



Skill Birth Attendants (SBA) Training - 2022

Ministry of Health has adopted a policy to offer SBA training to the health personnel. There is high demand of skilled health personnel in Nepal specially in the rural communities. As per the changing trends and innovations taking place, health personnels need to be equipped by special training such as SBA to offer better services for safe deliveries in the communities. Thus, in consultation with the concerned authorities of the Health Ministry, IDEA managed SBA training in 2022.

This program started at the beginning of September 2022 in Pokhara with 15 participants. This program is completed by the second week of December 2022. All 15 participants have got a placement of work in their respective communities. The local Municipal authorities have already offered them employment contracts on a temporary basis. Upon their satisfactory performance they will be offered permanent positions when the Public Service Commission opens national vacancies. Priorities will be given to those who are working on temporary placements. They are eligible to continue their services on temporary contracts until they are permanent staff.

IDEA believes that this training is a success as it is based on problem-based skill teaching learning. The participants apply their newly learnt skills and knowledge into their daily responsibilities as per the situational problems.

We both (IDEA and authorities) have agreed to incorporate issues that will arise in the practical situations at the service delivery context. Thus, it has a positive impact in the lives of the community people in saving lives of mothers and children.

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There are some views of the ABA participants:

- I have learnt many practical issues to handle safe delivery in my health post with confidence. – Sita Pyakurel
- Working in the rural communities in the health post where health personnel are in demand, I can handle safe delivery cases – Anjana Jirel