# AWASAR By SAATH A JOURNEY OF EMPOWERMENT

2015 - 2020







## The Beginning

When we all felt the earth shake, we all felt the fear, the despair, we were so afraid that we were lost. But like they say " the storms don't last forever". Every passing day brought hope, it was beginning to what was uncalled for, yet also a beginning to rebuild what was lost and reclaim the faith in humanity.



### The Inception

In order to rebuild, reclaim and restore, we had to start at one point. Starting was challenging. We started small but we knew where we were headed. The journey that began with 5, took us on a long ride and to this day we continue to move on - Nisha Giri





#### First Five

We were the first 5 to receive the training. This one opportunity has led me to believe that we just need to start somewhere" - Rekha & Santoshi







### First Steps

"Not a bird, yet i want to leave the ground once a while and feel the clouds" - Rojina Tamang





#### The Progression

"There is much joy in giving. What i learnt here, I wish to pass it on to many more " -Meena Purkute

"Hope is tricky, just hoping alone sometimes does not help. You build on that hope and throw yourself at every opportunity that knocks your door, Awasar was beyond that hope" -Sushila Bisunke

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"Skills that I have gained proved to help me become independent; the education classes, workshops, games, exposure visit provided an entirely different outlook towards life" - Sabita Chaudhary









#### RISE UP :

"Endowment Fund reached NPR 8,000,000. Always a gentle reminder to carry on what we do so we can do better, so we can <u>do bigger</u>"

More then 190 beneficiarieshave received training from Awasar project until now

Reached 20 number of communities in the time span of 6 years









### For the Freedom :

To dream is to dare, not everyone can dream. To dream is to pursue. Not everyone can run after it. And the ones who does, always finds a way to dream on and fight for their dream. - Niramaya Tamang

"My work gives me strength to move on and fight every battle. Its not easy but its not impossible either. Walking everyday to my shop is a journey i would continue for the rest of my life". - Binda Sanchury

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Freedom is in believing; and freedom is in living it"

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#### Tomorrow and Beyond

And tomorrow is shaped and guided by what we do Today. And today we are working diligently to reach out to as many individuals as possible from different parts of the country. We are working to ensure that they find a way to regain their confidence and secure their present and future. We are working to build a community of not just financially independent women, but a community of strong willed Women who equally lift the spirits of their family, their peers and their neighbors. A self reliant women who knows and understands that her journey of "Awasar" (as in opportunities) will take her to places also enlivening the spirit of people around her"



AWASAR (in Nepali means 'opportunities') program is SAATH's flagship evidence based sustainable livelihood development program initiated as humanitarian response to provide skills based training to women directly affected by 2015 earthquake.

AWASAR identifies, nurtures women/young girls' unexplored economic potential providing market relevant skills, financial literacy and entrepreneurial skills development to cement their role as change maker in society in which they live enhancing their access to economic resources, reducing gender inequality and poverty and building sustainable communities.



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