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The WAWCAS MEGA event in Tanahun

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On September 23, 2023, the WAWCAS MEGA event took place at Karmada Higher Secondary School in Baisjanger, Tanahun. The inauguration address was delivered by Ms. Gotame, deputy Mayor of Bhanu Municipality, and more than 1,000 women participated in the event.

Preparation for the event started in April 2023. Meetings with the school principal and caterer, as well as contacting exited group members, had already begun. The WAWCAS Teams from Lamjung and Tanahun were both deeply involved in the preparation phase of the event, and this ultimately led to a highly successful outcome and the attainment of our goals. Remarkably, the event was supported by the tireless efforts of 42 child volunteers who exhibited remarkable dedication and energy. Their contribution was beyond measure, and it is safe to say that without them, the event would not have been a resounding success.



The experience of seeing women in small groups discussing a range of topics was truly inspiring. The unity that was visible among the various WAWCAS groups, which ranged from 6-year-olds to newly

formed groups, was significant. The primary aim of the event was to effectively mobilize WAWCAS groups in Tanahun resulting in the creation of strong socio-economic communities, i.e. the Local Non-Governmental Organisation (LNGO) WAWCAS Tanahun.

Each team was assigned specific tasks to discuss, i.e. their respective concerns, responsibilities, and abilities. Afterwards, these teams were incorporated into their respective wards and shared their thoughts on how to inspire/mobilize groups to support joyful and healthy societies. They also examined the essential qualities needed for leading groups and LNGOs, along with the necessary skills and capabilities required to establish a thriving LNGO. In addition, they discussed the allocation of resources and the sources from which they could be obtained.



Each ward comprising many groups consolidated their group assignments and presented these on the floor. Participant's energy was very high when they presented their assignments. The outcome of the presentations were:

- Training needs were identified
- Qualities of leader to lead the LNGO were defined
- How to coordinate with district line agencies to draw the resources were presented
- It was discussed and decided how to mobilize the women groups, who had completed the WAWCAS Program

At the presentations, in addition to their assignments, the women showcased their talents by performing songs and reciting poems that they had prepared. Shanta Nepali, for example, sang a powerful song that detailed their training journey, highlighting the knowledge they had gained and the businesses they had established. Furthermore, a few members of the group demonstrated their singing talents by performing a song before their individual presentations.

What are the next steps ?

The mobilization part is the most important part for the establishment of the LNGO. Therefore, the women groups agreed to perform the below activities by the end of December 2023. The goal has been set that within next FY 2081/82 (2024/25) WAWCAS Tanahun groups will finalize and mobilize all groups to register in the CDO office of Tanahun.

- Upon returning home, they should return to their own groups and discuss more precisely how to mobilize the groups effectively.
- The overarching goals of the LNGO and their underlying purposes.
- The specific roles and responsibilities that each member would need to assume in order to effectively establish the LNGO.
- The creation of by-laws to govern the LNGO and ensure their proper functioning.
- The careful preparation of member mapping to ensure that the right individuals were involved in the right capacities.

It was also clearly discussed and agreed that everyone should participate in each activity actively and complete the assignment on time.

The event was concluded with the commitment that they will fulfill their assignment with active participation.

After the event, we conducted a program review meeting with all volunteers and asked how they felt about their involvement. All the volunteers expressed their enjoyment and were surprised by the size of the event. We expressed our gratitude for their effort and extended a warm round of appreciation to the volunteers.

The WAWCAS team conducted a review after the volunteers, and everyone was overwhelmed and very happy to see the outcome of the event. We expressed our gratitude to all WAWCAS team for making this a grand success.



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