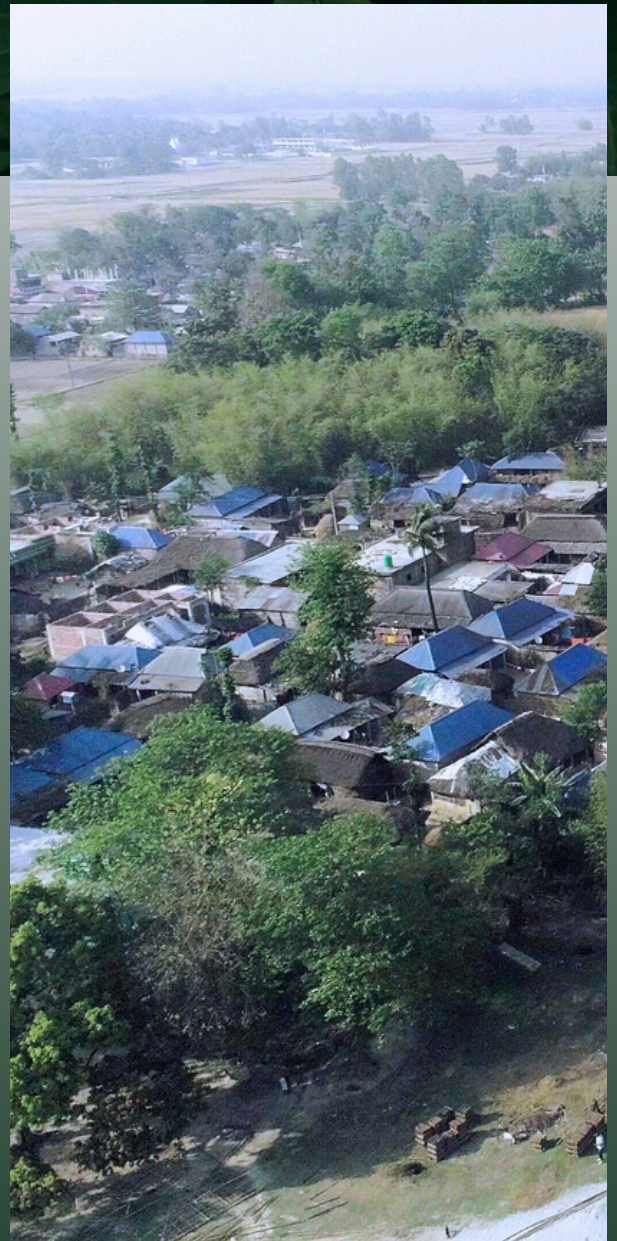


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Warm Greetings from the Heart of Nepal!

We are thrilled to bring you the latest updates, stories, and achievements from our community projects and initiatives for the months of January to March 2025. Our mission to empower communities and enhance the future of Nepal through sustainable development and collaborative efforts continues to drive us forward.

In This Issue:

Project Highlights, Field Insights and Much More!

BUILDING ROOTS OF RESILIENCE: SEED SUPPORT MONITORING & GROUP FARMING GAINS MOMENTUM: JANUARY 2025, RAUTAHAT

As part of its ongoing commitment to empower right holders, the Rupantaran Project conducted a comprehensive follow-up and monitoring initiative to assess the impact of seed money support across small businesses, livestock ventures, and group farming initiatives. Emphasis was placed on effective fund utilization, project progress, capacity needs, and market accessibility. Beneficiaries shared both successes and challenges, offering insights that will help tailor future support and ensure long-term sustainability.

In parallel, final preparations for group farming initiatives were completed in Brindaban, Gujara, and Kabilashi, with selected farmers confirmed for participation in vegetable cultivation on leased land. ROYM Nepal ensured each farmer received appropriate guidance and baseline resources to launch the season with confidence.

Coordination efforts with respective municipalities were also initiated to facilitate farmer group registrations, strengthening legitimacy and unlocking pathways to local services and support schemes.



