

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Hamro Sampada

STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY-BASED ADAPTATION AND AGRO-BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION

PROJECT GOAL

Improve the functioning and resilience of the ecosystem in the Lamjung and Gorka districts of Nepal.

Low production and productivity of agricultural crops in Ajirkot and Dudhpokhari Rural Municipalities in Nepal is putting pressure to expand farming to forest areas – leading to deforestation and biodiversity loss. Lutheran World Relief and Multi-Dimensional Action for Development (MADE) are collaborating on the Hamro Sampada (“our natural resources”) project to address various pressures on local forests and biodiversity, including degraded agricultural land, monoculture, overgrazing and lack of knowledge among farmers of climate smart agricultural practices and biodiversity conservation. The Hamro Sampada project will improve the functioning and resilience of the ecosystem in Nepal’s Dudhpokhari, Lamjung district and Ajirkot, Gorkha district, both of which were heavily affected by the 2015 Nepal earthquake. The project promotes locally appropriate, low-cost and low-maintenance approaches that communities can apply with their existing resources.

Lutheran World Relief has worked in Nepal since 2009, reaching indigenous, Dalit and marginalized communities with programs in agriculture and food security, climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction, and humanitarian assistance. Our holistic approach — which includes gender equity and opportunities for youth — helps communities to build the resilience they need to thrive.



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EXPECTED RESULTS

- **4 target communities** trained on biodiversity and climate monitoring in their forests
- **100 people** trained on forest management and watershed conservation
- **5 local experts** in climate smart agriculture, biodiversity and conservation equipped to support communities in the region after project completion
- **2 forest nurseries** established to produce/distribute at least 5,000 forest tree saplings
- **2 hectares of forest land** re-planted
- **4 hectares of forest** land reclaimed through improved maintenance
- **8 community forest user groups** established or strengthened, each with their own community forest management plans
- **400 farmers** trained on preservation and multiplication of endangered seed varieties
- **325 farmers** trained on organic farming, integrated pest management and integrated nutrient management practices
- **2 hectares** of grass/pastureland improved with the planting of grass seed
- **150 farmers** provided with forage crop saplings for feeding their livestock

The Corus Effect

Lutheran World Relief works in concert with Corus International, an ensemble of global leaders in international development and humanitarian assistance. In addition to Lutheran World Relief, the Corus subsidiaries include global public health agency IMA World Health, U.K.-based technology for development company CGA Technologies, impact investing firm Ground Up Investing, and direct trade company Farmers Market Brands.

We operate as permanent partners, integrating expertise, disciplines, approaches and resources to overcome global health challenges, develop productive and stable economies, improve resilience in the face of climate change, and respond to natural disasters and humanitarian crises.

