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# PROJECT ACTIVITY COMPLETION REPORT

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## Send a Girl to High School with a Bicycle Gift Project – II Phase

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### **1. Project Background:**

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Nepal has one of the highest rates of child marriage in South Asia, second only to Bangladesh. According to UNICEF (2023), around 40% of girls in Nepal are married before the age of 18, and approximately 7% are married before the age of 15. The prevalence of child and early marriage is even higher in Madhesh Province compared to other provinces of Nepal.

In 2016, the Government of Nepal for the first time endorsed and began implementing the *National Strategy to End Child Marriage*, which envisions eliminating child marriage nationwide by 2030.

Janaki Women Awareness Society (JWAS), a pioneering women-led organization based in Madhesh Province, Nepal, has a proven track record of more than three decades in implementing initiatives to empower women and girls. One of its notable interventions is the Bicycle Project, launched in 2016, aimed at ending child marriage by promoting education and empowering young girls in Nepal.

Studies have shown that long commute times are among the most significant factors contributing to school dropout rates among girls in Nepal [Click Here](#). Providing bicycles has been identified globally as one of the top 10 effective measures in the past decade for moving closer to ending child marriage [Click here](#). *Send a Girl to High School with a Bicycle Gift Project* – one of the regular initiatives of Janaki Women Awareness Society (JWAS) provides each high school girl with a bicycle, along with other educational support as needed. The project targets girls in Nepal who must walk at least 4 to 12 kilometers to reach the nearest high school.

A bicycle enables girls to travel more safely, attend school regularly, and save time and energy— contributing to improved academic performance and helping to bridge the educational gap between boys and girls. Regular attendance and sustained retention in school also reduce the likelihood of girls becoming victims of child, early, or forced marriage, including marriage proposals from family members—risks that are significantly higher if a girl drops out of school or remains idle at home.

In 2025, JWAS entered into a partnership with Vicente Ferrer Stiftung gGmbH – Germany and received its second grant to provide bicycles to high school girls in our project area. This document serves as the final programmatic completion report for the grant, outlining the activities specified in the project contract, and is being submitted to the funding partner, Vicente Ferrer Stiftung gGmbH – Germany.

## 2. Project Objective:

The overall aim of the project is to empower high school girls in rural Nepal—especially in Madhesh Province—by improving their access to secondary education through mobility support (bicycles), thereby reducing school dropouts and preventing child, early, and forced marriage (CEFM). The initiative supports the Government of Nepal’s National Strategy to End Child Marriage by 2030.

## 3. Specific Objectives and Outcomes:

Objective	Activities	Achievements
Increase Access to Education	Distribution of 81 bicycles to school-going girls facing long daily commutes	81 high school girls received bicycles; travel time to school reduced by an average of 60%
Improve Safety and Mobility	Bicycles with front baskets provided, ensuring safe travel to and from school	Girl’s report feeling safer and arriving earlier and less tired
Promote Gender Equality	Encouraged girls’ regular attendance and parental involvement through the distribution ceremony	Community awareness raised; parents of beneficiaries committed to supporting daughters’ education
Prevent Child Marriage	Directly targeted girls at risk of Child, Early and Forced Marriage by keeping them engaged and retained in school	All 81 girls committed to continue school; families pledged to delay marriage decisions
Support National Strategy	Implemented as per the objective of the National Strategy Direction (educational access for at-risk girls)	Aligned with national goals and SWC compliance procedures
Empowerment	Motivational remarks during the ceremony; visibility of girls’ needs and rights	Enhanced girls’ confidence and community recognition

## 4. Project Activities Overview

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### I. Project Registration and Approval at Relevant Government Agencies

JWAS prepared the necessary project documentation and registered the project with the Social Welfare Council (SWC) during the first grant phase, and this registration and approval remained valid for the second grant as well. SWC is the governing body of the Government of Nepal responsible for approving the operation of development projects in the country. The SWC granted approval for the project on 12 February 2025 for a one-year period, from February 2025 to January 2026. Prior to applying for SWC approval, JWAS obtained a project consent agreement letter from Ganeshman Charnath Municipality, the selected municipality for project implementation. JWAS Project Lead ensured SWC registration, approval and all compliance processes before moving to the distribution activity.

