

Support citizens' initiatives for quality public services and accountable local governance  
 Decentralization of governance structure with devolution of authorities of services delivery to local governments comprises the core of local governance initiatives of Nepal government. The region has also witnessed a significant progress in terms of improving access to basic services such as primary education and reproductive health care facilities, and other services provided by local governments. This strategic objective aims to promote partner communities' initiatives to ensure accountability of the public service providers and facilitate their active participation in the local governance process. Social accountability and Right to Information (RTI) are two important activities/tools to facilitate active citizens' involvement in local governance and services delivery. We work on following strategic interventions to promote initiatives for quality public services and accountable local governance.

Promote social accountability and right to information to seek greater public accountability

Promote citizens initiatives for quality education, health and agriculture/livestock services

Ensure citizens participation for inclusive and equitable local governance mechanisms



### Development Objective 3

Facilitate agency of women to address violence against women  
 Despite increasing education attainment rates and political empowerment, women in Mid and Far West Nepal still face discriminatory practices from household to community levels by virtue of their gender. Harmful cultural practices such as Chaupadi, early age marriage continue unabated. Women's access to and control over productive and political resources is very low. Women's workload has taken a heavy toll on their health and impeded their social, cultural and economic attainments. We aim to facilitate agency of women through following strategic interventions.

Strengthen Women's Advocacy Forum to promote women's agency in mid and far west

Campaign for women's right to address the causes and consequences of violence against them

Promote women's access to political and economic resources



### Our Affiliation:

Social Welfare Council, Kathmandu  
 NGO Federation Nepal  
 International Peace Youth Group, Korea  
 Disaster Preparedness Network (DPNet), Kathmandu  
 Civil Society for Democracy and Peace, Kathmandu  
 Local Peace Committee, Kathmandu  
 National Human Rights Alliance, Kathmandu

### Organizational Priorities:

FAYA has identified four organizational priorities to hold the governing board and senior management team to account in this strategy period. The core aim of the organizational priorities is to develop FAYA as a leading development knowledge hub in the region. Following four organizational priorities are identified

Strengthen program funding planning and strategic communication

Facilitate organizational development and invest in building capacity of team members

Introduce results based program monitoring, evaluation and learning and risk based auditing

Engage in CSO networks/alliances at all levels and establish partnership with development organizations

### Our Partners :



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# Collective efforts for change



## ABOUT US:

Established in 1995, Forum For Awareness and Youth Activity, Nepal (FAYA-Nepal), is a non-partisan, non-sectarian, non-government organization registered with District Administration Office, Kailali. Since its inception, FAYA-Nepal has been striving to build an equitable and just society in Mid and Far West region of Nepal. FAYA's multi-sectoral interventions have contributed towards building agencies of the partner communities to claim basic public services; promote food security and livelihood alternatives; and reduce risks to their lives and livelihoods.

Till 2003, FAYA had focused its activities primarily on facilitating youths and their networks to fight social evils. The evolution to Human Rights Based Approach (HRBA) took place during 2004-2008 with FAYA joining in and taking a lead in number of district and regional human rights networks/alliances. During this period, FAYA facilitated public policy agenda related to equal wage for equal work, right to safe rehabilitation of freed Kamiya and strengthening of women's network. Strategic partnership was forged with a number of peoples' organizations and development partners.

The adoption of third strategic plan (2009-2013) was a major event in FAYA's institutional development. The strategy plan had adopted four foundational themes - livelihood, education, health and disaster risk reduction and emergency response; and three cross cutting themes namely HIV and AIDS, gender mainstreaming and democratization and governance. In this period, FAYA gained prominence as a leading right based development organization among stakeholders and partner communities. Through the fourth strategic plan (2014-2018), FAYA-Nepal has been devoting its efforts towards building society without the poverty and injustice in which people enjoys their right to dignified life.

Currently FAYA is implementing its fourth strategy plan (2014-2018), with the aim to consolidate its existing engagement, deepen quality of its programming and focus on its own organizational development. The overarching aim is to promote citizenship of the partner communities to claim and enjoy basic services and promote accountable local government. The Theory of Change guides our strategic thinking, priorities and action plan.

