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#### **About this issue**

Dear Sankalpa Community,

We are back again with the newsletter covering issues of August 2017. Sankalpa team is busy preparing for third phase of local elections and providing support to flood and landslide victims.

As you know, recent flood and landslide in Terai region has destroyed large number of houses and affected several thousand households killing numbers of human lives. Looking at this scenario Sankalpa has made support to flood and landslide victims.

On our August issue, there are lots of other activities like sharing program, One Billion Rising, voice of elected social activist, Media monitoring.

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

## Sharing Program

On 4<sup>th</sup> September, Sankalpa conducted discussion program on “Survey on Sexual & Gender Based violence in 15 focused districts of Sankalpa” among its member organization and other civil Society. The main objective of this sharing program was to share the findings of research, collect feedback on survey/ findings and to finalize it.



Participants in the sharing program



Handover shawl to Bikalpa for distribution

## Support to Flood and Landslides Affected Victim

Sankalpa supported to flood & landslides victims focusing on women and children of 13 most affected districts (Siraha, Saptari, Udayapur, Mahottari, Banke, Kailali, Bardiya, Jhapa, Sunsari, Morang, Dhanusha, Rautahat and Lalitpur) through member organizations. Sankalpa handover shawl to member organization for distribution. Member organization coordinated with

Natural disaster & rescue committee in the districts with the support of local people for support. Apart from shawl, Sankalpa handover tarpaulin, mosquito net, towel, Mattress to 'Nepal Chepang Women Association' to distribute especially for post-natural women. Sankalpa staff also contributed one day salary as well as board members also contributed for flood and landslide victim.

## Monitoring Visit

This August, Sankalpa board member had monitoring visit in Siraha, Bardiya, Saptari & Banke. This monitoring visit was made to understand the status of women & children in flood affected area, security of women in

the camp, whether they have got support or not. This monitoring visit oversees the overall status of women and children of 13 highly affected district

## Sharing Program

Sharing program on "Situational analysis of women in Kavrepalanchowk district" was organized on 30<sup>th</sup> of July, 2017 at Sankalpa premises among Sankalpa staff and member organizations. Sankalpa completed research on situational analysis in Kavre district with the support of Gender studies department & women studies department of Padmakanya College (PK). This study focused to assess and document existing status of women in the study area and their access in public services including the situation of service delivery presently existing there. The data reveals that the educational status of the women is not very satisfactory.



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## Glimpse of Support to Flood & Landslide Victim

From left to right

Picture 1: Relief Distribution in Khairi Bardiya.

Picture 2: Relief Distributu in Banke

Picture 3: elief Distribution in Siraha



## One Billion Rising Campaign

Since the launch of campaign in 2012, One Billion Rising has gained incredible momentum, reaching million across 160 countries and over 5000 organizations.

Sankalpa is being part of One Billion Rising Campaign from the very beginning of its lunch in Nepal. Recently, on 2<sup>nd</sup> of September, OBR organized Meeto Memorial Award for Young South Asians, Sangatee Grant award, music, dance, poetry and slogans in the presence of several hundred members and leaders of Nepal's civil society, eminent citizens, cultural activists, and others at St. Xavier School Jwalakhel.

This year Sangatee award was provided to Ms. Gyanu Paudyal and Ms. Phulpati Devi Bani for their work in women Rights. Along with this award, Meeto Memorial award was provided to Amrita Johri from India for her contribution for anti-corruption movement in India.



## NAP Consultation in Siraha

Sankalpa in coordination with MOPR & 1325 action group organized district level NAP Consultation on 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of NAP on UNSCR, 1325 & 1820. Sankalpa completed NAP consultation in 10 districts. (Gorkha, Makwanpur, Dailekh, Surkhet, Nawalparasi, Kavre, Dhankuta, Kanchanpur, Dadedhura and Siraha). Last Nap Consultation was held in Siraha among 45 participants on 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2017.



Participants at Nap Consultation in Siraha



Sankalpa along with NEOC team for observation of re-election at Chitwan

Sankalpa team along with NEOC observed and monitored the re-election of Bharatpur Metropolitan, ward no 19 held on 4<sup>th</sup> August 2017.

## Board Meeting

On 6<sup>th</sup> August 2017, Sankalpa held board meeting at Caf  Chino, Patan Dhoka, Lalitpur.

