

Inception: BRAC entered Nepal in the aftermath of the two earthquakes in April and May 2015 with emergency response. It provided 5,000 blankets, medicine and medical equipment along with an emergency team of four doctors, one disaster management expert and one livelihood expert to provide medical care to 750 earthquake victims through medical camps in six districts. The entire BRAC workforce donated a day's salary which was matched by the organisation to start rehabilitation and reconstruction efforts to support communities affected by the earthquake. Currently, BRAC Nepal is implementing a comprehensive project covering ELA, health and WASH. BRAC was formally registered in Nepal as an international non-governmental organization on 30 September 2015.

Country Statistics

Population

28.17 million (WB, 2014)

GDP per capita

USD 675

(Trading Economics, 2014)

Rate of people living below poverty line

25.2 (WB, 2010)

Life expectancy at birth

69.2 years (WB, 2013)

Gross primary school enrollment of both sexes

133% (WB, 2014)

Primary School completion

101.6% (WB, 2014)

Adult literacy rate

59.6 (WB, 2011)

Maternal mortality ratio

258/100,000 live births
(WB, 2015)

Infant mortality rate

29/100,000 live births
(WB, 2015)

Human Resources: At present a total of 5 staff are working in the country, of whom 2 are female.

BRAC's donors in country: BRAC.



ELA Club lifeskills training

Programme coverage

Programme	Donor	Start Date	Duration (Months)	Total Budget (USD in Million)	Direct Beneficiaries (#)
BRAC Pilot Project	BRAC International	2016	12	0.12	10 ELA clubs-205 members, 10 FCHVs and 10 mothers' groups, 160 mothers

Programme Updates (Jan-Dec 2016)

Initially two earthquake-resistant permanent houses were built as a pilot for two widow-headed households in the highly affected Kavre district. These two serve as demonstration houses for the poorest and the most vulnerable earthquake affected community. BRAC now supports long-term recovery in Kavre district by implementing a comprehensive community empowerment pilot project with activities in health, sanitation and Empowerment and Livelihood for Adolescents (ELA) in Shyampati VDC. In this reporting period, BRAC Nepal provided training to strengthen the capacity of 10 existing Female Community Health Volunteers (FCHV) in Shyampati VDC so that they can provide educational, preventive and curative health services to the community, especially for mothers and young children. These services are delivered through trainings for FCHVs on basic literacy skills, training households to make oral rehydration solutions at home, improving care of pregnant women, new mothers and newborn children, ensuring full immunization coverage in the VDC, and creating awareness on good hygiene practices, such as washing hands. BRAC Nepal is currently constructing and rebuilding 265 damaged toilets to make Shyampati VDC an open defecation-free zone after the

earthquake damaged toilets and forced the community to relieve themselves in the open. BRAC Nepal has established 10 ELA clubs equipped with learning and playing materials in each ward in Shyampati VDC. Called 'Kishori Clubs' these provide safe spaces for girls aged 11-21 years within walking distance from their homes and away from the pressures of family life where they can read, play, socialize with friends, and receive support for various challenges they face in their lives. Some older girls with leadership qualities are being trained as mentors and through them the other girls will receive training in health, nutrition, livelihood skills, and financial literacy.

Challenges: Nepal, a landlocked nation with basic and fragile geography, depends on India for almost all its import needs. Despite passing the Constitution of Nepal with 90 per cent approval from Nepal's Constituent Assembly in September 2016, political unrest still remains. There are problems of increasing politicization of the bureaucracy and the rapid turnover of civil servants. With each change of government, key civil servants in the ministries and the planning bodies at both central and district levels change and it affects policy decisions and program implementation.

BRAC Nepal: At a Glance

Districts reached through post earthquake immediate response medical camps	3
Earthquake victims received medical care	750
Blankets distributed in addition to medical assistance	5,000
Earthquake-resilient houses built for demonstration	2
Allocation for building earthquake resilient houses	USD 1.5 million
No of Female Community Health Volunteers (FCHV) trained	10
ELA Clubs	10
ELA Club members	250

Updated till September 2016