



Sankalpa Women's Alliance for Peace, Justice and Democracy

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November Newsletter

The month November was occupied with various effective programs at districts and regional levels. Sankalpa, as an inclusive alliance focused basically on the implementation of activities through its Member Organizations and recently formed regional networks. Various issues based workshops and Training of Trainers (TOT) were conducted through its Member Organizations and Regional Networks. Sankalpa's secretariat team was busy in monitoring the program conducted in different parts of country. Sankalpa's second annual general meeting was held on 7 November 2012 and three Management Committee Meetings were held in November to support the Sankalpa's operation. During this month Sankalpa also saw the possibility of a partnership with Voluntary Services Overseas (VSO), for a small grant project to conduct radio program to increase awareness on women political participation. Sankalpa team also had round of meeting with Arantxa Cedillo, a photo journalist from Spain to organize photo exhibition named Broken Rules, *Nepal* (studio portraits and the story of the first women to have broken the rules in their native Nepal) during 16 days activism against domestic violence but at the last moment the government of Nepal did not approve her exhibition.

Second Annual General Meeting

Second Annual General Meeting was held on 7th November 2012 at Sankalpa Office, where all eleven board members, three founding members/Advisors (excluding Ms Sarita Giri) were present. During the meeting annual program report and 2013 program plan presented by General Secretary, Ms Sangeeta Lama and annual financial report presented by treasure Ms Shobha Basnet were approved. Amendment in Sankalpa's Constitution regarding regional network formation was endorsed during the Annual General Assembly.

Regional Thematic Issues Workshop by MOs

Two and half days Regional Thematic Issues Workshops (two & half days) to identify gaps on National Policies and Laws by MOs were conducted during this Month. Workshops organized by Member



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Districts level TOT

The second phase of TOT on implementation of UNSCR 1325 and 1820 was organized through Sankalpa's Central Regional Network at Dhading Besi, on 1st – 2nd November. This was the first program organized by regional network after the formation of regional networks during the regional level master TOT. Altogether Twenty-nine participants from eight districts of central development region were participated in the training. TOT program was monitored by Monitoring and Documentation Officer Ms Bijaya KC.



Likewise, Sankalpa's eastern regional network organized district level TOT at Dhankuta, Hile on 9th-10th November. Thirty-five participants from eight Districts were participated, where participants of Master TOT delivered the training. Program Manager, Moni Shrestha and M&DO Ms Bijaya K.C preformed the monitoring task. Similarly, far western regional network organized district level TOT at Dadeldhura on 29th -30th November. Thirty-four participants were participated from six districts and TOT program was monitored by Ms Bijaya. Altogether ten districts level TOT (two in each region) are planned for this year (2012).

Congratulation

Sankalpa Family wishes heartiest congratulation to Ms Srijana Gautam, program support officer for giving birth to a new life on 1st November.

Sankalpa family is proud to well-come a new baby boy in a family.

Sankalpa's New Family Member

Sankalpa with great pleasure welcomes Ms Lula Belinfante from VSO as a Sankalpa's new Organizational Development Advisor. She has joined Sankalpa from 9th November, and is responsible to assist in OD plan of Sankalpa and member organizations, organizational need assessment and in finalization of M&E framework.

You all can contact Lula on her email address: lula@sankalpa.org.np

Condolence

Sankalpa family is deeply saddened by the news about the demise of father-in-law of our friend/ Diju/ well-wisher Ms. Kamla Bisht. We would like to express our sincere sadness and sympathies at this time of sorrow on behalf of Sankalpa. May his soul rest in peace!!!

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