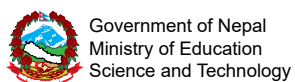




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Message

It is my great pleasure to know that the survey report of Public and Community Libraries of Nepal has been prepared. This is the collaborative effort of Ministry of Education, Science and Technology, READ Nepal, Santi Volunteer Association Nepal and New ERA.

This report provides status of public and community libraries established in Nepal. The report highlights several aspects such as the assess of libraries in terms of Books and Borrowers, Building and Budget, Human resources as well as various activities carried out by the libraries.

I hope that this report also guides to prepare future strategic plans to establish, promote and sustain the existing public and community libraries through various activites.

I would like to thank the entire team of READ Nepal, Santi Volunteer Association Nepal, New ERA and all the participating public and community libraries throughout the country to bring out the report.



Deepak Sharma
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Foreword

It is my great pleasure to launch the report of the first national survey on community and public libraries in Nepal in cooperation with the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology and READ Nepal under the Community Libraries Improvement Project. I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the Government of Japan for financial support to this unprecedented effort. I would also like to thank New ERA for conducting this survey.

Shanti Volunteer Association (SVA) has promoted libraries in six countries in Asian region since 1981. SVA believes food is necessary for physical development of children but books are also necessary for mental, intellectual, and spiritual development of children. Youth and adult also need not only food, but learning and reading for knowledge and skills for work, health, livelihood, communication, self-esteem, problem solving and creative thinking. Library will contribute to the empowerment of people and the development of the community.

In Japan with population of 120 million, there are 3,226 public libraries in 1,741 municipalities, meaning that there are almost two libraries in one municipality on average. Establishment and services of public libraries are stipulated in the Library Act adopted in 1949. In my view, one big difference between libraries in Japan and Nepal is that public libraries in Japan are established and managed by local governments whereas community libraries in Nepal are established and managed by community with the support from local governments. I am not saying which is better but the ownership and participation of community to manage library is very strong in Nepal, for which I really admire the efforts by library management committees.

Lastly, based on the evidence and findings by this survey, the policy and measures to expand and improve community and public libraries will be formulated, which leads to one library in one municipality in the near future.



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Foreword

For more than thirty years, READ Nepal has been contributing to the economic, social and educational development of the community by establishing self-sustaining community libraries and resource centers (CLRCs) across Nepal. In the process of establishing and operating CLRCs, READ Nepal facilitates the detailed process extended in three phases which will help to enhance community capacities - the sense of community, shared commitment, ability to solve problems, and access to resources. So far, READ Nepal has established 69 community libraries in 43 districts of Nepal and reached over 2.6 million people.

Though Nepal has been able to gain significant achievement in the education sector, the existence of data highlighting the number and status of public and community libraries were lacking. READ Nepal recently conducted a public and community library survey in the leadership of the Ministry of Education, Science & Technology (MoEST) with financial support from SVA Nepal. This survey was conducted to find out the number of existing public and community libraries, their status of operation and their contribution to educational development and ensuring access to the information to the communities.

We hope this survey finding will help the stakeholders to navigate the long-term vision, strategic direction, and planning, improvement, and development of the public and community libraries in Nepal. READ Nepal will conduct the national level workshop to share the findings and gain feedback from all the relevant stakeholders.

In the process of this research, we have tremendous support and contribution from our key stakeholders. I would like to thank Mr. Deepak Sharma Joint Secretary and Mr. Yadab Chandra Niraula Under-Secretary Government of Nepal, MoEST for the leadership and guidance of this survey and technical support for Ms. Sanjana Shrestha-Executive Director READ Global, Chhatra Bahadur Khatri-Executive Director, Chinkaji Shrestha-Deputy Director and Santosh Kumar Baidhya Tamang-Research, Monitoring and Evaluation Manager of READ Nepal. Eventually, it would not be possible without the support of Mr. Takafumi Miyake-Ph.D.-Country Director Shanti Volunteer Association (SVA) Nepal, so we would like to extend heartfelt thanks to SVA. Finally, we are grateful to the New ERA and the entire field team for their technical assistance in the survey and compiling of the report.

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Executive Summary

READ Nepal community libraries have been visualized as places that have relevant books and educational material, a training/conference hall, an information and communications technology (ICT) section, and women's and children's sections. Since READ Nepal was established in 1991, it has established many Community Libraries and Resource Centers (CLRCs) that play an important role in socio-economic transformation. They offer need-based training and comprehensive programs in subjects such as livelihood skills, micro-enterprise, literacy, women's empowerment, youth empowerment, health education, and technology to thousands of individuals each year through a variety of partnerships.

While Nepal has seen a growth in the number of libraries since the 1990s, there is a lack of reliable data related to Public/Community Libraries (P/CL). This lacks information on the performance and infrastructure of P/CLs hinders the progress of the sector and makes it hard to plan for their growth. In order to come up with a long-term vision, formulate strategic direction and align them with national development plans, there was a need to conduct a study and gather reliable data. The purpose of this study is to provide comprehensive understanding and analysis of the P/CL sector so self-sustaining public and community library services can thrive in Nepal.

This study adopted a mixed-method approach to collect and analyze quantitative and qualitative data. Quantitative approach entailed use of online KoBo Toolbox, telephone based information gathering, and face-to-face interviews. Altogether 227 library representatives were interviewed in 69 districts of the country. Further, fourteen Focus Group Discussions (FGDs), 42 In-depth Interviews (IDIs), and eight case studies were undertaken to collect qualitative data.

Key findings:

- Eighty-five percent of the libraries were registered with the District Administration Office (DAO), District Education Office (DEO), or local government units. Some were registered with the Zonal Office.
- One-third of libraries were affiliated with the Social Welfare Council (SWC) and one-fifth of the libraries were affiliated with Nepal Community Libraries Association (NCLA).
- Seventy percent of the libraries were public, 90% were functional with 17% reporting that they were open all days of the week and the average opening hours was reported as 5.2 per day.
- Twelve percent of the libraries averaged 3340 books in Nepali. Ten percent averaged 1415 books in English. Eleven percent had Nepali audiobooks. Ten percent had an average of 188 English books. Twelve percent had e-newspapers.
- Nearly three-quarters of the libraries studied reported that they had created a list of reading material. Seventy-eight percent of libraries created the list manually using AACR, 9% used digital recording systems while 12 percent used both systems.
- Three-fifths of libraries were supported financially by local governments. Thirty three percent received private funding, 23% received individual/NGO grants and 8% reported they had other financial resources.
- Thirty-nine percent of surveyed libraries had sustainable income sources. Forty seven percent reported that their income source was members' fees and 40% government/local government contribution.
- Of the total 227 libraries, 185 (81.5%) reported expenditure using one or more operational headings. The average expenditure of the libraries was Rs. 497,222 in 2020/2021.

- Almost half of the libraries operated on public property, one-third owned their own property, and one-tenth were located in rented property. The libraries reported an average of 4 rooms. One-fourth had disability-friendly infrastructure and nearly half had separate toilets for males and females.
- Almost 70 percent of libraries had a computer, 58 percent had printers, half of the libraries had photocopy machines, and one-third had scanners. Similarly, 17 percent of libraries had servers and one-fourth had cameras.
- Seventy-three percent of libraries had education and reading habit development programs while 71% allowed their books to be borrowed. Sixty percent helped raise awareness and supported information flow through various events and programs while 40% organized recreational programs and photocopying and scanning services. Forty-seven percent had operated targeted programs for women and youth.
- One-fifth of the libraries reported that they held historical and handwritten materials in their archives.
- Key challenges they faced were reported as inadequate government support, inadequate awareness among the local population regarding the significance of libraries and the absence of ICT.

Acronyms

AACR	Anglo American Cataloguing Rules
BCC	Brick Cement Concrete
CLRC	Community Libraries and Resource Centers
DAO	District Administration Office
DEO	District Education Office
DDC	Dewey Decimal Classification
FGD	Focus Group Discussion
GESO	Gender Equality and Social Inclusion
ICT	Information and Communication Technology
IDI	In-depth Interviews
INGO	International Non-Governmental Organization
KII	Key-Informant Interview
LMC	Library Management Committee
MoEST	Ministry of Education Science and Technology
NCLA	Nepal Community Libraries Association
NGO	Non-Governmental Organization
P/CL	Public/Community Libraries
PREPARE	Project to Prepare the Public Administration for State Reforms
SACCOS	Siddhi Ganesh Savings and Credit Cooperative Societies
SVA	Shanti Volunteer Association
SWC	Social Welfare Council

1.0 Background

In 1991, a trekking guide requested Dr. Antonia Neubauer to establish a library in Junbesi, a small village in the Nepal Himalaya. A library of 900 books¹ was established in the form of a social enterprise so the library could generate its own income and meet its operational and maintenance costs. This first model of a READ Nepal community library has now spread across Nepal, India, Bhutan and is expanding to Africa.

Besides being a place to access and read books and journals, READ Nepal libraries create safe spaces for local communities. They are visualized with relevant books and educational materials, a training/conference hall, information and communications technology (ICT), and women's and children's sections. They offer need-based training and comprehensive programs to thousands of individuals each year. Livelihood skills, micro-enterprise development, literacy, women's empowerment, youth empowerment, health education, and technology training are some of the topics covered through a variety of partnerships.

READ Nepal has been involved in this study because, through experience, it has identified that lack of information on the libraries working in Nepal, their performance and their infrastructure can hinder their planning and progress. Lack of data makes it harder to prepare a long-term vision, plan a strategic direction and develop clear objectives for the sector so it can align with national development plans and contribute effectively to Nepal's progress.

The purpose of this study is to provide comprehensive understanding and analysis of the Public/Community Library (P/CL) sector. This study aims to understand service provisions, identify needs, PCLs and their benefits, and a realistic stakeholder-owned analysis of existing conditions in Nepal. READ Nepal, Shanti Volunteer Association (SVA) Nepal, and the Ministry of Education Science and Technology (MoEST) worked together to conduct this study. Engaging with relevant stakeholders, this survey aims to strengthen the library and information sector so it can deliver equitable access to information and create resilient and sustainable library communities.

2.0 Objectives of the Survey

The study was designed to achieve three main objectives:

- 1. Understand the scenario of Public/Community Libraries (P/CL) in the context of Nepal.**
 - a. Number and brief status of public/community libraries (P/CL) in Nepal.
 - b. Assessment of libraries in terms of 5Bs (Books, Brain, Building, Budget, and Borrowers), management, services/activities, challenges, and sustainability.
 - c. Population vs. P/CL ratio and user vs. P/CL ratio.
 - d. Policies, plans and practices related to P/CLs in Nepal.
- 2. Assess the impact of public/community library services on people's lives.**
 - a. Identify the impact of libraries on people's lives.
 - b. Identify the challenges faced by P/CLs.
- 3. Identify visions, plans, constraints, and opportunities that will help the development of libraries and library leaders in Nepal.**
 - a. Understand the vision of local leaders (mayors/deputy mayors/ward chairpersons) their plans, expectations, and constraints regarding the development of P/CLs in their area.
 - b. Understand library leaders' suggestions/recommendations for library development.

1 Source: Speech by Dr. Antonia Neubauer, Founder READ Nepal, in the *Shmarika* of Dilliraman Kalyani Regmi Smarak Pustakalaya Bikash Samite 2077 page 13.

3.0 Methodology

The survey was executed with MoEST, SVA Nepal, and READ Nepal support by New ERA in the field. A steering committee was formed representing MoEST, SVA Nepal, READ Nepal, READ/Global, and a New ERA invitee to facilitate the study.

Steering committee members had considerable experience in the P/CLs sector and helped update a list of libraries and provided vital information. Researchers contacted libraries in 69 districts assigned for survey and worked with local government officials, MoEST and READ Nepal.

1. A list of libraries with contact information (phone number and email ids) was collected from READ and MoEST.
2. Municipalities were contacted to get information on libraries, especially those that there was little information on.
3. Ward chairpersons of municipalities were contacted to get information on libraries in their districts.
4. The list was updated using information provided by respondents and by enumerators.

Quantitative data was collected from 30 November 2021 to 10 January 2022. Qualitative data was collected using FGDs and IDIs from 20 to 29 December 2021. Case studies took place on 4 and 5 January 2022.

The survey adopted a mixed-method approach. A snowball approach was used to obtain names and contact addresses of libraries not in the list. Three hundred thirty two libraries were contacted from a list of 928 (Annex 3). Two hundred twenty seven libraries participated in the study. The main reasons for no response/participation on the part of the libraries were cited as lack of interest/time and lack of phone numbers and contact addresses.

3.1 Quantitative Survey

Quantitative survey questionnaire was sent to libraries by email and through the MoEST official website. Addressed to the focal person of the library (one person per library), the questionnaire addressed the overall scenario of P/CLs in Nepal, the challenges they faced and their suggestions/recommendations for development of libraries. As part of the snow-ball approach, respondents were asked names and contact details of other P/CLs not on the list for the study team to contact.

Training was provided to enumerators on the content of the questionnaire and the use of tablets and KoBo software. Most respondents were to be librarians, secretaries, or chairpersons. Adequate time was allotted for them to check office records for income and expenditure, library resources, and other details. The questionnaire was designed in a user-friendly manner.

The libraries were divided into two categories:

- 1) libraries with internet access, and
- 2) libraries that could be contacted by phone.

The survey team collected information using three methods:

Method One:

The questionnaire was sent to libraries with internet access as they would be able to use KoBo². The technical team provided support and helped ensure that they were completed correctly. A total of 79 libraries were surveyed using this method.

2 Android based application KoBo for remote data programming for data collection

Method Two:

Survey data was collected via phone if respondents did not have internet access. This was done by five enumerators based in Kathmandu. A total of 60 libraries were surveyed using this method.

Method Three:

A letter containing hard copies of the questionnaire was circulated by MoEST to the provincial and local governments. The data was filled in and sent back. The data on the hard copies was then entered on KoBo software. A total of 88 libraries were surveyed using this method.

3.2 Qualitative Survey

Focus Group Discussions and In-depth Interviews were used to gather quantitative data to explore perceptions and experiences of those in charge of libraries and their users. Librarians, library management committee members, and beneficiaries were involved.

Due to movement restrictions caused by COVID-19, accessible districts were selected as shown in Table 1. Qualitative study took place in seven districts (one per province). A team of two researchers (a moderator and a note-taker) conducted FGDs and interviews.

Table 1: Districts Selected for Qualitative Survey

S.N.	Provinces	Districts	Program
1.	Province 1	Morang	READ supported
2.	Madhesh	Siraha	READ supported
3.	Bagmati	Chitwan	READ supported
4.	Gandaki	Kaski	READ supported
5.	Lumbini	Rupendehi	Not Supported by READ
6.	Karnali	Surkhet	Not Supported by READ
7.	Sudur Paschim	Kanchanpur	Not Supported by READ

FGDs:

A total of 14 FGDs were conducted. Participants were students, parents/guardians and community members. Participants from different castes and ethnic groups were selected to assure that the FGDs were inclusive.

In-depth Interviews:

Forty-two in-depth interviews (2 from each district) were conducted in a manner that all provinces were covered. Respondents provided information on P/CLs including coverage, impacts, and challenges. Further interviews were conducted with local leaders (mayors/deputy mayors/ward chairpersons), library leaders and users. The interviews helped assess visions, planning, expectations, and constraints related to P/CLs, impact of P/CLs on peoples' lives, and challenges faced by P/CLs.

3.3 Case Study

Case studies were conducted to chronicle successful libraries. Information was collected on operation, management, membership, and community involvement. The study collected a total of eight case studies, four of active and four of inactive libraries in eight districts. Libraries that were not registered, renewed, did not have management committee, or did not open at least eight hours except off day were considered inactive.

Table 2: District and Libraries Selected for Case Study

Province	District	Name of Library	Status
1	Morang	Lekhnath CLRC	Active and good
1	Sankhuwasawa	Manaram Library	Inactive
3	Chitwan	Jhuwani CLRC	Active and good
3	Kavre	Gyan Bikas CLRC	Active and good
1	Solukhumbu	Junbesi ICLRC	Active and good
5	Arghakanchi	Arghakanachi Foundation	Inactive
5	Mustang	Bhupi CLRC	Inactive
3	Bhaktapur	Janma Bhumi Library	Inactive

Note: Two case study districts -Morang and Chitwan were also the districts for other qualitative studies and therefore, the survey team visited and conducted interviews in person for the case study. While in other districts, the survey was conducted remotely by phone survey.

3.4 Tools Used for Survey

Quantitative Tools (Annex 2):

Semi-structured questionnaire.

Qualitative Tools (Annex 2):

A question guide and protocol for FGDs.

Tailored semi-structured checklists for in-depth interviews.

Checklist for case studies.

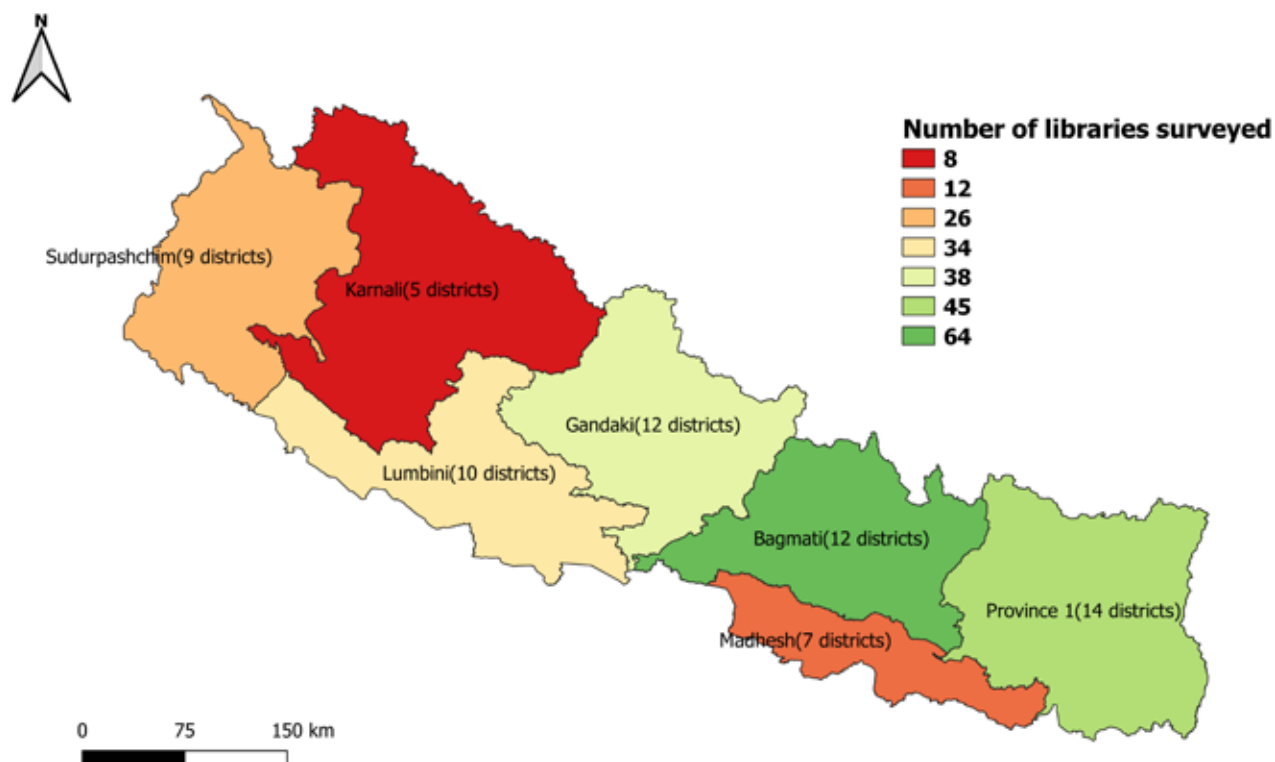
3.5 Questionnaire Programming and Analysis

The quantitative tool was designed by the MoEST and READ Nepal and reviewed and customized by the survey team. Skip patterns and consistency of questions were addressed to ensure data quality. Standard software tool KoBo Toolbox (ODK) was used to generate links for libraries to access questionnaire and fill them online. The data received was imported into SPSS version 25.0 for analysis.

Qualitative tools were prepared by the survey team in consultation with READ Nepal. The tools were translated into the Nepali language for distribution.

227 libraries were surveyed in 69 districts covering all seven provinces of Nepal. The highest number of libraries covered was in Bagmati (66) and the lowest in Karnali (8). Province-wise the number of libraries covered and their locations (districts and provinces) is presented in Figure 1.

Figure 1: Province Wise Number of Survey District and Libraries Covered



4.0 Challenges faced

- The snowballing approach did not have the best of successes because informants could not provide essential details on other libraries.
- Libraries that submitted hard copies of the questionnaire handed in incomplete data. The survey team had to contact them again to fill in the missing data.
- Some respondents were unable to open the electronic survey questionnaire.
- Some of the contacts on the list were no longer associated with the concerned library and were unable to provide relevant contact information. Some of the contacts were out of station, some of the phone numbers were unreachable, and emails sent to many libraries bounced back.
- Unavailability of respondents, lack of response to calls, re-scheduling of calls, and continued unavailability delayed the interview phase by three and a half weeks.

5.0 Findings

5.1 Status of Libraries

Registration of Libraries

Eighty four percent of respondents reported that their libraries were registered with proper authorities. Ninety seven percent of libraries in Gandaki Province were registered while only 63% in Karnali Province were registered. About three fourths of libraries were registered with the District Administrative Office, 27% with the District Education Office and 20% with local government. Eighty seven percent of libraries in Gandaki Province were registered with the District Administration Office while 40% of libraries in Karnali Province were registered with the local government (Table 3).

Table 3: Distribution of Libraries Registration and the Name of Institution in which they are Registered According to Provinces

Province	Percentage of library registered	Number of libraries	Among the library registered, percentage of the institution in which the library is registered ¹						Number of registered libraries
			District Administration Office	District education office	Education development and coordination unit	Local government	Others, the then zonal office		
Province 1	84.4	45	68.4	26.3	0.0	28.9	0.0	38	
Madhesh Province	91.7	12	72.7	36.4	9.1	9.1	9.1	11	
Bagmati Province	71.9	64	76.1	21.7	0.0	30.4	2.2	46	
Gandaki Province	97.4	38	86.5	18.9	0.0	2.7	0.0	37	
Lumbini Province	85.3	34	51.7	41.4	3.4	17.2	3.4	29	
Karnali Province	62.5	8	60.0	40.0	0.0	40.0	0.0	5	
Sudur Paschim Province	96.2	26	84.0	28.0	0.0	16.0	0.0	25	
Total	84.1	227	73.3	27.2	1.0	19.9	1.6	191	

¹ Respondent may have reported multiple institutions, so the sum of institutions may exceed 100 percent

Lack of time, financial support, and the perception that it was not necessary to register the libraries as they were managed by municipalities and other institutions were given as reasons for non-registration. Some respondents said they had planned to register their libraries in the future.

“This library had a humble opening in 2008: it was located in a room provided by Dibya Jyoti Basic School. It had been established by informed people in the community who felt that there was a need for a community library. Then community members donated two kathas of land to the library, a building was constructed, and the library registered.”

– Focus group discussion, Chitwan, Bagmati

Table 4 presents information on the different government entities libraries are registered with. One-third were registered with the Social Welfare Council (SWC) and one-fifth with Nepal Community Library Association. Eight percent were registered with other entities such as the district education office, local governments, and others.

Table 4: Percentage of Libraries Affiliated by Different Organization

Affiliated Organization	Province 1	Madhesh Province	Bagmati Province	Gandaki Province	Lumbini Province	Karnali Province	Sudur Paschim Province	Total
Social Welfare Council	16.3	41.7	33.3	45.9	26.5	12.5	48.0	32.4
Nepal Community Libraries Association	25.6	16.7	17.5	21.6	32.4	12.5	24.0	22.5
Other organization ¹	11.6	0.0	12.7	8.1	0.0	25.0	0.0	8.1
Didn't have any affiliation	46.5	41.7	44.4	29.7	52.9	50.0	44.0	43.7
Number of Libraries	43	12	63	37	34	8	25	222

¹Other Organization includes District Education Office, Local Government, and the then Zonal Office

Note: Respondents may have reported multiple affiliated organizations, so the sum may exceed 100 percent

Missing cases 5

Among registered libraries, almost half were established after 2005, 41% being established between 2005 to 2015, and 7% after 2016 (Annex 1 Table 1).

Table 5 provides information on registration renewal. More than half of the libraries had been renewed recently (in 2020 or 2021). Twenty-five percent of libraries in Karnali Province had been renewed recently while 42% in Madhesh Province had been renewed recently. Twenty-four percent of libraries had not been renewed.

Table 5: Percentage of Last Renew Date of Libraries

Last Renew Date (ES)	Province 1	Madhesh Province	Bagmati Province	Gandaki Province	Lumbini Province	Karnali Province	Sudur Paschim Province	Total
Don't know	33.3	8.3	31.7	7.9	29.4	25.0	15.4	24.3
1981	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4
1994	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.9	0.0	0.0	0.4
1995	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4
1996	2.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4
1998	2.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4
2003	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.8	0.4
2008	0.0	0.0	3.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9
2009	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.8	0.4
2010	2.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4
2011	2.2	0.0	1.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9
2012	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.8	0.4
2013	0.0	8.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4
2014	0.0	8.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4
2016	0.0	0.0	1.6	2.6	0.0	12.5	0.0	1.3
2017	2.2	0.0	0.0	2.6	0.0	0.0	7.7	1.8
2018	2.2	0.0	11.1	5.3	5.9	0.0	0.0	5.3
2019	2.2	8.3	4.8	7.9	5.9	0.0	7.7	5.3
2020	22.2	25.0	20.6	39.5	29.4	37.5	26.9	27.0
2021	28.9	41.7	25.4	28.9	26.5	25.0	30.8	28.3
Number of Libraries	45	12	63	38	34	8	26	226

Note: Missing case 1

Nearly one-third (30%) of libraries were described as being publicly owned and 70 percent community³ owned. Library and Information Management Guideline 2069 of Ministry of Education describes “Public and Community Library as being accessible by everyone with or without membership, allows anyone to become a member and allows members to borrow books.” Using this definition, Karnali Province had the highest number (75%) of public libraries and Madhesh Province had the lowest number of public libraries (17%) according to Table 6.

