

COVID-19 RESPONSIVE MEL ACTIVITIES

REMOTE STUDY ASSIGNMENTS AND DATA COLLECTION (USING TELEPHONE AND DIGITAL CONFERENCE PLATFORMS)



S.W. Nepal Pvt. Ltd. (Scott Wilson Nepal) has an excellent history of designing innovative methodologies for data collection. In response to the challenges arising from the COVID-19 pandemic in carrying out in-person surveys and discussions, SWN has excelled at carrying out remote surveys, using tele-conferencing platforms, to collect information.

Scott Wilson Nepal has a dedicated Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning (MEL) that serves some of the most prominent clients in Nepal – intergovernmental organizations, I/NGOs and the Government of Nepal – in completing some of the most challenging assignments. Our organization has the technical and thematic knowledge, local expertise and logistical strength to carry out both small- and large scale telephonic survey assignments. The following projects highlight our special proficiency in remote study assignments and data collection:



USAID's TAYAR Nepal Improved Disaster Risk Management Project Baseline Assessment – ONGOING (Client: DAI/USIAD)

Currently, SWN MEL unit is leading a baseline assessment assignment for USAID's TAYAR Nepal Improved Disaster Risk Management Project. In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, SWN has strategically modified its approach and methodology- Local Municipality Focal Person (MFP) and local researchers have been recruited to carry our Disaster Risk Reduction Index assessments in 8 Municipalities and household surveys to 610 individuals.



Assessing the impact of COVID-19 on women small holder farmers and vulnerable populations in Nepal. - ONGOING (Client: ActionAid Nepal)

SWN MEL unit is leading a research to understand the impacts of COVID-19 on women small holder farmers and vulnerable populations in Nepal. Using specifically-tailored structured questionnaires, SWN carried out 14 remote-interviews with women farmers, government officials, market vendors and women community leaders. The project has provided vital insights and evidence on the true impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.



Assessing the economic impact of the Nepal housing reconstruction project. (Client: The World Bank)

Most recently, our MEL unit completed an assignment to assess the economic impact of housing reconstruction for The World Bank. In the context of COVID-19, our team of professionals administered remote telephonic surveys to approximately 900 beneficiaries in 11 earthquake affected districts of Nepal. SWN has generated valuable insights on ways to strengthen the telephonic survey approach and have discovered ways to mitigate limitations.



In the context of COVID-19, maintaining a strong communication link with clients, stakeholders and field staff. (Client: People in Need/DFID)

SWN is implementing the Durable Solutions – II project funded by the Department for International Development (DFID) since 2019. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the ensuing lockdown, field activities have been suspended. However, our study team has been presenting Detailed Project Report (DPR) to relevant stakeholders through virtual meetings and we've established a regular communication channel with local government authorities. The project is scheduled to complete in August 2020.

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YEARS OF EXPERIENCE
LEADING MEL PROJECTS

50+

FULLY EQUIPPED MEL UNIT
WITH MORE THAN 50 DATA
COLLECTION DEVICES

200+

COMPREHENSIVE DATABASE
OF MORE THAN 200
RESEARCHERS/SURVEYORS

CLIENT PROFILE

The World Bank, USAID, DFID, Swiss Solidarity, WWF, The Government of Nepal, ActionAid Nepal, UN WFP, GIZ, UNFPA, Governance Facility, SNV Netherlands, People in Need and many more.