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# Annual Report



# 30 Years of Resilience



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## About Shakti Samuha

In 1996, 500 girls, Nepalese, Indian, and Bangladeshi, were rescued from Mumbai's brothels by the Maharashtra Government. Due to lack of citizenship documents and fears of HIV/AIDS, the Nepalese government refused to repatriate its citizens, leaving them confined in a remand home for six months under harsh conditions.

Seven Nepali NGOs, ABC Nepal, Maiti Nepal, CWIN, WOREC, Nav Jyoti Kendra, Street Shakti, and Shanti Rehabilitation Centre, intervened and brought the girls back to Nepal. However, they faced rejection from families and communities, and were further stigmatized by the media. A transformative training organized by WOREC led 15 of these survivors to form an informal group, Shakti Samuha, meaning "Group of Power" to fight human trafficking. Despite societal barriers, they continued their efforts, gaining support from AATWIN and a donor, Lin Chu from Hong Kong. The group faced challenges registering as an NGO due to citizenship issues. With support from WOREC, they officially registered in 2000, becoming the world's first organization established and run by trafficking survivors.

Today, Shakti Samuha empowers survivors through employment, advocacy, and collaboration, playing a key role in shaping anti-trafficking policies in Nepal. Shakti has reached most of the vulnerable communities, educated communities and contributed in vital policies reform.

### **Vision**

- Trafficking survivors will be empowered to lead a dignified life in society.

### **Mission**

-Ensuring & protecting the rights of survivors (women & children) through organizing awareness campaigns, session and empowering themselves.

### **Values**

- Trafficking survivors should have the same rights and freedoms as any other member of society.
- Trafficking survivors should lead the movement against trafficking, ensuring their own rights and those of others.
- No member of Shakti Samuha shall be discriminated against in their service to the organization.

## Goals

The goal of Shakti Samuha is to establish a progressive society, devoid of trafficking and other kinds of violence against women.

## Objectives

1. To promote the belief that survivors have the right to live freely and with dignity in society.
2. To transform the perception of people towards human trafficking survivors and provide conceptual clarity.
3. To create income-generating and skills-based programs that support trafficking survivors in achieving independent and sustainable livelihoods.
4. To advocate and lobby for legal reforms, organize awareness campaigns, and collaborate with stakeholders to prevent trafficking and protect vulnerable and marginalized community.
5. To provide safe housing, emergency support, legal aid, employment assistance, counseling, and long-term reintegration support for trafficking survivors.
6. To maintain updated records of trafficking survivors, enhance staff capacity, and ensure the effective. Implementation of programs.
7. To coordinate with local, national, and international organizations, monitor rehabilitation efforts, and safeguard the rights of survivors of human trafficking.



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## ***Shakti Samuha: Power Led by Survivors***

Shakti Samuha is a pioneering organization in the global fight against human trafficking, the first in the world to be established and led entirely by survivors of trafficking themselves. Born out of personal struggle and resilience, Shakti Samuha is not just an NGO, it is a powerful movement of empowerment, justice, and transformation.

The core strength of Shakti Samuha lies in its survivor-led leadership, which brings unparalleled authenticity, insight, and commitment to every initiative. The voices that once went unheard are now leading change, developing solutions, advocating for policy reforms, and supporting others on the path to recovery and empowerment. Operating as a dedicated, issue-focused organization, Shakti Samuha has become a recognized national leader in anti-trafficking efforts in Nepal. The organization works at the grassroots and policy levels, rescuing and rehabilitating survivors, raising awareness in vulnerable communities, strengthening legal frameworks, and collaborating with stakeholders to dismantle the systems that perpetuate exploitation.

What makes Shakti Samuha truly extraordinary is its ability to transform pain into power. It stands as a beacon of hope, showing the world that survivors are not victims, they are leaders, advocates, and change-makers. Their lived experiences fuel a relentless commitment to ensuring that no one else has to endure what they did.