Table 6: Types of Libraries (in %)

Type of library	Province 1	Madhesh Province	Bagmati Province	Gandaki Province	Lumbini Province	Karnali Province	Sudur Paschim Province	Total
Public	15.6	41.7	40.6	36.8	38.2	12.5	11.5	30.4
Community	84.4	58.3	59.4	63.2	61.8	87.5	88.5	69.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Public as defined by READ	51.1	16.7	45.3	43.2	57.1	75.0	57.7	48.9
Number of Libraries	45	12	64	38	34	8	26	227

3 “Library and Information Management Guideline 2069, Government of Nepal Ministry of Education define the public and community libraries.

Function of Libraries

Ninety-one percent of the libraries studied were functional at the time of the survey. Two percent of libraries have not been functioning since 2012. All libraries in Madhesh Province were functioning. Qualitative study suggested that locals, to some extent, recognize the need for functioning libraries.

Table 7: Functioning of Library (in %)

Library functioning	Province 1	Madhesh Province	Bagmati Province	Gandaki Province	Lumbini Province	Karnali Province	Sudur Paschim Province	Total
Functional	91.1	100.0	85.9	92.1	91.2	87.5	96.2	90.7
Not Functional	2.2	0.0	3.1	0.0	2.9	0.0	0.0	1.8
Partial Functional	6.7	0.0	10.9	7.9	5.9	12.5	3.8	7.5
Number of Libraries	45	12	64	38	34	8	26	227

“It is absolutely essential to have properly functioning libraries in the community to improve the quality of education,” commented the library president of Prahari Sital Prasad Memorial Community in Arnama Municipality, Siraha district.

Library Opening Days and Hours

Of the fully operating (N=206) libraries, 91% reported that they opened at least one day a week⁴, three fourths opened six days a week and 17% reported that they opened all days of the week. Thirty-three percent of libraries in Madhesh Province opened all days of the week and most libraries from Karnali Province (86%) opened six days a week (Table 8).

Table 8: Percentage of Days Open in a Week

Days	Province 1	Madhesh Province	Bagmati Province	Gandaki Province	Lumbini Province	Karnali Province	Sudur Paschim Province	Total
1	0.0	0.0	1.8	5.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.5
2	7.3	0.0	3.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.4
3	0.0	8.3	0.0	0.0	3.2	0.0	0.0	1.0
4	2.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.2	0.0	0.0	1.0
5	2.4	0.0	1.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0
6	73.2	58.3	67.3	74.3	83.9	85.7	96.0	75.7
7	14.6	33.3	25.5	20.0	9.7	14.3	4.0	17.5
Average Days	5.8	6.1	6.0	5.9	5.9	6.1	6.0	5.9
Number of Libraries	41	12	55	35	31	7	25	206

The average opening hours was 5.2 hours a day with the highest being in Sudur Paschim (6 hours) and lowest in Karnali Province (4 hours).

“Libraries can be a place where people go in the morning and evening to read newspapers and meet others. People who cannot read at home and who cannot purchase books and magazines need libraries, therefore the reason to set up a library,” said the librarian of Gyan Jyoti Learning Center, Surkhet, Karnali.

⁴ The average days open in a week is six days.

Table 9: Percentage of Library Opening Hour

Library opening hour in a day	Province 1	Madhesh Province	Bagmati Province	Gandaki Province	Lumbini Province	Karnali Province	Sudur Paschim Province	Total
1	2.4	0.0	3.6	2.9	3.2	0.0	0.0	2.4
2	9.8	16.7	14.5	2.9	12.9	0.0	0.0	9.2
3	9.8	0.0	10.9	8.6	16.1	28.6	0.0	9.7
4	17.1	16.7	18.2	5.7	9.7	57.1	16.0	15.5
5	19.5	8.3	9.1	11.4	3.2	0.0	16.0	11.2
6	26.8	25.0	9.1	28.6	35.5	14.3	36.0	24.3
7	2.4	8.3	18.2	31.4	16.1	0.0	16.0	15.5
8	7.3	16.7	14.5	5.7	3.2	0.0	16.0	9.7
9	2.4	8.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0
10	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5
12	2.4	0.0	1.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0
Average hours	5.0	5.6	5.0	5.8	4.8	4.0	6.0	5.2
Number of Libraries	41	12	55	35	31	7	25	206

Library Management Committee

A majority of libraries (95%) had a management committee. The roles of the committees were to:

- i) frame general rules for the management of the library;
- ii) advise the librarian regarding library development, and;
- iii) prepare annual budget estimates for the library;

All libraries in Madhesh Province and Karnali Province had a management committee. About 7% of libraries in Province 1 and Bagmati Province did not have a library management committee.

Table 10: Library Management Committee

Library Management / Committee	Province 1	Madhesh Province	Bagmati Province	Gandaki Province	Lumbini Province	Karnali Province	Sudur Paschim Province	Total
Yes	93.3	100.0	93.8	97.4	97.1	100.0	96.2	95.6
No	6.7	0.0	6.3	2.6	2.9	0.0	3.8	4.4
Number of Libraries	45	12	64	38	34	8	26	227

Characteristic of Libraries Management Committee

Of the libraries that had library management committees, 211 reported that they had a chairperson. The ethnic background composition of these management committees suggested that one-third of the chairpersons were of the Brahmin caste, 21% were Chhetris and 18% were *Pahadi Janjatis* (indigenous hill people). Ninety-five percent of the libraries had a male chairperson.

One hundred eighty eight of them had a vice-chairperson/vice-president. and one-third of them were Brahmin with 18 percent being *Pahadi Janjati*. Seventy-five percent were male and two percent had some form of disability (Table 11).

Two hundred and five libraries reported that they had a secretary. Thirty-nine percent of them were Brahmin and 19% *Pahadi Janjati*. Nearly 80 percent of libraries had a male secretary and 2.5 percent had some form of disability.

One hundred eighty nine libraries had a treasurer. Thirty percent of them were Brahmin and 19%

Pahadi Janjati. More than 60% of libraries had male treasurers while one percent had treasurers with some form of disability (Table 11).

“The management committee of this library is very active and helpful. This has helped provide equal opportunity to people of all castes and religions in terms of access to library resources, skill development training, computer training for children, Montessori teacher training and literacy classes.”

– FGD with beneficiaries, Saina Maina Municipality 8, Rupandehi District, Lumbini Province

Chairpersons of most libraries were aware that it was important to have a qualified librarian:

“The librarian must be well aware of the essence of a library. He/she must have studied how to run a library. He/she must be able to coordinate or partner with others. Our librarians are well educated. They have completed intermediate level studies. They are active. They have properly fulfilled their responsibilities. There are no complaints regarding librarians from management or the users,” said the chairperson of Jhuwani Samudayek Pustakalaya, Jhuwani, Ratnanagar in Chitwan District.

Table 11: Percentage Distribution of Cast/Ethnicities of LMC position in All Provinces

Cat/Ethnicity Gender/Disability	Chairperson	Vice Chairperson	Secretary	Treasurer
Pahadi Brahmin	34.6	35.6	39.0	29.1
Pahadi Chhetri	21.3	17.6	15.1	17.5
Terai Brahmin, Chhetri	6.6	8.0	5.4	9.0
Other Terai	2.4	3.2	2.9	5.3
Pahadi Dalit	1.4	2.1	1.5	4.2
Terai Dalit	1.9	0.5	1.5	1.1
Newar	9.5	7.4	8.8	10.1
Pahadi Janajati	18.5	18.1	18.5	18.5
Terai Janajati	2.8	4.3	4.9	3.7
Muslim Chaurauta	0.0	0.5	0.5	1.1
Other	0.9	2.7	2.0	0.5
Gender				
Male	94.9	75.4	79.2	62.1
Female	5.1	24.6	20.8	37.9
Disability				
Yes	1.0	1.6	2.5	1.0
No	99.0	98.4	97.5	98.9
Number of Libraries	211	188	205	189

Only 20 percent of the libraries had permanent staff. Bagmati Province had the highest number of staff. Libraries in Karnali Province did not have permanent staff. Thirty nine percent had temporary staff, 32% had staff on contract and 42% had volunteers.

Institution and Individuals Cooperating with the Library

Nearly 60 percent of the libraries studied reported that they received support from Nepal government including local governments. The number of libraries citing government help was highest in the Madhesh Province (75%) and lowest in Bagmati Province (53%). Fifty seven percent of libraries were received support from the communities. Seventy one percent of libraries in Gandaki Province were getting community support with 67% in Madhesh Province receiving community support. Forty three percent reported support from different organizations like READ Nepal, Work Nepal, Siddhi Ganesh Savings and Credit Cooperative Societies (SACCOS), schools, MoEST, and others.

It appears from the qualitative data obtained that for the effective operation; the government can play a significant role in budget allocation specifically targeting libraries.

“There’s always an issue of budget. We have not been able to manage our libraries effectively due to the lack of funds. We earnestly request the government to provide us some funds.” KII with Librarian, Gyan Jyoti Learning Center, Surkhet district.

Table 12: Institutions Cooperating Library to Establish and Run Libraries

Institutions	Province 1	Madhesh Province	Bagmati Province	Gandaki Province	Lumbini Province	Karnali Province	Sudur Paschim Province	Total
Organization	44.4	58.3	51.6	42.1	17.6	12.5	50.0	42.3
Nepal Government	60.0	75.0	51.6	55.3	67.6	62.5	65.4	59.5
Community	51.1	66.7	59.4	71.1	52.9	12.5	50.0	56.4
Individuals	35.6	58.3	45.3	55.3	32.4	12.5	7.7	38.3
Number of Libraries	45	12	64	38	34	8	26	227

Note: Respondents may have reported multiple responses, so the sum may exceed 100 percent

Books and Papers in the Libraries and Registration System and Information Communication System

Table 13 shows the average number of books in the libraries. On average, libraries had 4,912 books in English and Nepali languages. The average number of Nepali books was 3,627, with the highest being in Gandaki Province (5,839) and the lowest in Karnali (426). The average number of English books in all provinces was 894 which were highest in Bagmati Province (1,261) and lowest in Karnali Province (90). Average number of other languages (Sanskrit, Hindi, Newari, Tibetan, Maithili...) was calculated as 571 with the highest number in Gandaki Province (1,061) and lowest in Lumbini Province (24).

Table 13: Average Number of Books

Books in the Libraries	Province 1	Madhesh Province	Bagmati Province	Gandaki Province	Lumbini Province	Karnali Province	Sudur Paschim Province	Total
Average number of books in Nepali language	3,623	1,582	3,937	5,839	2,304	426	3,296	3,627
Average number of books in English language	1,104	873	1,261	939	383	90	485	894
Average number of books in other language	626	420	685	273	1,061	24	249	571
Average number of books in both language	5201	2,839	5,702	6,970	3,281	525	3,897	4,912
Total number of books in all 227 libraries	234,063	34,072	364,937	264,865	111,539	4,199	101,321	1,114,996
Number of Libraries	45	12	64	38	34	8	26	227

“... We have 5,200 books in multiple disciplines such as religion, politics, history, culture, literature, poetry, etc. mostly in English and Nepali languages,” said the librarian of Dibya Jyoti Community Library and Resource Centre, Khaireni Municipality, Chitwan District.

“Books are arranged properly but new books should be added. We ask local writers to contribute their books free of cost to the library. Gazals by Dhana Raj Giri, a novel by Suman Ghimire, rhino preservation book by Kamal Jung Kuwar were some of the donations received.”

– FGD, Ratna Nagar Municipality, Chitwan District

Newspapers and E-books in Libraries

Table 14 shows information on newspapers and electronic books in libraries. Seventy-one percent of the libraries had journals/periodicals/papers in Nepali and 35% in English. Twelve percent had electronic books in Nepali and 10% in English. Eleven percent had audiobooks in Nepali and 10 percent in English.

Journals/periodicals/papers in Nepali averaged 238 with the highest number in Province 1 (442) and the lowest in Madhesh Province (7). Average number of such publications in English was 96. The average number of e-books was 3,340 in Nepali and 1,685 in English while the average number of audiobooks in Nepali and English were calculated at 392 and 188 respectively.

Table 14: Percentage of libraries having Papers, Electronic Books and their average

Percentage of Libraries having papers	Province 1	Madhesh Province	Bagmati Province	Gandaki Province	Lumbini Province	Karnali Province	Sudur Paschim Province	Total
Nepali papers	71.1	83.3	76.6	78.9	61.8	37.5	65.4	71.4
English papers	35.6	41.7	39.1	55.3	17.6	12.5	19.2	35.0
Electronics books in Nepali	17.8	8.3	9.5	13.2	8.8	0.0	11.5	11.5
Electronic books in English	15.6	8.3	7.9	13.2	5.9	0.0	7.7	9.7
Audio books in Nepali	8.9	8.3	12.7	15.8	5.9	0.0	11.5	10.6
Audio books in English	6.7	8.3	14.3	15.8	5.9	0.0	3.8	9.7
Number of Libraries	45	12	64	38	34	8	26	227
Average Number of Papers, Books, Electronic Books in the Above-Mentioned Percentage of Libraries								
Papers in Nepali language	442	7	36	461	297	684	26	238
Papers in English language	343	1	9	81	19	75	4	96
Electronic books in Nepali	4,844	6.0	4,220	2,109	39	0.0	4378	3340
Electronic books in English	3,221	5	913	1,228	307	0.0	1500	1685
Audio books in Nepali	385	2	891	69	5.0	0.0	105	392
Audio books in English	338	1	308	48	4	0	50	188

Note: One outlier value of Dadeldhura Sarbajanik Pustakalaya was removed (electronic books in English and Nepali =175,000)

Electronic Materials

Twelve percent of libraries had electronic newspapers. Sixteen percent of libraries in Province 1 had e-papers while none in Karnali Province had them (Table 15).

Table 15: Libraries Having Electronic Newspaper

Electronic newspaper in the library	Province 1	Madhesh Province	Bagmati Province	Gandaki Province	Lumbini Province	Karnali Province	Sudur Paschim Province	Total
Yes	15.6	16.7	11.1	13.2	11.8	0.0	7.7	11.9
No	84.4	83.3	88.9	86.8	88.2	100.0	92.3	88.1
Number of Libraries	45	12	63	38	34	8	26	226

Note: 1 missing case

Book Registration System

Four-fifth of libraries reported that they used a physical register to keep track of books. All libraries in Karnali Province followed this system while 90% of libraries in Gandaki Province also did the same. Only three percent of libraries reported that they used digital computer based registration exclusively while 16% said they used both systems (Table 16).

Table 16: Percentage of Libraries Having Book Registration System

Registration system	Province 1	Madhesh Province	Bagmati Province	Gandaki Province	Lumbini Province	Karnali Province	Sudur Paschim Province	Total
Register system	80.0	83.3	68.8	89.5	85.3	100.0	69.2	78.9
Computer system	2.2	0.0	4.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.7	2.6
Both system	13.3	8.3	23.4	10.5	11.8	0.0	23.1	15.9
Other specify	4.4	8.3	3.1	0.0	2.9	0.0	0.0	2.6
Number of Libraries	45	12	64	38	34	8	26	227

Classification of Reading Materials

Sixty-eight percent of the libraries reported that they classified publications. Sixty-seven percent of libraries in Bagmati and 64% in Province 1 used a classification system. Seventy-five percent used the DDC classification system followed by nine percent using color code. Sudur Paschim Province had the highest proportion of libraries using DDC and color code.

Table 17: Percentage Distribution of Libraries Having Classification of Reading Materials and its Type

Classification of reading materials of the library	Province 1	Madhesh Province	Bagmati Province	Gandaki Province	Lumbini Province	Karnali Province	Sudur Paschim Province	Total
Yes	64.4	50.0	67.2	73.7	55.9	50.0	96.2	67.8
No	35.6	50.0	32.8	26.3	44.1	50.0	3.8	32.2
Number of Libraries	45	12	64	38	34	8	26	227
The system followed for categorization								
DDC	72.4	66.7	76.2	64.3	84.2	75.0	84.0	75.2
Colour Code	0.0	0.0	7.1	21.4	10.5	0.0	12.0	9.2
Other specify	13.8	0.0	4.8	0.0	5.3	0.0	0.0	4.6
Don't Know	13.8	33.3	11.9	14.3	0.0	25.0	4.0	11.1
Number of Libraries with classification of reading materials	29	6	42	28	19	4	25	153

Note: 1 missing case

Cataloguing of Reading Materials

Nearly three-quarters of libraries catalogued publications. Sudur Paschim Province had the highest proportion (92%) of the libraries using a catalogue system. Seventy-eight percent of the libraries used manual (AACR) listing, nine percent used computer systems and 12 percent used both systems. Bagmati Province had the highest percentage (16%) of libraries using a computer system for cataloguing whereas Madhesh Province had the highest number (88%) using a manual system (Table 18).

Table 18: Percentage Distribution of Libraries Cataloguing Reading Materials

Reading materials listed	Province 1	Madhesh Province	Bagmati Province	Gandaki Province	Lumbini Province	Karnali Province	Sudur Paschim Province	Total
Yes	66.7	66.7	68.8	86.8	58.8	87.5	92.3	73.1
No	33.3	33.3	31.3	13.2	41.2	12.5	7.7	26.9
Number of libraries	45	12	64	38	34	8	26	227
Method of listing								
Manual (AACR)	73.3	87.5	74.4	84.8	80.0	85.7	75.0	78.2
Computer system	6.7	0.0	16.3	6.1	5.0	0.0	12.5	9.1
Both system	20.0	12.5	9.2	9.1	15.0	14.3	12.5	12.7
Number of libraries cataloguing reading materials	30	8	43	33	20	7	24	165

Note: 1 case missing

Internet Facility in the Libraries

More than half of the libraries had internet facilities. Madhesh Province at 83% had the highest percentage of libraries with internet with Lumbini Province having the smallest at 41%.

Table 19: Internet Facility

Internet Facility	Province 1	Madhesh Province	Bagmati Province	Gandaki Province	Lumbini Province	Karnali Province	Sudur Paschim Province	Total
Yes	48.9	83.3	48.4	68.4	41.2	62.5	57.7	54.2
No	51.1	16.7	51.6	31.6	58.8	37.5	42.3	45.8
Number of libraries	45	12	64	38	34	8	26	227

Information and Communication Technology (ICT)

Almost one-third (31%) of libraries were found to be using ICT for different purposes. Libraries in Sudur Paschim Province, 50% of them, used ICT followed by libraries in Madhesh Province at 42%. Automation systems (bibliographies) were in place in more than half of the libraries. All libraries in Karnali Province were using such a system.

“Internet has become an important source of information. People come to the library to use the internet. We are now working on a plan to start an e-library so that more people will be benefit,” librarian, Himali Community Library, Birendra Nagar Municipality 4, Surkhet District.

Table 20: Percentage Distribution of Libraries

Information communication technology followed	Province 1	Madhesh Province	Bagmati Province	Gandaki Province	Lumbini Province	Karnali Province	Sudur Paschim Province	Total
Yes	26.7	41.7	31.3	31.6	17.6	25.0	50.0	30.8
No	73.3	58.3	68.8	68.4	82.4	75.0	50.0	69.2
Number of libraries	45	12	64	38	34	8	26	227
Type of technology followed								
Automation system (bibliographic)	58.3	40.0	57.9	41.7	66.7	100.0	53.8	55.1
Electric system	16.7	0.0	5.3	25.0	16.7	0.0	30.8	15.9
Both	25.0	60.0	36.8	33.3	16.7	0.0	15.4	29.0
Number of libraries that follows ICT	12	5	19	11	7	2	13	69*

*Note: 1 case missing

Library Members

Of the total 227 Libraries, 75% had general members, 68% had life members, and 93% each had male and female members. Fifty-two percent of libraries had institutional members and 23 percent had other types of members.

The libraries had an average 253 general members, 144 life members, 37 institutional members and 35 other members (Table 21).

Table 21: Percentage of Library having Different Types of Member and Readers with their Averages

Percentage of Library having	Province 1	Madhesh Province	Bagmati Province	Gandaki Province	Lumbini Province	Karnali Province	Sudur Paschim Province	Total
General member	75.6	75.0	76.6	84.2	67.6	87.5	57.7	74.4
Life member	57.8	91.7	58.7	92.1	55.9	37.5	88.5	68.1
Institution's member	43.2	50.0	41.0	73.7	59.4	50.0	53.8	52.0
Other's member	24.4	8.3	22.2	26.3	23.5	25.0	23.1	23.0
Reader member	82.2	66.7	84.1	86.8	85.3	100.0	88.5	84.5
Daily female reader	91.1	91.7	93.7	94.7	91.2	100.0	100.0	93.8
Daily male reader	91.1	100.0	95.3	92.1	94.1	100.0	100.0	94.7
Number of libraries	45	12	64	38	34	8	26	227
The average number of members in the above mention percentage of libraries.								
General members	153	331	345	128	60	54	146	253
Life member	115	100	132	180	129	102	179	144
Institution member	30	10	47.0	70.0	15	9	9.4	37
Other members	42	5	36	64.9	15	20	11	35
Daily reader number –female	39	13	19	14	40	5	17	32
Daily reader number –male	39	21	23	19	27	9	23	25

If libraries well-managed, they accommodate members not only of the same locality but from other locations as well, "...people from wards 3, 4, 5 and 11 of Pokhara Metropolitan City come to this library to read," said the librarian of Pokhara Community Library, Pokhara Metropolitan City, Kaski District.

Income of Libraries

Forty nine percent of the libraries studied received government funding, 48% received membership fees and 31% received donations from NGOs and individuals. Average government funding was Rs. 507,830 during fiscal year 2020/2021. Libraries in Madhesh Province received the largest amount, Rs. 1,400,000, while those in Karnali Province received the least, Rs. 220,000. Average income from membership fees was Rs. 27,358 with NGOs/individual donations averaging Rs. 357,896.

The average income from government sources was Rs. 247,173, highest in Bagmati Province (Rs. 404,073) and lowest in Gandaki Province (Rs. 92,399). Membership fees averaged Rs. 13,195 and NGO/Individuals donation averaged Rs. 164,225 (Table 22). Government sourced income varied from Rs. 1,559 to Rs. 6,500,000 while income from membership fees ranged from Rs. 72 to Rs. 630,000. NGOs/Individuals contributed Rs. 103 to Rs. 12,700,000 to libraries.

Table 22: Percentage Distribution of Libraries Having Different types of Income Sources

Types of Incomes of libraries	Province 1	Madhesh Province	Bagmati Province	Gandaki Province	Lumbini Province	Karnali Province	Sudur Paschim Province	Total
Government Source (%)	51.1	16.7	44.4	44.7	55.9	75	57.7	48.7
Member fee (%)	51.1	25	42.9	63.2	50	37.5	46.2	48.2
NGO /Individuals (%)	26.7	16.7	34.9	42.1	32.4	0	23.1	30.5
Number of Libraries	45	12	63	38	34	8	26	226*
Average Income of those Libraries Having income from Various Sources								
Government source	355,110	1400,000	909,165	206,541	453,121	220,000	422,576	507,830
Member fee	29,433	15,383	46,842	11,603	28,545	14,400	15,608	27,358
NGO/individuals	111,699	127,500	888,973	609,355	395,629	0.0	310,078	357,896
Average Income of all Libraries								
Government source	181,500	233,333	404,073	92,399	243,155	165,000	243,794	247,173
Member fee	15,043	3,845	20,075	7,328	14,272	5,400	7,204	13,195
NGO/Individuals	29,786	21,250	310,435	256,570	127,997	0.0	71,556	164,225
Range of Income								
Government source	Rs. 1,559 to Rs. 6500,000							
Member fee	Rs. 72 to Rs. 630,000							
NGO/Individuals	Rs. 103 to Rs. 12,700,000							

Excluded 1 missing case

Nepal government sources contributed 35% to library incomes, private sector sources 33%, Individual/ NGO grants 23%, other sources 8%, and membership fees 2%.

Table 22.1: Percent of Income of Libraries from Various Sources

Source of Income	Province 1	Madhesh Province	Bagmati Province	Gandaki Province	Lumbini Province	Karnali Province	Sudur Paschim Province	Total
Government source	50.1	64.8	31.1	13.5	42.3	89.9	54.4	34.6
Member fee	4.2	1.1	1.5	1.1	2.5	2.9	1.6	1.8
Individuals/ NGO grants	8.2	5.9	23.9	37.5	22.3	0.0	16.0	23.0
Private source	8.3	21.7	40.6	39.3	24.2	6.8	17.8	32.7
Others	29.2	6.5	3.0	8.6	8.7	0.4	10.3	7.8
Total income of library (NPR)	10,562,831	1,811,251	21,644,320	18,104,759	19,661,725	875,341	18,742,472	91,402,699

Note: 1 case missing

Sustainable Income Source

Thirty-nine percent of the libraries, 50% in Madhesh Province, reported sustainable income sources while none of the libraries in Karnali Province had sustainable income sources. Forty-seven percent of libraries had sustainable membership fee related incomes, 40% had sustainable income from government/local government sources and 37% made an income from other sources. Gandaki Province had the highest number of libraries with income sources (Table 23).

Table 23: Percentage of Sustainable Income Source of Libraries

Sustainable income source	Province 1	Madhesh Province	Bagmati Province	Gandaki Province	Lumbini Province	Karnali Province	Sudur Paschim Province	Total
Yes	28.9	50.0	40.6	44.7	44.1	0.0	46.2	39.2
No	71.1	50.0	59.4	55.3	55.9	100.0	53.8	60.8
Number of Libraries	45	12	64	38	34	8	26	227
Type of Income Source								
Sustainable Program	38.5	16.7	23.1	41.2	0.0	0.0	16.7	23.3
Reserve Fund	15.4	0.0	23.1	52.9	20.0	0.0	25.0	25.8
Member fee	46.2	50.0	42.3	52.9	46.7	0.0	50.0	47.2
Govt/Local government	23.1	33.3	38.5	47.1	53.3	0.0	33.3	39.3
Other source	38.5	33.3	30.8	41.2	40.0	0.0	41.7	37.1
Number of Libraries	13	6	26	17	15	0	12	89

Expenditure of Libraries

Of the total 227 libraries, 185 (81.5%) reported expenditures on one or other headings. The average expense of these libraries was Rs. 497,222 on average in the year 2020/2021. Libraries of Sudur Paschim Province reported the highest expenses at Rs. 814,890 and those of Karnali Province reported lowest average expenditures at Rs. 125,048. Seventy percent of libraries reported administrative and staff salary expenses (Table 24).

