

Current Activities

The people who are predominately being supported by the SAHABHAGITA project are poor, vulnerable and socially excluded Nepalese women. The project is reaching out to 7,100 women, with a focus on Janajatis, Dalits, and freed Kamaiyas* in the 10 districts of Nepal.

Similarly, conflict victims/displaced, poor single women (widows), Haliya*, people living with HIV/AIDS, victims of gender-based violence and religious minorities are being given priority within these categories of people. These groups of people are systematically excluded from social, economical and political empowerment due to power relations, caste discrimination in access to basic services/facilities and information.

In order to address these complex issues, the project is reaching out to approximately 380 social/political leaders, 300 women alliance/networks, media and other influencing actors including the key family members and spouses. These groups of people will also act as intermediaries for the project primarily to promote social inclusion, advocate for justice, equality and human dignity of these segment of people within Nepal's rural context.

Janajatis are indigenous Nepalese people, Dalits are the lowest cast group in Nepal and Kamaiyas and Haliya are agricultural bonded labourers, mainly women and girls in Nepal who have been sold by their families to landowners to work as indentured servants on their land. Although this system has now been officially abolished by the Nepalese government, unofficially the system still exists in many parts of Nepal.



Rally against domestic violence.

Kalawati Bogati



A POWERFUL TRANSFORMATION

“We are living just like slaves for our families, confined to household chores pleasing our husbands. Instead of getting any recognition or encouragement, we’re beaten up every night. I say we, because I know many women like me, but I am happy things are changing now.”

Thanks to CARE’s SAHABHAGITA project, Kalawati Bogati has been empowered to fight for her rights. With the support of women in her community, Kalawati has been able to stand up to her husband and regain her dignity and self-esteem. And Kalawati’s husband has been pressured to re-think his ways. Kalawati is now a village leader—helping other women in her community gain the recognition they deserve.

CARE’s SAHABHAGITA project is inspiring powerful transformations for thousands of women like Kalawati.