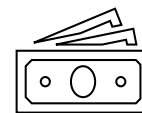


## SAMBRIDHI (Aquaculture Development in Nepal)

The USDA Food for Progress-funded SAMBRIDHI project implemented by Lutheran World Relief in collaboration with local organizations Forum for Rural Women Ardency Development (FORWARD), Community Family Welfare Association (CFWA), Jan Jagaran Youth Club (JJYC), Rural Region and Agroforestry Development Center (RRAFDC), and Multi-Dimensional Action for Development (MADE)-Nepal, will operate across five provinces, including Koshi, Madhesh, Bagmati, Gandaki and Lumbini. The project aims to increase agricultural productivity of fish farmers through improving producer access to improved inputs, services, financing, and end-market linkages; and to expand trade of aquaculture products locally including aquaculture inputs, services, live fingerlings, fish, and processed fish through improving access to finance, quality inputs, and end markets.

### Activities

- **Activity 1: Training: Sanitary and Phytosanitary Standards (SPS):** Strengthen SPS compliance by training extension staff, university faculty members, researchers, private-sector actors, and farmers; update curricula and policies; train master trainers; pilot GMP/HACCP/PHH models; and reduce post-harvest losses.
- **Activity 2: Infrastructure: Farm, Market, and Trade:** Upgrade farm, market, and trade infrastructure through cold-chain and digital market systems (MIS, GeoKrishi, B2B tools); retrofit cold rooms; support ice plants and wholesale markets; and distribute insulated transport equipment.
- **Activity 3: Capacity Building: Agricultural Extension Agent/ Services:** Strengthen extension and production services by engaging stakeholders; co-develop curricula; establish demonstration farms; and roll out digital coaching systems.
- **Activity 4: Inputs: Develop Agricultural Dealers and/org Other Input Suppliers:** Improve feed mills, hatcheries, nurseries, and laboratories through feed analysis, soybean integration, broodstock assessment, hatchery certification support, and technology upgrades.
- **Activity 5: Financial Services: Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) Finance:** Expand MSME finance by designing aquaculture loan products with banks, MFIs, SACCOs, cooperatives, and DFC-supported institutions; promote embedded credit models; strengthen financial and digital literacy; and pilot agent banking in target districts.
- **Activity 6: Public Information Campaign: Nutritional Information:** Promote nutrition and food safety by strengthening EMIS in target districts; support B2B and traceability systems; train individuals; organize nutrition events; and convene an annual aquaculture forum.



**\$290.97 million**  
in total sales



**171,425 MT**  
of table fish and fry/fingerlings sold



**11**  
public-private partnerships formed



**8,059 hectares**  
under improved management practices/technologies

*Expected results over life of project*

### Quick Facts

Period of Performance: 23 September 2025 – 31 March 2029  
Implementer: Lutheran World Relief (LWR)  
Total Agreement Value: \$9,115,000  
US Commodities Monetized: Soybeans  
Direct Beneficiaries: 10,000  
Indirect Beneficiaries: 56,076

### U.S. - Nepal Trade

