



Awareness Rally

Diversity / Inclusiveness in the organization			
	In GA	In EC	Staff
Women	16	4	14
Dalits	11	1	9
Adibasi Janajatis	12	3	13
Madhesi	12	3	8
Others	18	5	12
Differently able	1	-	-
Total	41	9	34
	Volunteers		60

Expected outputs

SAMAGRA has prepared a 15 years vision, out of which, a five year detailed strategic and operational plan has been formulated incorporating the lessons from the past experience/gaps/constraints encountered, coordinating the interests/missions of local stakeholders (SFs) and taking into account the present context. SAMAGRA has envisioned to expand its two-pronged development approach (i.e. rights-based empowerment combined with livelihood empowerment) implemented through SFs.

Following six outputs have been expected from the proposed activities to fulfill the above objectives

1. SFs are doing monitoring of human rights and advocacy campaigns for the fulfillment of these rights.
2. SAMAGRA is institutionally strengthened, contributing to effective empowerment of men and women (organizing, awareness raising, mobilizing) to claim and exercise their rights.
3. SFs are using the acquired non-violence and peaceful ways of addressing grievances and social harmony has been promoted.
4. Self-reliant community-based institutions (Social Families) are coordinating and mobilizing local resources.
5. Communities are undertaking their own micro-business based on the acquired skills and vocational training.
6. The quality of lives of communities has improved following the construction/renovation of infrastructure/public services and environment conservation.

SAMAGRA's grass-roots level partners / networks mobilized through Regional offices, district offices and 60 volunteers

- ▶ 516 Social Families & 911 IGGs (being converted to SFs) with more than 50,000 HHs
- ▶ 42 Cooperatives (7 Women cooperatives)
- ▶ 6 District Social Families (registered in concerned districts)
- ▶ Networking/alliance with other organizations,

In addition to the local supporting partners Lamjung DDC / LGCDP, PAF, etc., SAMAGRA's current international strategic partners are DanidaHUGOU and Practical Action. Other international partners which supported in the past were USAID, GTZ, ActionAid and CCO.

Some examples of key-achievements

Advocacy to fulfill human rights & campaign against violation

- ▶ More than 26,000 individuals obtained citizenship certificates
- ▶ More than 6,000 dalit/janajati children enrolled in schools & more than 6,000 got scholarships
- ▶ Empowered SFs, with one time Rs. 10 million investment, tapped the resources equivalent to Rs.60 million - (1:6)
- ▶ Change of attitude / response of duty bearers towards general people & service delivery
- ▶ 71 cases of actions taken / monitoring (in addition to regular monitoring within SFs at the local level)

Political empowerment of Dalits , Janajatis and other marginalized people

- ▶ 1 dalit woman – the member of SF and other 5 women indirectly benefiting from SAMAGRA's program were elected/nominated as CA members & 600 SF members have become local level leaders holding different positions.

Conflict transformation/ peace building at local level

- ▶ Training to 324 Persons & 180 conflict transformation trainers in SF levels
- ▶ 226 cases of conflicts resolved at SF level
- ▶ Exposure visits of Terai and hills SFs promoting cohesion / harmony between Madhesi and Pahade.
- ▶ More than 10,000 HHs of about 500 SFs are practicing social harmony / cohesion, helping as peace agents.

Organizational development and Local resource mobilization

- ▶ 42 cooperatives formed/trained & mobilizing local resources
- ▶ Central revolving fund of Rs. 10 millions and local revolving fund of Rs. 30 millions – have been mobilized in SFs/IGGs.

Livelihood enhancement

- ▶ More than 2,000 people (25% women) trained and 60% of them employed.

