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School Based Training
on Child Rights,
Protection and
Promotion

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Support for Working
and Withdrawn
Children

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Celebration of World
Day on Prevention of
Child Abuse

Empower Women: Change the Men's Perspective

In spite of lot's of efforts carried out for the purpose of gender equity and balance, situation of women in Nepal is still far below in comparison to men. Existing inequities and imbalances among men and women has led not only women for victimization rather has paralysed the whole national developmental scenario.

The peoples' movement II has resulted several positive changes for promoting women's equal involvement in political decision making level, however the fact still remains that 33 percent participation of women has remained limited in Constitutional Assembly and some visible position only. At the same time the haphazard and sudden representation of women without appropriate strengthening and capacitating their leadership qualities and skill has sometime threatened the concept of engendering governance as well.

Very low representation of women in all level of governance as per their population or at least 33 percent as guaranteed by the political decision of constitution assembly; lack of capacities among women's leadership; existing strong social attitudes, values and norms against women's dignity and independence; blockages for women to access the resources and economy; lack of recognition of women's economic zone into the national economic account, labour forces, trade and labour rules are some of the major hindrances to empower women. At the same time these are the same forces that continuously strive for disempowering women, create myths and illusion on women's leadership and provoke the stereotypical gender biasness in the society.

We need more empowerment of women, power to the women, in short Empower Women. This does not mean only 33 percent representation of women in constitution assembly but a unified fight against all those factors that provokes the stereotypical values against women. For this, start from women selling goods at street as street vendors, working as domestic workers in others' household, living and struggling in slums, exploited of their illiteracy and innocence, Women taking care of the cattle. We need women from the grass root changing the structure at the base not only pleased at the superstructure's glittering. Let's put more effort for women's literacy, women's economy, strengthening women's organization, solidarity on the grass roots' women to access health, justice and a dignity.

Let's not forget women are full of power, Dashain and Tihar Give the same message, we just need to provoke their potential, they are never ever less than men. So, Empower Women means Change Men's Attitude, Perspectives and Practices too along with Enabling Women's Strive for the Dignity.

Milan Dharel, Executive Director CWISH



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Thought of the month:

The test of the morality of a society is what it does for its children.

[Dietrich Bonhoeffer](#)

Women class inauguration

Urban poor women who are involved in the informal employment sector are one of the target groups of CWISH and the Mitrataa Foundation.

Women in Nepal are still living in a patriarchal society where they need to face various discriminations regarding employment, education, and other needs.

This is especially true for urban poor, illiterate women who are unaware of their own rights and capabilities.

Hence CWISH, supported by the Mitrataa Foundation, has initiated a step to make the urban poor women literate enough to start a small business of their own in order to make them economically independent.

The conducted non formal classes will not only make these women literate but will also aware them about their various rights including reproductive rights.

In Lalitpur, a centre in Kusunti and one in Bagdole were created, in Bhaktapur, the location is in Lokanthali and in Kalimati and Sitapaila, there are respectively locations for the newly inaugurated women classes.

On the 12th and 15th of September, small inauguration programs were organized in each of the centres to formally start the classes.

These formal programs were held in order to introduce the business based non formal education class to the respective communities, in order to introduce the women to each other and also to the representatives and organisms of CWISH and the Mitrataa Foundation. Furthermore, it was to inform them more deeply about the objectives and the criteria of the classes. The participants included the prospective women studying in the class and members of local women groups. The involvement of the latter creates sustainability of the class as support from these groups is really important in order to motivate the women to join the non formal classes.



In conclusion, the women classes started formally and the inauguration program was successful in motivating the women to come to class, get literate and prepare themselves for a small business. The program was fruitful as the community also showed a positive attitude towards the classes. They agreed to help the facilitators whenever needed.

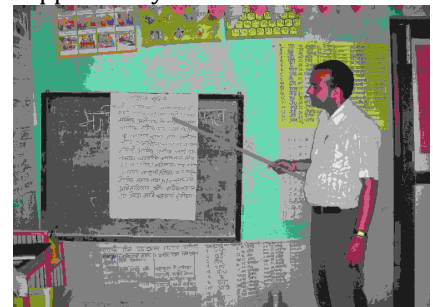


ORC Facilitator Training

The so called Outreach Centres of CWISH providing non-formal education to child workers are an important part of the organization's support for the children of Nepal.

Recently new recruited staff (Male:2, Female: 10) for twelve of these ORCs was trained in the CWISH office from the 22nd of August 2010 until the 28th of August 2010.

The seven day program was supported by World Education.



To give the facilitators every important information and knowledge, different presentations about various topics were held. The subjects were CWISH itself,



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Child Rights in general, Child Labour and especially Child Domestic Labour, Child Protection Issues, Child Protection Plans and Educational Programs as also CWISH's Activities.



Multilevel and Multigrade teaching, Social Planning Mobilization and Class Management were all the more so explained and discussed. Thus, through various tools like group works, lecture and presentations, the new facilitators were given a better knowledge about CWISH and child's Situation as also about means to teach in a child-friendly and effective way. Even games and songs were demonstrated so that they could be used in class.



It is very important that the facilitators are aware of what Child Labour means and which activities can strengthen the children, and nevertheless of how to protect them and interact with their employers.

In conclusion, the second training for the ORC facilitators was

successfully completed. The facilitators were filled in with all the required information and were happy and satisfied to get knowledge of the issues, processes, and concepts. They have also committed to apply what they have learned in their respective ORCs. Hence the training ended in a positive note.

