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# Innovations in Project Implementation for Enhanced Project Sustainability



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As part of the Nepal Earthquake Response rehabilitation phase, World Vision International Nepal (WVIN) is currently implementing the Nepal Earthquake Response Project (NERP) with funding from Global Affairs Canada. WVIN has endeavored to ensure that sustainability issues are central in the programming model adopted for the activities. This has been achieved by the development and implementation of a number of innovations centred on the 4 pillars of sustainability (economic, environmental, cultural/social, and technical) whose thrust is to ensure that project outcomes are sustained beyond the project implementation period.

### **Integrated Approach**

WVIN has also ensured that sustainability in the NERP activities and that integration of activities is optimised in a mutually re-enforcing manner which contributes to sustainability. For example, entrepreneurship trainings were used to target existing project beneficiaries (vocational trainees, savings group members, producer groups and Income Generation Activities (IGA) supported beneficiaries). Furthermore, the savings group methodology was promoted to other project beneficiaries (vocational trainees, IGA support and producer groups).



### **Environmental Sustainability**

WVIN has ensured that environmental sustainability is mainstreamed across all the NERP activities by ensuring that NERP activities mitigate and do not contribute to environmental degradation. In line with this environmental sustainability issues were discussed during the community consultations and interactions with all potential beneficiaries. Vulnerable households receiving agro-input support where the beneficiaries were sensitised on the use of environmental friendly inputs which include the use of improved local varieties of seeds, use of bio-fertilisers, bio-pesticides, integrated pest management and use of improved breeds of livestock. Priority was given to the promotion of environmentally friendly income generating activities/enterprises. Environmental



issues were also prioritised during infrastructure constructions for example Environmental Impact Assessments were conducted before any works could commence. The rehabilitated structure has also contributed to sustainability of other activities (such as agro-input distributions) by reducing vulnerability to landslides and flooding.

## Economic Sustainability

WVIN has also ensured economic sustainability among target NERP beneficiaries by facilitating the establishment of income generation activities through cash grant support to help the beneficiaries start/ expand their business. The project has also supported vulnerable community members with high quality environmentally sustainable agricultural inputs which will be expected to increase production and household income. Furthermore, the project has also facilitated the transfer of skills and knowledge (vocational, entrepreneurship and farming as a business training) which will be expected to contribute to increased household incomes in sustainable by increasing the ability of target communities to take advantage of both formal and non-formal employment opportunities. The savings groups were also registered in District Agriculture Development Committee and District Livestock Service Office such that they receive subsidy from the respective line agencies which ensures economic sustainability of the groups.



## Technical Sustainability

In order to ensure technical sustainability in NERP, WVIN ensured the participation of both right holders and duty bearers to ensure sustainability of the project in the long run. The quality of the technical training was ensured by hiring qualified trainers using standard curriculum designed by Council for Technical Education and Vocational Training, Small Cottage Industry, District Agriculture Development Committee and District Livestock Service Office. For certified vocational trainings the beneficiaries underwent skills test which will enhance the ability of trainees to engage in formal employment. In order to enhance technical sustainability all trainees (vocational and farming as business) received start-up kits and agricultural input support respectively.



## Social Sustainability

NERP ensured social sustainability by working with and through existing local and government structures. For example, the capacity of producer groups was strengthened in order to increase sustainable production and increase household income security. NERP also contributed to social sustainability by ensuring that rehabilitation projects were implemented through local structures i.e. user committees while also strengthening Disaster Risk Reduction committees hence contributing to resilience through enhanced community based disaster management. Duty bearers like District Agriculture Development Committee, District Livestock Service Office, and District Coordination Committee, ward chairperson, political parties and right holders (beneficiaries) were consulted and held accountable before implementation of any of the activities to ensure technical sustainability of NERP activities.

