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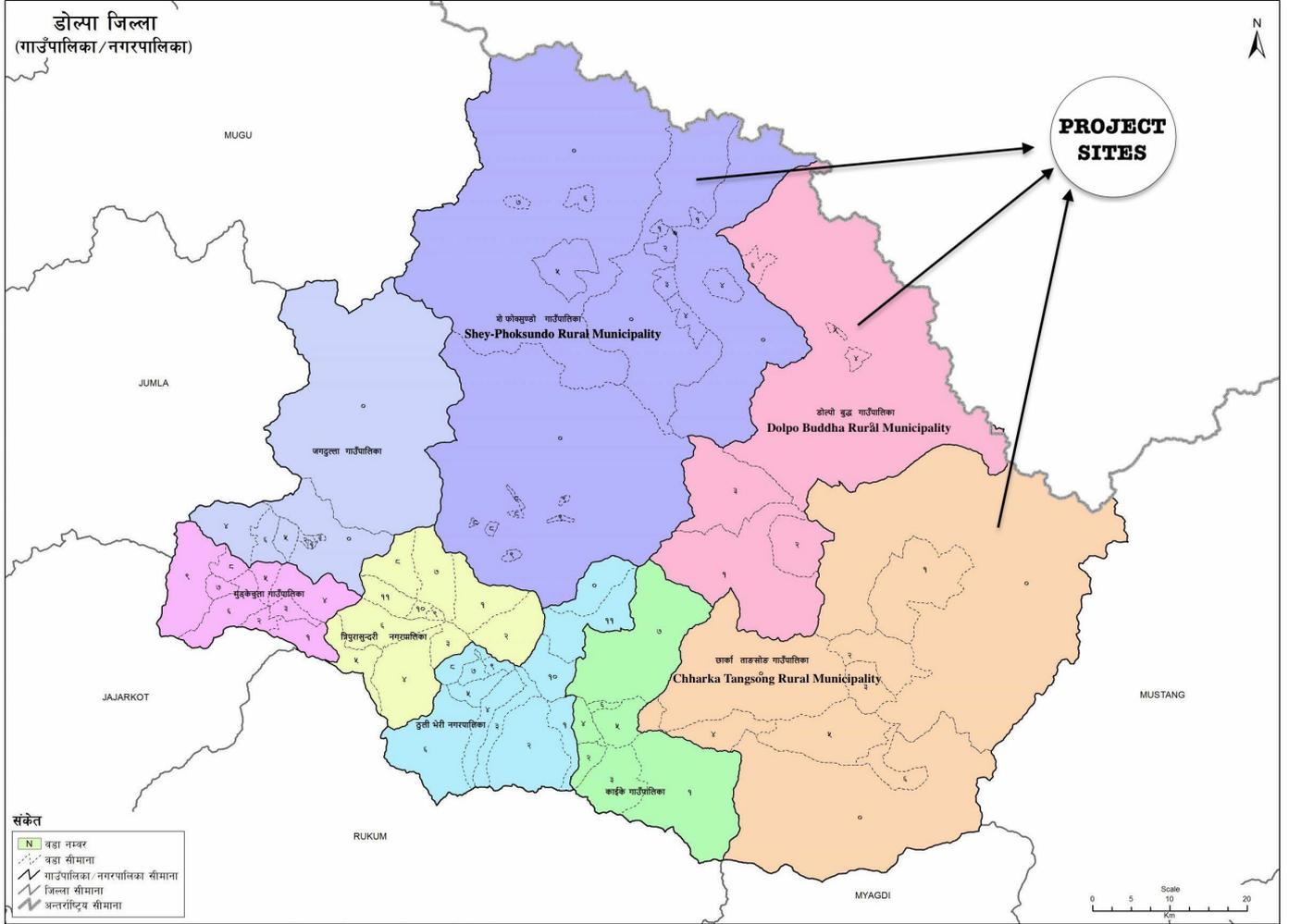
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PROJECT PROPOSAL

Food assistance to families affected by ongoing pandemic in Upper Dolpa, Nepal.

Project Background:

Nepal has been facing a second wave of coronavirus over the past few weeks, with the highest positivity rate of over 45% more than 7000 daily infections and 150 deaths every day. The health system is in dire situation facing shortages of oxygen, beds and capacity to accommodate the caseload. The country therefore is left with the most extreme measure of imposing stay home orders and announced a nationwide lockdown on April 29 to contain transmission. But what will this mean to all the people who survive on daily wages, or the communities that have to transport food from the border of another country? With the look of the current situation, the lockdown is most likely to last the entire summer like the year before.

The impact of COVID outside morbidity and mortality has been a whole bigger challenge to address and draw attention to in the past year and is still. Especially consequences like increase in unemployment, loss of income source leading to food insecurity, poverty particularly among marginalized groups. And in mountainous regions like Dolpo where there are limited crops and cultivation land without any income source of direct cash the lockdown has greater implications than the COVID itself. This gets even more complicated as these communities depend on once a year trade at the Tibet-China border to purchase food and supplies being closed.