### **Board members of Shakti Samuha**

***Ms. Natisara Rai: President***

***Ms. Sunita Gahatraj: Vice-President***

***Ms. Muna Tamang: Secretary***

***Ms. Rina B.K.: Treasurer***

***Ms. Rudra Kumari: Member***

***Ms. Ranju Kumari Bal: Member***

***Ms. Mina Kumal: Member***

## Our Recognition and reach...

### Awards/Honor

- Honored from the Nepal Government on 1st National day against Human Trafficking in 2007
- Hero Acting to End Modern Day Slavery Award (Personal) 2011
- Ramon Magsaysay Award in 2013
- French Republic Human Rights Award- 2015
- Dayaram Pariyar Memorial Human Rights Award (personal), 2016
- NGO Challenge Award- Faridabad, Haryana, India, 2017
- National Human Rights Award 2078
- *Janasewa Maanpadavi*- 2017
- *Shantadevi Laxmi Award*.....

### Networking and Affiliations

#### International:

- Global Alliance against Trafficking in Women (GAATW)
- ECPAT International
- Human Rights Treaty Monitoring Coordination Center (HRTMCC)

#### National:

- National Committee to Combat Human Trafficking (NCCHT)
- National Youth Council
- District Committee to Combat Human Trafficking (DCCHT)
- Local Committee to Combat Human Trafficking (LCCHT)
- One Stop Crisis Management Centre (OCMC)
- Non-Government Organization (NGO) Federation
- Alliance Against Trafficking in Women and Children in Nepal (AATWIN)
- Social Protection Civil Society Network (SPCSN)
- National Alliance of Women Human Right Defender



Shakti Samuha awarded with Shanta Devi Laxmi Award on the occasion of 17<sup>th</sup> National Human Rights Day 2082 (77<sup>th</sup> International Human Rights Day (2025))

## Thematic areas



## Partner Agencies and Programs

Partner	Project
<b>Nepal Government (MoWCSC)</b>	<b>Rehabilitation Center, Sindhupalchok</b>
	<b>School For Justice</b>
<b>Free A Girl</b>	<b>Down To Zero</b>
<b>Ecpat Luxembourg</b>	<b>Mukti South Asia</b>
<b>The Asis Foundation</b>	<b>Formative Research on Child Trafficking in Nepal</b>
<b>Child Rescue Nepal</b>	<b>Jasmine Home, Safe Home</b>
<b>New Community Project</b>	<b>Empowering Survivors: Self-assurance, Self-confidence and Self-reliance</b>
<b>Our Rescue</b>	<b>Comprehensive support to curb human trafficking in Nepal</b>
<b>Family and Friends project</b>	<b>Education Support for Survivors</b>
<b>Pranik Healing</b>	

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## Prevention

12  
Workshops

118  
Orientation Programs

36  
Livelihood Support

3  
Cross Border Interaction Program

8 Capacity  
Development

10  
Awareness  
Program

518 Legal Counseling  
and Support

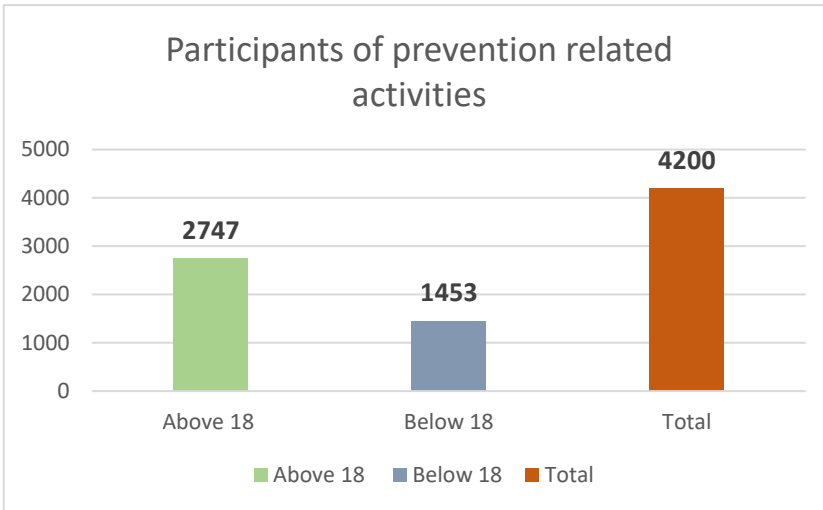
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Interception at Nepal-  
India border

