

# Annual Report

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## Forward

It's my pleasure to present Annual Report 2017-18 for Action Works Nepal (AWON). This report provides a summary of the overall activities carried out by AWON, its achievement and budget expenditure for the period from mid-July 2017 to mid-July 2018.

AWON has successfully implemented all the activities as planned in the annual plan for this period. The main objective of the organization is to improve the livelihoods of communities through humanitarian, educational, and vocational result driven programs around political, economic, social, cultural and environmental empowerment and help communities to embrace peace, growth, and sustainable development. During the reporting year, AWON had conducted various programs (education, health, livelihood program, women/girls empowerment, disaster risk reduction & humanitarian support) in 6 districts of three provinces (3 districts: Jumla, Kalikot and Mugu from Province No. 6, Kavre from Province No. 3 and Sarlahi & Mahottari of province 2).

AWON has started implementing its revised policies and procedures to make its initiative more effective and efficient. This year, AWON has started to working together with other different organizations in a partnership.

In the end, the Executive Committee of Action Works Nepal would like to thank organization members, partner organizations and contribution of the employees who were working at various levels in implementing activities in the fiscal year 2017-018 (BS 2074-75). At the same time, we would like to thank all institutional and individual donors, government agencies, friends and well-wishers and other organizations for supporting to our initiatives.

We look forward to another productive and exciting year ahead. As usual, we always look forward to your constructive feedback, critiques and comments which will make us more advanced and equipped for the days to come.

Thank you,

Bharat Wasti  
President  
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## Acronyms

ANM	Auxiliary Nurse Midwife
AWON	Action Works Nepal
CBO	Community Based Organization
CDO	Chief District Officer
CEDAW	Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women
DHS	Demographic and Health Survey
DPHO	District Public Health Officer
DRR	Disaster Risk Reduction
EC	European Commission
FCHV	Female Community Health Workers
FP	Family Planning
GBV	Gender Based Violence
HFOMC	Health Facility Organization and Management Committee
MA	Medical Abortion
MBC	Miteri Birthing Center
MHM	Menstrual Hygiene Management
MMMS	Maternal Morbidity and Mortality Survey
MOWCSW	Ministry of Women, Children and Social Welfare
MRC	Miteri Recycle Center
MWRA	Married Women of Reproductive Age
NGO	Non- governmental organization
SMC	School Management Committee
SMC	School Management Committee
SRH	Sexual Right Health
SRHR	Sexual and Reproductive Health Right
VAW	Violence against Women
VDC	Village Development Committee

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## Introduction

Action Works Nepal (AWON) has been working in an integrated approach to address the extreme poverty and human rights through "*MiteriGau-Let's Live Together Campaign*." AWON has initiated this campaign which is guided by the philosophy that **"Birth Place of an individual is not a Choice"**, and "No one has the right to discriminate and everyone is obligated to contribute for living together, no matter who you are, where you are from and what you are doing". We raise funds through different activities to help marginalized and excluded people.

### Vision

A multi-disciplinary group of people are organized and seek for prosperous and a healthy society in Nepal and beyond, following the philosophy of 'living together irrespective of differences'.

### Mission

To work for vulnerable, marginalized and socially excluded communities in order to ensure social justice through partnerships, human rights movements and result driven programs.

### Goal

To empower communities so that they can overcome poverty, illiteracy, health service scarcity and help them to live in a just and peaceful manner.

### Objective

To improve the livelihoods of communities through humanitarian, educational, and vocational result driven programs around political, economic, social, cultural and environmental empowerment and help communities to embrace peace, growth, and sustainable development.

## Programs and Activities carried out during the period from mid-July 2017 – mid-July 2018:

### Thematic areas:

#### 1. Education

Action Works Nepal (AWON) has been working on education since its inception in the remote and needy areas as a part of 'Miteri Gaun Let's Live Together Campaign'. The **Education Support** program includes scholarship to the students, 3 teachers sponsorship support to 2 schools, and capacity building of parents through School Management Committee, and providing bridge courses to students. Within the urgency, AWON pays much of its attentions towards rural, poor, disable, orphan, and other marginalized children. However, due to the limitation of funding, it has not been able to support all those needy and compelled to cover some areas only.

This year AWON supported fifty five (55) needy students selected from the rural, marginalized communities of Mugu and Jumla.