Table 24: Percentage of Libraries Having Different Types of Expenditure

Type of Expenditure of Libraries	Province 1	Madhesh Province	Bagmati Province	Gandaki Province	Lumbini Province	Karnali Province	Sudur Paschim Province	Total
Staff expense	66.7	58.3	64.1	81.6	67.6	62.5	80.8	69.6
Administrative expense	75.6	75.0	64.1	78.9	79.4	87.5	80.8	74.0
Program expense	48.9	58.3	57.8	60.5	41.2	37.5	57.7	53.3
Other expenses	46.7	58.3	27.0	47.4	35.3	50.0	53.8	41.2
Average amounts of expenditure of libraries (NPR)	302,245	167,386	454,975	549,871	728,212	125,048	814,890	497,222
Number of Libraries	36	11	48	33	27	7	23	185
Percentage of libraries having expenditure	80.0	91.7	75.0	86.8	79.4	87.5	88.5	81.5
Number of total libraries	45	12	64	38	34	8	26	227

Note: Respondents may have reported multiple responses, so the sum may exceed 100 percent.

Thirty-three percent of total expenses was reported as salaries, 22% as administrative costs, and 25% as program costs (Table 24.1).

Table 24.1: Percent of Types of Expenditure of Libraries

Types of Expenditure	Province 1	Madhesh Province	Bagmati Province	Gandaki Province	Lumbini Province	Karnali Province	Sudur Paschim Province	Total
Staff expense	38.4	60.1	45.6	34.9	22.0	34.4	23.3	33.2
Administrative cost	17.1	12.3	15.8	12.7	47.0	21.2	14.3	21.7
Program cost	22.2	20.1	24.5	13.7	17.7	12.2	44.5	24.5
Other cost	22.3	7.5	14.1	38.7	13.3	32.2	17.9	20.6
Total expenditure of libraries (NPR)	10,880,831	1,841,251	21,838,820	18,145,759	19,661,725	875,341	18,742,472	91,986,199

Land and Building Ownership and Status of Library Building

Nearly half (49%) of the libraries were operating on public land, one-third had their own land and one-tenth were paying rent (Table 25). Fifty-eight percent of the libraries from Madhesh Province had their own land, an 55% from Gandaki Province used public land, while 63% from Karnali Province operated on rented property (Table 25).

Table 25: Occupancy Status of Library Land

Occupancy status	Province 1	Madhesh Province	Bagmati Province	Gandaki Province	Lumbini Province	Karnali Province	Sudur Paschim Province	Total
Private	37.8	58.3	32.8	36.8	38.2	25.0	34.6	36.6
Rented	8.9	0.0	14.1	7.9	14.7	62.5	7.7	12.3
Public land	48.9	41.7	51.6	55.3	44.1	12.5	53.8	48.9
Others	4.4	0.0	1.6	0.0	2.9	0.0	3.8	2.2
Number of Libraries	45	12	64	38	34	8	26	227

Library Building Ownership

Fifty-eight percent of the libraries studied owned their own buildings. The majority of the libraries (83%) of Madhesh Province owned their property followed by Gandaki Province (71%), Sudur Paschim (62%), and Karnali Province (25%) (Table 26).

Table 26: Occupancy Status of Library Building

Occupancy status	Province 1	Madhesh Province	Bagmati Province	Gandaki Province	Lumbini Province	Karnali Province	Sudur Paschim Province	Total
Own building	55.6	83.3	53.1	71.1	50.0	25.0	61.5	57.7
Rented	20.0	0.0	15.6	10.5	17.6	50.0	15.4	16.3
Public	20.0	16.7	18.8	5.3	20.6	12.5	19.2	16.7
Others	4.4	0.0	7.8	7.9	11.8	0.0	3.8	6.6
Non mentioned	0.0	0.0	4.7	5.3	0.0	12.5	0.0	2.6
Number of Libraries	45	12	64	38	34	8	26	227

Note: Others include: the house is free of cost, community building, individual house, etc.

Seventeen percent of library locations were owned by the public such as schools and local government units while 16% were rented. Seven percent were operating property owned communities, individuals, etc.

Roofs of Library Building

One-third of library buildings had galvanized tin/iron roofs. Sixty percent of libraries in Province 1 and 13% in Karnali Province were located in buildings with galvanized tin/iron roofs. Thirty three percent of the libraries had Brick Cement Concrete (BCC) roofs and 25% had Reinforced Cement Concrete (RCC) roofs. Libraries from Bagmati Province had the highest proportion of RCC cemented roofs while a low proportion of libraries had tile/slate roofs or UPVC/mud roofs.

Table 27: Roofs of Library Building

Types of roofs of Library	Province 1	Madhesh Province	Bagmati Province	Gandaki Province	Lumbini Province	Karnali Province	Sudur Paschim Province	Total
Tin/Galvanized Iron	60.0	25.0	20.3	31.6	32.4	12.5	30.8	33.0
BCC Cemented	20.0	25.0	40.6	23.7	32.4	75.0	38.5	32.6
RCC Cemented	20.0	50.0	29.7	28.9	23.5	0.0	23.1	26.0
Tile/Slate	0.0	0.0	4.7	7.9	2.9	12.5	7.7	4.4
Other	0.0	0.0	1.6	2.6	2.9	0.0	0.0	1.3
Not mentioned	0.0	0.0	3.1	5.3	5.9	0.0	0.0	2.6
Number of Libraries	45	12	64	38	34	8	26	227

Note: Others include UPVC, Mudd roof.

Library Building Wall

A majority of the libraries (71%) reported that they were housed in buildings with brick and cement walls. All libraries from Madhesh Province and a majority of libraries (83%) from Bagmati Province were in buildings with brick and cement walls. Thirteen percent of the libraries had stone and earth walls. In Karnali Province 25% and in Province 1 22% of libraries had stone and earth walls. Eight percent of libraries had stone/cement walls and a very low proportion had wood/plank/prefab walls (Table 28).

Table 28: Types of Walls in the Building

Types of walls of the library	Province 1	Madhesh Province	Bagmati Province	Gandaki Province	Lumbini Province	Karnali Province	Sudur Paschim Province	Total
Brick and cement	57.8	100.0	82.8	65.8	73.5	75.0	53.8	70.9
Brick and mud	4.4	0.0	4.7	0.0	2.9	0.0	0.0	2.6
Stone and mud	22.2	0.0	3.1	13.2	11.8	25.0	23.1	12.8
Prefab	0.0	0.0	1.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4
Wood/Planck	4.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9
Stone cement	11.1	0.0	1.6	13.2	5.9	0.0	23.1	8.4
Others	0.0	0.0	3.1	2.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.3
Not mentioned	0.0	0.0	3.1	5.3	5.9	0.0	0.0	2.6
Number of Libraries	45	12	64	38	34	8	26	227

Note: Others include Bamboo and Mud, Tin, Bagra (straw).

Library Rooms

The average number of rooms in the libraries was reported as four. Gandaki and Madhesh Provinces had the highest number of rooms averaging six with Karnali Province having the least, 2, rooms.

Table 29: Distribution of Number of Rooms and Percentage of Libraries Having Different Types of Rooms

	Province 1	Madhesh Province	Bagmati Province	Gandaki Province	Lumbini Province	Karnali Province	Sudur Paschim Province	Total
Average number of rooms in the library	3	6	4	6	4	2	5	4
Library room	95.6	100.0	98.4	100.0	100.0	87.5	100.0	98.2
IT room	28.9	41.7	39.1	57.9	29.4	12.5	50.0	39.2
Child room	31.1	58.3	29.7	60.5	20.6	0.0	38.5	35.2
Listening/Visual room	15.6	33.3	18.8	44.7	11.8	0.0	34.6	23.3
Youth room	8.9	41.7	12.5	26.3	8.8	0.0	26.9	16.3
Women room	8.9	33.3	17.2	39.5	14.7	12.5	30.8	21.1
Training/Seminar Hall	28.9	41.7	43.8	55.3	38.2	25.0	42.3	41.0
Others	2.2	0.0	9.4	5.3	11.8	12.5	3.8	6.6
Number of Libraries	45	12	64	38	34	8	26	227

Note: Others include a museum, administrative room, book issue room, meeting hall, shutter/shop room, breastfeeding room, disability room, library, etc.

Respondents may have reported multiple responses, so the sum may exceed 100 percent.

Ninety-eight percent of the libraries had reading rooms, 39% had IT rooms, 35% had children's rooms and 23% had audio-visual rooms. One-fifth of the libraries had a room for women's section and 41 percent had training/seminar halls. The proportion of women's section in a separate room and training/seminar halls was higher in Madhesh Province and Sudur Paschim Province.

Disabled Friendly Library Infrastructure

One-fourth of the libraries had the disability-friendly infrastructure 42% in Madhesh Province and 36% in Province 1 being the highest.

Table 30: Percentage of Libraries having Disable Friendly Infrastructure

Library infrastructure disables friendly	Province 1	Madhesh Province	Bagmati Province	Gandaki Province	Lumbini Province	Karnali Province	Sudur Paschim Province	Total
Yes	35.6	41.7	20.3	26.3	14.7	25.0	26.9	25.6
No	51.1	41.7	75.0	71.1	55.9	50.0	69.2	63.4
Partly	13.3	16.7	4.7	2.6	29.4	25.0	3.8	11.0
Number of Libraries	45	12	64	38	34	8	26	227

Toilet Facility in the Libraries

Nearly half of the libraries had separate toilets for males and females. Almost 70% had shared toilets. About 10% of libraries had disability-friendly toilets, highest in Province 1 at 16% (Table 31).

Table 31: Percentage of Libraries Having Toilet Facilities

Percent of Toilets	Province 1	Madhesh Province	Bagmati Province	Gandaki Province	Lumbini Province	Karnali Province	Sudur Paschim Province	Total
Male toilets	40.0	66.7	39.1	71.1	58.8	25.0	50.0	49.8
Female toilets	46.7	66.7	43.8	68.4	58.8	25.0	46.2	51.5
Male/Female toilets	64.4	83.3	73.4	68.4	61.8	75.0	69.2	69.2
Disable friendly toilet	15.6	8.3	9.4	7.9	8.8	12.5	11.5	10.6
Number of Libraries	45	12	64	38	34	8	26	227

- Most of the toilets were in very poor or inadequate condition according to field survey.
- “The library has only one room making it difficult to find a place to sit and toilet is dirty.”
– FGD, Ratna Nagar Municipality, Chitwan District
- “The library has one toilet only, so there is need for more.”
– FGD, Butwal Municipality, Rupandehi District
- “There is only one toilet. Separate toilets for male and female members and staff are needed.”
– FGD, Khaireni Municipality, Chitwan District

Equipment in the Libraries

About 70 percent of libraries had a computer, 58% had printers, 50% had photocopy machines, and 33% had scanners. Seventeen percent of the libraries had servers and 25% had cameras. Libraries from Sudur Paschim Province had the highest percentage of computers and photocopiers at 85% and 81% respectively. Libraries in Karnali Province did not have scanners, cameras, and servers (Table 32).

Table 32: Percentage of Libraries Having Equipment

Equipment	Province 1	Madhesh Province	Bagmati Province	Gandaki Province	Lumbini Province	Karnali Province	Sudur Paschim Province	Total
Computer	71.1	66.7	68.3	78.9	52.9	62.5	84.6	69.9
Scanner	35.6	33.3	31.7	52.6	35.3	0.0	26.9	35.0
Camera	22.2	50.0	28.6	28.9	11.8	0.0	42.3	26.5
Printer	60.0	58.3	50.8	65.8	52.9	25.0	80.8	58.4
Server	15.6	25.0	23.8	15.8	8.8	0.0	15.4	16.8
Photocopy machine	40.0	58.3	39.7	68.4	32.4	37.5	80.8	49.1
Others	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	87.5	100.0	99.6
Number of Libraries	45	12	63	38	34	8	26	226

Note: Respondents may have reported multiple responses, so the sum may exceed 100 percent. 1 case missing

Programs and Services from the Libraries

Seventy-three percent of the libraries operated educational and reading habit development programs. They organized quiz contests, poetry and art events, seminars, spelling contests and other programs. Madhesh Province had the highest proportion of the libraries which organized such activities at 92% followed by libraries of Sudur Paschim Province, 85% of which organized such events and programs. More than three-fifths of libraries conducted awareness and information access activities involving the public. Forty-seven percent of libraries organized programs that support women and youth, 30% held income generation and livelihood related programs, 50% organized recreational programs, 25% organized disaster risks minimization programs, 71% book exchange programs, 14% had inter-library publication exchange services, 12% had online database, 9% shared resources, 9% had mobile library services and 18% had e-library (Table 33).

Table 33: Percentage of Libraries Having Programs and Services

Program and Services	Province 1	Madhesh Province	Bagmati Province	Gandaki Province	Lumbini Province	Karnali Province	Sudur Paschim Province	Total
Education and reading habit development programs (quiz contest, poetry seminar, creative program spelling contest, puzzle contest interaction program, live speaking program.	66.7	91.7	68.8	78.9	73.5	50.0	84.6	73.1

Conducted mass awareness and information access increment program (Public awareness program, seminar).	55.6	83.3	60.9	71.1	47.1	37.5	80.8	62.1
Women and youth strengthening program	37.8	58.3	43.8	60.5	38.2	14.3	61.5	46.5
Income development and livelihood program (income generation program).	20.0	50.0	23.4	39.5	29.4	25.0	38.5	29.5
Inclusive disaster risks minimization program.	17.8	41.7	25.0	36.8	17.6	0.0	23.1	24.2
Recreation program.	44.4	66.7	54.7	65.8	26.5	12.5	50.0	48.9
Conducted others program.	11.1	16.7	25.0	7.9	11.8	12.5	15.4	15.4
Book exchange (individual) services.	68.9	66.7	65.6	84.2	73.5	50.0	73.1	70.9
Photocopy scanner service.	42.2	50.0	45.3	57.9	38.2	25.0	73.1	48.5
Inter-library exchange (institution) services.	8.9	8.3	17.2	23.7	8.8	0.0	11.5	13.7
Online data base services.	8.9	25.0	14.3	18.4	5.9	0.0	7.7	11.9
Resource sharing services.	6.7	8.3	7.9	15.8	5.9	12.5	11.5	9.3
Mobile library services.	6.7	8.3	9.5	15.8	8.8	0.0	7.7	9.3
E-library services.	20.0	16.7	17.5	21.1	11.8	0.0	23.1	17.7
Others (specify) services.	-	-	3.2	10.5	5.9	0.0	7.7	4.4
Number of Libraries	45	12	64	38	34	8	26	227

Note: Respondents may have reported multiple responses, so the sum may exceed 100 percent.

Historical and Hand-written Materials

Nineteen percent of the libraries reported that they had historical, religious and other handwritten material. Twenty seven percent of libraries in Lumbini Province reporting that they had manuscripts and 25% of libraries in Karnali Province said the same.

Table 34: Percentage of Libraries Having Historical and Hand-written Materials

Historical and hand-written materials	Province 1	Madhesh Province	Bagmati Province	Gandaki Province	Lumbini Province	Karnali Province	Sudur Paschim Province	Total
Yes	17.8	16.7	17.2	18.4	26.5	25.0	11.5	18.5
No	82.2	83.3	82.8	81.6	73.5	75.0	88.5	81.5
Number of Libraries	45	12	64	38	34	8	26	227

Libraries also had additional material including handwritten research papers, religious documents, cultural manuscripts, Sanskrit scriptures and handwritten articles.

Challenges of Libraries

Funding was reported as the biggest challenge. Eighty six percent of the libraries in Karnali Province reported lack of funds was a challenge. “We have books of multiple disciplines but most of them have already been read by our members. Therefore, we need new books to keep them interested. Since we do not have enough funds, we can’t provide them with new reading material.”

– FGD, Khairani Municipality, Chitwan District

Three percent of the libraries reported lack of support from the government. Four percent reported lack of awareness among readers. Six percent reported lack of information technology, computers and electronic material posed a challenge. Three percent reported library management related problems. Two percent reported lack of staff (Table 35).

Table 35: Percentage of the Libraries Reporting their Challenges

Types of challenges	Province 1	Madhesh Province	Bagmati Province	Gandaki Province	Lumbini Province	Karnali Province	Sudur Paschim Province	Total
No support from government	4.4	0.0	4.7	2.6	2.9	0.0	0.0	3.1
Lack of fund	44.4	50.0	65.6	63.2	55.9	87.5	57.7	58.6
Lack of own land/Building space	6.7	0.0	9.4	2.6	8.8	12.5	3.8	6.6
Lack of awareness/Readers	8.9	16.7	1.6	2.6	0.0	0.0	7.7	4.4
Lack of staff	4.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.9	0.0	3.8	2.2
Lack of new books	0.0	0.0	4.7	0.0	5.9	0.0	0.0	2.2
Lack of IT/Computer/E-library	11.1	8.3	1.6	10.5	2.9	0.0	3.8	5.7
Political/Social influences	4.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.8	1.3
Management problem	2.2	0.0	0.0	7.9	2.9	0.0	3.8	2.6
Lack of sustainable program	0.0	0.0	1.6	5.3	0.0	0.0	3.8	1.8
No challenge	13.3	25.0	10.6	5.3	14.7	0.0	11.5	11.5
Number of Libraries	45	12	64	38	34	8	26	227

Note: Libraries may report more than one challenge.

Future Programs of Library

One-fourth of the libraries reported that they were expanding library services and activities and modernizing. Another one-fourth reported imminent installation of information technology and e-library components. Eight percent said they were adding more books and stationery. Seven percent reported that they were running public awareness and other social activities. One percent would operate their libraries regularly and less than one percent wanted to increase the number of members and visitors, seek sustainable funding, produce books/booklets, and preserve local culture. Two percent said they were coordinating with stakeholders and local networks.

Table 36: Percent of Libraries having Future Programs

Types of programs	Province 1	Madhesh Province	Bagmati Province	Gandaki Province	Lumbini Province	Karnali Province	Sudur Paschim Province	Total
Regular conduction of library	0.0	0.0	1.6	2.6	0.0	0.0	3.8	1.3
To make building	22.2	8.3	12.5	7.9	17.6	25.0	23.1	15.9
Expansion/modernizing/ reserve fund/well managed	26.7	25.0	32.8	23.6	17.6	25.0	15.4	25.6
IT/E-library	17.8	41.7	25.0	23.7	17.6	12.5	30.8	23.4
Increasing member/ readers	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.6	2.9	0.0	0.0	0.9
Adding new books/ stationary	6.7	0.0	4.7	10.5	20.6	12.5	0.0	7.9
Search sustainable funding	2.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.8	0.9
Produced books/booklets	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4
Public awareness/social activities	6.7	16.7	1.6	7.9	11.8	0.0	11.5	7.1
Making child club	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	12.5	0.0	0.4
Local culture preserve	2.2	0.0	1.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9
Celebrate Diomond Jublee	0.0	0.0	1.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4
Coordinate with all local/ networks	0.0	0.0	4.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.8	1.8
Make disable friendly	0.0	0.0	3.1	0.0	2.9	0.0	0.0	1.3
No programs/missing	15.6	8.3	10.9	15.8	8.8	12.5	7.7	11.9
Number of Libraries	45	12	64	38	34	8	26	227

Note: Libraries may report more than one program.

5.2 Impact of the Libraries

Libraries can play a crucial role in community development. Their resources can create opportunities for learning, literacy, education, and consequently foster new ideas and perspectives central to creating an innovative, forward thinking community.

“Learning is an endless process. Human beings are curious. Many youths took part in skill development training, computer literacy training, tourist guide training conducted by this library and now they are earning money and sustaining their livelihoods.”

– Deputy Mayor, Khaireni Municipality, Chitwan District

“A feed preparation training for farmers was organized by this library with the support of Practical Action four years ago. We also conducted slipper making training, mushroom farming training and computer literacy training.... Now our trainees are earning money and supporting themselves and their families.”

– Library Management Committee President, Dibya Jyoti Community Library, Khaireni Municipality, Chitwan District

“This library organized 18 literacy classes. The trainees learned how to write their names. Later, they were taught how to operate and recharge mobile phones and how to fill a bank voucher.”

– KII, Deurali Multipurpose Learning Center, Rupa Municipality, Kaski District

“The libraries contribute to social cohesion and bring people together from various social and economic backgrounds.”

“This library has a role in bringing people together and strengthening social unity. It helps eradicate caste, religion, disability, and gender-based discrimination. Parents send their children here to read and it is playing an important role in developing the personality of our children.”

– FGD, Rupa Municipality 5, Kaski District

“Libraries provide reading material such as books, journals and papers which are particularly important for those who cannot afford to buy them.”

“Poor people who can't buy books can read here. They can also read e-books and journals and use the internet. Some of our members and visitors have passed the public service exam reading books in this library.”

– FGD, Butwal Municipality, Rupandehi District

“Libraries can promote women's empowerment when they collaborate with organizations such as the Women Development Office.”

“Our library organized programs for women in collaboration with the Women Development Office. As a result, they can now talk about their rights and resolve social disputes.”

– Ward Chairman, Ratna Nagar Municipality, Chitwan District

5.3 Policy Plan of Libraries Development

Several national plans have clauses related to the establishment and smooth functioning of public libraries. The Constitution of Nepal, promulgated in 2015, featured a clause related to establishing and promoting information centers and libraries (under the heading policies relating to the basic needs of the citizens). The 15-year plan has included the development of

a public library system largely aimed at promoting reading and lifelong education. Provisions have been made to expand libraries' basic facilities and establish electronic libraries at the local level. The interim plan and the eighth five-year plan have also set provisions for libraries.

Acts and regulations related to libraries are:

- i) The Education Act, 1972;
- ii) Education Regulation Act, 1972; and
- iii) Library Regulation, 1992 (the separate chapter on public libraries was removed in the 5th amendment);

Although above mentioned legislative instruments address the community library, legal depository act and community library act are necessary. These acts can set guidelines for the registration of libraries, allocation of funds, and setting of standards.

Most of the libraries are registered as NGOs and cooperatives mainly due to the lack of a community library act. There are positives to having libraries run by I/NGOs such as the transfer of international knowledge and skills to the local level and the government. However, the state should take this opportunity to learn about good international practices in running public libraries.

Key challenges in promoting P/CLs include:

- i) poor harmonization of complementing policies;
- ii) lack of depository and community library acts;
- iii) unwise allocation of resources; and
- iv) inadequate library designs;

In the P/CL sector, there is often a mismatch between required and mobilized human resource.

With local governments adapting to the federal system of governance, financial resources are being received under four headings:

- i) equalization grant⁵;
- ii) conditional grant⁶;
- iii) matching grant⁷; and
- iv) special grant⁸;

A large proportion of the budget is being allocated to physical infrastructure such as roads, buildings, and bridges. Sectors such as public libraries are often neglected. The policy gap in allocation of funds to entities such as the public library needs to be filled.

Lack of adequate knowledge and skills of local government officials in delivering proper services to the people impacts the P/CL sector.

5 The equalization grant is intended to fill the gap between resource potential and needs of a local or a state government. The same grants to be transferred by a state government to a local government. The National Natural Resources and Fiscal Commission develops the formula and recommends to the government.

6 The conditional grant is Earmarked for specific programs, projects or activities that used to be carried out by the federal government, which now would be carried out by the local or state governments as per the schedule 6 and 8 of the Constitution. The federal government transfers the program and resources to the lower tiers of the government under this grant.

7 The matching grant is transferred to the local or state government to match the resource gap for the projects they initiate. This is demand-based transfers and demand has to be put well ahead of the national budget preparation.

8 This special grant is transferred for specific purpose for specific local or state government. This grant does not have a blanket approach.

Decision-making now rests with the local government and not with the district level governments which used to make decisions. A grave concern expressed by key informants was the lack of capacity of officials at the local level to properly use resources allocated to them. Available studies point to inadequate number of civil servants, inadequate technical skills as a major constraint of the shift to federalism.⁹

Although capacity-building programs are included in the 15th plan “to enhance institutional capacity by clarifying sectoral roles of all three tiers of the government,” it has yet to produce desired results. The plan states that the programs will be implemented by formulating and amending policies, acts, regulations, and working procedures to ensure good governance based on clarity regarding the roles of federal, provincial, and local levels.

Lack of studies and research and dearth of understanding of P/CLs in Nepal also holds the sector behind. Comparative research and studies on how such policies are implemented in other parts of the world would also be helpful.

6.0 Conclusion and Recommendation for Library Development

- One of the findings was that eighty-four percent of the libraries studied had undergone registration. However, they were registered either with the District Administration Office (DAO), the local government, zonal office, Social Welfare Council or others. It thus appears that there is a lack of clarity as to the regulating body that P/CLs should be registered with.
- Lack of financial support was one of the reasons for not registering libraries according to respondents.
- One-third of the libraries were affiliated with the Social Welfare Council (SWC) and one-fifth with the Nepal Community Library Association. It is important that libraries associate, identify similar challenges and opportunities, engage with peers, and work together for the development of the sector.
- Thirty percent of the libraries described themselves as public and 70 percent as community. Continued interaction is required to have standard definitions of public and community libraries.
- Ninety percent of the libraries studied were functioning fully and 95% had management committees that can keep them in line with the vision, mission, and goals that they were setup with. Advocacy is required to have effective management committees in place in libraries.
- Only 12% of the libraries had e-papers. Libraries should include e-papers and other digital content and those who already have them can increase the variety.
- Sixty-eight percent of libraries used a catalogue system. It is recommended that cataloguing be practiced by more libraries.
- Little over half of the libraries had internet facilities. Since internet is essential, the line government agency should install the internet for free in all libraries.
- Three-quarters of the libraries had an average of 253 general members. More than two-thirds had an average of 204 life members. Life members can help make libraries sustainable and provide grassroots support. The number of members, especially life members need to

9 Bajracharya, P., & Grace, C. (2014). The Nepal Civil Service and Re-structuring of the State. Option Paper produced for the Project to Prepare the Public Administration for State Reforms (PREPARE) jointly conducted by the Government of Nepal Ministry of General Administration and the United Nations Development Program.

increase.

