



Dear Valuable Readers,

As the second wave of COVID strikes again, I would request all our valuable readers, friends and family to stay safe and adopt all safety measures in combating COVID-19. Last year has been tough for all of us and taught us to be resilience, calm and positive. Hopefully the year 2021 (B.S. 2078) would bring us normalcy.

I am grateful to our teams in central and field level for continuously working towards leadership development program with rural communities during this challenging period amid COVID-19 pandemic. We physically attended the office from January 2021 onwards and also conducted some monitoring and evaluation field visit by the officials. Through successful coordination with our team members in field level, we conducted the following training in field level under Phase VII : 'Gender', 'Civic Education, Good Governance and Women's Rights', 'Basic training on Violence', 'Group Strengthening & Group Management', and 'EmCee and Coordination Skill Development'.

We are committed to work continuously towards the leadership development of the rural community. And on behalf of our team, would also like to wish all our readers **'Happy and Healthy Nepali New Year 2078'**.

I would also like to express our gratitude to 'Tewa' for making us part of 'One Billion Rise Garden Mela' and giving us a platform to display the organic and local product of Village Women's Group from Kavre, Lalitpur, Tanahu, Kapilvastu and Dadeldhura.

Kavita Gurung

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'One Billion Rising 2021: Rising Gardens Campaign'



What an experience to be the part of "One Billion Rising 2021: Rising Gardens Campaign" to RISE in honor and celebration of our women workers, and to create and grow RISING GARDENS. We participated in the Rising Gardens Mela on March 19 that was organized by the Tewa at Labim Mall, Pulchowk.

We displayed the local & organic products of Village Women's Group from Kavre, Lalitpur, Kapilvastu, Dadeldhura and Tanahu which is as follows:

- Seeds
- Pumpkin
- Spring Onion & Garlic
- Eco-friendly Sanitary Pad
- Wild Honey
- Mustard Honey
- Ginger
- Turmeric roots
- Compost Fertilizer
- Organic Green & Black Tea
- Ghee & Khuwa
- Incense
- Anadhi Rice
- Millet Flour
- Lokta paper



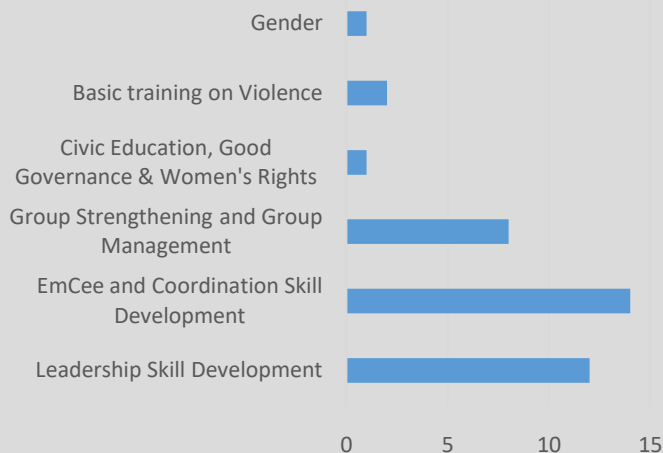
We would like to express our gratitude towards all the customers who genuinely shown interest and bought our products. We would also like to thanks to those who expressed their concern and advised us to reach out the larger market for the products of Village Women's Group.



List of trainings provided to VWGs between January to April, 2021



Training for VWGs



During this period, the MSBKN provided a total of 28 trainings to VWGs. The issues of the trainings are as follows:

- Leadership Skill Development (12)
- EmCee and Coordination Skill Development (4)
- Group Strengthening and Group Management (8)
- Civic Education, Good Governance & Women's Rights (1)
- Basic training on Violence (2)
- Gender (1)



Regular updates with Regional Coordinators and District Coordinators

A regular updates with Regional Coordinators and District Coordinators was conducted virtually on April 21, 2021; following officials attended the meeting :

Ms. Kavita Gurung, Executive Director
Ms. Sarmila Rai, Program Officer
Ms. Krishu Gauchan, Program Officer
Ms. Bipula Maharajan, Finance/Admn Officer
Ms. Srijana Pyakurel, Regional Coordinator
Ms. Bhumika Acharya, Regional Coordinator
Ms. Tara Khati, Regional Coordinator
Ms. Janaki Chaudhary, Regional Coordinator
Ms. Sarita Dulal, District Coordinator
Ms. Lila Maya Gauli, District Coordinator
Ms. Sita Shahi, District Coordinator
Ms. Sita Timilsina, District Coordinator

The RCs & DCs were consulted on regular issues such as using report format while submitting monthly meeting reports, communication channel in conveying messages from field level to central, administrative issues, coordination between field and central staff and financial issues . The RCs/DCs were also requested to pass on meeting updates with Core Leaders in field as well.