## Representation of Social Activist in Local Election

Among 675 social activists in 15 focused districts, 26 Social Activist of Sankalpa had secured their participation in different position through different political parties in local election. Sankalpa heartily congratulated all the elected social activist and wishes for their successful tenure.

S.N	Name of Social Activist	Places	Party	Position
1	Dauli Devi Rawal	Shikhar Municipality /Doti	Nepali Congress	Deputy Mayor
2	Kunti Devi Balaayar	Shikhar Municipality Ward-7 Doti	Nepali Congress	Ward Member
3	Binda Timislina	Gokarneshwor -7 ,Jorpati/Kathmandu	CPN-UML	Ward Member
4	Mathura Chapagain	Kageshori Manohara-8 Gotthathar/Kathmandu	CPN-UML	Women Member
5	Uma Kumari Thapa	Chandragiri-7 Mahadevsthan/Kathmandu	Nepali Congress	Women Member
6	Renjen Lamini	Panchpokhari Thangpal-2 , Kathmandu	Nepali Congress	Women member
7	Rajiya Seikha	Kurainya-Nepaljung Sub Metropolitan /Banke	Nepali Congress	Women Member
8	Neelam Singh	Indrapur Janaki Gaupalika /Banke	Federal Socialist Party	Women Member
9	Tara Biswokarma	Pokhara LekhnathMetropolitain/Kaski	CPN UML	Dalit Member
10	Gyanu Dhakal	Bhimsen Rural Municipality, Baguwa ward -5 Gorkha	CPN-Maiost	Women Member
11	Laxmi Thapa Magar	Gorkha Municipality Ward-1	Nepali Congress	Women Member
12	Laxmi Shah	Suklaphata Municipality - 10/Kanchanpur	Nepali Congress	Women Member
13	Sarala Bista	Suklaphata Municipality-5 /Kanchanpur	CPN-UML	Women Member
14	Narayani Panta	Mahakali Municipality-3 /Kanchanpur	Nepali Congress	Women Member
15	Kumari Rasali	Illam Municipality ward-12	Nepali Congress	Women Member
16	Sushila B.k	Illam Municipalityward-4	Nepali congress	Dalit Member
17	Parbati Bisunke	Narayan Municipality ward-1 /Dailekh	CPN-UML	Women member
18	Gajura suji	Dullu Municipality Ward-8/Dailekh	CPN-UML	Women Member
19	DhanKumari Oli	Bhariganga Municipality -	CPN-UML	Women

		13/Surkhet		Member
20	Sabitri B.K	Gadhi-3 Makawanpur	Nepali Congress	Dalit Member
21	Khimadevi Chaudhary	Paraawol Rural Municipality /Nawalparasi	Forum Loktantrik	Women Member
22	Kalawoti Bohara	Parsuram Municipality,jogbuda/Dadeldhura	Nepali Congress	Deputy Mayor
23	Jwala Bogati	Aalitaal Rural Municipality/Dadeldhura	Nepali Congress	Deputy Mayor
24	Janaki Mahara	Parsuram Municipality jogbada-10/Dadeldhura	Nepali Congress	Ward Member
25	Sunmaya Tamnag	Namobuddha Munciplaity Ward-8/Kavre	CPN-UML	Women Member
26	Sita Maya Tamang	Panchkhaal Municipality Ward -2/Kavre	CPN-UML	Women Member

### Voice Of Elected Social Activist

Dhaura Devi Rawal is a dweller of Sikhhar municipal of Doti district. She belongs to an average peasant family and lives with her mother-in-law, disabled husband and her two sons. She is a social activist of Sankalpa.

She used to do community service before joining Sankalpa. She received several capacity building opportunities including trainings and seminars provided by Sankalpa. She says "It is my big opportunity when I got chance to become one of the candidate in local election representing Nepali Congress for the post of deputy mayor". It was her first time when she believed in herself and felt that women can do anything with an effort and hard work. All her dedication and

determination became worthwhile when she secured her position as Deputy Mayor of Sikhhar municipality, Doti. She shared that Sankalpa has helped a lot to groom her through its trainings to women participants in local election. She added that "Sankalpa/Ruwduc has a huge hand for my success. While working as social activists of Sankalpa, I got opportunity to participate in number of trainings on leadership, VAW and women empowerment. I have gained lot of confidence and motivation through the programs organized by Sankalpa and took a courageous step to participate in local election in a post of Deputy Mayor". I am feeling happy and nervous too. I have a responsibility towards my state and I am looking forward to serve my state.



