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The World Food Forum (WFF) Nepal National Chapter has established a robust collaboration with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) Nepal Country Office, which has been instrumental in mobilizing resources for various initiatives. The support received from FAO Nepal can be categorized as follows:

1. Financial support

FAO Nepal has an ongoing project on empowering youth for agrifood systems transformation that collaborates with the government and WFF Nepal to drive youth interventions.

For national observance of significant days such as World Food Safety Day, International Youth Day, World Food Day and World Soil Day, the WFF Nepal National Chapter collaborates closely with FAO Nepal to design detailed concept notes. These notes outline programme objectives, target participants, modules, expected outcomes and financial requirements. Once approved by the FAO Nepal Country Office, these events are organized nationwide through the efforts of our seven Provincial Youth Teams. Costs incurred during these activities are reimbursed upon submission of necessary documentation, ensuring financial transparency and accountability.

2. Human resource and technical support

FAO Nepal has been a vital partner in providing access to skilled professionals for our programmes.

Masterclass series: Arun GC, a programme specialist at FAO Nepal, was the resource person for the first episode of our Masterclass series, discussing the topic: Agrifood systems landscape of Nepal. Technical support from FAO Nepal ensures continuity in the masterclass series.

Research and community engagement: FAO Nepal intern, Emma Opitz facilitated a session on **Exploring nutritional dynamics: Assessing nutrient intake adequacy and determinants of eating behaviors across communities in Bardiya district.** This access to technical experts has elevated the quality and depth of our virtual and physical sessions, webinars and capacity-building programmes.

3. Logistical and material support

FAO Nepal also facilitates logistical support to ensure the success of WFF Nepal activities:

Visibility materials: From posters and ID cards to other promotional content, FAO Nepal sponsors these essential materials. The designs are created by the WFF Nepal National Chapter and approved by the FAO Nepal communications team before being printed.

Event and meeting spaces: FAO Nepal has been gracious in providing venues for meetings and event organization, significantly reducing logistical burdens.

Collaborative impact

The support empowers WFF Nepal to scale operations, ensuring impactful programmes reach every corner of the country. By emphasizing partnerships, this collaboration addresses challenges in agrifood systems while meaningfully engaging youth. Through resource-sharing, WFF Nepal continues its mission of empowering youth and driving innovation in agrifood systems, fostering sustainable development nationwide.