- Only 35% of library income came from the government according to respondents. The government should provide further support to public and community libraries. Greater advocacy and lobbying are required to achieve this.
- One-fourth of the libraries had disability-friendly infrastructure. Nearly half of the libraries in each province had separate male and female toilets. From Gender Equality and Social Inclusion (GESI) perspective, it is critically important to have the above-mentioned facilities in libraries.
- Seventy-three percent of libraries were involved in social and developmental activities including quiz and spelling competitions, cultural events, and more. More than three-fifths conducted awareness and information transfer programs such as women and youth related outreach, income development and livelihood programs, inclusive disaster risk reduction. These can be harnessed while mobilizing the community and achieving direct impact.
- One-fifth of the libraries reported that they had historical and handwritten manuscripts such as research papers, religious scriptures, cultural books, Sanskrit and other language documents, etc. Then with such items need to be sensitized on their safe keeping.
- Lack of funding was the most reported challenge faced by libraries. Local government units can play a crucial role in providing necessary grants to libraries. Effective coordination is required between libraries and local government officials. Libraries or their associations are encouraged to interact and lobby local governments. Libraries such as Bedkot Community Library in Bedkot Municipality, Kanchanpur, received financial support from the local government as a result of the healthy relationship between the two entities. The Municipality helped build a library and contributed three hundred thousand rupees buy books and and additional three hundred thousand rupees for furniture. The mayor and deputy mayor often visit the library and provide suggestions.
- An enabling environment can promote and improve the P/CL sector. MoEST is encouraged to formulate clear policies and time bound strategies so all municipalities have at least one library for its communities and the local governments provide help sustain existing libraries.
- An Act especially addressing the P/CL sector should be formulated.

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Annex 1: Data Table:

Annex Table 1: Percentage of libraries by Year of Library Registration

	Year (E.S)	Province							Total
		Province 1	Madesh Province	Bagmati Province	Gandaki Province	Lumbini Province	Karnali Province	Sudur Paschim Province	
Library Established Date (Y E.S.)	Don't know	4.4	8.3	-	-	2.6		4.2	2.2
	1935-1965	2.2	8.3	9.1	14.3	7.9	28.6	4.2	7.9
	1966-1986	8.9	8.3	6.1	5.7	7.9	0.0	4.2	6.6
	1988-1993	11.1	0.0	1.5	17.1	2.6	0.0	4.2	6.2
	1994-2004	22.2	25.0	19.7	22.9	18.4	0.0	29.2	21.1
	2005-2015	40.0	41.7	48.5	28.6	42.1	28.6	45.8	41.4
	2016 to date	11.1	0.0	1.5	2.9	7.9	42.9	8.3	6.6
Number of libraries		45	12	64	38	34	8	26	227

Annex Table 2: Year of Libraries Not Functioning

If not, since when ?	Province 1	Bagmati Province	Lumbini Province	Total
2068	100	-	-	25
2070	-	-	100	25
2072	-	50	-	25
2078	-	50	-	25
Total	1	2	1	4

Note: It is the distribution of libraries not functioning. Total 4 libraires are not functioning. Out of them, 1 is in province 1, 2 is in Bagmati and 1 is in Lumbini province.

Annex Table 3: Percentage of Cast Ethnicity, Gender and Disability of Chairperson

	Province 1	Madhesh Province	Bagmati Province	Gandaki Province	Lumbini Province	Karnali Province	Sudur Paschim Province	Total
Chairperson/President (Cast/Ethnicity)								
Pahadi Brahmin	22.0	25.0	32.8	57.6	48.6	28.6	13.6	34.6
Pahadi Chhetri	24.4	8.3	13.1	15.2	17.1	42.9	54.5	21.3
Terai Brahmin, Chhetri	9.8	8.3	-	-	14.3	-	18.2	6.6
Other Terai	-	25.0	-	3.0	2.9	-	-	2.4
Pahadi Dalit	2.4	-	-	-	-	-	9.1	1.4
Terai Dalit	-	25.0	1.6	-	-	-	-	1.9
Newar	7.3	-	26.2	3.0	-	-	-	9.5
Pahadi Janajati	26.8	-	24.6	18.2	11.4	28.6	4.5	18.5
Terai Janajati	4.9	8.3	-	3.0	5.7	-	-	2.8
Other (Puri, Kirat)	2.4	-	1.6	-	-	-	-	0.9
Total	41	12	61	33	34	7	22	211
Gender of Chairperson								
Male	92.7	91.7	93.4	97.1	100.0	100.0	90.9	94.9
Female	7.3	8.3	6.6	2.9	-	-	9.1	5.1
Total	41	12	61	33	34	7	22	211
Disability of Chairperson								
Yes	2.5	-	1.7	-	-	-	-	1.0
No	97.5	100.0	98.3	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	99.0
Number of libraries	41	12	61	33	34	7	22	211

Excluded missing case

Annex Table 4: Percentage of Cast/Ethnicity of Vice Chairperson/Vice President

	Province 1	Madhesh Province	Bagmati Province	Gandaki Province	Lumbini Province	Karnali Province	Sudur Paschim Province	Total
Cast/Ethnicity of Vice Chairperson/Vice President								
Pahadi Brahmin	27.8	16.7	36.5	51.5	39.3	33.3	28.6	35.6
Pahadi Chhetri	25.0	8.3	11.5	15.2	-	66.7	38.1	17.6
Terai Brahmin, Chhetri	5.6	8.3	3.8	3.0	21.4	0.0	14.3	8.0
Other Terai	0.0	33.3	0.0	0.0	3.6	0.0	4.8	3.2
Pahadi Dalit	0.0	0.0	1.9	0.0	3.6	0.0	9.5	2.1
Terai Dalit	0.0	8.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5
Newar	2.8	0.0	21.2	6.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.4
Pahadi Janajati	30.6	0.0	21.2	21.2	17.9	0.0	0.0	18.1
Terai Janajati	8.3	8.3	0.0	3.0	7.1	0.0	4.8	4.3
Muslim Chaurauta	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.6	0.0	0.0	0.5
Other Terai	0.0	16.7	3.8	0.0	3.6	0.0	0.0	2.7
Total	36	12	52	33	28	6	21	188
Gender of Vice Chairperson/Vice President								
Male	77.8	100.0	73.6	67.6	89.7	66.7	57.1	75.4
Female	22.2		26.4	32.4	10.3	33.3	42.9	24.6
Total	36	12	52	33	28	6	21	188
Disability of Vice Chairperson/ Vice President								
Yes	0.0	9.1	1.9	2.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.6
No	100.0	90.9	98.1	97.1	100.0	100.0	100.0	98.4
Number of libraries	36	12	52	33	28	6	21	188

Excluded missing case

Annex Table 4: Percentage of Cast/Ethnicity, Gender and Disability of Secretary

	Province 1	Madhesh Province	Bagmati Province	Gandaki Province	Lumbini Province	Karnali Province	Sudur Paschim Province	Total
Cast/Ethnicity of Secretary								
Pahadi Brahmin	27.0	25.0	36.2	66.7	42.9	42.9	26.1	39.0
Pahadi Chhetri	16.2	-	10.3	6.1	11.4	42.9	43.5	15.1
Terai Brahmin, Chhetri	2.7	8.3	1.7	3.0	11.4	-	13.0	5.4
Other Terai	2.7	16.7	3.4	3.0	-	-	-	2.9
Pahadi Dalit	2.7	-	-	-	-	-	8.7	1.5
Terai Dalit	2.7	16.7	-	-	-	-	-	1.5
Newar	8.1	-	22.4	3.0	2.9	-	-	8.8

	Province 1	Madhesh Province	Bagmati Province	Gandaki Province	Lumbini Province	Karnali Province	Sudur Paschim Province	Total
Pahadi Janajati	32.4	-	22.4	15.2	20.0	14.3	-	18.5
Terai Janajati	5.4	25.0	1.7	3.0	5.7	-	4.3	4.9
Muslim Chaurauta	-	-	-	-	2.9	-	-	0.5
Others	-	8.3	1.7	-	2.9	-	4.3	2.0
Total	37	12	58	33	34	7	23	205
Gender of Secretary								
Male	81.6	83.3	75.9	79.4	82.9	57.1	82.6	79.2
Female	18.4	16.7	24.1	20.6	17.1	42.9	17.4	20.8
Total	37	12	58	33	34	7	23	205
Disability of Secretary								
Yes	2.8	-	3.4	5.9	-	-	-	2.5
No	97.2	100.0	96.6	94.1	100.0	100.0	100.0	97.5
Number of libraries	37	12	58	33	34	7	23	205

Excluded missing case

Table 6: Percentage of Cast/Ethnicity, Gender and Disability of Treasurer

	Province 1	Madhesh Province	Bagmati Province	Gandaki Province	Lumbini Province	Karnali Province	Sudur Paschim Province	Total
Cast/Ethnicity of Treasurer								
Pahadi Brahmin	20	16.7	27.8	42.4	38.7	60.0	10.5	29.1
Pahadi Chhetri	20	8.3	11.1	15.2	9.7	20.0	52.6	17.5
Terai Brahmin, Chhetri	8.6	16.7	5.6	-	16.1	-	21.1	9.0
Other Terai	5.7	25.0	5.6	3.0	3.2	-	-	5.3
Pahadi Dalit	8.6	-	3.7	3.0	3.2	20.0	-	4.2
Terai Dalit	-	8.3	-	-	3.2	-	-	1.1
Newar	5.7	-	24.1	9.1	-	-	5.3	10.1
Pahadi Janajati	28.6	-	20.4	24.2	19.4	-	-	18.5
Terai Janajati	2.9	8.3	1.9	3.0	3.2	-	10.5	3.7
Muslim Chaurauta	-	8.3	-	-	3.2	-	-	1.1
Other	-	8.3	-	-	-	-	-	0.5
Total	35	12	54	33	31	5	19	189
Gender of Treasurer								
Male	64.7	75.0	65.5	64.7	48.4	20.0	68.4	62.1
Female	35.3	25.0	34.5	35.3	51.6	80.0	31.6	37.9
Total	35	12	54	33	31	5	19	189
Disability of Treasurer								
Yes	-	-	3.7	-	-	-	-	1.1
No	100	100	96.3	100	100	100	100	98.9
Number of libraries	35	12	54	33	31	5	19	189

Annex Table 7: % of Permanent, Temporary, Service, Volunteer Staff in the 226 Libraries

Status of staff	Province 1	Madhesh Province	Bagmati Province	Gandaki Province	Lumbini Province	Karnali Province	Sudur Paschim Province	Total
Permanent Staff in the Library								
0	80.0	83.3	73.0	67.6	88.6	100.0	76.9	77.9
1	17.8	8.3	22.2	18.9	8.6	-	19.2	16.8
2	2.2	8.3	1.6	10.8	2.9	-	3.8	4.0
3	-	-	1.6	2.7	-	-	-	0.9
5	-	-	1.6	-	-	-	-	0.4
Temporary Staff								
0	68.9	50.0	71.4	45.9	60.0	75.0	46.2	61.1
1	28.9	41.7	20.6	27.0	25.7	25.0	30.8	26.5
2	2.2	8.3	7.9	16.2	8.6	-	11.5	8.4
3	-	-	-	8.1	5.7	-	7.7	3.1
4	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.8	0.4
5	-	-	-	2.7	-	-	-	0.4
Staff with Service Contract								
0	64.4	41.7	69.8	75.7	68.6	87.5	65.4	68.1
1	26.7	25.0	11.1	16.2	20.0	12.5	26.9	19.0
2	4.4	25.0	9.5	8.1	5.7	-	-	7.1
3	4.4	8.3	3.2	-	-	-	3.8	2.7
4	-	-	1.6	-	5.7	-	3.8	1.8
5	-	-	1.6	-	-	-	-	0.4
10	-	-	1.6	-	-	-	-	0.4
11	-	-	1.6	-	-	-	-	0.4
Volunteer Staff								
0	48.9	50.0	52.4	67.6	65.7	50.0	65.4	57.5
1	31.1	16.7	19.0	21.6	14.3	50.0	23.1	22.6
2	6.7	16.7	7.9	-	2.9	-	11.5	6.2
3	2.2	-	4.8	5.4	5.7	-	-	3.5
4	2.2	8.3	1.6	5.4	2.9	-	-	2.7
5	4.4	8.3	4.8	-	5.7	-	-	3.5
6	2.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.4
9	-	-	1.6	-	-	-	-	0.4
12	-	-	-	-	2.9	-	-	0.4
13	-	-	4.8	-	-	-	-	1.3
15	2.2	-	3.2	-	-	-	-	1.3
Total number of staff	45	12	63	37	34	8	26	226
Note Excluded missing case								

Annex table 7.1 Percent of Staff in all 226 Libraries

Types of Staffs	Province 1	Madhesh Province	Bagmati Province	Gandaki Province	Lumbini Province	Karnali Province	Sudur Paschim Province	Total
Permanent staff	21.3	13.6	23.5	26.5	11.6	0.0	15.6	20.3
Not Permanent staff	31.9	31.8	22.5	55.9	44.2	66.7	53.3	38.8
Service contract staff	46.8	54.5	53.9	17.6	44.2	33.3	31.1	40.9
Number of Staff in 226 libraries	47	22	102	68	43	3	45	330.

Annex Table 8: Percentage of Staff in the 226 Libraries regardless their status

Number of staff in the library	Province 1	Madhesh Province	Bagmati Province	Gandaki Province	Lumbini Province	Karnali Province	Sudur Paschim Province	Total
0	6.7	8.3	9.2	2.9	18.4	14.3	-	8.4
1	53.3	8.3	38.5	37.1	31.6	85.7	41.7	40.3
2	15.6	25.0	13.8	31.4	18.4	-	16.7	18.1
3	2.2	33.3	12.3	5.7	5.3	-	29.2	10.6
4	8.9	8.3	3.1	11.4	7.9	-	8.3	7.1
5	2.2	-	3.1	2.9	7.9	-	4.2	3.5
6	6.7	-	4.6	2.9	5.3	-	-	4.0
7	-	16.7	1.5	5.7	-	-	-	2.2
8	2.2	-	-	-	2.6	-	-	0.9
9	-	-	3.1	-	-	-	-	0.9
10	-	-	1.5	-	-	-	-	0.4
13	-	-	3.1	-	2.6	-	-	1.3
15	-	-	1.5	-	-	-	-	0.4
16	-	-	3.1	-	-	-	-	0.9
17	2.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.4
23	-	-	1.5	-	-	-	-	0.4
Total number of staff	45	12	63	37	34	8	26	226
Note: Excluded one missing case.								

Annex 2: Library Survey Instruments

(A) Quantitative Instruments

Library Basic Information Form Ministry of Education Science and Technology/ READ Nepal/ SVA

Q.N	Question and Skip	Coding Categories	Skip
1.	Name of Library	_____	
2.	Address of Library	_____	
2.1	Province	_____	
2.2	District	_____	
2.3	Municipality	_____	
2.4	Ward Number	_____	
2.5	Phone Number	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>	
2.6	Email	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>	
2.7	Website	_____	
3.	Is the library registered ?	a) Yes 1 b) No 2	→ 3.1 → 3.2
3.1	If yes, write the registration number	_____	
3.2	If not, why ? (specify)	_____ _____	→ 5.6
4.	In which institution the library is registered ? (Multiple answer possible)	a) District Administration office 1 b) District Education Office 2 c) Education Development and coordination Unit 3 d) Local Development 4 e) Others (specify) 96	
5.	In which institution does the library has affiliation ?	a) Social Welfare Council 1 b) Nepal Community Library Association 2 c) Not affiliated 3 d) Other (Specify) 96	
6.	Library Established date	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> Day Month Year	
7.	Last Renew date	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> Day Month Year	
8.	Type of Library	a) Public 1 b) Community 2	
9.	Is the library functioning ?	a) yes 1 b) No 2 c) Partly Functioning 3	→ 10 → 9.1

Q.N	Question and Skip	Coding Categories	Skip	
9.1	If not, since when ?	Year <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>		
10.	How many days do the library open in a week ? (Write "0" if not open in a week)	a) Number of days <input type="checkbox"/>		
10.1	How many hours do the library open in a day ? (Write "1" if less than 1 Hour)	a) Number of Hour <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>		
11.	Does the Library has Manamnment /Working Committee ?	a) yes 1 b) No 2	→12	
	Write the managment/working committee details.			
S.N.	Position	Cast/ Ethnicity	Gender	Disability
1	Chairman/President			
2	Vice Chairman/ vice President			
3	Secretary			
4	Treasurer			
12.	Write the number of staffs in the library	a) Permanent staff <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> b) Not permanent staff..... <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> c) Service Contract staff..... <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> d) Volunteer staff..... <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> e) Total number of staff..... <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>		
13.	Who has contributed to establish and operation of library ? (Multiple answer possible)	a) Institutions 1 b) Nepal government 2 c) community people 3 d) Individuals 4	→ 13.1	
13.1	If Insitution, write the name	_____		
14.	Number of books and paper			
14.1	Write the number of books and peper of library.	a) Books in Nepali language <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> b) Books in English language..... <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> c) Books in other language (specify) <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> d) Do the library has Books in other language a) Yes 1 b) No 2 d) If yes, Mention language..... c) Number of Books in other language <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> d) Total number of Books <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>		
14.2	Write the number of News paper in the library	a) News Paper in Nepali language <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> b) News paper in English language <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> c) News paper in other language <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> d) Total number of News paper <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>		

Q.N	Question and Skip	Coding Categories	Skip
14.3	Write the number of electronic books in the library.	a) In Nepali language <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> b) In English language <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> c) In other language <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> d) Total number of electronic books..... <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
14.4	Write the number of Audio books in the library	a) In Nepali language <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> b) In English language <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> c) In other language <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> e) Total number of audio (visual) books <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
14.5	Is there electronic news paper in the library ?	a) Yes 1 b) No 2	
15.	Number of library member	a) General member <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> b) Life member <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> c) Institution member <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> d) another member <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> e) Reader member <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
16.	Average daily Reader number	a) Male <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> b) Female <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> c) Others <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
17.	Income and Expenditure of Library (FY 77/78)		
17.1	Total Income and its source	a) Government grants <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> b) member fee <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> c) Individual/Non government grants ... <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> d) Private source <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> e) Other..... <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> f) Total Income <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
17.2	Total Expenditure	a) Staff expense <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> b) administrative expense <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> c) Program expense..... <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> d) Other(specify) <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> e) Total Expenditure <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
18.	Is there sustainable income source of library ?	a) Yes 1 b) No 2	→ 19
18.1	If yes, what are they ?	a) sustainable programs <input type="checkbox"/> b) Fixed fund..... <input type="checkbox"/> c) Member fee <input type="checkbox"/> d) Local institution..... <input type="checkbox"/> e) Other annual income..... <input type="checkbox"/>	
19.	Physical Infrastruture of library		
19.1	What is occupancy status of land of library ?	a) Private..... 1 b) Rented 2 c) public land..... 3	

Q.N	Question and Skip	Coding Categories	Skip
19.2	What is the total land area of the library ?	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> Day Month Year <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> ropani Ana Paisa Dam	
19.3	What is the occupancy status of library building ?	a) Own Building 1 b) Rented 2	
19.3.1	Write the types of roofs of libraray	a) Tin/galvanised Iron 1 b) BCC Cemented 2 c) RCC cemented 3 d) Stra/thach..... 4 e) Other (Specify) 5	
19.3.2	Write the types of wall of library	a) Brick and cement 1 b) Brick and mud..... 2 c) Stone and mud..... 3 d) Prefab 4 e) wood/planck 5 f) Stone cement..... 6 g) Others (Specify) 96	
19.4	Number of rooms	Rooms <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>	
20.	Does the ibrary has following service room ? (Tick the appropriate number) (Multiple answer possible)	a) Library room (for reading) 1 b) Information Technology room 2 c) Children room..... 3 d) Audio visual room 4 e) Youth room 5 f) Women room..... 6 g) Training/seminar hall 7 h) Others (Specify) 96	
21.	Is the library infrastructure disable friendly ?	a) yes 1 b) No 2 c) Partly..... 3	
22.	How many toilets are there in the library ?	a) Male <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> b) Female <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> c) Male/female both <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> d) Disable friendly..... <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>	
23.	How many following equipments are in the library ?	a) Number of computer <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> b) Scanner..... <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> c) Camera <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> d) Printer <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> e) server <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> e) Photocopy machine <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> f) Others (specify) <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>	
24.	Does the library has internate facility ?	a) Yes 1 b) No 2	
25.	Do the library conducted following programs ?		

Q.N	Question and Skip	Coding Cataogories	Skip
a)	Education and reading habit development programs(quiz contest, poetry seminar, Creative program hizzle contest, puzzel contest interaction program, live speaking program)	a) Yes 1 b) No 2	
b)	Public awareness and information access increasement program (Public awareness program, seminar)	a) Yes 1 b) No 2	
c)	Women and youth strengthening program	a) Yes 1 b) No 2	
d)	Income development and livlihodd program (income generartion program)	a) Yes 1 b) No 2	
e)	Inclusive disaster risks minimise program	a) Yes 1 b) No 2	
f)	Recreation program	a) Yes 1 b) No 2	
g)	Other program	a) Yes 1 b) No 2	
26.	Do the library has following services ?		
a)	Book exchange (individual)	a) Yes 1 b) No 2	
b)	Photocopy scane service	a) Yes 1 b) No 2	
c)	Inter-library exchange (instution)	a) Yes 1 b) No 2	
d)	Online data base	a) Yes 1 b) No 2	
e)	Resource sharing	a) Yes 1 b) No 2	
f)	Mobile library	a) Yes 1 b) No 2	
g)	E- library	a) Yes 1 b) No 2	
h)	Others (Specify)		
27.	What is the ragistration system of Books and equipments and other service ragister ?	a) Ragister system..... 1 b) Computer system..... 2 c) Both system..... 2 d) Other specify 3	
28.	Does the reading materials of library have catagorised ?	a) Yes 1 b) No 2	→ 29

Q.N	Question and Skip	Coding Categories	Skip
28.1	If yes , what system is followed ?	a) DDC..... 1 b) Colour Code..... 2 c) Other specify 3	
29.	Do the reading materials of library listed ?	a) Yes 1 b) No 2	→ 30
29.1	If yes, what system followed ?	a) Manual (AACR) 1 b) Computer system 2 c) Both system..... 3	
30.	Does the library management have followed the information and communication technology ?	a) Yes 1 b) No 2	31
30.1	If yes, what technology followed ?	a) Automation system (bibliographic data base) 1 b) Electric system 2 c) Both 3	
31.	Please write down if the library has collected other special, local, historical hand written and other documents and/or equipments)	_____ _____ _____	
32.	What are the main challenges of the library ?	_____ _____	
33.	Do the library have future plannings and thinking ? (Please write down)	_____ _____	

Please write down the following information of other libraries in your districts.

S.N.	Name of library	Address	Municipality	Phone number	Email
1.					
2					
3					
4					

(B) Qualitative Instruments

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Case Study Checklist

1. History of the library

- a. When was it established ?
- b. Who initiated ?
- c. Why was the library established ? Purpose behind establishment ?
- d. Did community ask for it ? If yes, which segment of the community asked for it ?
- d. Was local government involved ? How was it involved ?
- e. Was their financial/technical/material contribution from the community ?

2. Community Understanding about the Library

How do you /your community define your community / public library ? Why they have this perception ?

3. Impacts of the library

Where do you think that the library has contributed the most ? And probe more if the categories do not relate to the questions listed below.

- a. lifelong learning, social development and empowerment. How ?
- b. Combatting Illiteracy. Any examples ?
- c. Promotion of rural economic development by creating basic educational and vocational training. Any examples ?
- d. Support to sustainable income generation activities. Any examples ?
- e. Promotion of social cohesion (caste/ethnicity, gender etc.). Any examples ?

4. Partnership

Are the local partnerships been promoted because of library ? How and why ?

5. Challenges in library operation

- a. Funding challenges.
- b. Limited books.
- c. Geography.
- d. Caste/ethnicity and gender.
- e. Factors: What do you think are the most important factors for the library to be operational in long run ? (List five most important ones)/reasons.
- F. COVID: What are the main challenges that you have faced in library operation because of COVID ? How you have adapted your services/approaches to mitigate the challenges ?

6. 5Bs

- a. Books. Condition of the books (Attractive or unattractive; accessible or inaccessible due to language; and take up valuable space).
- b. Brain (librarians). (Educational qualifications of the librarians; support from the librarians or library committee; treatment of the patrons etc.).
- c. Building (infrastructure). (Adequate space; adequate furniture; drinking water, sanitation and toilets etc.).
- d. Budget (funding). (Adequate funding).
- e. Borrow Books (process of borrowing books).

Also, important to capture

- Caste/ethnicity distribution of the community where the library is located.
- How inclusion is ensured ? (For e.g.: for marginalized people, person with disabilities etc.).
- Surroundings (disturbances ?).
- Roles of the local government units ?
- Average number of people who visit the library in a day ?

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FGD with Beneficiaries

Province: Date:

District: Start Time:

Municipality/Ward: End Time:

Old VDC Name:

Location:

Participants' Characteristics Table

S.N.	Name	Age	Education	Family type (Nuclear/Joint)

Questions

Q.N.	Main Question	Probe Questions
1.	Are there any community libraries in the location ?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If yes, who runs the libraries ? • If yes, how often do you or community people visit the libraries ? • If no, have you heard of the community in other locations ? Where ? Or do you think it is necessary to have one in the community ?
1.1	<p>What are some of the impacts of having community libraries in place over people's socio-economic lives ?</p> <p>Importance of having library in place ?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any impact in terms lifelong learning, social development and empowerment. How ? Any examples ? [example: finding solutions to common challenges afflicting families and communities] • Any impact in terms of combatting illiteracy ? How ? • Any impact in terms of promoting rural economic development by creating basic educational and vocational skills training opportunities ? How ? Any examples ? • Any impact in terms of supporting sustainable income generation activities ? How ? • How important are the libraries to promote social cohesion ? How ? Any examples ? [Capture Caste/ethnicity, class, gender perspectives] • Any impact on intergenerational learning ? [example: parents better able to assist their children]

Q.N.	Main Question	Probe Questions
2	What do you think are some of the challenges of operating community libraries ?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is poor funding a challenge ? • Are limited books a challenge ? • Is geography a challenge ? [long walk to the community library] • Is caste/ethnicity or a challenge ? [socio-economic perspective] • Is language of the books a challenge ?
2a.	Books	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If community library is available: • How is the condition of the books ? [Attractive or unattractive; accessible or inaccessible due to language; and take up valuable space] <p>To participants of the locations where community library is not available: Ask:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How the condition of the books should be ? • What language of the books should be available ? • What about the size of the books ?
2b.	Brain (librarians)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What educational qualifications do the librarians have ? • How supportive and active do you think the librarians or library committee ? How do they treat the patrons ? [caste/ethnicity/poor and rich] <p>To participants of the locations where community library is not available: Ask:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What educational qualifications should the librarians have ? • How supportive or active should the librarians be ? • How the patrons should be treated ? [caste/ethnicity and poor/ rich]
2c.	Building (infrastructure)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where exactly is the library ? Do you think the library has an adequate space ? • Do you think the furniture is adequate ? • What about drinking water, sanitation, toilets etc. ? <p>To participants of the locations where community library is not available: Ask:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How should be space of the library ? • How should be the furniture ? • What about other infrastructure such as drinking water, sanitation and toilets etc. ?
2d.	Budget (funding)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do you think the funding for the library is adequate ? If no, who should provide the funding [individuals, government u
2 e.	Are you allowed to borrow books ?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the processes of borrowing the books ? • If yes, do you think you need to be allowed to borrow books ? <p>To participants of the locations where community library is not available: Ask:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What do you think the process of borrowing should be ?

