

2024 Capacity Statement



Introduction

The Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA), established in 1956, is a faith-based international humanitarian and development organisation dedicated to facilitating just and positive change for vulnerable people in poverty and distress through empowering partnerships and responsible action. ADRA's actions in 2022 impacted over 20 million people in 115 countries, with over \$354 million spent across 1,133 projects. ADRA has been operating in Nepal since 1987 with expertise in health, livelihoods, education and disaster risk management. We have a strong community presence in over 150 municipalities across more than 20 districts within Koshi, Madhesh, Bagmati, Lumbini, and Sudurpachhim Provinces

ADRA employs a team of 35 experienced staff, including two international staff, that design, manage, and oversee the implementation of its programs. Our technical team includes agriculture, livestock, gender, safeguarding, enterprise, market systems, biodiversity, climate change, public health, monitoring, evaluation and learning specialists with longstanding experience in their fields and successful program management. The Country Director, Finance and Admin Director, Program Director and Team Leader for Livelihoods form the administrative committee. Robust finance, human resources, and procurement policies and systems ensure tight control and accountability, earning the trust of bilateral and multilateral funding partners.

We are committed to implementing a high standard of transparency and financial accountability in business practices and in the design and implementation of our programs. Through a licensing and accreditation mechanism, we are held to a common set of standards that align with the Core Humanitarian Standards and the Global Standard for CSO Accountability. ADRA is a member of Accountable Now, which annually reports on ADRA's accountability.

9 Projects

USD 2.67M

10+ DONORS

AT A GLANCE

Health and Nutrition

ADRA is recognised as a national leader in supporting public health nationwide. Our work supports the National Health Sector Strategy Plan 2023-2030 and helps move Nepal toward achieving universal health coverage.

Health System Strengthening (HSS)

ADRA enhances municipal systems and facilities via health system strengthening, using data, QA/QI, coaching, training, clinical guideline revisions, logistics management, local financing, and infrastructure improvements. We bridge gaps and boost capacities across provincial and municipal levels, including projects like women's health and system strengthening and UNFPA initiatives. ADRA extensively provides eLMIS training in partnership with DoHS's IHMIS section.

Policy and Guidelines

ADRA contributed to the development of the following national level policy / guidelines / tools.

- Family Planning Sustainability Roadmap, Costed Implementation Plan for 2023-30,
- Nutrition strategy in emergency (Madhesh)
- Supporting Family Welfare Division in piloting human papillomavirus (HPV) DNA testing as an alternative screening of Cervical Cancer in 2023,
- Revision of HMIS indicators / tools in 2021,
- Revision of ASRH national guidelines, 2019,
- Piloted to scale-up the Post-partum and Post Abortion FP program in 2019,
- RMNAH interim guideline during COVID-19
- Minimum Initial Service Package (MISP).

Community Interventions

ADRA Nepal excels in rural community health interventions and supporting front-line health facilities. We focus on education and services for disadvantaged communities, including family planning, adolescent sexual and reproductive health, expanded program on immunisation, comprehensive sexual education, birthing centre infrastructure, neonatal and child health, nutrition, WASH, and non-communicable diseases. ADRA's innovative Rupantaran program utilises the Care Group Model to empower adolescent girls with social and financial skills. We reactivate and mentor committees for enhanced reproductive health and safe motherhood (RHCC & HFOMC). Amidst COVID-19, ADRA launched a mobile vaccination initiative, ensuring equal vaccine access in remote areas.

Research and Advocacy

ADRA conducted research across all districts, including the multi-donor funded Nepal Maternal Mortality Study (NMMS) which reached 753 municipalities for maternal health improvements. We organized the inaugural national-level Women's Health Conference in 2023, uniting government, INGOs, NGOs, academics, and donors to advocate for women's health support. ADRA actively engages in policy dialogue with the government on sexual and reproductive health and rights and family planning.