PREPARED AND PROACTIVE: COMMUNITIES & LOCAL GOVERNMENTS BUILD RESILIENCE AGAINST FLOOD RISKS- JANUARY 2025, SAPTARI

Through targeted interventions and local coordination, communities and authorities in Tilathikoiladi RMP are now better equipped to handle disaster risks—particularly flood-related emergencies. A three-day Disaster Risk Management (DRM) training conducted in Year I laid the foundation for safer, more informed local action. Building on this, municipal-level policies for safe housing and DRR management have been drafted and are set to be validated by ROYM Nepal and the local municipality in the current fiscal year.

To strengthen real-time response capacity, Early Warning System (EWS) orientations were organized, directly enrolling 119 community members. These sessions have significantly enhanced local knowledge of flood indicators, preparedness measures, and rapid response protocols.

Collectively, these initiatives represent a shift toward a more prepared, responsive, and resilient local governance structure—where both policy frameworks and community awareness move hand in hand.



SEEDS OF CHANGE: SUPPORTING RIVERBED & COMMERCIAL FARMERS WITH CUCURBIT CULTIVATION, JANUARY 2025, SAPTARI

In Year II of the project, 50 farmers—25 practicing riverbed farming and 25 engaged in commercial farming—were supported with high-yield cucurbit seeds, including cucumber, pumpkin, jukini, bitter gourd, bottle gourd, and watermelons. Nearly 8 acres of riverbed land are now flourishing, with several crops already in the fruiting stage, while others are beginning to flower. Riverbed farmers are seeing tangible returns, selling 150 to 300 kg of fresh produce daily in local markets and through collectors. Meanwhile, commercial farmers are entering the harvest phase, showing early signs of strong productivity and market potential.



EXPANDING ACCESS TO WATER & LIVELIHOODS: SAKSHAM SAPTARI SUPPORTS IRRIGATION AND RIVERBED FARMING: JANUARY 2025, SAPTARI

In a determined stride toward improved water access and climate-resilient livelihoods, the Saksham Saptari Project has successfully enhanced irrigation infrastructure and encouraged sustainable practices in its project areas. During Year I, 7 tube wells and water pumps were distributed—6 for upland farming and 1 for riverbed cultivation due to limited farmer engagement. Recognizing the growing potential of riverbed farming, Year II saw the prioritization of this sector, with the distribution of 5 additional tube wells and pumps directly supporting riverbed farmers.



CLIMATE, MIGRATION & JUSTICE INTERSECT: ROYM NEPAL AT THE 2ND GCM REGIONAL: FEBRUARY 4-6, 2025, BANGKOK

ROYM Nepal proudly stood among leading voices at the 2nd Regional Review of the Global Compact for Migration (GCM), with Executive Director Mr. Lubha Raj Neupane delivering a powerful statement on the urgent nexus of climate change and migration. Highlighting Nepal's paradox—contributing only 0.02% to global emissions while ranking 4th in climate vulnerability—Mr. Neupane emphasized the lived realities of displacement. Citing ROYM Nepal's recent study, where 75.88% of 800 households identified environmental factors as the cause of migration, he called attention to a potential 1.3 million climate-induced migrants by 2050.

Particularly vulnerable are women, youth, and low-income groups, whose struggles must be addressed through climate-inclusive migration policies like NAPA and LAPAs. ROYM Nepal urged global actors to activate mechanisms like the Loss and Damage Fund and equitable carbon revenue sharing, especially to support migrant-dependent economies like Nepal, where remittances make up nearly 25% of GDP. This moment, as echoed in Mr. Neupane's appeal, is not just for policy—but for policy cohesion and decisive action toward protecting the dignity and future of climate migrants.



TURNING PLANS INTO PURPOSE: RUPANTARAN PROJECT KICKS OFF 2025 WITH STRATEGIC MOMENTUM: 7 FEBRUARY 2025, BARDIBAS

January marked a purposeful start to the new year for the Rupantaran Project, with ROYM Nepal facilitating a series of focused activities aimed at setting direction, strengthening infrastructure, and sustaining support to right holders.

