

Sapana Village Social Impact



Annual Report 2024

Preface

Sapana Village Social Impact's Annual Report for the year 2024 summarizes a transformative period of growth, innovation, and sustainable practices. This summary provides a snapshot of key achievements and milestones, highlighting our commitment to advancing social and economic empowerment, fostering community development, and environment conservation initiatives that collectively contribute to a more sustainable and inclusive future. Looking forward, SVSI is poised for continued growth and success. Our future strategies are designed to capitalize on emerging opportunities while ensuring sustainable and responsible practices. As we navigate the future, we remain committed to fostering economic and social upliftment works, nurturing our communities, and delivering value to our donors and stakeholders. SVSI's 2024 Annual Report reflects not only our organizations' overall performance but also our broader contributions to a sustainable and inclusive future. We express gratitude to our donors, partners, employees, and beneficiaries for their invaluable contributions to another year of shared success and progress.

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Sapana Village Social Impact

is a non-profit organization that is active in Chitwan, Nepal. We focus on six pillars of success and development i.e. Education, Economic Empowerment, Health and Hygiene, Wash and Sanitation, Women Empowerment and Environment Conservation.

Mission and Vision

Alleviate poverty, uplift, and Empower women to become independent which promotes sustainable output and ownership in a participatory manner.

Goal

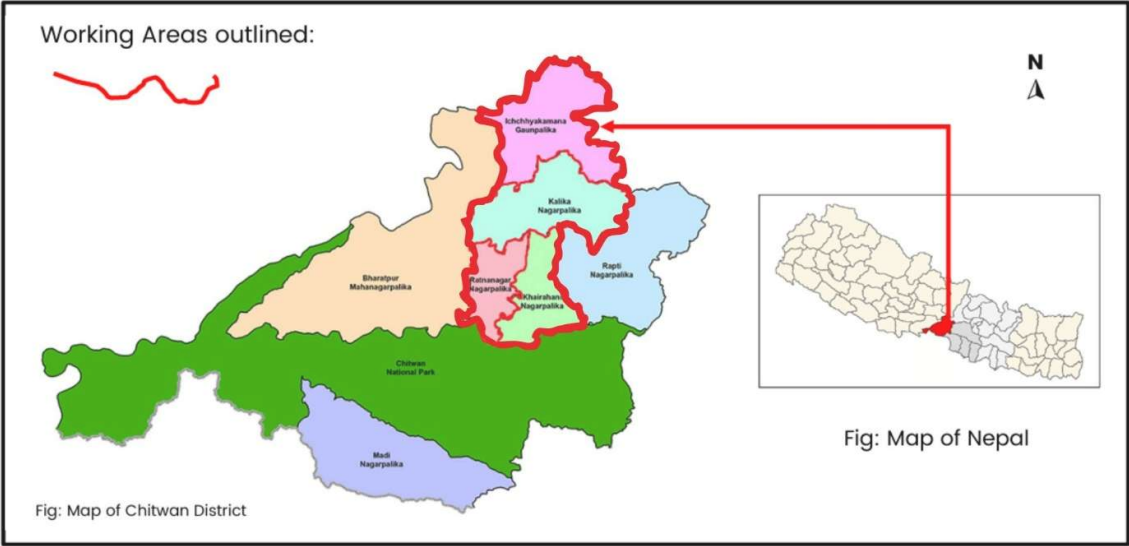
Uplift the mindset of people by empowering and educating them on the importance of natural resources and quality of life.

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Working Areas



Message from Chairperson

Moving forward with a mission of poverty alleviation with the involvement of community and stakeholders, this year 2024 brings a wave of resilience and empowerment along with the adventures in the mountains. As SVSI has been working for more than a decade in the rural villages and ethnic groups of Chitwan who are deprived of the opportunities and basic infrastructural development, we believe change is not a thing that happens overnight but rather it lies in the process and in decisions that each one of us make in our daily lives. Change is a collaborative effort that involves people from grass roots to the rulers of the nation.