Livelihoods

ADRA works with partners to increase incomes and improve food security and resilience for low-income families, vulnerable women, people with disabilities, and socially marginalised communities. Our initiatives cover agriculture, livestock, and off-farm sectors, focusing on productivity, market systems, entrepreneurship, and access to finance. We emphasise food security, biodiversity, climate change, and environmental conservation. ADRA promotes economic empowerment, women's rights, leadership, governance, and disability inclusion. We advocate policies and collaborate closely with all government tiers for holistic community development.

ADRA aligns with key Sustainable Development Goals, focusing on poverty eradication, hunger, gender equality, decent work, reduced inequalities, and climate action. Our efforts have supported Nepal's Post Disaster Recovery Framework (2016-2022) by restoring employment and livelihoods. ADRA contributes to the government's Fifteenth Plan development objectives, emphasising increased production, irrigation, agricultural services, and SME promotion. We are aligned with national strategies, including on agriculture development, biodiversity, livestock, and milk development policies.

Community-based Approaches

ADRA collaborates extensively with community-based organisations, farmer groups, women's groups, networks, cooperatives, and public/private sectors. We utilise our own approaches and modules like farmer field schools, leadership and women's empowerment programs, climate-resilient agriculture, and human rights education. ADRA focuses on innovative practices such as land reclamation, water-raising technology, multi-purpose water systems, climate education through mobilisation of climate champions in schools.

TERAI Project

In our 3 year TERAI project with Jersey Overseas Aid, we are working at local and regional levels to improve milk production and farmers' livelihoods through the improvement of cow and buffalo care, the introduction of Jersey genetics and the development of practices to increase the quantity and quality of milk brought to market.

Field Schools

ADRA employs innovative approaches like climate field schools and farmer market schools, emphasising experiential learning for farmers in field and market settings. Our unique Results Oriented Leadership Development Program empowers communities to design projects, advocate for resources, and implement actions independently.



Disaster Risk Management

ADRA is adept at disaster response and collaborates closely with municipal governments and communities to prepare for and respond to disasters. Our comprehensive programs encompass risk assessment, pre-positioning, community preparedness, and disaster response. Working with local partners, we enhance resilience, reduce vulnerability, and mitigate disaster impact on affected populations.

We strategically align our approach with national strategies, Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), ensuring effective efforts, contributing to broader development goals, and fostering resilient communities. Collaborating with stakeholders such as government agencies, NGOs, and local communities, ADRA ensures seamless coordination in Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) efforts. Our active participation in assessments and inter-organization events provides valuable data, informing DRR strategies at both local and national levels.

Disaster Response

ADRA swiftly responds to emergencies through the National Emergency Management Plan (NEMP), which enables us to provide life-saving aid within 48 hours, offering essential support like cash, shelter, and medical assistance. Extensive community partnerships with local NGOs and government allow us to access remote areas during disasters, assess situations, gather crucial information, and coordinate effectively with partners for rapid and efficient responses.

Disaster Risk Reduction

ADRA collaborates with local governments to develop Disaster Preparedness and Response Plans (DPRP), enhancing community resilience for effective disaster responses. We focus on healthcare infrastructure development in disaster-prone regions, ensuring facilities are well-equipped. ADRA integrates Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) into all programs, aiming for community resilience in health, livelihood, and education initiatives.

Recent Disaster Response Interventions

2023: October Earthquake: Emergency Shelter kits

2023: April Earthquake: Emergency Sexual and Reproductive Health Camps and health facility rehabilitation in Doti and Bajura Districts.

2020-2023 - COVID-19 Response: Provision of medical equipment, the continuation of Reproductive Health Care Services, mobile COVID-19 vaccination service for vulnerable people in hard-to-reach populations, Madhesh Province

2021 – Flood Response: Emergency food package distribution, Sarlahi District



Education

ADRA's United for Education child sponsorship program, initiated in 1998, supports underprivileged children attending school. Initially, started by ADRA staff, the program now has sponsors from Australia, Korea, and Japan supporting 225 children. We collaborate with 18 public schools, identifying children in need through assessments based on economic status, parental loss, disabilities, indigenous or minority backgrounds, and disaster impact. Sponsorship covers essential school expenses, like uniforms and supplies, which are often challenging for low-income families. ADRA's support helps motivate children to stay in school, even when faced with long commutes. Many success stories highlight children who completed secondary education and pursued further studies or employment, underscoring the program's positive impact.

