

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! May this year bring you abundance of happiness and love!

Volunteers Initiative Nepal (VIN)

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## Basic Computer Training

### *Skill Development*

VIN has been conducting basic computer training for children and youth from marginalized communities in Okhaldhunga. Children and young people in Okhaldhunga do not have much exposure to information and technology. Due to inaccessibility and poverty, most of them cannot afford a computer. As a result, they are always lagging behind with regards to current development.

Henceforth, realizing this desperate need to address this issue, VIN has designed a basic course for interested individuals. We have a total of 68 participants from different age groups. The classes are organized on a daily basis from early morning till evening. The participants show a great deal of interest and motivation in learning how to use a computer and internet. For more information, [Click Here!](#)



## Bag Making Training

### *Entrepreneurship and Skill Development*

Under, Dalit Entrepreneurship Project, VIN has been conducting a 10-days long bag-making training for 14 women from marginalized communities. They are provided soft trainings to make different kind of bags for daily use, ranging from shopping bags, carry-on bags, party bags and many more.

This training will not only polish them with an added skill but also provide an opportunity to enhance their financial standing. It gives them a sense of self-worth and independence. We have observed that the participants are very keen on learning new designs and they have been giving their best.

Later on, the participants can take the initiative to produce bags and sell in their own communities. Or, they can even cover larger markets in big cities. They may also form groups and work together producing large number of bags. These products can then be sold in larger cities like Kathmandu, Pokhara, Biratnagar etc. The possibilities are infinite. For more information, [Click Here!](#)



## Beads-making training

### *Entrepreneurship and Skill Development*

Beads-making training is focused towards the skill development of marginalized women from Okhaldhunga, especially those from Dalit community. Women from this particular community have faced years of discrimination and are devoid of appropriate opportunities. Thus, VIN is rendering them an opportunity to develop their skills and start a small business within the comfort of their own homes.

During this 10-days training period, women learn to make beautiful beads necklace, finger-rings, bangles, ear-rings and more. They are provided with essential materials during this phase of learning and practicing

Participating women seem very enthusiastic to learn the new skill handicraft skill and convert it in a source of income generation. So far, we have 14 participants for the training. After the training, they can commercially make the articles and sell it to a nearby market or bring it to Kathmandu (the capital of Nepal) for larger market coverage. We have been motivating the women to diligently participate in the training so that they can be entrepreneurs of tomorrow.

We have been continuously inspiring and encouraging the participants to make the best of this opportunity. For more information, [Click Here!](#)





# COVID-19 Prevention Campaign

## Awareness Program

COVID-19 Awareness and Capacity Building Campaign was conducted in Siddhicharan Municipality, Okhaldhunga and Tarkeswore Municipality, Kathmandu from 23rd June to 18th August, 2020. A total of 64 campaigns were conducted, maximum of 3 campaigns in a day with 25-30 participants in each session. In total 1,911 households were benefited from the campaign.

The campaign was accomplished in four segments. Initially, the model of campaign was presented to key stakeholders. Secondly, community awareness was conducted with Women Groups. Third, we donated COVID-19 prevention materials to health centers, ward offices, security offices and participants. Finally, women group members were trained to make liquid hand wash for personal and commercial purpose. The session was thus conducted ensuring physical distancing and COVID-19 safety protocols. For more information, [Click Here!](#)



## Strategic Planning Workshop

### Skill Development

VIN facilitated 10 years strategic planning workshop for 2 wards in Okhaldhunga district. The 5-days long workshop focused on developing capacity of local stakeholders to formulate short and long term plan. There were 35 participants representing local governments, political parties, social workers, school principals, social leaders, youth, women, farmers, Dalit etc.

*'I found this workshop useful in making visionary plan. This has supported us in thinking a step ahead and organized our long term and short term plan. I would like to thank the organizer and facilitators for this wonderful workshop'* - Kedar Babu Basnet, ward president, Siddhicharan municipality, ward 1. For more information, [Click Here!](#)





## Metal Work Machinery Distribution

### *Entrepreneurship Development*

VIN distributed metal work machineries to Dalit metal worker's group in Thulachhap and Taluwa in Okhaldhunga. We provided welding machine, welding rod, electric blower, grinder, grinding wheel etc. to help them modernize their tools. For more information, [Click Here!](#)



## Bee-Keeping Workshop

### *Entrepreneurship Development*

Professional bee-keeping workshop was conducted for Dalit community of Siddhicharan Municipality ward 1 and 2 in Okhaldhunga, Everest Region of Nepal. The five days' workshop focused on rendering specific skill sets to the participants with the aim of making them a professional bee-keeper. The goal of the workshop was to promote entrepreneurship among the marginalized communities in Okhaldhunga. For more information, [Click Here!](#)

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**Finally, thank you for all your support and well wishes. With your love and kindness, VIN aims to achieve much more in years to come!**



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