Held in Bardibas from 10–13 January 2025, this four-day meeting brought together project staff from the central office and field teams representing five key initiatives: Rupantaran, Saksham, Jibika, Ekata, and Building Collectives of Working Women for Social Transformation. The gathering served as a dynamic space to review 2024 achievements and collaboratively



COOKING WITHOUT SMOKE: 60 HOUSEHOLDS EMBRACE SAFER KITCHENS WITH INFRARED STOVES: FEBRUARY 2025, SAPTARI

As part of its Year II activities, the Saksham Saptari Project introduced a game-changing solution for clean household energy by distributing infrared cooking stoves to 60 low-income households. These stoves were chosen over standard induction models specifically because they support both regular and induction-compatible utensils, eliminating the need for additional costly cookware. The shift has been deeply felt in homes—reducing carbon emissions, improving indoor air quality, and providing relief from the harmful health effects of smoke and dust. Beneficiaries expressed joy and gratitude, noting that their kitchens are now safer, cleaner, and healthier for everyday use.



MADHESH PROVINCE ADVANCES RESILIENCE: PROVINCE-LEVEL DRR WORKSHOP ENGAGES MULTI-STAKEHOLDERS, FEBRUARY 10-11, 2025, SAPTARI

With a strong spirit of collaboration and action, a two-day Provincial Disaster Management Workshop brought together key stakeholders in Madhesh Province to evaluate progress, address challenges, and amplify coordination on disaster risk reduction (DRR). The event, chaired by Hon. Home Minister Mr. Raj Kumar Lekhi, was jointly hosted by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Communication and Law, DPNep Madhesh Province, and ROYM Nepal.

Top representatives from the Nepal Army, Armed Police Force, Nepal Police, government ministries, Chief District Officers from eight districts, civil society organizations, and local leaders participated. Insightful presentations were delivered by DPNep Chairperson Mr. Nagdev Yadav, ROYM Nepal Executive Director Mr. Lubha Raj Neupane, and security agencies, alongside a collective district-level overview from CDO Mr. Bhola Dahal of Saptari.

The workshop emphasized climate adaptation, disaster preparedness, inter-agency coordination, and the importance of learning from past DRR interventions. Discussions were dynamic, solution-oriented, and affirmed the province's collective commitment to building a safer, more resilient Madhesh.



GRASSROOTS ACTION AGAINST CLIMATE CHANGE: EIGHT GROUPS ENGAGED IN SUSTAINABLE FARMING & AWARENESS: FEBRUARY 2025, DHADING

Rising to meet environmental challenges, ROYM Nepal facilitated eight group orientation sessions across Sarlahi and Mahottari in February—empowering local communities with knowledge on climate change, its risks, and community-led mitigation strategies. These sessions focused on fostering awareness around changing weather patterns and practical ways to build resilience in rural farming systems. A notable highlight came from Gujara-7, where 20 farmers from Hariyali Krishak Samuha participated in a hands-on orientation covering mulching practices, crop bed preparation, and seed-sowing techniques for enhanced vegetable productivity. These skill-building interactions are helping farmers pivot toward more climate-smart agricultural methods, laying the groundwork for sustainable change from the soil up.



HEALTHY HERDS, THRIVING FARMERS: LIVESTOCK HEALTH CAMPS BENEFIT 600+ IN SARLAHI & RAUTAHAT: FEBRUARY 2025

A fresh wave of veterinary care swept through farming communities as two livestock health camps provided essential services to over 600 smallholder farmers. Organized to improve animal well-being and prevent disease outbreaks, these camps brought free vaccinations, treatments, and 56 varieties of veterinary medicines directly to those in need. Among the major achievements 2,776 goats were safeguarded through PPR vaccination, 777 cattle and small livestock received HSBQ vaccinations and 1,950 animals were treated for various health issues ranging from infections to skin conditions and fertility concerns.



EMPOWERING THROUGH KNOWLEDGE: ORIENTATION SESSIONS STRENGTHEN WOMEN'S AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES: FEBRUARY 2025, RAUTAHAT, SARLAHI AND MAHOTTARI

Stepping into the season with confidence and clarity, ROYM Nepal conducted five specialized orientation sessions for women farmer groups across Rautahat and Mahottari. The sessions addressed seasonal fruit diseases in mango, banana, and litchi, offering practical pest control strategies and solutions for fruit drop issues to help improve overall productivity and crop quality. Dedicated session also introduced the participants to the realities of climate change, helping women explore community-level mitigation tactics. Meanwhile, two targeted sessions in Mahottari focused on goat shed design and hygiene management, underlining its role in livestock welfare and income resilience.

