



## Progress Report on LestWe4Get (a Global Peace Walk) from Nepal

Introduction: Lamjung, a district that falls under the western development region, lies in the Gandaki Zone of Nepal. Besishahar as a district headquarter. The district, which is the home of approximately two lakhs (200,000) people, has a literacy rate of 56%. There are 61 Village Development Committees (V.D.Cs) in this district. Five campuses, 15 higher secondary schools and 268 schools have been established to advance the education sector. Post offices are present in all 61 V.D.Cs. There is only one hospital in the district but at least one health post in all the 61 V.D.Cs.

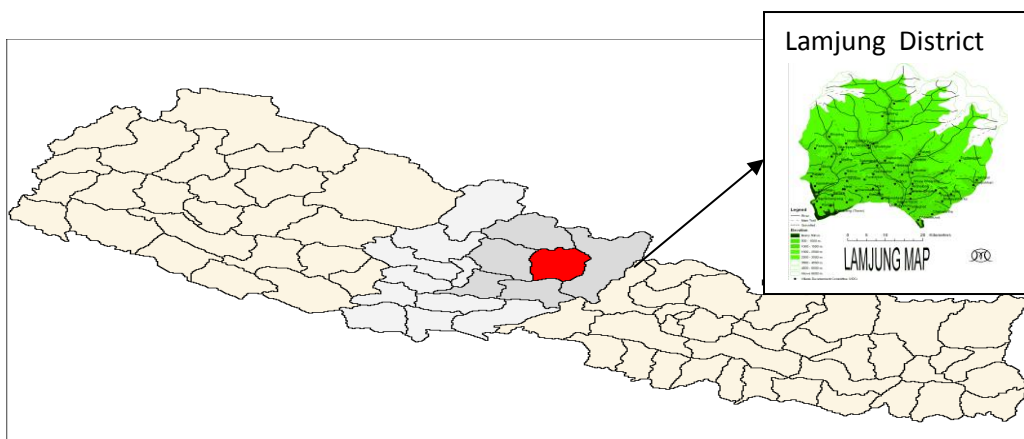
Occupying an area of 1692kms, the district is neighboured by the districts of Gorkha, Manang, Kaski and Tanahu. Its abundance of natural resources goes untapped due to a lack in proper road infrastructure. Both, water and forest resources, have not been properly and wisely utilized. Most of the villages has electricity and has been connected by kancha road.

Electricity:

70 Megawatt Mid-Marshyangdi Hydroelectricity Project (MMHEP), the second largest hydropower project in the country has started operation from December 14, 2008. PM Pushpa Kamal Dahal had inaugurated the project. The project was started in June 2001 with joint investments of the government of Nepal and Germany and Nepal Electricity Authority,

Communications

Lamjung is connected with GSM, CDMA connection by Nepal Telecom and Spice Nepal. Land lanes are common in town areas. Almost each VDC is provided with one land line or CDMA phone. CDMA and GSM mobile phones are common in many villages and towns due to easily available.





**Bhotewodar**-one of the main growing city in Lamjung district, identified as the gateway of East Lamjung. It lies in the Gandaki zone,Nepal. 185 km from kathamndu. There was a cave (odhar) in this place where Bhotais used to take shelter during the winter time and used to sell their goods. Bhotais used to take shelter in odhar. So,it is named as Bhotewodar later. It has three government schools and three private boarding schools. Bhakti Namuna Higher Secondary School was established in 2024 B.S. Students can get education upto diploma level herein. It has got all kind of facilities like electricity, transportation, communication, health and so on. The climate is very fine to settle. It lies near the Marsyangdi river. It has Middle Marsyangdi Hydropower House. Newars are the first inhabitants of this place. Later on people from guring community, brahmin community chhetri community also have settled here.

Slisha have started our program WAWCAS (women at work children at school) from April 2011 in Lamjung District and reaches 250 women.

Today we have successful walk in Bhotewodar area together with our group members. Before starting walk we have discussed and informed our objectives of LestWe4Get walk program. Our group members were enthusiastically participate the program. Some photographs were as follows:













Conclusion: we have concluded our walk after 2hr walking. Participants expressed their views that they felt lighter sharing with friends while walking. Great opportunity to talk and share with friends, felt peace in mind.