**Objective of the Project:**

- To capacitate and aware teachers, school management committee and parents on the importance of quality education.
- To support scholarship to needy, poor and marginalized communities
- To monitor and ensure the quality education in the needy areas.

**Type of Support:**

- Miteri Education Support Program – Full / Partial scholarships
- Miteri teacher Support Program
- Material support for the repairing of School building and toilets
- Apple farm support
- Toys / stationery items support to the needy schools

**Project Area / Location:**

Jumla, Kalikot and Mugu

**Project Beneficiaries:**

Around 55 students studying at different 13 schools of Mugu and Jumla from different grades were benefitted from the education fund supported by Kinderhilfe Project Nepal, USA. Twenty seven students were female students and 18 students were from Dalit/Janajati communities. The support to the students includes school bag, a pair of shoes, two pairs of school dress, and two pairs of socks, sweaters and stationeries for a year. Those items were distributed at the school premises in presence of member from AWON, school head teacher, guardian of students and representative from the ward office or rural municipality offices.



Students who had received Scholarship at Raralihi, Jumla

Table 1: Disaggregated information on number of students who were benefited from the scholarship

SN	Sex of students	Caste of students	Number	Percentages
Jumla				
1	Female	Dalit/Janajati	8	27
		Other	10	33
2	Male	Dalit/Janajati	4	13
		Other	8	27
Mugu				
1	Female	Dalit/Janajati	4	16
		Other	5	20
2	Male	Dalit/Janajati	7	28
		Other	9	36
	Total by category	Dalit/Janajati	18	33
		Other	37	67
	Total	all	55	100

Note: Others caste includes Bhramin/Chettri/Thakuri

Also with support from Individual donor, AWON supported one female student for studying staff nurse course at Karnali Academy of Health Science, Jumla. From the five candidates who had succeeded in the entrance exam of KAHS, one person was selected based on the economic status and performance of the candidates. The support includes colleague fee and other expenses required for the completion of academic course of study for three years. This year she has completed her three years PCL nursing course successfully and now she has been applying for jobs.

## 2. Women and Girls Empowerment:

### 2.1 Elimination of Chhaupadi Practice in Karnali Nepal

#### Background

‘Elimination of Chhaupadi Practice in Karnali Nepal’ is a three-year project (January 2016 - Dec 2018) funded by European Commission and is being implemented by AWON and BEE Group in three districts: Jumla, Kalikot and Mugu of Nepal. The issue of Chhaupadi is deeply rooted in the minds of people of the targeted areas. Even though it mainly impacts women, the issue cannot be eliminated without targeting men and other stakeholders of the community. The main objective of the project is to empower women and girls at the individual and group levels, as well as, build capacity and improve understanding of the policy and advocacy issues regarding Chhaupadi, human right and gender equality.



Chhaupadi is one of the harmful traditions practiced in Far and Mid-Western parts of the country. Deeply rooted patriarchal Hindu values perceive menstruated women as impure and polluted. So during menstruation, in this practice, women and girls are regarded as untouchable and keep away from safe and clean places, food, water, cattle, men, temple etc. Women and girls stay at cowsheds or open small hut outside house for four to five days. Such practices have compromised women and girls from their health and wellbeing as well as denied from personal and social development. Although menstruation is an inevitable biological process, the notion of impurity is culturally constructed. The practice of Chhaupadi is challenging fundamental human rights: right to life, liberty, dignity and physical well-being and integrity of women." Every Human being enjoy equal dignity, rights and fundamental freedoms without distinction of any kind, including sex, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, birth and other status" as proclaimed in articles of human right conventions. In the context of International Rights and Norms, Nepal is also state party of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW).

The interim constitution of Nepal 2007 seeks to bring an end to discrimination including based on gender, and ensures rights to equality and social justice, which further provides legal backing efforts to end practices of Chhaupadi. To eliminate harmful practice of Chhaupadi, Government of Nepal, Ministry of Women, Children and Social Welfare (MOWCSW) promulgate guidelines 2007 titled "Chhaupadi Pratha Unmulan Nidreshika -2064" (Elimination of Chhaupadi Practice Directive - 2007). Despite of legal ban, Chhaupadi is still practiced throughout the Far Western and Mid-Western regions.

### **Objective:**

Eliminate traditional, deeply rooted Chhaupadi practice from the remote villages of Karnali, Nepal to establish women's human rights, justice and dignity.