In total, 85 women farmers participated actively—gaining actionable knowledge to enhance both crop and animal husbandry practices. Additionally, 16 members of the Jaibik Farmers Group in Brindawan-7 received guidance on mulching plastic use, crop bed design, and seed sowing techniques, further supporting their vegetable production efforts through hands-on learning. These grassroots engagements continue to uplift rural farmers with timely, tailored support—cultivating stronger livelihoods and communities.



STRENGTHENING TIES: MULTILEVEL COORDINATION PAVES WAY FOR INCLUSIVE DEVELOPMENT : FEBRUARY 2025, SARLAHI AND RAUTAHAT

In February 2025, strategic coordination was undertaken across the ward, municipal, district, and provincial levels to advance community-focused initiatives. At the ward level, ROYM Nepal engaged with Gujara-1 for farmer group registration and secured a commitment from the Malangwa-3 ward chairperson to allocate a classroom for the Community Learning Center (CLC) starting Baishakh 2082. At the municipal level, efforts focused on farmer group registration and planning for International Women's Day 2025. At the district level, collaborative meetings were held with the Veterinary Hospital and Animal Services Expert Centers in Gaur and Malangwa to prepare for livestock health camps. Discussions emphasized veterinary support, medicines, and expert facilitation. Provincial-level coordination with the Ministry of Sports and Social Welfare and INSEC laid the foundation for future partnerships. ROYM Nepal also submitted annual reports to six municipalities, eight wards, and relevant provincial and district institutions. Routine visits to the Malangwa CLC ensured educational continuity. Challenges this month included higher-than-expected interest in group farming, demands for more inputs, and participant hesitation in attending trainings without financial incentives. Key learnings stressed the importance of regular follow-up in programming and tailoring orientations to timely, locally relevant topics for greater impact.



SKILLFUL THREADS: DHAKA WEAVING TRAINING EQUIPS RURAL WOMEN FOR ENTREPRENEURSHIP :24 FEBRUARY 2025, DHADING

ROYM Nepal successfully concluded its 3-month Advanced Dhaka Weaving and Tailoring Training with a vibrant closing ceremony on 24 February 2025. The program, supported by AEIN Luxembourg and Pabil Sana Kishan Agriculture Cooperative, empowered seven women from diverse community groups with marketable skills in traditional Dhaka weaving and tailoring.

Held at Netrawoti Dobjung RM, the training ran from 15 November 2024 to 17 February 2025, delivering practical sessions guided by skilled instructors. The closing event welcomed key figures including Mr. Harisharan Dhital (District Coordinator – ROYM Nepal), Mr. Anup Khanal (Project Coordinator), Mr. Meghnath Rijal (Chairperson – RM), and Mr. Hari Adhikari (Ward Chairperson). In total, 24 participants attended the event, celebrating the participants' achievements.

As a gesture of support for sustainable livelihood, ROYM Nepal handed over tailoring machines and startup materials to the trainees, officially presented by Chairperson Rijal. This initiative not only promotes self-reliance and income generation among women but also preserves Nepal's rich weaving heritage at the grassroots.



SAFEGUARDING COMMUNITIES: NATURE-BASED EMBANKMENTS PROTECT SAPTARI RIVERBANKS: FEBRUARY 2025, SAPTARI

Under the Saksham Saptari Project, a 272-meter flood-protection embankment has been constructed at the confluence of the Jita and Mahuli rivers near Sada and Mukhiya Tole. The structure was built using a 1.5-meter soil-sand base reinforced with 900 geo bags, designed to reduce runoff and withstand monsoon floods. Additionally, vegetation will be planted on the embankment for long-term stabilization. Beyond flood control, the embankment will serve as a rural access road during the rainy season, benefiting nearby communities including Ram, Sada, and Mukhiya Tole.



WEAVING PROSPERITY: DHAKA TRAINING EMPOWERS 22 WOMEN IN NILAKANTHA, DHADING: FEBRUARY 28, 2025, DHADING



ROYM Nepal, in coordination with Nilakantha Municipality, proudly concluded a 65-day Basic Dhaka Weaving Training, uplifting 22 local women with skills in one of Nepal's most cherished traditional crafts. The program, aimed at preserving the art of Dhaka weaving while generating income opportunities, covered hands-on learning in basic and intermediate weaving techniques, loom setup, pattern design, and market preparation.

