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About this issue

Dear Sankalpa Community,

We are back again with the newsletter covering issues from April to July 2017 after some delays. It is really good to know that 1st and 2nd phase of election was held peacefully and with very large number of women's voters. Sankalpa's central, regional and local team was widely mobilized throughout the election process and also is preparing for other remaining elections.

Recently only a regional conference was organized inviting representatives of 8 different nations by our partner organization WHR in coordination with SANWED (South Asian Network for Widows' Empowerment in Development). Besides these, there are lots of other good news incorporated in this newsletter such as election observation, mass campaign, voter education, and trainings.

We hope that you're enjoying our e-newsletter. Also, do share us your views and suggestions on SDG 5, and how women can benefit from and advocate for all 17 SDG goals and play lead role in achieving these goals. We also encourage you to visit our Resource Centre for various publications on women's issues

The Sankalpa Team @WomenSankalpa

Regional Mass Campaign

Sankalpa's regional network members organized Mass Campaign focusing on women's participation and representation in a local election. The campaign reached out to almost 400 people. The objective of the campaign was to promote common interest among women regarding unity, participation, and representation in the upcoming local election & to pressurized political parties to give candidacy to women in local election. It helped participants to know about their rights in a local election and got acquainted on voting education, federal structures.



Participants of Regional Mass Campaign at Biratnagar

Key issues/highlights of the campaign are:

- Unity of women and advocacy for women friendly constitution
- Women should be able to speak on women issues and use their skills/capacity wisely to reach a decision making position.
- Women are equally capable as men to run the country and the local level election is an opportunity.

It is very important to follow "Hamro Hoina Ramro" slogan to make election successful and fruitful.



Participants of Orientation for observers at Chhahari, Baluwataar.

Orientation to Observers

Sankalpa provided orientation to district coordinator, district focal person on overall election process, code of conduct, roles, and responsibilities, ethics and gender-centric reporting for local election observation. Training was provided by Mr Gopal Siwakoti widely renowned in South Asia for his expertise in Election observation related training. These trained observes were later deployed in various districts. In both first and second phase, Sankalpa deployed observers in 21 districts in first phase and 22 districts in 2nd phase. Altogether 1023 observers were mobilized in 43 districts in first and second phase of local election.

The following are the lists of districts observed by Sankalpa:

Details of the Districts Observed

Province 1: Dhankuta, Jhapa, Illam, Sunsari, Sankhuwasabaha, Udayapur, Solukhumbu, Panchthar, Morang, Okhadhunga

Province 3: Kathmandu, Lalitpur, Bhaktapur, Dhading, Chitwan, Makwanpur, Kavre, Sindhupalchowk, Rasuwa, Ramechhap and Nawalparasi

Province 4: Myagdi, Tanahu, Palpa, Kaski, Syngjya, Gorkha

Province 5: Banke, Dang, Gulmi, Kapilvastu, Nawalparasi

Province 6: Jumla, Mugu, Humla, Dailekh, Surkhet

Province 7: Dadeldhura, Kanchanpur, Achham, Kailali, Doti, Bajura

Gender Monitoring

National Gender Monitoring group (NMG) is an initiative of civil society organizations, under the leadership of National Women Commission Nepal (NWC) to address and assess the elections through a gender perspective. Sankalpa led NMG and also supported to establish a secretariat of NMG at NWC. National Gender monitoring group coordinated between women rights organizations & NWC and also organized periodic press conferences and meetings. Altogether 131 people were deployed in gender monitoring in first phase of local election.



Gender Monitoring team with Election officer in Lapshiphedi

Details of Districts Monitored

Province 3: Kathmandu, Chitwan, Makwanpur, Kavre, Nawalparasi

Province 4: Kaski Gorkha, Tanahu

Province 6: Jumla, Humla, Dailekh, Surkhet.



Voter Education

With an aim to aware voters on election process and encourage them to take part in the election and caste votes, Sankalpa organized regional Voter Education program. This program was conducted in Sunsari, Bara, Parsa, Rautahat, Udayapur, Kavre, Dhading, Tanahu, Kaski, Chitwan, Nawalparasi, Rupandehi, Surkhet, Ramechhap, Morang, Kathmandu Lalitpur, Bhaktapur, Kanchanpur, Jhapa Illam, Siraha & Bardiya. Altogether 5000

voters were reached in 23 districts. Main focuses of the program was to reduce the number of invalid votes & to encourage women to exercise their voting rights.

Voter Education in Gaighat

District Level Nap Consultation

Sankalpa in coordination with MOPR & 1325 action group organized district level Nap Consultation on 2nd phase of NAP on UNSCR, 1325 & 1820. Sankalpa completed NAP consultation in Gorkha, Makwanpur, Dailekh, Surkhet, Nawalparasi, Kavre, Dhankuta, Kanchanpur and Dadeldhura. The main objectives of NAP Consultations are to collect suggestions & recommendation from district stakeholders to develop and finalize 2nd phase of NAP.



