

Youth Empowerment for Prosperous Simta

Background: Mr. Badal Oli, WSP and WSC Mobiliser for Simta RM of Surkhet district, Karnali Province is a young man of 22 years old, resident of Simta RM-6, Surkhet. He has been working for the development of his area since a long time through different organizations and now from the side of Civic Forum as a WSP and WSC mobiliser.

Innovation: At first, he was unknown about safe drinking water and water quality testing. However, he actively participated in 3 days WSP training organized by Civic Forum which was supported by UNICEF Nepal in co-ordination with Simta RM, in which he learnt about water quality testing procedure using MICS kit and system chlorination with FRC test. This also made him clear about the importance of water safety plan and different criteria of water safe community.

Outcomes: As a result, Mr. Badal Oli is now performing *E-coli* test on samples collected from different points on his own using MICS kit. His activities for triggering people for the purification of water before drinking and for the safe water community declaration in Simta RM made us really amazed during our follow up visit.

Conclusion: Our small 3 days training created one youth; Mr. Badal Oli, who is now well aware on safe drinking water. However, he is just one of the representatives among many such youths of Simta RM who have such positive mind set for the developmental activities but lacks adequate ideas and skills. If we can create such youths in every community and in every village, declaration of safe water Simta Rural Municipality is not so far away and ultimately the Nation as well.



Mr. Badal Oli performing FRC test at Pilka WSS after chlorination



Mr. Badal Oli performing water quality test using MICS kit with chairperson of Simalgaun WSUC Mr. Birkha Bahadur Mahatara



Mr. Badal Oli triggering people for waste water management using soak pit