Sano Paila's main objective is to provide opportunities to make improvements in economic, social, and health conditions in order to achieve poverty alleviation and enhance social justice.

Our unique community development model embodies youth activism and promotes diversity, inclusion, leadership, good citizenship, and positive thinking. Our programs are diverse and target to improving the lives of vulnerable communities and bring positive change.

Sano Paila has a 15-year proud history of bringing Nepali people forward, empowering them and developing their skills to solve their own problems, as well as solve challenges in their own communities.

Sano Paila is a development oriented, non-profit making, community-based organization that was established with help from the community in 2006. It has a track record of successfully managing a diverse range of programs that tackle a number of complex issues (issues often ignored by the government, private sector, and state security system). Each of the programs has local reach, breadth and ownership targeted to improve the lives of disadvantaged communities.

Our focus areas span from youth empowerment, drug rehabilitation, to health improvement and advocacy, peacebuilding, crime prevention and reformation, anti-trafficking and child protection, access to education, livelihood enhancement, and crisis response.

What distinguishes Sano Paila is the fact that, it inspires disenfranchised communities and works with them through education, youth volunteerism, and grassroots organizing to tackle complicated problems with local solutions that ensure a degree of sustainability built into the projects.

Sano Paila has developed a deep understanding of community mobilization challenges, and hence its interventions are tailored to the diverse communities and varied cultures in which it operates. Named for the idea that it often just takes "a little step" to serve one's community and induce positive change, Sano Paila envisions a community where development is spearheaded by the members of the community itself thus ensuring equitable participation and sustainability.
Through its work over the past 16 years, Sano Paila has tackled a number of complex issues (issues often ignored by the government and private sector), including; drug abuse and treatment, child trafficking, crime prevention and reformation, education and livelihood, and peace building within Communities in conflict including political parties.

**YOUTH DEVELOPMENT & EMPOWERMENT**
- 8 Districts Reached
- 980 Volunteers Trained & Mobilised
- 189 Trainings & Workshops
- 42 Youth Clubs as partners

**ACTION AGAINST ADDICTION & CRIME**
- 1 School of Recovery & Reformation
- 14 Districts Reached
- 88,947 People Reached
- 1,101 Volunteers Trained
- 2,217 People treated and rehabilitated from drug/alcohol use
- 354 Awareness Programs

**CHILD PROTECTION & RE-INTEGRATION**
- 15 Districts Reached
- 403 children rescued from exploitation and abuse
- 379 children reintegrated to families & communities
- 21 children at 2 ‘Sano Ghar’ Welfare facility
- 2,505 children informed about their basic rights

Sano Ghar provides long-term care, support, and education to at-risk and orphaned children through alternative family-based care providing the attention and care that they need to develop in their full potential. It provides holistic care: shelter, clothing, education, nutrition, health care, and emotional support to 21 children in Birgunj and Janakpurdham.
After the massive earthquake hit Nepal in 2015, we responded first to relief and support operation in Gorkha. And our work continues today to help people get back on their feet and transform their lives.

Since June, 2016, Sano Paila, in collaboration with Samaanta Foundation, and the community of Strandada, Gorkha launched "Jeevika - Empowerment & Livelihood" program, focusing on income generation (beekeeping) support and construction of zero-energy cold chamber to store high-valued niche agricultural products.

At Sano Paila, we undertake projects based on community-wide approach, enhancing and promoting the voices of the community, with a strong emphasis on youth.
"Kaasya", is a socially responsible business specializing in handcrafted jewelry that reflects the life, beauty and struggle of the Nepali people. Each piece is created by skilled jewellers who are deaf and mute, or survivors of human trafficking. The team is a sterling example of hard work, determination, and grit. The artists involved in the business have overcome many obstacles to get where they are. They have had more than their fair share of hardships and have found the courage to change their lives for the better. Through Kaasya, they are provided an opportunity to support themselves, shed some light on human trafficking, put real stories and faces to the issue. This was initiated by Sano Paila with the idea of using visual arts as a form of therapy to heal the wounds inflicted during human trafficking and abuse.

Bharpet Bhajanlaya is a social enterprise initiative of Sano Paila (A Little Step) that serves hygienic, quality, and nutritious meals at only Rs. 50/-.. The initiative targets mainly to benefit daily wagers and low-income workers such as migrant populations, and rickshaw-pullers. Till date, we have served more than 95 thousand meals.

The main objective of our initiative is to combat hunger and achieve food security in Nepal. Come and join our movement in combating hunger.

What distinguishes Sano Paila is the fact that, it inspires disenfranchised communities and works with them through education, youth volunteerism, and grassroots organizing to tackle complicated problems with home-grown local solutions that ensure a degree of sustainability built into the projects.
The following summary of financial information is derived from the audited consolidated statements of activities and financial position for Sano Paila and its affiliates for the Nepali fiscal year beginning 2063/64 and ending 2078/79.

**REVENUE**

Sano Paila’s consolidated operating revenues over the period were NPR 293.87 million (293,879,657.73) / USD $3.4 million (3,457,407.74 - average exchange rate mean @ 85). For FY 2078/79 the revenue was NPR 41,170,680.

**EXPENDITURE**

Sano Paila’s consolidated operating expenses over the period were NPR 291.41 million (291,411,514.83) / USD $3.4 million (3,428,370.76 - exchange rate mean @ 85).

Members of Sano Paila provide support, technical expertise, daily governance and management but do not receive any financial compensation for their work as 'members'.

Our grants do not fund the salaries or any other expenses for members and expatriate volunteers; rather, 100% of our grant funding goes towards the salaries of Nepali (local) paid staff, employment assistance program of our core projects, supplies, awareness campaigns and other office, advocacy, field and training costs.