Q.N.	Main Question	Probe Questions
3.	What do you think the role of the local leaders should be ? Municipalities ???	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are the local leaders active in raising fund for the library ? • Does the local government have the budget allocation for the library ? • Are local leaders involved in motivating community people to use the library ? <p>To participants of the locations where community library is not available: Ask:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should they active in raising funds for the library ? Should the local government allocate the targeted funding for the library ? • Should they be motivating community people to use libraries for reading purpose ? • What else do you think their roles would be ?
4.	Anything else to add!	

Thank you for your time.

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Key Informant Interviews with librarians; Library Management Committee; and Local Leaders

Name: Date:
 Name of the Library: Start Time:
 Position: End Time:
 Province:
 District:
 Municipality:
 Ward/Old VDC Name:
 Location:

Questions

Q.N.	Main Question	Probe Questions
1.	Are there any community libraries in the location ?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If yes, who runs the libraries ? [Local government, I/NGOs etc.] • How often the community people visit the library ? • How important do you think having community library in place in the location ? Why do you think it is important ?
1.1	What are some of the impacts of having community libraries in place over people's socio-economic lives ? Importance of having library in place ?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any impact in terms lifelong learning, social development and empowerment. How ? Any examples ? [example: finding solutions to common challenges afflicting families and communities] • Any impact in terms of combatting illiteracy ? How ? • Any impact in terms of promoting rural economic development by creating basic educational and vocational skills training opportunities ? How ? Any examples ? • Any impact in terms of supporting sustainable income generation activities ? How ? • How important are the libraries to promote social cohesion ? How ? Any examples ? [Capture Caste/ethnicity, class, gender perspectives] • Any impact on intergenerational learning ? [example: parents better able to assist their children]
2	What do you think are some of the challenges of operating community libraries ?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is poor funding a challenge ? • Are limited books a challenge ? • Is geography a challenge ? [long walk to the community library] • Is caste/ethnicity or a challenge ? [socio-economic perspective] • Is language of the books a challenge ?
2a.	Books	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If community library is available: • How is the condition of the books ? • If poor condition, how do you think it can improve ? [Attractive or unattractive; accessible or inaccessible due to language; and take up valuable space]

Q.N.	Main Question	Probe Questions
2b.	Brain (librarians)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is your educational qualification ? Or for the local leaders: what educational qualifications should the librarians be ? • How do you support the patrons ? [Locating books, lending books etc.] • For the local leaders: How supportive and active do you think the librarians or library committee ? How do they treat the patrons ? [caste/ethnicity/poor and rich] • Any suggestions on improving the condition of the books ?
2c.	Building (infrastructure)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where exactly is the library ? Do you think the library has an adequate space ? • Do you think the furniture is adequate ? • What about drinking water, sanitation, toilets etc. ? • Any suggestions on improving the infrastructure ?
2d.	Budget (funding)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do you think the funding for the library is adequate ? If no, who should provide the funding [individuals, government units etc.]
2e.	Are the community people allowed to borrow books ?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the processes of borrowing the books ? • If yes, do you think you need to be allowed to borrow books ? For the local leaders ask: • What do you think the process of borrowing should be ? • Any suggestions on improving the borrowing process ?
3.	What do you think the role of the local leaders should be ? Municipalities ?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are the you [for local leaders]/local leaders active in raising fund for the library ? • Does the local government have the budget allocation for the library ? • Are you [for local leaders]/local leaders involved in motivating community people to use the library ? • Any suggestions on improving the involvement of local leaders ?
4.	Anything else to add!	

Thank you for your time.

Annex 3: List of Libraries:

S.N.	Name of library	Province	District	Address	Contact name	Contact number	Email	Survey status
1	Chaurpati Samudaik Sikai Kendra	Sudurpaschim	Achham	Sudu				Surveyed
2	Moti Ram Community Library	Sudurpaschim	Achham	Mangalsen -14		984847665	bharatsodaribs@gmail.com	
3	Swaraswati Child Library	Sudurpaschim	Achham					
4	Malika Samudaik Sikai Kendra	Sudurpaschim	Achham	Mangalsen -1				Surveyed
5	Thulasen samudayik Sikai Kendra	Sudurpaschim	Achham	Mangalsen				Surveyed
6	Jancehtana Samudayik Sikai Kendra	Sudurpaschim	Achham	Risiban				Surveyed
7	Khaptad Samudaik Pustakalaya	Sudurpaschim	Achham	Khaptad				Surveyed
8	Baijanath Samudaik Pustakalaya	Sudurpaschim	Achham	Kalimati				Surveyed
9	Mangalsen Samudaik Sikai Kendra	Sudurpaschim	Achham	Mangalsen				Surveyed
10	Manakamana Community Library	Lumbini	Arghakhanchi	Maidan-5	Lekh Bahadur Tandon	9847167045		Surveyed
11	Moti Community Library	Lumbini	Arghakhanchi	Wangla -5	Kaman Prasad Bhattarai		bhattaraimadam73@gmail.com	Surveyed
12	Kimdada Community Library	Lumbini	Arghakhanchi	Kimdada -5	Ishwori Prasad Bhusal	9857061014		
13	Community Library and Resource Center	Lumbini	Arghakhanchi	Arghakhanchi, Painini -7	Khagendra Neupane	9851198843	kneupane32@gmail.com	
14	Arghakhanchi Foundation	Lumbini	Arghakhanchi	Nuwakot Arghakhanchi	Buddhiraj Gaire			Surveyed
15	Jana Sewa Library	Lumbini	Arghakhanchi	Phidim, Sapaudi				
16	Ganga Library	Lumbini	Arghakhanchi					
17	Pragati Library	Lumbini	Arghakhanchi	Malarani		9857061274	giripokhre1698@gmail.com	

S.N.	Name of library	Province	District	Address	Contact name	Contact number	Email	Survey status
18	Bidhya Mandir Library	Gandaki	Baglung	Baglung -4, Bhupichowk	Susila Shrestha	9847643812	bhidyamandirpustakalaya@gmail.com	Surveyed
19	Jana Sahitya Library	Gandaki	Baglung					
20	Ratna Shrestha Library	Gandaki	Baglung	Kalika -4				
21	Hangshabhami Library	Gandaki	Baglung					
22	Gyanodaya Bhagwati Library	Gandaki	Baglung	Baglung Bazar	Saroj Chhatri	9864553714	gyanodayabhagwatiib@gmail.com	Surveyed
23	SA-SA Tulsi Library	Sudurpaschim	Baitadi					
24	Mahendra Library	Sudurpaschim	Baitadi					
25	Devaki Library	Sudurpaschim	Baitadi					
26	Janak Jana Sewa Library	Sudurpaschim	Baitadi					
27	Samudayik Jana Chetana Community Library and Resource Center	Sudurpaschim	Baitadi	Shreekot-6, Baitadi	Nar Bdr. Kuwar	9749501960		
28	Sahid Smriti Community Library	Sudurpaschim	Baitadi	Melauli	98614619888		jsnayak2036@gmail.com	Surveyed
29	Arjun Dev Smriti Pustakalaya	Sudurpaschim	Baitadi	Shilanga				Surveyed
30	Siddhanta Bidyalaya Pustakalaya	Sudurpaschim	Baitadi	Shilanga				Surveyed
31	Dashrat Chand Samudayik Pustakalaya	Sudurpaschim	Baitadi	Sundrakhali				Surveyed
32	Jana Bikash Library	Sudurpaschim	Bajhang	Chainpur				
33	Bajhang Library	Sudurpaschim	Bajhang	Tamakhani				
34	Surmadevi Library	Sudurpaschim	Bajhang	Jaya Prithivinagar				
35	Bhanu Library	Sudurpaschim	Bajhang	Chapparaj Chautara				
36	Shree Aayas Pustakalaya	Sudurpaschim	Bajhang					Surveyed
37	Kolti Community Library and Resource Center	Sudurpaschim	Bajura	Budhinanda Municipality ward - 2, Kolti	Bhim Bdr. Karki	9749008276		Surveyed
38	Gyanodaya Community Library and Resource Center	Lumbini	Banke	Kohalpur -11, Banke	Lil Bdr Rana	9848021974	rana.lila14@gmail.com gyanodayaclrc@gmail.com	Surveyed

S.N.	Name of library	Province	District	Address	Contact name	Contact number	Email	Survey status
39	Mahendra Library	Lumbini	Banke	Nepalgunj Metropolitan -8	Sanat Kumar Regmi	9851142276	regmisks@gmail.com	Surveyed
40	Jana Jagriti Library	Lumbini	Banke	Bageshowri -2				
41	Rara Library	Lumbini	Banke	Chisapani -2				
42	Jaya Dashrat Library	Lumbini	Banke	Karkadhu				
43	Shree Pashupati Library	Madhesh	Bara	Kalaiya -6				
44	Pashupati Library	Madhesh	Bara	Bara		9855025882	manakamanacollege91@gmail.com	Surveyed
45	Janata Chaso Library	Madhesh	Bara	Kalaiya				
46	Ne Ra Nawa Yuwak Library	Madhesh	Bara	Kalaiya				
47	Sahid Smarak Information Center	Madhesh	Bara	Dummarbana, Bara				
48	Baal Kalyan Library	Madhesh	Bara	Haricha, Bara				
49	Sarbajani Pustakalaya	Madhesh	Bara	Gitpur Nagarpalika	Munni Raut	9807298815		
50	Prabhat Community Library	Madhesh	Bara					
51	Shanti Sandesh Pustakalaya	Madhesh	Bara	Gadhimai		9855029496		
52	Shree Gaurisankar Pustakalay	Madhesh	Bara	Nijgadh		9811264289		
53	Tura Devi Kha Tharu Library	Madhesh	Bara	Bhodaha		9880479577		
54	Dewan Sing Rai Samudaik Pustakalaya	Province 1	Bhojpur	Bhojpur Municipality,		9816389311	memosamu12@gmail.com	Surveyed
55	Pana Pustakalaya	Gandaki	Bara	Nijghad			bkrishna2054@gmail.com	
56	Tribhuvan Community Library & Resource Center	Lumbini	Bardiya	Bangsagadi -8, Kakaura	Nabin Adhikari	9848191712	tribhunlrc@gmail.com	Surveyed
57	Basgadi Community Library & Resource Center	Lumbini	Bardiya	Basgadi Municipality -8	Ambika Chapagain	9868292700	ambikach38@gmail.com govinda9858030047@gmail.com	Surveyed
58	Kalika Community Library and Resource Center	Lumbini	Bardiya	Badaiyataal Rural Municipality ward 8	Sushil Chaudhary	9848081722	kalikacirc@gmail.com	Surveyed

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59	Jyoti Library	Lumbini	Bardiya	Prithivinagar				
60	Shraddha Library	Lumbini	Bardiya	Mainapokhar				
61	Jana Sewa Library	Lumbini	Bardiya	Baidhwar				
62	Saraswati Library	Lumbini	Bardiya	Jamuni -3				
63	Ram Janaki Service Group and Library	Lumbini	Bardiya	Rajhapur Bazar -1				
64	Didi Bahini Resource and Learning Center	Bagmati	Bhaktapur	Sanga	Sumita Karmacharya	9841009955		
65	Nawa Smaran Library	Bagmati	Bhaktapur	Duwakot -2				
66	Women's Library	Bagmati	Bhaktapur					
67	Ratna Library	Bagmati	Bhaktapur	Deuja Gau				
68	Siddhi Ganesh Library	Bagmati	Bhaktapur	Bhaktapur -6				
69	Saubhagya Library	Bagmati	Bhaktapur	Thimi	Ishwor Shrestha	9841462602		
70	Shree Krishna Library	Bagmati	Bhaktapur	Baalkot -3				
71	Brihaspati Library	Bagmati	Bhaktapur	Baalkot -2				
72	Baudhik Bikash Library	Bagmati	Bhaktapur	Conchey		9841358173		
73	Garima Library	Bagmati	Bhaktapur	Nagarkot -1				
74	Sathi Sailug Janahit Library	Bagmati	Bhaktapur	Lokanthali				
75	Sahid Smarak Library	Bagmati	Bhaktapur	Golmadhi				
76	Bidhyarthi Library	Bagmati	Bhaktapur	Durbar Chhetra				
77	Manandhar Library	Bagmati	Bhaktapur	Tachpal -3				
78	Nyatapol Library	Bagmati	Bhaktapur	Taumari0-11				
79	Star Library	Bagmati	Bhaktapur					
80	Chandreshowr Library	Bagmati	Bhaktapur	Chasukhell -8	Rajan Tuwanabasu (key person)	9841849642		Surveyed
81	Pragati Library	Bagmati	Bhaktapur	Taulachey		9841395027	kusi.rabindra@gmail.com	Surveyed
82	Nawachhetrodaya Library	Bagmati	Bhaktapur	Thimi		01-6638860		
83	Janmabhumi Bode Pustakalaya	Bagmati	Bhaktapur	Bode		9860763974		Surveyed
84	Devitar Pustakalaya	Bagmati	Bhaktapur					Surveyed
85	Jhi Jhi Guthi	Bagmati	Bhaktapur			9841040332		

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86	Young Bijaya Pustakalaya	Bagmati	Bhaktapur			9888443035		
87	Star Wachanalaya	Bagmati	Bhaktapur			9849989664	shree.dhoju@gmail.com	
88	Sidhi Ganesh Pustakalaya	Bagmati	Bhaktapur			9849894459		Surveyed
89	Eakta Pustakalaya	Bagmati	Bhaktapur			9741007203		
90	Sahid Smriti Pustakalaya	Bagmati	Bhaktapur			9860017772		
91	Satsang Pustakalaya	Bagmati	Bhaktapur			9849666918		
92	Sahid Rajkumar Smriti Pustakalaya	Bagmati	Bhaktapur			9841637724	suwalkp14@gmail.com	Surveyed
93	Uthan Library Bachanalaya	Bagmati	Bhaktapur			9841393678		Surveyed
94	Lenin Pustakalaya	Bagmati	Bhaktapur			9860488164		
95	Mangle Che Pustakalaya	Bagmati	Bhaktapur			9841358339		
96	Jagaran Pustakalaya	Bagmati	Bhaktapur			9849720509		
97	Janajoyti Pustakalaya	Bagmati	Bhaktapur			01-6617212	shreeraambkt@gmail.com	Surveyed
98	Sadananda Smriti Community Library	Province 1	Bhojpur	Dingla Sadananda Municipality	Gopal Timsina, Prakash Poudel (Narayan Poudel).	9762018858 9841518412		Surveyed
99	Janahit Library	Province 1	Bhojpur	Khusikhet, Bhojpur				
100	Nepal Bharati Library	Province 1	Bhojpur	Bhulkebazar, Bhojpur				
101	Shree Ram Amar Sahid Library	Province 1	Bhojpur	Bhojpur Municipality Bhojpur Bazar	Binam Shrestha -Secretary	9842095877	bindibhp@gmail.com	Surveyed
102	Bidhyahari Library	Province 1	Bhojpur	Takshar, Bhojpur	Sanu Kaji Shakya	9842066156		
103	Saraswati Library	Province 1	Bhojpur					
104	Sadananda Samudayik Library	Province 1	Bhojpur	Paiyapani	Yog Bahadur	9842140623	bahaduryog42@gmail.com	
105	Gramin Community Library	Province 1	Bhojpur	Jhyau pokhari, Sadanandha Municipality Phalikot	Indira Ghale	9842294136	ghaleindira271@gmail.com	
106	Diwan Singh Rai Smarak Library	Province 1	Bhojpur	Laxmi rai		9861115685		
107	Gramin Community Library	Province 1	Bhojpur	Dingla Sadananda Municipality -7	Nagendra Basnet	9842145705		

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108	Kalika Library	Province 1	Bhojpur	Taksar, Kotdada				
109	Shanti Library	Province 1	Bhojpur	Bhojpur -6, Deurali	Ganesh Pradhan	9824290553		
110	Sarbajanic Adhar Bhut Pustakalaya		Bhojpur	Pauwa Dangma Rural Municipality	Dev Raj Rai	9807038901	raiparuhand505@gmail.com	Surveyed
111	Hatuwagadhi Sarbajanik Pustakalaya Tatha Showman Rai Adyan Pratishthan	Province 1	Bhojpur	Hatuwagadhi Ghodetar Bhojpur	Indra Thapa	9852062148		Surveyed
112	Chape Community Library		Bhojpur				raiparuhand505@gmail.com	Surveyed
113	Sauraha Community Library & Resource Center	Bagmati	Chitwan	Ratnanagar -7, Sauraha	Sher Bdr. Pariyar	9851074484	bidarilaxmi@yahoo.com	Surveyed
114	Gardi Community Library & Resource Center	Bagmati	Chitwan	Chitwan madi -1, Baruwa	Bharat Prasad Timalisina	9855054246		Surveyed
115	Jhuwani Community Library & Resource Center	Bagmati	Chitwan	Ratnanagar-5, Jhuwani	Keshav Raj Acharya	9855057075	jhuwaniclr@gmail.com	Surveyed
116	Shree Ratnaman TekBahadur Deepjyoti Community Library & Resource Center	Bagmati	Chitwan	Khairini -13, Chitwan	Krishna Prasad Poudel	9845616401		Surveyed
117	Tarauli Community Library & Resource Center	Bagmati	Chitwan	Ratnanagar -5	Sagar Mishra	9845085258		Surveyed
118	Rameshowr Community Library & Resource Center	Bagmati	Chitwan	Bhartpur Metro Municipality ward -2, Mitero Tole	Ganesh Maya Sahi	9845113221	rameshworlibrary@gmail.com	Surveyed
119	Jyoti Library	Bagmati	Chitwan	Nau Range, Bharatpur -10	Shital Panta	9841694951	kulmanipokharel@gmail.com	Surveyed
120	Narayani Library	Bagmati	Chitwan	Chitwan				
121	Janakalyan Library	Bagmati	Chitwan	Bhandara Bazar				
122	Narayan Library	Bagmati	Chitwan					
123	Dharmik Library	Bagmati	Chitwan					

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124	Narayani Friends Library	Bagmati	Chitwan	Narayanghat				
125	Dobhan Library	Bagmati	Chitwan	Bharatpur -10		9855057253	dhakalbinodkant@gmail.com	
126	Jyoti Youth Library	Bagmati	Chitwan			9855047801	bkhatiwada350@gmail.com	
127	Unique Library	Bagmati	Chitwan	Ratna Nagar -4				
128	Yuba Jagaran Pustakalaya	Bagmati	Chitwan	Khairani		9821803250		
129	Tharu Sansakirtik Pustakalaya	Bagmati	Chitwan			9855062484	birendra121@gmail.com	
130	Ratnanagar Rotari Library	Bagmati	Chitwan		Sharmila Shrestha	056-560448	ratnanagarcci@gmail.com	
131	Gyan Jyoti Community Library	Bagmati	Chitwan	Bharatpur -4		9855057675	ramjipoudel11@gmail.com	
132	Bagarkot Community Learning Center	Sudurpaschim	Dadeldhura	Bagarkot-8	Om Prakash Sawad	9848765325		
133	Dadeldhura Community Library	Sudurpaschim	Dadeldhura	Amar Gadhi -5	Gajendra Bahadur Shahi	9858751397 9741100397	dadelldhuraclrc@gmail.com	Surveyed
134	Laxmi Library	Sudurpaschim	Dadeldhura					
135	Sahasaralinga Library	Sudurpaschim	Dadeldhura					
136	Sahid Smriti Community Library	Karnali	Dailekh	Dullu Municipality -8	Prem Bahadur Karki	9848211582		
137	Kanti Rajya Laxmi Library	Karnali	Dailekh					
138	Bal Pustakalaya and Bachanalaya	Karnali	Dailekh	Dullu Municipality -8				Surveyed
139	Deukhuri Community Library and Resource Center	Lumbini	Dang	Gadhawa Rural Municipality-6	Giri Raj Bhatta	9857840886	deukhuricirc@gmail.com	Surveyed
140	Sarwodaya Library Tatha Bachanalaya	Lumbini	Dang	Ghorahi Dang	Sushil Gautam	9857830497	both are same	Surveyed
141	Mahendra Library	Lumbini	Dang	Deukhuri				
142	Tribhuwan Library	Lumbini	Dang	Bijauri				
143	BP Library	Lumbini	Dang	Rampur				
144	Netra Memorial Library	Lumbini	Dang	Gullaria				
145	Jesis Pustakalaya	Lumbini	Dang			9857830276		

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146	Rastriya Community Library and Resource Center	Sudurpaschim	Darchula	Dattu -4	Daan Singh Nagari	093-690103		
147	Shree Malika Arjun Samudayik Pustakalaya	Sudurpaschim	Darchula					Surveyed
148	Janata Library	Bagmati	Dhading	Nilkantha -3, Dhading	Devi Prasad Adhikari	9851191561		Surveyed
149	Aadarsha Library	Bagmati	Dhading					
150	Jana Jagriti Library	Bagmati	Dhading	Medhi				
151	Gyanjyoti Library	Bagmati	Dhading					
152	Gyanodaya Library	Bagmati	Dhading	Phulkharkha				
153	Jyoti Public Library	Bagmati	Dhading	Khari	Bikash Pokhrel	9813731370		
154	Mahakali Library	Bagmati	Dhading	Kumpur		9841390909		
155	Chatredeurahi Samudayik Pustakalaya	Bagmati	Dhading	Dhunbesi NP-01		9843806831	thesapanapau del11@gmail.com	
156	Jalpa Devi Library	Province 1	Dhankuta	Pakhribas Municipality - 4	Gopal Bhattarai	9852050364	jalpadevi@gmail.com reach2gopalbhattarai@gmail.com	Surveyed
157	Gargacharya Public Memorial Library	Province 1	Dhankuta	Dhankuta, Tallokopche				Surveyed
158	Pakhribas Public Library	Province 1	Dhankuta	Pakhribas Municipality				
159	Srihud Library	Madhesh	Dhanusa	Janakpur Dham	Toya Raj Ghimire	9844097096		
160	Arya Library	Madhesh	Dhanusa	Janakpur				
161	Janak Jivan Library	Madhesh	Dhanusa	Devghiya		9841283551	rakeshjha556@gmail.com	
162	Janata Library	Madhesh	Dhanusa	Chawali				
163	Janata Library	Madhesh	Dhanusa	Thila Bahila				
164	Janata Library	Madhesh	Dhanusa	Nagarain				
165	Janata Library	Madhesh	Dhanusa	Hadhwaj				
166	Dependra Aadarsh Library	Madhesh	Dhanusa	Cresia				
167	Nebpar Gadhya Library	Madhesh	Dhanusa	Janakpur Dham				
168	Nepali Library	Madhesh	Dhanusa	Dhanusa				
169	Path Pustak Library	Madhesh	Dhanusa	Janakpur Dham				

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170	Birendra Library	Madhesh	Dhanusa	Janakpur Dham				
171	Yuwak Library	Madhesh	Dhanusa	Mangalpur				
172	Lahuvala Library	Madhesh	Dhanusa	Beljabdhi				
173	Saraswati Library	Madhesh	Dhanusa	Beljabdhi				
174	Janata Library	Madhesh	Dhanusa	Janakpur				
175	Suhrd Library	Madhesh	Dhanusa	Bramhapuri				
176	Tribhuwan Aadarsha Library	Madhesh	Dhanusa	Janakpur				
177	Shree Chandrodaya Library	Madhesh	Dhanusa	Befi				
178	Jagarnath Public Interest Library	Madhesh	Dhanusa	Janakpur				
179	Santa Janata Library	Madhesh	Dhanusa	Nawu				
180	Aadarsha Library	Madhesh	Dhanusa	Deuri				
181	New Bhairab Library	Madhesh	Dhanusa	Janakpur				
182	Amarjyoti Library	Madhesh	Dhanusa	Mahi				
183	Nawa Prativa Library	Madhesh	Dhanusa	Dhalkeshowr				
184	Nawa Jagriti Library	Madhesh	Dhanusa	Mahendranagar				
185	Divya Library	Madhesh	Dhanusa	Laxmipur				
186	Sankhar Aadarsha Library	Madhesh	Dhanusa	Banina				
187	Madan Asrita Library	Madhesh	Dhanusa	Befi				
188	Ratujan Library	Madhesh	Dhanusa	Tulasi				
189	Jana Chetana Library	Madhesh	Dhanusa	Dhaulii				
190	Divyashowr Library	Madhesh	Dhanusa	Bareshowr				
191	Deep Jyoti Library	Madhesh	Dhanusa	Bareshowr				
192	Ramanand Prabhuda Library	Madhesh	Dhanusa	Bramhapuri				
193	Janata Library	Madhesh	Dhanusa	Manglagawa				
194	Ramdevi Library	Madhesh	Dhanusa	Sarlahi				
195	Saranath Library	Madhesh	Dhanusa	Bhaktipur -2				
196	Sarbajanik Pustakalaya	Madhesh	Dhanusa	Janakapur Sub-Metropolitan-2	Bipati Mandal	9817832100		Surveyed