In 2024, we are grateful for the opportunities that we get to serve the vulnerable and the marginalized as well as the support of our partners and local government. Our operational area has been extended to Ichchhakamana Rural Municipality Wards-1 and 2, Kalika Municipality Wards-10 and 11, Ratnanagar, Khaireheni and Rapti Municipality. The intervention of our major projects; Comprehensive Community Development Programme and Integrated Resources Management of Water and Ecosystem in Central Hills of Nepal Project; is bringing meaningful and greater impacts in the individual level of the benefitting communities. The strengthening programs to Mother groups and VICs and livelihood initiatives are helping communities to flourish economically. SVSI's continuation to build 13 Dream Homes per year, expansion of Lunch program, Nutritious Program, Biomass Stove Initiative and the implementation of Dream School project has added remarkable infrastructural and social development in the project areas benefitting hundreds of people.

Together, with the active involvement of communities and stakeholders, we remain steadfast in our pursuit of equitable progress and lasting change. I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to our dedicated team, passionate volunteers, generous donors, and supportive partners. Your unwavering commitment and support have been instrumental in our success. Thank you for being a part of our journey, and we look forward to your continued support as we work towards a brighter, more sustainable future for all.

With regards,
Dhruva Giri

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dhruva Giri', written over a white background.

Comprehensive Community Development Programme



Photo description: Agreement Signup with Kalika Municipality (Left), WASH Awareness Program (Right)

Comprehensive Community Development Programme (CCDP) is a project implemented in support of our funding partner FEMI Foundation Netherlands to empower 1,289 families, primarily from the Chepang community, through sustainable development initiatives. The project operates in Siddhi (Kalika 10 and 11) and Kaule (Ichchhakamana-1), located in Chitwan District, and will benefit a total of 7,411 people across 13 villages. In collaboration with local health posts, schools, government bodies, and youth leaders, this three-year project focuses on building community resilience by improving healthcare, sanitation, food security, and income-generating opportunities.

WASH Infrastructure Development

During the reporting period, the project significantly improved community health and sanitation. SVSI constructed **10** new toilets and restored **51** existing ones for vulnerable families, while **28** smokeless stoves were built to reduce indoor air pollution and protect women's health. To improve waste management and farm fertility, **13** compost pits were constructed.

SVSI also began building two water intake systems to provide clean drinking water to **16** households. Beyond infrastructure, we empowered the community with knowledge, providing WASH training to **254** students and educating over **600** mothers on hygiene, nutrition, and waste management. Furthermore, health camps were successfully organized, providing free medical services to **1,100** children and **150** adults.

Livelihood Initiative

Our livelihood initiatives focused on creating sustainable income sources and building skills. We trained **76** farmers in silage making and **23** in off-season

vegetable farming, equipping them with techniques to increase productivity and income.

Additional training on plant protection was provided to **38** farmers. To support these activities, we distributed **20,000** broom grass and **1,500** fodder seedlings and established nurseries for a lasting supply of planting materials. For youth empowerment, four individuals are enrolled in vocational training for plumbing and tailoring. The project also provided direct support by building a safe house for a vulnerable family of eight and conducting a research study on local nutrition to guide future health interventions.

Integrated Resources Management of Water and Ecosystem in Central Hills of Nepal



Photo description: Beehive distribution program (Left),



Organic Liquid Fertilizer Making Training (Right)

Integrated Resources Management of Water and Ecosystem in Central Hills of Nepal project is focused on the five rain communities of Ichchhakamana Rural Municipality-1 and 2, namely **Hattibang, Tobang, Kaule, Chhapdada,** and **Ghurkesh**. The project aims to improve water conservation practices by implementing certain activities such as tree plantation, reforestation, landslide protection through terrace farming, community involvement in the green corridor and community nursery development, and natural pollination through honeybee production and conservation. The project is also committed to improving income generation by helping local people with their farming practices, agro-ecological approaches to farming, packaging & marketing of locally produced farm products.

In 2024, the project made significant progress by directly benefiting **269 households** across five Rain Communities in Chitwan, Nepal. Community mobilization was strengthened through the formation of the Chhapdada

Agriculture Group, uniting **56** households, and the creation of 3D maps for participatory planning. To enhance green livelihoods, the project distributed **5 digital weighing machines** and provided extensive training where **47** participants learned mushroom cultivation, **24** learned off-season tomato farming, and **40** households received refresher training on beekeeping, complemented by the distribution of **14** modern hives. An exposure visits to a commercial mushroom farm further engaged **43** farmers from all communities.

