



Swachchhata

Health and hygiene activity

The Swachchhata - Health and hygiene - project is improving rural communities' health status by strengthening the quality of services and infection prevention at local health facilities in five districts in provinces 5 and 6 (Karnali) between 2016 and 2021. Funded by USAID, SNV implements the project, in partnership with Population Services International (PSI), Nepal's Ministry of Health and Population (MoHP), the Alternative Energy Promotion Center (AEPCC) and local authorities.

Hygiene issues in health facilities

Many health facilities in rural Nepal lack access to electricity, safe water and sanitation services. Most also don't have the means to properly manage solid and medical waste. This situation jeopardises infection prevention and the quality of healthcare, leading to poor community health outcomes.

Integrating proper hygiene into health services

The Swachchhata project (meaning cleanliness in Nepalese) improves access to high quality and inclusive health services in five Nepalese districts



The project's five target districts - Salyan, Jajarkot, Dolpa, East and West Rukum - are located in Karnali province and province 5.

Improving rural communities' health status

Strengthening service quality and infection prevention at local health facilities

Integrating proper sanitation and hygiene practices

Photo-voltaic electric systems, small-scale safe water systems

Strengthen community ownership

Establish stronger governance structures

Create a solid basis for lasting results

The Swachchhata project uses a two-pronged approach to strengthen the quality of service and infection prevention at local health facilities.

(Salyan, Jajarkot, Dolpa, East and West Rukum) located in provinces 5 and 6 (Karnali) by the end of 2021. The project uses a two-pronged approach.

First, the project integrates proper sanitation and hygiene practices in the services provided by local health facilities. Second, the project supports health facilities by developing off-grid photo-voltaic electric systems, small-scale safe water and sanitation systems that are accessible to all.

The project also supports the alignment of sanitation and health efforts by rural municipalities and communities. It does so by cooperating with diverse stakeholders to strengthen community ownership, establishing stronger governance structures, and creating a solid basis for lasting results.

In this framework, the project organises a series of training workshops for health facilities' medical and management staff, as well as various community-based committees. The workshops cover themes such as the operation and maintenance of the WASH infrastructures; hygiene practices; infection prevention, and; Behaviour Change Communication (BCC).

Project targets

By the end of the project, the Swachchhata project aims to achieve the following direct results:

- 80 new or renovated sustainable, small-scale, safe water and maintenance systems;
- 60 new or renovated photovoltaic systems;
- 80 new or renovated sanitation systems and medical waste management systems;
- Improved infection prevention practices and behaviour change communication provision in 140 health facilities
- In 80 health facilities, health workers and female community health volunteers have improved capacity for sanitation and hygiene BCC community outreach.

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