### **Specific objectives of the Project**

- Increase awareness of the demerits of Chhaupadi in the community and empower women and girls in the project areas to fight against it.
- Build capacity of and mobilize civil societies, Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), networks, media, community based organizations, Female Community Health Volunteers (FCHVs), male supporting groups, traditional institutions (traditional healers and priests) in the project area. Promote evidence-based policy advocacy to influence policies and their implementation to eliminate Chhaupadi practice



## Progress status

During the reporting period of July 2017 to June 2018, different field level and center level activities were carried out. The major activities include awareness raising events at community levels including media mobilization, community level capacity building trainings for social and community group leaders, street drama, campaigning activities, research finding sharing events, formation of Chhaupadi elimination committees, preparation of policy paper and sharing at central level and Chhaupadi goath declarations events. The following activities have been completed till the reporting period with the anticipated results and outcome of the project.

### Awareness Raising activities at community and district levels

Under this activity, celebration of special day such as Women's Day, Menstrual Hygiene Day, celebration of teej festival, 16 day gender based violence campaign, street drama were organized at different strategic locations at the community level and at each district headquarter. Also 107<sup>th</sup> International Women Day was celebrated at all district headquarters. These events were participated in significant numbers from community people and local stakeholders.



Event during day celebration program at Jumla

Initially Community Facilitators carry out discussion meetings among miteri women groups on



Chhaupadi Practice Elimination Group meeting at Mugu

weekly basis. Based on the field mobility experience, strategy of weekly discussion meeting has been changed to monthly meeting and door to door/household visit to vulnerable houses since November 2017. A simple format has been designed for collecting household information on Chhaupadi practice. Based on information collected by CF, they made the monthly visit plan and conducted household visits to create awareness against Chhaupadi

practice, its causes, its negative effects, government act/policy on Chhaupadi, importance of menstrual care, sexual and reproductive health rights, women rights and gender based violence. In



first visit, they oriented the women, girls and men of each visited household regarding Chhaupadi and from the second visit, with support of group leaders, they monitor practices, understanding of the household members regarding the movement and observed the changes in their behavior and perception towards Chhaupadi practice. Chhaupadi related leaflets, posters and newsletters were published and distributed to different people of the project areas. And also wall painting and hooding boards

were placed at different places of pre-existing targeted VDCs. Similarly, various civil societies, male supporting groups and traditional healers were engaged and mobilized to address the issue of Chhaupadi locally. Also Chhaupadi elimination committees were formed at the ward and rural municipality levels. Among 60 targeted Chhaupadi free declaration events for 105 villages, ten events has been completed.

Media mobilization activities were also conducted. The radio jingles were broadcasted through Radio Karnali Jumla, Radio Mugu, Mugu and Radio Naya Karnali, Kalikot twice a day. Likewise, radio program named Sarokar was broadcasted from same radio stations on every Wednesday 7:30 A.M. to 8:00 A.M. for 53 weeks. The radio program has been designed for imparting awareness and knowledge on sexual and reproductive health, gender based violence, adolescent and girls general issues, women right from human right perspectives and Chhaupadi.

Similarly orientation to health teachers of the secondary and higher secondary schools have been started and similarly orientation to students of such schools were also initiated. Orientation to secondary level's health teachers was initiated to capacitate their knowledge and skills for effective school sessions and minimize hesitation while taking classes on reproductive health, Menstruation Hygiene Management (MHM) and Chhaupadi practice linked with its effects on education, health, women mobility and development.

Activities to support schools for adolescent girl friendly environment had also been implemented. The project team has been coordinating with schools and local government office to match their fund with project's seeds money for girl friendly toilet construction. Some school management committees have agreed to do so and few schools are exploring with local government office for financial support. Construction of separate girl toilets has been started since April 2018 and till now 15 such toilets have been constructed.



Central level policy paper sharing and discussion

Action research on five major topics had been implemented during this reporting period. The five major topics includes study on Chhaupadi and its effects on **health, education, mobility & leadership** of women and adolescent girls, psychological thoughts and belief of locals and situation of national laws, policies and Chhaupadi elimination guidelines 2007. The findings of the research were disseminated among different stakeholders at district and national level through sharing meetings. Also policy

paper on Chhaupadi was developed and shared at national level key policy stakeholders through sharing and discussion events as a part to influence effective implementation of the national Chhaupadi guideline 2007. The invitees commented on the content of the policy paper and also recommend suggestions for incorporation in the policy paper. Based on the recommendations and comments, the policy paper has been finalized and is under English translation. One of the important activities of the project is to declare the working areas of the project as Chhaupadi free areas. Certain criteria have been proposed for this activity and declaration of Chhaupadi free ward movement have been started at Mugu, Jumla and Kalikot during the reporting period.