518  
Education Support

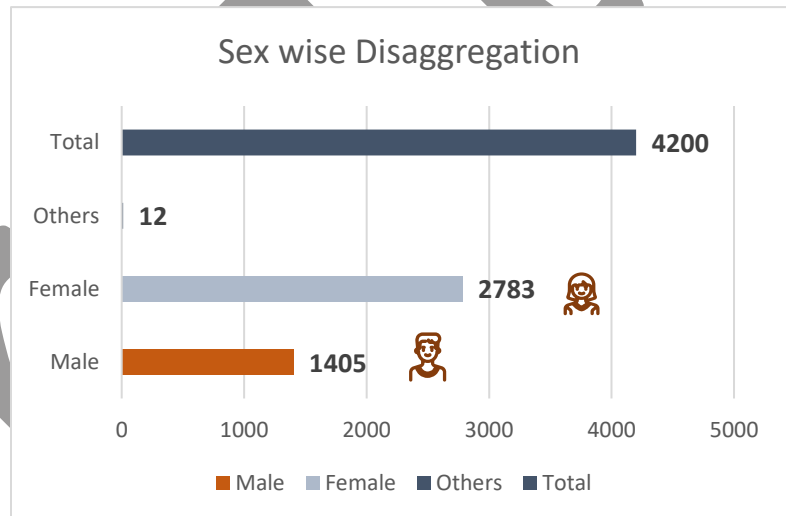


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## Disaggregation of participants in Prevention related activities

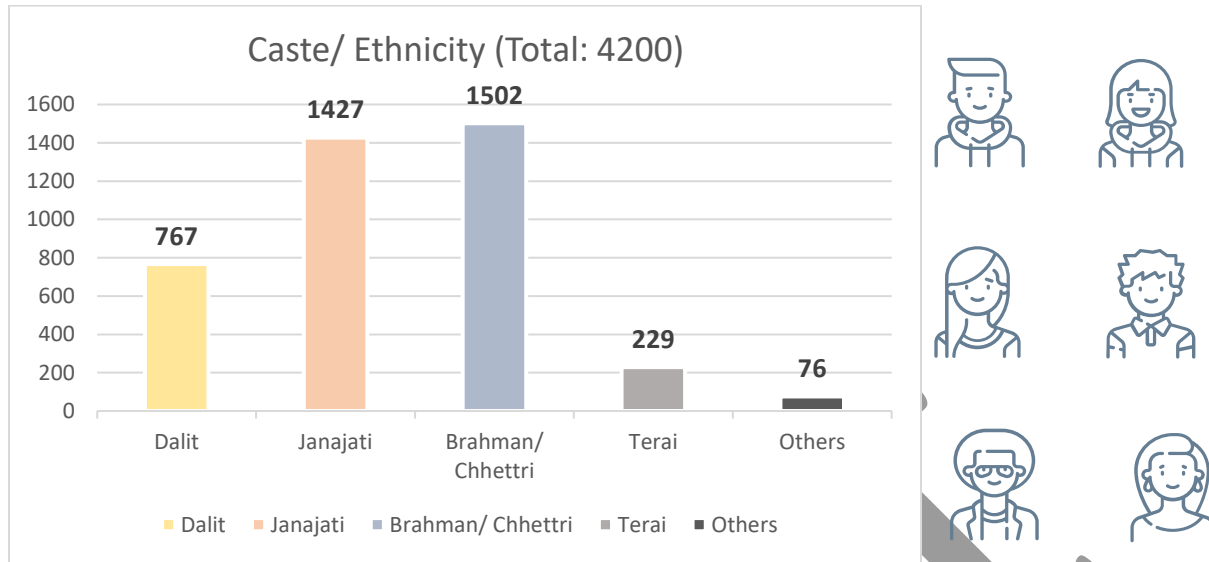


A total of 4200 individuals (beneficiaries, stakeholders and general population) participated in various prevention related activities.



