

PeaceWin Profile on Access to Justice of last five years (April 2023)

Project Name: Addressing Social Barriers That Hampers the Advancement of Women (ASTHA)

Project location: Bajura district and **duration** 1 March 2016 to 31 July 2017 and NRs. 3,780,837.00 was the project cost. **Donor of the project:** DFID/Governance Facility in partnership of SATHI for 2016-2018, Nakkhu, Lalitpur, Ph: 01- 5191103/ 5191104, E-mail: info@sathinepal.org/ saathi.ktm@gmail.com

Objective of the project was to create a violence free society for women and girls to exercise their rights and lead a dignified life.

Role of PeaceWin in the project was to engage in project proposal concept development jointly with SATHI and other organizations to bid a call by Governance Facility. Participation project review and reflection, project activity implementation, reporting and documentation, IEC materials development. The main activities of the project were to train and interact men and boys' engagement for gender sensitization, interaction with police cell, lobbying for gender sensitive budgeting, change harmful practices against women. It had adopted strategic interventions advocacy, dialogue with service providers, campaigns against alcohol. Facilitation among sports (among girls' competition, boys' competition) for social harmony.

Major achievements were 200 traditional healers (Dhami-Jhankri) trained on gender equality, dignified menstruation and mobilized for social norms transformation. Engaged men and boys and students in changing mindset of community and transforming perpetrators into peer educators and change agents against GBV and influenced local authorities and elected officials for establishing Gender Based Violation (GBV) fund, movement strengthened the action against child marriage, alcohol abuse, GBV and favorable environment for the GBV survivors to access for judicial service, government agencies, police, women and children have felt accountability system of service providers. Campaigns were conducted to encourage women, adolescent girls on their rights, reducing GBV and the process for judicial remedial.

Project name: Safe Justice Project

Project location: Bajura district (Kolti, Pandusain, Kuldevmandu, Barabish Village Development Committee, Budhinanda and Budhiganga Municipality

Project objectives: To build trust between poor and marginalized communities, in particular vulnerable groups within those communities, and formal and informal justice providers, in order to enable marginalized populations to access fair and equitable justice

Project duration: 1 March 2017 – 31 September 2019

Donor of the project: DFID/UKAid/ partnership with CARE Nepal, Ekantakuna, Lalitpur, Ph: 01-5522800, E-mail: care@carenepal.org, **Cost** of the project was NRs. 19,690,405.00

The role of PeaceWin in the project was to implement the activities, coordination with local level stakeholders including local government, training to beneficiaries (women leaders, police personnel, local level representatives, orientation and mobilization to law advocates), technical input to District Police Women and Children cell, Women Rights Forums (local and district level networks of women activists for social change) and facilitate to victims' women to get judicial remedies timely from related agencies, building awareness and empower GBV survivors, support to local government in policy development on gender and referral mechanism, capacity building of local judicial committees, conduct RUPANTARAN package at schools and mapping of service holders' satisfaction on government service delivery procedures through score cards and develop plan of action for quality services, publication about government entitlements and wide distribution for community sensitization and keep the service procedure in place, capacity building of district Safe House care givers,

transitional support to victims at safe house and facilitation for judicial treatment, develop project learning documents and display for knowledge sharing widely.

Results of the project:

- Community people made a Mini-vision and developed progress marker (Expect to see, like to see & Love to see) of ReFLECT groups and Municipalities have endorsed it on local level planning process
- Capacity building of 254 justice champions on Community Score Card and engaged on Reflect session to raise the issues of injustice against women with local government and stakeholders for their dignified life
- Interface dialogue between community and government authorities resulted that three polygamy, four child marriage were cancelled legally after complained to Nepal police women and children cell
- Budhiganga and Budhinanda Municipalities have developed the referral mechanism to address the GBV survivor's issues
- 1286 women leaders were capacitated on women's rights and legal provision, 142 adolescent girls aware on reproductive health rights in cooperation of men groups' engagement in abolishing the alcohol drinking, child marriage, domestic violations against women
- Joint awareness raising event were conducted in schools after trained to 331 teachers and community jointly with the Nepal police, Municipality to stop the gender-based violation, and 87 schools had implemented the RUPANTRAN package
- Four Wards were declared as Chaupadi Goth (Menstruation Shed) free of Budhinanda Municipality and followed as well
- Women groups were actively involved to manage family conflict/dispute and misunderstanding and then increased referral of GBV cases to Municipality Judicial Committees
- Protection cluster became active after series of meeting at district level with government line agencies.
- District police women and children cell of Bajura had conducted awareness raising events to make supportive environment for GBV survivors
- Men and boys were interestingly engaged in reducing women workload at home