Partnerships and Participation

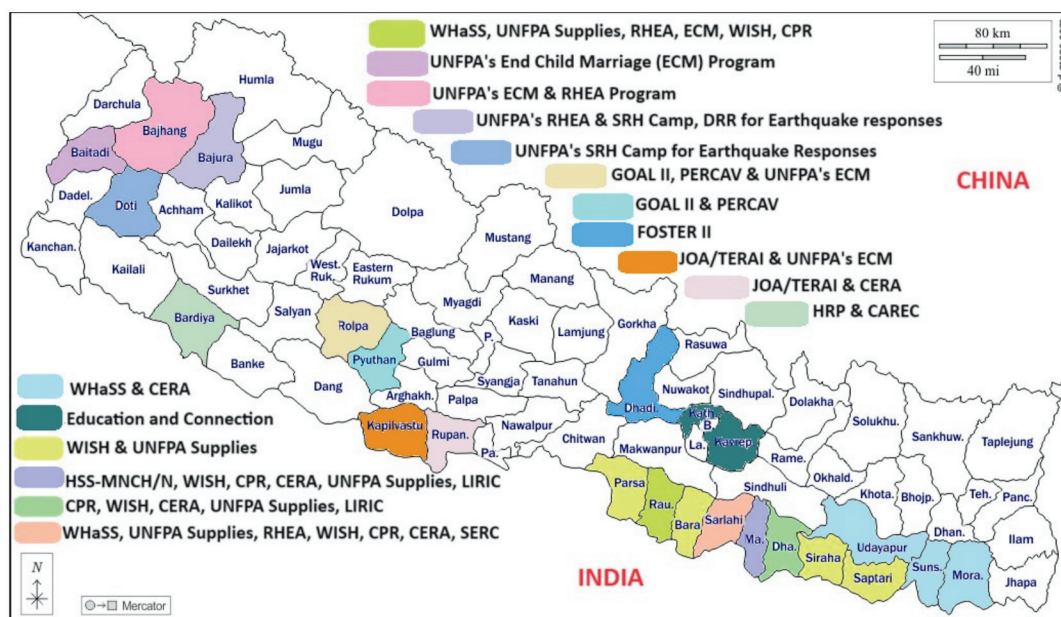
ADRA collaborates extensively with development agencies, government ministries, academic institutions, and research bodies to implement impactful community development programs. These partnerships amplify impact, optimise resources, and share expertise. ADRA has standing agreements with the Social Welfare Council and various government ministries.

As an International NGO, we implement programs through experienced local NGO partners, supporting localisation and contextualised solutions to health, livelihoods, education and disaster risk challenges. We are actively engaged with ten implementing NGOs, extending our reach through these organisations and collectively hundreds of staff, enhancing their technical, managerial, and advocacy capacities at various levels.

Our active participation in government working groups at federal and provincial levels, through the Association of International NGOs and within ADRA Network Technical Learning Labs ensures effective collaboration throughout our work. We are engaged in communities of practice and consortia, demonstrating our commitment to enhancing health, livelihoods, climate justice, and gender equality.