Table 2: Summary of key achievements made till July 2018 (Target vs Achievements FY 074-75)

SN	Activities	Unit	Project		Jumla		Kalikot		Mugu	
			Target	Progress	Target	Progress	Target	Progress	Target	Progress
1	Group/Committee Formation									
1.1	Women Group Formation	Group	106	106	35	35	35	36	35	35
1.2	Women Group Members (Total)	Members	2650	2664	875	863	875	900	875	901
1.3	Formation of Male Group	Group	42	42	14	14	14	14	14	14
1.4	Male Group Members (Total)	Members	1050	1043	350	343	350	350	350	350
1.5	Formation of Chhaupadi Elimination Committee	Committee	40	42	14	14	16	16	17	12
2	Capacity Building for Group/Committee									
2.1	Capacity Building Training for Community Facilitators	Event	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1
3	Awareness raising Activities									
3.1	Street Drama	Event	24	24	8	8	8	8	8	8

3.2	Celebrate Cultural program	Event	105	40	35	22	35	10	35	8
3.3	Monthly meeting, interaction program with miteri groups and stakeholders	Event	4445	3654	1477	1281	1477	1232	1491	1141
3.4	Hoarding board	No	105	35	35	0	35	0	35	35
4	<b>School Support Activities</b>									
4.1	Orientation program in schools	Event	24	9	8	2	8	6	8	1
4.2	Girls Toilet construction in school	School	24	15	8	7	8	6	8	2
5	<b>Research, Advocacy &amp; Campaigns</b>									
5.1	Training for Research enumerators	Event	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
5.2	Total enumerators:	Person	25	24	25	24	0	0	0	0
5.3	Research on Five themes	No	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
5.4	Research finding sharing in local level	Event	3	2	1	0	1	1	1	1
5.6	Research finding sharing in National level	Event	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
5.7	Organize Chhaupadi Free declaration ceremony	VDC	60	10	20	3	20	6	20	1
6	<b>Monitoring and Evaluation</b>									
7	Mobilization of District Project Advisory Committee (DPAC)	Event	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1
8	Mobilization of district and village monitoring committee	Event	3	1	1		1		1	1
9	Quarterly Staff meeting	Event	15	12	5	3	5	6	5	3
10	Mid-term project Review Meeting	Event	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
11	Media Campaign:									
11.1	Radio Jingle production	Jingle	2	2	<b>AWON Central Based Program.</b>					
11.2	Radio broadcast	Month	12	12						
11.3	30 minutes weekly radio program	Episodes	52	53						
11.4	Publish IEC materials	No	13800	9100						
11.5	Policy paper developed	No	1	1						
12	Conference at national level on Policy	Event	1	1						

**Case study:**

**Experience of a women**

Garima Rokaya (Name changed), 24 years old, lives in Tila rural municipality of Jumla district with a daughter and husband. She has completed grade 10. Women and girls in her community generally stayed at cowshed during mensuration. Although they did not want to stay at such sheds, they have been continuing the tradition due to perceived fear of harms at home such as infertility, illness to family members, tooth pain, stiffness of neck from god curse as a result of touching during menstruation. A story on how she changed her practices from such traditional practice in her own words.

We have lot of examples of distress while staying at cowshed: we women fear of rape, health problems including cervical cancer due to unhygienic places, foods not available in time or if available have to consume cold food, children suffer from different infections including pneumonia as they stay with us at that duration. Burn cases of children were also seen while staying at shed with mother. Many houses were destroyed by fire while staying in sheds. We women suffered from skin rashes due to unhygienic living places and denial from taking bath and also frequently suffer from drowsiness due to untimely availability of food while staying at shed during period. We also do not have idea of menstruation pad use. I had also suffered from many problems and nuisances while staying at shed during menstruation in earlier days. We keep on following the practices during menstruation in silence as no one suggested us to stay inside house with sanitary practices in our villages.

