workshop on Contribution of Women in GDP, GON/UNDP-MGEP 2000.* Study on Status of Soil in Achchham, SSMP 2000.
* Study of Action Programs on Sustainable Human Development (NPC/PDDP, 1999).
* Training Manuals on Vegetable Seed Production and Fruit Cultivation.
* SAHAVAGI News Publication (Current Bulletin).
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| **Current and Past Partners** | 1. ADB/ANU, 2. Bharatpur Hospital, Chitwan, 3. FASTENOPFER, 4. UNFPA, 5. OXFAM, Nepal, 6. LINK, 7. Plan Nepal, 8. ESP, 9. Agriculture Development office, Dailekh 10. HELVETAS, 11. UNIFEM, 12. UNESCO, 13. SOSEC, 14 Sustainable Land Management Program, 15. Ministry of Forest, 16. UN WOMEN, 17. CBS, 18. UNDP, 19. USAID/FSIL, 20. Tennessee State University, 21 Arizona State University, 22 Agriculture and Forestry University, 23 FHI360/USAID/PEPFAR/EpiC, 24. TBSU/Helvetas, 25. Municipalities, 26. PTAP |
| **Experience in working on thematic areas: Quality Education, Child Rights, Vocational and Entrepreneurship development.** | Local Self Reliance Program (1999 to 2021) in Achham, Humla and Darchula districts incorporated quality improvement of government schools focusing on capacitating and activating school management committee and parents teachers associations. Regular teachers’ attendance, retainment of girls up to SEE/SLC, reduction in child marriage cases, improved child nutrition through home garden initiatives, Improvement in student attendance and exam results were some of the outputs of the intervention. LRPs were developed and mobilized for health, agriculture, WASH, Gender and social inclusion, education, Caste discrimination and rights-based opportunities service delivery. LRPs development package included vocational and social training along with community exercise. Project developed youth entrepreneurs in wide sectors including apple processing, vegetable drying, storage, jam and juice making, multipurpose nursery and agro vet entrepreneurship, sewing, carpentry, barber, welding and plumbing, beekeeping, poultry, goat rearing, improved water-mill, the establishment of vegetable collection centers, the conduct of agriculture fair (Krishi mela). |
| **Experience in working in Community Development, Gender Equality, Social Inclusion, Child Protection projects.** | * Increased participation of women in public functions, zero cases of chhaupadi (staying in isolation shed during menstruation), Active representation of women, Dalits and Janajatis in CBOs and RMs, Raised voices of women, Dalits, and Janajatis on their rights, law enforcement against untouchability practice in public places as an output of Local Self-Reliance Program.
* Enhanced capacity of community people through advocacy and awareness raising and develop change maker against domestic violence. 1419 social activists/ active change makers were developed through “We can campaign project”, Darchula funded by OXFAM GB.
* Scholarships for poor Dalit and female students in former VDCs of Achham (1999-2003) and Darchula 2004-2010).
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| **Experience on Advocacy - based approach at Local, Provincial and Federal level.** | * Gender Dimension of Nepalese Census: Training to CBS Staff and Ministry of Local Development Officers, Inputs on Census Questionnaire from Gender Perspective.
* Institutionalization of gender perspective in the national budget of Nepal.
* Incorporation of “Others” in gender column of National Census.
* Institutionalization of Local Self-Reliance Program and Concept in Achham, Darchula and Humla. Adoption of the model by concerned Local Governments.
* Gender Responsive budgeting of government and line agencies.
* Adolescent focused reproductive health initiatives in schools of Karnali, Sudurpaschim province.
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