The WASH SDG Programme is the largest programme WASH Alliance International is currently involved in. The WASH SDG Consortium (in which we have joined forces with SNV and PLAN Netherlands) has been granted 59 million euro by the Dutch government for our joint programme to implement water, sanitation and hygiene projects in Bangladesh, Ethiopia, Indonesia, Nepal, Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia.

In Nepal, the WASH SDG program consists of three sub-programmes, implemented by SNV, PLAN and the WASH Alliance.

WASH Alliance International

The WASH Alliance International (WAI) is a multi-national network of partners worldwide. We work together with local NGOs, governments and businesses, research institutes or (local) media to make sure everybody on this planet has sustainable access to water, sanitation and hygiene. We envision a world where all people have access to sustainable and affordable water, sanitation and hygiene services. This is a world where all people can live under hygienic living conditions to improve their health, dignity and economic living standard. In Nepal, the WASH Alliance implements a sub-programme in four municipalities in Banke and Surkhet Districts in the Western part of Nepal. The programme runs from July 2018 up to June 2022. Baseline data indicate that although in water and sanitation a basic level is achieved in many areas, there is still a sizeable gap to reach safely managed levels, especially in sanitation and hygiene.
Targets of the Nepal WASH Alliance Sub-programme:

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In Nepal, the WASH Alliance will work through four pathways:

**Pathway 1: Increase demand for, and use of, equitable and sustainable WASH services**
We will target communities and water and sanitation user committees (WSUC). We will focus on raising awareness among the communities on the importance of inclusive and sustainable WASH and the formation of inclusive water user committees.

**Pathway 2: Increased participation of women and socially excluded**
We will ensure that women and socially excluded people are empowered and have equitable access to and use of WASH services and facilities. We will promote the meaningful participation and true representation of women and socially excluded groups in decision making processes, at community level and in relevant WASH public platforms.

**Pathway 3: Improved private sector sustainable and equitable WASH service delivery.**
We will help developing a functioning and inclusive WASH market and focus on promoting business opportunities for WASH, setting up guarantee funds for banks and micro-finance institutions; provision of loans and training to entrepreneurs, in particular female WASH entrepreneurs.

**Pathway 4: Improved public sector equitable and sustainable WASH service delivery and governance.**
We will assist the local government developing regulations and policies and attracting the private sector to invest in WASH. We will also support local government in the facilitation of multistakeholder dialogues and we will lobby for the increase of local WASH budgets. There will be a special focus on WASH in schools.

**WASH Alliance Nepal partners:** The WASH Alliance sub-programme in Nepal cooperates with Akvo Nepal (data management tools), BSP (biogas), ENPHO (urban sanitation and water quality), FEDWASUN (lobby and advocacy), FSCN (gender and social inclusion), Lumanti (micro finance and cooperatives), Sahakarmi Samaj (community mobilization).

**Dutch WASH Alliance partners:** Simavi, as lead implementing partner brings in expertise on demand creation, gender and social inclusion and WASH governance. WASTE will bring in expertise on a guarantee fund and technical and financial sustainability of sanitation services. RUAF will bring in know-how on productive use and liquid wastes, composting, urine, biogas, multi-stakeholder approaches and integrated school WASH. Akvo (support for reporting and monitoring), PRACTICA (support in managing water supply schemes, WASH and technical innovations) and RAIN (a.o. support in community based IWRM, support in building environmental sustainable WASH and climate change) will also contribute specific expertise, depending on the demand by partners and stakeholders.