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January Newsletter

This month, staff team and board members of Sankalpa, as well as its regional networks members were engaged in the various effective programs at national, districts and VDCs levels. Sankalpa as an organization working for women's rights has been contributing to a sit-in-protest at Baluwatar with different professionals, social workers and civil society demanding women's security and justice. Sankalpa Regional Networks also organized protests in front of offices of Chief District Officers at different districts demanding for women security and Justice. Sankalpa also participated in different programs organized by Samyuta Sangarsha Samiti (Samiti was formed during the meeting at Inter Party Women's Alliance on 28 December). A huge rally took place on 1st January in which a memorandum was submitted to the Prime Minister on 4 January. An interaction program with the main leaders of political parties took place on 18th January organized by Samuta Sangarsha Samiti demanding for women's security and justice. Beside these one management committee meeting was held on 10th January 2012. Staff reflection of 2012 meeting with was held on 3rd January 2012 which also developed an action plan of 2013. A meeting with Regional Coordinators of Sankalpa was held on 30th January 2013 decided to reform Regional Networks in constructive way. T&D Company submitted the final copy of M&E tools and mechanism.





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Annual Work Plan Workshop

The annual plan workshop was organized on 17th & 18th January at Norling Resort, Gokarna to discuss and finalize the annual work plan for 2013. Sankalpa Board Members, staff team and Ms Lena Hasle and Ms Kamala Bisht from Royal Norwegian Embassy were present in the workshop. Output wise committee members developed draft work plans of different outputs and presented them during the workshop. It was decided that Sankalpa staff team will finalize the work plan of 2013 on the basis of the discussions during the workshop.



Radio Program

Sankalpa started a weekly radio magazine named "Hamro Sankalpa" on Radio Nepal to raise public awareness of the issues relating to women's meaningful participation in politics at all levels. This program is produced with a small grant support from Voluntary Services Overseas (VSO), as a small grant project. The program is being aired through Radio Nepal on every Wednesday at 6:05pm-6:20pm started from 2nd January 2012.

VDC Level Orientations

One day VDC level orientation program on National Action Plan (NAP) 1325 & 1820 was organized in 42 districts of five development regions in the month of December 2012 & January 2013. Participants, who received the two days TOT, delivered the orientation in the VDCs of their respective districts. Local stakeholders such as; VDC members, local peace committee members, security forces, teachers, human rights activists, local motivators were orientated on NAP.





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National Workshop on National Policies and Laws

A two and a half day national workshop on national policies and laws was organized from 27-29 January 2013 in Kathmandu. Each of the eleven member organizations of Sankalpa working for the rights of different groups of women had earlier analyzed national laws and policies related to the concerns of their target groups and identified their major issues in regional and/or thematic workshops. The target groups of the member organizations include women from indigenous, Madhesi, Dalit and Muslim communities, adolescent girls, single women, conflict affected women, women with disability, rural women, women journalists and women in politics. In the national workshop, each member organization presented the reports from their thematic/regional workshops that Advocate Meera Dhungana and Sankalpa General Secretary Sangeeta Lama reviewed and further analyzed the laws/issues in facilitation of Advocate Indu Tuladhar. Fifty-one participants, including Sankalpa board and staff members, resource persons and representatives of Sankalpa member and partner organizations, media agencies, among others, discussed laws and issues to build consensus on priority issues for Sankalpa.



Following were identified as priority issues:

- Violence Against Women (VAW)
- Issues of Adolescent Girls
- Identity and Participation of Diverse Groups of Women
- Equal Access to Resources and Services
- Discriminatory Laws, Norms and Traditions

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