### II. Coordination and selection of School for bicycle distribution

JWAS coordinated with the municipal authority to identify and select a government-run school within the municipality. **Shree Janata Jayasawal Technical and Vocational Secondary School**, located in Godar, Ward No. 6 of Ganeshman Charnath Municipality, was selected for bicycle distribution under this lot. The selection was based on both the total number of enrolled students and the significant proportion of students commuting long distances to attend the school.

Once the school was identified, the JWAS Project Lead coordinated with the school administration for all preparatory activities, including the selection of girls for bicycle distribution, planning the distribution ceremony, and making logistical arrangements. A standard form developed by JWAS was provided to the school administration to collect information on the recipient girls. As the anticipated demand for bicycles was expected to be high, the school management committee was requested to recommend only 80 girls for this lot, prioritizing those most in need due to long commuting distances and the economic status of their families. The school management committee finalized the selection of 81 girls against our target of 80 and submitted the list to JWAS.

*The girls' selection form developed by JWAS (English translation), along with the completed forms received from the school for 81 girls, is attached in the annex.*

### III. Procurement of Bicycles

- Number of Bicycles procured:  $80+1=81$
- Specifications of Bicycles: Girl-friendly bicycles equipped with a front basket for carrying school bags
- Bicycle Color: Red, Blue, Black, etc.

### IV. Logistics, Event Management & Distribution

- **Distribution Date:** 17 November 2025, Monday, Time: 09:00-16:00 Hours.
- **Distribution Location:** School Premises of Shree Janta Jayasawal Technical & Vocational Secondary School, Godar, Ward No-6, Ganeshman Charnath Municipality, Dhanusha
- **Distribution Ceremony Event:** A formal bicycle gifting ceremony held in presence of Municipality Mayor, local leaders, school authorities, parents, recipient girls, JWAS Staff member and media. Approximately 300 plus participants remained in the distribution ceremony.
- **Total Number of Bicycle distributed:**  $80+1=81$
- **Facilitators:** JWAS staff coordinated logistics, orientation, and registration and signature of bicycle receipts.
- **Documentation:** Photos, beneficiary lists, and signed acknowledgments collected during the distribution ceremony for documentation and reporting purpose.

*Bicycle receipts sheet by the girls is attached in the annex.*

### V. Staff and Coordination

The Project Lead of this project and the Programme Manager of the organization, Mr. Bishnu Kumar Bhandari, oversaw the overall planning, documentation, and execution of activities, including stakeholders' coordination and ensuring statutory compliance with the SWC and local government authorities.

