



# DIDIBAHINI

## ESTABLISHED IN 1991

- A non-profit, educational organization
- Recognized at the grassroots level and among NGOs, INGOs and Government agencies
- A multidisciplinary team committed to achieve gender equity through a participatory learning process.



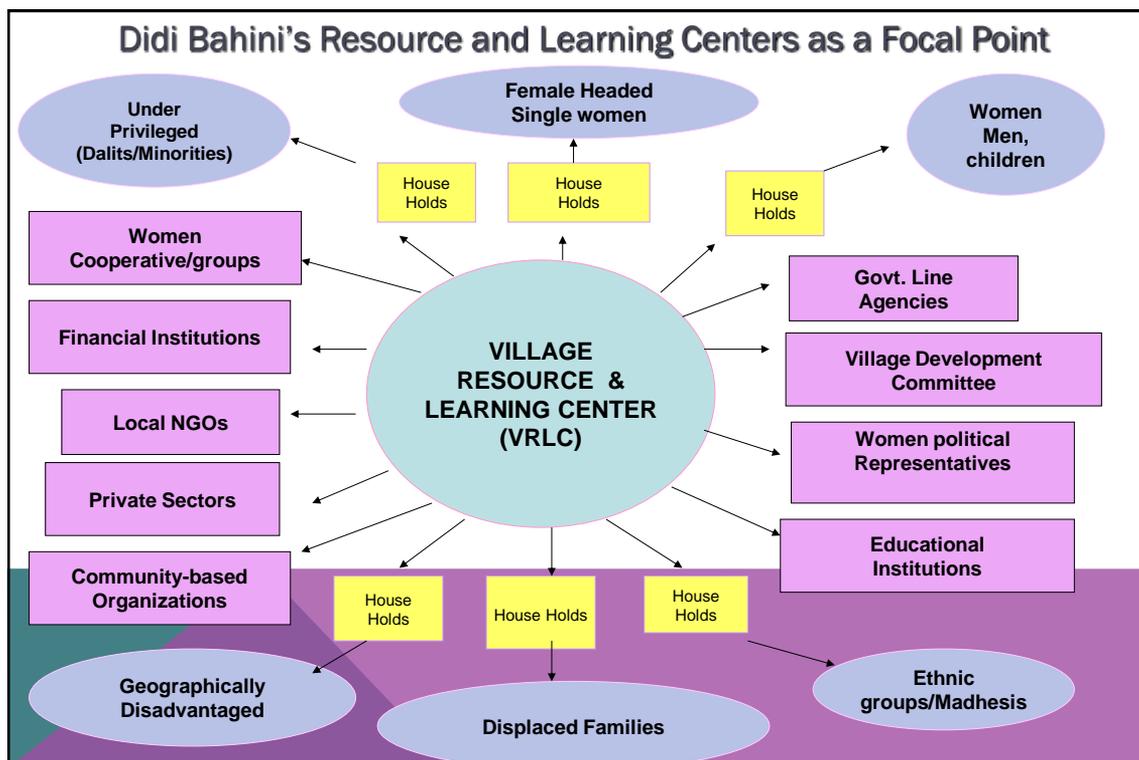
## WHAT IS DIDIBAHINI?