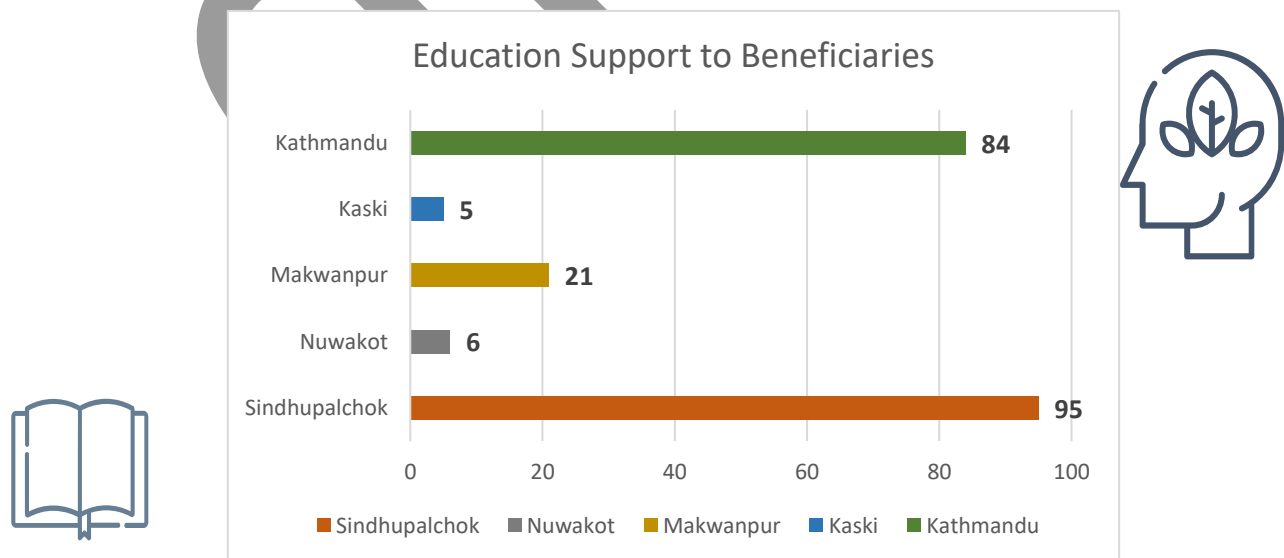
*In total, 4,200 individuals participated in prevention-related activities, including 1,453 children. The participants represented a diverse demographic profile, with 1,405 males and 2,783 females. The strong participation of women and girls reflects targeted outreach efforts aimed at engaging those who are often disproportionately affected by protection risks. The significant inclusion of children further underscores the program's emphasis on early prevention, awareness-raising, and the promotion of safe behaviors at the community level. These activities contributed to strengthening community knowledge, enhancing protective attitudes, and fostering shared responsibility for prevention.*

### Caste and Ethnicity wise disaggregation



A total of 767 Dalits and 1,427 Janajati individuals participated in prevention-related activities, reflecting a deliberate focus on engaging marginalized and historically excluded communities. These groups often face heightened vulnerability due to social discrimination, economic exclusion, and limited access to information and services. By prioritizing the participation of Dalit and Janajati communities, the interventions aimed to promote inclusive awareness-raising, strengthen community-level protection mechanisms, and ensure that prevention messages reached those most at risk.