"I was really scared because my education was only limited to adult literacy whereas my opponent was educated till B. Ed. Though lots of people had positive thoughts towards me and supported me I used to get scared at times. Even my opponent underestimated me because of my education; I always kept in mind that nothing is impossible and kept on moving forward". -Dhaura Devi Rawal (Doti-Deputy Mayor of Sikhhar Municipality)

## Media Coverage: Women Issues

S.N	Name of Newspaper	Coverage of Women issues
1	Republica	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Gifting a daughter (12<sup>th</sup> August 2017)</li> <li>➤ Nursing mother saves family by perching on tree through the night ( 13<sup>th</sup> August 2017)</li> <li>➤ A mother searching for her son since 12 years ( 20<sup>th</sup> August 2017)</li> <li>➤ Even health workers live in shed during menstruation ( 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2017)</li> <li>➤ Citing losses, Jumbini Medical College exits safe motherhood program (24<sup>th</sup> August 2017)</li> <li>➤ Equality in festivities (26<sup>th</sup> August 2017)</li> </ul>
2	The Kathmandu Post	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Gender-aware policies needed ( 6<sup>th</sup> August 2017)</li> <li>➤ Women can have it all( 13<sup>th</sup> August 2017)</li> <li>➤ Making “Women’s Work count ( 14<sup>th</sup> August 2017)</li> <li>➤ Send the breast pump with the defense attaché(18<sup>th</sup> August 2017)</li> <li>➤ Women, children deprived of treatment ( 20<sup>th</sup> August 2017)</li> <li>➤ Barrier to gender equality( 20<sup>th</sup> August 2017)</li> </ul>
3	Annapurna Post	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Discrimination in office (6<sup>th</sup> August 2017)</li> <li>➤ 142 women suffer from violence in the month of Ashad ( 12<sup>th</sup> August 2017)</li> <li>➤ Pain of Women representatives (20<sup>th</sup> August 2017)</li> <li>➤ Women Representatives in Nepal set an example throughout the world ( 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2017)</li> <li>➤ Women in foreign employment: Don’t forget this issue ( 27<sup>th</sup> August 2017)</li> </ul>
4	Kantipur	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Story of Single Women in Kachahari (1<sup>st</sup> August 2017)</li> <li>➤ Legal confusion regarding polygamy (3<sup>rd</sup> August 2017)</li> <li>➤ No opportunity of working Mothers ( 5<sup>th</sup> August 2017)</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Violence in home, Law in Sokesh (12<sup>th</sup> August 2017)</li> <li>➤ Women Against social taboos ( 19<sup>th</sup> August 2017)</li> <li>➤ Women Violence and its solution (20<sup>th</sup> August 2017)</li> <li>➤ Post natural women in floor (21<sup>st</sup> August 2017)</li> <li>➤ Diplomats and women (21<sup>st</sup> August 2017)</li> <li>➤ Disaster risk double in women (22<sup>nd</sup> August 2017)</li> </ul>
5	The Himalyan Times	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Women Should unite for rights ( 1<sup>st</sup> August 2017)</li> <li>➤ Four girls of a family die after falling into a ditch(6<sup>th</sup> August 2017)</li> <li>➤ Whereabouts of three missing girls still unknown ( 10<sup>th</sup> August 2017)</li> <li>➤ Ending Chhaupadi System ( 18<sup>th</sup> August 2017)</li> <li>➤ Young mother struggles to keep her newborns alive ( 20<sup>th</sup> August 2017)</li> <li>➤ Seven women climbers in bid to scale Mt Everest ( 20<sup>th</sup> August 2017)</li> <li>➤ Women's Issues ( 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2017)</li> <li>➤ Women should play an equal role as men:Prez (23<sup>rd</sup> August 2017)</li> <li>➤ Save my children: Bereaved mother (24<sup>th</sup> August 2017)</li> <li>➤ Early Marriage (24<sup>th</sup> August 2017)</li> <li>➤ Women on warpath over tardy probe (29<sup>th</sup> August 2017)</li> </ul>
6	Nagarik	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Are women Machine? ( 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2017)</li> <li>➤ Health workers in Shed during their menstruation ( 24<sup>th</sup> August 2017)</li> </ul>
7	The Rising Nepal	For women CEOs,Danger lurks atop corporate ladder (7 <sup>th</sup> August 2017 )



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