Project Rationale:

The upper Dolpa area didn't witness any human casualties from COVID-19 so far but food security has been significantly impacted, particularly this year. The long months of lockdown in the year 2020 affected Dolpo as a whole, but mostly the vulnerable households. Primarily because the government imposed restrictions on harvesting Yartsagunbu (a special caterpillar herb), which is the only source of cash income for locals). And the Tibetan seasonal trade center at the border remained closed for two years now. Hence, the locals neither had the money to buy nor the place to purchase the basic food supplies like flour, butter, tea, oil, and other essential supplies. Moreover, the ongoing lockdown in the country will rapidly escalate the uncertainty in food supplies

amongst the locals of Dolpo since the locally grown crops won't meet the needs year-round. According to the Dolpo Buddha R. M official, locals recently received the provincial government's 100 kgs rice transportation grants. However, the families are yet to pay the rice cost, which is often unaffordable for the single women, elderly orphans, and disadvantaged families.

Likewise, in other municipalities like Shey-Phoksundo, the locals are yet to receive the 100kgs rice transportation grants through the provincial government, as it was delayed due to lockdown and difficulties in transportation.

So as an interim measure, to ease the food supply challenges of these most vulnerable groups of families in upper Dolpo in the midst of the uncertainty of the lockdown, the Dolpo Tulku Charitable Foundation, along with local ward representatives, Mr. Gyalpo Thapa Bhote and Pemma Wangchen are planning on coordinating food support. Acknowledging the local government's effort to support but with the country's complicated bureaucracy, it will not be anytime soon till the community gets any relief, so we strongly feel urges the governmental and non-governmental organizations, private individual and business, Charitable organizations, philanthropists, and all friends and well-wishers of Dolpo to support this project so that we can help these communities to sustain till the help arrive from the government and they can harvest their crop.

Proposed Emergency Response:

Program goal

To provide food supplies to address the most urgent needs and prevent the scarcity of food items.

Program Objective:

By the end of July 780 most vulnerable families will receive 30 kgs worth of food supplies intended to last for 1 to 2 months in collaboration with the local government

Target Populations:

780 population from three rural municipality; identified by the local leaders and key informants.

Criteria for the selection:

- The elderly, physically disabled, and other groups with special needs.
- Families that are identified as the poorest or most vulnerable groups with little or no resources to fall back on by local leaders, youth and key informants;
- Single-parent families (windowed or divorced)

Proposed food items:

Rice, flour, and oil but will accommodate depending on the need reported by the key informants.

Stakeholder and their responsibilities:

- Dolpo Tulku Charitable foundation: Will be responsible for procurement, transportation and evaluation of the program.
- Rural Municipalities: Identification of families who need assistance, distribution, reporting back about the distribution process, feedback and sustaining the program through government effort.
- Key informants: Need assessment and reporting (this is already done)
- Donors and different organizations will be urged for funding the program, like our partner HUMAN-Stiftung from Germany.

Procurement & transportation:

The procurement team will purchase the food supplies from Dunai, the headquarter of the district. Mules will then transport the supplies to all the three rural municipalities. It usually takes 3 to 5 days for the mules to get to all the villages in the three rural municipalities of upper Dolpo. We are expecting to transport all the food supplies by the end of July.

Project Budget:

Food is available to cover the needs of families for at least 1-2 months, depending upon the size of the family. This proposal is therefore calculated based on four members for two months.

Rural Municipality	Particular	Food Items	No. of Family	Quantity	Rate(NPR)	Amount(NPR)	Total
		(Rice / Flour)		(Kilogram/Family)	(Per Kilogram)	(No. of family * Qty * Rate)	
Shey Phoksundo R.M (A)	Food Items	Rice	363	30	80	871200	
	Transportation Cost(Dunai to Phoksundo)		363	30	45	490050	NPR1,361,250
Dolpo Buddha R.M (B)	Food Items	White Flour	197	30	76	449160	
	Transportation Cost(Dunai to Dho-Tarap)		197	30	60	354600	NPR803,760
Chharka Tangsong R.M (C)	Food items	Rice	220	30	80	528000	
	Transportation Cost(Dunai to Kakot)		220	30	45	297000	NPR825,000
Cost of Food Supplies with the halfway delivery charge (A +B +C)							NPR2,990,010
Add:	DTCF Administration cost @ 5 %						NPR149,501
Total Cost of the Food Support in Dolpo (Nepalese Rupees)							NPR3,139,511
						USD	27,300
						Euro	22,425

Note:

Exchange Rate: 1 USD = NRs. 115/- & 1 EURO = NRs. 140/-

The 5% Administrative cost includes the expenses that need to be made by the organization at the time of planning, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of the project. The administrative cost is calculated separately since it needs to incur individually besides the food supply and transportation cost. And details of each expenditure under the administration head will be stated in the report after the distribution. If there is a surplus fund, it will be used to support more families with food supply. Under the administration expenses, the following kinds of payments are included, along with some contingency expenses;

1. Packing materials of the food supply(waterproof rice and flour bags).
2. Allowance and food expenses of people helping in this coordination and implementation of the project.
3. Partial compensation in case of death or disability of the mule during the transportation of food-supply.
4. Administration expense of the DTCF in Kathmandu.