Environmental restoration and agroecological capacity were significantly enhanced through targeted activities. A Community Seed Fair successfully collected and preserved local seed varieties for long-term sovereignty. The project strengthened local ecosystems by producing seedlings of native fodder plants and, during its Annual Plantation Week and Environment Day events, distributed and planted numerous fruit and fodder trees to establish green corridors. Knowledge building remained a cornerstone, with a major training session on agro-ecology and climate-smart agriculture reaching 115 farmers, ensuring the community is equipped with sustainable practices for the future.

Dream Homes



Photo description: Painting Work in front of the house (Left), Painting Work in back of the house (Right)

Dream Homes also known as Sapanaka Gharharu project provides homes for those living in inadequate housing to promote stability, security, and improved living conditions in vulnerable communities. The houses have a positive impact on the overall health, education, economic stability, and sense of belongingness to the community. SVSI plans to construct at least 13 houses per year in Chitwan and across Nepal in the future.

The process of constructing houses for socio-economically marginalized communities involves a collaborative approach with the local government, direct stakeholders, and SVSI. This process starts with a request letter from the local government and direct stakeholders regarding the need for housing in a

particular area, followed by a need assessment to identify the specific requirements for constructing the houses.



Photo description: Completed House (Left), Completed house (Right)

Dream Homes project has been completed for the fiscal year of **2080/081** of Nepal. The families belonging to the criteria of poor, marginalized, single parent, and people with disability were selected. The project successfully constructed nine **2BHK** houses; **4 houses** in Ward No-7, Raut Community, **1 house** in ward no.6, Bachchhauli, **1 House** in Ward No.3, Bhokaha and **3 houses** in Khaireheni Municipality whereas **6 houses** in Ratnanagar-6 is yet to be constructed.

"I was not even able to earn my daily living. Now, SVSI has given me a home, I am really blessed. I now feel that there's hope and I can move forward in my life. I would like to heartily thank SVSI for all these good works."

