

Vision

People in Nepal, living in a just society in peace and dignity, united in diversity and empowered to achieve their full potential, claim their universal rights, meet their basic needs and improve their quality of life

Mission

Inspired by God's love for humanity, LWF Nepal responds to and challenges the causes and effects of human suffering and poverty

Values

- Dignity and justice
- Compassion and commitment
- Inclusion and respect for diversity
- Transparency and accountability

Core commitments

- Human rights
- Impartiality
- Inclusion and participation
- Accountability
- Gender justice
- Climate justice and environmental sustainability

About LWF

Founded in Lund, Sweden in 1947, the Lutheran World Federation (LWF) is a global communion of Christian churches in the Lutheran tradition. LWF has 145 member churches in 98 countries all over the world, with a total membership of nearly 740 million. The World Service has field offices in more than 25 countries of Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Caribbean. It is the internationally recognized humanitarian and development arm of LWF that works to give assistance to those in need, irrespective of their race, sex, religion, nationality or political conviction. Its Secretariat is in Geneva.

LWF, a humanitarian and development organization, has been working in Nepal since 1984. It has intervened with disaster relief and rehabilitation in response to a number of emergencies, and worked with the Bhutanese refugees since 1991. Its development program has evolved from service-oriented sectoral and community development towards empowerment, and rights-based approaches, increasingly with the most disadvantaged groups. It has shifted its intervention modalities to work with local partners (CBOs, CBO federations, NGOs), government, and civil society groups and social movements to influence policy and practice at national level.

Strategic approaches

The following strategic approaches are intrinsically linked and mutually reinforcing:

Community-based empowerment approach: Empowerment is both a means and an end for LWF Nepal. This implies consulting the people first, in particular the poor and the oppressed, considering the impact of decisions and activities on them, and enabling them fully to participate in and own activities. LWF Nepal engages with communities in ways that enhance and build on competencies and capacities of people so that they can direct their own development, both as individuals and as active members of families, groups and communities.

Rights-based approach (RBA): There are two stakeholder groups in RBA: (i) the rights holders (who are deprived of their basic rights), and (ii) the corresponding duty bearers (the people obligated to fulfill the rights of the rights holders). An RBA aims at empowering the rights holders to claim their rights and strengthening the capacity of duty bearers to meet their obligations. All the people who are poor, excluded, oppressed and vulnerable are not objects of charity, but rights holders and should have the right to dignified life.

Integrated program approach: LWF Nepal accords highest priority to programs that are aligned with government programs and also targeted to poor and oppressed communities. Understanding the holistic needs of the rights holders, LWF Nepal endeavors to create synergy with existing programs, projects and to utilize local capacities and resources.

Participatory and inclusive approach: LWF Nepal develops its plans, programs, and implements, monitors and evaluates them in participation with its rights holders. While aligning its program goals and objectives with the government, it will include goals and objectives set forth by the rights holders developed through participatory approach. LWF Nepal supports the rights holders to develop their capacity for their meaningful participation in governmental and non-governmental local bodies and institutions.

Rights holders

Disaster-affected people: People at risk or who have suffered from disasters and emergencies, specifically: communities which are most vulnerable to natural disaster including climate change effects; and individuals who are victims of disasters.

Marginalized and vulnerable people: Marginalized, vulnerable and socio-economically disadvantaged people from deprived, oppressed or discriminated-against rural communities, especially: bonded and ex-bonded laborers of various types; disadvantaged indigenous and minority groups; Dalits; landless; people with disabilities and women and children.

Geographic focus

LWF Nepal focuses its programs geographically on areas with the highest concentrations of poor and marginalized communities. They are regions and districts with high vulnerability to disaster and climate change effects; and with the lowest

human development index. LWF Nepal rationalizes intensive development interventions in a limited number of districts to maximize impact and program efficiency.

Thematic intervention

LWF Nepal prioritizes the following four themes in an integrated manner to build synergy and improve development impacts. The overall program framework is based on the strategies for achieving changes in three domains for the rights holders' resilient livelihood with dignity: (i) Access to assets and services, (ii) Agency, voice and influence, and (iii) Rules, regulations and institutions.

Disaster Risk Reduction, Emergency Preparedness and Response

We focus on disaster risk reduction, emergency preparedness and response through various measures such as supporting communities to develop contingency plans, establish appropriate early-warning and assistance systems, strengthening food-security measures and community shelters. We assist to build the capacity of communities and duty bearers who support communities in preparing for disasters and mitigating their risks.

Sustainable Livelihood

Enhancing people's capabilities and access, diversifying their livelihood options through social and economic empowerment, increasing income through local economic growth and consequently improving the quality of lives are LWF Nepal's main areas of work. It considers livelihood as part of a complex web of socio-economic, institutional and political development. We enhance market-led approach to sustainable income through enterprise development, technical and vocational skills.

Community-led Actions for Governance and Justice

LWF Nepal emphasizes on actions that enable the poor and oppressed people for equitable access to resources and services. At the local level, it supports to enhance knowledge and capacity of rights holders to understand and claim their rights responsibly. It collaborates with relevant duty bearers at district and national levels to improve their services and responsibilities.