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197	Radhakrishna Sarbajanik Pustakalaya	Madhesh	Dhanusa	Janakapur Sub-Metropolitan-14	Bidhyakar Prasad Sah, Ramukesh Sah	9854020251 9844051895	vprasadsah@gmail.com	Surveyed
198	Janka Bhet Community Library	Bagmati	Dhanusa			9554021748	thapajiban1979@gmail.com	
199	Shree Gaurisankhar Community Library & Resorce Center	Bagmati	Dolakha	Charikot Municipality -1	Krishna Bdr Basnet	049-421300	navaRajneupane@gmail.com	Surveyed
200	Bhim Library	Bagmati	Dolakha					
201	Laligurans Library	Bagmati	Dolakha	Virkot				
202	Sayapatri Library	Bagmati	Dolakha	Kavre				
203	Mahakali Bhagwati Library	Bagmati	Dolakha	Charikot Matti				
204	Madan Asrita Library	Bagmati	Dolakha	Charikot				
205	Mahakali Janahit Library	Bagmati	Dolakha	Bhimeshowr - 1				
206	Api Community Library	Bagmati	Doti			9841649039	pdpsd65@gmail.com	
207	Chhatra Ram Ashram and Library	Sudurpaschim	Doti	Jijod Mandu, Dang Kot				
208	Jana Jagriti Library	Sudurpaschim	Doti	Jainauli				
209	Binayak Library	Sudurpaschim	Doti	Kalikaasthan Mouwa				
210	Mahendra Library	Sudurpaschim	Doti	Sealgadhi				
211	Saileshowri Community Library	Sudurpaschim	Doti	Seelgadhi-1	Abhi Raj Shrestha	094-420096 9848418741		Surveyed
212	Gita Library	Sudurpaschim	Doti	Sealgadhi				
213	Srijana Library	Sudurpaschim	Doti	Durga Mandu				
214	Dadeldhura Public Library	Sudurpaschim	Dadeldhura			096 420353		
215	Jana Chetana Library	Gandaki	Gorkha	Chopark -8	Narayan Pokharel	9808441827		
216	Koshis Library	Gandaki	Gorkha	Siranchowk -4	Ramesh Prasad Regmi	9851175694		
217	Takukot Community Library and Resource Center	Gandaki	Gorkha	Barpak Sulikot Rural Municipality ward	Ma Prasad Paneru	9846254819	takukot.clrc@gmail.com	Surveyed

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218	Himal Public Library	Gandaki	Gorkha	Manakamana				
219	Tribhuwan Library	Gandaki	Gorkha	Pokhari thok	Raju Babu Shrestha	9851072677	rajubabu25@gmail.com	
220	Jana Bikash Library	Gandaki	Gorkha	Aap peepal				
221	Jayanti Library	Gandaki	Gorkha	Liglig				
222	World Library	Gandaki	Gorkha	Aarukhat				
223	Sahid Smriti Community Library	Gandaki	Gorkha	Barpak Sulikot Rural Municipality ward-5	Bishnu Bhatta/ Mina Pathak	9856040873	bpbhatta33@gmail.com bhattanandalal75@gmail.com	Surveyed
224	Sewa Library	Gandaki	Gorkha					
225	Barpark Community Library	Gandaki	Gorkha	Barpak Sulikot Rural Municipality ward-1	Tej Bahadur Gurung	9851081362	nnamaste90@gmail.com	
226	Kiran Library	Lumbini	Gulmi	Tamghas, Gulmi	Nar Prasad Shrestha	079-520287	shashipanthi9@gmail.com	Surveyed
227	Udaya Library	Lumbini	Gulmi	Chandrakot Santinagar				
228	Rishi Library	Lumbini	Gulmi	Digam Riga -1				
229	Bale Takshar Community Library	Lumbini	Gulmi	Ruru Municipality				Surveyed
230	Jana Jagriti Library	Lumbini	Gulmi	Chunga				
231	Prem Library	Lumbini	Gulmi	Ghattuchadi				
232	Saraswati Library	Lumbini	Gulmi	Putrighat				
233	Rabin Aryan Library	Lumbini	Gulmi					
234	Rishi Library	Lumbini	Gulmi	Shringha				
235	Marga Darshan Library	Lumbini	Gulmi	Aarawaley Gulmi				
236	Jay Nepal Library	Lumbini	Gulmi					
237	Jana Bikash Library	Lumbini	Gulmi					
238	Sarbanjanik Pustakalaya	Lumbini	Gulmi		Ruru			Surveyed
239	Chudan Samudaik Sikai Kendra	Lumbini	Gulmi					Surveyed
240	Ridab Samudaik Pustakalaya	Lumbini	Gulmi					Surveyed

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241	Shree Jana Kalyan Community Library and Resource Center	Province 1	Ilam	Ilam Municipality Ward no 8 barbot	Satendra Jabegu	9852680220	jabegusk@gmail.com	Surveyed
242	Shree Sahid Smriti Community Library	Province 1	Ilam	Ilam Municipality Ward no 6	Jiwan Sharma	9852680261		Surveyed
243	Jyoti Library	Province 1	Ilam					
244	Pabitrarnai Gharelu Library	Province 1	Ilam	Ilam Municipality Ward no 7				
245	Supermechi Library	Province 1	Ilam	Ilam Municipality Ward no 2				
246	Sri Amar Kalyan Ma. Bi Library	Madhesh	Ilam			027-411004		Surveyed
247	American Corner	Province 1	Ilam	Ilam		027-520037	Number changed	
248	Janak Library	Karnali	Jajarkot					
249	Prakash Library	Karnali	Jajarkot			9868053974	prakashchand881@gmail.com	
250	Narayan Community Library	Karnali	Jajarkot	Khalanga -2				
251	Gauradaha Community Library	Province 1	Jhapa	Gauradaha Camp Road -2	Lawahari Dahal	9852683301	crazy.roveen@gmail.com	Received after deadline
252	Lekhnath Library	Province 1	Jhapa	Bhadrapur Chandragiri Jhapa	Nawaraj Ghimire	984942414		
253	Aadarsha Library	Province 1	Jhapa	Ghailaduwa, Jhapa				
254	Aadarsha Library	Province 1	Jhapa	Sanishcharya, Jhapa				
255	Gaurigunj Library	Province 1	Jhapa	Gaurigunj, Jhapa				
256	Janata Library	Province 1	Jhapa	khudunawari				
257	Trifala National Library	Province 1	Jhapa	Mechinagar Dhaulagiri Jhapa		023-560307		Surveyed
258	Ghailaduwa Library	Province 1	Jhapa	Ghailaduwa, Jhapa				
259	Bhadrapur Library	Province 1	Jhapa	Bhadrapur				
260	Budhabare Library	Province 1	Jhapa	Budhabare				
261	Bhanu Library	Province 1	Jhapa	Bahundangi Jhapa				

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262	Patahari Sanischare Library	Madhesh	Jhapa	Pathari Sanischare-4		9842077810	nabinkhula10@gmail.com	
263	Santinagar Library	Province 1	Jhapa	Shantinagar				
264	Hamro Library	Province 1	Jhapa	Damak-4		9816395707	foundationhamro@gmail.com	
265	Tribhuwan Aadarsha Library	Province 1	Jhapa	Mahendranagar, Gaurigunj				
266	Nawajyoti Library	Province 1	Jhapa	Khajurgachi, Jhapa				
267	Bhanu Library	Province 1	Jhapa	Shivagunj				
268	Sahid Dashrat Library	Province 1	Jhapa	Duwagadhi				
269	Arniko Library	Province 1	Jhapa	Maheshpur				
270	Khemachiwa Pralobhan Library	Province 1	Jhapa	Dharampur				
271	Sahakari Library	Province 1	Jhapa	Kakadvitta				
272	Parijat Library	Province 1	Jhapa	Kakadvitta				
273	Jhapa Smriti Library	Province 1	Jhapa	Tagandubba				
274	Bhanu Smriti Library	Province 1	Jhapa	Anarmani				
275	Singhadevi Library	Province 1	Jhapa	Prithivinagar				
276	Gyankunja Public Library	Province 1	Jhapa	Garamuni Sainikbajar				
277	Bishnumaya Library	Province 1	Jhapa	Panitanki				
278	Damak Public Library	Province 1	Jhapa	Damak		9801443513		Surveyed
279	Our Public Library	Province 1	Jhapa	Damak		9801442167		Surveyed
280	Saino Nepal Pustakalaya	Province 1	Jhapa	Shivasatakshi Municipality		023-470624		
281	Birtamod Pustakalaya	Province 1	Jhapa	Birtamod		9862302902	sanjay@fourgradient.com	
282	Moti Yuba Samudayik Library	Province 1	Jhapa			9841815168		Surveyed
283	Hamro Library	Province 1	Jhapa	Damak-3		9815358761	dhakaldadhi@gmail.com	
284	Paribartan Samudayik Pustakalaya	Province 1	Jhapa	Damak-2		9842651901	apibinod@gmail.com	
285	Kadam Theater	Province 1	Jhapa	Damak		9814052555	kadamtheater@gmail.com	
286	Belbari Sahitya Pustakalaya	Madhesh	Jhapa	Belbari NPI		9842078974	tilaelali@gmail.com	

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287	Rastya Pustakalaya	Bagmati	Jhapa	Kerabari gp10		9852055369	simataluite18787@gmail.com	
288	Karnali Library and Resource Center	Karnali	Jumla		Ratan Nath Yogi	087-520237	klibrary2062@gmail.com santoshbudthaoa8@gmail.com	Surveyed
289	Aapadh Raj Prithivi Malla Library	Karnali	Jumla					
290	Mahendra Jyoti Library	Karnali	Jumla					
291	Gyaneshowr Library	Karnali	Jumla					
292	Shree Kailali Public Library	Sudurpaschim	Kailali	Dhangadhi	Umakanta Joshi	9848486825	kailali_janapustakalaya@gmail.com	Surveyed
293	Shree Prativa Community Library	Sudurpaschim	Kailali	Godawari Municipality -1, Attaria	Puspa Raj Joshi	091-551311	pratibha.pustkalaya@gmail.com	Surveyed
294	Janata Community Library and Resource Center	Sudurpaschim	Kailali	Bhajani, Kailali	Nawaraj Mishra	9848697955	janataclrc@gmail.com	Surveyed
295	Bhanu Community Library and Resource Center	Sudurpaschim	Kailali	Tikapur Municipality - 7	Kuma Tiwari- Librarian	9865692932	bhanukailalclrc@gmail.com	Surveyed
296	Bhajani Library	Sudurpaschim	Kailali	Bhajani				
297	Jaya Dashrat Library	Sudurpaschim	Kailali	Dhangadhi				
298	Jana Chetana Library	Sudurpaschim	Kailali	Godawari Mun-8 Shreepur	Dharma Kanta Panta, Bina- Librarian	091-621260	janachetanalrc@gmail.com	Surveyed
299	Tikapur Community Library & Resource Center	Sudurpaschim	Kailali	Tikapur-9	Lok Bahadur Khadka	091-561174	tikapurclrc@gmail.com	Surveyed
300	Kailali Jan Pustakalaya	Sudurpaschim	Kailali					
301	Shree Pahalman Pustakalaya	Sudurpaschim	Kailali					Surveyed
302	Jaleshowr Library	Karnali	Kalikot					
303	Sujit Smriti Library	Sudurpaschim	Kanchanpur	Mahendranagar Kanchanpur -4				
304	Suklaphat Community Library	Sudurpaschim	Kanchanpur	Vashi	Rishi Raj Lamsal	9858750275	sinharjun491@gmail.com sitikalinevsh@gmail.com	
305	Mahendra Raj Library	Sudurpaschim	Kanchanpur	Mahendranagar				

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306	Sujit Smriti Library	Sudurpaschim	Kanchanpur	Shreepur Belauri				
307	Sahid Dashrat Library	Sudurpaschim	Kanchanpur	Tribhuwan Basti -1		9865376680	romsinghbist37@gmail.com	
308	Jyoti Library	Sudurpaschim	Kanchanpur					
309	Baal Library	Sudurpaschim	Kanchanpur	Bhimnagarpalika -4				
310	Chudamani Shastri Pustakalay	Sudurpaschim	Kanchanpur	Bhimdatta				
311	Badganga Community Library	Lumbini	Kapilvastu	Badganga -1, Jitpur	Dilip Karki	9857050477		Surveyed
312	Pashupati Pratap Library	Lumbini	Kapilvastu	Kapilvastu -1, Taulihawa	Rajesh Kumar Pandey	9847040882	rkpabdey@gmail.com	Surveyed
313	Badganga Community Library	Lumbini	Kapilvastu	Kapilvastu -1, Taulihawa	Rishi Keshav Bhardwaj	9857051733	comlibrary@gmail.com	
314	Kapilvastu Library	Lumbini	Kapilvastu					
315	Kapil Pragya Library	Lumbini	Kapilvastu	Kapil Dham	Indra Bahadur Koirala	9841292252		Surveyed
316	Shrestha Library	Lumbini	Kapilvastu	Taulihawa				
317	Rasthya Madarsa Pustakalaya	Lumbini	Kapilvastu					Surveyed
318	Sagarmatha Samudayik Sikai Kendra	Lumbini	Kapilvastu					Surveyed
319	Milijuli Samudayik Sikai Kendra	Lumbini	Kapilvastu					Surveyed
320	High on Hope Community Library	Gandaki	Kaski	Pokhara Lekhnath -33	Keshav Raj Lamsal	9856044005	kesavlamal567@gmail.com	Surveyed
321	Shree Aranya Jyoti Library	Gandaki	Kaski	Kundahar, Lekhnath	Rajendra Bhandari	9846044424 9846044249	ptpikokhara@yahoo.com	
322	Himalaya Library	Gandaki	Kaski	Pokhara -16, Batulechowar, Maidan	Mohan Bahadur Thapa	9846051992	bhimalayakrishni2072@gmail.com	Surveyed
323	Amar Deep Community Library and Development Center	Gandaki	Kaski	Pokhara -16	Suraj Shah Thakuri	9816163633	suRajshah3633@gmail.com	
324	Pokhara Public Library	Gandaki	Kaski	Pokhara -9, Mahendra Pool	Bishow Shrestha	9846037186 9866007616	pokharapubliclibrary@gmail.com	Surveyed

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325	Deepshikha Community Library	Gandaki	Kaski	Bhandardhik, Pokhara Metropolitan-29	Krishna Hari Bhandari	9856024639	deepshikhaclrc@gmail.com	Surveyed
326	Pokhara Pustakalaya	Gandaki	Kaski	Pokhara		9856025931	keshavlamsal567@gmail.com	
327	Pokhara Public Library	Gandaki	Kaski	Siddhartha				
328	BP Smriti Library	Gandaki	Kaski	Rattachowk				
329	Samajik Sewa Library	Gandaki	Kaski	Pokhara-7				
330	Bishow Shanti Library	Gandaki	Kaski	Pokhara				
331	Rupa Library	Gandaki	Kaski	Pokhara				
332	Hamro Library	Gandaki	Kaski	Mahari toll				
333	Shahid Smriti Library	Gandaki	Kaski	Malepatan -5	Krishna Parshad Baral	9846047979 / 9867741515	baralkrishna101@gmail.com	Surveyed
334	Pragatishil Library	Gandaki	Kaski	Hangsapur				
335	Gyanjyoti Pustakalaya	Gandaki	Kaski	Rambazer- 15 Pokhara	Madhab Prasad Baral	9856026602	madhavbaral15776@gmail.com	
336	Pokhara Public Library	Gandaki	Kaski	Mahendrapool	Amar Kuwar	9866007616	pokharaamericancorner@gmail.com	
337	Buddha Bal Ghumti Pustakalaya	Gandaki	Kaski	Nadhipur	Tej Kumar Gurung	9856020984	bcmobilelibrary@gmail.com	
338	Tribeni Community Library and Resource Center	Bagmati	Kathmandu	Nagarjun Municipality ward no 8	Rameshwar Pokharel	01-4037587		Surveyed
339	Shravya Library and Resource Center Nepal	Bagmati	Kathmandu	Kritipur-10, Tyangyla	Rameshwar Babu Tiwari	9860469863	alrcbepal75@gmail.com	Surveyed
340	Gyan Kunja Public Library	Bagmati	Kathmandu	Kathmandu Municipality -3	Madhur Basnet	9851003012	madhurbasnet31@gmail.com	Surveyed
341	Nepal National Disable Human Right Conservation Firm	Bagmati	Kathmandu	Bhrikuti mandap, Kathmandu	Babu Krishna Maharjan	9863352366	nhrpfdnnepal115@gmail.com	Surveyed
342	Bishalnagar Library	Bagmati	Kathmandu	Bishalnagar	Sunil Karmacharya	9841013777 9841658086		Surveyed
343	Sitaram Public Library	Bagmati	Kathmandu	Taudaha, Kritipur	Madhan Prasad Nepali			Surveyed
344	Shree Ratna Library	Bagmati	Kathmandu	Baneshwar Mahadevsthan	Sashi Bikram Rana	9851112423		Surveyed

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345	Chapali Community Library	Bagmati	Kathmandu	Budamilkantha -2	Gokul Kharel			Surveyed
346	Gyan Jyoti Library	Bagmati	Kathmandu	Budamilkantha -2, Bandheli	Ram Krishna Bhandari			Surveyed
347	Hatemalo Community Library	Bagmati	Kavre	Bethanchowk VDC -2, Sabik Durkharkha	Binod Timalisina	9851129376	gunaRaj.moktan@gmail.com	Surveyed
348	Library Development Firm	Bagmati	Kathmandu	Kuleshowi, Kathmandu	Ramesh Kumar Bhusal	9851114753	librarysrm@gmail.com	
349	Nepal Social Development Library	Bagmati	Kathmandu	Kathmandu Metropolitan -14	Sandeep Sapkota	9808729488		
350	Bishal Milan Community Library and Resource Center	Bagmati	Kathmandu	Kathmandu Metropolitan Chandol -4	Hari Adhikari	9851060151	nutundhungana@yahoo.com	Surveyed
351	Congress Library	Bagmati	Kathmandu	Dhumbarahi	Rabindra Upreti	9868820078		
352	Nepal Language Library	Bagmati	Kathmandu	Kamaladi				
353	Nepal Maitri Study Group	Bagmati	Kathmandu	Taheti				
354	Nepal Education Council Library	Bagmati	Kathmandu	Ranipokhari				
355	Naikap Rural Library	Bagmati	Kathmandu	Naikap				
356	Pashupati Library	Bagmati	Kathmandu	Devpatan				
357	Pancha Library	Bagmati	Kathmandu	Ramshahpath				
358	Pragati Library	Bagmati	Kathmandu	Netapacho				
359	Pragati Library	Bagmati	Kathmandu	Jorpati				
360	Pradeep Library	Bagmati	Kathmandu	Ason				
361	Bajra Library	Bagmati	Kathmandu	Makhan				
362	Bagbhairab Library	Bagmati	Kathmandu	Kritipur				
363	Baal Library	Bagmati	Kathmandu	Balaju				
364	Balaju Library	Bagmati	Kathmandu	Balaju				
365	Biplavi Library	Bagmati	Kathmandu	Nhaikantala	Amit Joshi	9841206491 9851054531		Surveyed
366	Bishnu devi Library	Bagmati	Kathmandu	Dhapasi				
367	Birendra Library	Bagmati	Kathmandu	Chabahil	Rupesh KC	9841264402	rupesh.paradigm@gmail.com	
368	Buddha Library	Bagmati	Kathmandu	Boudha				

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369	Mangal Library	Bagmati	Kathmandu	Sinamangal				
370	Mitra Library	Bagmati	Kathmandu	Kathmandu Metropolitan -7				
371	Youth Study Hall and Library	Bagmati	Kathmandu	Kalimati				
372	Chakladabu Library	Bagmati	Kathmandu	Chhetrapati				
373	Yuwak Library	Bagmati	Kathmandu	Paknajol				
374	Lu nibha Library	Bagmati	Kathmandu	Jyatha -30				
375	Sandhya Library	Bagmati	Kathmandu	Devpatan -8				Surveyed
376	Saraswati Library	Bagmati	Kathmandu	Koteshowr				
377	Samajh Sewa Library	Bagmati	Kathmandu	Koteshowr				
378	Siddheshowr Library	Bagmati	Kathmandu	Baneshowr				
379	Sewa Library	Bagmati	Kathmandu	Tangal				
380	Surya Jyoti Library	Bagmati	Kathmandu	Paga				
381	Himachal Library	Bagmati	Kathmandu	Battu toll				
382	Gyan Prabhat Library	Bagmati	Kathmandu	Boudha				
383	Keshar Library	Bagmati	Kathmandu	Kesharmall	Dashrat Mishra	01-4411318		
384	Tankeshowr Safu Dhuku Library	Bagmati	Kathmandu	Tankeshowr				
385	Dhakre Library	Bagmati	Kathmandu	Battisputali				
386	Jana Netra Library	Bagmati	Kathmandu	Pharping -3	Sailesh Manandhar	9841347499		Surveyed
387	Nawa Tara Library	Bagmati	Kathmandu	Indrayani -1				
388	Sarvodaya Library	Bagmati	Kathmandu	Gagalphedi -2				
389	Parbat Library	Bagmati	Kathmandu	Gagalphedi -7				
390	Kageshowr Library	Bagmati	Kathmandu	Alapot Phuyal Gau	Basudev Phuyal	9841812858		
391	Islam Language Library	Bagmati	Kathmandu	Ghantaghar				
392	International Library	Bagmati	Kathmandu	Swoyambhu Chaitya				
393	Dilliraman Kalyani Regmi Library	Bagmati	Kathmandu	Lazimpat	Bhola Kumar Shrestha	01-4410022	bholaShrestha me@gmail.com	Surveyed
394	Mitra Library and Social Service Nepal	Bagmati	Kathmandu	Shantinagar				
395	Ugra Library	Bagmati	Kathmandu	Sankhu				

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396	Chhatra Pustak Niketan	Bagmati	Kathmandu	Ranipokhari				
397	Janata Library	Bagmati	Kathmandu	Nayabazar				
398	Jana Pragati Library	Bagmati	Kathmandu	Dhungeadda, Tinthana				
399	Janata Library	Bagmati	Kathmandu	Lainchowr -29				
400	Jagrit Library	Bagmati	Kathmandu	Pharping				
401	Deepak Library	Bagmati	Kathmandu	Chovar				
402	Nawa Jiwan Library	Bagmati	Kathmandu	Shelal				
403	Kritipur Public Library	Bagmati	Kathmandu	Kritipur				
404	Satidevi Social Library Center	Bagmati	Kathmandu	Sati Devi Bhanjyang Saukhel				
405	Rishidutt Library	Bagmati	Kathmandu	Jorpati	Shree Yogi	9851064966		
406	Central Law Library	Bagmati	Kathmandu	Jamal		01-4251351	info@cll.gov.np	
407	Sagarmatha Public Library	Bagmati	Kathmandu	Kuleshowr, Kathmandu	Ramesh Kumar Bhusal	9851114753		Surveyed
408	Bhanu Smriti Library	Bagmati	Kathmandu	Dakshinkali				
409	Janahit Library	Bagmati	Kathmandu	Kirtipur Mun.9 Nagau	Salik Ram Dangol	9851043724	salic194@gmail.com	Surveyed
410	Panga Community Library	Bagmati	Kathmandu	Kirtipur Dhokashi Panga		9869237557		Surveyed
411	Shree Jana Chetana Pustakalaya	Bagmati	Kathmandu	Tokha Mun. 2	Dipendra Dangol	9851058241		Surveyed
412	AWON Library	Bagmati	Kathmandu	Thapathali		01-4100540		
413	Kathmandu Valley Public Library	Bagmati	Kathmandu	Bhrikutimandap, Kathmandu	Gobindaraj Dahal	01-4229756	kvpl@live.com.np	Surveyed
414	Nepal Bharat Library	Bagmati	Kathmandu	Nepal Airlines Corporation		01-4243497	liv.kathmandu@...	
415	Bhim Arjun Ghale Library	Bagmati	Kathmandu	Anamnagar		01-4234373		
416	Madan Memorial Community Library	Bagmati	Kathmandu	Tinkune Ktm	Harka Bhattarai	9851061340 9849092502	hhbhattarai@gmail.com	
417	Bal Bikas Community	Bagmati	Kathmandu	Sanepa, Lalitpur	Indira Dali	9841437814	indirad2005@gmail.com	

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418	Shree Bhairab Smriti Pustakalaya	Bagmati	Kathmandu	Jorpati	Jagadish Chandra Aryal			Surveyed
419	Aasa Sphu Kutthi	Bagmati	Kathmandu	Raktkali				Surveyed
420	High on Hope Community Library	Bagmati	Kathmandu	Tokha				Surveyed
421	Shree Balkumari Mai Library	Bagmati	Kavre	Banepa -1	Juna Bista	9849292740		Surveyed
422	Jana Chetana Library	Bagmati	Kavre	Khopasi				
423	Jagriti Library	Bagmati	Kavre	Dhulikhel				
424	Gram Bikas Library	Bagmati	Kavre	Chautara	Krishna Rai	9849470440		Surveyed
425	Prakash Library	Bagmati	Kavre	Shreekhandapur	Ashok Shrestha	9841692901	shreshtha.ashok@yahoo.com	Surveyed
426	Pragati Library	Bagmati	Kavre	Jorpati				
427	Bhanu Library	Bagmati	Kavre	Bihabar		9851166727		
428	Mahendra Library	Bagmati	Kavre	Falautey				
429	Yuwa maitri Library	Bagmati	Kavre	Dhulikhel		9841103551	ramyogal@gmail.com	
430	Samudayik Sikai Kendra	Bagmati	Kavre	Banepa		9851012153	aswinchaulagain@yahoo.com	
431	Gyan Bikash Library	Bagmati	Kavre	Panauti Municipality -7 Panauti	Om Karmacharya	9851209466	gyanbikaschrc@gmail.com	
432	Purna Jagaran Library	Bagmati	Kavre	Panauti				
433	Mahasidhi Community Library	Bagmati	Kavre	Mahabharat RM-4	Nawaraj Lama	9851070397		Surveyed
434	Shikarpur Community Library	Bagmati	Kavre	Roshi RM-11	Guna Raj Moktan	9851123708	gunaraj.moktan@gmail.com	
435	Sambridhi Library	Province 1	Khotang	Rajapani -4, Khotang	Chain Kumar Rai	9841236624		
436	Saujanya Library	Province 1	Khotang	Diktel, Khotang	Utsab Sainju	9842877440 9862851542	utsavsainju@gmail.com	
437	Deepjyoti Library	Province 1	Khotang	Halesi Tuwachung -11	Maresh Regmi	9825791587		
438	Learning Library	Province 1	Khotang	Shree Ma Bi Bashbote Khotang	Gyanendra Kumar Regmi	9741117732		
439	Tarun Library	Province 1	Khotang	Kharpa, Khotang				
440	Saujanya Library	Province 1	Khotang	Diktel, Khotang				

