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F for Feminism



On the occasion of 108th International Women's Day, FWLD and Center for Reproductive Rights jointly organized an event F for Feminism with the slogan, "Let everyone sow the seed of Knowledge on Reproductive Health Rights" at Alfa House on 7th March, 2018. The event was further made fascinating by the law students who eloquently presented the laws, policies and importance of Reproductive Health Right of a women. Similarly, poetry on Women's Reproductive Health Right was recited beautifully. More than 100 people attended the event.



Take away on **CITIZENSHIP/LEGAL IDENTITY**



Book launching ceremony of CIVIL REGISTRATION LAWS of Nepal

With the need of necessary reform and amendment in the civil registration law, FWLD organized a Book Launch Event of the "Legal Analysis of Civil Registration Laws of Nepal" on 16th March, 2018 at Alfa House. The Book was launched under the auspices of Honorable Minister Tham Maya Thapa, Ministry of Women, Children and Social Welfare, Mr Bed Bahadur Karki, Director General

of the Department of Civil Registration DoCR, Hon. Tilak Mahat, Member of Parliament, Hon. Sashi Shrestha, Member of Parliament and Mr. Bishal Bhardwaj from DoCR. The Legal Analysis sheds the light upon the need of necessary amendment to be made in the upcoming laws regarding the civil registration making them in line with the Constitution of Nepal.

Paralegal training on legal Identity at Achham

A Discussion program was conducted with the paralegals with the support of Open Society Foundation at Achham on 24th March 2018. The discussion program was about the citizenship, its laws, and precedents on the acquisition of citizenship as well as discussion on Vital Registration, its laws, and regulations was also conducted with the paralegals of Achham.



Paralegal training on legal Identity at Bajura

A Discussion program was conducted with the paralegals with the support of Open Society Foundation at Bajura on 26th March 2018. The discussion program was about the citizenship, its laws, and precedents on the acquisition of citizenship as well as discussion on Vital Registration, its laws, and regulations was also conducted with the paralegals of Bajura.



Paralegal training on legal Identity at Kailali

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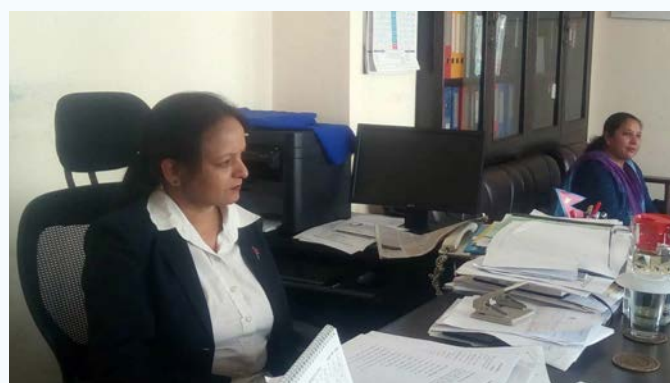
Take away on **WOMEN'S RIGHT**

National Conference on Women related Laws



A National Conference on women related laws was held on January 22nd, 2018, at Greenwich Village Hotel, Kathmandu organized by Ministry of Women, Children and Social Welfare (MoWCSW). This consultation program was about taking feedback on bill drafting process based on Article 38(3) "Punishment and Compensation on Violence Against Women" and Article 38(5) "Special Opportunity for Women". FWLD has been providing technical and logistic support to MoWCSW.

Meeting on Women Rights



A meeting was conducted with MoWCSW chaired by Joint Secretary Radhika Aryal on the drafting of the Bills on Article 38 (3) and Article 38(5) of the Constitution.

The meeting was held at the Ministry on 19th and 20th of March, 2018. The meeting was about Article 38 which ensures the fundamental Rights of women in which drafting the Bills of Article 38(3) which states about "Equality to women" and Article 38(5) which ensures "Special Opportunity to women" was discussed.

The Bill must be enacted as law within September 2018.