Organizational Effectiveness

LWF Nepal seeks to be an effective and professional humanitarian and development agency performing to a high standard. To ensure that our program objectives and interventions have a positive and sustainable impact on people's lives, it will prioritize to: (i) Improved results-based PME system, (ii) Credible results monitoring and measurement system, (iii) Gender-sensitive and inclusive participatory planning, monitoring and evaluation, (iv) Building center of excellence and competitiveness, (v) Strong resource mobilization, (vi) Evidence-based advocacy, and (vii) Knowledge management and sharing.

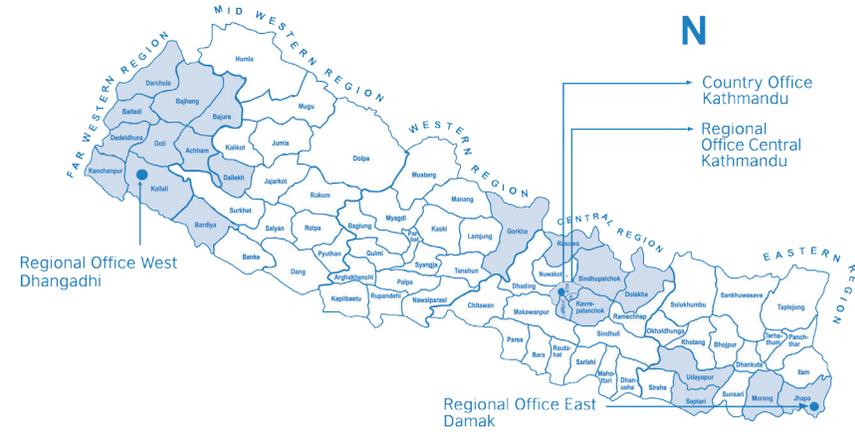
Programs and projects

We have been introducing innovative approaches to our programs and projects and collaborating with many like-minded organizations in our fight against poverty. In more than three decades, LWF Nepal has implemented various programs and projects to support its rights holders to live a dignified life without poverty.

Implementing partners

1. Batas Foundation, Kathmandu
2. Bhutanese Refugees Children Forum, Jhapa
3. Bhutanese Refugees Women Forum, Jhapa
4. Camp Management Committee for Bhutanese Refugee, Jhapa
5. Centre for Dalit Women in Nepal, Kathmandu
6. Community-based Organization's Federation, Dailekh
7. Community Self-reliance Centre, Kathmandu
8. Dalit Welfare Association, Nawalparasi
9. Damak Shrot Kendra, Jhapa
10. Digo Bikas Samaj, Kailali
11. Disaster Management Committee, Shankharapur -1, 2, Kathmandu
12. Disaster Management Committee, Shankharapur -14, 15, Kathmandu
13. Everest Club, Dailekh
14. Federation of Women Entrepreneurs Association of Nepal, Kathmandu
15. Freed Kamaiya Women Development Forum, Kailali
16. Goreto, Gorkha
17. Gramin Mahila Srijansil Pariwar, Sindhupalchok
18. Human Rights Awareness and Development Center, Dolakha
19. Integrated Community Development Organization, Lalitpur
20. Kamaiya Pratha Unmulan Samaj, Kailali
21. Legal Aid and Research Centre, Nawalparasi
22. Lutheran Community Welfare Society, Morang
23. Manekor Society, Rasuwa
24. Nepal Grassroots Development Forum, Kathmandu
25. Rastriya Mukta Haliya Samaj Federation Nepal, Dadeldhura
26. Rural Development Centre, Doti
27. Seto Gurans Balbikas Sewa, Jhapa
28. Seto Gurans, Morang
29. Shanti Jana Aadarsha Sewa Kendra, Kavre
30. Social Network for Justice and Development, Jhapa
31. Social Service Centre, Dailekh
32. Society of Local Volunteers Nepal, Lalitpur
33. Tharu Women Upliftment Centre, Bardiya
34. Transformations Nepal, Bhaktapur
35. Upekshit Samudaya Sashaktikaran tatha Bikash Manch, Doti

Working areas



Supporting partners

1. ACT Alliance
2. Australian Lutheran World Service/DFAT
3. Canadian Foodgrains Bank
4. Canadian Lutheran World Relief
5. Canadian Foodgrains Bank
6. Christian Aid
7. Church of Sweden
8. Dan Church Aid
9. Diakonie Katastrophenhilfe
10. ECHO
11. Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
12. Felm Nepal
13. Finn Church Aid
14. GNC-GHA Hauptausschuss
15. ICCO Cooperation
16. Islamic Relief Worldwide
17. Korean Diakonia
18. Lutheran World Relief
19. Malankara Orthodox Church
20. Nederlands Luthers Genootschap voor In-en Uitwendige Zending
21. Primate's Relief and Development Fund
22. Refugee Youth Project
23. The Amity Foundation
24. United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
25. World Food Programme
26. Young Roots

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