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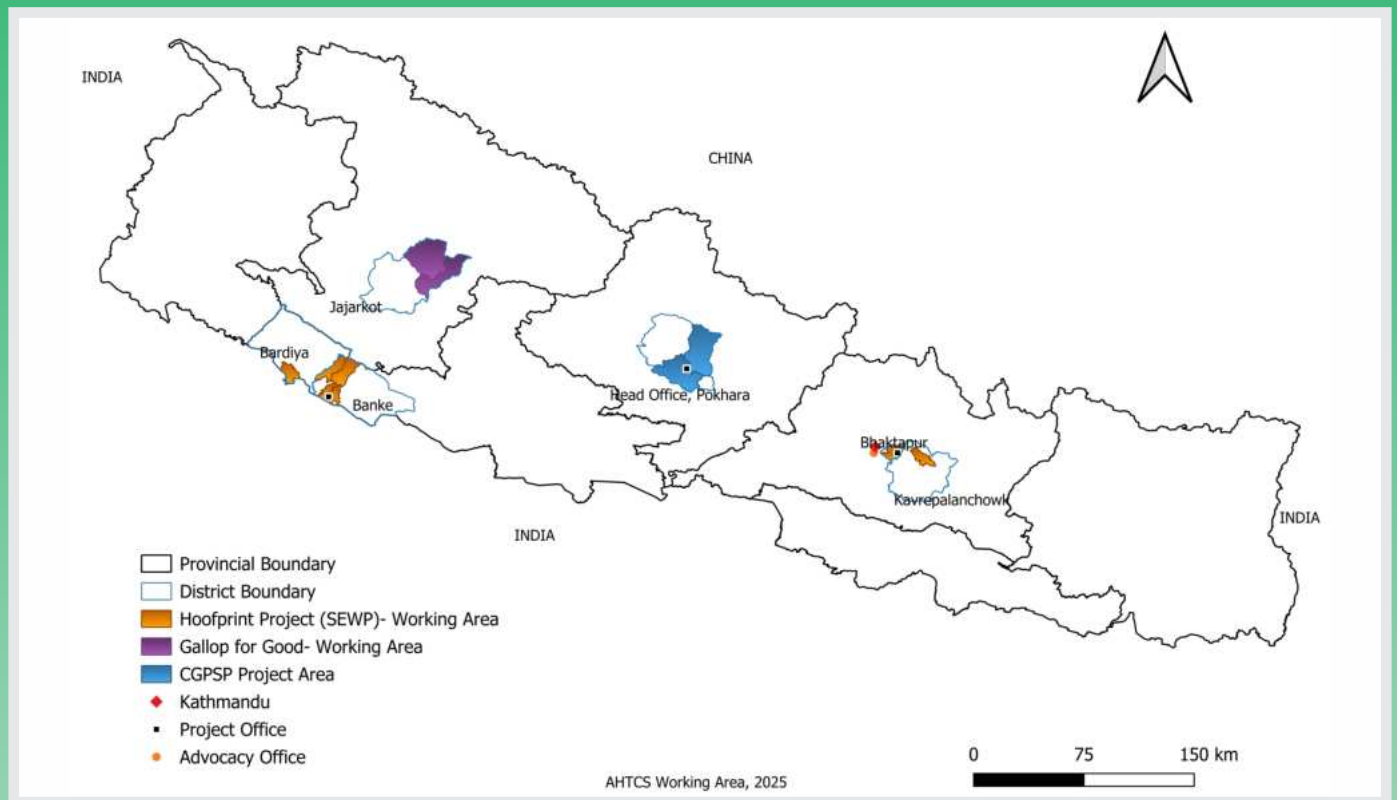
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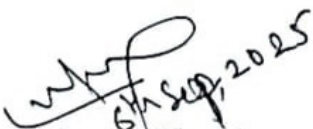
Message from Director General

I am delighted to know that Animal Health Training and Consultancy Service (AHTCS) is celebrating its 25th Anniversary and publishing a souvenir to mark this important milestone. Over the past twenty-five years, AHTCS has been contributing to improve Nepal's livestock sector through its work in animal health, management, training, animal welfare, and community development.

More than half of our population relies on agriculture in which livestock as an integral component, for their livelihood. The role of organizations like AHTCS is thus important in strengthening animal health services, improving welfare, and supporting rural livelihood.

From the perspective of the Department of Livestock Services (DLS), I deeply value AHTCS's dedicated efforts in advancing animal welfare, training local resource persons, and collaborating with national and international partners to uplift farming communities. Such collaboration has not only enhanced animal health and productivity but also aligned with government priorities while contributing to the broader goals of poverty reduction and sustainable development.

On this special occasion, I extend my sincere appreciation to AHTCS team for their professionalism, dedication, and high-quality performance over the years. I am confident that AHTCS will continue its journey with the same commitment, further expanding its impact and contributing significantly to Nepal's livestock sector and rural livelihood.


Dr. Ram Nandan Tiwari
Director General

6th September, 2025

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Heartfelt Congratulations

to **Animal Health Training and Consultancy Service (AHTCS)**
on completing

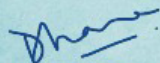
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remarkable years of service.

It is a matter of great pride for us to witness
how you have evolved into a successful NGO
dedicated to a sector as important as animal welfare.

We wish you continued success, wider outreach,
and transforming impact in the years to come.
Congratulations once again on this milestone.

We pray that your commitment and hard work
will continue to make a meaningful
difference across Nepal.



Dhana Lama

Executive Director

United Mission to Nepal



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NGO Federation of Nepal (NFN)

09 September 2025

APPRECIATION

The NGO Federation of Nepal (NFN) is proud of the remarkable contributions of Animal Health Training and Consultancy Service (AHTCS), a valued member of NFN, for its dedicated efforts in advancing the economic rights of people through livestock development in rural and remote areas of Nepal. On the joyous occasion of its 25th Anniversary, AHTCS is publishing a Souvenir highlighting the milestones and achievements of its inspiring journey. I extend my warm congratulations for this commendable initiative.

Since its establishment in 2000, AHTCS has been a pioneer in animal health, management, and welfare. It has earned nationwide recognition for delivering numerous trainings in collaboration with national and international partners. I am especially pleased to note the establishment of its own training center in Kaski, which has become a key hub for community services, providing vital knowledge and skills in animal health and welfare. As AHTCS celebrates this significant milestone, it continues to contribute meaningfully to sustainable livestock development and improved livelihoods of poor and marginalized communities across Nepal.

On behalf of NFN, I express our sincere appreciation for the achievements of AHTCS and convey our best wishes for the success of the anniversary celebration. I remain confident that the organization will continue to advance its mission with even greater dedication in the years ahead.

I wish the 25th Anniversary celebration a grand success.

Arjun Bhattarai
President



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Dear AHTCS,

Everyone at Brooke would like to congratulate the Animal Health Training and Consultancy Service (AHTCS) on reaching its 25th year of service.

Brooke has partnered with AHTCS since 2007, supporting your efforts to strengthen links with the Nepalese government and promote animal welfare (particularly Equine Welfare) and community development.

Brooke takes pride in our 18-year collaboration with AHTCS, and our ongoing three-year project is testament to this legacy, which aims to directly reach 1,914 equines while positively impacting more than 6,690 individuals and influencing policy change.

Yours sincerely,



Nicola Chevis
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To the Team at Animal Health and Training Consultancy Services (AHTCS)

Warmest congratulations on reaching your 25th anniversary—a remarkable milestone that reflects your unwavering commitment to animal health and sustainable livestock development across Nepal's rural communities. Your work has not only improved veterinary services but has also transformed lives.

The partnership between AHTCS and Vets Without Borders Ireland (formerly VIVA) has been a defining chapter in both our journeys. Together, we have gone far beyond technical support—we have built trust, empowered communities, and laid the foundation for systems that continue to uplift livelihoods. From training para-vets and delivering mobile clinics to advancing disease control and nutrition, the AHTCS-VWBI alliance has consistently demonstrated what compassionate, community-driven collaboration can achieve.

VWBI's collaboration with AHTCS stands out as one of our most enduring and successful global partnerships, rooted in mutual respect and shared purpose.

On a personal note, my time in Nepal as VWBI's representative remains one of the most meaningful periods in my career. Working side by side on our livestock programme—focused on food security, women's empowerment, and technical training—revealed not only the tangible impact of our work but also the warmth, resilience, and generosity of the Nepali people.

As we look ahead, the future holds exciting possibilities. With climate change, emerging diseases, and evolving agricultural practices, the need for adaptive, community-based veterinary services is greater than ever. AHTCS is uniquely positioned to lead this next chapter—leveraging its deep local knowledge, trusted partnerships, and the continued support of Vets Without Borders Ireland and other partners.

May the next 25 years bring even greater progress, deeper partnerships, and continued success in your mission to serve both animals and the people who depend on them.

With admiration and heartfelt congratulations,

Ciarán Göbl
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Foreword

We proudly celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Animal Health Training and Consultancy Service (AHTCS), marking a milestone of dedication to livestock health, animal welfare, and inclusive community development. This 25th Anniversary Souvenir highlights AHTCS's major achievements, research, and reflections over the past quarter century. Throughout its journey, AHTCS has remained committed to improving the lives of poor and marginalized communities through smart farming practices, strengthened animal health systems, and practical education. Working closely with local communities, government institutions, and development partners, AHTCS continues to promote sustainable livestock management and welfare for a more resilient future.

Since getting the autonomy as an NGO in 2000, AHTCS has flourished through the dedication of its program staff and executive committee. We deeply value the pioneering leadership of Dr. Surendra Kumar Shrestha (Founder Chairperson), Dr. Shanti Upadhyay (Founder Director), Ms. Roswita Schmidt (RDC Director), and Dr. Karen Stoufer (UMN Director), whose shared vision laid the foundation and early direction of the organization. Originating in 1981 as a program of the United Mission to Nepal (UMN), AHTCS has grown into a nationally respected institution. The guidance of successive chairpersons and executive directors has further strengthened its capacity, fostering steady progress toward institutional growth, resilience, and sustainability.

AHTCS takes great pride in serving communities across Nepal with the generous collaboration of its development partners. We sincerely acknowledge the vital contributions of organizations including Brooke|Action for Working Horses and Donkeys UK), Global Alliance for Rabies Control (GARC), Vets Without Borders Ireland (formerly VIVA Ireland), The Donkey Sanctuary (UK), Heifer International Nepal, and several esteemed universities and donor agencies worldwide. Their continued partnership, along with the support of local implementing partners, has been instrumental in enhancing AHTCS's impact, ensuring the long-term sustainability of animal health and welfare initiatives nationwide.

Over 25 years, AHTCS has evolved into a leading institution promoting animal health, welfare, and community development in Nepal. Through partnerships with 18 international agencies and 215 local organizations, it has mobilized over NPR 520 million to deliver impactful programs across 72 districts, strengthening livelihoods and promoting sustainable development. Its contributions include training 2,245 Village Animal Health Workers (1,568 men and 677 women), supporting 8,500 farming families, 4,000 equine owners, and 4,273 animal health practitioners. Additionally, its services have directly benefited nearly 10,000 equines, 7,500 sheep and goats, 250 dogs, 1,500 cattle and buffaloes, 4,200 swine and 10,215 poultry. Together, these achievements demonstrate AHTCS's enduring commitment to empowering communities, strengthening animal health services, and promoting sustainable livelihoods nationwide.

In addition to its community impact, AHTCS has served as a dynamic professional platform for human resource development in the animal health sector. Over the years, it has created opportunities for 115 national and international professionals to strengthen and apply their expertise of whom 53 (46%) were veterinarians, with the remainder comprising veterinary technicians, managers, and support staff. Their collective efforts have been integral in enhancing animal health services, promoting animal welfare, and contributing to sustainable

As AHTCS marks its 25th Anniversary, we express sincere gratitude to our partners, collaborators, government agencies, communities, and dedicated team. Their unwavering support, engagement, and commitment have been vital in shaping our journey, strengthening our impact, and transforming 25 years of collective effort into enduring success and meaningful change.



Dr. Shiva Hari Ghimire
Act. Chairperson



Shiba Kumar Pradhan
Executive Director



Introduction and History

Animal Health Training and Consultancy Service (AHTCS), established in 2000, is a service-oriented, non-profit, and autonomous non-governmental organization committed to improving the quality of life of poor, marginalized, and underserved communities. Building on the foundation of the Animal Health Improvement Program (AHIP) initiated in 1981 by the Rural Development Centre (RDC) under the United Mission to Nepal, AHTCS was created to address the persistent challenges faced by rural livestock farmers. Registered with the District Administration Office, Kaski, and affiliated with the Social Welfare Council, AHTCS works to foster self-reliant, healthy, and sustainable farming communities by delivering eco-friendly, practical education and services in animal care and related agriculture, while forging partnerships with both national and international organizations.

