

# 2025 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 2024 impacted over 14 million people in over 100 countries, with more than \$320 million spent across 1,261 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 Sudurpachchim Provinces.

ADRA employs a team of 37 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.

8 Projects

USD 2.15M

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, system strengthening and UNFPA initiatives. ADRA received recognition from the National Government for its work improving infant health and nutrition over the past 25 years.

### Policy and Guidelines

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

- National Costed Implementation Plan for Forecasting 2025
- 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,
- 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. Community interventions increase health service usage by addressing social and cultural behaviours. ADRA's innovative Rupantar 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).

## 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. ADRA 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.

### Samvardhan Project

One aspect of our EU-funded Samvardhan Project is to support sustainable forest management for community forests in Bardiya and Banke. This includes bio-engineering, using sustainable and local resources to manage water ways, protect endangered species and reduce erosion and flooding in community forests. The project is also training farmers in climate and wildlife resistant technologies to improve their crop production and livelihoods.

## 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. ADRA is taking anticipatory action in DRR and establishing a network of local responders across the country to ensure a rapid response to emergencies. We are also focusing on developing a continuum of care during a crisis, developing resilient hospitals across disaster-prone and vulnerable areas.



### Recent Disaster Response Interventions

2024: September Flood Response: Cash assistance to pregnant women in Sarlahi district.

2023: October Earthquake: Emergency Shelter kits, winterisation kits, Reproductive Health Camps

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

# 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 [16](#) 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 eight 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. ADRA Nepal Country Director is currently the Vice Chair for the Association of International NGOs in Nepal (AIN). 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



## Current Projects

Donors and Amount	Project Title Duration	Area and Beneficiaries	Local Partners	Description
Canadian Foodgrains Bank (CFGB) ADRA Canada USD 750,000	RELIEF 2024-2027	Northern Dhading 1600 direct participants targeting food insecure populations	PRAYAS Nepal	Developing resilient livelihoods and enhancing food security in Northern Dhading.
City of Vienna ADRA Austria	SAHAS 2025-2026	Mahottari 70 people with disabilities Community Organisations	Samriddah BWSN	Supporting people with disability to develop enterprises and strengthening CSOs.
EU Austrian Development Cooperation ADRA Austria USD 1,171,483	Samvardhan 2023-2027	Banke and Bardia 11,200 incl. Farmers Groups, Enterprise Workers	ANSAB Nepal, FECOFUN, BEE Group	Empower CSOs and networks in sustainable utilization, and restoration of biodiversity and ecosystems, and develop eco-friendly livelihoods.
MoFa Japan ADRA Japan, Yamaha, Terumo & Lion Fund USD 1.37Million	Health Reform Project 2023 - 2026	Bardia 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.
UNFPA USD 800,000	UNFPA 2025	Multiple Provinces	-	Ending Child Marriage Adolescent Sexual Reproductive Health, Health System Strengthening
JOA (Jersey Overseas Aid) ADRA UK USD 101,480 (2022)	TERAI 2022 - 2028	Rupandehi/ Kapilvastu Smallholder Farmers	FORWARD IRDC	Improve the livelihoods of smallholder dairy farmers and support the 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.
Private Donors Australia, Korea, Japan	United for Education	Bagmati Kavre 225 Children	-	Child sponsorship for school attendance

# Past Projects



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Australian Government ADRA Australia USD 1,430,063	GOAL II 2019 -2025	Pyuthan and Rolpa 62,979	RUDAS Nepal FIRDO Nepal Rupantaran	Increase livelihood options for low income communities that suit their capacity, resources and market.
Australian Government, UNFPA, ADRA Network	Jajarkot Earthquake Response 2024	Jajarkot and West Rukum 760 Shelter/ winterisation kits	ENRUDEC	Health Facility Reconstruction, Integrated Reproductive Health Camps
ADRA UK ADRA International	WISH II 2023	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.
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 Health Facility Reconstruction
Australian Government DFAT Open Heart International ADRA Australia USD 1,299,357	WHASS 2018-2023	17,856	BWSN	Improving women's health and system strengthening.
MoFa Japan ADRA Japan USD 885,336	IMNCH	194,694	Environment and Development Centre, Kolhapur	Improvement of newborn and child health.
UNFPA USD 419,682	UNFPA FP/ASRH/eLMIS	111,286	-	Provide access to and early detection and treatment of women's reproductive health issues.
AUSTRALIAN Goverment ADRA International USD 214, 048	WISH 2022	1529	BWSN	Providing access to reproductive healthcare and covid vaccinations in marginalised communities.
UNFPA, UNICEF, GIZ & Options/UKAID/NHSSP-III USD 213,219	NMMS 21	Nationwide - All 753 Municipalities	Kamana Health Nepal Mitra Samaj	Maternal Mortality Study 2021
ADRA Netherlands USD 89,427	MCHN 2022-2023	19,153	BWSN	Maternal Child Health and Nutrition
PROJECT PROPEL USD 25,000	PROJECT PROPEL 2021-2022	52,726	BWSN	WHSN Eco toilets in health facilities
ADRA Japan USD 25,000	STOVE DISTRIBUTION PROJECT 2022-2023	376	BWSN	Distributing stoves to vulnerable families.
EU Austrian Development Cooperation ADRA Austria USD 1,173,383	LIRIC	11,227	CDAFN RUPANTARAN	Local Initiatives to Reduce the Impact of Climate Change
Canadian Foodgrains Bank (CFGBC) ADRA Canada USD 670,825	FOSTER II 2020 - 2023	Dhading 10,854	RIMS Nepal	Food security enhancement and agricultural resilience of the earthquake-affected rural Nepalese farmer
Swiss Solidarity ADRA Switzerland USD 395,980	SERC 2021-2022	30,795	BWSN	Socio-economic recovery of COVID-19 affected families
Australian Government USD 385,796	CERA 2022	59,073	BWSN	COVID-19 Emergency Response and Recovery Assistance
Australian Government, USD 334,983	PERCAV 2021-2023	1,404	FIRDO Nepal RUDAS Nepal	Promoting Economic Resilience of COVID-19 affected people
ADRA Network (International, Austria, Denmark, Canada, Australia, Norway) USD 234,800	COVID 19 Surge Hospital Support Project 2021-2022	11,832	BWSN	Strengthening the health system to handle the surge by standardizing the isolation/hospital facilities and providing immediate relief to the most affected.

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