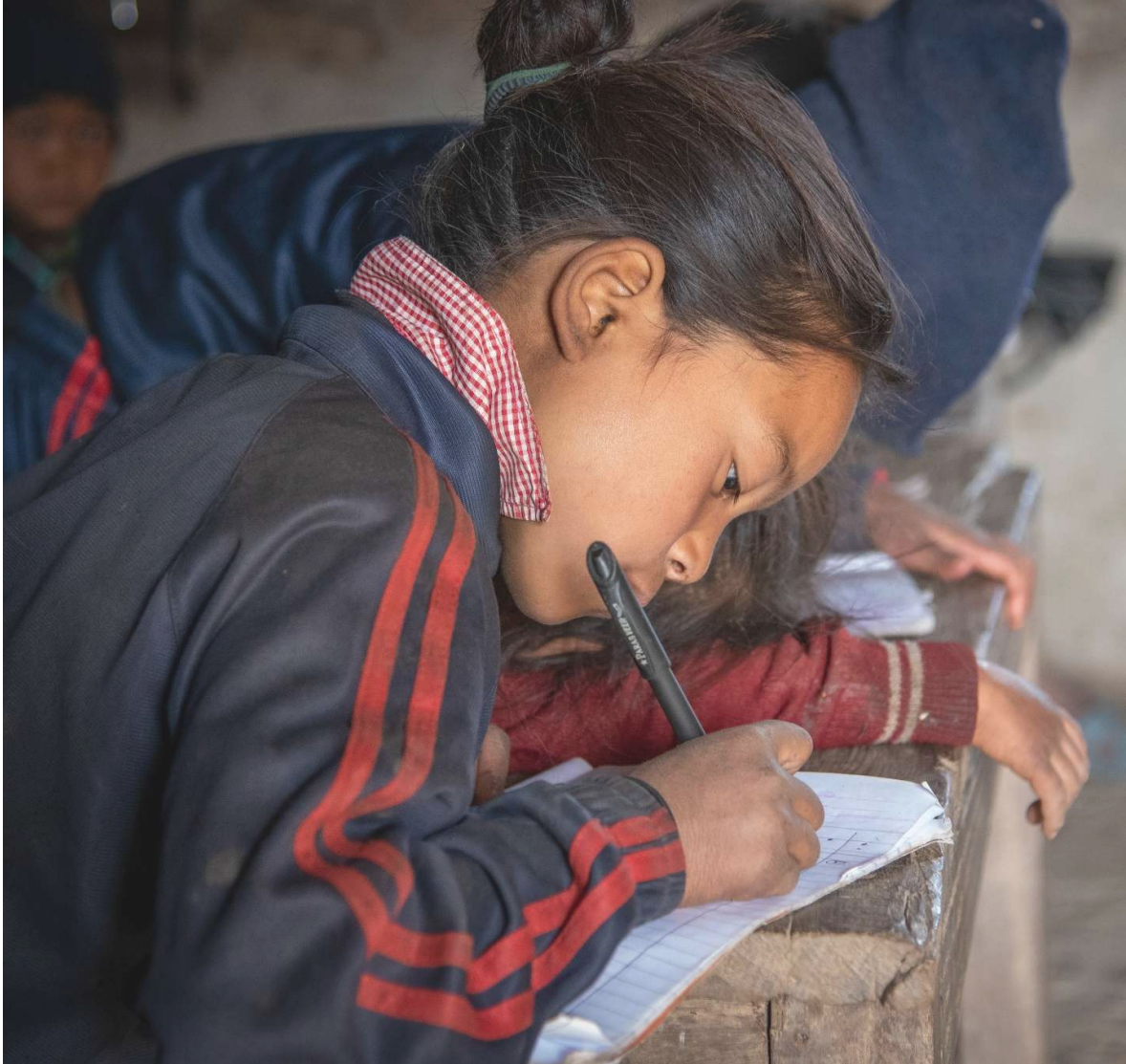
**Bishnu Mahato, 64 years old
Ratnanagar Municipality-7**



Photo description: House Handover (Left), Completed house (Right)

Education

Constructing the cornerstone of future



"Their Future is Our Future." -**Elsa Geilman**

Shree National Basic School, Bharang



Photo description: Bharang School Building from Outside (Left),

Building from the inside (Right)

Shree National Basic School, Bharang, located in Ichchhakamana-1, at the heart of Kaule, serves as a beacon of hope for **274 students** despite its remote and challenging location. The trail to the school is another challenge for both students and teachers, where they have to walk miles to reach the destination. In this dire situation, the crooked school building with leaking roofs was standing as a risk to children's safety and quality education.

SVSI is constructing a new school building as part of a project to address the critical infrastructural needs of the community and providing "Lunch at School" program to ensure the health condition of students. The existing building, significantly damaged by the 2015 earthquake, was no longer safe, with visible cracks highlighting the urgency of this initiative. Our goal is to complete the four-room school building which will prevent student dropouts and enhance the learning environment. The school used to operate in a temporary structure that poses serious risks to student safety. During periods of high wind or heavy rain, the school often had to close for days due to the unsafe and disruptive conditions, making it clear that a permanent solution is needed.

In addition to addressing immediate safety concerns, it has come to our attention that there is a growing need for a high school in the area. The local secondary school only provides education up to grade 8, forcing students to travel long distances—up to 3 hours—to attend grades 9 and 10 at Hattibang Secondary School. This is a significant factor in the high dropout rates after grade 8. SVSI aims to address this by eventually incorporating secondary classrooms into the proposed structure, ensuring that students can continue their education without the need for long travel.

The plan involves demolishing two of the existing eight classrooms and replacing them with four new ones, bringing the total number of classrooms to ten. The construction of the first floor of the school building has been successfully completed. Building on this progress, SVSI, in collaboration with Ichchhakamana Rural Municipality, has undertaken the construction of the second floor, which is currently underway.

This upgraded infrastructure will provide a safe and well-equipped learning environment, assuring parents of their children's well-being. This initiative will significantly reduce dropout rates and contribute to enhancing the overall education level within the community.