AHTCS focuses on animal health, husbandry, welfare, and zoonosis control, while integrating livestock-based solutions into broader community development efforts. The organization promotes sustainable farming systems that improve livelihoods through profitable, need-based interventions. By ensuring the effective and efficient delivery of quality education and services, AHTCS strengthens both community capacity and its own organizational resources. Looking ahead, AHTCS is committed to diversifying its programs, exploring new livelihood opportunities, and maximizing the use of local resources. Its vision is to empower farming communities with the knowledge, skills, and resilience needed to thrive, while advancing animal welfare and agricultural sustainability.

Vision: AHTCS will be a sustainable and leading organization for building self-reliant, healthy and sustainable farming communities.

Mission: Improve the qualities of life of poor, marginalized and needy communities by providing them with eco-friendly practical education and services on animal care and its associated agriculture practices, using local resources and linking with other partners.

AHTCS' STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Training and Extension

- Animal Health and Management System
- Farm enterprise and value chain development.
- Disaster preparedness
- Community Awareness

One Health approach

- Zoonosis and Public Health
- Training and awareness
- Coordination, collaboration, communication, and capacity building

Research and Documentation

- Action and adaptive research
- Database and information management
- Collaborative research
- Development and dissemination of knowledge products

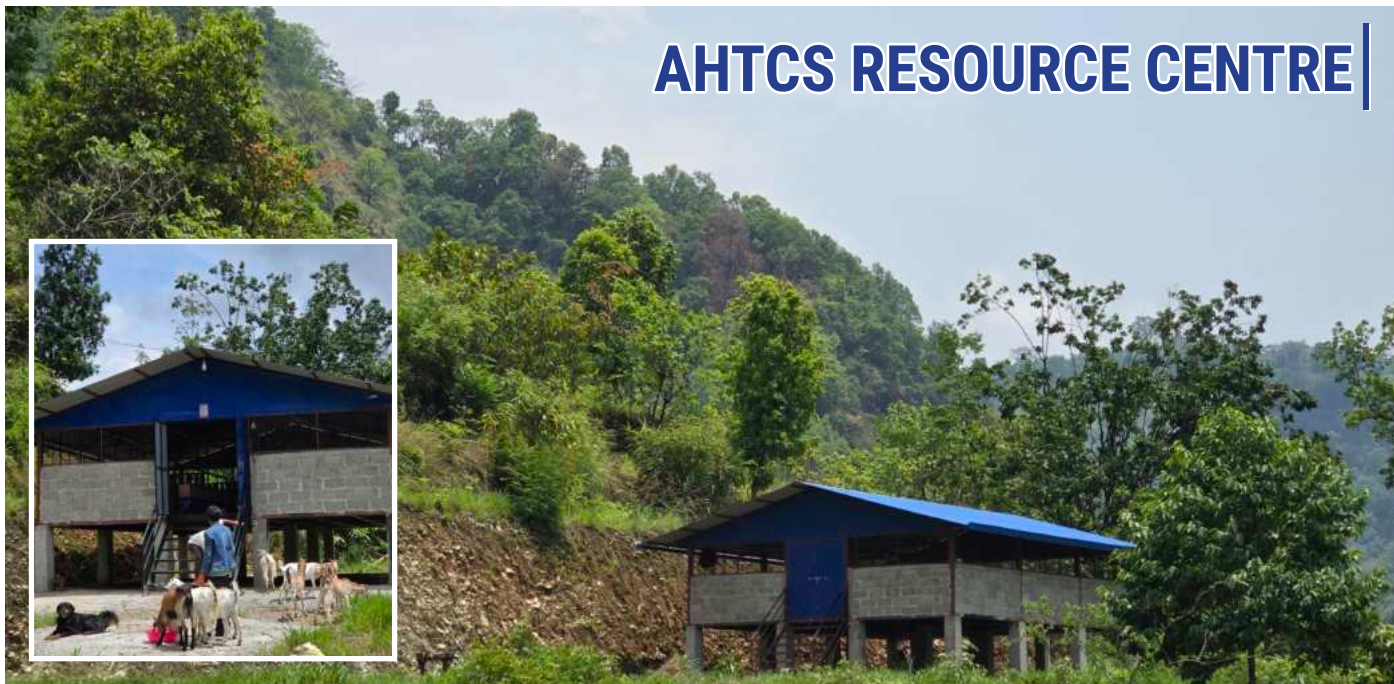
Policy Contribution

- Policy Campaign
- Policy Lobby and advocacy
- Policy Dialogue
- Networking and Mass communication.

Institutional Development

- Institutional policy
- Organization directives
- HR development and management
- Programme development
- Capacity Strengthening of local institutions

AHTCS RESOURCE CENTRE



The organization is well equipped with different physical resources (tools, equipment's IT technologies), that are required to run various livestock related activities and projects. The organization has its own library equipped with different books, journals, reports, national and international publications, training manuals, handouts and other training materials related to animal management and health, veterinary, agriculture.

AHTCS owns approximately 22,000 square meters (about 42 ropani) of land in Arva, Pokhara Metropolitan City - 13, Gandaki Province. Located 7 km east of Gandaki Hospital Chowk, Ramghat, Pokhara, this site hosts the Arva Resource Center, a dedicated training facility. The center features a two-story hostel accommodating up to 35 people, a canteen, and a classroom equipped for the same number. The facilities include a power backup system, and the classroom is furnished with essential teaching materials such as a multimedia projector, desktop computer, printer, various handouts, training posters and charts, audio-visual aids, veterinary equipment, and veterinary medicines and vaccines.

The Arva Resource Centre had a model goat shed designed to accommodate approximately 100 goats, including kids. This facility serves as a practical learning site where training participants gain hands-on experience in goat management. Additionally, a polyhouse has been established for nursery management of fodder and forage, enabling the cultivation of high-quality feed seedlings. Both

the goat shed, and the polyhouse are integral to the Centre's educational programs, providing valuable training opportunities. They also support the community by supplying improved goats and healthy fodder seedlings, contributing to enhanced livestock productivity and sustainable farming practices in the area.



A QUARTER-CENTURY OF SERVICE: NEPAL'S LIVESTOCK SECTOR AND AHTCS IN PARALLEL (2000-2025)

Roots and Early Foundations (1950s-1999)

Formal livestock services and dairy value chains took shape through the 1950s-60s: Veterinary Investigation Laboratory opened in 1961 to produce rinderpest vaccine, following the first animal vaccination in 1952/53; mass rinderpest campaigns ran in 1960s-70s. The dairy development corporation (DDC) was created in 1969, institutionalizing milk collection/processing and catalyzing cooperatives. After few developments in livestock sector the village animal health worker (VAHW) model started in 1981 under untied mission to Nepal's animal health improvement program (AHIP) within the rural development center (RDC)- planting the seed for dedicated Nepali NGO in the community animal health i.e., AHTCS.

Establishment and Early Years (2000-2006)

Livestock expanded as a livelihoods engine through the periodic plans; government services consolidated under the department of livestock services (DLS) while dairy, small ruminants and backyard poultry diversified. Parallelly, AHTCS is established in 2000 in Pokhara as a service-oriented, non-profit NGO to improve livelihoods through animal health, husbandry and training-formalizing two decades of AHIP experience into a national platform.

Scaling Community and Working Equid Welfare (2007-2025)

Along with different livestock projects, AHTCS launched long running Sustainable Equine Welfare work in collaboration with Brooke and expands VAHW trainings, farmer extension, and field clinics-linking animal welfare with income, safety and productivity in brick kilns and communities.

Strategy Era and Modernization (2015-2019)

The agriculture development strategy (ADS) 2015-2035 sets 20 year roadmap in Nepal, while Prime Minister Agriculture Modernization project (PMAMP) started from 2016 and rolls out pockets/blocks/zones/super zones, including for milk, meat and fish. The Nepal Livestock Sector Innovation Project (NLSIP, 2018-2024) targeted productivity, animal health systems and value chains. However, the strategy lacked the animal welfare perspective.

AHTCS tried to address this gap and aligned its programs to “One Health” and policy engagement; strengthens training, documentation and research outputs keeping in mind the welfare needs of animals

Resilience, Advocacy, and One Health (2020-2024)

Despite COVID 19, NLSIP push for productivity and gains, animal health system strengthening, and women's participation in value chains. Despite the efforts of the government in these sectors, one sector remains neglected and that was Animal Welfare, especially Equine Welfare. Considering the necessity, while delivering its core programs—equine welfare services, AMR awareness, AHMF orientations, VAHW 35-day trainings, and targeted health camps—AHTCS also intensified its advocacy for equine welfare and broader animal welfare. In a policy environment where these issues have been historically overlooked by government priorities, the organization's commitment has been unwavering. Through evidence-based dialogue, coalition-building, and patient but persistent engagement with authorities, AHTCS has worked to secure recognition and resources for working equids and animal welfare in general. These efforts are not a one-time push but a continuous, ongoing mission—and will remain a cornerstone of AHTCS's work beyond its 25th year.

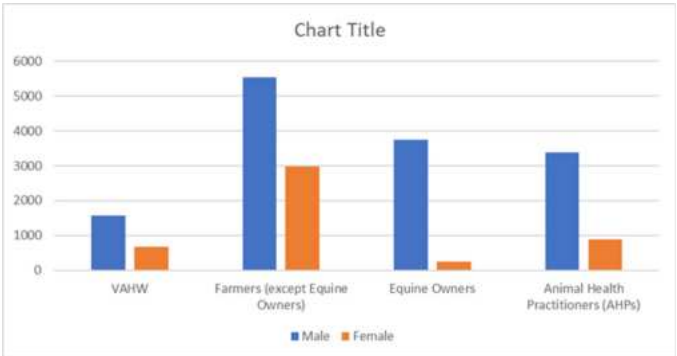
Looking Ahead- Sustaining Impact Beyond 25 Years

As AHTCS marks its 25th anniversary, the organization reaffirms its unwavering commitment to equine welfare, animal health, and the livelihoods of communities who depend on them. The journey so far has been defined by service, advocacy, and persistence—and the next chapter focuses on sustainability. AHTCS's plan includes strengthening local veterinary capacity, expanding One Health approaches, deepening partnerships with government and civil society, and ensuring that working equids and animal welfare remain priorities in national and provincial agendas. For its part, Nepal's livestock sector continues to evolve, integrating modernization with sustainability goals under frameworks like the Agriculture Development Strategy. By aligning with these national priorities while championing often-overlooked issues, AHTCS aims to ensure that the gains of the past 25 years are not only preserved but built upon for generations to come.

AHTCS Throughout the Years

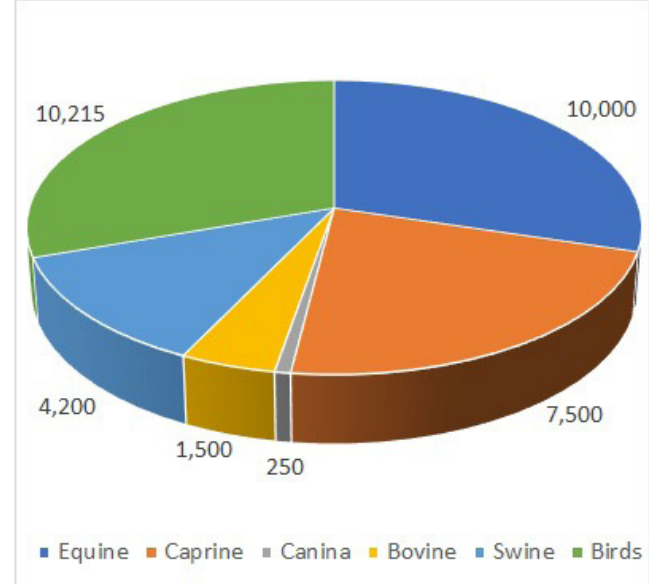
Over the years, AHTCS has steadily expanded its reach, touching lives of both people and animals across Nepal. Our efforts are rooted in capacity building, animal healthcare, and welfare improvement, ensuring sustainable changes at community level. Following are the visuals which highlight AHTCS’s holistic approach in improvement of animal healthcare system and farmer livelihood while contributing to One Health and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

By People (Direct Reach)



Source: AHTCS, 2025 (estimated, not exact)

By species (Direct Reach)



Source: AHTCS, 2025 (estimated)

Policy Advocacy and Presence of AHCTS at all Levels of Government

AHTCS has established itself as a trusted technical partner and strong advocate for animal health and welfare in Nepal. Over the span of 25 years, the organization has engaged with stakeholders at the local, provincial, and federal levels, ensuring that animal welfare and livestock development remain integral to government agendas. At the local level, AHTCS works directly with municipalities and rural municipalities to integrate animal health programs into community development plans. At the provincial and federal levels, the organization actively contributes to policy discussions, guidelines, and frameworks that promote sustainable livestock management, disease control, and animal welfare standards.