## 5. Budget and Financial Expenditure Summary

### Budget Verses Expenditure Summary:

(All figures are in NPR)						
Ref		a	b		c = a+b	d
ID	Particular (Source)	Till Prv	Grant Received		Total Approved Grant	Grant Balance
			For the Period	Total		
90	<b>Income</b>		<b>1,287,931.32</b>	<b>1,287,931.32</b>		<b>(1,287,931.32)</b>
9001	Send a Girl to High School with a Bicycle Gift (VSF)		1,287,931.32	1,287,931.32		(1,287,931.32)
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>1,287,931.32</b>	<b>1,287,931.32</b>		<b>(1,287,931.32)</b>
Ref		a	b		c = a+b	d
ID	Particular (Exp)	Till Prv	Expenditure		Total Approved Budget	Budget Balance
			For the Period	Total		
80	<b>Expenditure</b>		<b>1,287,096.70</b>	<b>1,287,096.70</b>	<b>1,293,175.00</b>	<b>(7,921.70)</b>
2	<b>Bicycle distribution (VSF)</b>		<b>1,287,096.70</b>	<b>1,287,096.70</b>	<b>1,293,175.00</b>	<b>(7,921.70)</b>
2.1	Bicycle cost including the		850,313.70	850,313.70	840,000.00	(10,313.70)
2.2	Bicycle transportation to the school & other logistic arrangement for distribution/gifting		70,000.00	70,000.00	70,000.00	
2.3	Bicycle loading cost at the Vendor's point and unloading cost at the distribution spot				14,000.00	
2.4	Human Resource Cost for organizing the events and documentation & Reporting		66,000.00	66,000.00	66,000.00	
2.5	Project Photography & Vediography cost		70,000.00	70,000.00	75,000.00	5,000.00
2.6	Volunteer Cost to manage the distribution activity on the bicycle distribution day		12,000.00	12,000.00	7,500.00	(4,500.00)
2.7	Vehicle Cost for JWAS Team members to visit the school for coordination and to participaaate on the distribution day		18,000.00	18,000.00	22,000.00	4,000.00
2.8	Project registration & project fund approval cost at Social Welfare Councili (SWC), a government body in Nepal					
2.9	Audit Cost		30,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00	
2.10	JWAS Operation & Management cost 15%		170,783.00	170,783.00	168,675.00	(2,108.00)
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>1,287,096.70</b>	<b>1,287,096.70</b>	<b>1,293,175.00</b>	<b>(7,921.70)</b>
<b>FUND BALANCE</b>			<b>834.62</b>			
<b>Fund Balance represented by :</b>						
ID	Particular	Balance				
60	<b>Payables</b>	<b>(30,000.00)</b>				
6002	Payable - Service Provider /	(30,000.00)				
70	<b>TDS and Tax Payable</b>	<b>(120.00)</b>				
7001	TDS (11131)_ Rental_10%					
7002	TDS (11123)_ Pvt.Ltd_1.5%					
7003	TDS (11111)_ SCT_1.5% &					
7004	TDS (11211)_ SST_1%	(120.00)				
7005	TDS (11112)_ Remuneration Income Tax					
30	<b>Bank and Cash</b>	<b>30,954.62</b>				
3004	Global IME Bank	30,954.62				
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>834.62</b>				

All costs were maintained as per the approved budget. Supporting invoices, receipts, and signed forms are archived and can be submitted upon request.

## **6. Documentation & Evidence**

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- Photos from the event and signed beneficiary receipts are available in both hard and soft copies
- A list of bicycle recipients (name, grade, school, address) has been compiled
- Financial documents (invoices, payment slips, financial reports) have been prepared and documented.

## **7. Challenges**

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One of our major challenges has been bridging the gap between the limited resources available for bicycles and the growing expectations from schools, particularly those with a high number of girls commuting long distances. With a constrained budget, we are only able to purchase a limited number of bicycles, making it difficult to meet the increasing demand and fulfill the requests from schools seeking additional support for girls who travel far to reach their nearest schools.

## **8. Expected Impact and Sustainability**

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- Girls now are expected to attend school regularly and reach on time
- Parents and community stakeholders have shown increased support for girls' education
- JWAS plans to continue the initiative with additional funding exploration
- to scale the impact

## **9. Next Steps**

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- Post-distribution monitoring visit scheduled in March- April 2026 to assess impact and gather feedback
- JWAS is exploring partnerships to replicate the model in neighboring municipalities
- Proposal in progress for additional bicycles for 2026 academic session.

## **10. Conclusion**

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The “Send a Girl to High School with a Bicycle Gift” project has effectively addressed mobility-related barriers to girls' education in the project area. It is closely aligned with national strategies and VFS's mission to advance gender justice and educational equity. We extend our sincere gratitude to VFS for their invaluable support and look forward to continued collaboration in expanding this initiative. By enabling more high school girls—particularly those commuting

long distances—to access bicycles, we not only ease their journey to education but also contribute to sustained school attendance, successful completion of high school, and the broader goal of ending child, early, and forced marriage in Nepal.

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***Annexes below:***

**Annex-1: Related Photos and Video:**

Please see the below link for related Photos and Videos of bicycle distribution ceremony:

I. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xf6cmX-leMk>

II. <https://drive.google.com/drive/u/0/folders/1fQylfmfbWXkRqb3hrmGhIa6V-vFLI0gC>