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Project Ujyalo Bhabisya—Review of 2008

During 2008, Development Nepal's Project Ujyalo Bhabisya (UB) delivered activities in 11 communities – including five new this year – to improve access to education, health services and income-generating activities. In the new communities, a series of training courses were run for the new facilitators while in the UK the Development Nepal website has been reviewed and improved to more effectively communicate the impact of our work. With the growth in activity, the Board of Trustees has been supplemented by two additional advisors.

Training, Participation and Community Development

Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA) is a key activity used to ensure development projects meet the needs and priorities of the communities they operate in. In Nepal, DN supported the training in PRA techniques of ten new community facilitators, along with four permanent Project UB and UCHEP staff.

In July, training was also provided for the new facilitators in non-formal education to enable them to run adult literacy classes and supplementary classes for children. The new facilitators learned practical skills for lesson planning and delivery and classes were delivered in each of the five new communities.

Further training was provided directly for community members in running savings groups and kitchen gardening. Workshops were run in the new communities on hygiene, sanitation and nutrition, sexual and reproductive health, gender and child rights, and HIV and AIDS.



Carrying out Participatory Rural Appraisal in a new Project UB community



Training community facilitators in delivering non-formal education

Personnel

Simta Subba, a former community facilitator, was appointed to the new post of Social Motivator. The new position has been created to increase the capacity of UCHEP staff currently co-ordinating Project UB and to provide enhanced support and communication links to the community facilitators delivering activities at a local level. Simta will provide a strong and responsive link between the project co-ordinators and local facilitators.

Evaluation

Monitoring and evaluation are key parts of DN's approach to promoting effective implementation of and learning from project activities. Over the past year, Project UB co-ordinators submitted regular reports on project activities, measuring progress against annual work-plans prepared with the communities at the beginning of the year.

As the end of 2008 approaches, planning is beginning on the next cycle of the project. The facilitators will use the Participatory Rural Appraisal skills that they learnt earlier in the year to work with the communities in designing activities in 2009 that will effectively meet the needs of the communities. Watch out for updates on these projects in 2009!

Once again, DN is to appoint a consultant to conduct an independent evaluation of project activities and the delivery of the project's objectives and aims this year. This is another crucial part of our monitoring and evaluation. It allows us to continually improve our projects and ensure that we are bringing maximum benefit to the communities we work with. It is expected that the trustees will receive an evaluation report in early 2009.

Governance

In 2008, each of the six trustees has taken responsibility for a specific area of Development Nepal activity and has also worked together through three core sub-groups: Monitoring and Evaluation, the Development Nepal website, and Communications. They have been supported in these sub-groups by three advisors: Bart Shaw, Dan Sefton and Sam Duerden.

The relationship between Development Nepal and UCHEP has been strengthened during the year. A key factor in this has been more regular direct communication by phone and e-mail, which has enabled UCHEP to take an increasingly proactive approach to Project UB and to become more directly involved in strategic decision-making. For example, UCHEP contributed directly to the decision-making process on how to deliver the project in 2009, an extremely positive step.

Finances have been managed during the year by Christopher Kelly, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, and the management of local project accounts has continued to go smoothly.

Fundraising

In order to work with our communities to improve their access to education, health services and income-generating activities, Development Nepal relies on the generous support of individuals and organisations from across the globe. We are grateful to all of our donors and we thank them for their continued support.

To give you an indication of how valuable your gift is to our work on the ground:

- **£30** a month will provide a monthly salary for one of our community facilitators. Our facilitators are the key implementers of our education programmes for adults and children.
- **£12** a month will provide a community with a range of training in personal hygiene, sanitation, nutrition, rights, gender and sexual reproductive health.
- **£5** a month will provide training for kitchen gardening for one community. This is a key factor in improving nutrition levels of families in Project UB communities, as well as providing income-generating opportunities.



Income-generating activity in a Project UB community

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