RATIONALE FOR GOAT SHELTER SUPPORT

- Damage to goat shelters was one of the key impacts of the earthquake on community livelihoods.
- Earthquake-affected households were not able to reconstruct goat shelters due to other competing priorities.
- Existing shelter designs caused diseases in goats due to poor ventilation and hygiene.

PRACTICAL INTERVENTIONS

- Conditional cash transfers of $100 per beneficiary in two distributions of $50 each.
- Conditionalities for beneficiaries:
  1. Participation in orientation on hygienic shelter features.
  2. Construction of shelters using recommended design principles.
- Design principles promoted through training and mentoring:
  1. Raised platforms.
  2. Adequate ventilation.
- Flexibility offered to beneficiaries in choosing materials and size of goat shelters.

POSITIVE RESULTS

- 100 percent of beneficiaries across 3304 households reconstructed shelters adopting hygienic shelter principles.
- Beneficiaries co-invested $80-100 in-addition to $100 received from project.
- Strong ownership of the goat shelters is evident from regular upkeep and maintenance.
- Non-beneficiaries have adopted improved shelter design principles after witnessing reduction in respiratory diseases due to improved shelter design.
- 20 to 30 percent increase in herd size among most beneficiaries due to improved shelters, reduction in morbidity and decrease in distress sale.