Expenditures over the period covered a wide range of initiatives, ranging from youth empowerment, drug treatment and crime reformation, to child protection and health improvement and advocacy, peacebuilding, crime prevention and reformation, anti-trafficking and child protection, access to education, livelihood enhancement, and crisis response. Head and Regional offices, administration included items such as head and regional offices operation and salaries costs related to employees as shown in our audited financial statements.

Revenues of Sano Paila consist of compulsory and voluntary contributions from its members and contributions in the form of grants, gifts and other benefits including those from local, national and international donors (crowd funding) or donor agencies and also those from local, national or international government. The income and property of Sano Paila, whenever derived, is applied solely for the promotion of its objectives and mission or for the project and/or event awarded and no portion thereof is paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise howsoever by way of profit, to the members.

To encourage philanthropy and good citizenship, donations of individuals and business entities to Sano Paila is entitled to reasonably generous income tax benefits as provided by the laws of the Government of Nepal.

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Since 2006, Sano Paila has grown from 7 founders to over 50 employees, 1000 volunteers and 120 General Members. Our team has in-depth knowledge, established local connections and draws a long history of work on a variety of issues affecting young people and the community, including peacebuilding.
COVID-19 RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS

**Feeding Nepal Campaign**
- 1,18,527 hot meals served

**4-time Meal program for COVID-19 Patients**
- 797 COVID-19 Patients served

**Isolation Centers for COVID-19 Patients**
- 3 Community Isolation Centers in Birgunj & Sunauli with 150 beds each

**Border Rest Center for returnee migrants**
- 1,475 returnee migrants served with meals & basic care

**Ration Supplies for marginalized families**
- 2109 families provided with a month of ration supplies

**Hygiene kits for vulnerable groups**
- 2,529 people, including families provided with hygiene kits & masks

**Medical Equipment for hospitals**
- 9x Oxygen concentrators, 15x Ventilators, 305x Nebulizers, 1x full-body PPE to each COVID ward

**Re-design & Modification of OPD Service Unit**
- Re-design & modification of the OPD Service Unit at Narayani Hospital to provide safe OPD services during the pandemic.

**Integrated Help Desk for citizens**
- 4,268 families/citizens received medicines and other needs delivered

**Tele-Medicine COVID-19 HOTLINE**
- 1173 patients reached and advised by a group of doctors and health practitioners
Our Commitment & Partners

Committed to redefining the development sector, we take a bottom-up approach to inclusive and sustainable community development. Through its work over the past 12 years, Sano Paila has developed a deep understanding of community mobilization challenges, and hence its interventions are tailored to the diverse communities and varied cultures in which it operates. Sano Paila is deeply committed to gender equality and social inclusion. It has a strong ethos for inclusive and sustainable community development which is accessible to all groups within the community, especially the most marginalized. Sano Paila has been advocating on women, peace and security issues and gender awareness and inclusion are integral to all planned activities and central to our work. Our working modality is partnership & participation. We have a strong framework to work in partnership with local government, clubs, unions, and independent associations. We proactively involve government, private institutions, and volunteer organizations in planning, designing, implementing, and monitoring interventions. All projects have formed a joint monitoring committee involving local representatives and community residents.

Partners

Sano Paila's capacity for rapid implementation of programs is evidenced by the fact that during 2015 post-earthquake, it collaborated with a dozen organizations and reached out to around 15,000 families in 14 affected districts with immediate supplies & medical relief through its diverse network at the grassroots level. Likewise, during the civil unrest and six-month-long border blockade in Terai-Madhes, the funds for different projects were released late by lead agencies, leaving only two quarters for the full implementation of one year's activities.

Similarly, during the COVID-19 pandemic, Sano Paila played an important role by responding in a multi-pronged manner to best serve the needs of the most vulnerable by collaborating with government agencies and civil society organizations. Even at such a unprecedented times, Sano Paila managed to achieve tremendous success rate without compromising service quality and delivery standards.
I would like to thank Sano Paila for establishing Bharpet Bhojnalaya where I eat meal at a very low price. The money which I save from food, I spend them to provide better education and health of my children. I wish Sano Paila continues this initiative and help many others like me and my family.

- Setwa Chamar, Beneficiary

Sano Paila is a positive effort. It has achieved success by involving youth in social change. Sano Paila is a platform where youth realize their inner energy, develop their potential and dedicate themselves to community. May the journey of little steps continue. Best wishes!

-Chandra Kishore Jha, Senior Journalist

Firstly, I would like congratulate Sano Paila on its 16th founding anniversary. I would like to remember my days in Parsa district when I was Chief of the district police. Right after a few months, the COVID-19 pandemic started all over the world. To prevent the spread of the transmission, I started working with various civil society organizations of Birgunj. I would like to applaud the outstanding efforts of Sano Paila during the pandemic especially in serving free meals to needy and vulnerable, establishing quarantine and isolation centers for community and security personnel, serving essential medicines through help desk, helping hospitals with equipments and many other tremendous works during the crisis. The contribution of Sano Paila remains exceptional for the community. I wish for more progress and success in the coming days.

- Ganga Panta, SP Nepal Police

Many congratulations to Sano Paila for its 16th founding anniversary. They have saved my sons life, who once became addicted to drugs at a young age. Now, he is working and supporting our family.

- Geeta Kumari Chauhan, Beneficiary

Sano Paila is an inspirational organization for me. They have proved themselves during the Coronavirus pandemic. During such a challenging time, they stepped out immediately to fulfill the needs of the people who are in need. They provided free hot meals to the most vulnerable of the society and set a great example for humanity. Their other works during the crisis are also appreciable. I wish they continue to serve the needy people of society. Best wishes on the 16th founding anniversary!

-Kajal Singh, Director National Infotech College, Birgunj