### Beneficiaries receiving Education Support





Education Support  
(bag, stationery,  
water bottle, lunch  
box) provided to  
needy children

Why is access to social protection services crucial for trafficking survivors?  
This episode explores Nepal's recent social security provisions, the real challenges survivors face in accessing these services, and the role of the Social Security Fund—while amplifying stories of survivor empowerment.... See more



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**No More Trafficking + Urmila Shrestha + 5 others.**

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Television new episode with Ambika Hum again on the topic of " how people are getting into Human Trafficking due to lack of education and ... See more



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Participation of beneficiaries in raising awareness about human trafficking, its issues and dimensions: Survivors conducting talk shows involving vital government/ non-government representatives

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## Protection

Shakti Samuha has been operating shelters, transit homes and half way homes based on the Rehabilitation Center Operation Manual 2068 B.S of Nepal Government where Shakti Samuha provides pre -rescue investigation, rescue, rehabilitation and reintegration services.



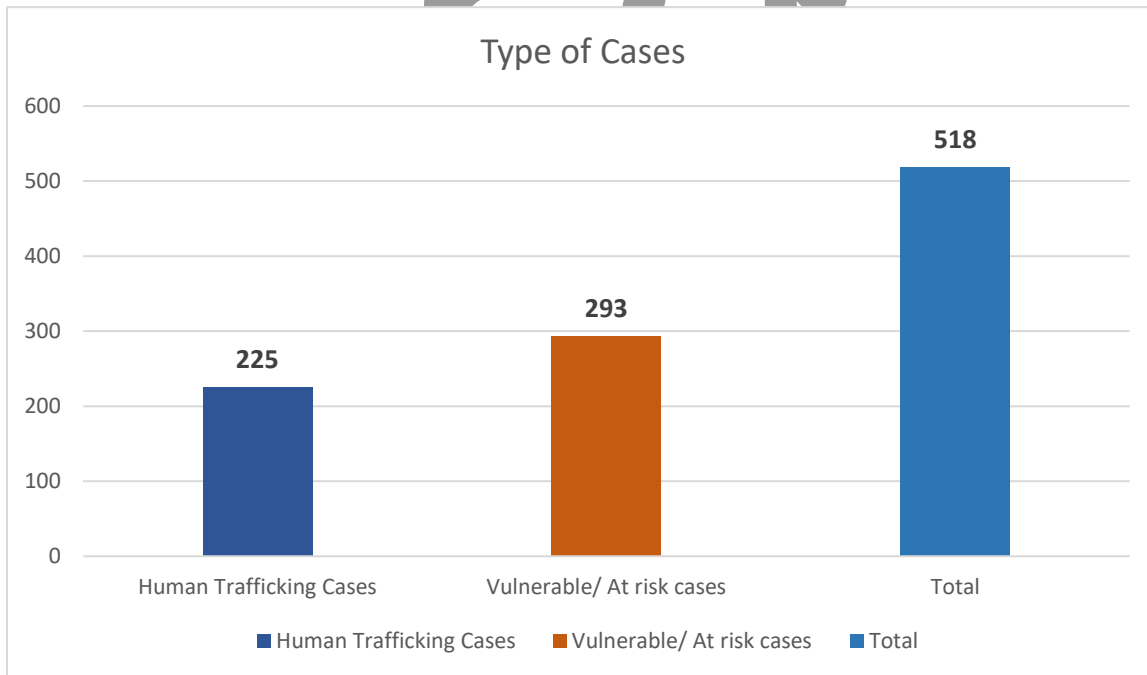
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## Shelter homes of Shakti Samuha

1. *Rehabilitation Center, Sindhupalchok (Nepal Government)*
2. *Safe Home, Kathmandu*
3. *Half Way Home, Kathmandu*
4. *School for Justice, Kathmandu*
5. **Emergency Protection Center, Kathmandu**
6. *Transit Home, Nepalgunj*



## Type of Cases in Shelter Homes of Shakti Samuha



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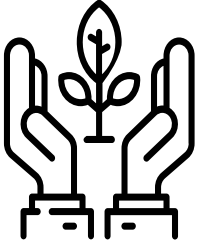
# 475 reintegration



beneficiaries were successfully reintegrated into their families, receiving support to reestablish their lives within their communities. This process included psychosocial counseling, family mediation, and follow-up monitoring to ensure that the survivors could live safely, with dignity, and without fear of stigma or discrimination. Reintegration efforts also focused on restoring social connections, access to education or livelihood opportunities, and awareness-raising among family members to provide a supportive environment for long-term recovery

