

PAF In Brief

As of 14 June 2008

Why PAF?

PAF was created to address the targeted programme which is one of the four pillars of Tenth Five Year Plan in Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper (PRSP). "Poverty Alleviation Fund Act 2063 was issued to guide the structure and activities of PAF.

Governing Board

Twelve members governing board is chaired by the Prime Minister. The Vice Chairperson and five members are appointed by the government from the professional. Other five members of the board are ex-officio - Secretary, National Planning Commission; Chairperson, Association of District Development Committee Nepal; Chairperson, Association of Village Development Committee Nepal; Chairperson, Nepal Women Commission; Chairperson, Nepal Dalit Commission.

Goal

The Goal of PAF is to help the poor find their way on a sustained path out of poverty.

Guiding Principles

- Antodaya: Prosperity of poor and disadvantaged at the lower end of economic ladder. The last is the first for PAF.
- Social Inclusion: Dalit, Janajati, Women and other disadvantage groups below poverty level.
- Transparency at all levels
- Demand Driven: Programmes are designed based on the needs and demand of the people.
- Direct payment to community organization (CO)

Heading		Number	Amount (NRs.)
Community Organisations	Registered with PAF	7,857	
	Agreement	7,258	3,334,394,621
PAF Investment in CO	Income Generating Activities	7,077	2,790,572,437.56
	Community Infrastructure	1,431	543,822,183.44
Partner Organisations		221	
Districts Covered	Total	45	
	Initial 6 Districts	6	
	Additional 19 Districts	19	
	Innovative Window Districts	10	
	NDM-World Bank	8	
VDC Covered	POs Working	808	
	COs Programme Activity	688	
			Percentage
CO Member HH	Total	223,167	
Poverty Ranking	Hardcore Poor (Ka)	151,510	67.9%
	Medium Poor (Kha)	53,589	24.0%
	Poor (Ga)	17,537	7.9%
	Marginal Non-Poor (Gha)	530	0.2%
Gender	Male	70,406	32%
	Female	152,761	68%
Ethnicity	Dalit	81,613	36%
	Janajati	64,102	29%
	Others	77,395	35%
Total Beneficiary HH		<u>266,236</u>	