



Siddhartha Social Development Center - SSDC



Who Are We

Siddhartha Social Development Center (SSDC) is a non-governmental, non-profit-making, social development organization, working in and around the Kapilvastu district in Nepal. To achieve change we hold a rights-based approach to promote social inclusion and equality. This is further done by mobilizing society, and thus taking the lead in the process of change.



Key Themes

EDUCATION RIGHTS

WOMEN'S RIGHTS

LIVELIHOOD & CO-OPERATIVE
PROMOTION

CULTURAL & TOURISM
PROMOTION

CROSS CUTTING: GENDER &
SOCIAL INCLUSION /
DRR & CLIMATE CHANGE



How It Started

Founded by local youth in 1995 as an response to the poverty, violence and inequality in the district, the ambition was to work for development in and around the Kapilvastu district. This is how the seed of SSDC was sown, and it has since grown into into a robust and vibrant organization, relentlessly fighting for human rights.



Our Vision

A just, prosperous and inclusive society where every man and woman regardless of caste, gender, language, creed, culture, ethnicity, can enjoy equal rights and opportunity to pursue his/her social, economic and cultural development.

“ For a just, prosperous
and inclusive society ”

Our Mission

Organize and empower community people and groups, sensitize the state and non-state duty-bearers. Enable locals to have access and control over local resources, transfer skill and resource, and give them access to information.



Key Strategies

- IMPROVE SCHOOL GOVERNANCE
- CAPACITY BUILDING
- INCREASE AWARENESS
- POLICY CHANGE
- EMPOWERMENT
- SKILLS TRANSFER
- GENDER & ENVIRONMENTAL MAINSTREAMING



Implementation Strategies

- FUNDRAISING
- CAMPAIGNING
- PARTNERSHIPS
- LOCAL COLLABORATION
- ALLIANCE BUILDING
- NETWORKING
- ADVOCACY & LOBBYING

Organisational Structure

SSDC IS RUN BY A 11 MEMBER EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Distribution: 4 Female / 7 Male

THE BOARD IS SUPPORTED BY A 24 MEMBER ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

Distribution: 8 Female / 19 Male

SSDC ALSO HAS 62 GENERAL MEMBERS.

Distribution: 24 Female / 38 Male

SSDC HAS 42 MEMBERS OF STAFF.

Distribution: 18 Female / 24 Male



PRESIDENT
Tej Prasad Acharya



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
Pom Narayan Paudel



Current Projects

PAHUNCH PROJECT

Strengthening the poor and marginalized's access to justice and security

PEAK PROJECT

Promote equity and quality early childhood and basic education

UDAAN PROJECT

Providing one year of catch-up education to previous drop-out girls so they can re-enroll

IM PROJECT

Improved access to quality education for girls and boys from marginalized communities.



PAHUNCH Project

In 2015, SSDC together with partner UKAid, established the PAHUNCH Project. The project is a part of the bigger Search for Common Ground (SFCG) initiative, which purpose is to promote nonviolent conflict transformation. SSDC has been taking the lead in the Security theme with the help of 3 other NGOs in the adjoining districts. PAHUNCH's overall goal is to 'strengthen the rule of law in Nepal', and specifically aims to increase the security within poor and marginalized communities, especially targeting women, through improving their access to justice.



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STREET DRAMAS

One key aspect of the project is to increase awareness on crime and justice. This is partly achieved by street dramas, where issues like dowry systems and domestic violence are re-enacted in the communities with the purpose to educate on the matter and highlight the importance of a justice system.

POLICE TRAINING

PAHUNCH provide training for police personnel in order to build their capacity. The training also aims to increase their awareness on gender-based violence and how to have a gender sensitive investigation.

DIALOGUE

In order to strengthen the bond between police and community, SSDC arranges meetings between various district stakeholders. This also allow members of community to raise issues to the police management.



PEAK Project

In 2015, SSDC teamed up with the European Union and WeWorld Onlus for the PEAK Project. The project's ambition is to promote equality, quality early childhood and basic education in 8 wards within the Kapilvastu district. To achieve these objectives, the project aims to break down the barriers to education access through raising awareness in the community, as well as improving the quality of education by enhancing the capacities of schools.

Key Themes

INCREASE AWARENESS

The project works to engage communities, CSOs and authorities at local level. PEAK also raise their awareness on the importance of good quality education, as well as equity in access, inclusion and retention in the education sector.

CAPACITY BUILDING

PEAK works to strengthening management and coordination capabilities of all the involved local actors in order to establish an effective and competent collaboration. As a part of this, PEAK works to enhance the capacity of 18 local CSOs.

QUALITY EDUCATION

PEAK promotes quality education in 24 community schools. The project works to create a better child friendly environment in the schools, to encourage attendance, foster learning achievement and ensure an overall improvement in the quality.





UDAAN Project

SSDC is since 2015 running the UDAAN Project together with partner CARE Nepal. The purpose of the project is to give previous drop-out girls (age 10-14) from poor and marginalized communities a second chance through providing them with the appropriate catch-up education, and thus equip them with the skills necessary to return to school.



Key Themes

CATCH-UP SCHOOL

Before re-enrolling in school the girls are provided with one year's education appropriate to their needs. When the education is completed they are re-enrolled in school. To this date, 200 girls have returned to school after taking part in the catch-up program.

INCREASE AWARENESS

In order to enroll girls in the project's catch-up school, efforts are put towards increasing awareness on the importance of girls' education amongst parents and within the community. This is achieved by home visits, campaigning and group discussions.

EMPOWERMENT

The educational program also equips the girls with the necessary skills to lead a self-determined life. The education thus includes promotion of children's and women's rights.

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INCREASE AWARENESS

One of the main challenges to children's education is the lack of awareness and willingness amongst parents and community. To sensitize them on the importance of children's education, SSDC perform home visits, campaigning and group discussions.

MODEL SCHOOLS

As a part of the project, 3 model schools have been developed by SSDC. Through building the capacity of these schools, and improving their learning environments, they can be used to advocate for the importance of quality education.

INCOME GENERATING ACTIVITIES

Poverty is a major challenge to children attending school since they are often pulled out of school in order to work. In an effort to keep the children in school, the project has now supported 120 ultra-poor families through income generating activities.



IM Project

The partnership with IM - Swedish Development Partner was initiated in 2015 and is currently moving into its' second phase. The project aims to improve access to quality education for girls and boys from marginalized communities. The project is being implemented in three wards within the Kapilvastu district, an area that has gone from having 1955 children out of school when the project was launched, to being declared 100% enrolled as of September 2018.



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