While the program faced logistical challenges—like access to high-quality raw materials and travel hurdles from remote areas—it succeeded in sparking ambition and appreciation for Dhaka craftsmanship. Many participants expressed interest in starting small weaving enterprises, creating pathways to financial independence and cultural preservation.

GROWING TOGETHER: NEW FARMERS' GROUPS FORMED TO STRENGTHEN RURAL LIVELIHOODS : MARCH 4 & 15, 2025, DHADING

ROYM Nepal, with support from local governments, successfully launched its New Farmers Group Formation Program in Nilakantha Municipality and Netrawoti Dobjung Rural Municipality, Ward No. 5. The initiative brought together 46 farmers, emphasizing collaboration, knowledge exchange, and organized advocacy to address common challenges like market access, resource limitations, and climate-related stressors.

Two new groups—Paharechap Farmers Group (21 members) and Charange Women's Farmers Group (25 members)—were formally established, with monthly meetings scheduled and leadership structures formed. In addition, six farmers' groups have now been officially registered in Nilakantha Municipality to further strengthen institutional engagement.

Participants shared real-world farming struggles, explored modern agricultural solutions, and forged new networks of solidarity. With ROYM Nepal's continued support, these newly formed groups aim to lead the way toward inclusive, resilient, and profitable rural farming ecosystems.



BRIDGING VOICES: WORKSHOP AMPLIFIES RIGHTS OF MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES: MARCH 5, 2025, DHADING

ROYM Nepal, in collaboration with Netrawoti Dobjung Rural Municipality, hosted a one-day Sensitization Workshop on the Rights and Concerns of Marginalized Communities. The event brought together 24 participants, including local officials, activists, and community leaders, to spotlight the challenges faced by Dalits, Tamang, women, and other underrepresented groups.

The program was chaired by Mr. Meghnath Rijal, Chairperson of the Rural Municipality, who reaffirmed the government's commitment to inclusive development. Mr. Harisharan Dhital, DPC of ROYM Nepal, welcomed attendees and shared the objectives of the initiative. Discussions focused on promoting equity in rural governance, understanding legal protections, and enhancing access to basic rights like education, healthcare, and economic opportunity.

Key outcomes included strong support for inclusive local policies, community participation, and capacity-building for officials. Participants left inspired, with renewed motivation to implement action-oriented change in their respective sectors.



HUMAN RIGHTS, CLIMATE, AND JUSTICE ALIGNED: ROYM NEPAL CO-HOSTS THE 5TH NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS' CONFERENCE : MARCH 5-6, 2024, KATHMANDU

With a resonant call for a fairer, safer world, the 5th National Human Rights Defenders' Conference unfolded in Kathmandu under the theme: "A Civic Path to Equality for Climate Justice, Food Security, and Humanitarian Actions." As a proud co-organizer, ROYM Nepal stood alongside national networks and allies to spotlight the interconnected struggles for human rights, environmental justice, and dignity for all.

Highlights included compelling presentations from ROYM's Executive Director on Nepal's climate vulnerability, reflections on the Right to Food and Food Sovereignty Act by RRN, and powerful inputs from INSEC, SAHAS Nepal, and representatives from the Ministry of Forest and Environment. Each voice added urgency to the need for integrated strategies across sectors.

A final panel discussion brought together diverse expertise to chart a forward-looking civic agenda that centers equity, sustainability, and collective action. From policy to the grassroots, the message was clear: climate justice is human rights work.



UNITED VOICES, SHARED PURPOSE: COMMUNITY GROUPS AND WOMEN'S NETWORKS FORGE AHEAD: MARCH 7, 2025, DHADING

Brimming with energy and commitment, more than 100 community members came together across two powerful Quarterly Meetings to reflect, share, and map out new directions for social empowerment in Dhading. With 58 participants in Nilakantha and 48 in Netrawoti Dabjong, the gatherings became vibrant spaces for women's groups, youth leaders, and local representatives to exchange experiences and envision their next chapter of action.