Through continuous advocacy, technical expertise, and collaboration, AHTCS has created a credible presence in government systems, influencing policy while ensuring grassroots concerns are represented at higher decision-making levels. This multi-tiered presence strengthens partnerships with authorities, builds accountability, and ensures that the voices of farmers, equine owners, and communities are reflected in national livestock and animal welfare policies.

Awards and Recognitions



1. NGO of the Year:

AHTCS being honored as "Best Member and NGO of the Year 2023/24 by Sansthaगत Bikas Sanjal (SANJAL) during its 18th General Assembly. The recognition, among member organizations from 11 districts, reflects AHTCS's continued dedication and impactful work in animal health, welfare, and community development.



2. CEVA Award:

CEVA Santé Animale, the world's fifth-largest animal health company, presenting a special recognition to Animal Health Training and Consultancy Service (AHTCS) as a leading promoter of animal welfare in Nepal. Since its establishment in 2000, AHTCS has consistently advanced animal health and welfare, building on its legacy as a program under UMN/RDC.



3. DLS Recognition:

The Government of Nepal, Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development, Department of Livestock Service honored Animal Health Training and Consultancy Service (AHTCS) with a Certificate of Appreciation on the Department of Livestock Services Establishment Day 2076 (October 5, 2019). The award recognized AHTCS's significant contributions to animal welfare and livestock development in Nepal.



4. Brickklin Association:

During its 22nd Annual General Assembly and 7th Convention, the Nepal Brick Industry Entrepreneurs' Association Honored Animal Health Training and Consultancy Service (AHTCS) with a Certificate of Appreciation, acknowledging its valuable support and contribution to the Association's growth and development.



5. NVA award:

“During the World Veterinary Day 2018 celebration in Pokhara, Animal Health Training and Consultancy Service (AHTCS) received a Certificate of Appreciation from the main organizing committee in recognition of its invaluable support and contribution towards promoting veterinary medicine, livelihood, and food security for sustainable development.”



6. GARC Recognition:

“Animal Health Training and Consultancy Service (AHTCS) was awarded the prestigious Rabies Center of Excellence certificate on October 30, 2024, in recognition of its leadership and commitment towards rabies elimination as part of the global Communities Against Rabies Initiative.”

EMPOWER GROWTH INITIATIVE

The Empower Growth Initiative (EGI), aligned with AHTCS's strategic training and extension priorities, is designed to build sustainable and resilient communities by enhancing capacity and fostering entrepreneurial skills. Through EGI, AHTCS delivers a diverse range of training programs covering animal health, husbandry, welfare, and various agricultural subjects. These include improved animal health and management practices, commercial livestock production, enterprise and value chain development, livelihood enhancement, income generation, and related disciplines.

1. Village Animal Health Worker (VAHW)

Training:

In the year 2024/025, the 35-days Village Animal Health Worker (VAHW) training course was organized in collaboration with the Livestock Service Training Centre under the Ministry of Agriculture, Land Management and Cooperatives of the Gandaki Province Government. The program focused on providing practical, skill-based training in animal health, husbandry, and management for leader farmers and livestock keepers from rural districts of Nepal. Its goal was to strengthen the capacity of poor and marginalized farming families to enhance livestock health and rearing practices. Tailored for semi-literate leader farmers and individuals actively serving their communities, the course offered essential technical knowledge and skills in animal care, management, and related areas, enabling them to directly and indirectly contribute to the growth of the livestock sector.

Collaborative Partners:

The VAHW training was successfully organized through the joint efforts of AHTCS and its collaborative partners, including the following organizations:

- Heifer International Nepal
- Volunteers in Irish Veterinary Assistance (VIVA) Ireland
- Nepal Animal Welfare and Research Center (NAWRC) Kavrepalanchok
- International Nepal Fellowship Nepal
- SODEC Nepal Rautahat
- BYC Baglung
- CARDSAN, Nuwakot
- Shree Naya Gorato, Syangja

- Social Rise Help Center, Palpa
- Chepel Foundation, Solukhumbu
- Nepal Gaja Development Foundation Baglung

Participants Distribution: The Total number of 30 participants were from 10 different districts viz. Kaski, Solukhumbu, Palpa, Lalitpur, Syangja, Nuwakot, Baglung, Rautahat, Kavrepalanchok, Jumla

Total No of Participants: 30 (22 M & 8 F)

The training outcome and impacts:

The VAHW training successfully equipped participants with essential skills in animal health and management, enabling them to examine various animals, diagnose and treat common diseases, administer medications accurately, manage parasites, and report notifiable livestock and poultry diseases to the authorities. They also gained practical abilities in promoting better husbandry practices, performing castration and vaccinations, managing obstetrical cases, conducting fecal analysis, and carrying out post-mortem examinations on poultry and small ruminants. At the end of the training program the training participants were demonstrated competency in applying their knowledge and skills in the field, handling cases effectively, advising farmers on animal care, and contributing to improved livestock management, disease prevention, and timely reporting at the village level.

2. Basic Agriculture Training (BAT):

The AHTCS had conducted 7 days long Basic Agriculture Training (BAT) to the Rural leader farmers from the different districts. The training brought together 23 participants, including 2 women, representing the districts of Baglung, Syangja, Palpa, Nuwakot, and Rautahat. Participants were nominated by HEIFER International Nepal and VIVA Ireland.

The training improved participants' skills in sustainable farming, covering vegetable, fruit, and cereal cultivation, including off-season production under plastic tunnels. They learned seedling production, nursery management, soil-water conservation, and organic inputs use. Emphasis was placed on agriculture-livestock integration, pest/disease management through IPM, and local pesticides. Participants gained post-harvest



and marketing skills, enabling them to enhance productivity, profitability, and food security while promoting sustainable agricultural practices in their communities.

Other trainings and services offered by AHTCS:

1. VAHW Refresher Training
2. VAHW Facilitation Training
3. VAHW Level-I Skill Testing Orientation and Examination
4. Animal Management Training
5. Goat Raising Training
6. Pig Raising Training
7. Poultry Health and Husbandry Training
8. Animal Breeding Training
9. Small-Scale Slaughterhouse Management (Hygienic Meat Production)
10. Commercial Milk Production and Processing Training
11. Fodder and Forage Production Training
12. Animal Nutrition Management Training
13. Zoonotic Disease Control and Prevention Training
14. Shed Management Training
15. Integrated Fish Farming Training
16. Commercial Vegetable Production Training
17. Non-Timber Forest Production (NTFP) Training
18. Group Management Training
19. Savings and Credit Training
20. Gender Sensitization Training
21. Basic Cooperative Management Training
22. Agro-based Market Management Training
23. Basic Equine Care and Management



Sustainable Equine Welfare Through Improved Human Behaviour and Working Environment Project (SEWP)

AHTCS in partnership with Brooke Hospital for Animals UK, a leading animal welfare charity, has been implementing Sustainable Equine Welfare through Improved Human Behavior and Working Environment Project (SEWP) across several districts of Nepal since 2007. The project aims to improve the overall health and welfare of the working equids and strengthen the livelihood resilience of the equine owning communities. The strategic framework is tailored with due consideration of the immediate and long-term needs of the target beneficiaries. Equine health, community engagement, local capacity strengthening, coordination among the key stakeholders and advocacy constitutes the core component of the project with a vision of establishing self-sufficient communities with responsible ownership and a robust animal health care system in place to ensure the sustainable improvement in health and well-being of equids as well as communities.

The annual overall reach of the project during FY 2024/25 is given below:

In FY 2024/25, the project is implemented in 6 communities and 32 BKs spread across Banke and Bhaktapur districts. The fiscal year 2024/25 started from April, which coincided with closing of Nepalese Fiscal Year and peak agricultural season. The peak BK activities started from December, thus increasing the number of activities in Q3 and Q4. This FY also marked the closing of SEWP project and beginning of new phase i.e. third phase of the SEWP project starting from April 2025. AHTCS was recognised and rewarded as the champion Equine Welfare Organisation by the Federation of Nepal Brick Industries (FNBI) at its annual convention in this year.

Animal Health Care System:

- A total of 1490 equines were benefitted directly under Goal 1 which includes good husbandry practices, humane animal handling practices,

working environment, primary care, health and management, livelihood strengthening, etc. through trainings, sessions, visits, peer motivation, IEC materials, workshop, PRA tools, etc. and 1553 equines were benefitted directly under Goal 3 across 6 communities and 32 BKs through treatment services, training on equine husbandry and management, first aid and preventive measures, animal health camp, vaccination campaign, etc. in Banke and Bhaktapur district.

- 94 Animal Healthcare Providers (61 AHPs and 33 Agrovets) were trained and connected with communities to ensure accessible quality veterinary service provision and strengthening animal health care system. Equine specific medicine or its close alternatives are maintained in entire target agrovets (33).
- 64 vet students were oriented on equine practice. Similarly, 19 undergraduate students from PTSU, Bangladesh were hosted for an academic visit to AHTCS/SEWP. Similarly, till now 193 Village Animal Health Workers have been trained on equine practice under the VAHW training conducted by AHTCS.
- 10 government stakeholders trained on zoonoses and emerging diseases, 12 Animal Health Practitioners (AHPs) trained on antimicrobial resistance (AMR).
- 380 equines were vaccinated against tetanus and rabies in support with Livestock Service Section, Neaplgunj, Banke. AHTCS assisted Regional Veterinary Diagnostics Laboratory, Pokhara and Central Veterinary Laboratory, Kathmandu to collect samples of 37 equids in Glanders surveillance and community awareness program. AHTCS supported Veterinary Diagnostics, Research and Training Laboratory, Dhangadhi in rabies case detection, sample collection, and reporting. 25 equids were vaccinated against rabies in coordination with Livestock Service Section, Janaki Rural Municipality.

Community Engagement

- A total of 12 monthly review meetings were conducted among EWGs and equine owners/communities where 598 equine owners were engaged and they were oriented on relevant animal welfare issues, husbandry practices, livelihood resilience agendas, livelihood diversification, relevant local governments' plans/schemes, and various exposure and educational sessions.
- A total of 48 equine owners among 20 BKs in Banke & 41 equine owners in Bhaktapur were reached for EWOB data collection.
- 48 equine owners/handlers were educated on first aid and preventive medicine. Similarly, 38 champion equine owners were oriented on Zoonotic and Infectious diseases including Glanders, Rabies and TB. Additionally, 25 equine owners were made aware on rational use of drugs to reduce drug abuse.
- 254 equids owners of 32 communities were educated on humane animal handling practices focusing on the provisions made in Animal Welfare Directives and Livestock Transport Standards.

233 equine owners were encouraged to adopt good husbandry/management practices through various demonstrative sessions including grooming, hoof health and shed hygiene. Further, 118 equine owners were educated on balanced ration; its importance in relation to health and performance as well as stable hygiene and cleanliness. Linked equine communities to various government-subsidised agricultural schemes including green support. Also, Berseem (45 kgs) and oat (125 kgs) seeds were distributed among equine owners.

Brick Kilns Interventions

- 64 BKA members were sensitized on animal welfare policies. Similarly, 23 BK managers were oriented on improved physical infrastructures and working environment. As a result, more than 70% of BKs have implemented basic provisions laid in AWD.
- 14 government vet officials visited and observed welfare status in BKs. The authorities observed working environment, physical infrastructure as well as overall health and welfare status of animals working in BKs. Meanwhile, interactive session was held with BK owners, equine owners and contractors.
- Approximately, more than 70% of the target

BKs have improved physical infrastructure and working environment including appropriate housing with feeding and drinking facilities, provision of isolation box, shed hygiene and cleanliness, drinking water in route and plain walking terrain.

- 45 Brick Kiln association members sensitized on government provisioned disaster reduction and management policies and need for the appropriate livestock emergency preparedness protocol.

Advocacy

- 17 local public representatives on Management of Abandoned Animals and relevant DRM plans and policies. 58 animal contractors were sensitized on environmental issues through two events at Banke district.
- 8 animal contractors and 33 equine owners were provided with orientation session on AW directives, livestock transportation standard, and quarantine regulations. 15 community leaders were given outreach program and demonstrative session on equine health, management and welfare.
- Government Veterinary Officer and Local Public Representatives facilitated orientation session to communities (4 communities; 71 equine owners) on locally available services and local planning and decision-making process.
- Initiation of efforts for MoU between AHTCS and Agriculture and Forestry University, Rampur to facilitate involvement of graduating vet students in equine related training, enrollment in internship program and support research and extension activities.
- National level equine workshop for the advocacy of equine inclusion in various programs of veterinary service at all three levels – local, provincial and central.



