



Press Release

DELIVERING SAFE DRINKING WATER TO 733 HOUSEHOLDS DUKUCHHAP WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM INAUGURATED AND HANDED OVER TO USERS' COMMITTEE

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The Dukuchhap Water Supply System was formally handed over to the Dukuchhap Water and Sanitation Users Committee (DWSUC) during a special ceremony held in Ward No. 8 of Godawari Municipality. The event marked a significant milestone in improving access to safe, reliable, and sustainable drinking water in one of the municipality's most water-scarce communities.

The project was jointly implemented by the Centre for Integrated Urban Development (CIUD), with technical and financial support from WaterAid Nepal (WAN) and The Coca-Cola Foundation (TCCF), in collaboration with Godawari Municipality and the Dukuchhap Water and Sanitation Users Committee. Through this initiative, safe drinking water services have been extended to 733 households, as well as the ward office, four schools, and two health care facilities. The project serves as a practical demonstration of the Government of Nepal's "One House, One Tap" vision and the CIUD/WAN commitment to achieving universal access to safe drinking water.

The water supply system was jointly inaugurated by Gajendra Maharjan, the Mayor of Godawari Municipality, Dr. Aditya Panda, Director and Senior Manager of Sustainability for India and South-west Asia at The Coca-Cola Company, Sudarshan Neupane, the Country Director of WaterAid Nepal, and Riya Joshi, the Executive Director of CIUD, through the opening of taps at the ward office and a community household.

A key highlight of the ceremony was the formal handover of the system to the Dukuchhap Water and Sanitation Users Committee (DWSUC). A handover certificate was jointly presented to Gyanendra KC, Chairperson of DWSUC.

The program also featured a presentation of the project's financial overview, highlighting the substantial contributions made by the local community through both cash and in-kind support.

In recognition of their efforts, tokens of appreciation and certificates were presented to project team members from CIUD and WaterAid Nepal, as well as to individuals who played important roles in the successful completion of the project. To support the long-term sustainability of the system, CIUD handed over key management documents, including the Asset Management Plan (AMP), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), and Business Development Plan (BDP), to the users committee. In addition, certificates of appreciation and sanitation kits were distributed to representatives of 15 households.

Speaking at the event, Dr. Aditya Panda of The Coca-Cola Foundation shared that the Foundation invests nearly USD 100 million annually in Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) initiatives worldwide. He noted that the Dukuchhap project was selected following scientific assessments, baseline studies, and evidence-based planning conducted in coordination with WaterAid Nepal. He expressed satisfaction with the successful implementation of the project and its positive impact on the community.



Similarly, Sudarshan Neupane, Country Director of WaterAid Nepal, described the initiative as a model WASH project and emphasised the importance of ensuring long-term sustainability and maintaining high-quality service delivery.

Rija Joshi, Executive Director of CIUD, highlighted the strong partnership among development partners, local government, and the community. She also acknowledged the dedication and hard work of the technical and field teams who contributed throughout the project lifecycle.

Sneha Rajbhandari, Head of Public Affairs, Communications and Sustainability at Bottlers Nepal, enunciated, "I drank water directly from the tap for the first time in Kathmandu. This is a huge success."

Bishnu Man Maharjan, Chairperson of Ward No. 6, and Suka Bahadur Lama, Chairperson of Ward No. 8, appreciated the collective efforts that helped address the area's long-standing water scarcity and waterborne disease challenges.

The mayor commended the collaborative approach and the project's tangible achievements. He underscored the importance of sustainable water resource management, source protection, and continued community engagement to ensure the long-term success and resilience of the water supply system.

The program concluded with remarks from Gyanendra KC, Chairperson of both the event and the DWSUC. Reflecting on the community's past struggles with water scarcity, he acknowledged the commitment and hard work of the residents who helped install household water connections. He reaffirmed the users committee's commitment to ensuring the effective operation, maintenance, and long-term sustainability of the water supply system for future generations.

The project titled **Driving Innovative Piped Water Supply for Access to Safely Managed Water for Communities affected by Water Crisis in South Asia** (Dukuchhap WASH Project), in technical and financial collaboration among the Godawari Municipality, WAN-CIUD, and Dukuchhap Water and Sanitation Users Committee, was implemented between January 2024 and December 2025)

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