

**er Process: Challenge for Change
(Vision 2000) Project**

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Chapter I

Introduction

1.1 Background

The Family Planning Association of Nepal (FPAN), a leading national NGO working in Nepal since 1959, implemented the Project "Challenge for Change (Vision 2000)" in Baitadi and Kapilvastu districts of Nepal. This was initially a five-year project for the period from 1995 to 2000 A.D. A financial assistance of US \$ 2.53 million was received from Vision 2000 Fund for the implementation of this project.

The aim of this project was to provide community based sexual and reproductive health services and education to the people in the project areas by addressing the six major challenges of Vision 2000 namely, unmet FP needs, sexual and reproductive health, unsafe abortion, women's empowerment, youth mobilization and quality care. The project covered the entire population (690,000 as of 1998 that included 125,000 married women of reproductive age and 145,000 adolescents of age 10-19 years) of both the districts.

During its lifetime, the project successfully created an extensive network of community bodies for effective delivery of RH services (both clinical and non-clinical) throughout project area. The network included setting up of the two reproductive health centers (RHC), one in each district, nine sub-centers (3 in Baitadi and 6 in Kapilvastu), 136 outreach clinics (65 in Baitadi and 71 in Kapilvastu – one in each VDC), 145 field workers (68 in Baitadi and 77 in Kapilvastu), and 1,305 community based workers (CBW) or depot holders (612 in Baitadi and 693 in Kapilvastu – one per ward). Besides this, the project also mobilized different sections of the communities during the project period such as creation of youth and women groups and mobilization of schoolteachers, high school students, faith healers and community leaders (like Muslim leaders) and *Deukies*. It also included the mobilization of village development committees (VDCs), local level government health institutions and NGOs. Further, Village Cooperation Committees (VCCs) were formed at VDC levels to support the project initiatives.

The mid term evaluation study regarding the V₂P have concluded that the targeted activities of the project were fully achieved and the project was innovative and successful.

The project has already been phased out by handing them over to community-based organizations (Cobs) at VDC levels. The CBOs are now implementing the project activities on their own with varying degrees of success levels. So, this study is part of an attempt to document the process of program handover to the local CBOs.

1.2 Objectives of the Study

The main objective of this study was to document the handover process of "Challenge for Change (V₂P) Project" to the CBOs that was implemented by FPAN in Baitadi and Kapilvastu districts of Nepal. The specific objectives of the documentation study are to:

- Review FPAN's sustainability experience, plan and policy and analyze its replication in Vision 2000 Project.
- Review and analyze CBO selection criteria adopted by FPAN in Vision 2000 Project.
- Analyze the CBO strengthening/establishing process adopted by FPAN in Vision 2000 Project.
- Analyze CBO registration process accomplished by FPAN to meet the legal formality
- Review and analyze the memorandum of understanding signed between FPAN and CBOs during program handover.
- Review and analyze financial management system of the CBOs including fund collection/raising mechanisms.
- Analyze mode of operandi of CBOs.
- Analyze available resource with CBOs to carry out SHR program.
- Analyze strengthening of partnership between FPAN and CBOs for the sustainability of sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) programs.