A year ago, groups were formed in our village from an organization to implement awareness activities against harmful practices during menstruation. I was also a member of the group and participated regularly during the menstruation related group discussion. From the group, I clearly understood about menstruation, cause of menstruation and violence against women which I shared with the family member that I had learned in the group discussion. I also discussed about the problems I faced while staying at sheds. My family members got convinced and accepted my sharing. This helped me and my family to get transformed against such Chhaupadi practices then. I started staying inside house during menstruation which was known to my neighbors and village people. People and traditional shamans started talking against me at common water tap and public places. I had to wait long for my turn at last to fetch water from tap and public sources as other women suspect that I could have been menstruating at that time since I stay at home during periods. They also told that harms and obstructions such as infertility or if fertile deformed baby would result from curse of annoyed goddess if women stayed at home during menstruation. Although felt scared, however, I did not listen to them and stayed bold in my decision. With determination, I participated in every group meeting and got encouraged from the discussion of the meetings. Discussion agendas helped me a lot and motivated me to comply. Gradually the participant's number increased and so does the number of women staying at home during menstruation. I was the first woman in the village who started entering & staying at home during menstruation. I could have relapsed if Action Works Nepal has not strengthen us through regular discussion at the village. Slowly other women started staying at home during menstruation and this not only facilitated me but also to other women for such change and adoption. We would like to thanks this organization for strengthening and supporting us for social change.

(This is personal views of the woman from her experience)



### 3. Health

#### 3.1 Miteri Birthing Center, Jumla

AWON has been focusing right to reproductive and maternal health programs in the Karnali region, where women are not aware of their reproductive health rights and have little access to basic health services. The Karnali region has highest Women of Reproductive Age (WRA) deaths rate (310/100'000) and the second highest MMR (275/100'000; MMS, 2008). Infant, under-five and neonatal mortality rates are both above the region (DHS, 2011). To address these problems, AWON launched a pilot project in November 2012 entitled "Miteri Birthing Center "(MBC) in



Birthing center handover ceremony

Sunnigaun Village Development Committee (VDC) of Jumla. The VDC was recommended by District Public Health Office (DPHO) Jumla as a suitable location to construct a birthing centre because of highest maternal mortality rate. With the support from the Nepalese Nurse Association UK, the birthing center was constructed, equipped with logistics, drugs and one trained ANM has been deployed from the AWON. The birthing center has been providing maternity and delivery services since the completion of building construction on Poush 2070. During the initial year of functioning of birthing center only 15 pregnant women had received institutional delivery services. The delivery number increased to 40 in the second year. Till the end of five year including construction time, 146 women had received delivery services from skilled birth attendance. During this reporting FY, the birthing center has been handover to the local health facility organization management committee in the presence of district health office representative.

#### Objective of the Project:

The overall objective of MBC is to improve maternal and child health condition in the Karnali region of Nepal. The specific objectives are:

- To address the demand of maternal and child health situation in Karnali,
- To provide quality basic emergency obstetric service, and
- To create the enabling environment to make compatibility of demand and supply.

Project Period: 1 January 2013 to 31 December 2018

#### Target Beneficiaries of the project:

- Direct beneficiaries :
  - Pregnant women (pregnancy regular check-up, institutional delivery)

- Indirect beneficiaries:
  - 446 HHs of the VDC's ( uterus prolapsed, normal check-up, family planning and safe abortion counseling)
- Nearest village residence

**Expected Results:**

- The inclusive and capacitated health facility management committee will be in place
- Miteri Birthing center will be in operation
- Users of the birthing center will be increased
- Maternal and child health status in the project districts will be improved.

**Progress during one year period: Shrawan 2074-Ashad 2075**

<b>Sr. No</b>	<b>Indicators</b>	<b>Number of beneficiaries</b>
1.	Number of women who had Antenatal checkup	351
2.	Number of women who had institutional delivery	46
3.	Number of women who had postnatal checkup	46
4.	Number of married women who are using of Depo- Provera	108
5.	Number of married women who are using Oral Contraceptive pills	80
6.	Number of new Implant insertion cases	13
7.	Number of new IUCD insertion case	1
8.	Number of postnatal cases referred	0
9.	Number of women/girls who received counseling on safe abortion care	15
10.	Number of cases who received safe abortion care	0



A new birthing center has been proposed at Bhadgau of Sija rural municipality considering remoteness and low utilization of the maternity services. Birthing center construction is under process from the local management committee since 15<sup>th</sup> April 2018 and expected to be completed by September 2018. This birthing center is also financially supported by

NNA UK. Till the end of July 2018, only 30% of the work has been completed and due to rain and flood, the construction has been halted and expected to take few more months that expected time.