Our Presence in Nepal



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Current Projects

Donors and Amount	Project Title Duration	Area and Beneficiaries	Local Partners	Description
EU Austrian Development Cooperation ADRA Austria USD 1,171,483	CAREC	Banke and Bardiya 11,200 incl. Farmers Groups, Enterprise Workers	ANSAB Nepal, FECOFUN, BEE Group	Empower CSOs and networks engaged in conservation, sustainable utilization, and restoration of biodiversity and ecosystems.
MoFa Japan ADRA Japan, Yamaha, Terumo & Lion Fund USD 1.37Million	Health Reform Project 2023 - 2026	Bardiya Under 5 Children and mother, Pregnant Women, Health Care Providers, FCHVs and Residents of Water Supply System Initiative	ENRUDEC	Enhance and reform child nutrition and health practices and improve water infrastructure.
ADRA UK ADRA International	WISH II 2023-2024	Madhesh Pradesh (Dhanusha, Mahottari, Sarlahi and Rautahat) Beneficiaries: Women, Men and Adolescents (1750 directly and 2500 indirectly)	BWSN	Provide access to and early detection and treatment of women's reproductive health issues.
UNFPA USD 450,000 (APPROX)	UNFPA (ASRH/ECM/ eLMIS)	Multiple Provinces 90,286	-	Ending Child Marriage Adolescent Sexual Reproductive Health, Electronic Logistics Management Systems Training
JOA (Jersey Overseas Aid) USD 101,480 (2022)	TERAI 2022 -2028	Rupandehi/ Kapilvastu Smallholder Farmers	FORWARD IRDC	Improve the livelihoods of smallholder dairy farmers and support the market.
Australian Government ADRA Australia USD 1,430,063	GOAL II 2019 -2024	Pyuthan and Rolpa 62,979	RUDAS Nepal FIRDO Nepal Rupantaran	Increase livelihood options for low income communities that suit their capacity, resources and market.
ADRA Netherlands USD 385,000	MNCH/N	Mahottari and Sarlahi Districts of Madhesh Pradesh Beneficiaries: 54,500	BWSN	Increase access to key maternal, newborn and child health and nutrition services and information to improve health seeking behaviours.
ADRA International ADRA Network USD 31,772	Sudurpashchim Earthquake Response 2023-2024	Sudurpashchim Province (Doti and Bajhang) 250 households; Healthcare Infrastructure construction:	ENRUDEC	Shelter Support Reconstruction
Private Donors Australia, Korea, Japan	United for Education	Bagmati Kavre 225 Children	-	Child sponsorship for school attendance

Past Projects

Past Projects	Total Impact	Partners	Donors	Total Funding (USD)
WHaSS (Women's Health and System Strengthening project) 2018 – 2023	17,856	BWSN	Australian Government Open Heart International ADRA Australia	1,299,357
IMNCH (Improvement of New-born and Child Health Project) 2019-2022	194,694	Environment and Development Centre, Kohalpur	MoFA Japan ADRA Japan	885,336
UNFPA (FP/ASRH, ECM, eLMIS) (Family Planning Service Strengthening project) 2022	111,286	-	UNFPA	419,682
WISH (Women Health and Immunization Support for Health) 2022	1,529	BWSN	Australian Government ADRA I	214,048
NMMS 2021 Maternal Mortality Study 2021 2021- 2023	753 Municipalities	Kamana Health Nepal & Mitra Samaj	UNFPA, UNICEF, GIZ & Options/UKAID/NHSSP- III	213,219
MCHN Maternal, Child Health and Nutrition 2022 – 2023	19,153	BWSN	ADRA Netherlands	89,427
Project Propel WHS (Eco-Toilet) in Health Facilities 2021-2022	52,726 (total)	BWSN	Project Propel	25,000
Stove Distribution Project 2022-2023	376	BWSN	ADRA Japan	25,000
LIRIC Local Initiatives to Reduce the Impact of Climate Change 2020 – 2023	11,227	Rupantaran CDAFN	European Union Austrian Development Agency ADRA Austria	1,173,383
FOSTER II Food Security Enhancement and Agricultural Resilience of the Earthquake Affected Rural Nepalese Farmers – Phase-II 2020 – 2023	10,854	RIMS Nepal	CFGB ADRA Canada	670,825
SERC Socio Economic Recovery of COVID-19 affected Families 2021-2022	30,795	BWSN	Swiss Solidarity ADRA Switzerland	395,980
CERA COVID-19 Emergency Response and Recovery Assistance 2022	59,073	BWSN	Australian Government	385,796
PERCAV Promoting Economic Resilience of COVID-19 Affected Vulnerable People 2021 – 2023	1404	RUDAS Nepal FIRDO Nepal	Australian Government	344,983
COVID-19 Surge Hospital Support Project (2021-2022)	11,832	BWSN	ADRA Network (International, Canada, Australia, Austria, Denmark, Norway)	234,800
COVID-19 Vaccination Support 2022	46,740	BWSN	ADRA International	53,515

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