Community Goat Production Strengthening Project (CGPSP)

Introduction

The Community Goat Production Strengthening Project (CGPSP) is a joint initiative of Animal Health Training and Consultancy Service (AHTCS) Nepal and Volunteers in Irish Veterinary Assistance (VIVA) Ireland. With the shared vision of empowering marginalized goat farmers, the project emphasizes a holistic approach to goat production, addressing challenges and building resilience within farming communities.



Launched in December 2023, the project covers Maadi Rural Municipality and Pokhara Metropolitan-16 (Armala), Kaski, directly targeting 120 households over its three-year span. The ultimate goal is to improve the socio-economic well-being of goat-farming communities by strengthening livestock health, enhancing productivity, and linking farmers to sustainable value chains.

The project builds on a decade-long partnership between AHTCS and VIVA, which has consistently delivered positive impacts in animal health and community livelihoods in Nepal.

Core components of the project include:

- Community engagement and empowerment
- Promotion of good husbandry practices
- Local capacity building
- Promotion and improvement of indigenous resources
- Networking and market extension
- Coordination and collaboration

Through these interventions, CGPSP seeks to build resilient goat-farming communities with sustainable income sources and improved animal health systems.

Project Progress Narrative

Project Achievements

Group Formation and Mobilization

- 4 community goat-rearing groups were established across the project areas.
- A total of 104 farmers (majority women) actively engaged.
- Regular monthly meetings conducted with case-based learning on goat health, feeding, and disease management.

Trainings Conducted

- Trainings delivered on Breeding Buck Management, Goat Husbandry, and Market Value Chains.
- Topics included disease prevention, housing, record-keeping, financial literacy, and value addition.
- Women's groups prioritized fodder and goat health, while youth groups focused on markets and income generation.

Fodder Plant Distribution

- 1,200 fodder plants distributed among the 4 groups.
- Key species: Stylo, Mulberry, Ficus auriculata, Ficus semicordata.
- Farmers reported improved feed availability and resilience during dry months.



Breeding Buck Distribution & Breed Improvement

- 8 high-quality breeding bucks distributed to:
 - ◆ Deurali Women's Goat Rearing Group (1 buck)
 - ◆ Pragatisil Women's Goat Rearing Group (1 buck)
 - ◆ Shivalaya Youth Goat rearing Group (2 Bucks)
 - ◆ Taprang youth Goat Rearing Group (4 Bucks)
- Training on buck management ensured better care, housing, and controlled breeding practices.
- This intervention is expected to improve local

goat genetics, enhancing meat quality and farmer incomes.

Community Engagement

- Monthly group meetings provided a platform for farmers to discuss health problems, market strategies, and solutions to challenges.
- 40 goat health cases were discussed collectively with support from veterinarians, improving disease reporting and treatment.



Animal Health Camp at Madi Rural Municipality

- An animal health camp was organized in collaboration with Madi Rural Municipality, Livestock service section to address current health issues on animals.
- More than 200 farmers and 300 animals were benefitted directly from this health camp.

Excursion visit of farmers to National Goat Research Program Bandipur, Tanahun

- As a regular activity of the project, farmers of all groups were provided the platform to visit Goat Research program of NARC and the opportunity to get insights in goat farming from the qualified personnel of NGRP, Tanahun.
- An interactive session was organized for all farmers groups to orient them about the basics of goat farming, nutrition management, reproductive management, and disease management. The session was facilitated by Dr. Purna Bahadur Shrestha on our request.

Key Challenges Identified

Over the past year, several structural and contextual challenges emerged in the project areas:

• *Lack of Coordination Among Community Groups*

Although four groups have been formed with 104 active members, group-level coordination and decision-making remain weak. Many farmers still prefer working individually, limiting collective benefits such as bulk purchasing, disease management, and coordinated marketing.

• *Diverse Needs of Farmers*

Different farmers face different priorities—some need better housing, others prefer improved breeding, while others emphasize fodder security. This diversity complicates unified action plans, requiring tailored solutions.

• *Human-Wildlife Conflict*

Frequent goat predation by leopards and crop damage by monkeys continue to undermine household resilience. This remains one of the toughest challenges, with farmers demanding predator-proof shelters and compensation schemes.

Major Learnings & Recommendations

Key Learnings:

1. Community engagement is critical – regular meetings led to better adoption of practices.
2. Tailored approaches work best – women prioritized fodder, while youth prioritized market access.
3. Climate resilience matters – drought-resistant fodder plants helped maintain livestock health.
4. Wildlife conflict solutions are urgent – leopard-proof shelters showed promise, but monkey damage remains unresolved.
5. Government support is slow but necessary – persistent advocacy improved service delivery in some areas.

Strategic Recommendations for Next Year:

- Strengthen group leadership and governance (conflict resolution, record keeping).
- Expand fodder programs with fast-growing and climate-resilient species.
- Distribute breeding bucks to the remaining 2 groups and introduce a buck rotation system.
- Pilot innovative wildlife conflict solutions (predator-proof shelters, guard animals, forest department partnerships).
- Enhance market access by linking groups with cooperatives and digital platforms.



Gallop for Good



The Gallop for Good is consortium based project, led by Aasaman Nepal in collaboration with Animal Health Training and Consultancy Service, PESWAN, and Health Concern, is supported technically and financially by The Donkey Sanctuary, UK. The Project was conceptualized on the One Health, One Welfare approach, aiming to improve the equine welfare, enhance sustainable livelihoods and promote environmental conservation among mule and donkey owning communities in Nepal. During the inception phase, the project engaged over 80 stakeholders, conducted 35 FGDs, 40 KIIs, and 25 consultations, and carried out baseline assessments using SEBWAT and OBM tools.



Community engagement was a key focus, with 22 meetings involving 127 mule owners exceeding the target and the identification of eight “champion” owners committed to peer education. A total of 150 community inputs highlighted hoof care and feed scarcity as top concerns. Despite challenges such as farming season schedules and language barriers, the project successfully gathered extensive feedback, prioritized Jajarkot District for its pilot phase, and ensured active participation through local facilitators.



Baseline surveys and participatory tools revealed major equine welfare issues, including hoof problems, bodily wounds, ectoparasitic infestations, lameness, and ocular ailments. A pilot veterinary health camp in Jajarkot treated 469 mules, addressing immediate health concerns and validating the project’s intervention model. These findings and lessons have informed the design of an 18-month follow-up phase to deliver targeted, sustainable welfare improvements.



One Health Action: Rabies Awareness and Vaccination Campaign in Kaski



Animal Health Training and Consultancy Service (AHTCS), in collaboration with the Global Alliance for Rabies Control (GARC) an international nonprofit committed to eliminating dog-mediated rabies implemented a focused initiative titled “One Health Action: Rabies Awareness and Vaccination Campaign in Kaski.” The campaign sought to enhance public understanding of rabies through school-based education and community outreach, while also conducting vaccination camps for both street and owned dogs and cats.



Key Achievements

- The Animal Health Training and Consultancy Service (AHTCS) is recognized as a Center of Excellence for Rabies by the Global Alliance for Rabies Control (GARC). This recognition elevated the AHTCS’s credibility in global platform, enhanced technical capacity, and strengthen the partnerships. It would help to provide access to global expertise, training platforms, and funding opportunities, enabling AHTCS to lead impactful rabies prevention, community engagement, and contribute significantly towards the global “Zero by 30” goal.



- Conducted community awareness and mass vaccination campaigns across Kaski District: The campaign successfully vaccinated 96 dogs, including free-roaming animals technically “owned” but allowed to wander, reducing a key source of rabies risk. Outreach efforts reached six schools, where 400 students learned about rabies prevention and responsible pet care. Additionally, two targeted awareness programs directly engaged 100 community members in the Kaski district, fostering broader public understanding.



- This initiative significantly reduced rabies risk in the community by successfully identifying and vaccinating high-risk free-roaming dogs and cats. By overcoming logistical challenges and reaching remote areas on foot, the team ensured comprehensive vaccination coverage, protecting both people and animals while fostering a safer, rabies-free environment.



From Staff to Lifelong Family - My AHTCS Journey

By **Lila Bahadur Gurung**
General Member, AHTCS

I first joined AHTCS in 2010 as a Finance and Administration Officer, without realizing I was stepping into a journey that would shape my entire career. At that time, our financial, HR, and operational systems needed a lift. I focused on updating policies and aligning practices with both global standards and local government requirements.

One of our biggest challenges was the absence of an effective accounting system. Manual processes slowed down everything from quarterly financial statements to donor reports. Leading the transition to Money Works transformed how we worked, bringing efficiency, transparency, and accuracy to our financial management.

Beyond systems, I worked to strengthen our culture of accountability, organizing financial management, procurement, and fraud prevention sessions for staff, management, board members, and community representatives. These sessions helped reinforce our shared commitment to integrity in every aspect of our work.

In 2012, I left my staff position but never truly left AHTCS. I returned as a volunteer, serving as Member, Executive Member, and Executive Secretary for more than 12 years. From this leadership perspective, I engaged stakeholders, coordinated with communities and donors, and contributed to key strategic decisions. The skills and experiences I gained at AHTCS,



decision-making, strategic thinking, and partnership building, have carried me through roles in various international organizations. Yet AHTCS has given me far more than I could ever give back: a platform to grow, lifelong friendships, and a family I'm proud to belong to.

As we celebrate AHTCS's 25th Anniversary, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to every team past and present. This milestone is a testament to our collective dedication, resilience, and service to animal health and community well-being. I look forward to seeing the organization's next 25 years bring an even greater impact, stronger partnerships, and continued growth. Some journeys end when you leave the office. Mine didn't, because with AHTCS, you never really leave. Thank you.

AHTCS, Born to Serve

In the year 2000, it took its stand,
To uplift the lives of Nepal's land.
From humble roots in '81,
With RDC and AHIP, it had begun.

A mission to help the rural poor,
With livestock care at its core.
A vision clear, a future bright,
To build strong farms in the morning light.

Equine welfare and animal care,
Livelihoods grow with tender flair.
With eco-friendly practices in hand,
AHTCS spreads hope through the land.

Self-reliance, health, and farming's embrace,
For every community, a better place.
Working with partners, far and wide,
It helps the needy with humble pride.

To teach, to serve, to help them grow,
AHTCS makes life's blessings flow.
With a mission, vision, and a goal in sight,
It builds a future, shining bright.

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Working Equines in Nepal's Brick Sector: A Call for Legal Protection and Inclusion



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Background

Brick kilns operation is one of Nepal's largest seasonal industries. At its peak, the country operated around 1,500 kilns. Though that number has declined due to COVID-19, economic downturns, and erratic weather patterns, the sector continues to employ over 350,000 people. Notably, it still relies on thousands of working equines—donkeys, mules, and horses—for transporting raw bricks, particularly in semi-urban and rural areas where mechanization is limited.

These animals perform essential yet largely invisible labor. Approximately 25% of active kilns still use equines, especially in places where road access is poor or the terrain is challenging.

The Invisible Workforce

While human laborers in the brick sector benefit from a Code of Conduct, working animals remain excluded from legal protections. Although Nepal has introduced a Working Animal Welfare Directive, its implementation is weak, enforcement is minimal, and awareness among key stakeholders remains low.

As a result, working equines frequently suffer from:

- Long hours and excessive workloads
- Lack of shelter, food, and clean water
- Poor or no veterinary care
- Physical injuries, exhaustion, and stress

Nepal is estimated to have around 100,000 equines, with more imported seasonally from India to meet demand during brick-making periods. These animals are more than transporters; they are crucial livelihood assets. They enable families to earn income, afford food, pay for healthcare, and send children to school.

Their contributions directly support multiple Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including:

- SDG 1: No Poverty
- SDG 2: Zero Hunger
- SDG 3: Good Health and Well-being
- SDG 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth
- SDG 12: Responsible Consumption and Production

Yet, despite their significant economic and social impact, equines remain unrecognized in national legislation and policy frameworks.