Birthing center under construction at Bhadgau, Jumla

## 4. Miteri Integrated Project

### 4.1 Relief support to flood affected areas

Various activities has been carried out at different districts under this project. The main activities includes relief support to people of flood affected areas at Mahottari and Sarlahi due to heavy rain on 10<sup>th</sup> August 2017. AWON team distributed relief materials (tent - 250 nos. and food items (Beaten rice - 5 kgs to each household, daalmoth – 2 kgs/HH, sugar – 1 kg/HH), medicines and mattress to 145 households of Badiya, Banchauri village of Mahottari district. Also, relief materials (Beaten Rice 5 kgs/each HHs, Bhujia 3 kgs/HHs, Dalmoth 1 kg/HH and Mattress 7 ft./HH) were distributed in Balawa Rural Municipality ward No. 1 and 2.

More than 110 households were benefited where most of the support recipients were from Dalit community affected by flood and no any relief items were distributed before our reach.



Relief support to flood affected people at Mahottari

Similarly, AWON distributed food items like Beaten rice – 5 kgs to each household, Bhujiya - 4 kgs/HH and Dalmoth – 2 kgs/HH and 120 Tarpaulin Sheets (donated by District Natural Disaster Relief Committee) in the Kabilasi Municipality of Sarlahi district. 120 households were benefitted from the support. All the relief distribution activities were done in coordination and consultation with District Administration Office and with the help of local government personnel i.e. police, local volunteers. The budget required for the support was managed from the AWON core budget and AWON board members were voluntarily involved in the distribution events.



Relief support event at Kabilasi, Sarlahi

## 4.2 Earthquake recovery Project

The project “Miteri Integrated support to earthquake-affected areas” was designed by the collected fund from various individual and institutional donors, and groups who helped to Action Works Nepal by providing monetary support at the time of earthquake relief work. The main objectives of the project were to enhance capacity and skills of local women and men in income generation activities and provide livelihood support, to aware and empower local community, women and men groups, older people associations on their rights, social inclusion and advocacy, and to raise awareness on quality education. The project covers eight VDCs under two clusters: cluster 1: Anaikot, Nayagaun, Gairibisauni, and Jaisithok (Northern part of Kavre) and cluster 2: Ghartichaap, Banakhuchaur, Foksingtar, and Buddhakhani (Southern part of Kavre which is more isolated and hardly accessible areas which are connected with Sindhuli and Makwanpur districts). Under this project, different capacity building training and supportive activities were conducted at those VDCs of Kavrepalanchowk district.

Capacity building activities includes three days entrepreneurship, increasing financial accessibility including saving & credit management training to 29 needy households members who had high willingness to be entrepreneurs and ready to start small business



Capacity development training event at Buddhakhani, Kavre

(livestock or other applicable business) but family's financial status was poor and had technically less idea. They were selected in coordination with local cooperatives and local government authority. The training was focused to develop entrepreneurship, saving habit, idea to get credit and analysis of the market. Also 35 participants were trained on three- day goat farming training as a part of income generation training. Both the trainings were organized at Budakhani. A one day orientation program was organized regarding human rights, gender, sexual reproductive health rights and inclusion for village level stakeholders. The orientation session was held in all working VDCs and a total 332 stakeholders took part in the session. The participants included in the orientation were health-post In-charge, FCHVs, HFOMC members, local stakeholders, Miteri mother group members and staffs of AWON.



Books & IECs support to community school library, Kavre

In order to focus on quality education, AWON supported books to the needy eight community-based schools of Kavre district in coordination with local rural municipality authorities and schools. Altogether 89 types of books, different maps (Nepal and world map) were donated to the school libraries. The handover program was organized in each school in the presence of SMC members, community leaders,

and teachers. In addition to this, AWON also supported the needy children with partial scholarship (stationary materials and school dress) to 40 students from schools of the four rural areas of project cluster 2.

