

FCA NEPAL COUNTRY PROGRAMME



FCA

FCA INTRODUCTION

FCA is Finland's largest international aid organization. FCA Operates in 13 countries in Asia, Africa and the Middle East.

Our main funding sources include:

- Global institutional donors: UN agencies (UNICEF, UNHCR, UNDP, UN Women, etc.), bilateral donor agencies and the EU
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of Finland
- Women's Bank, Finland
- Private persons and companies in Finland

FCA has been working in Nepal since 2013 focused on promoting the rights of vulnerable and marginalised groups facing various types of discrimination.

Dil Maya Syangtang has received entrepreneurship training through FCA's project.



PHOTO BY TATU BLONKQVIST

FCA'S GLOBAL PROGRAM

Impact goal

People in fragile contexts are empowered to act for positive and sustainable change in creating resilient and just societies.

People and Private Sector

Main Objective 1

People can claim and enjoy their right to inclusive and sustainable economic growth for poverty eradication.

- 1.1.** Youth and young adults in vulnerable situations become economically self-reliant and contribute positively to social cohesion
- 1.2.** People in vulnerable situations engage in and benefit from inclusive and sustainable economic growth

People and Governance

Main Objective 2

People can claim and enjoy their right to improved and inclusive governance and services.

- 2.1.** Policies and processes promote a positive change and are transparent, responsive and participatory
- 2.2.** Children and youth have equal and uninterrupted access to inclusive quality education/learning
- 2.3.** Disaster affected people have access to essential lifesaving assistance

People and Civil Society

Main Objective 3

People fulfill their legitimate and active role for positive change.

- 3.1.** Local communities and their members play an active and leading role in the societal development, contributing to enhanced social cohesion.
- 3.2.** Civil society partnerships and networks are strengthened and promote participation, open dialogue and positive social change.
- 3.3.** Disaster prone communities have enhanced capacity to save lives, alleviate human suffering [and bounce back] during and after disasters

NEPAL COUNTRY VISION

The long-term change that FCA wants to see in Nepal is that marginalized women and youth are socioeconomically empowered and enjoy a decent living.

Expected Change

- Resilient and sustainable livelihoods for the rights-holders for social and economic empowerment
- Access to quality education by supporting programmes on Education in Emergencies (EiE), Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET), Linking Learning to Earning (LL2E), and Education Sector Development
- Social inclusion, participation and non-discrimination through integration of Peace as a theme
- Women's empowerment and gender equality through focused intervention for women and girls
- Disaster affected people are supported through humanitarian livelihood and Education in Emergencies programs

Rights-Based Approach is the foundation of all FCA actions guided by international human rights standards and principles. FCA's experience has proven that equal access to information, participation and dialogue for both rights holders and duty bearers at different levels of governance, is the best way to build more just and equal societies.

Cross-cutting areas

- Gender equality and social inclusion, in particular disability inclusion
- Climate Action and Environmental Protection, in particular Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR)
- Conflict sensitivity and Do no harm

Fulmaya Rai and **Parbati Rai** earn their livelihood by selling handmade bamboo products.

PHOTO BY TATU BLONQVIST

TARGET GROUPS

FCA works with youth and marginalised groups such as former bonded labourers and Dalits.

Our work focuses on women

- support women and marginalized families to establish and operate small scale businesses to diversify income sources
- promote access to finance to rural women through establishment of women's groups and cooperatives
- establish market linkages for the women's groups and cooperatives to foster their business/enterprise
- strengthen women's leadership capacity and influence in society

RESULTS IN BRIEF



Right to Livelihood

9,904 individuals (**5105** women and **4799** men) from vulnerable groups received vocational and business training for starting and promoting their own enterprise.

3,462 Private Sector Small Enterprise established of which **3,121** is owned by the women.

28 women led and owned cooperatives with a total of **9904** members were established and strengthen with FCA's support

1,506 former bonded labourers and Dalit youths received CTEVT certified vocational trainings.

379 Women's groups established and supported for women's economic empowerment such as skill development, enterprise establishment, business expansion, establishment/expansion of women's cooperatives and where applicable, to apply and receive grants from government



Right to Quality Education

666 classrooms constructed in **194** schools and **23,152** school children supported with early access to education in four of the 2015 earthquake affected districts.