A Timely Opportunity: Drafting the Animal Welfare Act

Nepal is currently drafting a National Animal Welfare Act, offering a crucial opportunity to formally recognize and protect working animals. This Act should:

- Include species-specific provisions for working animals such as equines
- Align with international standards, particularly those of the World Organization for Animal Health (WOAH)
- Adopt a rights-based, inclusive, and development-focused approach to animal welfare

Recommendations and Way Forward

To ensure ethical treatment of working animals and advance Nepal's development goals, the following actions are recommended:

1. Legal Inclusion

- Recognize working animals as contributors to the national economy
- Include species-specific welfare standards in the Animal Welfare Act

2. Enforcement of Existing Directives

- Implement the Working Animal Welfare Directive more effectively
- Allocate resources to local authorities for regular monitoring and compliance

3. Awareness and Capacity Building

- Conduct training and sensitization for kiln owners,

veterinarians, para-vets, and local authorities

- Raise awareness about humane practices and the value of equine welfare

4. Multi-Stakeholder Collaboration

- Involve government ministries (Livestock, Labor, Environment), NGOs, and the private sector
- Engage equine-owning communities in policy discussions and welfare planning

5. Data and Monitoring

- Establish a national database to track the population, health, and welfare of working animals
- Integrate animal welfare indicators into livelihood and labor surveys

Conclusion

Equines in Nepal's brick industry are not just beasts of burden—they are drivers of livelihoods, dignity, and economic resilience. Their work supports entire families and contributes meaningfully to national development. Yet, they remain invisible in policy and unprotected in law.

The draft Animal Welfare Act is a timely opportunity to change that. Incorporating working animals into the legal framework is not only a moral obligation but a step toward inclusive, responsible, and sustainable development.

महिला समूहको समर्पण

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मन भित्रैबाट गछौं हजुर स्वागत र सलाम ।

मनमा फूल फुलेको छ चौतारीमा बस्दा,
माइतीजस्तै लागेको छ पशु स्वास्थ्य संस्था ।

पहिला पनि आउनु भयो हाम्रो गाउँघरमा,
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इतिहासमा रहिरहोस् हजुरको नाउँ ।

आकाशमा उड्ने चरी जताततै गईदे,
हाम्रो कुरा बुझ्नेको मिठो सन्देश लैदे ।

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मिलिजुली बिसाउनुपर्छ यी दुःखाका भारी,
आफ्नो भाग सम्हाली खानुपर्छ नारी ।

जुटौं नारी, यही माटोमा हीरा, मोती, सुन छ,
राम्रो काम मिहिनेत गरे बाखा दिनुहुन्छ ।

बोलिरहन मन लाग्थ्यो हजुरको माझ,
समयले बिदा दियो, कलम राखे आज ।

प्रगती महिला बाखापालन समूह
पोखरा १६, हरीपाउ कास्की



Equine Rabies Case in Banke Sparks Community Awareness and Emergency Vaccination

The Animal Health Training and Consultancy Services (AHTCS), through its Sustainable Equine Welfare Program (SEWP) in Nepalgunj, has been supporting local systems for equine disease screening, diagnosis, and treatment across Banke and Bardiya districts to ensure quality equine healthcare. During a routine visit to brick kilns, the team encountered a stallion at Chacha Brick Udhog, Janki Rural Municipality - 4, Banke, showing signs consistent with rabies, including extreme distress, rolling, biting, and self-inflicted injuries. The owner reported that the horse had begun exhibiting symptoms in the early morning and had bitten six other equines at the site.

AHTCS promptly notified the Livestock Service Section of Janki Rural Municipality and the Veterinary Hospital and Livestock Service Expert

Center (VHLSEC), Banke. A joint team visited the stallion, which had already died by the time of arrival. Samples were collected by the Veterinary Diagnostics, Research and Training Laboratory, Dhangadhi, and the carcass was safely buried with lime. Laboratory testing subsequently confirmed rabies in the stallion.

Following the confirmation, the community was educated on rabies prevention, and 25 equines were vaccinated through a coordinated effort by AHTCS, Janki Rural Municipality, and VHLSEC. This case highlights the importance of rapid disease detection, inter-institutional collaboration, and community engagement in preventing the spread of rabies among working equines.



Equine Health Camp in Dhorpatan: A Collaborative Effort for Welfare and Awareness



Animal Health Training and Consultancy Service (AHTCS), in partnership with VHLSEC Baglung, organized an equine health camp in Dhorpatan, Baglung, showcasing strong cooperation and community involvement. Led by Dr. Sudarshan Bhattarai, the expert team provided vital health check-ups, treatments, and care to over 100 equines, significantly enhancing their well-being and working conditions. The camp also created awareness among



equine owners on proper handling of animals during work and treatment to minimize stress and injury. Additionally, an interactive session informed owners about common equine diseases, prevention measures, and daily care practices. This joint initiative not only addressed immediate animal health concerns but also built long-term capacity of owners, fostering improved welfare and sustainable care for working equines.



Transforming Livelihoods through Goat; A Story of Mr. Surya Bikram Sapkota



Mr. Surya Bikram Sapkota, a 46-year-old resident of Madi Rural Municipality-4, Kaski, returned home after spending a decade in foreign employment. Determined to build a sustainable future in his own village, he started small by rearing a few indigenous goats to support his family's daily needs. With time, Mr. Sapkota actively sought opportunities to improve his technical knowledge and increase production. Starting with just five goats, he became a member of the CLPSP program of AHTCS, where he regularly attended group meetings and capacity-building activities. He was later selected to participate in a two-day goat farming training, which proved to be a turning point. By applying the new skills and knowledge gained, his herd gradually grew to 20 goats, enabling him to fully sustain his household expenses through goat farming alone.

In addition to livestock rearing, he planted fodder grass seedlings provided by AHTCS, ensuring a sustainable supply of quality feed. Today, Mr. Sapkota is recognized as a lead farmer in his community, sharing technical advice and motivating others to adopt improved goat farming practices. He envisions expanding his herd to 50 goats and becoming a model commercial goat farmer in the region.

Mr. Sapkota proudly shared that AHTCS has played a key role in helping him pursue his vision. With dedication and the right knowledge, he believes goat farming can ensure a dignified life in the village. His ambition is to expand his herd to 50 goats and establish himself as a model commercial farmer, a goal he is working toward with AHTCS's support.

Heat Stress in a working Equine: A field Case from Nepalgunj, Banke

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Abstract

A heat stress is a major welfare concern in working equines, particularly in hot and humid environments such as Nepalgunj, Banke can be defined as abnormal physiological state, occurring when the body cannot cool itself to maintain healthy temperature. Without timely intervention, it can progress to life threatening heat stroke.

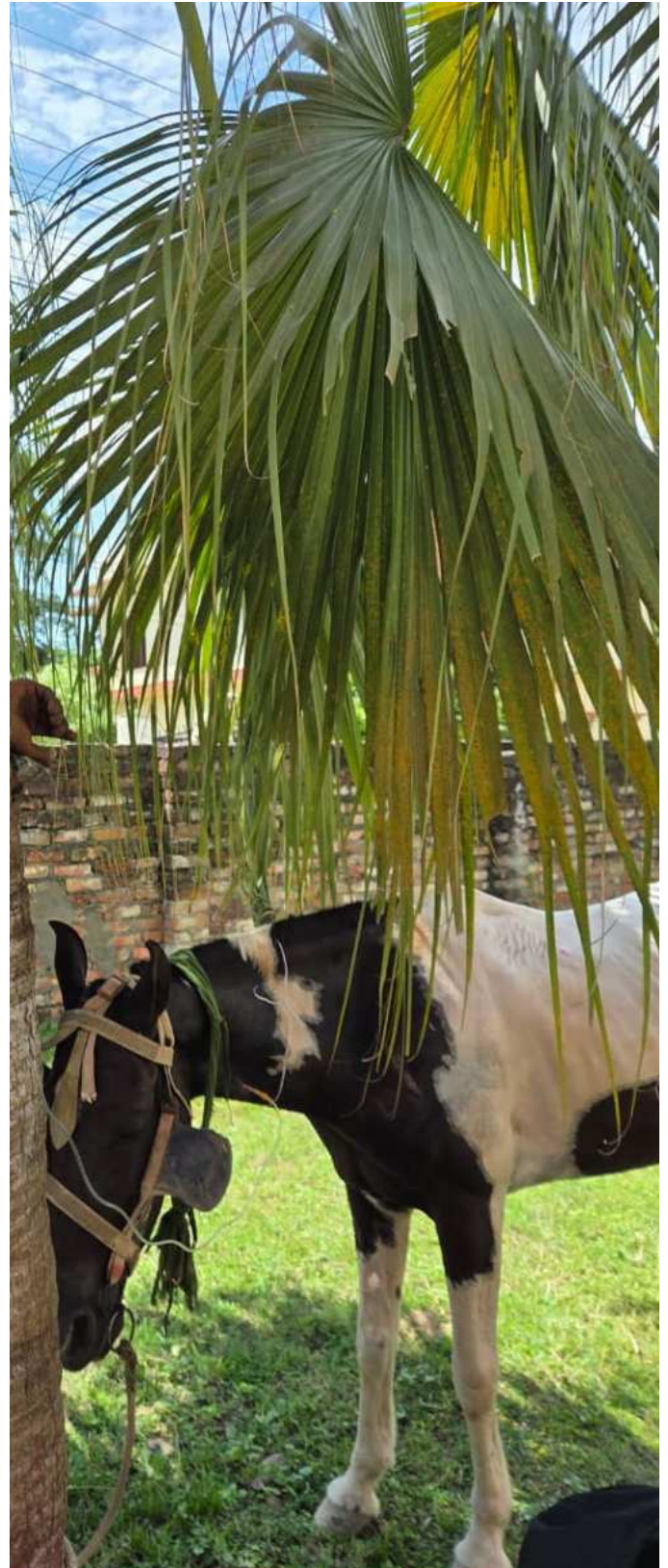
A working horse was presented with tachycardia (90bpm), tachypnea (65bpm), hyperthermia (103.6F), profuse sweating, congested mucus membrane, and depression. History reveled prolonged daily work in high temperature and humid environment (33-34oC). Clinical assessment indicated heat and dehydration.

Provision of shade, water, and active cooling with surface wiping was done as primary intervention. IV Ringer's Lactate administered at calculated rate combining maintenance (60mL/kg/day) and estimated 5% dehydration deficit. Flunixin Meglumine was given to control fever and inflammation. Regular monitoring showed reduction of rectal temperature to 100.5 F within 3 hours.

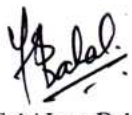
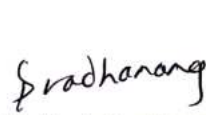
On follow up next day, heart rate and respiratory rate remained high but markedly improved as compared to the initial presentation. Advise was given to the owner on preventive management, including rest, shade, and water access.

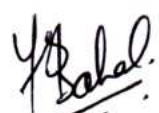
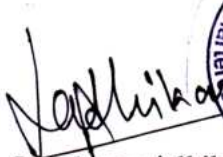
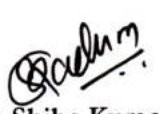
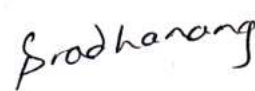
This case illustrated the importance of early recognition and prompt management of heat stress in working equines. Supportive therapy, combined with owner education is important to safeguarding equine welfare in hot and humid climates.

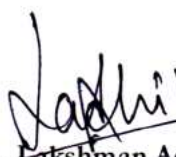
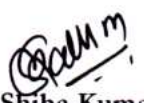
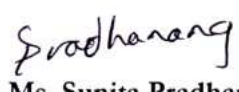
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FINANCIAL OVERVIEW (2024/2025)

Animal Health Training & Consultancy Service (AHTCS)						
Pokhara, Kaski						
Fund Accountability Statement						
For the period from 1st Shrawan 2081 to 32nd Ashad 2082						
S N	Particulars	SEWP	VIVA (CGPSP)	GFG	AHTCS Core Account	Total
A	Opening Fund Balance					
1	Bank	90,312.14	142,213.72	-	8,989,831.42	9,222,357.28
2	Advance and Receivables	122,775.00	-	-	1,152,819.17	1,275,594.17
3	Inventories	-	-	-	15,081,733.59	15,081,733.59
4	Less: Payable	(146,170.00)	(16,387.00)	-	(86,553.00)	(249,110.00)
	Total	66,917.14	125,826.72	-	25,137,831.18	25,330,575.04
B	Fund Received					
1	Grant Received	10,794,841.86	3,649,742.88	968,118.99	99,310.75	15,512,014.48
2	Training Income	-	-	-	2,094,425.00	2,094,425.00
3	Interest Income	-	-	-	99,381.92	99,381.92
4	Overhead Income	-	-	-	3,524,904.00	3,524,904.00
5	Other Income	-	-	-	23,500.00	23,500.00
6	Deffered Tax Income	-	-	-	230,842.65	230,842.65
7	Fixed Asset Fund	-	-	-	414,403.00	414,403.00
	Total	10,794,841.86	3,649,742.88	968,118.99	6,486,767.32	21,899,471.05
C	Fund Expensed					
1	Program Expenses	2,433,921.04	252,202.04	370,061.00	928,992.00	3,985,176.08
2	Human Resource Expenses	3,636,337.00	1,470,134.00	360,800.00	3,462,519.00	8,929,790.00
3	Travel Expenses	508,527.04	163,920.00	101,650.00	242,726.00	1,016,823.04
4	Office Overhead & Administrative Cost	2,624,990.62	1,412,844.80	135,610.25	1,576,882.26	5,750,327.93
5	Capital Expenditure	408,900.00	5,503.00	-	-	414,403.00
6	Depreciation	-	-	-	553,773.02	553,773.02
7	Depreciation & Disposal of Donated Assets	-	-	-	244,482.04	244,482.04
	Total	9,612,675.70	3,304,603.84	968,121.25	7,009,374.32	20,894,775.12
D	Closing Fund Balance (A+B-C)	1,249,083.30	470,965.76	(2.26)	24,615,224.17	26,335,270.97
	Represented By:					
1	Bank	1,385,222.47	8,700.76	2.74	8,355,176.88	9,749,102.85
2	Advance and Receivables	122,775.00	485,734.00	-	1,118,438.77	1,726,947.77
3	Inventories (Expendable & Nonexpendable)	-	-	-	15,761,608.52	15,761,608.52
4	Less: Payable	(258,914.17)	(23,469.00)	(5.00)	(620,000.00)	(902,388.17)
	Total	1,249,083.30	470,965.76	(2.26)	24,615,224.17	26,335,270.97
For and on behalf of Animal Health Training & Consultancy Service (AHTCS)					As per our attached report of even date	
 Dr. Shiva Hari Ghimire Acting Chairperson  Mr. Tulsi Jung Dahal Secretary  CA. Laxman Adhikari L. Adhikari & Associates Chartered Accountants  Mr. Dipendra Poudel Admin/Finance Officer  Mr. Shiba Kumar Pradhan Executive Director  Ms. Sunita Pradhanang Treasurer						

