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About this issue

Dear Sankalpa Community,

We are very happy to launch 1st issues of volume -6_e-Newsletters with the start of the New Year 2017.

This issue covers updates of January including orientation program to social activist, update from districts, media coverage on country's women rights and issues and success stories of social activists.

Happy Reading!

[Thank you!](#)

The Sankalpa Team @WomenSankalpa

Orientation Program for Social Activist to conduct Research

Sankalpa in collaboration with Padma-Kanya Campus organized one day orientation program for social activists of Kavre and Kathmandu along with students of PK College to conduct Research on status of women on 11 January 2017 at Sankalpa Secretariat.

The main objective of the orientation was to orient about tools and



techniques of research to the research team and also to introduce social activists with student researchers and faculty members of Padma Kanya Campus to conduct research in the focused VDCs of Kavre and Kathmandu. During orientation, questionnaire of household survey, focused group discussion and Key Informants Interview methods were also discussed and oriented to the research team. These two districts are selected for pilot research On the basis of which Sankalpa will plan

for other remaining focused districts.

Peace Vigil

Sankalpa team participated and expressed solidarity in the peace vigil for constitution implementation with proper amendment organized by Nagarik Aawaz and AYON on 19 January 2016 at Mandala, Maitighar.



Source: Nagarik Aawaz

District Activity

Exposure Visit

Among 15 focused districts, Nawalparasi, Kaski, Illam Kavre organized exposure visit for social activists to another working district of Sankalpa. The main objective of the exposure visit was to provide the social activists an opportunity to observe another district's work and also to get to learn and share from each other's experiences and challenges and success stories. The visit was fruitful as it enabled cross-sectorial learning of social activists.



Leadership training to Social Activist

In 15 focused districts of Sankalpa, social activist of 75 districts will be given two days leadership training. The training has been successfully conducted for 6 districts out of 15 districts. The main objective of this training is to strengthen the leadership of social activists by acquainting them with leadership, its importance and how they can be effective leaders.



Orientation program on Existing law & Policy on Domestic Violence

On 2nd December 2016, Bikalpa organized one day program on "Existing law and policy on Domestic Violence. Altogether thirty Social Activist from Kapan, Gothataar and Jorpati participated in the program. The Main Objectives of this program is to enhance the capacity and knowledge of social activist on the issues of women/domestic violence.

Sankalpa-name itself clarifies the meaning & willingness to make change and people associated with Sankalpa are committed towards the goal.

-Hisila Yaami (Naya Shakti Party)



Oneday program on women participation in Politics in Nawalparasi



Discussion program on Child marriage, Dowry & domestic Violence in Siraha

Monitoring Visit

On January, Sankalpa had two monitoring visit- in Kavre & Kathmandu.

Shyampati and Daraune Pokhari of Kavre were monitored during the visit. During the monitoring process, focus group discussion (FGD, interview with key informants, and interaction with social activists of DaraunePokharai were conducted.



Similarly, during the field visit in Kathamndu, women of Dalit communities in Jorpati, Gokarneshwor VDC- 15 & Gothatar VDC-11 were interviewed



Issues of women covered by media

S.N	Name of the Newspaper	Coverage of women issues
1	The Kantipur	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Violence affected women in search of Justice (8th January) ➤ Roadway for Security of Women life (7th January) ➤ No women to be Advocate? (1th January) ➤ Ghumto and its deep rooted illusion (20th January)
2	The Rising Nepal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Lack of awareness helps increase superstition-based violence (4th January) ➤ President Women Upliftment Programme in force (26th January)
3	Gorkhapatra	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Women violence in Politics (8th January) ➤ Four VDCs focusing on Women Entrepreneurship ➤ Budget to stop gender based violence(22nd January)
4	Republica	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Women can make a difference in Foreign Service (17th January) ➤ 8 Banke women set on fire in 2 and half years (24th January) ➤ Criminalizing of chhaupadi proposed in new legal code (26th January)
5	Kathmandu post	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Superstition-Based Violence on the rise (5th January) ➤ Enact more women-friendly lawas:Expert (13th January) ➤ Stumbling blocks-Education & Modernization haven't weakened ingrained socio-sexual relationships(10th January) ➤ Ex-Mauritius prez,Speaker discuss women rights(26th January)
6	Himalayan Times	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 48 Rapes recorded in three months (1st January) ➤ Finalize cases related to women soon :CJ (1st January)
7	Annapurna Post	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Local structure more stronger and transparent lead by women (16th January) ➤ Women in development (23rd January)

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.” -- Margaret Mead

Success Story

Kalpana Blon is a teacher and social activist of Sankalpa . Working as a social activist, she got an opportunity to increase her horizon on women issues.

She isn't just a teacher now and plays a key role for social works in her community . She strongly advocates for the victim's justice and has helped several voiceless women. Blon helped Shakti Moktan and became her voice to speak up for her rights.

Shanti Moktan is abandoned by her husband since last 5 years. She lives in Basamadi VDC of Makwanpur District with her three sons. There is no enough source of income except some money that she earns from her own domestic work. Some of the representatives from her ward helped her to work for a Secondary school in her village as a Helper and has been working since past 3 months.

But, the school isn't willing to keep her as a helper anymore and instead has been blaming her for her poor performance though she was very kind and hardworking. Kalpana Blon, who works at the same school and also is a social activist thinks the decision made by school isn't fair. Blon advocated for Shanti Moktan and held several meetings with school members and other community leaders and didn't give up until Moktan was hired back to school. Blon has been hope for many disadvantaged and vulnerable women as well as youth girls in the community.



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