

1. Introduction

The **PRERANA Project** funded by **FAIRMED** is being implemented across 43 local levels of Lumbini Province-covering Dang, Kapilvastu, Rupandehi, and Nawalparasi (West) districts-for the period **January 2025 to December 2028**. The project is jointly implemented by four community-based partner organizations: **Nepal Women Community Service Center (NWCSC), Dang; Kalika Swabalamban Social Center, Kapilvastu; Indreni Rural Development Center, Rupandehi; and Indreni Social Development Forum, Nawalparasi (West).**

The project aims to strengthen the health and social well-being of **marginalized and vulnerable populations** affected by or at risk of **Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs)**, and to enhance **maternal and newborn health** while improving access to care for **Person with disabilities**. It focuses on advancing the health system's capacity, accountability, and community participation to achieve sustainable health outcomes for underserved communities in Lumbini Province.

The project will directly benefit approximately **65,000 individuals** and indirectly reach over **335,000 people** through improved service access, awareness, and local system strengthening.

2. Project Coverage: Babai Rural Municipality, Dangisharan Rural Municipality, Shantinagar Rural Municipality, Banglachuli Rural Municipality, Gadhawa Rural Municipality and Rajpur Rural Municipality.

Core Focus Areas: Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs), Maternal and Newborn Health and Persons with Physical Disabilities

3. Project Objectives

Goal:

To improve the overall health status of marginalized and underserved communities in Lumbini Province who are affected by or at risk of neglected tropical diseases.

Specific Objectives:

1. Strengthen the capacity and accountability of various pillars of the health system to effectively respond to neglected tropical diseases.
2. Empower communities to act as agents of change for improving access to basic health services and social protection.
3. Institutionalize evidence-based health planning, implementation, and service delivery.
4. Major Activities Conducted (FY 2081/82)

S.N	Activities	Target Group/Participants	No. of Participants
1.	Interaction program with project stakeholders	District- and local-level health officials and stakeholders	1 Event
2.	Support to <i>Institutional Delivery Sustainability Declaration Program</i>	Dangisharan Rural Municipality	1 Event
3.	Technical and financial support for <i>District Disaster Preparedness and Response Plan Update</i>	District Administration Office	1 Event
4.	Three-day basic training on Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs)	Health workers from various institutions	25
5.	Training of Trainers (ToT) for Health Institution Operation and Management Committee	Health workers	3
6.	Capacity enhancement and review workshops	Local level participants	2
7.	Two-day basic training and one-day follow-up for Female Community Health Volunteers (FCHVs) on NTDs	FCHVs	22
8.	Technical support for conducting and strengthening <i>Health Mothers' Groups</i>	Mother's Group	5
9.	School Health Program on NTD awareness	Schools	10

5. Achievements

- Trained health workers and FCHVs on NTD prevention and community health.
- Supported local governments to integrate project priorities into annual health plans.
- Conducted community and school awareness activities on hygiene and disease prevention.
- Strengthened primary health facilities with technical support and coordination.

6. Learnings

- Local collaboration enhances ownership and sustainability.
- Capacity-building improves service quality and outreach.
- Community engagement increases health awareness and participation.

7. Way Forward

- Continue strengthening local health systems and coordination.
- Expand NTD prevention and awareness programs.
- Promote inclusive, evidence-based planning at local levels.