Animal Health Training & Consultancy Service (AHTCS) Pokhara, Kaski Statement of Financial Position As at 32nd Ashad 2082 (16th July 2025)			
Particulars	Note	Current Year Amount Rs.	Previous Year Amount Rs.
Assets			
Non Current Assets			
Property Plant & Equipment			
a. Cost Price	4.1	33,593,854.98	32,071,122.98
b. Accumulated Depreciation		18,340,315.51	17,542,060.44
c. Written Down Value (a-b)		15,253,539.47	14,529,062.54
Current Assets			
Inventory (Consumables-Stationeries)		508,069.05	552,671.05
Deposits, Advance and Receivables	4.2	1,390,457.34	1,169,946.39
Cash and Bank Balances	4.2	9,749,102.85	9,222,357.28
Deffered Tax Assets	4.3	336,490.43	105,647.78
Donor's Fund	4.4	2.26	-
		11,984,121.93	11,050,622.50
Total Assets		27,237,661.40	25,579,685.04
Fund & Liabilities			
Fund & Reserves			
Previous Year's Balance		23,906,448.16	24,213,369.36
Add: Surplus (Deficit)		(692,527.96)	(306,921.20)
Accumulated Reserves		23,213,920.20	23,906,448.16
Disaster Relief Fund		106,765.00	106,765.00
Property, Plant & Equipment Fund		1,294,538.98	1,124,618.02
Donor's Fund	4.4	1,720,049.05	192,743.86
Total Reserve & Fund		26,335,273.23	25,330,575.04
Non Current Liabilities		-	-
Current Liabilities			
Account Payables	4.2	902,388.17	249,110.00
Total		902,388.17	249,110.00
Total Liabilities		902,388.17	249,110.00
Total Fund & Liabilities		27,237,661.40	25,579,685.04
The Notes on accounts form an integral part of the financial statements			
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Animal Health Training & Consultancy Service (AHTCS) Pokhara, Kaski Statement of Income & Expenditure For the period from 1st Shrawan 2081 to 32nd Ashad 2082			
Particulars	Note	Current Year Amount Rs.	Previous Year Amount Rs.
Income			
Incoming Resources	4.5	13,470,997.79	10,082,384.40
Training Income		2,094,425.00	6,378,950.00
Overhead Income		3,524,904.00	2,034,481.00
Staff Contribution		-	309,258.00
Financial Income		99,381.92	261,418.20
Other Incomes		122,810.75	35,864.00
Total Income (a)		19,312,519.46	19,102,355.60
Expenditure			
Program Expenses	4.6	13,470,997.79	9,438,636.00
AHTCS Core Account	4.7	6,211,119.26	9,530,877.09
Depreciation During Period		553,773.02	542,070.81
Total Expenditure (b)		20,235,890.07	19,511,583.89
Surplus (Deficit) During the year		(923,370.61)	(409,228.29)
Current Tax Expenses		-	-
Transfer From Specific Fund		-	-
Deffered Tax Expenses (Income)		(230,842.65)	(102,307.09)
Surplus (Deficit) During the Year Transfer to Balance Sheet		(692,527.96)	(306,921.20)
The Notes on accounts form an integral part of the financial statements			
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Overview of AHTCS's 25-Year Journey:

Animal Health Training and Consultancy Service (AHTCS) was established in January 2000 as an independent non-government, non-profit organization. It was registered in the District Administration Office, Kaski and is affiliated with the Social Welfare Council. It has emerged from the Animal Health Improvement Training Program (AHITP), a training program of Rural Development Centre (RDC) under United Mission to Nepal (UMN). AHTCS almost carried two decades glorious history of RDC in extending animal health and husbandry-based training throughout the country.

After getting the independence/autonomous status, the AHTCS had delivered its training services with eight staffs and was governed by seven founder members' Executive Committee. During the course of 25 years, it had possessed 48 general members and 39 staffs including one volunteer in some point of time, now it has 37 general members and 15 staff Members. The initial budget of the organization was NRs. 2.7 million which is now in increasing trend now been increased to NRs. 27.8 million. It has widened its services in the sector to that of community development considering livestock as a key component of intervention.

In this quarter-century milestone, AHTCS has widened its partnership network and has implemented various livestock-based trainings, Livestock and Market initiative, Animal welfare particularly of working equine and community services jointly with development cooperation partners and government organizations, INGOs, NGOs and CBOs.

AHTCS prioritizes to train the frontline animal health service providers as a key strategy. So far, it has organized 82 sessions of 35-day VAHW training, trained 2,245 trainees (1,568 men and 677 women) across 72 districts of Nepal. In addition, 12,140 marginalized rural farmers (4,368 men and 7,664 women) have received training in diverse areas of agriculture, livestock, and community engagement.

Capacity development training Activities (as of July 16, 2025)

S.N.	Name of Training	Events	Duration (Days)	Beneficiaries		
				Male	Female	Total
1	VAHW	82	35	1568	677	2245
2	VAHW Refresher	32	10 - 15	728	233	961
3	VAHW TOT	12	7 - 10	146	57	203
4	General TOT	2	10	4	24	28
5	Animal management	87	3 - 7	312	1582	1894
6	Goat Raising Training	41	3 - 5	322	609	931
7	Buffalo Raising	1	3 - 5	0	23	23
8	Pig Raising	4	3 - 5	22	41	63
9	Basic Poultry Production	3	7	42	32	74
10	Basic Poultry Health	1	7	146	78	224
11	Animal Health	5	5 -7	76	33	109
12	Zoonotic Disease control and prevention	13	3	36	20	56
13	Animal Breeding	5	3	76	33	109
14	Equine welfare sensitization	15	3-5	318	47	365
15	Shed management	19	3	54	392	446
16	Animal Nutrition management	7	2 - 3	55	177	232
17	Fodder and Forage Production	54	3	391	1026	1417
18	Integrated Fish Farming	5	5 -7	48	72	120

19	Commercial vegetable production	23	5 -7	233	394	627
20	Non-Timber Forest production	7	5	100	84	184
21	Agro-based market management	8	5	98	108	314
22	Group management	30	3	0	735	735
23	Group Facilitators Training	1	7	0	10	10
24	Saving and Micro-credit	2	2	0	35	35
25	Gender Sensitization and Awareness	16	2	7	342	349
26	Women Rights and Legal Awareness	1	2	0	10	10
27	Women Rights and Legal Awareness	16	1	0	362	362
28	Basic cooperative Training	1	5	4	15	19
29	Basic Cooperative Orientation	14	1	15	313	328
30	Local Health Service Provider Training	25	3	123	18	141
31	Farriery Training	6	5	47	0	47
32	Graduating vet Training	6	3	68	26	94
33	Livestock Emergency Guidelines and Standard (LEGS) Training	7	3	184	41	225
34	Junior Poultry Technician	30	90	143	457	600
35	Local Healers training on medicine use	1	1	28	0	28
36	Basic Agriculture Training	24	7	454	170	624
37	Livestock Management and Facilitation Training	5	3	38	15	53
38	Breeding Goat Training	4	2	50	50	100
TOTAL		512		5936	8341	14385

AHTCS Completed Project

Animal Healthcare and Management Project (AHMP)

The Animal Health Management Project (AHMP 2007-2010), jointly implemented by AHTCS and the Finnish Evangelical Lutheran Mission (FELM), aimed to tackle low productivity in animal health and management across rural Nepal. Through nationwide collaboration, the project delivered farmer training, awareness campaigns, and strengthened Village Animal Health Workers (VAHWs) with training, monitoring, and supervision. Benefiting 1,652 households and 1,116 small farmers, AHMP improved veterinary services, encouraged better husbandry, and enhanced livelihoods, raising overall community living standards.



Key Interventions and Impact:

- 321 VAHWs produced and mobilized to deliver quality veterinary services in communities.
- 124 VAHWs received advanced training on improved animal management and facilitation.
- 250 farmers trained in goat raising and management to promote better husbandry.
- 5,688 animals were provided with need-based medical care.
- Established the National VAHWs Network (VAHW-FUN), registered in Pokhara-18, Kaski.
- 84% of trained VAHWs actively deliver animal healthcare services in their communities.

Women Empowerment Project (WEP, 2004-2005)

The Women's Empowerment Project (WEP), implemented by AHTCS with support from BOTHAR, Ireland, was carried out in Nirmalpokhari, Valam, Lamachaur, Armala VDCs, and Lekhnath Municipality of Kaski district during 2004–2005. Its goal was to enhance women's participation in improved livestock management to uplift their livelihoods. Key components included forming and mobilizing women's groups, producing and mobilizing VAHWs, providing training and extension services, strengthening local capacity, promoting breed improvement and husbandry practices, and fostering networking and coordination among communities and institutions.

Key Interventions and Impact:

1. 14 women's groups formed and registered, engaging 360 farming households.
2. Welfare Fund established to support communities during emergencies.
3. 12 VAHWs produced and mobilized for quality animal healthcare services.
4. Women farmers improved knowledge and skills in animal health, management, and husbandry.
5. Local government recognized groups and included them in plans and priorities.
6. Strengthened networking and linkages with communities and local institutions.
7. Women adopted commercial livestock enterprises, expanded businesses, and showed continued commitment to improvement.



Integrated Community Development Project (ICDP)

Integrated Community Development Project (ICDP 2008 - 2010), a European Union (EU) funded consortium led a multi-sectoral community development initiative across 27 remote Village Development Committees (VDCs) in the then Western Development Region (Gandaki and Lumbini provinces). The project addressed community health, disaster preparedness, agriculture and livestock-based livelihoods, children, youth and women empowerment, and local capacity enhancement. The consortium, comprising AHTCS, Naulo Ghumti, Nepal Red Cross Society, and GONESA, implemented specialized interventions in each theme. AHTCS led the Livelihood through Agriculture and Livestock Promotion component while supporting other project areas. The initiative reached 25,077 households (148,595 people) across



nine districts Kaski, Syangja, Gorkha, Parwat, Myagdi, Gulmi, Rupandehi, and Kapilvastu ensuring sustainable improvements in livelihoods and community resilience.

Community Livestock Production Strengthening Project (CLPSP)

Community Livestock Production strengthening Project (CLPSP 2006-2011), a holistic intervention and was cofounded by Volunteers in Irish Veterinary Assistance (VIVA), Ireland and BOTHAR, Ireland. CLPSP covered six Village Development Committees (VDCs) of Kaski district. Farmer's (Women) Group



strengthening and mobilization, women empowerment and institutional strengthening, enhancing women's skill and capacity to undertake good husbandry practices, promotion of livelihood resilience, animal healthcare system strengthening as well as provision of in-kind supports were the key components of the project. The project was able to reach 375 farming households and optimize the production potential of the farm animals by enhancing the knowledge and skills on improved animal management practices and consequently improving the socio-economic status of the respective communities.