Draft bill on Violence against Women and compensating the victim

FWLD provided logistic and technical support to the Ministry of Women, Children and Senior Citizen to organize a consultation meeting on the draft bill on amendment of some acts on penalization of Violence against Women and compensating the victim to comply with Article 38 (3) of the Constitution. The consultation meeting was held at Alfa House on 30th March, 2018. Parliamentarian Krishna Bhakta Pokhrel was the guest of the consultation meeting while Representatives of Supreme Court, Attorney General, Nepal Police, UN Agencies, different lawyers, senior lawyers, civil society organizations and other concerned stakeholders were present at the meeting. Mr. Sabin Shrestha from FWLD presented a paper on the draft bill.



Provincial Consultation on Women Related Laws

A consultation program on women related laws was held on January 17th, 2018, at Birgunj organized by Ministry of Women, Children and Social Welfare (MoWCSW). This consultation program was about taking feedback on bill drafting process based on Article 38(3) "Punishment and Compensation on Violence Against Women" and Article 38(5) "Special Opportunity for Women". FWLD has been providing technical and logistic support to MoWCSW.



A consultation program on women related laws was held on January 18th, 2018, at Hetauda, Makwanpur organized by Ministry of Women, Children and Social Welfare (MoWCSW). This consultation program was about taking feedback on bill drafting process based on Article 38(3) "Punishment and Compensation on Violence Against Women" and Article 38(5) "Special Opportunity for Women". FWLD has been providing technical and logistic support to MoWCSW.

Take away on **IMPLEMENTATION OF CEDAW**



Discussion program on Women's Right and CEDAW was organized in Banke, Nepalgunj on January 13, 2018. The program had presence of Honorable Justice Sapana Pradhan Malla, Honorable judges of High Court, government attorney, lawyers among others. Honorable Justice Malla discussed about how CEDAW can be used by judiciary for protecting women rights and also gave reference of latest decisions as well. Ms. Ishita Dutta from IWRAW provided information on new general recommendation on violence against women. The whole discussion was directed towards the role of court in realizing women rights and the application of CEDAW in present context.



FWLD organized a discussion program with lawyers of Biratnagar on the topic "Women's right and CEDAW" at Biratnagar on 19th and 20th of January.



FWLD organized a discussion program on women's right and CEDAW with judges of Makwanpur, Nawalparasi and Nawalpur on 27 January, 2018 at Sauraha, Chitwan. The resource person for the program was Hon. Justice of Supreme Court Sapana Pradhan Malla.

Take away on **CEDAW SHADOW REPORT**



Shadow Report Preparation Meeting

A meeting of CEDAW Shadow Report Preparation Committee (SRPC), Nepal was conducted on 28th January, 2018 at FWLD. There will be a presentation of Nepal's report on 71st session of CEDAW and the pre-session which is the 69th session for the 71st session is on March. The committee have agreed to submit the shadow report for the pre-session in the meeting.

Pre-sessional Working Group on the 71st session of Convention on Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW)



Pre Session of 71st session of CEDAW with media, members of civil society and members of Shadow Report Preparation Committee (SRPC) was organized on 21st March, 2018 at Alpha House, Baneshwor.

The discussion was focused on the issues raised by civil society for facilitating the pre-sessional working group to prepare List of Issues (LOI) to be discussed on the main session. Mr. Sabin Shrestha on behalf of

Pre-sessional Working Group on the 71st session of Convention on Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) of Nepal held at 12th March, 2018 at Geneva, Switzerland. FWLD along with the Civil Society Working Group had presented a Shadow Report in CEDAW. 4 speakers from Nepal including Mr. Sabin Shrestha from FWLD spoke on the issue of Citizenship, Reproductive Health Right, Trafficking in Person and Gender Based Violence. He precisely provided his oral statement on the implementation status of CEDAW whereas remaining speakers addressed the issues of Women Education, Discrimination Against Intersex Women, Lesbian and

Transgender Persons in Nepal.

Meanwhile, a meeting with Ms. Bandana Rana, Expert Member of CEDAW Committee, on 10th February, 2018 for Civil Society Preparation for pre-session of CEDAW Committee and also for the suggestions for an effective participation and advocacy in the pre-session.