Photo description: First Floor Building from Outside (Left), Students studying under sunlight during winter (Right)



"In the past, my school life is very difficult because of the poor condition of our school building. When it rained, water would leak through the roof and our clothes, books and notebooks would get wet. After SVSI supported the construction of a new school building, things have changed a lot. Now, we have a safe and comfortable place to study. I can concentrate better in class and it's much easier to understand and remember what I learn. I feel very happy and thankful.

**Srijana Chepang, Grade-8
Shree National Basic School, Bharang**

Lunch at School



Photo description: Students at Chitrasari School (Left),

Students at Rangchurang School (right)

Sapana Village Social Impact (SVSI) has identified hunger as a primary driver of low attendance and high dropout rates in schools lying in rural hills of Chitwan, despite previous investments in infrastructure like buildings, computer labs, and libraries. To address this, SVSI launched its "Lunch at School" program in schools across Ichchhakamana Rural Municipality-1 and Ratnanagar Municipality. The initiative operates on a collaborative model where the local government provides the funding, which is deposited into school accounts as allocated by the GoN, while SVSI supports with the rest of needed budget and ingredients supplemented by vegetables from a leased local plot while the community prepares the meals.

The program directly tackles the critical link between nutrition and learning, as a hungry child struggles to concentrate and engage in class. The benefits are significant and well supported; school meals are a proven, cost-effective incentive, with every US\$100 invested per child potentially adding up to half a year of quality education. Furthermore, a global review of 40 studies across 19 countries found that such programs lead to measurable gains in educational attainment, cognitive skills, and learning outcomes, particularly in maths and literacy, making this lunch more than a meal, it's a fundamental tool for enhancing educational access and quality.



Photo description: Lunch at Bharang (Left), Lunch at Hattibang (Mid),

Students at Bharang (Right)

Shree National Basic School, Bhulbhule



Photo description: Playing Materials at Bhulbhule (Left),



Students at Bhulbhule (Right)

Bhulbhule Basic School, located in Ichchhakamana-2, Tobang, has been a primary focus of SVSI's efforts to provide support and foster educational growth in the area. Recently, SVSI contributed various play equipment, including swings, slides, footballs, and badminton sets, enriching the school's recreational facilities.

Additionally, SVSI has been distributing essential study materials such as notebooks and pencils to students, who lack access to these basic resources due to limited local income and resources in this hilly region. As part of our commitment to sustainable livelihood development, we also distributed vegetable seed packets to the school and the local mothers' group. Participants were introduced to techniques for growing vegetables, equipping them with skills that support nutrition and potential income generation.



Photo description: Study Materials at Bhulbhule (Left),



Students at Bhulbhule (Right)

Economic and Women Empowerment

Seeding Self Reliance



"Equality begins with economic empowerment." – **George H. W.**

Empowering Single Mothers



Photo description: Second Goat Distribution Program (Left), Single Mother with her goats (right)

An Initiative started to equip and empower single mothers residing in Chepang Communities of Ichchhakamana Rural Municipality has completed second year of execution. Empowering Single Mothers through seed money in Kaule stands out as a priority project for SVSI. This project holds immense significance as it aims to uplift single mothers facing immense challenges in Kaule, a region plagued by a lack of education, unemployment, natural calamities, and difficult geographical terrain.

SVSI proceeded to distribute **four mother goats** to each of the **14 single mothers** selected for the program. The distribution aimed to equip these women with the initial resources necessary to start their goat-rearing enterprises and improve their livelihoods. The single mothers were doing a fantastic job! Some of them had even increased their goat herds from **four to six in just one year**. These mothers were working hard and making a good income for their families. They were able to stand on their own feet and provide for their children with pride. It was a success story that warmed the hearts of everyone involved.



Photo description: Single Mother in front of her improved goatshed (Left), Goats raised (right)

Zero-Kap



Photo description: Loan Handover Program (Left), Meeting with Mothergroup (right)

The Zero-Kap initiative, implemented through a partnership between Sapana Village Social Impact (SVSI) and Zero Kap, Netherlands, aims to empower rural women and marginalized farmers by promoting sustainable livelihoods and entrepreneurship. Two community groups; Shree Sapana Mother Farmers Group and Siddhi Sapana Bee-Keeping Farmers Group continued to make strong progress in their respective ventures.