Key Interventions and Impact

- 9 VAHWs trained, equipped with starter medicine kits, and mobilized for community veterinary services.
- 375 farmers were trained in improved husbandry, housing, nutrition, and fodder cultivation.
- 16 women's goat-rearing groups oriented on rights and legal awareness for greater participation.
- 16 model goat sheds were established; 45 farmers replicated improved shed practices.
- Supported women's groups in fodder cultivation and animal nutrition initiatives.
- Established 2 cooperatives and 1 convenient store for market linkages.
- Distributed 16 improved bucks and 9 buffalo bulls to enhance crossbreeding and genetic potential.

Strengthening Animal Health and Management Project (SAMP, 2004-2011)

The Strengthening Animal Health and Management Project (SAMP), supported by Heifer International USA/Nepal, aimed to build the capacity of Village Animal Health Workers (VAHWs) to improve livestock productivity among Self Help Group members. Implemented by AHTCS from 2004–2011 across multiple districts including Kaski, Baglung, Parbat, Tanahu, Lamjung, Palpa, Rupandehi, Banke, Bardiya, Dang, Salyan, Pyuthan and Rolpa. SAMP included VAHW mentoring, monitoring, improved animal management training, breed improvement, mobile vet services, health camps, need-based trainings, and Farmers Field School guidance, fostering sustainable livestock development and community resilience.



Key Interventions and Impact:

1. 178 VAHWs monitored and mentored, improving competence build confidence in service delivery and 72% of them actively provided animal healthcare in their communities.
2. 19 VAHWs started commercial ventures in goat, swine, and poultry farming.
3. Service delivery became more systematic with better access, timely treatment, drug availability, client handling, and record keeping.
4. 58% of VAHWs doubled their medicine stock.
5. 65% of farmers constructed improved animal sheds.
6. Increased adoption of mineral block feeding.
7. Regular deworming and vaccination practices established.

Animal Nutrition Management Project (ANMP)

The Animal Nutrition Management Project (ANMP), implemented by AHTCS with support by the VIVA Ireland (2006 - 2007), focused on improving animal nutrition in Nepal. Conducted in Kaski, Okhaldhunga, and Morang, the project assessed livestock feed quality and nutritional status to recommend practical strategies for improvement. Emphasizing research, community engagement, and local resource promotion,



ANMP also strengthened animal husbandry practices through collaboration with stakeholders. The initiative aimed to address nutritional deficiencies in livestock, thereby enhancing productivity, improving farmer livelihoods, and promoting sustainable livestock management in rural communities.

Dairy Development Project

AHTCS implemented the Dairy Development Project (2014 - 2015) in Santapur and Judibela VDCs of Rautahat with support from Surya Nepal Pvt. Ltd. The project focused on providing Artificial Insemination (AI) and veterinary services for cattle and buffaloes through trained local AI workers under AHTCS' veterinarian supervision. Additionally, it organized training on hygienic milk production, fodder and forage cultivation, disease prevention, and conducted free animal health camps to support dairy farmers.



Key Interventions and Impact

- 1,259 animals inseminated (794 Santapur, 465 Judibela), achieving 70% of 1,800 target.
- 2 training courses held in Judibela on hygienic milk production and fodder/forage cultivation.
- 3 free animal health camps and door-to-door services benefited 1,338 animals of 281 farmers.
- 6 vaccination events against HS and BQ covered 2,272 animals of 809 farmers.
- 40 farmers (24 male, 16 female) joined a 2-day exposure visit to Chitwan, Nawalparasi, and Palpa.
- An A-V exhibition on milk hygiene, dairy animal nutrition, and care of pregnant animals trained 37 cooperative leaders (22 male, 15 female).

Market Oriented Short Term (MOST) Poultry Farm Workers Skill Training (2010–2011)

The Market Oriented Short Term (MOST) Poultry Farm Workers Skill Training is an intensive three-month long training program designed to promote entrepreneurial culture among the youths while at the same time enhancing the overall poultry farming sector of Nepal. The initiative is a part of the Skill for Employment Project (SEP), a joint venture between Asian Development Bank (ADB), Council for Technical Education and Vocational Training (CTEVT) and Ministry of Education, Nepal Government.



The MOST Poultry Farm Workers Training, producing 588 graduates nationwide. The program equipped farmers with modern poultry techniques, management skills, and entrepreneurship training, while promoting commercialization, business planning, and market linkages. Graduates gained technical expertise, employment opportunities, and stronger integration into Nepal's growing poultry industry.

Income Generation Support Programme to Women in Parsa District (IGSP)

In year 2012 to 2013, AHTCS, in partnership with Sansthaat Bikash Sanjal, implemented the Income Generation Support Programme (IGSP) to empower marginalized women in equine rearing communities of Bara and Parsa. The project enhanced women's socio-economic status by forming groups that fostered confidence, collective voice, and access to savings and credit facilities. Affordable loans supported personal and business needs, while livestock-based training (goat, swine, poultry) created new income opportunities. Recognized by the government and NGOs, these groups gained inclusion in plans and



services. Additionally, workshops on domestic conflict management strengthened women's roles in families and communities, promoting long-term empowerment and decision-making participation.

Post Earthquake Livelihood Support Project (2016-2017)

The devastating earthquake of April 2015 in Nepal, caused huge impacts in Nepal, nearly 9,000 human casualties and severely impacting Gorkha district. Beyond lives and infrastructure, livelihoods collapsed, leaving marginalized communities unable to recover as aid diminished. To address this, AHTCS, with support from BOTHAR Ireland, implemented the Post-Earthquake Livelihood Support Project in Chhoprak, Gorkha, targeting Dalit communities through disaster risk management, awareness, goat enterprise training, feed support, resilient livelihoods, and income generation initiatives.



Major Interventions and Impact:

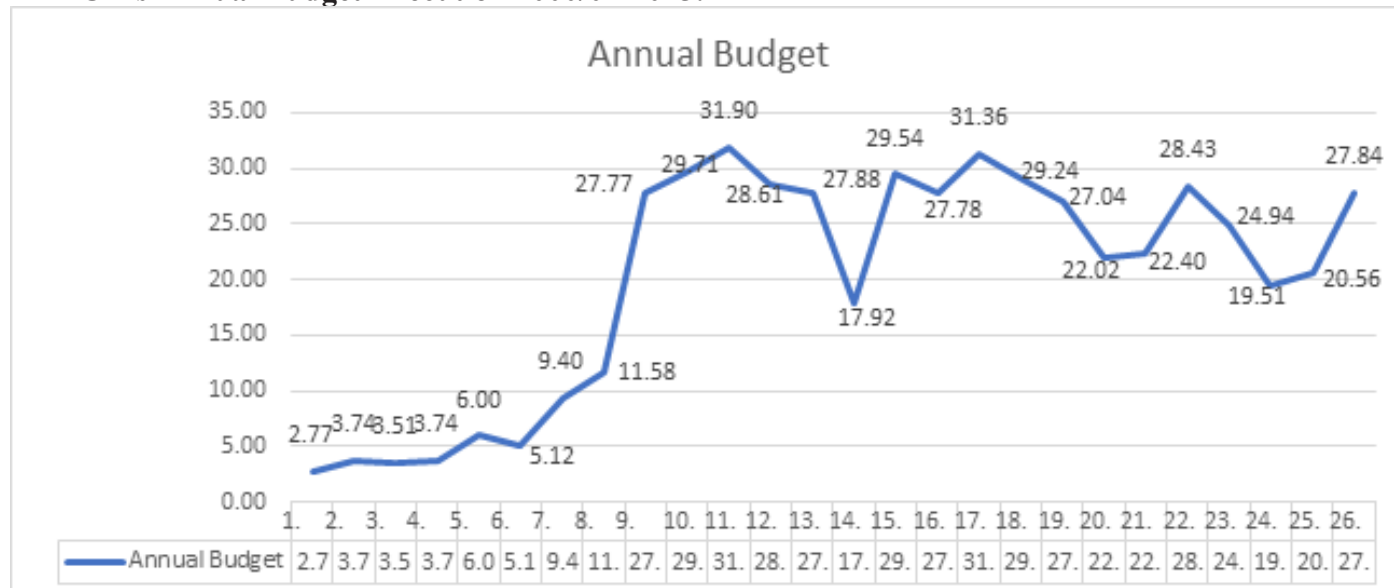
- Distributed improved goat and swine breeds to 32 households with shed construction support.
- Provided blacksmith equipment to 4 professionals to restore livelihoods.
- The animal health camp treated 300+ goats and 90 cattle.
- Supplied fodder plants to 32 households for quality green feed.
- Delivered training on goat raising, shed management, and fodder production for income generation.
- Oriented communities on emergency preparedness and disaster risk management.

Advancing Women's Participation in Livestock Vaccine Value Chains

From 2021–2022, AHTCS partnered with the University of Florida to enhance women's access to small ruminant vaccines in six districts of Nepal. Using the Gendered Intersectional Transformative Approach (GITA), the project empowered women farmers and marginalized groups to participate in the livestock vaccine value chain. A multi-level training model included a TOT for veterinary officers, VAHW training, and community seminars to promote vaccine awareness and women's role in animal health.

The project reach was extended to 1046 farmers (862 female and 184 male) and 15 VAHWs on account of their engagement in project initiatives, thus further laying a foundation to initiate cascade of impactful changes involving role of women in livestock vaccine chain.

AHTCH's Annual Budget Execution 2000/01-2025:



Development Cooperation Partners

- Brooke, Action for Working Horses and Donkeys UK
- Global Alliance for Rabies Control (GARC)
- Vets Without Borders Ireland former VIVA Irelands
- The Donkey Sanctuary (TDS) UK
- The University of Florida (UoF – USA)
- Bothar, Ireland
- Heifer International Nepal
- Asian Development Bank (SEP/CTEVT)
- European Union
- Danmission, Denmark
- University of Colorado State, USA
- University of Illinois, USA
- University of Pennsylvania, USA
- Netherlands Reformed Church, The Netherlands
- Global Ministries of the Uniting Protestant Churches of the Netherlands (UNC)
- Finnish Evangelical Lutheran Mission (FELM), Finland
- UMN (United Mission to Nepal)
- United Mission to Nepal / Rural Development Centre

Collaborating Partners:

- AEPS, Chitwan
- Agriculture and Environment Forum, Chitwan
- Annapurna Conservation Area Project (ACAP), Kaski
- Antar Nirbhar Samaj / Antar Nirbhar Samaj, Surkhet
- Appropriate Technology Asia (ATA), Kathmandu
- Aviyan Nepal, Jhapa
- B Group, Banke
- Bagmati Sewa Samaj, Sarlahi
- Bahumukhi Sewa Kendra, Banke
- Bajipokhari Integrated Cooperation for Rural Development (BIRD) Nepal
- BASE, Nepal
- Biswas, Morang
- BYC (Bhimpokhara Youth Club), Baglung
- Care Nepal
- CCODER Nepal, Kathmandu
- CCDN (Center for Community Development Nepal), Makwanpur
- CDECF, Sindhupalchok
- CDF Dolkha
- CDRC, Rolpa
- CDRF, Parbat
- CDS, Ramechhap
- CECI Kathmancu
- CES, Salyan
- CFWA, Dhanusha
- CDHP, Makwanpur
- CDP, Sindhuli
- Change Nepal, Nawalparasi
- Chandra Jyoti Integrated Rural Development Society (CIRDS), Dhading
- Child Health and Environment Save Society (CHESS), Nepal
- Chourjahari Development Resource Forum (CDRF), Parbat
- Churetei Dugdha Utpadak Sahakari Sanstha, Tanahun
- CIDA
- CIDS, Sindhuli
- Community & Rural Development Society Nepal (CARDSN)
- Community Development Forum (CDF) Nepal, Morang
- Community Development Foundation, Pokhara
- Community Development Organization, Ramechhap
- Dalit Welfare Association, Banke
- Deep Jyoti Youth Club (DYC)
- DEED Nepal, Lamjung
- DEHAN Udaypur
- DFID
- Dhunsa Bikash Samaj, Dhading
- Dhanusha Sewa Samiti
- District Development Committee, Baglung
- District Road Support Program (DRSP), Kathmandu
- Directorate of Livestock and Fisheries Development, Gandaki Province, Kaski
- Diyalo Pariwar, Chitwan
- DRMP, Dhading
- D-Mega, Sindhuli
- DUDAS Rolpa
- ECARDS, Bara
- Eco Centre, Chitwan
- Eco-Himal, Kathmandu
- Ex-Pac, Kathmandu
- FAIREP, Morang
- Federation of Partners in Nepal (FPIN),

