



PSD CAPACITY STATEMENT

The Partnership for Sustainable Development (PSD) Nepal is a not-for-profit social development organization. Established in the year 2002, it has been registered with the District Administration Office in Kathmandu under the Organization Registration Act and has also been affiliated with the SWC (Social Welfare Council). PSD is also the organisational member of NGO Federation of Nepal.

PSD is dedicated to the sustainable development and empowerment of the children and youth of Nepal. PSD aims to advocate for the protection of children and youth rights, explore and expand opportunities to grow to their fullest potential and meet their basic needs. PSD recognizes the values that the survival, protection and development of children and youth are development imperatives and the integral to human development.

Within Nepal, many sections of the community live in poverty and are unable to access the education, information and resources necessary to bring positive and lasting change for themselves, their environment and their community. To support the underprivileged communities, and in particular the peoples of rural Nepal, PSD has been formed. PSD has multi-disciplinary with experience in education, health, and sanitation, the conservation and information technology.

PSD works with all its partners towards the attainment of the sustainable development goals adopted by the world community and host country. What ever PSD does, the most disadvantaged children and youth of rural areas will have priority. PSD aims through its program to strengthen capacity of children & youth and to support their full participation in the social, educational, personal and economic development.

OBJECTIVES

- Provide support and create opportunities to the poorest communities of Nepal
- Capitalize the strength of rural youth for their own personal development and that of the nation on a whole
- Promote voluntarism and voluntary efforts in social and national development and strengthen the voluntary development organizations on their capacity, skills and knowledge
- Work towards the formation of a more knowledgeable and responsible civic society and advocate for local governance
- Contribute towards bridging all forms of discrimination
- Capacity building of organisations

KEY PRINCIPLES

PSD believe in three key principles in executing all its programs.

1. Sustainable development can best be achieved through active involvement and partnership of all the stakeholders.
2. Sustainability may be social, economical or ecological; all of these have to be considered while planning and implementing any development program and initiatives.
3. Development should be implemented by the people in their own environment

ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

The PSD is governed by an executive committee of experienced professionals. The PSD's executive committee employs a team of talented and dedicated professionals to run the operations of the organisation.

PSD EXPERTISE

The PSD, through the experience of its personnel, has significant capability in the running of development projects; youth programs and successful running of educational development projects. Beside that, the PSD has the capacity to develop and conduct various training packages, and provide consultancy for facilitation, monitoring and evaluation and organisational development.

NETWORKS AND PARTNERSHIPS

PSD Nepal has established networks and partnership with various organizations and networks at the national and international level to achieve its set objectives.

On a national level, PSD has established formal partnerships with 5 NGOs working in various districts. This includes BYC in Baglung; HWEPC in Dang; etc. All the activities and programs carried out in those districts are done through these partner NGOs. Beside that PSD has also worked with NSMP (Nepal Safer Motherhood Project), a project of DfID by providing consultancy to develop and conduct Inter-Personal Communication (IPC) Training to health service providers of 12 districts of Nepal. Beside that PSD is also providing occasional youth volunteer support to Kathmandu Metropolitan City. The PSD prides itself on its partnership approach to achieving its objectives and has developed an impressive array of collaborative relationships with other outstanding organisations, including: (i) JustAid, a charity based in UK; (ii) YMCA, a youth organisation based in USA; (iii) ODA, a student volunteer organisation based in Oxford University, UK and (iv) SVA, another student volunteer organisation based in University of Glasgow, UK. We are also proud of the support we have received from organisations such as AVA (Association of Volunteer Administrators) and University of Denver. The PSD is in the negotiation and planning stage of a number of events and projects for 2005 and beyond.

ONGOING PROGRAMS

Some of the ongoing programs of PSD Nepal are:

1. Volunteer Programs for Youth

The mission and objective of Volunteer Programs for Youth is to encourage and invite International/National volunteers to contribute in the areas of rural community development, education development and environment and nature conservation. Beside that we intend to enhance feeling of voluntary and global brotherhood among youth. This programme promotes the opportunity for world youth to built mutual friendship, experience global partnership. Volunteers will have first hand experience of life in Nepal, working along side Nepalese youth to help support communities in rural Nepal to improve their standards of livelihood. For example, ODA, SVA and Aberdeen students are coming to Nepal and working in the rural school and community. In this way they will be making a meaningful contribution to a disadvantaged segment of the world community.

PSD works with the communities in Ilam, Baglung, Tanahun, Lalitpur and Kavre.

2. Wish-list (Helping communities to fulfil their basic needs)

PSD Nepal in partnership with the **Just Aid** charity in the UK is working to provide the rural communities and schools in fulfilling their basic requirements. PSD collects the community needs and problems and compiles a Wish-List with the description of the need and the support required. This wish-list, will then be listed in the **Just Aid** website and through other promotional tools funding and donations is collected to fund these needs from the wish list

So far PSD has been able to generate a significant amount to support the needs of the schools and communities in Dang, Baglung and Ilam.

3. Training Programs

PSD organises training programs on a variety of topics. The training ranges from Organisational Management, Interpersonal Communication Skill, Gender, Community Development, NGO Capacity Building, NFE, SARAR / CAP, etc.

4. Capacity Building

PSD also helps in the capacity building of its local partner organisations. It provides its expertise services to help the local NGOs and CBOs to develop proposals and reports and also trains the staff on various organisational management skills.

ORGANIZATION'S ACHEIVEMENT IN LAST TWO YEARS

S.N.	Project Activities	Location	Working Period	Partnership/Support	Remarks
1.	Interpersonal Communication Training to Hospital Staff	Myagdi, Parbat, Baglung, Rupendehi, Janakpur, Nawalparasi, Kalali, Banke, Surkhet, Jumla	Apr- Oct 2003	Nepal Safer Motherhood Project	Bilateral Program of HMG and DFID
2.	Research on Bounded Labour	Banke, Bardia, Dang, Kalali and Kanchanpur	Apr 2003	Oxford University	
3.	School infrastructure development and community development program by mobilizing Overseas volunteer as well as local community	Resha, Bhimpokahara and Vuskat VDC of Baglung District	Aug-Sep 2003	Donation from Oxford Development Abroad/Sending Volunteer Aboard, UK	Summer Program 2003, Universities Students, UK.
4.	Economic Evaluation of Mother and Infant Research Activities (MIRA)	Makawanpur	Jan- Oct 2004	London School of Health and Tropical Medicine/DFID	Ph D Research
5.	Conflict Resolution Training to local NGO	Banke	Feb 2004	Community Support Project/DFID	
6.	Interpersonal Communication Training to Project staff of NARMSAP	Kathmandu	March 2004	DANIDA	
7.	School infrastructure development and community development program by mobilizing Overseas volunteer as well as local community	Ilam Municipality -2, 5 and 7 Ilam, Purkot VDC Tanahu and Lamatar VDC Lalitpur District	Aug-Sep 2004	Donation from Oxford Development Abroad/Sending Volunteer Aboard/ HELP Aberdeen University, UK	Summer Program 2004, Universities Students, UK.
8.	Community and School Support Program	Baglung, Dang, Tanahu, Chitwan	Ongoing	Just Aid, UK	

PSD ORGANISATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE

At present, PSD has a one-flat office located at Buddha Nagar, Kathmandu.

The office is well equipped with furniture, computers, communication facilities (telephone, fax, email and internet) and other working accessories.

It also has a training hall that can accommodate about 20 people and a kitchen.