12,000+ students supported with scholarship, ECD kits and stationeries.

461 school latrines and **272** handwashing stations constructed and renovated in disaster-affected in **272** schools.

14 schools supported to incorporate and implement DRR elements in School Improvement Plans.

2,190 teachers, child club members, school management committee members and parents trained on Disaster Risk Reduction.

21,314 schoolchildren from **61** schools accessed school-based psychosocial support programs.



Right to Peace

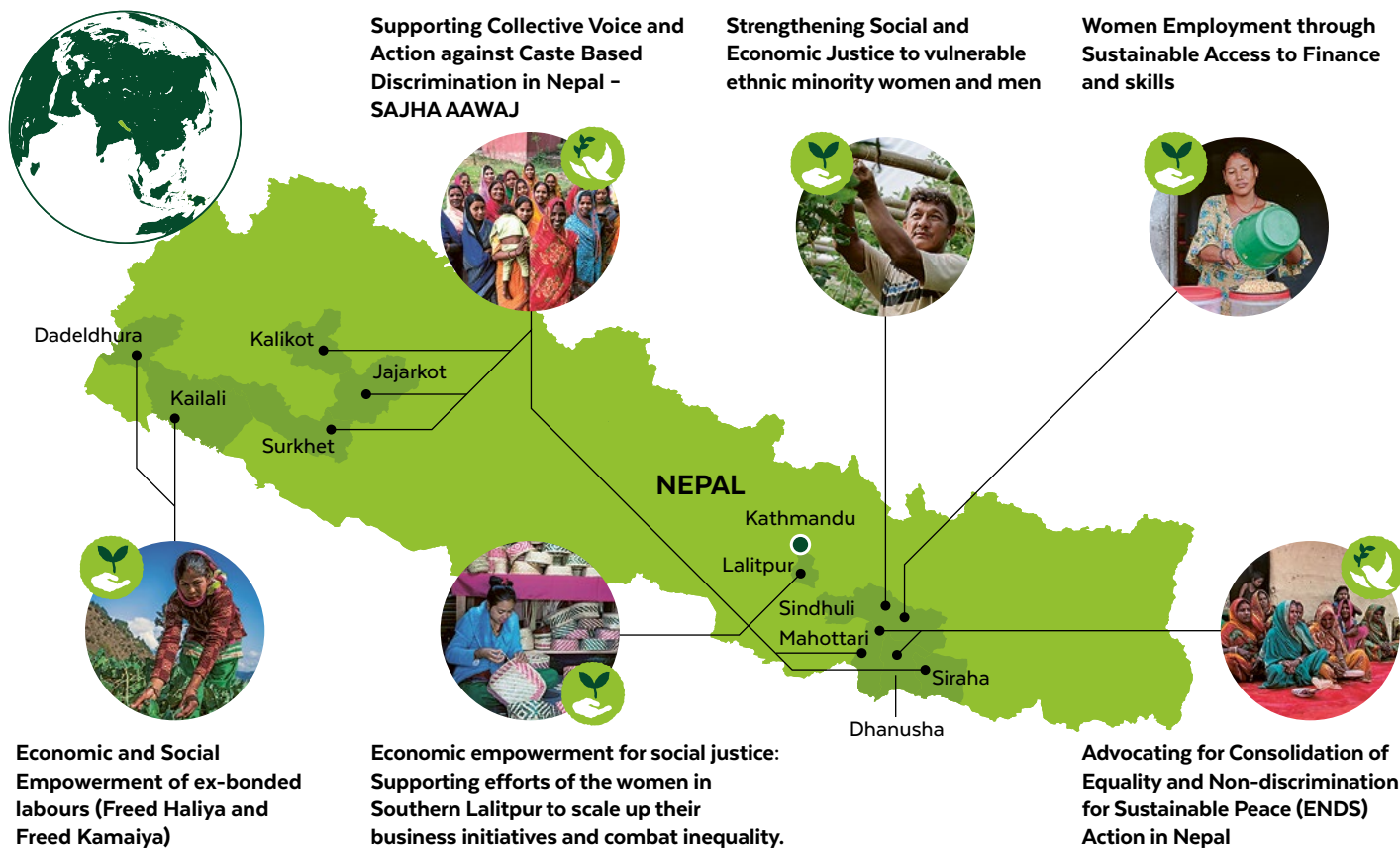
7 advocacy alliances formed, strengthened and mobilised at the local and district level in six districts of province 2 and 6 to identify and advocate on the issues of Dalits and the discriminatory practices in the communities.