ROYM NEPAL OBSERVES THE 115TH INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY IN DHADING: 8 MARCH 2025

To mark the 115th International Women's Day, ROYM Nepal organized a vibrant and purposeful celebration across Netrawoti Dobjung Rural Municipality and Nilakantha Municipality Ward No. 5 in Dhading. Themed "Empowering Women for a Sustainable Future," the program featured a powerful speech competition at Katunje Bazar's Community Hall, giving 43 local women a platform to voice issues such as gender-based violence, girls' education, and equal opportunities in leadership and employment. Judged by local leaders and educators, the event crowned four winners, with Puspa Gurung claiming first place for her inspiring message on the transformative power of women's education.



RIISING VOICES: MENTORING PROGRAM UNITES WOMEN & YOUTH AGAINST GBV : MARCH 3, 6, & 8, 2025, DHADING

Hope, courage, and solidarity echoed through a series of mentoring sessions that reached 107 women and youth leaders from across Nilakantha and Netrawoti Dabjong. Designed to build awareness of Gender-Based Violence (GBV) and uplift voices for women's empowerment, the program created a safe and transformative space for learning, dialogue, and action.

From heartfelt group discussions to personalized mentoring sessions, participants explored the root causes of GBV, unpacked legal rights, shared lived experiences, and envisioned strategies for creating safer, more equitable communities. Sessions were led by dedicated facilitators and mentors from ROYM Nepal, with inspiring stories of local female leaders sparking renewed motivation among attendees.

The energy was especially strong among young women, who expressed growing confidence to lead and advocate within their villages. While limited access to support services remains a challenge in rural settings, the program successfully laid the groundwork for ongoing mentorship, leadership development, and collective action.



KARNALI RISES FOR EQUALITY: 115TH INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY LIGHTS THE PATH FORWARD: 8 MARCH 2025, KARNALI

Karnali Province marked the 115th International Women's Day with unity, creativity, and a resounding call for "Rights of All Women and Girls: Equality and Empowerment." With rallies, dance, drama, and legal awareness campaigns, the events engaged communities across Surkhet, Jumla, Kalikot, and Dolpa—led by local governments, civil society, and youth organizations.

From the powerful beat of Deuda dance to voices echoing messages like "Women's Leadership, the Backbone of Progress" and "End Violence Against Women, Build a Safe Society", the celebrations honored the legacy of global women's movements and propelled local momentum toward gender justice.

With over a century of history behind it and bold new voices stepping forward, this International Women's Day in Karnali stood as a heartfelt tribute to empowerment, solidarity, and fearless change.

It embodied the region's resilience, honored the courage of women past and present, and laid stepping stones for the next generation of female leaders.



PLANTING PROGRESS: ROYM NEPAL CHAMPIONS AGRI-BUSINESS STARTUPS THROUGH PLASTIC TUNNEL & MINI TILLER SUPPORT :18 & 21 MARCH 2025, DHADING

In an effort to empower rural farmers and promote modern agricultural practices, ROYM Nepal conducted a two-day initiative titled “Support for Agri-Business Startup – Plastic Tunnel and Mini Tiller for Commercial Vegetable Farming” in Dhading. The events took place at Panchakanya Farmers Group in Nilakantha Municipality and Dhamala Ghau Farmers Group in Netrawoti Dobjung Rural Municipality Ward No. 5.

Participants were introduced to the concept and advantages of plastic tunnel farming—from yield protection and year-round cultivation to increased income and climate resilience. The program featured demonstrations on tunnel construction, hands-on training, and an interactive Q&A session addressing key farming challenges.

Farmers received plastic tunnel kits, vegetable seeds, mulching plastic, drip irrigation tools, and organic nutrient solutions, while the Dhamala group was supported with a mini tiller to enhance land preparation. Local officials, including the Deputy Mayor of Nilakantha Municipality, emphasized the importance of innovation in agriculture.



Farmers such as Kabita Dhamala, Sabitra Rai, and Krishna Bdr. Magar led implementation efforts at the community level. The program successfully bridged knowledge with action, equipping farmers with technical support and fostering a more resilient, business-oriented agricultural community in rural Nepal.