FAYA-Nepal is devoting its efforts to fulfill its commitment through partnership with various local, national as well as international agencies, networks and alliances. FAYA-Nepal believes that social transformation only possible through the joint endeavor from all the concerned actors of the society. Considering this fact, FAYA Nepal have been focusing its intervention towards social transformation by leading its members with the slogan of 'collective efforts for change.'

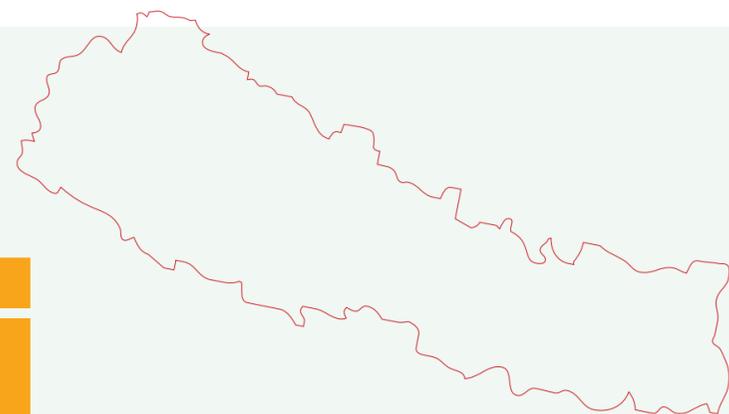


### VISION

Establish progressive, equitable and civilized society

### MISSION

Empower poor, socially marginalized and opportunities deprived communities for their sustainable economic and social transformation.



### VALUES

**Transparency and Accountability:** holding ourselves accountable to multiple stakeholders and promote transparency as organizational culture.

**Respect to Diversity:** committing ourselves to respect social diversity and promote diversity in our team.

**Quality and Excellence:** committing ourselves to improving quality in our programming and strive for excellence in our engagement.

## Partner Communities:

FAYA works with excluded, deprived and marginalized groups with a focus on people facing multiple exclusions. We are committed to build agency of partner communities namely women, youth, children, older people, people with disability, dalits, disaster affected community, economically poor and socially excluded communities.



## Working Approaches:

**Advocacy and campaigns:** FAYA engages in consistent and evidence based advocacies and campaigns with diverse stakeholders to address poverty in different forms and manifestations.

**Capacity building:** FAYA's programs aims at building capacities of the partner communities along with state and non-state actors for accountable governance.

**Networking, coordination and partnership:** FAYA strives to strengthen existing civil society networks, enhance coordination with stakeholders and partner with likeminded individuals and organizations at all levels.

**Media mobilization:** FAYA engages media to amplify the voices of poor and marginalized and to create mass awareness and promote solidarity for equitable society.

**Youth mobilization:** FAYA actively promote agencies of the youth to help them realize their inherent potentials for social change.

### THEORY OF CHANGE

The Theory of Change asserts building capacities of partner communities to unleash their potentials in order to address systemic causes of poverty and improve their social, political and economic outlook. Promoting community based alternatives to reduce risk to livelihood, facilitating civic engagement for local governance accountability and improving quality of public services, promoting women's agencies are the three assumptions that play an important role to bring about sustainable changes in the lives and livelihood of partner communities, and enable them to claim and enjoy human rights.

### Development Objective 1

Promote risk reduction for food security and sustainable livelihood

Increasing frequencies and intensities of natural disasters, slow onslaught of the climate change and high input based farming has threatened food security of millions of people living in poverty in Mid and Far West region. To exacerbate the situation, farm displaced communities opting for foreign migration as food security coping strategy face a real threat/risk of unsafe and in-humane practices along the migration continuum. We work on four major strategic interventions to reduce risks on food security and livelihood of partner communities.

Popularize and promote climate resilient agriculture practices

Facilitate community based disaster resilient

Promote self-employment, enterprises development and safe migration for youths

Engage in humanitarian relief and response