Similarly, a discussion program on



SRPC stated about the background of reporting process of CEDAW and the issues of citizenship, trafficking among others. Similarly, Ms. Purna Shrestha from Centre for Reproductive Rights (CRR) and Ms. Pratiba Shrestha from Stri Shakti presented on issues of reproductive health and women's education respectively.

Take away on **REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH RIGHTS**



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Meeting of Reproductive Health Right Working Group (RHRWG) was held on 23 March, 2018 in order to finalize and adopt RHRWG Working Procedure 2074. The meeting also decided to assist Family Health Division for Reproductive Health Bill.



Take away on **HUMAN TRAFFICKING**



Addressing Nexus between Human Trafficking and Foreign Employment

FWLD organized a discussion program on “Addressing Nexus between Human Trafficking and Foreign Employment” on Jan 25, 2018. The program had presence of representative of Ministry of Women, Children and Social Welfare, Office of the Attorney General, Ministry of Labour and Employment, Nepal Police, President of

Zonta International, UN Women and other concerned stakeholders. The discussion was focused on addressing the issue of both human trafficking and foreign employment in relation to amendment of the concerned Acts.

Training on Nexus between Human Trafficking and Foreign Employment at Dhading



Capacity Building Training was organized at Dhading district on 19th February, 2018 on nexus between the legislations on human trafficking and foreign employment. The training had presence of police, court officials, lawyers, members of civil society, Government Attorney.

Training on Nexus between Human Trafficking and Foreign Employment at Sindupalchowk

Capacity building workshop on Nexus between Human Trafficking and Foreign Employment was organized in Sindhupalchok district on February 20, 2018. The workshop was conducted by FWLD with support from UN Women and had presence of police, District Court officials, local government officials, lawyers, members of civil society, government attorney, representatives of Bar Association, District Coordination Committee and Women and Children Office.



Discussion program with media



A discussion program on the nexus between Human Trafficking and foreign employment was organized by FWLD with the media on 26th February 2018 at Hotel Woodland, Durbar Marg.

The discussion was focused on the recommendations to be adopted in the amended Human Trafficking and Transportation Control Act and Foreign Employment Act.

Nexus between human trafficking and foreign employment



A discussion program on the nexus between Human Trafficking and foreign employment was organized by FWLD with service provider organizations, National network on SAFE Migration, law students and other non-governmental organizations and with lawyers on 26th and 27th February 2018 at Hotel Woodland, Durbar Marg.

The discussion was focused on the recommendations to be adopted in the amended Human Trafficking and Transportation Control Act and Foreign Employment Act.

Discussion program on Nexus between Human Trafficking and Foreign Employment

Discussion program on Nexus between Human Trafficking and Foreign Employment was held with key government stakeholders on 28 February, 2018. The program was chaired by Under Secretary of Ministry of Women, Children and Social Welfare, Roshani Devi Karki. A presentation was made by Mr. Krishna Jeevi Ghimire, Secretary of Government of Nepal on the issue.



Take away on **INCLUSIVE TRANSITIONAL JUSTICE**

Ghorahi, Dang district from
17-19 March, 2018



← Dhangadhi, Kailali district on
from 20- 22 February, 2018

FWLD jointly with the International Alert conducted a 3-days capacity building training for the members of the District Network for **Inclusive TJ, Reconciliation and Conflict Resolution** in four districts on *Concept of Transitional Justice, Principles of Conflict Sensitivity, Effective Advocacy and Dialogue.*



Gulariya, Bardiya district from
23-25 February, 2018

Nepalgunj, Banke district from
8-10 March, 2018 →



Dialogue Program on Needs and Aspirations of the Conflict Victims

FWLD in collaboration with the International Alert conducted a Dialogue Program on "Needs and Aspirations of the Conflict Victims of Kailali District" with concerned stakeholders including Chief District Officer, newly elected representatives of the Local Government, Municipality, Police, Community Based Organization, Civil Society and Media as well as conflict victims at Hotel Sunlight, Dhangadi, Kailali on 21st March, 2018.