SOWING HOPE: KATUNJE FARMERS RECEIVE SEED SUPPORT TO BOOST LOCAL HARVESTS: 21 MARCH 2025, DHADING

With smiles, shared resolve, and fertile soil ahead, 16 members of Katunje Farmers Group stepped into a new season of possibility as they received high-quality vegetable seeds and nursery tools from ROYM Nepal. The Seed Support Program aimed to enhance local food production, strengthen smallholder farmers' income, and promote eco-friendly cultivation practices.

Prior to distribution, JTA, ROYM Nepal conducted an orientation on nursery management and poly bag use, ensuring that each seed was paired with practical knowledge. The event was officially led by DPC, ROYM Nepal, and seeds were ceremonially handed over by Ward Chairperson Mr. Hari Adhikari, signaling strong local commitment.

Farmers received bitter melon, bean, and long bean seeds alongside key materials to start their planting journey. With new crops on the horizon, this initiative is expected to boost nutrition, income, and confidence among the farmers—many of whom are women and youth from disadvantaged backgrounds.



With the earth as their canvas and support behind them, the Katunje farmers are ready to grow more than just vegetables—they're cultivating resilience.

HARVESTING KNOWLEDGE & UNITY: KALIKA FARMERS GROUP CULTIVATES SUCCESS THROUGH FARMER FIELD SCHOOL: JANUARY - MARCH 2025, DHADING

With rich soil underfoot and shared purpose in their hearts, 25 members of Kalika Farmers Group joined forces to cultivate peas (*Pisum sativum*) across 32 ropani of land under the JIBIKA Project's Farmer Field School (FFS). Supported by ROYM Nepal's District Project Coordinator and JTA team, the group explored sustainable agriculture through five structured sessions focused on seed treatment, line sowing, composting, IPM-based pest control, and post-harvest marketing.

Highlights from the field included a 98% germination rate, low pest incidence thanks to neem and sticky traps, and strong market returns from early harvests. With both women and men participating, the initiative strengthened collaboration and seasonal planning skills.

Despite wild animal interference and limited irrigation at later stages, the group's success has sown the seeds for future crops like tomatoes and beans. Recommendations include drip irrigation, protective fencing, and continued FFS mentoring to keep this momentum alive.

One plot. One crop. Many possibilities.



SOWING CHANGE: 37 COMMUNITY MEETINGS SPARK LOCAL ACTION: JANUARY - MARCH 2025, DHADING

From January to March 2025, ROYM Nepal's Social Mobilizer and JTA team facilitated 37 group meetings across Nilakantha Municipality and Netrawoti Dobjung RM Ward No. 5. With strong participation—especially from women—the sessions covered vital topics including composting, livestock vaccination, organic pesticide preparation, vegetable farming, and savings mobilization. These gatherings deepened community knowledge, encouraged climate-resilient practices, and promoted inclusive leadership. Despite challenges such as limited inputs and high expectations, the program fostered remarkable grassroots engagement.



JIBIKA PROJECT ENHANCES TECHNICAL SUPPORT FOR DHADING FARMERS: JANUARY - MARCH 2025, DHADING

ROYM Nepal, through its Social Mobilizer and JTA team, provided ongoing follow-up and technical assistance to targeted farmers across Nilakantha Municipality and Netrawoti Dobjung RM Ward No. 5. From livestock care—including deworming and vaccination awareness—to plastic tunnel setup and organic farming tips, 35 households received tailored support under the JIBIKA Project. Key progress included healthier goat herds, piglets gaining 20% weight in two months, and increased adoption of plastic tunnels for off-season vegetables. Challenges such as limited access to veterinary medicine, tunnel damage by wind, and irrigation gaps were noted, with recommendations to strengthen partnerships, promote rainwater harvesting, and provide refresher training to boost sustainability and resilience.