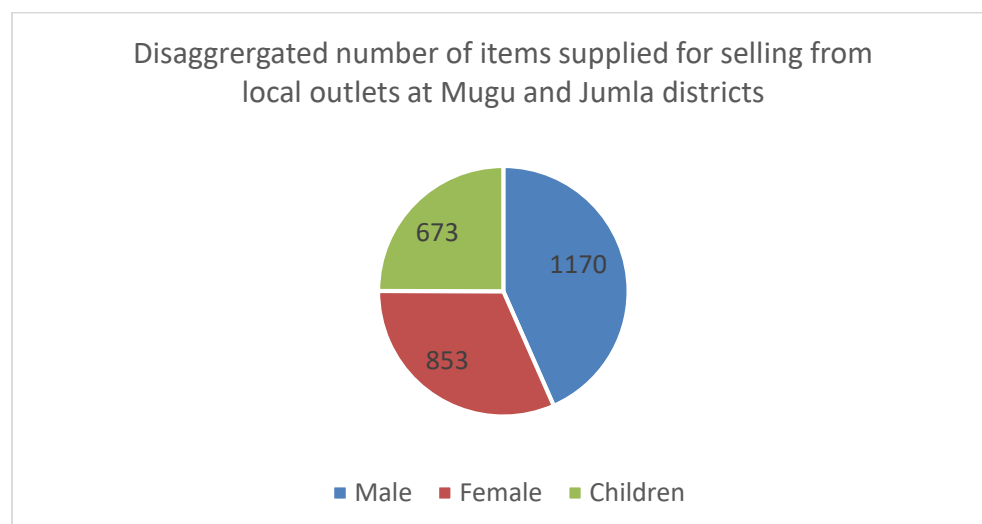
Also through several consultative meetings with local community people, AWON identified Aakharpakha, Jhingneghari (land of community forest user committee) of Budakhani village as suitable place for establishment of Miteri Community Learning Center, a common place for all four neighboring villages (Budakhani, Foksingtar, Gharthichhap, Banakhuchour) population. A two room building was constructed through local management committee for official and storage purposes. The community people had planned to use the rooms for the different purposes, such as for the community meeting, training, workshops and other social gatherings, and as storeroom for community's goods/materials produced by local farmers. The building would also be useful for rental purposes if anybody or any organization want to use it temporarily.

#### 4.3 Miteri Recycle Center:

Action Works Nepal is running a social business through Miteri Recycle Center (MRC) since 2010 AD with aim to provide affordable clothes to the needy people of the needy areas of Nepal by preserving the environment and generating the economic opportunities to the disadvantaged

women. We believe that in order to access peace we should first ensure the basic needs of everyone. Hence, to provide one of basic needs of the people, we started this business focusing long term sustainable solutions. MRC collects second hand reusable items especially clothes from Kathmandu and other city areas; refined them, packed and made them like retail items and sell them to the needy people at affordable price from different outlets. MRC also empowers women to start their own sales business as local retailers, creating income-generating activities for the most marginalized women. Till date, we have reached to 9 districts Jumla, Kalikot, Dailekh, Humla, Mugu, Accham ,Dhangadi, Kavrelanchowk and Sindhupalchowk, however, our regular supply districts include Jumla and Mugu. MRC also keeps stalls in different expo and exhibition programs in Kathmandu to explore as well as to collect and sell clothes.

During this FY, we supplied 2678 cloth items to Mugu and Jumla for selling at affordable price for the needy poor people at their local areas. The supplied items consisted of cloths for male adult, female adult and children of both sexes.





## 5. List of Projects in 2017-018

SN	Name of Program	Project areas	Budget Expenditure	Funding Partners
1	Elimination of <i>Chhaupadi</i> <sup>1</sup> Practice in Karnali (Jumla, Kalikot and Mugu districts)	Jumla, Mugu & Kalikot	6,850,215.22	European Commission
2	Miteri Valuing Pregnant and Lactating Mothers	Kavre	8,744,448.00	Give To Asia
3	Establish and Operation of Miteri Birthing Center (Jumla district)	Jumla	324,687.00	Siddhartha Nepali Samaj U.K.
4	Education Support to needy school in Jumla	Jumla	67,520.00	Project Nepal
5	Education Support Program, Jumla	Jumla		CSU Australia support
6	Education Support Program, Jumla	Jumla		Kindehilfe
7	Awareness on Chhaupadi and women empowerment	Jumla	125,858.00	Broony
8	Nepal Earthquake Recovery Project	Kavre	10,121,124.00	HelpAge International Nepal & other donors
9	Increase Access to Safe Abortion and family planning for 5730 women in remote, uncovered and underserved areas in the Karnali Region of Nepal	Jumla	1,581,452.59	Safe Abortion Action Fund (SAAF), U.K.
10	Earthquake Support to Nepal	Kavre	159,350.40	Volkshilfe Solidaritat (VHSOL)
11	Peace Learning Centre	Jumla	34,035.00	Various donors
12	Miteri Birthing Centre	Jumla		NRN UK and Siddhartha Nepali Samaj UK
13	Miteri Recycle Centre	Jumla	268,552.00	AWON own initiative