Rural Infrastructure & Environment Conservation

- ▶ 92 km of mule trails constructed in northern Gorkha based on labour intensive and green road concept
- ▶ 47 Km of green road constructed in Gorkha
- ▶ 135 drinking water schemes, 37 school buildings, 45 community buildings, 3 microhydro, 7 suspension bridges, etc.
- ▶ Community forests, trees plantation, flood protection

Social Family (SF)

Social Families are **cohesive and inclusive** community groups of poorest/marginalized and excluded communities, comprising largely Dalits / Janajatis and indigenous communities, engaged in all round empowerment activities aiming at collective betterment of the group members. Unlike the traditional "groups" formed



Trail with mules

by various government human rights / development agencies and NGOs, which tend to focus on specific and micro-thematic development areas ignoring or undermining other aspects of life, the members of **Social Families**, like extended family members in a particular VDC, are emotionally attached to one other and share one-others' joys and sorrows. **Social Families** work together to address multiple dimensions of day-to-day life and function as socio-economic capital in the respective communities. The SFs are based on, and function as a trust, where every member is a trustee. Thus SFs act as a unique entity (both target and medium) in the grass-roots level to protect/claim/exercise all the three generations of human rights.

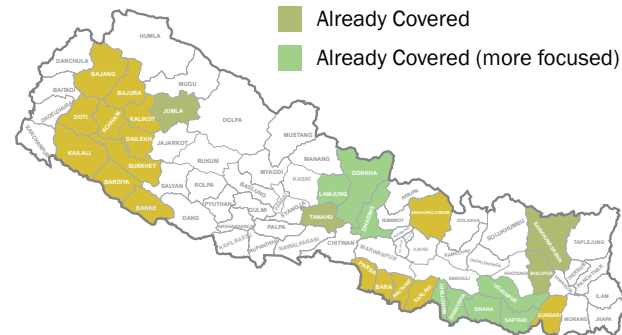
There will be one **"District Social Family"** registered in each district which will be launching empowerment / development activities within the districts independently through SFs in the VDCs. The district SFs are affiliated to SAMAGRA and institutionalized to adhere to SAMAGRA's philosophy and methodology of overall empowerment/development. SAMAGRA has also adopted cooperative movement as one of the components of its campaign. All the SFs in each VDC form and run a cooperative or get affiliated with the existing cooperative which will help them strengthen SF's concept of cooperation within the community. They will act as a legally registered local financial institution for mobilizing local financial resources and will help SF members meet their enhanced individual financial need.

Five-Year Strategic Plan

A five year detailed Strategic and Operational Plan (StOP) 2009-13 has been formulated incorporating the lessons from the past experience / gaps / constraints encountered, along with the interests/missions of local stakeholders (SFs) and taking into account the present context. Present program activities are as per the strategic plan.

Programme Covered Districts

- To be covered in five years
- Already Covered
- Already Covered (more focused)



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 Marginalized People
 through**

Social Families

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Bee-keeping training

SAMAGRA (Holistic Development Service Centre) is a non-profit organization of Nepal whose long term vision centers around a self reliant, development oriented and dynamic society, ensuring human rights to every individual. It has underlined the mission to empower the marginalized and the absolute poor communities through the promotion of socio-economic and human capital adopting good governance, to claim and exercise their rights. The approach aims at political and socio-economic empowerment of the target people for their self-reliant all-round development through the formation and empowerment of **"Social Families (SFs)"** organized amongst the rural communities under the support / inspiration of SAMAGRA field level staff, who, with the help of professionals, impart with relevant need- based skills, knowledge and information to the concerned people.

To that end, SAMAGRA's promoters had successfully experimented its holistic development approach in Bagale village of Jhadeba, VDC (where majority of the people consist of Dalits, Janjatis, indigeneous communities including other poorest vulnerable people) in Palpa district as far back as in 1985, at the time when the whole concept/practice of NGO was quite new in Nepal.

In May 4, 1996, SAMAGRA was registered in Kathmandu District Administration office and affiliated to Social Welfare Council. Now it has six "District Social Families" registered in six respective districts: Siraha, Saptari and Udaypur, Dhading, Gorkha and Lamjung and has district office along with regular staff and part time volunteers in each of these districts. In addition to these, SAMAGRA's program covers additional six districts: Bhojpur, Shankuwashabha, Dhanusha, Mahotari, Tanahu and Jumla and has a target to cover additional 13 districts in middle Terai and mid-western region in the next five years and all 75 districts in the next 15 years.

The **development objective** is to empower the excluded/ marginalized communities including Dalits, Janajatis, Madhesis, indigenous people and others so that they will be enjoying their rights and are securing better livelihoods with dignity in an environment of peace.