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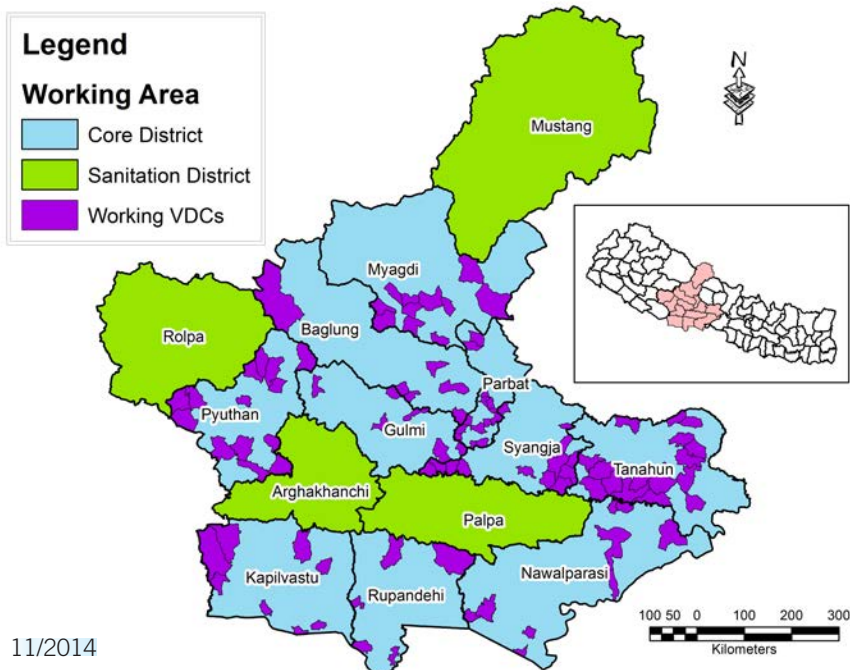
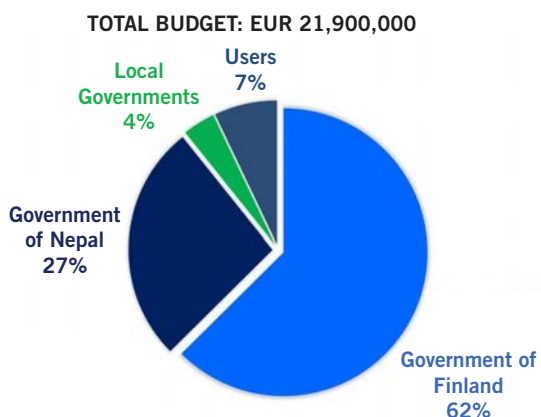
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RURAL WATER SUPPLY AND SANITATION PROJECT IN WESTERN NEPAL PHASE II (RWSSP-WN II)

Western and Mid Western Nepal

working for well-being and reduced poverty through access to sustainable water supply and sanitation for all



The Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Project in Western Nepal Phase II (RWSSP-WN II) is a bilateral project between the Government of Nepal and the Government of Finland. RWSSP-WN II supports the Government of Nepal to achieve improved health and fulfilment of the equal right to water and sanitation for the inhabitants.

The purpose is to ensure the poorest and excluded households' rights to access safe and sustainable domestic water, good health and hygiene through decentralised governance.

RWSSP-WN is implemented through the Ministry of Federal Affairs and Local Development/DOLIDAR and District Development Committees (DDC). The District WASH Coordination Committee (D-WASH-CC) and Village WASH Coordination Committee (V-WASH-CC) are key stakeholders in identifying priorities. The overall planning process follows the local self-governance act. The project follows a participatory, inclusive and gender-sensitive approach, supporting communities to move towards self-reliance and equitable outcomes.

The expected results of RWSSP-WN Phase II are:

- ◆ **Result 1 (Sanitation and Hygiene):** Access to sanitation and hygiene for all achieved and sustained in the project working districts. All districts declared Open Defecation Free.
- ◆ **Result 2 (Rural Water Supply):** Access to safe, functional and inclusive water supply services for all achieved and sustained in the project working VDCs. More than 100,000 people benefit.
- ◆ **Result 3 (Capacity Development):** Strengthened institutional capacity of the government bodies to plan, coordinate, support and monitor the implementation, operation and maintenance of sustainable water supply and sanitation services and practices.

RWSSP-WN works with 14 DDCs in Western and Mid Western Development Regions of Nepal. These are Baglung, Myagdi, Parbat, Syangja, Tanahun, Gulmi, Kapilvastu, Rupandehi, Nawalparasi and Pyuthan; Palpa, Argakhanchi, Rolpa and Mustang are supported for sanitation and hygiene only.

The Human Rights Based Approach (HRBA) and Gender Equality and Social Inclusion (GESI) Strategy was developed to integrate and mainstream these perspectives at all levels and activities. Key areas of change include:

- ◆ Increased representation and participation of women and disadvantaged groups in natural resource management and decision-making
- ◆ Equitable access of women and disadvantaged groups to project benefits and opportunities, including capacity building
- ◆ Improved services and social change

VDC-wide V-WASH Plans translate the principles of the human rights based approach into inclusive planning practice at local level. V-WASH Plans establish the present situation, a one year action plan and a five-year vision, and support the VDCs in prioritizing, planning and budgeting. The V-WASH-Plan is also a tool for both immediate disaster risk reduction and longer term climate change adaptation.

The Step-By-Step Approach guides multiple stakeholders through the individual water supply scheme-specific planning, implementation and post-construction steps. It translates the principles of good local water governance, GESI and HRBA into do-able real steps supported by extensive capacity building.

The technical menu of options include gravity-fed drinking water supply, lift schemes with solar or electrical pumps, rainwater harvesting, point source improvement, and recharge ponds.

Sanitation and hygiene are high on the agenda. Our purpose is to end open defecation in all working districts in a sustainable way. All districts, VDC by VDC, are declared Open Defecation Free (ODF). A post-ODF strategy is developed driving towards total sanitation.

RWSSP-WN provides a number of opportunities for learning-by-doing and skill development. The project also facilitates water quality testing, Water Safety Plans, arsenic mitigation in the Tarai, and watershed conservation.

