

Short Sharing on the process of distribution

As we all are aware about the COVID-19 pandemic which has affected 216 countries as per the data from WHO. It is a global pandemic at the moment. Without denying Nepal is too one of the COVID - 19 hit country. To minimize the risk of transmission, the government of Nepal announced lockdown throughout the country from 24th March 2020. After the lockdown the severe impact of economic crisis was seen among the daily wage working group whose daily survival is based on daily income. Likewise, every sectors like tourism, business and all sorts of small and large business were hit hard and many people have even lost their jobs.



As we know Chyangsar and Ghunsa of Solukhumbhu district, where the women empowerment Agricultural project is being run since 2017 with the support of Roots for Life and Social Work Institute and the implementing local partner is Shree Sagarmatha Milijuli Sana Kishan Mahila Krishi Sahakari Sanstha Limited. We all know that Solukhumbhu is one of the major tourist destination of Nepal and the major occupation of people here mainly of males is either a tourist guide or a porter. Therefore, we can easily understand that with the effect of this pandemic, tourism is

on zero flow and the income of families are at a vulnerable state. So understanding the situation of families of Chyangsar and Ghunsa, the team of Roots for Life and Social work Institute decided to distribute food and non-food items to each shareholders households and also establish hand washing stations at major points where there will be more mobility of people. There was also plan of mask distribution to all the members of households as well.

For distribution, the need assessment was done from the community itself with the help of the cooperative. Cooperative had taken lead in all the process. The chairperson and farm manager were on the frontline. Each household data collection was done and documented. Price comparison for the purchase was done with the local vendors and was purchased. Mask making was done by the women of the cooperative who are trained in sewing and using sewing machine. They had done the sewing volunteering. Most important, the cooperative had done very good coordination with the municipality and ward for the distribution. They had supported very well. After all the planning the distribution was done on 25th and 26th May 2020 respectively in Ghunsa and Chyangsar. 56 household in Ghunsa and 68 household in Chynagsar .Distribution was done maintaining social distance and before distribution every shareholders were given a mask before they had come to receive the materials. All in all, the distribution was very supportive and was done effectively with a good plan.

List of items distributed to each shareholder

Name of food item	Quantity
Rice	30 kg
Lentil	4 kg
Oil	1 litre
Salt	1 kg

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Name of non- food item	Quantity
Hand washing soap	4 piece
Cloth washing soap	4 piece
Toothpaste	2 piece
Mask	1 pc to each member of family

Each hand washing station includes a 200 litre drum, a soap, and a garden pipe to pour water in tank.
6 stations in Chyangsar and 5 stations in Ghunsa.