4,000 Dalits (majority women) capacitated and informed on concurrent social issues through REFLECT.

14,725 Dalits reached through the Right to Peace programme to combat Caste-Based Discrimination (CBD) by restoring dignity, rights to non-discrimination, effective participation and access to services and justice of people affected by CBD.

Farmer in Kailali.

MAP OF PROJECTS



ONGOING PROJECTS AND PARTNERS

Project Title	District	Partner	Theme	Funding Partner	Project Duration
Women Employment through Sustainable Access to Finance and skills	Sindhuli	FWEAN Sahakarya	Livelihood	Women's Bank / MFA Finland	Jan 2018-Dec 2021
Supporting Collective Voice and Action against Caste Based Discrimination in Nepal - SAJHA AAWAJ	Jajarkot Kalikot Surkhet Mahottari Siraha	NNDSWO (lead) MAG	Peace	EU	Nov 2017-Apr 2021
Advocating for Consolidation of Equality and Non-discrimination for Sustainable Peace (ENDS) Action in Nepal	Dhanusha Mahottari	NNDSWO	Peace	MFA Finland	Jan 2018-Dec 2021
Economic and Social Empowerment of ex-bonded labours (Freed Haliya and Freed Kamaiya)	Dadeldhura Kailali	IDeS FKWDF	Livelihood	MFA Finland	Apr 2018-Dec 2021
Strengthening Social and Economic Justice to vulnerable ethnic minority women and men	Sindhuli	Sahakarya	Livelihood	MFA Finland	Jan 2020-Dec 2022
Economic empowerment for social justice: Supporting efforts of the women in Southern Lalitpur to scale up their business initiatives and combat inequality.	Lalitpur	SOLVE FWEAN	Livelihood	Women's Bank / MFA Finland	Jan 2020-Dec 2022

NETWORKS AND AFFILIATIONS

FCA globally

- Supports the Global Education Cluster's (GEC) Rapid Response Team by seconding a Education Cluster Coordinator to UNICEF.
- Member of the Inter-agency Network for Education in Emergencies (INEE) Steering Committee and actively contribute to the work of INEE's working groups. FCA also seconds a staff member to INEE's Advocacy Team.
- FCA holds the ECOSOC Status with the UN
- FCA is a member of the ACT Alliance
- FCA engages with the UNHCR through annual consultations and participates in meetings of Executive Committee of the High Commissioner's Programme.

FCA is committed to promote impactful, effective and efficient partnerships for the sake of quality programme delivery through targeted, co-ordinated and well-managed external relations. The focus is on reinforcing the existing partnerships and engaging with new partners, including IGOs, NGOs, academia and the private sector.

FCA Nepal

- Is a member of the ACT Alliance Nepal Forum.
- Has active participation in the UN Clusters: Food Security, Education, Protection sub-cluster on GBV, Inter-Agency Gender Working Group – Gender in Humanitarian Action Task Team (GIHA-TT), Socio-Economic/Early Recovery, Risk Communication and Community Engagement, Cash Coordination Group and Information Management working Group (IMWG)
- Active contribution in the following Working Groups of Association of International Non-government Organisations (AIN): Gender Equality and Social Inclusion (GESI), Livelihood, Task Group on Disaster Management and Climate Change (TGDMCC), Safety and Security, Local Governance and Federalisation, Education, Human Resources, Child Protection, Disability, Information Management, and Provincial Coordination (province 2, 3 and 7).
- Actively contributes in forums such as the National DRR Platform facilitated by the Ministry of Home Affairs and the DPNET (Disaster Preparedness Network).

Suka Maya Thing is an active member of local women's group in Sindhuli.

PHOTO BY TATU BLONQVIST





FCA Nepal Country Office

P.O. Box 23517, Kathmandu-2, Baluwatar, Nepal

Tel: +977 1 4000 554/555

www.kua.fi

PHOTO BY TATU BLOMQUIST

