



## Livestock Farming

### **ABOUT**

Share Nepal is a Nepalese non-governmental organization (est. 2011) that serves approx. 700 families in an area of rural central Nepal that was heavily damaged during the 7.8M and 7.3M earthquakes of 2015. ParticipAid is a US based research project-in-development with the National University of Natural Medicine and Portland State University in Portland, OR. ParticipAid and Share Nepal worked together to coordinate emergency relief for the 70-family village of Karmidanda immediately following the devastating earthquakes, and continue their recovery work through a pilot “Community Led Rebuilding Program” for the larger area. This is a request for partnership drawn from the outcomes of the assessment and planning portions of the program. It is representative of one of Share Nepal’s 18 recovery plans for their constituency. Share Nepal board members and local facilitators will implement and manage all on the ground activities. ParticipAid will provide guidance and support on administrative, logistic, and project management challenges as needed. Both organizations seek your support in contributing to the activities described below to help this community recover from the disaster in a way that is self-determined, and locally managed.

**Please contact us for more details about partnering in this project!**

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### **LOCATION**

Nepal, Rasuwa District, Laharepauwa VDC, Ward 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8

### **BACKGROUND**

It is traditional in rural Nepal for families to use livestock to supplement diet and income. Caring for livestock, such as goats and cows, is an integral part of their daily lives. According to the baseline survey, 86.4% of families are currently engaged in agriculture and livestock farming. Enhancement of this practice is the number one favored method of income generation in many families (55% goat-rearing, 19.2% poultry, and 12.5% cow/buffalo). Local people find this a wise option because they are comfortable raising animals, feel there is sufficient access to pastureland and fodder, and have witnessed some neighbor’s successes. The survey and follow up focus group discussions revealed that successful income generation is currently challenging for three main reasons:

1. Lack of start-up capital.
2. Lack of technical knowledge and skills.
3. Lack of sufficient ongoing support following previous trainings from other organizations.

### **BENEFICIARIES**

The 'well-being ranking' tool (a self-assessment tool that categorizes families according to socioeconomic status) will be used to identify most vulnerable families as beneficiaries. Because of local interest and access to fodder and pastureland, 100 families of ward 8 will be selected as primary beneficiaries.



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### ACTIVITIES

#### Livestock Farming Microloan Program

[Estimated Budget: \$23,000 USD]

This program will assist 100 vulnerable families with a no-interest loan to launch an income-generating livestock project (e.g. goats, poultry, pigs, etc.). They will be divided into ten groups for easier management, and two farmers from each group will be trained as Livestock Managers to support the ongoing needs of their group.

- Identify, orient, and prepare beneficiary families, e.g. support in proper animal shed construction (Timeline: 2-4 months).
- Disperse loan, assist in purchase of animals, and support in profitable farming (Timeline: ongoing support with annual evaluations).
- Livestock manager training (Timeline: 3 days initial training, 2 days follow up training, with 3-6 months of skills practice in between).

### IMPACT

- Increase in income generated by poor families.
- Increased local availability of nutritious animal products (e.g. milk, eggs, meat, and yogurt).
- Improved health status of villagers.
- Decreased migration of youth out of village in search of income.
- A village with healthy people and healthy animals.

### COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION

- Active participation in training programs.
- Labor contribution equivalent to 50% of total budget.
- Timely repayment of loan.
- Support to neighbors in care of animals and repayment of loan.

### MONITORING AND EVALUATION

The following are potential M&E indicators identified by Share Nepal members. Final indicators will be developed with funding partner.

Monitoring indicators	Evaluation indicators
1. Progress according to projected timeline and budget.	1. Number of families generating income from livestock interventions.
2. Percentage of community contribution.	2. Percentage increase in annual income for beneficiary families.
3. Number of families to renovate animal sheds in poor condition.	3. Availability of meat, eggs, and milk at household and community level.
4. Participant perception of training (content and teaching methods).	4. Socioeconomic status of the beneficiary families.
	5. Number of families to repay loan in timely fashion.

**BUDGET**

	Budget Head	Unit	Target	Rate	Amount (NRs.)	Amount (USD)
A.	Livestock farming program <sup>1</sup>					
	Support for shed construction	Shed	100	2,500	250,000.00	2,292.32
	Animal support (focusing on goat)	Family	100	20,000	2,000,000.00	18,338.53
	Transportation and communication	Ward	5	10,000	50,000.00	458.46
	Management cost	Ward	5	10,000	50,000.00	458.46
	<b>Total</b>				<b>2,350,000.00</b>	<b>21,547.77</b>
B.	Livestock management training <sup>2</sup>					
	Resource person (2 persons)	Day	7 <sup>3</sup>	4,000	56,000.00	513.48
	Handouts and stationaries	Participant <sup>4</sup>	20	1,000	20,000.00	183.39
	Tea and snacks (20 participants)	Day	5	300	30,000.00	275.08
	Training hall	Day	5	1,500	7500.00	68.77
	Transportation and communication	Day	5	3,000	15,000.00	137.54
	Management cost	Day	7	5,000	35,000.00	320.92
	<b>Total</b>				<b>163,500.00</b>	<b>1,499.17</b>
	<b>Grand Total</b>				<b>2,513,500.00</b>	<b>23,046.95</b>

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<sup>1</sup> Livestock support program (focusing on goat) for 100 families (20 from each ward)

<sup>2</sup> 5 participants from each ward

<sup>3</sup> First phase training: 3 days & Follow-up training: 2 days

<sup>4</sup> 4 from each ward