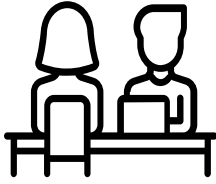
beneficiaries were referred to other specialized organizations to access a range of services according to their individual needs ensuring that each survivor received comprehensive and appropriate support beyond the scope of the primary program

**19** referrals



**18**  
case  
filed

Cases were formally filed with the appropriate legal authorities to ensure accountability and justice for the survivors. These legal actions aimed at holding perpetrators responsible, protecting the rights of victims, and initiating proceedings in accordance with the law



✓ Psychosocial Counseling provided to **518** beneficiaries

✓ Health Support provided to **313** beneficiaries

✓ Legal Counseling provided to **518** beneficiaries

✓ Schools Support provided to **36** beneficiaries



✓ Informal Education to **25** beneficiaries



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## Capacity Building

Among the key issues addressed by the organization, capacity development is another important area. In particular, the organization has been implementing capacity-building programs to empower individuals affected by human trafficking, enabling them to live a dignified life in society and to ensure their rights.



	Organizational policies reformed and developed	3
	International visits of staff and beneficiaries	5
	Thematic trainings provided to beneficiaries	50
	Beauty Parlor trainings provided to beneficiaries	171
	Good Parenting training provided to	46
	Psychosocial counseling training provided to beneficiaries	15

### Organizational

- ♣ **Management Committee meetings: 4**
- ♣ **Executive Committee meetings: 12**
- ♣ **Existing policies in the organization: 14**



## Livelihood

The organization has been providing income-generation support to enable affected individuals to sustain their livelihoods with self-respect and dignity.

Number of beneficiaries receiving income-generation support: 36 individuals, through Goat rearing, lemon saplings distribution, incense business, beauty parlour, grocery shop, tailoring and knitting, garment business, and dairy businesses.



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## Advocacy

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Interaction with Provincial Governments

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Interaction program conducted with the parliamentary committee, Members of Parliament, and the Office of the Government Attorney under the Government of Nepal to formulate necessary policies for ensuring the rights of survivors of human trafficking and for effective rescue and repatriation.

1

Consultative workshop on cross-border human trafficking issues for the reduction of human trafficking.

1

program with judges to enhance access to justice for survivors of human trafficking



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Bilateral Consultation between the Government Officials and Civil Society Representatives from Nepal and India to effectively address child sex trafficking in the source and destination countries in Delhi

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## ***Problems and Challenges***



- Changing patterns of human trafficking.
- Lack of sensitivity among service provider organizations regarding the confidentiality of survivors.
- Insufficient social protection mechanisms to ensure effective family and social reintegration of survivors.
- Greater emphasis by local governments on visible/programmatic activities rather than awareness-raising initiatives.
- Lack of district-level facilities for mental health treatment for residents of rehabilitation centers and newly admitted beneficiaries, including the absence of necessary medicines and treatment services.
- Threats and intimidation by traffickers/intermediaries directed at survivors, their families, and staff members of organizations.



## *Learnings*

- ✓ Regular monitoring and inspection by responsible government authorities are required to ensure dignity in the entertainment and hospitality sectors and to safeguard the security of workers employed in these sectors.
- ✓ There is a need for an integrated management system for data related to human trafficking.
- ✓ Combining awareness-raising programs with economic empowerment initiatives enhances effectiveness in risk reduction.
- ✓ Ensuring sustainability and local ownership by implementing programs through continuous coordination, collaboration, and partnership with local governments.
- ✓ Mobilizing local-level organizations, child clubs, and youth as change agents to carry out anti-human trafficking actions and awareness programs will be more effective.