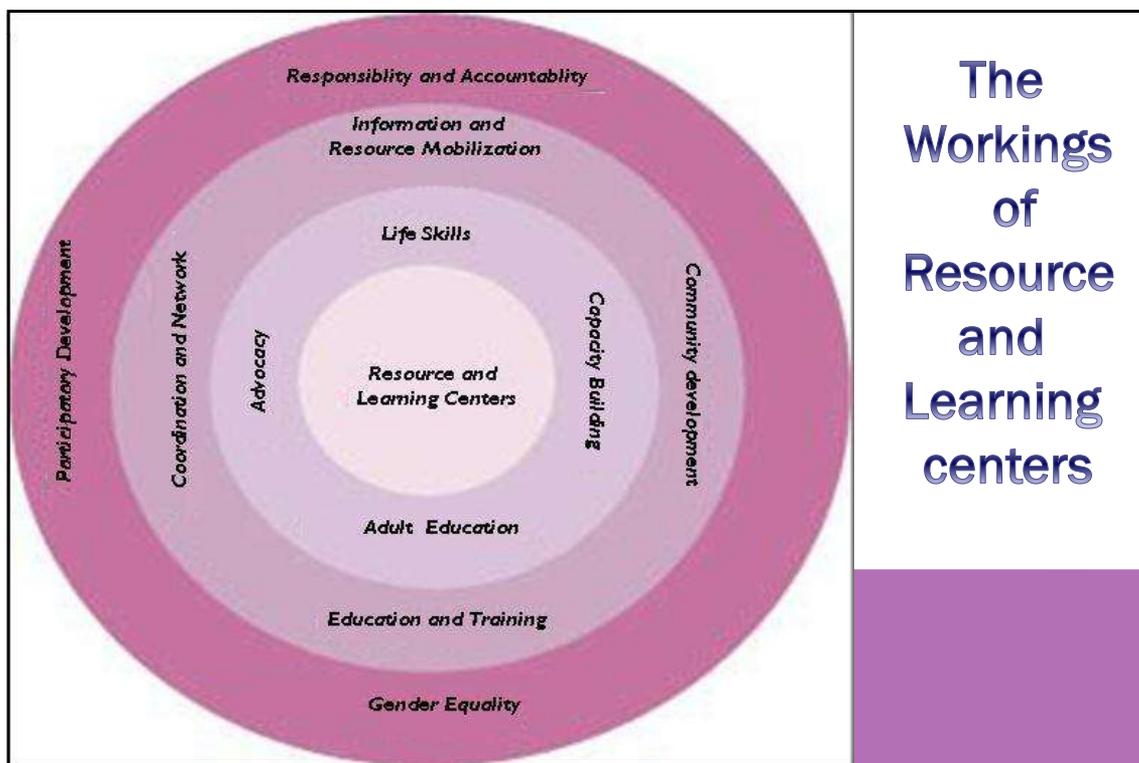


- Started by DidiBahini
- Run by Women Forums at different levels
- Management Committee
- Creates Women Entrepreneurs & Leaders
- Community outreach
- Handed over later



## VILLAGE RESOURCE AND LEARNING CENTERS (VRLCs)





- Participatory community development
- Learning by Sharing
- Capacity Building through Development Education & Life-Skills trainings
- Continuous Adult Education
- Rights based Advocacy



**EMPOWERMENT**



- Facilitation
- Co-ordination with other Learning centers & stakeholders
- Information and resource exchange and mobilization
- Meaningful participation in Local governance
- Emergency relief

## NETWORKING

- Gender Equality and justice
- Safety and Social issues
- Reproductive health
- Responsibility and
- Accountability
- Economic & political rights
- Awareness raising



## ADVOCACY AND COMMUNITY MEDIATION



- Earthquake in Nepal 2015
- DidiBahini sent Relief materials such as tents, food supplies and sanitary kits to VRLCs
- Locals gathered in the VRLCs to collect supplies
- VRLCs served as temporary health posts and information dissemination centers

## VRLC AS EMERGENCY RELIEF DEPOT



- After vigorous trainings, facilitation and mentoring inputs, DidiBahini organizes a GRADUATION CEREMONY for the VRLC and Women Forum members to declare them ready to function as independent entities.
- The certificate acknowledges their Non-Formal Education and recognizes their efforts as ADULT LEARNERS

## GRADUATION

- Women Forum Leader
- Runs the Shradda Saving and Credit Cooperation (MINI BANK)
- Introduced saving habit amongst local women
- Provide small loan to establish small business or entrepreneurship
- Leads community mediation
- Community Health Center established under her leadership



## KANTI BAJRACHARYA

LEADER OF GOLDHUNGA VRLC

- Life skill training conducted in the Village Resource and Learning Center
- Both graduates of the weaving training
- Small entrepreneurs
- Sell Dhaka (Nepali traditional hand loomed fabric)



**RATNA DEVI TAMANG &  
INDRA MAYA MAHARJAN**  
GRADUATES OF GOLDHUNGA VRLC



- Received training from Goldhunga VRLC
- Wanted to start a small business
- Borrowed money from the Shradda Saving and Credit Cooperation
- Supported by the Women Forum
- Started small from raising a few chicken
- Has a poultry farm of more than 300 chicken now

## MANDIRA MAHARJAN SHRESTHA

GRADUATE OF GOLDHUNGA VRLC

- Continuous dev. Education, exposure and encouragement through DB motivated her to initiate a home based industry
- Entrepreneur of Shrijan Paaun Udhyog which makes Titaura (Sour Candy) from varieties of fruits like Mango, Tamarind, Lemon, Dates, Lapsi
- She loves her work and provides training and employment to empower local women
- Produces export quality Titaura for both the domestic as well as international market.



## INJU SHRESTHA

GRADUATE OF SANGHAA VRLC

THANK YOU!!

