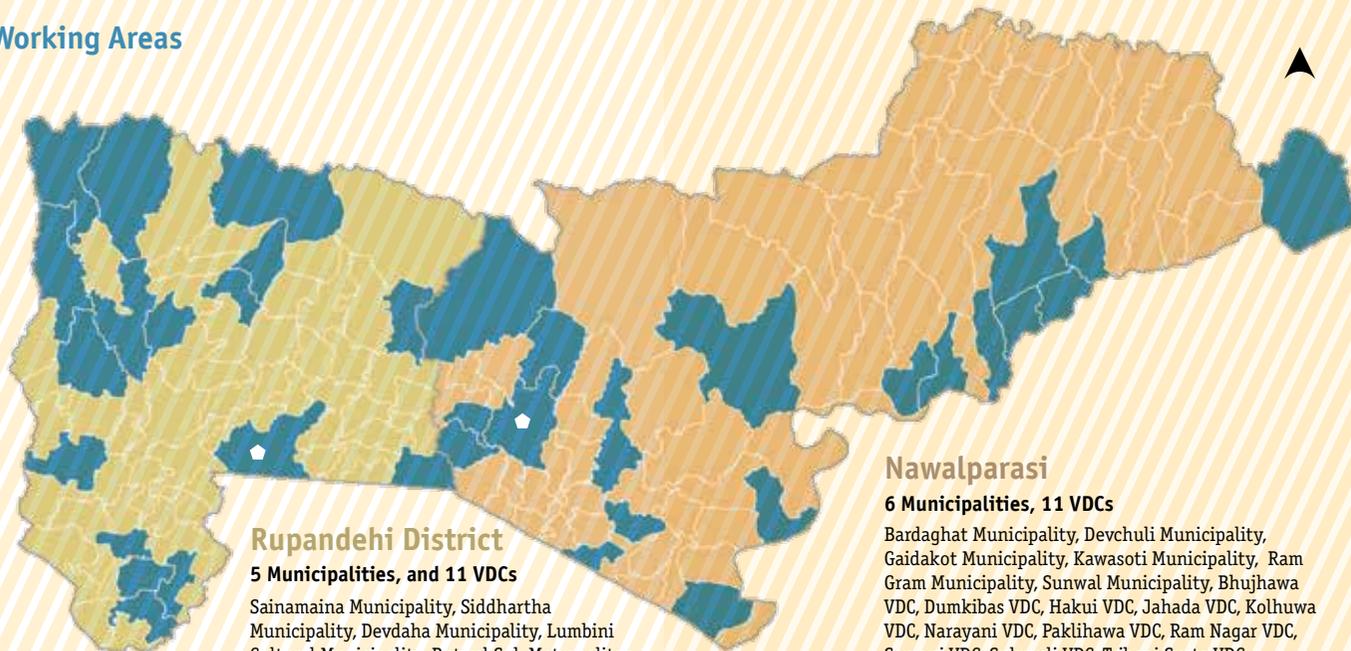


Working Areas



Rupandehi District

5 Municipalities, and 11 VDCs

Sainamaina Municipality, Siddhartha Municipality, Devdaha Municipality, Lumbini Cultural Municipality, Butwal Sub Metropolitan, Bodbar VDC, Sau. Farsatkar VDC, Rudrapur VDC, Rayapur VDC, Betkuiya VDC, Gangolia VDC, Suryapura VDC, Saljhandi VDC, Silautiya VDC, Manmareria VDC, Bisnupura VDC

Nawalparasi

6 Municipalities, 11 VDCs

Bardaghat Municipality, Devchuli Municipality, Gaidakot Municipality, Kawasoti Municipality, Ram Gram Municipality, Sunwal Municipality, Bhujhawa VDC, Dumkibas VDC, Hakui VDC, Jahada VDC, Kolhuwa VDC, Narayani VDC, Paklihawa VDC, Ram Nagar VDC, Somani VDC, Sukrauli VDC, Tribeni Susta VDC

Working Approach and Strategy

- People-To-People Approach
- Do No Harm Approach
- Coordination and collaboration with line divisions, and local bodies (LPC/VLPC) under MoPR
- Partnership with local NGOs
- Capacity building of community people and local structures that can contribute in peace building
- Creation of Safe Spaces in the communities
- Periodic review and reflection on progress and challenges through field visit and consultation workshops

Coordination mechanism

SAMBAD Project will coordinate and closely work with the line divisions under MoPR to implement project activities targeted at conflict affected individuals and families. The project also holds coordination meeting with line division of MoPR regularly, organizes joint monitoring visits to the field, has interaction sessions between MoPR and LPC/VLPCs and forward their inputs to the LPC's action plan as a step to ensure sustainability of the project results.



