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- Kathmandu District:
- Project name: Empowering Women Involved in Micro Enterprise Development in Rural and Urban Areas of Kathmandu District.
- Project Implementer at local level: BPW Kathmandu Chapter
- Duration of the Project: Six Months
- Funding Organization: Federation of BPW Nepal (FBPWN)
- Budget Provided: Rs. 100,000.(One hundred thousand)
- Location of the Project implementation and Target Groups:
 - 25 Nos. of participants from Kirtipur VDC's Women (Low income and excluded community women).
 - 30 Nos. of Low income community women from the women run co-operative in Kathmandu district.

7. Activities:

7.1 Skill training on Tailoring (winter clothes like windcheaters, chest guards, Jackets, Trousers & Pants).

- No. of women benefitted: 10 (involved in saving/credit groups)
- Duration of training: 2 months
- Outcome: Some of the women, who got training in this scheme, are now working as trainers in small garment factory and other women working as piecemeal workers and few of them stitches at home. All of them are earning and happily supporting the families.
- Impact: The beneficiaries are earning income that helped them to support subsistence and education of children and other household expenses. The women are getting works in big garment factories and working as piece-meal basis as well.

7.2 Training on Food Processing: [making jams/jellies of the seasonal fruits like peach, apple, papaya etc.]

- No. of women participants: 20 (involved in saving / credit)
- Duration of training: 4 days
- Trainer: Trainer hired from Central Food Research Laboratory
- Outcome: The beneficiaries showed commitment to try making jams and jellies for family consumption at the beginning and then for selling. After few days trainer/facilitator informed the FBPWN that the trained women started producing jam and jelly which are very good however they encountered a problem in preservation of jams that stopped them to send product to the local market. But the products are good for household consumption. One participant is running small grocery shop where she also sell factory made jams bought from wholesaler. Now she says she is able to make jams for sale which is produced by herself and her colleagues. It is

recommended that they need some training on using preservatives.

- Impact: Only 20 percent of women (4 women) are generating little income by selling jams with small profit because of preservation problem. Other women are preparing jams for household consumption only.
- Skill Training in Patch Works Designing and Sticking [in Bed Sheets, Bed Covers, Pillow Covers, Cushions and table runners and children's garments etc.]
 - Target Beneficiaries: Women of cooperative (Sahamilan Saving & Credit Women Cooperative) in Kathmandu's slum areas.
 - No. of beneficiaries: 30 women (2 groups - 15 in each group) Training was conducted different 2 times.
 - Duration of training: 7 days each
 - Outcome: Women are involved in different activities like tailoring, dress designing, making cushion, bed sheet with patchworks designs making and sticking including other embroidery materials, making yogurt (curd), pickles, soaps and other daily used products.

Patch work training had provided women a new area of skill which helped them to produce goods with extended market demand in the present context. Women also needed to make different designs, so the duration of training was realized to be of 2 weeks instead of one week, so that beneficiaries can get extensive idea and designing skill with utilizing neo-traditional designs.

- Impact: Almost 40% are getting bulk orders from the trainer who has Tailoring business (varieties of garment and other materials) and 30% beneficiaries are working in patch work specially and few of them has their own small tailoring work at home who gets piece meal order. Thus the training has provided them opportunities by adding a new skill for income generation.

- Rajbiraj (Saptari District)
- Project name: Empowering Women through Functional Literacy and Income Generating Skill Training.
- Project Implementer at local level: BPW Rajbiraj Chapter
- Duration of the Project: Six Months (Months)
- Funding Organization: Federation of BPW Nepal (FBPWN)
- Budget Provided: Rs. 80,000.(Eighty thousands three hundred fifty four) [Candle Making - Rs. 38,545.00 and Functional Literacy Training Rs. 41,809.00] only
- Location of the Project implemented and Target Groups: Sakarpura VDC (Marginalized low caste community women with enterprising and dedication to make life changed)
- No. of beneficiaries/participants: 25 (Twenty Five)
- No. of women trainees: 20 (Twenty)
- Activities:

9.1 Functional Literacy Training

- No. of women participants 20 [twenty]
- Duration of training Six Month
- Skill Training on Candle Making (Post Literacy skill training)
 - No. of women participates: 20
 - Duration: 7 Days
- Outcome:
 - The graduates of the 6 month Functional literacy are now able to read write and speak Nepali language. The women in target VDCs speak their own native language, Bhojpura, Abadhi and Maithali so Nepali is additional language for them. They are also able to use simple add and subtractions and guide their children, since they are aware of the children's text book.
 - Trained women are committed to make candle for their own use and for sale.
 - Incidence of quarrelling of women members, wife beatings, and alcoholism is reduced visibly, so families are happy and supportive.
- Impact:
 - Newly Literate women are now able to make money with the income generating skill training imparted to them also with social awareness training.
 - More than 90% of the trainees are making candles as their family business and earning about 4000-5000 Rupees per month by selling candles. It has become an all season work for them and has good market since the power shedding and disruption of supply of electricity in the country.
 - The elders/ male members and children in the family are motivated to help women in other domestic works that have facilitated the beneficiary women to work more and earn more.
- Banepa (Kavre District)
- Project Name: Functional Literacy For Women
- Project Implementer at Local level: BPW Banepa, Kavre.
- Duration of Project: Six Months
- Funding organization: Federation of BPW Nepal (FBPWN)
- Budget: Rs. 50,000.00
- Location of Project: Chaukot, Sunder Basti, Panauti VDC
- Target Group: 20 illiterate women comprising of different ethnicity who belong to low income and excluded community.
- Activities:
 - Hired experienced literacy teacher in a competitive basis
 - Conducted of 6 months' Functional literacy classes during evening.
 - Imparted social awareness on public health, hygiene, drinking water and sanitation habits and practices; mother and child health, self respect and respect

to others in the family/society; working in groups like saving and credit knowledge and practice, and building attitude to support in family economics.

- Status of the Project: The project is on-going. The BPW Banepa advanced Rs. 50,000. for this project with anticipation to improve the lives of the socially excluded women, families, communities and ultimately the country through developing awareness on importance of women's education and earning income using their own potentialities.
- Thimi (Bhaktapur District)
- Project Name: Economic Empowerment of Young Women imparting Beauty Cure Skill Training.
- Implementer in Local Level: BPW Thimi Chapter [in Bhaktapur District]
- Duration of Project: 6 months [3 months Basic and 3 month Advance courses]
- Target Group: VDC women [Local/migrated/unemployed housewives]
- No. of women: 15 to 20 in a group.
- Budget: Rs. 86,000.00
- Activities:
- Negotiate/hired experienced trainers from popular beauty parlour.
- Conducted of 3 months' basic beauty culture and after 3 months advance course according to potentiality of the graduates of the Basic Course.
- Awareness on social responsibility of women entrepreneur; public health issues, women's human rights and family/community life and co-existence issues, mother/child health, children's socialization and self esteem.
- Status of the Project:

The project is on-going. The BPW Thimi is advanced Rs. 86,000.00 for the project. It is expected that with the beauty care skill the beneficiaries will be empowered economically and supplementing to the household economy.

Note: Glimpsed of the project activities are presented in attachment -1

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Literacy Training at Rajbiraj



Training on making seasonal fruit jams and jellies at Kathmandu District



Training in Patch Work in Bed Sheets, Bed Covers, Pillow Covers, Cushions etc. at Kathmandu District



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Income Generating Training at Rajbiraj – Candle making Training



Skill Training on Tailoring at Kathmandu District



Skill Training on Winter Clothes Making at Kathmandu District



Literacy Training at Sakarpura VDC, Rajbiraj [Saptari District]



Functional Literacy Training in Dalit settlement in Rajbiraj



Functional Literacy Training at Sakarpura VDC, Rajbiraj [Saptari District]



Candle making training at Sakarpura VDC, Rajbiraj



Beautician Training at Thimi (Bhaktapur District)



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