Youth Club Orientation on Gender and Female Leadership

On the 25th of August and on the 4th of September 2010, CWISH conducted orientation programs on Gender and Female Leadership in the youth club "Siddantashil" in Baneshwor and in the youth club "Gangahiti" in Chabahil.

26 young people could be informed about the topic that was divided in the definition of Sex and Gender, in the definition of leadership and why as also how it is needed in youth clubs They also learned ways of communication and the definition and importance of motivation.

Thus, CWISH aimed to enlarge the youth's knowledge on Gender & Female Leadership, provide them effective communication skills and encourage them to pursuit their activities in an energetic way. It was recognized that the number of female in the youth clubs has to be increased in order to enable female participation and leadership.

All in all, the mobilization and information of the young people was satisfying.

School Awareness Program

From June to August 2010, CWISH organised awareness programs on Child Sexual Abuse (CSA) and/or

Child Labour (CL) in 27 private and government schools in the districts of Kathmandu, Bhaktapur and Lalitpur.

By the awareness program on CL 2399 students (1192: male, 1207: female) were reached. The program on CSA was conducted for 768 students (407: male, 361: female).



Trained youth facilitators approached the topics to the students and used various presentation and interactive tools to enable an interesting insight of the subject.

The youth facilitators themselves were instructed in the issues of CL, CSA, HIV/Aids and Female Leadership by technical and financial support of CWISH.



The reached objectives were to aware the children about CSA and CL, to enable them to fight and raise their voice against these forms of abuse and to provide them with all necessary knowledge of the subject.

Thus, it was explained what Child



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Abuse and Child Sexual Abuse means, which kinds of CSA exists and what symptoms and effects appear when a child is sexually abused.

The Situation of abused children and the actors and victims were all the same a part of the awareness program.

Then, the ways of protection were discussed before providing information about Child Rights, Child Labour, its status in Nepal and the role of CWISH in the fight against it.

Kathmandu Valley obtain good education.

FNC provided details of the individual children, so that CWISH could intervene.

Interaction between the children, their employers and with their facilitators was created by phone.

The living place of 38 of the children was found by the support of FNC, furthermore mails were sent to all of the children.

15 of those Child Domestic Workers were finally rescued by being sent home through the plan of FNC.

Media is an arena for advocacy, where the voice of the voiceless should be raised.

But until now, the voice of the children, being 43,13% of Nepal's population and extremely vulnerable, has not been raised a lot through the media and not always in a responsible way.

Thus, the consciousness of journalist must be raised so that child issues are more focused and reports not only incident, but also non-news and research based.

32 journalists joined the training which objectives it were to sensitize the media to report ethically on child rights, to make children's issues look powerful instead vulnerable through media reporting and to strengthen the coordination with media.

Furthermore, creating pressure for policy makers to make appropriate law for CSA and reviewing the book written by the senior journalist Pramod Pradhan was aimed. Another ambition was to inform the reporters about sexual abuse and child rights so that they have the necessary formal knowledge.

All the more so, techniques about how to publish child issues without re-victimizing the children were discussed and the various training sessions were facilitated and introduced by different experienced inter-mediators.

To conclude, the intense three day program was very successful as the journalists will now take the voice of children seriously, deal with more and thus strengthen it in a sensitive manner.



As these are difficult topics to deal with for children, interaction was encouraged, videos were shown and other methods were used to hold the children's interest for the presentation.

A very high number of students were reached through the orientation which is really a success as it enables many of them to fight against CSA encountered in their surrounding.

Furthermore, the youth facilitators learned how to manage a mass of children and how to use different methods in order to intrigue and instruct the children.

The Rescue of Kamalaris

In July 2010, Friends of Needy Children (FNC) and CWISH cooperatively designed a program to help Child Domestic Workers in the

Police Training on "Crimes against Women and Children"

Nepal Police, Training Directorate and CWISH jointly organized a three days training on "Crime against Children and Women".

The program was held in the police training academy Maharajgunj from the 18th of August to the 20th of August 2010.

27 Male and 3 Female officers from Kathmandu, Bhaktapur, Lalitpur, Kavre, Rasuwa, Dhading and Sindupalchowk participated in the training which was facilitated by DIGP Parbati Thapa, Dr. Shankhar Shrestha, Advocate Ashis Adhikari, Anita Tmang and Yuba Raj Ghimire. DYSP Mr Bharat Raj Sharma of the Training Directorate was coordinating the process.

Journalist Training

From the 4th to the 6th of July Voice Of Children (VOC) arranged a training on "Child Concerned in Journalism" in cooperation with CWISH, the Child Friendly Journalist Forum and Luxembourg.

Support for the program conducted in Nagarkot came from ECPAT and the Embassy of Denmark.



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Story of the month: A future policeman – for Nepal's best

Bishal Lama is only 10 years old and comes from PadomPur. He is really a very small and tiny boy. One can hardly believe that at his age, he already has to handle a whole household on his own. In his duties as a Child Domestic Worker in Kathmandu.

When he was eight years old, he had to start working due to financial problems of his family.

Bishal likes his employers at whose place he also lives.

They treat him nicely and plan to integrate him into a formal school after learning the basics in the Out-Reach-Centre of CWISH. From the beginning on, he felt at ease with his classmates and with the learning matters. He likes studying and his favourite subject is Nepali.

He does not even receive any salary, but he says that his employer gives some money to his parents when those visit him.

When he is grown up, Bishal wants to become a policeman. Only education allows him to have this brighter future ahead.

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