

USAID Adolescent Reproductive Health (ARH) Project

USAID Adolescent Reproductive Health (ARH) is a five-year project supported by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID). Led by CARE Nepal and in partnership with Howard Delafield International (HDI), Jhpiego, Association of Youth Organizations Nepal (AYON), and Nepal CRS Company, USAID ARH is an initiative to empower girls and boys 10-19 years of age, including the most marginalized, to attain their adolescent reproductive health rights. The project ensures the full participation of adolescents in the design and implementation of all activities. The primary goal of USAID ARH is to support adolescents to reach their full potential and strengthen public systems and private entities to create an enabling environment for healthy ARH behaviors through its three objectives:

1. Provide accurate, relevant FP/RH information and behavior change support to adolescents; and educate their parents, teachers, and communities, addressing current social norms for adoption of healthy reproductive health behaviors.
2. Improve availability and accessibility of quality FP/RH services for adolescents by identifying and addressing key gaps in current services and in systems that determine effective access and utilization of adolescent-friendly services and products.
3. Institutionalize successful data-driven approaches and mechanisms addressing adolescent reproductive health through the public and private sectors by improving health system governance.

USAID ARH will contribute to a healthy, resilient, well-nourished population in Nepal. The activity covers 60 municipalities (15 rural, 45 urban) of which 41 municipalities (415 wards) are across 6 districts in Madhesh Province, 12 municipalities (94 wards) across 3 districts in Lumbini Province, and 7 municipalities (87 wards) across 2 districts from Karnali Province. Of the total 596 wards, the activity will work intensively with 360 wards across these 60 municipalities.

BEE-Group is implementing USAID ARH Project at 4 local levels in Banke district (Khajura RM, Janaki RM, Duduwa RM and Narainapur RM) in the partnership with CARE Nepal. Series of adolescent reproductive health related interventions are executing in four operating rural municipalities in close coordination with LLGs and concerned stakeholders.