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## ***Achievements***

- ✓ Provincial-level networks of survivors of human trafficking have been established in five provinces to date, Koshi Province, Bagmati Province, Lumbini Province, Karnali Province, and Sudurpaschim Province, and meetings have been conducted with the office bearers of these networks.
- ✓ Meetings and interaction programs were conducted with parliamentary committees, Members of Parliament, the Office of the Government Attorney, and mass media under the Government of Nepal to ensure the rights of survivors of human trafficking and to formulate necessary policies for effective rescue and repatriation.
- ✓ Collaboration was provided in the reconstitution of District-level Committees for the Control of Human Trafficking and Transportation.
- ✓ Support was provided for the formation of municipal- and ward-level Committees for the Control of Human Trafficking and Transportation, and necessary action plans for trafficking prevention were developed through regular meetings.
- ✓ Shakti Samuha has purchased its own building in Nepalgunj to provide services for survivors and individuals from high-risk groups.
- ✓ Awareness-raising programs against human trafficking were implemented at the local level by empowering youth as Child Rights Ambassadors to raise awareness among individuals at high risk of human trafficking.
- ✓ Participation of survivors was ensured in municipal- and ward-level Committees for the Control of Human Trafficking and Transportation.
- ✓ Three beneficiaries successfully completed a Bachelor's degree in Law.



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- ✓ Beneficiaries are professionally hosting and conducting programs in mass media (television).
- ✓ Survivors have successfully assumed leadership roles through leadership development initiatives, including responsibilities in project, finance, and other organizational functions.

- ✓ Advocacy against human trafficking was conducted through the Facebook page 'No More Trafficking'.



- ✓ During the 16-day campaign, various programs were implemented in coordination with Kageshwari-Manohara Municipality.

- ✓ Beauty parlor: 1, grocery (food) shop: 1, and dairy: 1 were registered and were handed over to survivors of human trafficking as income generation opportunities.

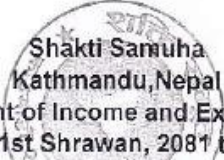
- ✓ *Enhanced teacher capacity on child protection and safeguarding, strengthening shared responsibility and collaboration among teachers, parents, school leadership, and child protection authorities to create a safer and more supportive school environment.*



- ✓ *Improved awareness and commitment of parents and educators toward child protection roles, legal responsibilities, and positive parenting, with strong engagement and demand for continued learning.*

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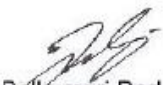
## Income vs Expenditure


  
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**Kathmandu, Nepal**  
**Statement of Income and Expenditure**  
**For the period from 1st Shrawan, 2081 to 32nd Ashadh, 2082**

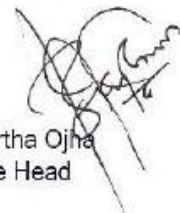
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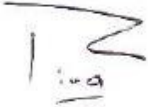
Particulars	Sch.	Current Year	Previous Year
<b>INCOME (A)</b>			
Core Fund Income	9	1,721,348	1,959,181
Grant Income (Based on fund based Accounting)		109,512,226	93,876,909
Transfer from Capital Reserve (Depreciation)	4	800,068	907,369
<b>Total (A)</b>		<b>112,033,642</b>	<b>96,743,459</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE (B)</b>			
Expenditure for Various Grants	10	109,512,226	93,876,908
Expenditure-Core Fund (Shakti Samuha)	11	2,830,491	1,495,047
Depreciation	4	800,068	907,369
<b>Total (B)</b>		<b>113,142,785</b>	<b>96,279,325</b>
<b>Surplus/Deficit (A-B)</b>			
This Year		(1,109,143)	464,134
Up to Last Year		(2,145,986)	(2,610,120)
<b>Surplus/Deficit Transferred to SOFP</b>		<b>(3,255,129)</b>	<b>(2,145,986)</b>

As per our attached report even date  
For Pankaj Thapa Associates  
Chartered Accountants