Shree Sapana Mother Farmers Group, based in Kalika Municipality Wards 10 and 11, received a total loan of NPR 10,00,000, distributed among 17 members engaged in livestock rearing, bee-keeping, and small-scale enterprises. The members have effectively utilized the loan to expand their income-generating activities, resulting in improved household income and greater economic resilience. SVSI also conducted financial literacy training for 17 members, enhancing their financial management and entrepreneurial skills. Similarly, the Siddhi Sapana Bee-Keeping Farmers Group received NPR 10,00,000, supplemented by NPR 30,000 from group savings, to expand their bee-keeping operations. The 14 members have collectively increased their number of hives, improved honey production, and strengthened group coordination. The project has not only supported their entrepreneurial goals but also contributed to environmental sustainability by promoting beekeeping as an ecological practice.

Overall, the Zero-Kap Project has demonstrated significant impact in fostering women's empowerment, entrepreneurship, and rural economic development. The commitment of both groups to timely repayments and business growth reflects the project's effectiveness. Continued technical support, market linkages, and small-scale infrastructure assistance particularly for honey processing and livestock management, will be vital for ensuring the long-term sustainability and success of these community-based enterprises.


Vocational Skill Development

Barista, Hospitality and Coffee Machine Repairing Training



Photo description: Participants of the training (Left and Right)

"Barista, Hospitality and Coffee Machine Repairing Training" project focused at empowering and equipping marginalized youths residing in Ratnanagar Municipality Ward no. 6, 7 and 8 through comprehensive training in coffee making and barista skills. The project implemented for 45 Days, sought to equip and empower youths from marginalized backgrounds with the necessary skills, expertise and knowledge to champion in the coffee industry. The project aimed to foster economic independence, social empowerment and sustainable livelihood for youths by providing vocational training and equipping for job opportunities. This approach aims to make them economically productive and socially valuable contributors.



"Namaste, My name is Swechha Bhusal. I am grateful to everyone who organized this training. Before joining this training, I only knew Coffee as a Nescafe Product. Now, I came to realize that Coffee has so many complex and vast varieties. Along with Barista, we learned about Hospitality, Coffee Machine Repairing and many new things. I am planning to do something in this Coffee Barista Field. I am willing to do a part-time job in a CAFE or open a small bakery on my own. I have seen the possibilities of expansion in this field."

Winner of Best Student Title | Swechha Bhusal

Bakery Training



Photo description: Participants of the training (Left and Right)

Sapana Village Social Impact (SVSI), in collaboration with Restaurant and Bar Association (REBAN) Sauraha and PUM Netherlands, successfully organized a comprehensive Bakery Training from July 12th to 15th at Shree Bacchauli Secondary School. The training was led by Mr. Sjoerd Jellema, an expert from PUM Netherlands, and was attended by 17 enthusiastic youths.

The program aimed to equip participants with essential bakery skills, promoting entrepreneurship and self-employment opportunities in the region. This collaboration underscores SVSI's continued commitment to empowering local communities and fostering sustainable livelihoods through skill development initiatives.



"My name is Kamal Giri, and I am 30 years old. I currently work as a cook, but I've always wanted to expand my expertise into the art of baking. The Bakery Training organized by SVSI was a beautiful opportunity that came at the perfect time. I am truly grateful for the practical skills and knowledge I've gained. This training has been an invaluable step in my professional journey."

Trainee | Kamal Giri

Sapana Design



Photo description: Sapana Design Shop at Sauraha Market Place

Sapana Design is an initiative nestled of SVSI with the core mission of empowering women through comprehensive skill development. The project aims to uplift women both socially and financially, providing them with the tools and confidence to become economically independent and active contributors to their communities. At the heart of this initiative is a profound commitment to preserving and promoting the rich, historical heritage of the Tharu culture. Through specialized training, women learn to craft handmade textile products, such as traditional dresses, bags, and home decor, each piece meticulously created using ancestral techniques and motifs.