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441	Janasewa Community Library and Resource Center	Province 1	Khotang	Diktel Rupakot Majhuwa Gadhhi MC., 12 Jalpa	Tanka Rai	9851000553		Surveyed
442	Janasewa Public Library	Province 1	Khotang	Jalpa -3, Khotang	Arjun Rai	9849097055		
443	United Women Learning Center	Province 1	Khotang		Durga Jayanti Rai	9851285152		
444	Janauthan Library	Madhesh	Khotang			9862851542		
445	Godawari Community Library and Resource Center	Bagmati	Lalitpur	Godawari Municipality -4, Badikhel	Basistha Kr. Adhikari (Chairperson)	9851215898	ba.godawari1975@gmail.com	Surveyed
446	Samudaik Baal Bikash Community Library	Bagmati	Lalitpur	Sanepa, Lalitpur	Indira Dali	9841437814	indirad2005@gmial.com	Surveyed
447	Development Resource and Learning Center	Bagmati	Lalitpur	Lubhu, Lalitpur	Devi Shrestha	9841769710	didibahini01@gmail.com	
448	Amrit Library	Bagmati	Lalitpur	Bukumbahal				
449	Farmer's Library	Bagmati	Lalitpur	Guitoll				
450	Farmer's Library	Bagmati	Lalitpur	Ghupath -7				
451	Janamaitri Library	Bagmati	Lalitpur	Vinchey Bahal -6	Surendra Bajracharya	9841556418	gurjusurendra@gmail.com	
452	Dipendra Bikash Library	Bagmati	Lalitpur	Godamchour				
453	Nepal Library	Bagmati	Lalitpur	Immid toll				
454	Prabhat Library	Bagmati	Lalitpur	Sundhara				
455	Bajrabarahi Library	Bagmati	Lalitpur	Chapagaun				
456	Madan Puraskar Library	Bagmati	Lalitpur	Patan Durbar	Kanak Mani Dishkit	01-5553767		
457	Maha Boudha Library	Bagmati	Lalitpur	Okumbahal				
458	Mitra Library	Bagmati	Lalitpur	Qwallkhu				
459	Janata Library	Bagmati	Lalitpur	Mallochey toll				
460	Samudayik Library	Bagmati	Lalitpur	Lalitpur - 1				
461	Heradaya Library	Bagmati	Lalitpur					
462	Nepal National Library	Bagmati	Lalitpur	Harihara Bhawan				
463	Shramik Milan Library	Bagmati	Lalitpur	Philachey toll				

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464	Batawaran Library	Bagmati	Lalitpur	Jwalakhel				
465	Depawali Library	Bagmati	Lalitpur	Saat Dobato				
466	Saibu Community Library and Information Center	Bagmati	Lalitpur					
467	Soul Library	Bagmati	Lalitpur	Budghamati				
468	Kirat Rai Samudaik Pustakalaya	Bagmati	Lalitpur					Surveyed
469	Krisak Pustakalaya	Bagmati	Lalitpur	Dupat toll				Surveyed
470	Annapurna Library	Gandaki	Lamjung	Sami Bhanjyang				
471	Janakalyan Library	Gandaki	Lamjung	Tharu Ghat				
472	Laxmi Narayan Library and Resource Center	Gandaki	Lamjung	Besishshar-9	Narayan Bdr. Suyal	066-520011	laxminaryanlrc@gmail.com	Surveyed
473	Jana Chetana Library	Gandaki	Lamjung	Madiya Nepal Municipality - 4, Dhuipiple-	Raj Krishna Shrestha	9846030633		Surveyed
474	Siddhi Janak Library	Gandaki	Lamjung	Koirala Path				
475	Sakar Library	Gandaki	Lamjung	Sundar Bazar				
476	Yesobhramma Library	Gandaki	Lamjung	Besisahar Mun. 3	Bishwonath Ghimire	9856045461	rcbcprgrame@fmail.com	Surveyed
477	Votiodar Public Library	Gandaki	Lamjung		Basanta Raj Khanal	9846123647	basantaRajk@gmail.com	
478	Jay Govinda Shah Study Center	Madhesh	Mahottari	Gauri Bass -1	Bindeshowr Mahato			
479	Gramin Community Development Service and Library	Madhesh	Mahottari	Jaleshowr	Kameshowr Thakur	9844031392		
480	Ayodhya Library	Madhesh	Mahottari	Jaleshowr				
481	Koirala Kishor Library	Madhesh	Mahottari	Matteehaanee				
482	Kushal Kishor Library	Madhesh	Mahottari					
483	Jana Adarsha Library	Madhesh	Mahottari	Manara -1				
484	Janapreeya Library	Madhesh	Mahottari	Banuta -2				
485	Nawa Janata Library	Madhesh	Mahottari	Pegauna				

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486	Janata Library	Madhesh	Mahottari	Kamalpatti				
487	Janata Library	Madhesh	Mahottari	Brahmapur -5				
488	Janata Library	Madhesh	Mahottari	Badhnath				
489	Gyankumar Library	Madhesh	Mahottari	Balwa Bazar -3				
490	Bidhapati Janhit Library	Madhesh	Mahottari	Dakshin Bari toll -4				
491	The Rising Club and Library	Madhesh	Mahottari	Parikauli				
492	Nawa Jagaran Youth Club and Library	Madhesh	Mahottari	Brahmahapur -5				
493	Nawa yuvak Library	Madhesh	Mahottari	Parsa Raghunathpur				
494	Bardibas Community Library	Madhesh	Mahottari	Bardibas Municipality 1, Bardibas	Shambhu Prasad Bhattarai- Chairperson, Madhav Poudel	9854020054 9803002899	madhavsami2071@gmail.com	Received after deadline
495	Narsingha Youth Club and Library	Madhesh	Mahottari					
496	Nawa Jagaran Youth Club and Library	Madhesh	Mahottari	Gonarpura -4				
497	Mahendra Library	Madhesh	Mahottari	Kamaladi				
498	Mahottari Club and Library	Madhesh	Mahottari	Jaleshowr -2				
499	Rajeshowri Club and Library	Madhesh	Mahottari	Jaleshowr				
500	Saraswati Youth Library	Madhesh	Mahottari	Brahmasthan -5				
501	Saryuga Rajmandir Library	Madhesh	Mahottari	Jaleshowr				
502	Yuwak Library	Madhesh	Mahottari	Gonpura -6				
503	Sankhar Adarsha Library	Madhesh	Mahottari	Matteehaanee				
504	Information and Record Center	Bagmati	Makwanpur	Hetauda				
505	Pushpa Lal Smriti Library	Bagmati	Makwanpur	Hetauda	D.B. Bartaula	9845290079	bartaulahan@gmail.com	
506	Nawa Jiwan Jyoti Library	Bagmati	Makwanpur	Hetauda -6				
507	Roshni Library	Bagmati	Makwanpur	Hetauda -4	Sangeet Shrestha	9855069218	sangeetShrestha 1984@gmail.com	Surveyed

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508	Bhim Library	Bagmati	Makwanpur	Bhimphedi				
509	Nepal Journey Public Library	Bagmati	Makwanpur	Hetauda		057-520796	bkbijaya108@gmail.com	
510	Nau Pashupati Samudayik Library	Bagmati	Makwanpur	Hetuada-16		9845071404	bishnupd.timalisina2gmail.com	Surveyed
511	Dovan Chaur Community Library	Bagmati	Makwanpur	Hetauda-18		98505238	narayantimalisana2016401@gmail.com	Surveyed
512	Naulo Community Library	Bagmati	Makwanpur	Thaha NP-1		9.86E+11	gopalirup@gmail.com	
513	Jyoti Library	Bagmati	Makwanpur	Bhimphedi GP-5	Surendra Bajracharya	9845438238	jyotielibrary@gmail.com	Surveyed
514	Manahari Community Library	Bagmati	Makwanpur	Manahari GP-7		984550451	syangtanindra7@gmail.com	Surveyed
515	Hattisaran Samudaik Pustakalaya	Bagmati	Makwanpur	Ghaman toll				Surveyed
516	Shree Bishnumaya Library	Province 1	Morang	Pokharia, Biratnagar - 1	Damodar Prasad Ghimire	9842555212	bishnumayapustakalaya@gmail.com	Surveyed
517	Amar Jyoti Library	Province 1	Morang	Indrapur, Morang				
518	Aadarsha Library	Province 1	Morang	Sijuwabazar, Morang		021-525985		
519	Atreli Library	Province 1	Morang	Biratnagar, Morang				
520	Guras Library	Province 1	Morang	Biratnager-NP-4		9852024917	deepakchapgain@hotmail.com	
521	Devkota Library	Province 1	Morang	Biratnagar, Morang		9842027528	subodhniraula35@gmail.com	
522	Shree Sarada Community Library	Province 1	Morang	Sorhabhag, Morang	Shree Sarada Shah	9842042738		Surveyed
523	Shree National Library	Province 1	Morang	Kerabari, Morang	Maha Prasad Luitel	985255369		Surveyed
524	Punyasmriti Library	Province 1	Morang	Belbari, Morang				
525	Bandhu Library	Province 1	Morang	Biratnagar, Morang				
526	Rangeli Library	Province 1	Morang	Rangeli, Morang				
527	Trifala National Library	Province 1	Morang	Morang Sakha				
528	Hamro Pustak Ghar	Province 1	Morang	Rangeli, Morang				

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529	Tribeni Vachanalaya	Province 1	Morang	Biratnagar, Morang		9842026835		
530	Lekhnath Library	Province 1	Morang	Miklajung Rural Municipality ward 7	Gobinda Basnet	021-400069	lekhnathclrc@gmail.com	Surveyed
531	Munal Entertainment and Gopinath Library	Province 1	Morang	Biratnagar, Morang				
532	Danfe Entertainment and Library	Province 1	Morang	Biratnagar, Morang				
533	Madhumara Children Library	Province 1	Morang	Biratnagar, Morang				
534	Nawajivan Library	Province 1	Morang	Kadamdaha, Morang				
535	Bhanu Public Library	Province 1	Morang	Sundarpur, Morang				
536	Shree Ganesh Library	Province 1	Morang	Biratnagar, Morang				
537	Aadarsha Library	Province 1	Morang	Pathari, Morang				
538	Chetana Club and Library	Province 1	Morang	Biratnagar, Morang				
539	Sahid Ram Thapa Library	Province 1	Morang	Biratnagar, Morang				
540	Janakalyan Library	Province 1	Morang	Biratnagar, Morang				
541	Shree Kali Janajoyti Library	Province 1	Morang	Tankhua, Morang				
542	Yug Library	Province 1	Morang	Biratnagar, Morang				
543	Sajha Library	Province 1	Morang	Aapgachi, Biratnagar, Morang				
544	Birat Religious Museum and Library	Province 1	Morang					
545	Jatuwa Club and Library	Province 1	Morang					
546	Sagarmatha Library	Province 1	Morang					
547	Shiromani Library	Province 1	Morang					
548	B.P Smriti Library	Province 1	Morang	Shizuwa, Morang				
549	Baal library	Province 1	Morang	Harichowk, Madhumara				
550	Birat Rajbanshi Sanskritik Pustakalaya	Province 1	Morang	Biratnagar		9815318694		Surveyed

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551	Bhanu Sajha Library	Province 1	Morang	Sunder Haricha	Bishal Guragain	9842059018	bhanusajhapustakalaya@gmail.com	
552	Nepal National News Room	Province 1	Morang					
553	Kohabhar Youth Awakening Library and Entertainment Hall	Province 1	Morang	Biratnagar, Morang				
554	Moti Library	Province 1	Morang	Biratnagar, Morang				
555	Mills Library	Province 1	Morang	Biratnagar-19, Morang				
556	Janajyoti Library	Province 1	Morang	Tankesinubari, Morang				
557	Ur labari Public Library	Province 1	Morang	Ur labari, Morang		9811324126		
558	Adarsha Library	Province 1	Morang	Pandit Meghnath Marga Biratnagar		021-525985		
559	Gurash E-Library	Province 1	Morang	Chandani Marga Biratnagar		9842086571		Surveyed
560	Islamic Library	Province 1	Morang	Tenjing Marga Biratnagar		021-521871		
561	Food Library	Province 1	Morang	Biratnagar		9810525305		
562	Letang Library	Province 1	Morang	Letang Bhogteni		9849152444	sudeshw21@gmail.com	
563	women Bachanalaya	Madhesh	Morang	BiratnagerNP-7		9852024596	ujjwal2034@gmail.com	
564	Gopinath Pustakalaya	Bagmati	Morang	Biratnagar NP-2	Sabita Adhikari	9842367338	hneupane2024@gmail.com	
565	Janahit Library	Gandaki	Mustang	Dharpenang -4, Jomsom		9841110238		
566	Marpha Community Library	Gandaki	Mustang	Dharpajhong VDC -2	Amar	9857650270 9846683985		
567	Lomanthang Community Library	Gandaki	Mustang	Lomanthang VDC -5	Indra Dhara Bista	9856027226		Surveyed
568	Dhup Sugandhi Library	Gandaki	Mustang	Raguv				
569	Janabadh Library	Gandaki	Mustang	Marpha				
570	Janahit Library	Gandaki	Mustang	Thimi				
571	Janahit Library	Gandaki	Mustang	Jomsom				

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572	Thak Community Library	Gandaki	Mustang	Thasang Rural Municipality ward 1, Tukuche	Bishnu Thakali -(Chairperson), Shristi Thakali	9847666996 9843376129 9847711622	thaklrc@gmail.com thanalibishnu23@gmail.com	Surveyed
573	Jana Mukti Library	Gandaki	Mustang	Thimi				
574	Marpha Community Library	Gandaki	Mustang	Marpha		9857650270		
575	Phuthang Community Library and Resource Center	Gandaki	Mustang	Gharapjhong Rural Municipality ward- 3, Jomsom	Sunita Senchuri	9867744622		Surveyed
576	Bhupi Smriti Library	Gandaki	Mustang	Thasang Rural Municipality, Kovang	Basanta Sherchan	9841190238	sherchanbasant@gmail.com	Received after deadline
577	Lomanthang Community Library and Information Center	Gandaki	Mustang	Lomanthang Rural Municipality 1	Dev Bahadur Gurung	9841892092	devlhoba@gmail.com	Surveyed
578	Annapurna Library	Gandaki	Myagdi	Takam				
579	Kalilo Library	Gandaki	Myagdi					
580	Myagdi Community Library	Gandaki	Myagdi	Beni Municipality -7, Beni	Santosh Rawal	9857640060	myagdiylibrary1@gmail.com librarymyagdi@gmail.com santosh67@gmail.com	Surveyed
581	Nangi Community Library and Resource Center	Gandaki	Myagdi	Annapurna Rural Municipality, ward 8	Tilmaya Garbuja - Librarian	9847738226	chinmayagarbujapun@gmail.com	Surveyed
582	Jahada Community Library and Resource Center	Lumbini	Nawalparasi	Bardhaghat -12, Bhataulaya	Suraj KC	9847081110	jahadaclrc@gmail.com	Surveyed
583	Parashi Library	Lumbini	Nawalparasi					
584	Pahali Library	Lumbini	Nawalparasi	Parashi				
585	Jana Chetana Library	Lumbini	Nawalparasi					
586	Jana Sewa Library	Lumbini	Nawalparasi	Muktichhetra Pragati Nagar				
587	Shahid Smriti Library	Lumbini	Nawalparasi	Sunaull				
588	Shivashakti Nawa Durga Community Library & Resource Center	Gandaki	Nawalpur	Kawasoti Municipality -17	Gun Bahadur Thanet	9847073347	shivashakticlrc@gmail.com	Surveyed

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589	Pragatinagar Community Library & Resource Center	Gandaki	Nawalpur	Devchuli Municipality -11 Dharapani chowk	Khimananda Bhusal	9847073266	pragatinagarclrc@gmail.com	Surveyed
590	Agyouli Community Library and Resource Center	Gandaki	Nawalpur	Kawaswoti Sahidnagar -16, Danda	Surya Prasad Pandey	078-418041	agyoliclrc@gmail.com	Surveyed
591	Fulbari Community Library and Resource Center	Gandaki	Nawalpur	Madhyabindu Municipality ward 3	Jugat Ram Thanet	9847089693	fulwari.clrc@gmail.com	Surveyed
592	Deurali Community Library and Resource Center	Gandaki	Nawalpur	Hupsekot RM-1, Beluwa toll	Chok Bahadur Patja	9857040173	deuraliclrc5@gmail.com	Surveyed
593	Jana Jagaran Community Library and Resource Center	Bagmati	Nuwakot	Belkotgadhi RM-2, Kumari	Ramchandra Timilsina	9802054001 9851054002	janajagarancrc@gmail.com jclrckumari@gmail.com	Surveyed
594	New Nepal Library	Bagmati	Nuwakot	Trishuli Bazar				
595	Sugadh Library	Bagmati	Nuwakot	Trishuli				
596	Shuvadra Library	Bagmati	Nuwakot	Kholey Gaun				
597	Chhetrapal Library	Bagmati	Nuwakot	Kakani				
598	Titey Pani Library	Bagmati	Nuwakot	Kakani				
599	Sachetana Library	Bagmati	Nuwakot					
600	Rumjatar Public Library	Province 1	Okhaldhunga	Rumjatar				
601	Himalayan Library	Province 1	Okhaldhunga	Rawadolu, Okhaldhunga				
602	Sagarmatha Library	Province 1	Okhaldhunga					
603	Ganeshnidhi Samudayik Sikai Kendra	Province 1	Okhaldhunga	Lepi		9851206041		Surveyed
604	Ujyalo Samudayik Adyahn Kendra	Province 1	Okhaldhunga			9843936350		Surveyed
605	Charkerabari Samudayik Sikai Kendra	Province 1	Okhaldhunga			9864026005		Surveyed
606	Kadelo Khaniya Kharka Community Library	Madhesh	Okhaldhunga				akatwalbir55@gmail.com	

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607	Himal Samudayik Pustakalaya	Bagmati	Okhaldhunga	Champadevi Rural Municipality -8	Ramji Dahal	9851155042	himalayadkd2012@gmail.com	
608	Okhaldhunga Samudayik Pustakalaya	Gandaki	Okhaldhunga					Surveyed
609	Shree Dhawal Library	Lumbini	Palpa	Tansen, Palpa	Yuvraj Poudel	9847029051	yubRajpandya1076@gmail.com ramjidadhal55@gmail.com	
610	Mahendra Library	Lumbini	Palpa					
611	Lalit Jana Chetana Library	Lumbini	Palpa	Aargali				Surveyed
612	Madan Ashrit Library	Lumbini	Palpa	Khaseuli -3, Harthok				
613	Ramba Library	Lumbini	Palpa	Tanahu, Palpa				
614	Youth Information Center	Lumbini	Palpa	Kaseni -7				
615	Dovan Pustakalaya	Lumbini	Palpa		Surya Paudel	9847372002	suryapaudel@984@gmail.com	
616	Khani dada Pustakalaya	Lumbini	Palpa		Rudra G.C.	9864453463	khumansinghgc@gmail.com	
617	Bhumishshala Pustakalaya	Lumbini	Palpa	Wada no 5	Jog Bahadur Aale	9861643519	aleparwati@gmail.com	
618	Pustakalaya	Lumbini	Palpa	Wada no 6		9847029610	masyamhss29@gmail.com	
619	Pustakalaya	Lumbini	Palpa	Mathagadhi G.P. -3	Rekha Kafle	9847102351	rekhakaphle123@gmail.com	
620	Pustakalaya	Lumbini	Palpa	Mathagadhi G.P. 7	Krishna Aale	9867035043	krishnaale573@gmail.com	
621	Bhimsen Tole Bikas Sanstha Pustakalaya	Lumbini	Palpa	Tanesn 6	Prakash	9847029691	gongalprakashnath@gmail.com	
622	Pustakalaya	Lumbini	Palpa	Rampur N.P. 1		9857060596	tanknathp@gmail.com	
623	Bidhya mandir Sarbajanik Pustakalaya	Lumbini	Palpa	Rampur N.P. 5	Nil Khantha Bhandari	9857060596	kfnepal2075@gmail.com	
624	Janachatana Pustakalaya	Lumbini	Palpa	Rampur 12		9851090647	cyber.palpa03@gmail.com	
625	Madan Asrit Smriti Pustakalaya	Lumbini	Palpa		Ubaraj	9847067562	yuvaraj.paudel2002@gmail.com	Surveyed
626	Prithivi Pustakalaya	Lumbini	Palpa	Tinau -4 Satyaati				Surveyed
627	Masyam Mab Pustakalaya	Lumbini	Palpa	Tinau				Surveyed
628	Kirat Library	Province 1	Panchthar	Thangnam				
629	Jana Library	Province 1	Panchthar	Phidim				

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630	Namuna Cooperative Library	Province 1	Panchthar	Phidim				
631	Jana Priye Library	Province 1	Panchthar	Ekasi				
632	Jana Priye Library	Province 1	Panchthar	Prangbung				
633	Phidim Library	Province 1	Panchthar	Phidim				
634	Birendra Library	Province 1	Panchthar	Siddhanagar				
635	Panchthar Community Library and Resource Center	Province 1	Panchthar	Phidim MC-1, Panchthar	Narendra Kerung, Mangal Bhega	9742602719 9862772744	panchtharclrc@gmail.com mglanjan@gmail.com	Surveyed
636	Saraswati Library	Province 1	Panchthar	Ravi				
637	Saatgau Library	Province 1	Panchthar	Singhadada				
638	Tribhuvan Memorial Library	Province 1	Panchthar	Mahilawot				
639	Birendra Library	Province 1	Panchthar					
640	Moti Community Library and Research Center	Gandaki	Parbat	Phalebas -8, Khanigau Parbat	Sonam Lama (Manager)	9841538635	motipustakalaya@gmail.com	Surveyed
641	Gupteshwor Multi-purpose Library	Gandaki	Parbat	Shiwalaya -6		9857630198	shanti43655@gmail.com	
642	Mallaz Library	Gandaki	Parbat	Majhphat		9857630258	bhaddaripaude1030@gmail.com	Surveyed
643	Gram Prakash Library	Gandaki	Parbat	Lakhpat		9857630258		
644	Janata Library	Gandaki	Parbat	Kushma				
645	Deysodhya Library	Gandaki	Parbat	Limithuloswor				
646	Birendra Library	Gandaki	Parbat					
647	Saraswati Library	Gandaki	Parbat					
648	Sudhasartha Library	Gandaki	Parbat	Lushu				
649	Surya Library	Gandaki	Parbat	Hattaranga				
650	Himalaya Library	Gandaki	Parbat	Aaru Chaur				
651	Bhanu Community Library and Resource Center	Madhesh	Parsa	Dhobini RM 4	Suresh Pd. Kurmi	9855077705		Surveyed
652	Pokhariya Community Library	Madhesh	Parsa	Pokhariya Municipality - 2, Pokhariya Bazar	Bharat Giri	9818879193	girib9417@gmail.com	Surveyed

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653	Alakh Pustak Bhanjyang	Madhesh	Parsa	Parsa				
654	Arunodaya Community Library	Madhesh	Parsa	Madhuwan, Parsa				
655	Aadarsha Community Library	Madhesh	Parsa	Bageshowri, Parsa				
656	Gurans Library	Madhesh	Parsa	Reshamkothi, Parsa				
657	Jana Jyoti Community Library	Madhesh	Parsa	Madhuwan, Parsa				
658	Juneli Library	Madhesh	Parsa	Parsa				
659	Darsan Library	Madhesh	Parsa	Reshamkothi, Parsa				
660	Devkota Study Hall	Madhesh	Parsa	Shreepur, Parsa				
661	Nepal Library	Madhesh	Parsa	Gahawatoll, Parsa				
662	Aadarsha Library	Madhesh	Parsa	Parsa				
663	Bhanu Library	Lumbini	Pyuthan	Bijayanagar - 3				
664	Luplung Community Library	Lumbini	Pyuthan	Naubahaini RM	Lal Bdir Bhandari	9841032170	lb@readnepal.org	Surveyed
665	Mahendra Library	Lumbini	Pyuthan	Khalanga				
666	Samudaik Sikai Kendra	Lumbini	Pyuthan					Surveyed
667	Sarshwati Samudayik Ekai Kendra	Lumbini	Pyuthan					Surveyed
668	Janjagaran Samudayik Sikai Kendra	Lumbini	Pyuthan					Surveyed
669	Bhimeshowr Community Learning and Information Center	Bagmati	Ramechhap	Chisapani - 5	Madan Prasad Ghimire	9844112879 9844214695	sclci2064@gmail.com	Surveyed
670	Janata Library	Bagmati	Ramechhap					
671	Birendra Library	Bagmati	Ramechhap	Tulasipahijbadhi				
672	Laxmi Library	Bagmati	Ramechhap	Thosebazar				
673	Sarada Library	Bagmati	Ramechhap	Thosebazar				
674	Himganga Library	Bagmati	Ramechhap	Sadhutar				
675	Gyan Jyoti Library	Bagmati	Ramechhap	Ramechaap - 1				
676	Madan Asrit Smarak Library	Bagmati	Ramechhap	Manthali - 3				