  
Belkumari Darlami  
Executive Director

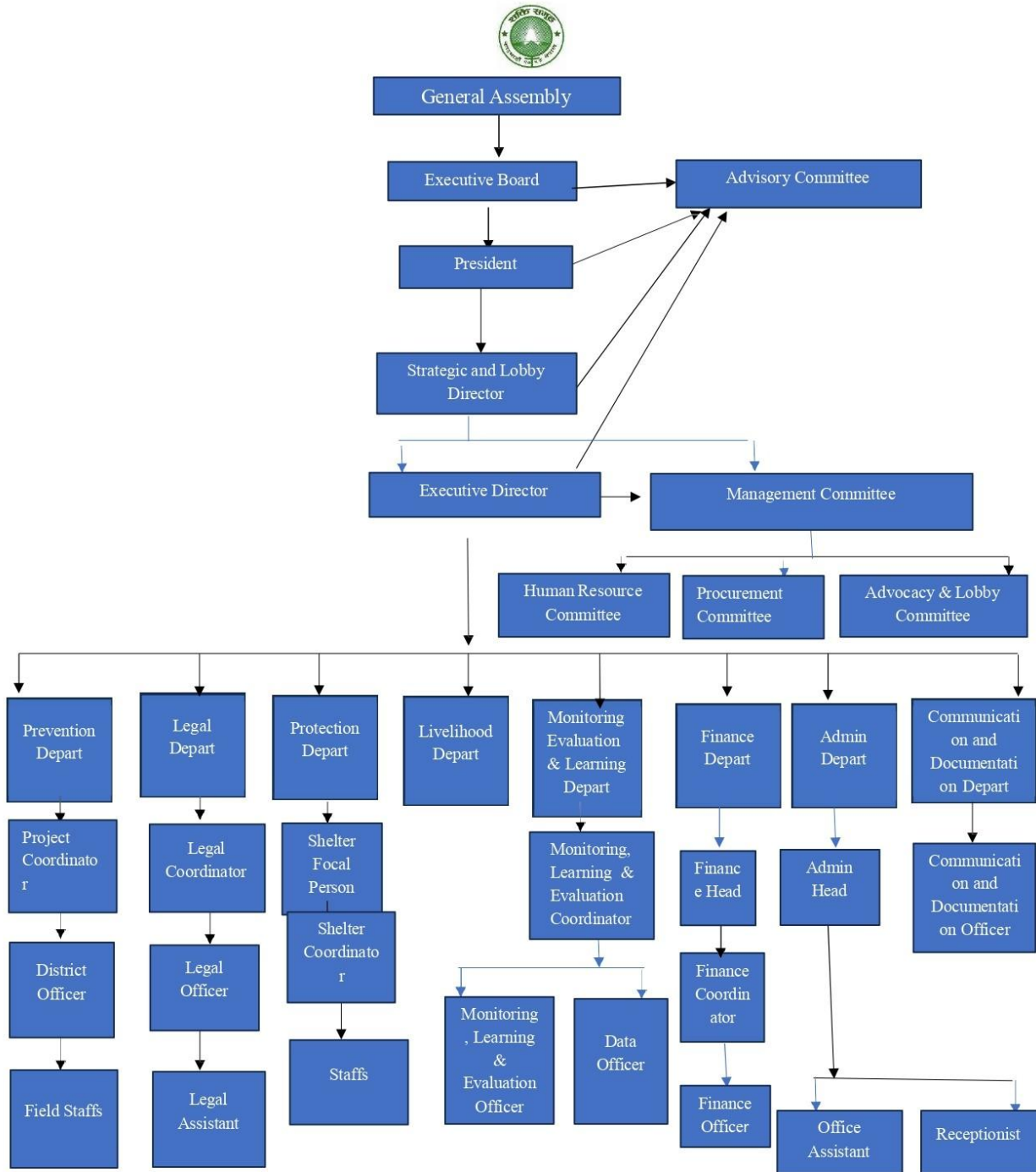
  
Natisara Rai  
Chairperson

  
Siddhartha Ojha  
Finance Head

  
Rina B.K.  
Treasurer

  
Pankaj Thapa, FCA  
Proprietor

# Organogram



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