

- Project:** Technical assistance (TA) services to WFP/RWEE programme
- Project area:** Rautahat, Sarlahi and Sindhuli districts
- Project Period:** March to October, 2016
- Target group:** 1,837 beneficiaries
- Partners:** World Food Programme
- Project goal:** Empower rural women to enhance their nutrition and food security, livelihoods and capacities for meaningful participation in local, regional and national forums, and to strengthen the capacity of government institutions, media and other stakeholders to address women's rights and participation as provisioned in national and international normative frameworks, including the recently adopted constitution.

Key activities and Implementation modalities

FORWARD Nepal with the financial support from WFP provided the technical assistance for the implementation of the Improved Nutrition and the cash for assets programmes, where nutrition component was integrated with women's reproductive health and nutrition. The project executed Cash for Assets (CfA) in joint collaboration of Ministry of Agriculture Development (MoAD), United Nations World Food Programme (UN WFP), FAO, and UN Women.

The key activities of the project mainly included design, estimate, and constructions of the productive assets as Agriculture Extension Service Center (CAESC), irrigation schemes, and fish ponds; direct cash distribution to the unskilled women workers; supplementary food support to pregnant and lactating women and children of 6-13 months; trainings on various issues as Ante-Natal Care (ANC), Post-Natal Care (PNC), growth monitoring and nutrition counseling on Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF)/Maternal and Infant Young Child Nutrition (MIYCN).

Major Achievements

- Constructed three CAESC buildings, 74 small scale irrigation schemes (gravity flow, shallow tube well, and deep boring types) and 17 fish ponds with the involvement of women own user's committees
- A total of NPR 14,143,750 cash distributed to the beneficiaries (installment basis) as per the cash for work rules
- On an average, 180 number of pregnant, 264 number of lactating mothers, 299 number of 6-23 months' girls and 301 number of 6-23 months' boys received supplementary food 'super cereal'.
- Group level trainings were facilitated on various issues like Ante-Natal Care (ANC), Post-Natal Care (PNC), growth monitoring and nutrition counseling on Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF)/Maternal and Infant Young Child Nutrition (MIYCN)

Impact

The project contributed to the direct employment generation to the women beneficiaries, increased availability of productive structures and piloting of Agriculture Development Strategy (ADS) by constructing model CAESC, and MCHN support.