NAP Consultation in Dadeldhura

Support To Women candidate In Local Election

Sankalpa supported women candidate in local election by distributing hand mikes for election campaign. Women candidate from different political parties from Dhangadi, Sunsari, Surkhet, Sindhuli, Lalitpur, Ramechhap, Dailekh, Kathmandu, Makwanpur, Illam, Kanchanpur, Doti, Dadeldhura, Kaski, Nawalparasi were benefited from this support. Nearly 110 hand mikes were distributed in 1st phase and 2nd phase of local election. Sankalpa developed and distributed 5000 posters in 15 focused districts of Sankalpa.

Press Meet

Sankalpa, Election Observation Committee (NEOC) and General Election Observation Committee (GEOC) organized a combine post-election press meet in first phase and pre & post-election press meet in second phase of local election. In the press meet, based on the expertise, Sankalpa presented the findings & recommendation from gender aspects, Likewise, NEOC from human right aspects and GEOC from legal



Executive Director of Sankalpa Ms.Chanda Rai addressing the media at post Press meet of 2nd phase of election



Chair of Sankalpa Ms. Lily Thapa addressing the media at Press meet for 2nd phase of local election

aspects. The findings and recommendation was shared in front of Chief Election Commissioner Dr. Ayodhee Prasad Yadav and media person.

Representation of Social Activist in Local Election

Among 675 social activists in 15 focused districts,14 Social Activist of Sankalpa had secured their representation in different position through different political parties in local election.

S.N	Name of social activist	Places	Party	Position
1	Dauli Devi rawal	Shikhar Municipality,Doti	Nepali Congress	Deputy Mayor
2	Binda Timislina	Gokarneshwor-7,Jorpati	CPN-uml	Women Member

3	Mathura Chapagain	Kageshwori Manohara-8,Gotthatar	CPN-UML	Women Member
4	Uma Kumari Thapa	Chandragiri-7 Mahadevsthan	Nepali Congress	Women Member
5	Kunti Devi Balaayar	Shikhar Municipality Ward-7	Nepali Congress	Ward Member
6	Tara Biswokarma	Pokhara Lekhnath Metropolitan	CPN UML	Dalit member
7	Gyanu Dhakal	Gorkha	CPN-Maiost	Women Member
8	Laxmi Thapa Magar	Gorkha	Nepali Congress	Women Member
9	Laxmi Shah	Suklaphata Municipality-10	Nepali Congress	Women Member
10	Sarala Bista	Suklaphata Municipality-5	CPN UML	Women Member
11	Narayani Panta	Mahakali Municipality-3	Nepali Congress	Women Member
12	Kumari Rasaili	Illam Municipality ward- 12	Nepali congress	Women Member
13	Sushila B.K	Illam Municipality ward-4	Nepali Congress	Dalit Women Member
14	Parbati Bisunke	Narayan Municipality ward -1	CPN-UML	Women Member

Sankalpa heartily congratulated all the elected social activist and wishes for their successful tenure.

Ms. Lily Thapa, Chair of Sankalpa received “Modi Stri Shakti award”. Sankalpa is proud of her works and looks forward to supporting her works for greater achievements.



Sankalpa team would like to congratulate Ms.Shobha Basnet-General Secretary of Sankalpa for being appointed as a member of Community Mediation Council Nepal. We extend best wishes for her successful tenure.

Glimpse of Nap Consultation in various Districts





From Left to right: NAP Consultation at Dadeldhura, Gorkha, Kavre, Kanchanpur, Nawalparasi, Dhankuta, Surkhet, and Makwanpur

Glimpse of Election Observation





Picture-1: Sankalpa Team with Deputy CDO & Women Election Officers In Dhankuta .
 Picture 2: Sankalpa Team along with district observers being ready for local election observation in Sunsari.
 Picture: 3: Sankalpa team had meeting with observers of different organization in Illam.
 Picture -4: Team Sankalpa in Nawalparasi taking group picture with district observers.
 Picture- 5: Sankalpa Team with Election Officials in Banke.
 Picture-6: Team Sankalpa with District observes in Doti

National Conference

Sankalpa as a member of Collective Campaign coordinated a conference on “**National Conference towards Planet 50:50: Enabling Women’s Leadership and representation in local governance in Nepal**” organized jointly by Election Commision Nepal(ECN) & UN System. Sankalpa supported to invite women leaders to participate in the conference from 75 distrcits and supported logistic management in the conference.

**Glimpse of Meeting of Women's
Collective Camping at Sankalpa
Secretariat**



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