CLIMATE & HEALTH: AWARENESS SESSIONS ENGAGE WOMEN AND YOUTH ACROSS THREE DISTRICTS: JANUARY TO MARCH, RAUTAHAT, SARLAHI AND MAHOTTARI

ROYM Nepal successfully conducted a series of orientation sessions on climate change and its impact on human health with a total of 206 participants across Rautahat, Mahottari, and Sarlahi districts. Reached 150 participants, highlighting climate risks and their disproportionate effects on women and vulnerable populations. Engaged 56 youths from Janyuwati Youth Group (Gujara-1, Rangpur) and Jana Yuwa Kalyan Samuha (Brindawan-7, Dhamaura) through interactive discussions on health, resilience, and local climate solutions. These sessions strengthened grassroots knowledge and encouraged proactive roles in climate adaptation and health awareness.



RAISING AWARENESS: COMMUNITY SESSIONS HIGHLIGHT HARMFUL IMPACT OF CHILD MARRIAGE, MARCH 2025, RAUTAHAT

Through the leadership of dedicated Peer Educators, interactive orientation sessions were held in Gujara Municipality Ward No. 1 and Brindawan-7 to address the grave consequences of child marriage. With 56 participants in attendance, the program shed light on its far-reaching effects on health, education, economic opportunity, and social well-being. By opening honest dialogue, these sessions helped foster a stronger understanding of how early marriage disrupts futures—especially for girls—and emphasized the role of communities in driving prevention efforts and empowering youth toward equality and justice.



RESTORING SACRED WATERS: COMMUNITY PONDS IN TILATHIKOILADI SET FOR REVIVAL:MARCH 2025, SAPTARI

Once cherished as lifelines for daily chores, livestock care, and aquaculture, the community ponds of Tilathikoiladi-04 had fallen into disuse—overrun by invasive weeds and waste. As part of its Year II commitments, the Saksham Saptari Project is now set to revive two ponds—one communal and one private—for water recharge, fish farming, and multi-purpose use. A thorough assessment has already been conducted to prioritize restoration needs, with a detailed implementation plan and cost estimation currently underway. Construction and rehabilitation activities are scheduled to begin in the last week of April 2025.



A GREENER PATH FORWARD: AGRI-INPUT SUPPORT SPARKS COMMERCIAL FARMING INNOVATION IN DHADING: 31 MARCH 2025



A promising step toward sustainable agriculture unfolded in Nilakantha Municipality as farmer Ram Kumar Shrestha of the Sakriya Farmers Group received a complete agri-input package to establish a climate-smart plastic tunnel for commercial vegetable farming. Supported by ROYM Nepal, this initiative aims to transform individual livelihoods while modeling a pathway for community-wide agricultural progress. With materials like silpaulin sheets, GI wire, mulching plastic, drip irrigation tools, and tomato seeds—alongside expert training on tunnel construction, pest management, and year-round farming—Mr. Shrestha is now positioned to cultivate high-quality vegetables in a controlled, productive environment.

ACCELERATING ACTION FOR EQUALITY: IWD 2025 & COLLABORATIVE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT-MARCH 2025, RAUTAHAT

In celebration of International Women's Day 2025, communities across ROYM Nepal's working areas united under the powerful theme "Accelerate Action". Events ranged from a candle-lighting ceremony in Brindawan-7 honoring women's resilience, to interactive dialogues in Gujara and Kabilashi spotlighting women's rights and gender equity. A spirited local song competition in Bardibas Municipality creatively amplified messages of empowerment, while a rally and policy discussion in Madhesh Province brought visibility to GESI (Gender Equality and Social Inclusion) frameworks at the provincial level.

Parallel to these celebrations, follow-up monitoring with seed money beneficiaries revealed encouraging signs of income growth in entrepreneurship, farming, and livestock ventures. Coordination efforts advanced across multiple tiers: at the ward level, Malangwa-3's commitment to allocate a CLC classroom from Baishakh 2082 stood out; at the municipality level, support was mobilized for farmer group registration and livestock health outreach; at the district level, joint planning with Veterinary Hospitals in Gaur and Malangwa ensured collaborative animal care initiatives; and at the provincial



level, engagements with key ministries opened doors for wider programmatic reach.

Regular visits to the Community Learning Centers in Malangwa and Mathiyani reinforced educational continuity, while anchoring ROYM Nepal's commitment to grassroots empowerment and intersectoral coordination. Together, these efforts reflect a dynamic approach to equity—where celebration, support, and systemic action move hand in hand.

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