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677	Tama koshi Library	Bagmati	Ramechhap	Manthali Municipality -1	Gunja Bdr. Shrestha	9741047672	himal_dhungel@yahoo.com	Surveyed
678	Janajagriti Library	Bagmati	Ramechhap	Khimtibesi				
679	Community Information Center	Bagmati	Ramechhap	Chisapani				
680	Gramin Community Library	Bagmati	Ramechhap	Duragae -8				
681	Jana Jyoti Community Library	Bagmati	Ramechhap	Thosey -5				
682	Pragatishil Samudayik Adhhyan Kendra	Bagmati	Ramechhap	Manthali				Surveyed
683	Shree Stanapati Samudayik Adhhyan Kendra	Bagmati	Ramechhap					Surveyed
684	Mahesh Sanskrit Gurukul	Bagmati	Ramechhap		Phanindra Paudel	985050964		
685	Parmananda Sanskrit Gurukulam	Bagmati	Ramechhap		Dr. Balaram Kandel	9862783189	psgurululam@gmail.com	
686	Bed Bedang a Sanskrit Gurukulam	Bagmati	Ramechhap		Krishna Hari Ghimire	9845199221	vedveDang abidyalaya2023@gmail.com.np	
687	Sunindhau Pustakalaya	Bagmati	Ramechhap	Manthali2	Damodar Subedi	9844044502	bidamodarsubedi@gmail.com	
688	Nil Khantheshwor Pustak	Bagmati	Ramechhap	Manthali 3		9844052267	bimalaShrestha 728@gmailc.om	
689	Ramechhap Godpani Chandeshwori Pustakalaya	Bagmati	Ramechhap			9849157523	chandeshworigothpani@gmail.com;	
690	Gayan Bhandar Sarbajanik Pustakalaya	Bagmati	Ramechhap	Umakunda -2 Bamti Bhandar				Surveyed
691	Gosaikunda Library	Bagmati	Rasuwa	Dhunchey				
692	Rasuwa Community Library	Bagmati	Rasuwa		Satya Bhawana Devkota	9808864321	rasuwacommunitylibrary@gmail.com	
693	Samudayik Library	Madhesh	Rautahat	Gadimai, Samanpur	Nabindra Raya Yadav	9845572024		
694	Jana Gagriti Pustakalaya	Madhesh	Rautahat	Chapur -4	Suman Ghimire	9851185632	keshav.su99@gmail.com	Surveyed

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695	Nijananda Samudaik Pustakalaya	Madhesh	Rautahat	Chapur -4	Niranajan	9865079395	srijanbhai2048@gmail.com	Surveyed
696	Samudayik Wada Pustakalaya	Lumbini	Rolpa				wardnosevenruntigadhi@gmail.com	Surveyed
697	Jajjala Public Library	Lumbini	Rolpa		Om KC	9847864203	omkc584@gmail.com	Surveyed
698	Milan Library	Lumbini	Rolpa	Lewang -6				
699	Grahmin Women's Library	Lumbini	Rolpa	Lewang -6				
700	Baal Library	Lumbini	Rolpa	Lewang -6				
701	Shree Jajjala Samudayik Pustakalaya	Lumbini	Rolpa	Thawang				Surveyed
702	Sungava Community Learning Center	Lumbini	Rukum		Hom Lal Sharma	9868945698		
703	Ruknadi Library	Lumbini	Rukum		Toop Bahadur Oli	9841296625 9851159632		
704	Ruknadi Community Library	Lumbini	Rukum Purba	Sisne -6 Chipridaha		9851159632	radiorukumini@gmail.com	Surveyed
705	Janata Library	Lumbini	Rukum	Musikot Rukum Purwa				
706	Jana Bikash Library	Lumbini	Rukum Paschim	Musikot Rukum Purwa				Surveyed
707	Janata Library	Karnali	Rukum	Rukum Paschim				
708	Sahid Smriti Library	Lumbini	Rupandehi	Siddhinagar	Banmali Nirakar	9847039867		Surveyed
709	Nawajagrit Library	Lumbini	Rupandehi	Butwal	Dr. Pr. Hridayalal Gyawali	9867335850		Surveyed
710	Bashu Smriti Library	Lumbini	Rupandehi	Banbatika	Parsu Ram Aryal	9867196740		
711	Siddhartha Gyan Mandir Library	Lumbini	Rupandehi	Siddhartha Municipality	Ramlal Bhusal	9847020394		
712	Ganeshman Singh Memorial Library	Lumbini	Rupandehi	Saina Maina -4				
713	Gyanjyoti Library	Lumbini	Rupandehi	Butwal -8, Sukkhanagar				
714	Janata Library	Lumbini	Rupandehi					

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715	Nawa Jagriti Library	Lumbini	Rupandehi	Khasaule, Butwal		9867335850	nawojagritilibrary@gmail.com	Surveyed
716	Baal Library	Lumbini	Rupandehi	Siddharthanagar				
717	Mahabir Library	Lumbini	Rupandehi	Butwal -2				
718	Gyan Jyoti Library	Lumbini	Rupandehi	Butwal -10				
719	Nandan Library	Lumbini	Rupandehi	Butwal -10				
720	Siddhartha Gyan Mandir Library	Lumbini	Rupandehi	Bhairahawa				
721	Community Relation Center	Lumbini	Rupandehi	Bhairahawa				
722	Sahid Smriti Library	Lumbini	Rupandehi					
723	Lumbini Tinau Community Library and Research Center	Lumbini	Rupandehi	Sainamaina Municipality -10, Basgadi	Yuva Raj Kafle	071-440389,	ltlrc@gmail.com	Surveyed
724	Janakalyan Library	Karnali	Salyan					
725	Samudayik Sikai Kendra	Karnali	Salyan	Kalimati				
726	Shree Janjoti Samudayik Sikai Siksha Kendra	Karnali	Salyan	Tribeni				Surveyed
727	Jana Chetana Community Learning Center	Province 1	Sankhuwasabha		Dambaru Niraula			
728	Yafu Community Library and Resource Center	Province 1	Sankhuwasabha	Yafu, Sankhuwasabha	Baghbir Rai			Surveyed
729	Janakalyan Community Library	Province 1	Sankhuwasabha	Khadbari, Sankhuwasabha	Tara Bahadur Buddhathoki			
730	Aadarsha Library	Province 1	Sankhuwasabha	Madhi, Sankhuwasabha				
731	Dhanbiso Library	Province 1	Sankhuwasabha	Chitlang, Sankhuwasabha				
732	Saraswati Library	Province 1	Sankhuwasabha	Chainpur, Sankhuwasabha	Govinda Man Tamang	9842086791	govinda@gmail.com	Surveyed
733	Basantapur Library	Province 1	Sankhuwasabha	Tamaphok Sankhuwasabha				
734	Kharang Samudayik Sikai Kendra	Province 1	Sankhuwasabha				kharangsamudayuk@gmail.com	

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735	Sankhuwasabha Library	Province 1	Sankhuwasabha	Khadbari NP 9	Kuber Prasad Bhetwal	9842048019	kuberbhetwal@gmail.com	
736	Wana Community Library	Province 1	Sankhuwasabha	Panchkhapan NP6	Govinda Bdr. Shreshtha	9842107985	govindas917@gmail.com	Surveyed
737	Makalu Pustakalaya	Province 1	Sankhuwasabha		Jogbir	9852058232	sinhesworimavi65@gmail.com	
738	Dharma devi Sarbajanik Pustakalaya	Province 1	Sankhuwasabha	Dharmadevi Municipality	Santosh Karki	9851324592	santoshKarki 548@gmail.com	Surveyed
739	Manaram Pustakalaya	Province 1	Sankhuwasabha	Dharmadevi				Surveyed
740	Jana sewa Sarbajanik Pustakalaya	Province 1	Sankhuwasabha	Khadbari Municipality 1	Tara	98421142399	tbbudhathoki1122@gmail.com	
741	Khadbari Sarbajanik Pustakalaya	Province 1	Sankhuwasabha	Khadbari				Surveyed
742	Jagu Nepal Library	Madhesh	Saptari	Mahadev VDC	Brihaspati Ram	9842956480	jaganepalputokay2074@gmail.com	Surveyed
743	Prayash Library	Madhesh	Saptari	Saptakoshi -1, Phetpur	Ramesh Kumar Karki	9852844110	karki bagaicha@gmail.com	Surveyed
744	Everest Library	Madhesh	Saptari	Hanuman Nagar				
745	Jagdamba Library	Madhesh	Saptari	Tilakhi -7				
746	Janakalyan Library	Madhesh	Saptari	Sakarapur -5				
747	Janata Chaso Library	Madhesh	Saptari	Banarjhula -5				
748	Tarini Library	Madhesh	Saptari	Basaan				
749	Devsaran Library	Madhesh	Saptari	Bodhbasain				
750	Baalbodh Library	Madhesh	Saptari	Sarakpur				
751	Baal Samajh Library	Madhesh	Saptari	Basaien				
752	Budhanath Mass Literature Library	Madhesh	Saptari	Mahenkadari				
753	Bidhyarthi Library	Madhesh	Saptari	Diman				
754	Mahendra Library	Madhesh	Saptari	Laxmipur				
755	Raja devi Library	Madhesh	Saptari	Nanura Padaria				
756	Rani Library	Madhesh	Saptari	Rajbiraj				
757	Radhakrishna Library	Madhesh	Saptari	Banaema				
758	National Library	Madhesh	Saptari					
759	Loknath Aadarsh Library	Madhesh	Saptari	Rajbiraj -1				
760	Sarvaha Barga Library	Madhesh	Saptari	Badhwa				

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761	Sahid Library	Madhesh	Saptari	Rajbiraj				
762	Child Education Library	Madhesh	Saptari	Dhangadhi -4				
763	Chaturbhujeshwar Community Library and Resource Center	Madhesh	Sarlahi	Hariwanwada -10	Yamini Kumar Deep, Sostima Adhikari - (SM)	9844048578 9844091551	chaturbhujeshwarlrc@gmail.com	Surveyed
764	Kamala Community Library and Resource Center	Bagmati	Sindhuli	Kamalamai Muc-1	Raj Kumar Karki, Upendra Kr. Pokhrel, Barun Thapa	9844019500 9854041500 9844045392	kamalaclrc@gmail.com	Surveyed
765	Kuleshwar Library	Bagmati	Sindhuli	Sindhili Mai				
766	Janak Library	Bagmati	Sindhuli					
767	Nepal Maitri Library	Bagmati	Sindhuli	Dhungebas				
768	Pragatishil Library	Bagmati	Sindhuli	Ratamatey				
769	Sahid Smarak Library	Bagmati	Sindhuli					
770	Thokarpa Community Resource and Library	Bagmati	Sindupalchowk	Sunkoshi RM-2	Netra Bahadur Karki	9841660928 9869079755	karki santosh160@gmail.com	Surveyed
771	Indrawati Community Library and Resource Center	Bagmati	Sindupalchowk	Indrawati VDC -10, Odahare	Rajendra Acharya	9871174567		Surveyed
772	Hamro Adhunik Library	Bagmati	Sindupalchowk	Sindukot Gaun				
773	Kamaladevi Library	Bagmati	Sindupalchowk	Aap Chaur				
774	Jana Jagriti Library	Bagmati	Sindupalchowk	Barabishe				
775	Birendra Jaleshwar Library	Bagmati	Sindupalchowk	Chautara				
776	Netra jyoti Library	Bagmati	Sindupalchowk	Badedgaun -4				
777	Giranchaur Community Library & Resource Center	Bagmati	Sindupalchowk	Melamchi Mun-12 Giranchaur	Gorkha Bdr. Tamang	9843939185	giranchaur.clrc@gmail.com	Surveyed
778	Gram Bikash Library	Bagmati	Sindupalchowk	Chautara				
779	Prahari shital Prasad Smarak Library	Madhesh	Siraha	Arnam		9842816199	havinya309@gmail.com	
780	Janata Library	Madhesh	Siraha					

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781	Siraha Library	Madhesh	Siraha		Om Prakash Shah	9852831760	arunkp1760@gmail.com	Surveyed
782	Chirag Library	Madhesh	Siraha	Badriya -1				
783	Jagdamba Library	Madhesh	Siraha	Bipara -7				
784	Jana Kalyan Library	Madhesh	Siraha	Karjanaha -4				
785	Janata Library	Madhesh	Siraha	Gauripur				
786	Janasewa Library	Madhesh	Siraha	Chandra Aayodhyapur -1				
787	Jana Chaso Library	Madhesh	Siraha	Chandrodaya -2				
788	Nawa Jagriti Library	Madhesh	Siraha					
789	Nawa Durga	Madhesh	Siraha	Badariya -8				
790	Nawa Yuwa Library	Madhesh	Siraha	Jihaul -7				
791	Prashant Library	Madhesh	Siraha	Itari Prasahi -2				
792	Brahmachari Library	Madhesh	Siraha					
793	Bhanubhakta Library	Madhesh	Siraha	Lahan				
794	Mahabir Library	Madhesh	Siraha	Sathibhain				
795	Muslim Library	Madhesh	Siraha	Belaha gau				
796	Yuwak Library	Madhesh	Siraha	Biddhyanagar				
797	Yuwak Library	Madhesh	Siraha	Deuripatti				
798	Rabi Library	Madhesh	Siraha	Kabilashi				
799	Ratnarajya Laxmi Library	Madhesh	Siraha	Padaria -2				
800	Saraswati Library	Madhesh	Siraha	Bachhabi				
801	Janata Library	Madhesh	Siraha	Mandar				
802	Sahid Library	Madhesh	Siraha	Hanuman Nagar -2				
803	Subudh Mulur Library	Madhesh	Siraha	Kushahalaxiniya -3				
804	Mahila Milan Kendra Library	Madhesh	Siraha	Devipur -2				
805	Pragati Aadarsh Youth Library	Madhesh	Siraha	Pidrabhawani -2				
806	Srijana Library	Madhesh	Siraha	Lahan Municipality Ward no 11, Padariya	Khadga Narayan Chaudhary, Lalita Chaudhary-SM	9852830607 9842840774	chylalita21@gmail.com	Surveyed

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807	Saraswati Library	Madhesh	Siraha	Barchaha -2				
808	Haluwai Community Library & Resource Center	Madhesh	Siraha	Siraha Municipality	Chandradev Karki	9852830212	cdkamati@gmail.com	
809	B.P Smriti Library and Physical Infrastructure Management Committee	Province 1	Solukhumbu	Dudhkunda Municipality 7, Solukhumbu	Ashwin Babu Thapa			
810	Sarada Library	Province 1	Solukhumbu					
811	Sagarmatha Community Library and Resource Center	Province 1	Solukhumbu	Khumbu Pasangalamu Rural Municipality Ward 5, Namche	Pasang Chiring Sherpa	033-540233	paloutdoor@hotmail.com	Surveyed
812	Junbesi community Library and Resource Center	Province 1	Solukhumbu	Solu Dudhkunda Municipality -2	Chungba Sherpa	9842897788	chungs_2006@yahoo.com	Surveyed
813	Young Star Community Library and Resource Center	Province 1	Solukhumbu	Solududhkunda Municipality ward -6	Buddhi Narayan Shrestha	038-520212	youngstarlrc@gmail.com shresthabn@gmail.com	Surveyed
814	Sunsari Library	Province 1	Sunsari	Inaruwa				
815	Aafno Library	Province 1	Sunsari	Ramnagar				
816	Koshi Library	Province 1	Sunsari	Chatara, Sunsari				
817	Janata Library	Province 1	Sunsari	Inaruwa	Ram Bahadur Pokhrel			
818	Janahit Informative Library	Province 1	Sunsari	Pakali				
819	Dantakali Learning Center	Province 1	Sunsari	Dharan				
820	Dantakali Library	Province 1	Sunsari	Bijaypur Sunsari				
821	Narayani Library	Province 1	Sunsari	Narayadchowk Sunsari				
822	Buddha Library	Province 1	Sunsari	Dharan, Sunsari				
823	Laxmi Library	Province 1	Sunsari	Dharan, Sunsari				
824	Saraswati Library	Province 1	Sunsari	Dharan, Sunsari				
825	Janata Library	Province 1	Sunsari	Dharan, Sunsari, Amarpath				

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826	Itahari Metropolitan Library	Province 1	Sunsari	Itahari, Sunsari				
827	L. Roy Library	Province 1	Sunsari	Munalpath, Dharan				
828	Late Bimal Smarak Library	Province 1	Sunsari	Putaliline, Itahari				
829	Sunaulo Library	Province 1	Sunsari	Dharan, Sub-Metropolitan-17, Sunsari	Yubraj Karki -Chairperson, Mohan Tamang-Social Mobiliser (SM)	9852062540 9866422512 9814359541	sunaulolibrary@gmail.com	Surveyed
830	Trifala National Library	Province 1	Sunsari	Sunsari Sakha				
831	Pragatishil Library	Province 1	Sunsari	Itahari				
832	Dharan Public Library	Province 1	Sunsari	Dharan, Sub-Metropolitan		9860323771 9852062540		
833	Bimal Memorial Library	Province 1	Sunsari	Dhankute Road Dharan				
834	Janajagarn Pustakalaya		Sunsari	Itahari				Surveyed
835	Baal Library	Karnali	Surkhet	Birendranagar -8, Iattaram				
836	Prerana Library	Karnali	Surkhet	Birendranagar-10, Khajura		9848208000	nminrajpant00@gmail.com	Surveyed
837	Sahid smriti Library	Karnali	Surkhet	Birendranagar	Yugnath Sharma	9857023292 0847099867		
838	Samjhana Library	Karnali	Surkhet	Kuniyati -4				
839	Himali Library	Karnali	Surkhet	Birendranagar				
840	Birendranagar Youth Library	Karnali	Surkhet	Chanautey, Birendranagar -8 Iftaram				
841	Community Library and Information Center	Karnali	Surkhet	Birendranagar -1				
842	Jyoti Library	Karnali	Surkhet					
843	Gyan Joyti Samudayik Sikai Kendra	Karnali	Surkhet	Barahtal GP 85		9858051250	dhimRaj@gmail.com	Surveyed

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844	Bheri Ganga Samudayik Sikai Kendra	Karnali	Surkhet	Bherigangap	Yagya Dhakal	9858051490	ypdnepal@gmail.com	
845	Janasewa Aamudayik Sikai Kendra	Karnali	Surkhet	Lekabasi				Surveyed
846	Kaligandaki Public Library	Gandaki	Syangja	Chapakot	Arjun Khanal	9851095865	khabarkanligandaki@gmail.com	
847	Sanjeevani Community Library	Gandaki	Syangja	Kaligandaki Municipality -3	Min Bahadur Thapa	9841618763	sanjeevanlibrary@gmail.com minthapa567@gmail.com	Surveyed
848	Kalika Library	Gandaki	Syangja	Balmata				
849	Jana Jagriti Library	Gandaki	Syangja					
850	Jana Jyoti Library	Gandaki	Syangja					
851	Janata Library	Gandaki	Syangja	Aadi, Kaharey	Laxmi Regmi	986029222	ranabir-janahit@gmail.com	
852	Parbat Library	Gandaki	Syangja	Bundir khola				
853	Bhawisa Nirman Library	Gandaki	Syangja					
854	Matribhumi Community Library	Gandaki	Syangja	Kaligandaki Rural Municipality Ward 4	Rajendra Pandey (Chairperson)	9851050525	matribhumiLibrary@gmail.com	Surveyed
855	Laxmi Library	Gandaki	Syangja	Rajkot				
856	Laxmi Smarak Community Library	Gandaki	Syangja	Putalibazar - 1	Anita Gautam	9856052797	laxmilibrarysyajja@gmail.com	Surveyed
857	Syangja Library	Gandaki	Syangja					
858	Sahid Library	Gandaki	Syangja	Kolma				
859	Trisahid Library	Gandaki	Syangja	Malepani -5				
860	Upallo Aadhikhola Sewa Samajh Public Library	Gandaki	Syangja	Chalaunewash				
861	Jagatra Devi Pustakalaya	Gandaki	Syangja	Galyang Municipality -2 Batuwu	Laknath Bhandari	9856055200	lekhanathbhandari17@gmail.com	Surveyed
862	Rangkhola Laxmi Smriti Pustakalaya	Gandaki	Syangja	Putalibazar -10, Rangkhola	Bishwo Prem Adhikari	9846070885		Surveyed
863	Bishwo Shanti Community Library	Gandaki	Syangja	Putalibazer-11 Jaisedada	Aananta Narayan Aryal	9856050166		Surveyed
864	Shramik Community Library	Gandaki	Syangja	Putalibazer - 14 Tholopadero	Raman Dhakal	9856039406	dhaklaraman2065@gmail.com	Surveyed
865	Devghat Public Library	Gandaki	Tanahu	Devghat, Tanahu	Shiva Raj Poudel	9845090052	devghatpustakalaya42@gmail.com	Surveyed

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866	Yakdev Ale Momoral Library	Gandaki	Tanahu	Byass Municipality -3	Ramchandra Sapkota	9856064055	chandrakalasanakhi8@gmail.com	
867	Padam Pustakalaya	Gandaki	Tanahu	Bandipur Rural Municipality -4 Badipurbazar	Bimala Shrestha	9808106049		Surveyed
868	Amar Yuwak Library	Gandaki	Tanahu					
869	Janata Library	Gandaki	Tanahu	Khaireni				
870	Janata Library	Gandaki	Tanahu	Bandipur				
871	Bysodaya Library	Gandaki	Tanahu					
872	Bhanu Library	Gandaki	Tanahu	Bhanu Rural Municipality -4 Chumdhiramgha	Ram Kumar Shrestha	9846055510	avjavees@gmail.com	
873	Mukunda Shen Library	Gandaki	Tanahu	Gaidakot				
874	Ratna Library	Gandaki	Tanahu	Jyamruk				
875	Saraswati Library	Gandaki	Tanahu	Purkot				
876	Devi Deurali Library	Gandaki	Tanahu					
877	Sindhu Library	Gandaki	Tanahu					
878	Khaireni Library	Gandaki	Tanahu	Khaireni				
879	Bhagya Devi Library	Gandaki	Tanahu					
880	Narayan Library	Gandaki	Tanahu	Jamune				
881	Maharshi Bedavyas Bedik	Gandaki	Tanahu	Byass				
882	Gyan Library	Gandaki	Tanahu	Dorphirdi				
883	Bandipur Library	Gandaki	Tanahu	Bandipur				
884	Sahid Krishna Library	Gandaki	Tanahu	Dorparadi			krjahar44@gmail.com	
885	Kalika Library	Gandaki	Tanahu	Kyami				
886	Jana Jagriti Library	Gandaki	Tanahu					
887	Sangya Library	Gandaki	Tanahu					
888	Sahid Dharma Library	Gandaki	Tanahu					
889	Chhabi Library	Gandaki	Tanahu					
890	Ekata Library	Gandaki	Tanahu					
891	Shree Bhadra Smarak Library	Gandaki	Tanahu	Basantapur -1				

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892	Samudaik Sikai Kendra and Pustakalaya	Gandaki	Tanahu	Jamune				Surveyed
893	Jana Pustakalaya		Tanahu	Bandipur				Surveyed
894	Deepjyoti Community Study Center	Province 1	Taplejung	Fungling Municipality ward no -7	Bharat Kumar Gurung	9842642		
895	Janakalyan Library	Province 1	Taplejung	Thumbedin				
896	Kanchenjunga Public Library	Province 1	Taplejung	Khewang	Baburam Shrestha	9842039694		Surveyed
897	Sangadin Library	Province 1	Taplejung	Khewang				
898	Gyanmarga Community Library	Province 1	Taplejung	Shrejangha RM-2	Shovit	9863180220		
999	Janata Community Library	Province 1	Taplejung	Phungling Municipality		9852660755	saradmiraula456@gmail.com	
900	Siddheshowr Samudayik Adhyan Kendra		Taplejung	Siddha Baba Rural Municipality -2		9824049390	khadkaRajan2021@gmail.com	
901	Sarada Library	Province 1	Taplejung	Fungling Municipality				
902	Asanlu Samudayik Adhyan Kendra	Province 1	Taplejung			9862658582		Surveyed
903	Pathibhara Community Library	Province 1	Taplejung			9842639804	pathivarayong@gmail.com	
904	Community Library and Resource Center	Province 1	Taplejung	Shre ganga Gaupalika-2				Surveyed
905	Shree Krishna Public Library	Province 1	Terhathum	Manglungbazar, Terhathum				
906	Janata Library	Province 1	Terhathum	Atharari, Terhathum				
907	Janapriye Library	Province 1	Terhathum	Mulpani, Terhathum				
908	Singhabahini Library	Province 1	Terhathum	Myanglung Municipality - ward 1	Mohan Subedi/Deekendra Tumbahangphe	9842030675 9851001909	mohansubedi698@gmail.com	Surveyed
909	Sarada Library	Province 1	Terhathum					
910	Shree Jungtha Library	Province 1	Terhathum					
911	Dhankuta Metro Library	Province 1	Terhathum					
912	Jalpa Devi Library	Province 1	Terhathum					

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913	Tinjure Samudayik Pustakalaya	Province 1	Terhathum	Myanglung Municipality				
914	Sangam Community Library	Province 1	Udayapur	Udaipur, Gai Ghat, Udayapur	Bharat Khadka	9842847570	sangampustakalaya@gmail.com bkhadkahr@gmail.com	Surveyed
915	Katari Community Library	Province 1	Udayapur	Katari Municipality -3	Kumar Rai	9842909672 9843223947		Surveyed
916	Adhyatmika Bagmati Library	Province 1	Udayapur	Pauradhi, Rautahat				
917	Ishwar Bhagat Library	Province 1	Udayapur	Rautahat				
918	Kalakunja Library	Province 1	Udayapur	Gaur, Rautahat				
919	Jayanodhya Library	Province 1	Udayapur	Gaur, Rautahat				
920	Durga Library	Province 1	Udayapur	Matsari, Rautahat				
921	Nepal Aadarsh Library	Province 1	Udayapur	Jayanagar, Rautahat				
922	Baal Kalyan Library	Province 1	Udayapur	Chandranigapur, Rautahat				
923	Sunrise Library	Province 1	Udayapur	Chandranigapur, Rautahat				
924	Shiva Chandra Library	Province 1	Udayapur	Rautahat				
925	Kinara Pustakalaya	Province 1	Udayapur	Matekhola		9851224618		
926	Baidik Adhyan Kendra	Karnali	Jajarkot	Bheri NP				Surveyed
927	Laxmi Narayan Community Libarary	Gandaki	Lamjung			984637015		Surveyed
928	Ujyalo Community Learning Center and Library	Province 1	Sunsari	Pahbhari	Dharan Upmahanagar Palika	9842181101 9842110181		Surveyed
	Total		928					227

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