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About this issue

Dear Sankalpa Community,

Two months into the New Year have passed. How are your 2017 resolutions holding up?

In this issue, we would like to share with you on some key updates from the strategic direction workshop and our milestones to make people aware about our works not just in Nepal but also in the South Asia region.

We are also in the process of exploring new partnerships with various local and international organizations. In this newsletter you will also get to see our works and visibility in One billion rising campaign and various Medias.

We hope that you have been enjoying our e-newsletter. Please do provide us with feedback on what you would like to read more about in the coming months.
Thank you!

The Sankalpa Team @WomenSankalpa

Highlights from Strategic Direction workshop

Strategic Direction workshop was held on 5 February at Hotel Horizon, Dhulikhel. The objective workshop was to discuss the annual activity plan and to brainstorm on creating milestones to zoom Sankalpa. The BOD and Sankalpa Secretariat team together developed and discussed activities under the following milestones:

- ✓ Sankalpa as a rich feminist resource center in South Asia.



Senior Vice President of Sankalpa Ms. Stella Tamang discussing risk assessment in plenary



Participants devising plans and activities to achieve set milestones

Information session on State Restructuring by an expert

On 6 February 2017 at Chhahari Premises in Baluwatar, Sankalpa organized an information sharing program on "State Restructuring under Federalism". Altogether 30 participants from Sankalpa Secretariat, Sankalpa member organizations, and Royal Norwegian Embassy took part in the program. Participants were representatives from member organization,



Dr. Shyam Bhurtel-member of local bodies restructuring commission sharing state restructuring processes in federalism



Ms. Durga Sob, Former Vice-Chair of Sankalpa facilitating the information on state restructuring at Chhahari

representatives from Royal Norwegian Embassy, board member of Sankalpa and staff from secretariat was at the program. Main objectives of the program were to orient the participant's processes and provisions, challenges and opportunities of State restructuring under federalism.

Sharing Program on Analysis Paper of thematic issues of women based on Constitution and other women related laws/policies

On 17 February 2017, Sankalpa organized a half-day sharing program on the analysis

paper of thematic issues of women based on constitution and other women related policies and laws. The sharing program was organized by Sankalpa Research Unit and also has planned to make it a periodic discussion programme in the coming months.

Ms. Mira Dhungana highlighted the key issues of women mentioned in the constitution of Nepal. Her presentation was based on the issues of citizenship, SGBV, child marriage, Rape, Polygamy etc.

The session culminated into a floor discussion where participant's raised issues that need to be interpolated in the analysis paper such as: participation of Dalit women in decision/policy making level, making law to provide equal opportunity for intellectual disabilities, issuing citizenship in the name of mother for those whose father's status is disappeared etc.



Ms. Mira Dhungana, a Lawyer and Sankalpa's Resource Person sharing highlights of analysis paper on thematic issues on constitution and other women related issues

Monthly Review meeting with Central level focal person

On 20th February, Sankalpa organized review meeting with central level focal person of member organization in Sankalpa Secretariat. In the meeting, we discussed on the ways to improve performance and effectiveness of the programmes at the districts level.



Focal persons and Sankalpa staffs discussed the challenges & obstacles faced by them and ways to mitigate it. The Sankalpa team also discussed set milestones with the central focal persons of MOs. The meeting also decided to meet every month on first Monday to discuss and share progress and challenges.

Central focal persons of MOs and Sankalpa staffs during monthly review meeting at Sankalpa

One Billion Rising Campaign

Since its launch in February 2012, ONE BILLION RISING has gained millions incredible momentum, aching millions across 160 countries and over 5000 organization.

Sankalpa has been supporting One Billion Rising Campaign from the very beginning since its first launch in Nepal. Recently, on 14 February 2017 OBR organized a talk programme



Sankalpa Board members during intergenerational talk at TEWA with Olga Murray

“Are our Women NOT Empowered: Our Intergenerational Experiences” at TEWA premises later also organized a huge rally where Sankalpa also took part besides regular support to OBR family.

The panelists included: Lily Thapa, Founder President at Women Human Rights and currently the president of Sankalpa; Badri Pun, President of Samaweshi Mancha; Shanta Laxmi Shrestha, Chairperson Beyond Beijing



Sankalpa Team during OBR Rally at Krishna Mandir, Patan

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Committee; Subin Mulmi , Program Coordinator at Forum for Women, Law and Development; Alina Saba, Program Coordinator of National Indigenous Women Forum Durga Sob of Founding President of FEDO.

A rally was organized by OBR along with other stakeholders including Sankalpa rom Krishna Mandir, Patan to Bhatbhateni, Pulchowk accompanied by a flash mob. Another rally aslo took place from Baluwataar to Naxal Bhatbhateni. Similarly, Governance facility also organized flash mob at Kalanki, Maharjung, Naxal and Pulchowk to mark OBR.

Sankalpa's Chair elected as one of the members for the Nation's Ministry of Women Think Tank Committee

Ms. Lily Thapa, Chair of Sankalpa along with other female icons Ms. Chadani Joshi, Ms. Anuradha Koirala, Ms. Bandanaa Rana & Ms. Shanti Laxmi shrestha are recently elected as Think Tank Committee members of Ministry of Women. Sankalpa secretariat would like to congratulate the chair along with all the members of this committee that will help in shaping gender friendly policies and also serve as an advisory group to ministry of women team.



Chair of Sankalpa, Lily Thapa along with other Think Tank Committee members formed by Ministry of Women.

Media Coverage: Women Issues

S.N	Name of the Newspaper	Coverage of women issues
1	Annapurna Post	➤ Women beaten in the name of witch (16th Febrauary)
2	Republica	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Women, Dalit, marginalized representation to increase (2nd Febuary) ➤ Women now do all the work in Jumla Village (8th Febuary)

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Toilets off-limits to menstruating females in Bajhang(8th February) ➤ WOW Festival in Kathmandu to celebrate womenhood (15th February) ➤ Flashmob in Bhat-Bhateni to raise awareness against VAW (15th February) ➤ Dalit ,minority woemn to see big increase among elected (28th February)
3	Gokhrapatra	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ No development with wopmen particiaption (15th February) ➤ Challenges of "RED TIKa" (28th February) ➤ News focused on women Agendas (27th February)
4	The Rising Nepal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Vice President lauds women's participation (15th February) ➤ Training for women journalist (15th February)
5	The Kathmandu Post	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Women applicatnts 'outwitting'men in PSC Examinations (12th February) ➤ Powerful Nepali women's challenges (19th February)
6	Kantipur post	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Difficulties in collecting women candidacy(3rd February) ➤ Lack of women leadership in local level 11th February)
7	Himalayan Times	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Giving voice to women thru Vagina Monologues(28th February)
8	Nagarik	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Way to celebrate Women's day (28th February)

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