Monitoring Field visit by MSBKN officials:

The following officials conducted monitoring field visits during this period :

Ms. Sarmila Rai, PO

- Lalitpur - Jan 06
- Sindhupalchok - Jan 27-28
- Panchthar/ Taplejung - March 23-29

Ms. Krishu Gauchan, PO

- Tanahu - Jan 31-Feb 02
- Tanahu/Lamjung - April 15-20

Ms. Kalpana Acharya, Assistant Finance/Admn

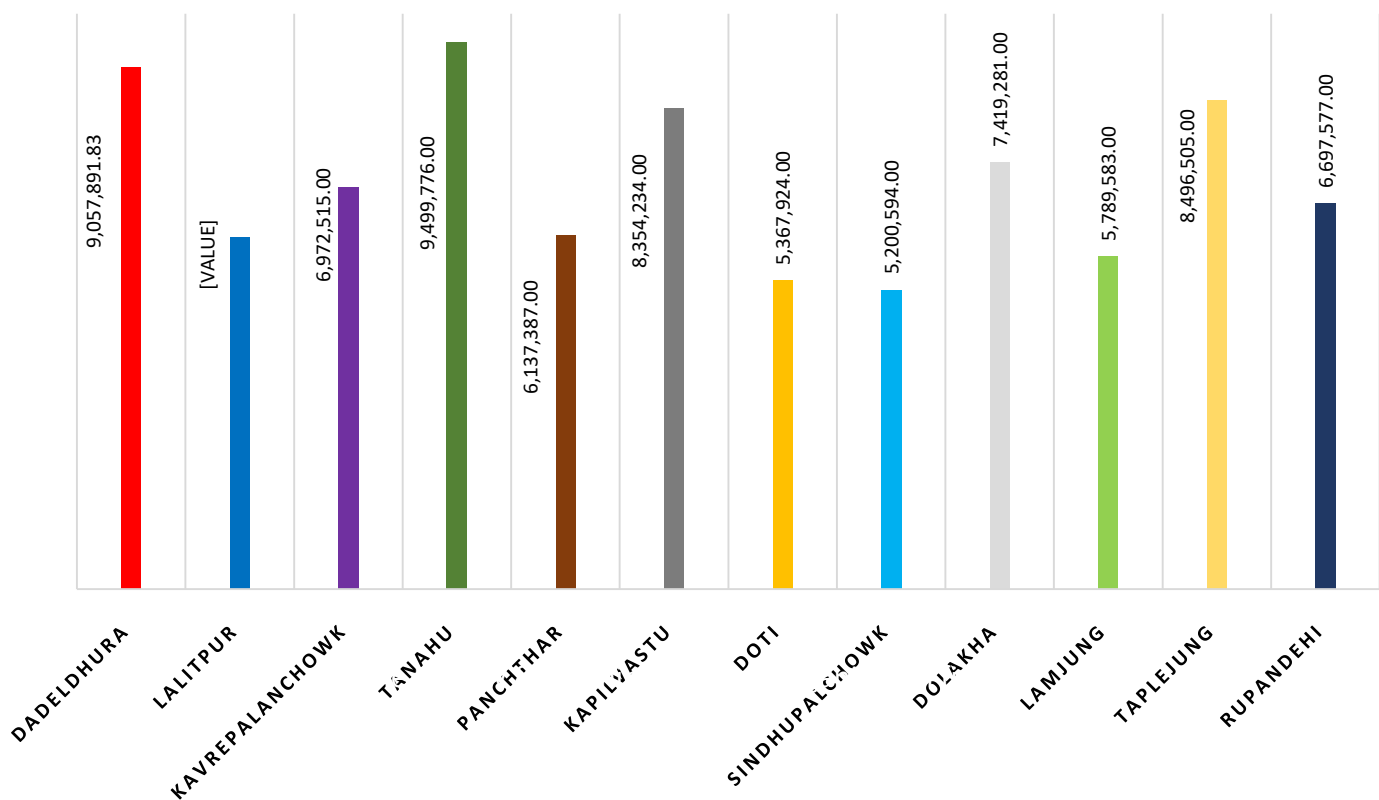
- Kapilvastu/ Rupandehi - April 18-21

The program team conducted monitoring field visit to observe training and monthly meeting in respective districts; whereas, the Finance/Admin Assistant accompanied Auditor in field visit. The auditors successfully completed field visit by observed the VWG meeting and interacted with the Regional Coordinator, Core Leaders and VWG members about the program and its benefits in Kapilvastu and Rupandehi districts.

The MSBKN was pleased to be the part of 'Deep Prajowal' – an annual fund-raising event hosted by TEWA on April 9, 2021.



Status of EEP Funds as on April 30, 2021 (Economic Empowerment Program)



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