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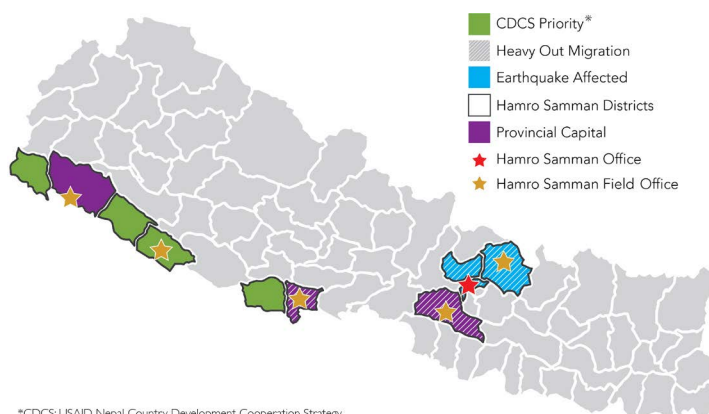
Partnerships to Combat Human Trafficking in Nepal

Trafficking-in-Persons (TIP) is a complex problem that requires multi-stakeholder, multi-disciplinary solutions. Nepal is a source, transit, and destination country for human trafficking for sexual exploitation, forced labor and organ removal. Some studies have estimated that a quarter of a million Nepalis are in forced labor or other forms of trafficking at any given time, with millions more vulnerable due to poverty, lack of employment and other livelihood opportunities, and a lack of information about trafficking and services for victims and survivors.

The *Hamro Samman* Activity, which means “Our Dignity” in Nepali, is generously supported by the American and British people through USAID and UK aid and implemented by Winrock International. It builds upon other programs to support and leverage the efforts of Government of Nepal, civil society, and the private sector to counter trafficking-in-persons in Nepal.

GEOGRAPHIC FOCUS

Hamro Samman targets three provinces, ten districts and 36 local governments to implement activities that generate scalable solutions for replication in other districts. These areas include: Province 3 - Makwanpur, Nuwakot, Sindhupalchowk, and Kathmandu; Province 5 – Rupendehi, Kapilbastu, Banke, and Bardiya; and Province 7 – Kailali and Kanchanpur.



*CDCS: USAID Nepal Country Development Cooperation Strategy

OBJECTIVES

Using the “4P” framework—Prevention, Protection, Prosecution, and Partnership—the five-year, \$14m *Hamro Samman* Activity brings together various stakeholders and implementing partners to reduce the prevalence of trafficking-in-persons through three objectives:

1. Strengthen federal, provincial and local Government of Nepal (GON) efforts to combat human trafficking
2. Improve Civil Society Organization (CSO) advocacy and engagement to address human trafficking
3. Increase private sector partnerships to serve trafficking survivors and at-risk populations

USING INTERNATIONAL BEST PRACTICE TO INFORM TIP RESPONSE IN NEPAL

Hamro Samman will leverage USAID's extensive work in Counter Trafficking-in-Persons (CTIP) programming in Asia and UK aid's growing anti-modern slavery portfolio to inform interventions by sharing innovations and global best practices. These include:

- » a \$3m Scale and Sustainability Fund (SSF) for grants to support stakeholders and activities;
- » demand-driven capacity development that allows stakeholders to map organizational and technical capacity needs and procure assistance to meet those needs;
- » innovative ICT solutions to help stakeholders disseminate prevention and protection information, measure TIP prevalence, track prosecution of cases, monitor labor recruitment, evaluate service delivery; and
- » partnership-building by helping government, civil society, and private sector stakeholders align goals on CTIP, build mutual ownership of interventions, and create scalable solutions
- » action research using mixed-method techniques and research scholar program to map trends in priority sectors, enable collaborating, learning and adapting, inform policy and programming, improve the knowledge base on TIP, and support learning among the CTIP community.

STRATEGIC APPROACH

Hamro Samman will achieve the objectives through a strategic approach that will:

- » institutionalize linkages between federal, provincial and local level government, civil society, and private sector stakeholders by strengthening government coordination between national and sub-national stakeholders and strengthening civil society networks
- » technical, advocacy and service delivery partnerships with civil society organizations including AATWIN, AMKAS, CeLRRd, FWLD, LACC, Maiti Nepal, NBI, NNSM, PPR, PNCC, SAN, Saathi, Shakti Samuha, Biswas Nepal, SAFAL Partners P. Ltd., Rojgari Services P. Ltd.
- » leverage private sector partnerships



SUPPORTING PARTNERS TO STRENGTHEN TIP SERVICES

By the end of the project in July 2022, *Hamro Samman* aims to achieve the following results:

Legislative and policy framework strengthened

Committees to Control Human Trafficking at local, provincial and federal level strengthened to collect and use trafficking data for better policy, enforcement and services

Knowledge of what works and what does not to reduce human trafficking increased by action research

At-risk individuals reached with anti-TIP information through media campaigns

Better quality, survivor-informed services delivered by Government, CSO and private sector

Number of TIP cases identified increased

CSO capacity improved for advocacy and engagement on CTIP

Private sector partnerships increased to provide services and referrals through TIP networks

Entrepreneurial skills and employment opportunities increased for at-risk individuals