Project name: Gender Based Violence Prevention and Response- II (GBVPR II)
Project location: Badimalika and Budhiganga Municipality of Bajura, Kamalbaraz Municipality, Mangalsain Municipality, Shanphebagar Municipality of Achham district, Dashrath Chand Municipality, Patan Municipality of Baitadi district, Jaya Prithvi Municipality and Bitthadchir Rural Municipality of Bajhang district and Dhangadhi Sub-Metropolitan city of Kailali district (10 local level and 46 Wards)
Project duration: 1 August 2021- 4 August 2024
Donor of the project: Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) and Royal Norwegian Embassy in Nepal, UNFPA and partnership with VSO International in Nepal, Jhamsikhel, Lalitpur, Ph: 01-5441469, E-mail: vsonepal@vsoint.org
Project cost: NRs. 53,185,854.00 up to December 2022
Project objectives: To reduce all forms of GBV and discrimination against women and girls in provinces 1 and 7 in Nepal, through:

- Women and men, including girls and boys increasingly prevent, report and address gender-based violence.
- Local governments, legal authorities and health facilities provide effective (multi sectoral) survivor-centered responses to GBV.
- Local, provincial and federal governments adopt and implement policies and budgets for the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls.

Role of PeaceWin in implementing the following activities:

Revise Rupantaran Package for Adolescent Girls and Boys (age 12-18) for adapting as the stronger tool in GBV prevention, out-of-school boys' and girls' group-based education, peer educators training. Newly couple dialogue (20-35 year) for developing their dignified life through sensitization on reproductive health, communication, positive thinking, GBV etc.

Conducting family dialogues for gender transformative family by trained community facilitators at the household and community in mix groups, homogeneous groups (mothers, daughters, sisters, fathers, sons, brothers, female/male in-laws), couple workshops (married or unmarried cohabiting couples) and dialogues within households.

Group discussions with men and women's groups (age 18-45) at households who do not participating in family dialogues through existing Community Based Organizations (CBOs) they are a part of mother's groups or forest user's groups which are already in working area. Dialogues with opinion leaders (elected, religious, traditional and other influential community leaders) and strategically engaging with them in dialogues to facilitate critical reflection. Religious leaders, together with scholars and other influential leaders, who together make 'opinion leaders' in their communities are mobilized to influence communities to give up harmful social norms that violate women and girls.

Men and boy's groups formation and capacity building in Palika to increase their engagement towards advocacy on women rights issue. Technical support in policy re/formation and implementation on Gender Equality and Social Inclusion (GESI) of local and provincial government and capacity enhancement of local judicial committee to make easy access in judicial remedial of GBV survivors. Networking in local level to make vibrant campaign against the GBV through mobilizing men and boys' engagement.

Results of the project:

Local community champions have improved their understanding, knowledge and skills on harmful social norms and the way of change for gender equality. Married couples have reported their learning on men and boys' participation in sharing household chores and thus have started doing more household chores and improve their capacity in managing conflict in a relationship. Family members have aware on the issues of harmful social norms, gender-based violation and consequences of violence. In addition, family members showed their commitment to build gender equitable environment. For instance, during one of the family dialogue sessions, a mother-in-law shared that she would treat her daughter-in-law as her own daughter and would not show any discrimination between them. Adolescents who have been completing RUPANTARAN sessions have reported of improvement knowledge and understanding on harmful norms and practices and changing themselves. Adolescents have also reported to have been discussing learning and key messages within their family and community. Role of the CBOs' members on preventing violence and supporting to survivors of violence was further stressed. Emphasis was put on the influencing power of local opinion leaders and their roles and contribution in preventing violation against women.