These are not mere commodities; each handcrafted item is a tangible narrative, woven with symbols and patterns that tell a unique story of the Tharu community's history, beliefs, and connection to nature. The initiative primarily focuses on supporting single mothers, women from marginalized communities, and those from economically disadvantaged backgrounds. With a vision to support women socially and economically, SVSI has now opened an outlet in Sauraha, Hattichowk to provide extensive market place to the production of Sapana Design.



Photo description: Women at Sapana Design (left), Women with handmade baskets from banana fibers (right)

Health and Hygiene

Initiatives for Public Health



"The greatest wealth is health." – Virgil.

Pediatric Health Camp



Photo description: 6-day Free Pediatric Health Camp checkup sessions

Across Kalika, Ichhakamana and Ratnanagar, SVSI successfully organized a six-day Free Pediatric Health Camp from November 25th to 30th, SVSI, in collaboration with Bharatpur Hospital and with technical support from Medical Checks for Children, Netherlands. The initiative aimed to improve child health and promote preventive healthcare practices in remote and semi-urban communities. A total of **1,030 children** benefited from medical check-ups and consultations conducted by a team of pediatric specialists, nurses, and volunteers. The camp not only provided essential medical services but also distributed warm clothes to children, ensuring their well-being during the winter season.

In addition to treatment services, the camp emphasized preventive health education, with awareness sessions focused on nutritious food, healthy drinking habits, and dental care. Parents and caregivers were also encouraged to adopt healthy lifestyles to prevent common illnesses among children. The health camps were organized sequentially across different locations to maximize outreach and participation:

Day 1: Kalika-10, Nibuwatar

Day 2: Kalika-11, Rantesh

Day 3 & 4: Ichchhakamana Rural Municipality-1, Bharang

Day 5: Ichchhakamana Rural Municipality-1, Hattibang

Day 6: Ratnanagar-7, Sauraha



Photo description: 6-day Free Pediatric Health Camp checkup sessions

Medicine Support to Bharang Healthpost



Photo description: Medicine handover to Healthpost Incharge (Left), Medicine rack (right)

Bharang Healthpost has been a center of focus where SVSI has been providing medicinal and infrastructural support since the intervention in the project area of Ichhakamana-1 to address critical healthcare needs in the community. With the request from the Health Department of Ichchhakamana Rural Municipality, SVSI has been providing requested medicines to the Community Health Post of Bharang.

Since last year, SVSI has established a strong partnership with the health team and the local government to ensure the availability of necessary medicines for free distribution to patients in these mountain villages. The health post serves numerous patients daily, including pregnant women and young children facing challenges related to nutrition.



Photo description: Medicine handover to Healthpost Incharge

Nutritious Food Program



Photo description: Multi-grain Food Powder Distribution Program in Bharang Healthpost (Left and Right)

In the remote hills of Nepal, chronic child malnutrition remains a critical challenge, driven by food insecurity, poverty, and limited access to diverse diets. The profound need for such a product; like Multigrain Food Powder holds immense potential to transform child health. This will stem from the high rates of stunting and underweight children, as their diets are often reliant on a single staple crop like rice or maize, lacking the essential proteins, vitamins, and minerals required for proper growth and cognitive development. So, a shelf-stable, easy-to-prepare multigrain powder directly addresses these gaps by providing a safe, concentrated source of nutrition that is resilient to these logistical and environmental hurdles.

Overseeing the condition, SVSI has made "Multigrain Food Powder" in lesser price in the Ichhakamana-1 under Nutritious Food Program so children won't be deprived of their health needs. The benefits of implementing such a powder are multifaceted. This initiative aims to improve child nutrition by making essential food supplements accessible to local families. The food powder will be available for a nominal amount at the Bharang Health Post in IRM-1, with the support of SVSI. This subsidy will help ensure more families can benefit from the nutritional support, reinforcing SVSI's commitment to enhancing community health and development.