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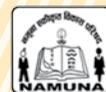
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Dialogue for Peace Project



Dialogue ToT participants at Lumbini Rupandehi

SAMBAD, "Dialogue for Peace" is a three-year project funded by USAID under Cooperative Agreement No. AID-367-A-13-00002, that started in August 2013. The project is being implemented by CARE Nepal in partnership with Legal Aid Research Center (LARC), Nawalparasi and NAMUNA Integrated Development Council, Rupandehi to promote peace through increased mutual trust and social harmony in Nawalparasi and Rupandehi districts.





An interaction between conflict affected women at Dudhrakshya Rupandehi



Armed conflict affected people (Lok Maya Mahato affected by Maoist and Bel Saru affected by State Forces) transplanting tree seedling at Pragatinagar Nawalparasi



Street Drama

Goal

To promote peace through increased mutual trust and social harmony in Nawalparasi and Rupandehi districts.

Objectives and key interventions

Objective 1: Support the Ministry of Peace and Reconstruction (MoPR) to strengthen their program on relief and rehabilitation to the victims of armed conflict.

The Government of Nepal (GoN), MoPR has supported to improve community-based peace building and reconciliation initiatives including support to improve livelihood for the conflict-affected families and individuals. However, many of the affected families and individuals are either unaware of the government's provision or lack necessary skills to properly utilize the support provided by the government. The project will identify those who are left or missed out for any reasons and other gaps related to accessing the MoPR service package and also identify areas of strengthening those services which are already in place. Following major interventions are designed under this objective:

- Interaction/discussion with Local Peace Committees (LPCs)/Village Level Peace Committees (VLPCs) and strengthening their capacity
- Support VLPCs to update and maintain the database of conflict affected people
- Periodic interface between conflict victims and service providers through bridging the gap workshops.

Objective 2: Improve reconciliation between conflicting groups and individuals using safe spaces for dialogue.

Under this objective, SAMBAD uses a *people-to-people* approach to create environment through Safe Spaces in order to foster

constructive dialogues between the affected individuals. The Safe Spaces are neutral grounds for conflict affected communities to share their grievances, and begin an open dialogue for reconciliation leading to community cohesiveness. With the guidance and support of community level Peace Building Facilitators (PBFs), Peace Volunteers and VLPC members, Safe Spaces will be used by conflict instigators, retaliators, victims, family of victims and service providers in an environment devoid of fear, threats, or risk. They will help communities to come together to reconcile and plan a way forward jointly. Following major interventions are designed under this objective:

- Peace Volunteers development and mobilization
- Community Dialogue Skill Training to volunteers and VLPC members
- Strengthening VLPCs, enabling them to manage conflict mitigation through various ways including holding dialogues
- Orientation on UNSCR 1325 and 1820 to the peace volunteers, key people, and other relevant community members
- Community interactions on peace and reconciliation initiatives and community cohesiveness

Objective 3: Increase conflict affected families' income through job opportunities and revolving funds

In order to address poverty and unemployment problem (which are the drivers of conflict), SAMBAD will capacitate conflict victims through skill based trainings and link them with the MoPR self-employment programs which includes different quick impact skill development trainings like handicrafts, painting, mobile maintenance, hair cutting and beauty parlor, Nepali paper making, bee keeping, tailoring, etc. The MoPR has also provided fund to those who have received such training for their self employment. The project will identify training need and provide technical as well as financial support to the conflict affected families and individuals who have been left out to receive

training and financial support from MoPR. In order to make the income generation and livelihood promotion activities effective, the project will help all eligible (including those who already received benefit packages from MoPR) to prepare Livelihood Improvement Plan (LIP) of individual households and link them to the saving and credit groups/cooperatives for smooth channeling of the funds and needed technical backstopping. Following major interventions are designed under this objective:

- Support for LIP preparation
- Skill development training followed by financial support
- Revolving fund establishment in selected cooperatives to support conflict affected families
- Strengthening of existing saving and credit groups/cooperatives ensuring services are catered to conflict affected

Beneficiaries and Stakeholders

SAMBAD Project works with individuals and families directly affected by the 10-years armed conflict. They include ex-combatants, families whose members were killed, injured, disabled, displaced, disappeared, survivors of sexual and gender based violence (SGBV), and Vigilant Groups in the program areas.

The project coordinates with LPC and VLPC at the local level and Peace Coordination Division/MoPR at the national level. The other stakeholders who could play an important role in the community include Citizen Awareness Center (CAC), Community Forestry User's groups (CFUGs), victims groups and Mothers group (MG), partners of MoPR (e.g. institutions who provide skill training, institutions who provides financial support, or counseling, etc)

Total of 30,000 people, particularly the 600 families (conflict victims and survivors) will benefit from SAMBAD Project in the implementing districts.