- Kathmandu
- FIRDO Nepal
 - FOCUS Nepal, Dhading
 - FORWARD Nepal
 - Friends of Sankhu, Kathmandu
 - GARDEP
 - Ghansikuwa Youth Club, Tanahun
 - GIZ-STPP (GTZ-STPP)
 - GMJS, Okhaldhunga
 - GONESHA, Kaski
 - Good Neighbors International
 - Gramin Arthik Bikash Sangh, REDA
 - Gramin Bikash Ka Lagi Sahayogi Haat Haru, Palpa
 - Gramin Bikash Sanstha, Salyan
 - Graminik Shrot Bikash Kendra, Palpa
 - Gramin Mahila Jagaran Samuha, Okhaldhunga
 - Gramin Mahila Utthan Kendra, Dang
 - Gramin Samajik Bikash Sanstha Limited, Syangja
 - Gramin Swawamgi Bikas Samaj, Banepa
 - Hamro Abhiyan, Bhaktapur
 - Hand Nepal
 - Health Concern Nepal
 - Helvetas Nepal
 - Help and Care, Kavre
 - Help-Us, Kavre
 - HiCODEF, Nawalparasi
 - Himwanti, Nawalparasi
 - Hoste Hainse, Tanahun
 - Hudec
 - ICA Nepal, Kathmandu
 - ICDHP, Makwanpur
 - INF Pokhara
 - Indreni Nepal
 - Indreni Samaj Kendra, Palpa
 - Indreni Gramin Bikash Kendra, Rupandehi
 - International Development Enterprises (IDE) Nepal, Lalitpur
 - ISS, Surkhet
 - JAICA Nepal
 - Jana Sahayogi Krishi Sahakari Sanstha
 - Jan Chetana Bikash Kendra (JCBK), Tanahu
 - Jan Chetana Bikash Kendra, Rupandehi
 - Jana Chetana Bikash Kendra, Syangja
 - Janajagaran Mahila Samiti, Bardiya
 - J-Con Jagaran, Sankhuwasabha
 - JPP, Surkhet
 - ISS, Surkhet
 - KBYC
 - Kobed
 - KOPIA-Nepal, Kaski
 - KOSIS, Nepal
 - Li-BIRD (Local Initiatives for Biodiversity, Research and Development)
 - Life Light Community Development Service, Kaski / Kathmandu
 - Likhudemba, Okhaldhunga
 - Livestock Service Training Centre, Gandaki Province, Kaski
 - Local Development Fund (LDF), Kaski
 - Lumbini Gramin Bikash
 - Machapuchhre Development Organization, Kaski
 - Mahila Bhawatmak Ekata Manch, Nawalparasi
 - Mahila Jagaran Manch, Banke
 - Mahila Jagaran Munch, Surkhet
 - Mahila Samrakshan Manch, Nuwakot
 - Mahila Sahayog Manch, Pyuthan
 - Mahila Sanskriti Utthan Kendra, Mahottari
 - Mahila Upakar Munch, Banke
 - Mallarani Rural Development Concern Center – MRDCC, Pyuthan
 - Manabiya Shrot Bikash Kendra (MSBK), Kaski
 - Manaslu Conservation Area Project (MCAP)
 - MEP, Mugu
 - Modi Kalyankari Samanwaya Samiti
 - Mount Everest Community Development
 - MSWC Ramechhap
 - Multipurpose Community Development and Awareness Forum (MCDAF), Kaski
 - Multiple Service Centre (MSC), Banke
 - NACRMLP
 - Namuna Jagriti Dalit Utthan Samanwaya Samiti, Syangja
 - Nari Kalyan Samiti, Bardiya
 - Nari Utthan Kendra, Banke
 - National Integrated Development Association (NIDA), Tanahun
 - National Livestock Breeding Office, Kaski
 - Nawa Adarsha Club, Pokhara
 - Nava Goreto, Syangja
 - Nepal Janakalyan Samaj, Salyan
 - Nepal Red Cross Society
 - Nepalgunj Municipality
 - NEST (Nucleus for Empowerment through Skill Transfer), Kaski
 - NGO Network, Tanahun
 - NIDS, Sarlahi
 - NNSWA, Nepal
 - NWSS, Sarlahi
 - Palpa Ghans Bikash Sangh, Palpa
 - Paribartanshil Mahila Samudayik Bikas Samaj (PMSS), Tanahun

- Pariwartansil Mahila Swayam Sewak Samiti, Tanahun
- PASS Nepal, Ramechhap
- PDC, Ayarakhanchi
- PEACEWIN, Bajura
- PESWAN (Preservation of Environment and Social Welfare Association of Nepal)
- Phase Nepal
- PRANN, Rauthat
- Prerana
- Prayasch Nepal
- Practical Action Nepal
- Ratauli Youth Club
- REED-Nepal, Rautahat
- Regional Directorate of Livestock Service, Kaski
- Regional Livestock Training Service Centre (RLTC), Kaski
- Regional Veterinary Lab, Kaski
- RIMS Nepal, Dhading
- Rural Reconstruction Nepal
- RSDC (Rural Self Reliance Development Centre), Kathmandu
- Rural Economic Development Association (REDA), Palpa
- Sagun
- SADEC Gulmi
- SAHAS Nepal, Kathmandu
- Sahayata Social Organization, Nuwakot
- Sahayog Nepal
- Samaj Kalyan Sangh, Bardiya
- Samim Bhadr Amasumha, Pokhara
- Samudayik Bikash Sanstha, Bardiya
- Samudayik Bikash Sanstha, Rolpa
- Samudayik Mahila Utthan Kendra, Dang
- Sansthaगत Bikas Sanjal
- SATHI Nepal, Kaski
- SAP-Nepal, Chitwan
- SABAL - Save the Children
- Seed Nepal, Parbat
- SEEDS, Rasuwa
- Shanti Ka Lagi Bikash Kendra, Nepal
- Share and Care Nepal, Kathmandu
- SHIP Nepal
- Simrik Youth Club, Bharatpur
- Simrik Samajik Sanstha, Pokhara
- Sindhuli Integrated Development Society (SIDS), Sindhuli
- Sky Samiti, Nepal
- Social Resource Development Centre Nepal
- SSN
- Suaahara Nepal
- Sundar Nepal Sanstha, Surkhet
- Sustainable Resources Allocation & Management (SRAM), Chitwan
- Tara Kunja Secondary School, Pokhara
- Tharu Mahila Utthan Kendra, Bardiya
- Tharu Women Upliftment Center (TWUC), Bardiya
- The Child First, Gorkha
- USC Canada Nepal
- Veterinary Diagnostic Lab, Gandaki Province, Kaski
- Veterinary Hospital and Livestock Service Expert Centre, Gandaki Province, Kaski
- WAG-Nepal, Lalitpur
- WAM, Surkhet
- WIN Nepal, Kaski
- WIN Nepal, Salyan
- WIN Nepal, Surkhet
- Women for Women Forum (WFWF), Kathmandu
- Women's Group Coordination Committee (WGCC), Chitwan
- Women's Society for Social Service, Nawalparasi
- World Neighbors
- World Wildlife Funds
- YDC, Sarlahi
- YES (Youths in Empowerment Sector) Nepal

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6. Mr. Shiba Kumar Pradhan
7. Mr. Indra Bahadur KC.

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5. Mr. Shiba Kumar Pradhan

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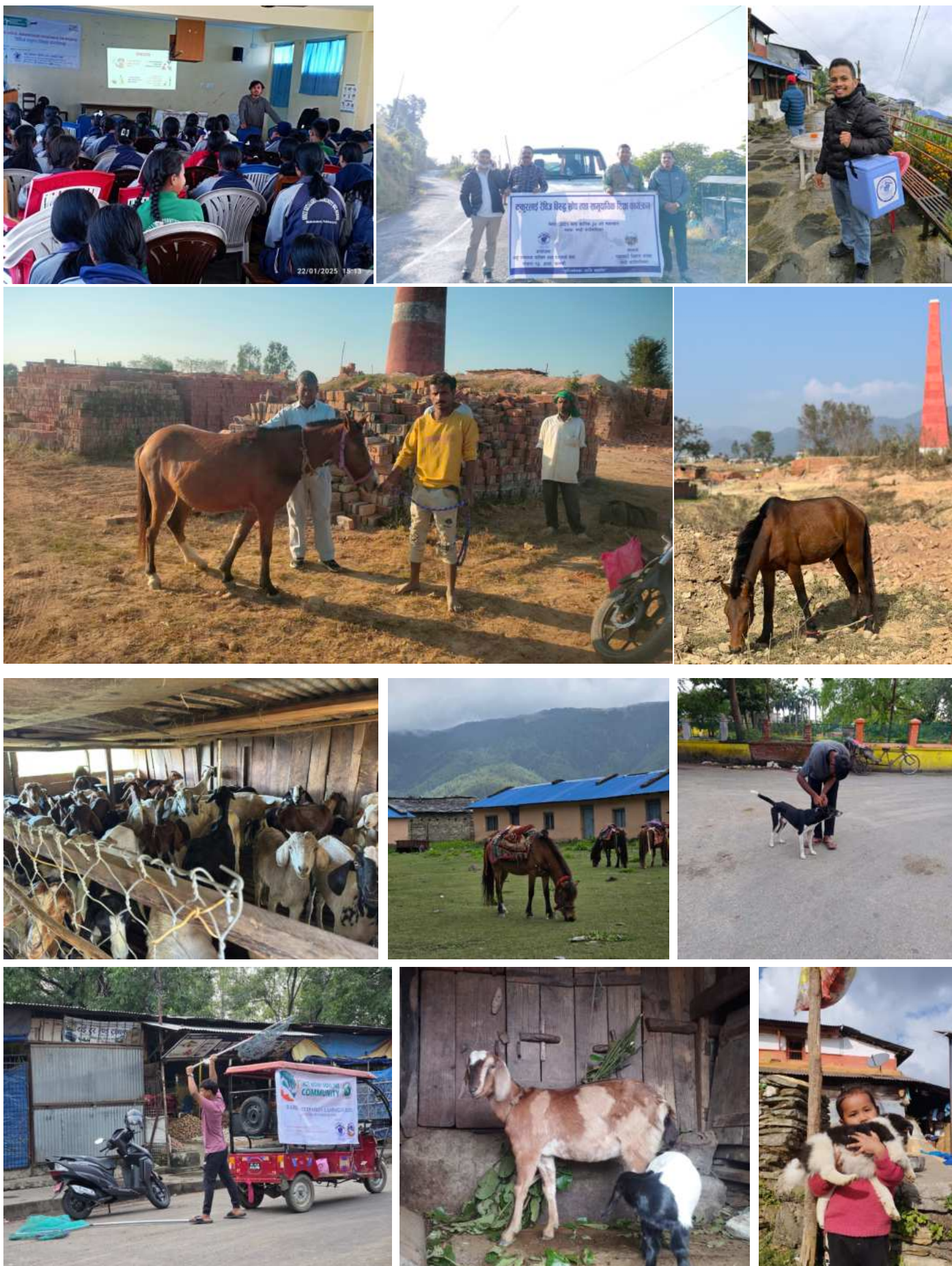
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1	Dr. Shanti Upaduaya	July 2000	June 2002
2	Mr. Pramod Adhikari	September 2002	June 2003
3	Mr. Shiba Kumar Pradhan	July 2003	August 2004
4	Dr. Dirga Kumar Lamichhane	August 2004	August 2007
5	Dr. Resham Prasad Acharya	September 2007	June 2009
6	Dr. Dirga Kumar Lamichhane	July 2009	February 2013
7	Dr. Bidur Pakhrin	February 2013	July 2014
8	Dr. Bhoj Bahadur Chhetri	August 2014	February 2015
9	Dr. Bidur Pakhrin	March 2015	July 2022
10	Dr. Prabin Thapa	December 2022	August 2023
11	Dr. Umesh Sharma	July 2024	February 2025

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1	Dr. Shiva Hari Ghimire	Acting Chairperson
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3	Mrs. Sunita Pradhananga	Treasurer
4	Mr. Lila Bahadur Gurung	Member
5	Mr. Magan lal Shrestha	Member
6	Mr. Nabin Bhandari	Member
7	Mr. Shiba Kumar Pradhan	Member
8	Dr. Jeewan Thapa	Life Member
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11	Dr. Tapendra Psd Bohara	General Member
12	Dr. Rishi Ram Sapkota	General Member
13	Dr. Rupesh Shrestha	General Member
14	Dr. Bodh Raj Baral	General Member
15	Mr. Keshar Bahadur Raibhat	General Member
16	Mr. Yubraj Bhusal	General Member
17	Mr. Keshab Psd Dhungana	General Member
18	Mr. Sunil Gautam	General Member

19	Dr. Grishma Neupane	General Member
20	Dr. Rajesh Kumar Chaudhary	General Member
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27	Ms. Pramila Badikar	General Member
28	Mr. Sunil Pandey	General Member
29	Mr. Devendra Pokharel	General Member
30	Dr. Ashesh Bhattarai	General Member
31	Dr. Sital Kaji Shrestha	General Member
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