<sup>1</sup> Chhaupadi - In rural Nepal, menstruating girls and women are banished to sheds called *Chhaupadi*, where they suffer in cold and isolation, often at risk of illness and animal attacks.

## 6. Organizational Financial System/Annual Financial Statement

AWON has computerized accounting system named Financial and Management Accounting System (FAMAS) for recording, reporting and analysing of the financial transactions of the organization. AWON has a well-established finance, admin and human resource management system. AWON finance and administration section applies the organizational system and policies and auditing the finance and system by the authorised independent audit firms duly appointed by the Annual General Assembly meeting of the organization. The annual financial statement for the fiscal year 2017-018 is presented below.

### Action Works Nepal (AWON)

New Baneshwor-10, Kathmandu

### Balance Sheet

As on Ashadh end 2075 (16th July, 2018)

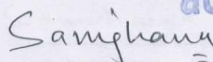
Particulars	Sch.	Current Year (Rs.)	Previous Year (Rs.)
<b><u>Capital &amp; Liabilities</u></b>			
Capital Reserve Fund	1	1,604,622.00	1,604,622.00
Surplus / (Deficit)	2	6,307,418.44	5,732,794.51
Advance Fund for the Project	3	18,635,162.05	16,119,825.68
Grant for Fixed Assets		717,288.75	956,385.00
Account Payables	4	1,679,652.47	335,344.89
<b>Total Capital &amp; Liabilities</b>		<b>28,944,143.71</b>	<b>24,748,972.08</b>
<b><u>Assets</u></b>			
Fixed Assets	5	1,082,213.70	1,383,505.71
Advance & Receivables	6	2,079,943.97	2,297,467.39
Bank Balance	7	25,754,066.04	21,043,670.98
Cash Balance		27,920.00	24,328.00
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>28,944,143.71</b>	<b>24,748,972.08</b>

Significant Accounting Policies and Notes to Accounts

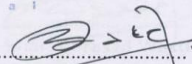
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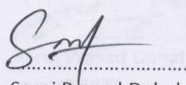
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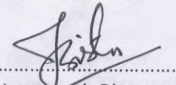


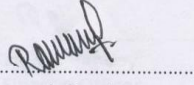
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# Action Works Nepal (AWON)

New Baneshwor-10, Kathmandu

## Income Statement

Period Starting from 1st Shrawan 2074 to Ashad end 2075

(Period Starting from 16th July, 2017 to 16th July, 2018)

Particulars	Sch.	Current Year (Rs.)	Previous Year (Rs.)
<b><u>Income</u></b>			
Grant Income	8	17,376,367.56	28,853,751.21
Other Contributions	9	1,530,571.86	1,313,949.76
Grant from Fixed Assets		239,096.99	-
Interest Income		228,278.57	280,486.33
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>19,374,314.98</b>	<b>30,448,187.30</b>

<b><u>Expenditure</u></b>			
Administrative Expenditure	10	1,122,031.48	576,358.41
Programme Expenditure	11	17,376,367.56	28,853,751.21
Depreciation	5	301,292.01	83,610.12
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>18,799,691.05</b>	<b>29,513,719.75</b>

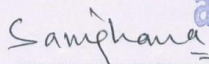
<b>Surplus / (Deficit)</b>		<b>574,623.93</b>	<b>934,467.56</b>
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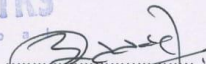
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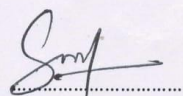
  
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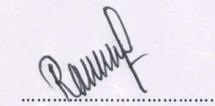
  
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Finance Officer