Photo description: Multi-grain Food Powder Distribution Program in Bharang Healthpost

Environment Conservation

Path Towards Greener and Resilient Future



"The Earth is what we all have in common." - **Wendell Berry.**



Green Initiative is a long term mission of SVSI that is focused on planting trees to protect the environment and support sustainable development. Through this large-scale tree-planting activities, the program focus on the restoration of damaged land, stop soil erosion, and increase wildlife and plant diversity. Every year, this program works together with local governments, the Division Forest Office in Chitwan, and community members, especially in Ichchhakamana Rural Municipality, Kalika Municipality, and Ratnanagar Municipality. To help farmers and improve livelihoods, the initiative distributes different types of seedlings, including fodder, fruit trees, broom grass, and coffee plants. These support agroforestry and give people more ways to earn money. The program also includes educational sessions about climate change, how to take care of trees, and why forests are important for keeping nature in balance.



26,056 seedlings planted

Planting for Life



Photo description: Tractor ploughing the land (Left), Fruits and tree seedlings getting planted in the field (right)

Planting for Life is a project, initiated in June 2023, which focuses on planting trees in the bare land along the Budhi-Rapti River near Sapana Village in Baghmara, Ratnanagar-8, Chitwan. This initiative aims to address the dual challenge of environmental conservation and sustainable income generation for socio-economically marginalized families living in the flood-prone region. With the involvement of local government, the project is committed to preserving the environment while empowering local communities.

The project has made significant contributions to the long-term goals of SVSI. By providing agricultural opportunities to eight families directly and 46 families indirectly (240 people), reducing flood risks, mitigating global warming, engaging the community, and transferring knowledge, SVSI has taken substantial steps toward our overarching objectives. The project has not only improved the immediate living conditions of the community but has also set a strong foundation for a more sustainable, resilient, and environmentally responsible future.

The Phase 2 of "Planting for Life" project has successfully started and reached many people and households from the marginalized community. The diverse range of project objectives has had a positive impact on the entire community, with specific beneficiaries benefiting directly from income-generating activities. This demonstrates the project's effectiveness in addressing the needs of the socio-economically marginalized community while contributing to broader environmental and community development goals.

Sapana Eco-Stove



Photo description: Sapana Eco-Stove Manufacturing Team (Left and Right)

Sapana Eco-Stove focuses on supporting marginalized youth by creating job opportunities and promoting sustainable energy solutions. Our project addresses two key challenges: unemployment among disadvantaged groups and environmental degradation. Through the production of eco-friendly biomass stoves, we help families save energy, reduce harmful emissions, and contribute to environmental conservation. In 2024, we targeted to distribute 3,350 stoves to families in need, with plans to increase production to 7,500 stoves in 2025.

Our distribution efforts are primarily focused on SVSI project areas, including Ichchhakamana Rural Municipality (Wards 1 and 2) and Ratnanagar Municipality (Wards 6, 7, and 8) and will be expanded in more other areas in future. Recognizing the stoves' efficiency and their role in reducing harmful gases during cooking, local governments have expressed support by submitting official requests for these stoves. This initiative is fostering collaboration with communities and reducing dependence on forests, thereby helping combat deforestation while improving livelihoods. contributors.



Photo description: Woman in IRM-1 cooking food in ecostove (Left),



Women carrying stoves after distribution (right)

Flood Relief Program



Photo description: Houses damaged after the flood in Rapti River Side (Left and Right)

In the last week of September in 2024, Nepal experienced heavy and persistent rainfall, resulting in natural disasters. The death toll tragically surpassed 200, according to the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Authority (NDRRMA). Rescue operations were held, with 3,000 security personnel actively deployed to assist those affected. This devastating incident, caused by excessive rainfall, brought immense loss and hardship to many communities.

In response to this crisis, SVSI has been implementing measures to support affected households and population with relief program and essential help with the support of valuable partners. SVSI assisted 20 households in coordination with local government authorities at the ward level. SVSI has been working on to support the affected families as many as possible and be a helping hand in this crisis. As part of the relief effort, SVSI provided essential food supplies to 20 families (120 individuals) residing in Sukumbasi Tole, Bagamara, Ratnanagar-8. The relief package included 20 kg of rice, 2 kg of pulses, 2 liters of cooking oil, 1 kg of salt, and 1 kg of soybean (maseura), ensuring that these families have access to basic necessities during this challenging time.



Photo description: Affected families receiving relief materials



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