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HEALTH AND HYGIENE (SWACHCHHATA)



OVERVIEW

USAID's Health and Hygiene, known locally as Swachchhata, improves community health through Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) infrastructure; infection prevention practices; and messaging at health facilities. This work builds on WASH and local governance improvements fostered by previous USAID activities.

HIGHLIGHT

USAID's Health and Hygiene will construct or rehabilitate 180 small-scale water supply systems at local health facilities, which include a focus on gender and disability friendly latrines. Additionally, over 230 health facility staff will be trained on the maintenance of WASH infrastructure, infection prevention, and waste management.

START

FEB/22/2016

END

AUG/21/2024

FUNDING

\$9.1 MILLION

USAID Bolsters Local Governance to Improve Health Care:

USAID works with local governments and communities to improve the quality of health care by ensuring sustainable access to safe drinking water and basic sanitation facilities. As part of its good governance strategy, USAID is collaborating with municipal governments, Health Facility Operation and Management Committees, and Water Users and Sanitation Committees at the community level. The committees make an initial capital investment to build the facilities and then nominate community members, who are trained by USAID as village maintenance workers, to maintain the infrastructure.

USAID Provides Sanitation Access for Marginalized Communities:

USAID constructs small-scale water supply systems and gender and disability friendly latrines at local health facilities. This infrastructure is key to ensuring infection prevention and control. The design of the infrastructure allows easy access for people with physical disabilities.

USAID Strengthens Nepal's Health System:

USAID supports domestic resource mobilization by engaging with local governments to improve WASH infrastructure at local health facilities and communities. USAID trains health workers in infection prevention and control to strengthen worker-client interactions at health facilities and the adoption of improved hygiene behaviors for households. With USAID's support, Nepal is the first country to pilot nationwide integration of hygiene counseling into routine immunizations.

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