Dialogue Program on Roles of the the Local Agencies in dealing with the issues of the Conflict Victims

FWLD in collaboration with the International Alert conducted a Dialogue Program on "Roles of the Local Agencies in dealing with the issues of the Conflict Victims" with concerned stakeholders including newly elected President of Dangisharan Rural Municipality, other representatives of the Ward, Chief of Area Health Post, Municipality, Community Based Organization, Civil Society and Media as well as conflict victims at Dangisharan Gaunpalika, Hekuli, Dang on 26st March, 2018.



Take away on **FWLD'S SUPPLEMENTARY ACTIVITIES**

Planning Meeting

A planning meeting was conducted with the district office of FWLD. The working districts of FWLD are Morang, Makwanpur, Banke, and Nawalparasi. The planning meeting was held on 28th February, 2018 at Hotel Woodland, Durbar Marg.



Press for Change

FWLD participated in the "Interactive Mela" #PressForChange held at Staff College, Jawalakhel at 18th March, 2018.

FWLD also had a stall along with other international organizations displaying publications. There was also a panel discussion on the topic "positive masculinity" in which Mr. Sabin Shrestha was one of the two panelists.

Training program on judicial process and justice delivery

FWLD organized a training program to the officials of the judicial committee on judicial process and justice delivery on 30th and 31st March, 2018 at Park Village, Kathmandu.

The training was chaired by Sarita Dahal, Deputy Chief, Coordination Committee, while Honorable Justice Hari Krishna Karki from Supreme Court inaugurated the program. Gopal Kumar Adhikari, District Coordination Committee, welcomed and highlighted the objectives of the training. The training specifically focused on the usage of judicial discretion and procedure to be adopted by the Judicial Committee for justice delivery. While Sabin Shrestha from FWLD presented on the fundamental principles of justice.



MEDIA COVERAGE ON THE DIFFERENT ISSUES INITIATED BY FWLD

NEW PUBLICATIONS



CEDAW PRE-SESSION BEING HELD IN GENEVA

REPUBLICA, KATHMANDU

The Pre-session working group on the 71st Session of Convention on Elimination of all forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) is being called from March 12 to 16 in Geneva, Switzerland. Four speakers representing different NGOs of Nepal presented oral statements on the implementation situation of CEDAW in Nepal, proposing actions to be taken by the state for the implementation.

One of the speakers, Prativa Maiya Shrestha representing Sri Shakti, presented oral statement on Women Education. Likewise, Sabin

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Women should be guaranteed reproductive health rights

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KATHMANDU, March 8: Women should have a say in taking decision regarding matters on reproductive health. Women rights activists speaking in a programme organised by the Forum for Women, Law and Development on Wednesday insisted that the women themselves should be able to decide on matters relating to their reproductive



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Advertisement for 'Everestmission' and 'एमरेष्ट मिसन'. It includes logos and text in Nepali.

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The Himalayan Call to end human trafficking in the guise of foreign employment

Himalayan News Service Kathmandu, January 26

Participants in an interaction held here yesterday discussed the nexus between human trafficking and foreign employment. Speakers at the event shed light on the latest trend of foreign employment and how women were being trafficked in the name of foreign employment. They also claimed that the government despite its policies had not been able to address the problems of migrants. The issue of double jeopardy while prosecuting cases of human trafficking in the cover of foreign employment was also discussed.

The speakers also informed that despite the commitments by the governments to end exploitation of migrant workers, there are ambiguous and restrictive policies, which make the workers vulnerable to trafficking and exploitation.

"Lack of employment opportunities provides a fertile ground for traffickers who lure migrant population with promises of better employment opportunities elsewhere. The nexus between foreign labour migration and trafficking in persons has not been fully recognised in Nepal, either in law or in practice," said Sabin Shrestha, one of the speakers.

The event also highlighted issues of women and discussed how the government had formulated policies to prevent women from being trafficked abroad. Speakers stressed the need for laws and their strict implementation to end trafficking and exploitation of workers foreign lands.

"We need laws and strict enforcement of those laws. We must also work together to end human trafficking one form or the other," said Sonja Hönig-Schouh, president of Zonta International and Zonta International Foundation.

"People while going abroad for foreign employment should be given training so that they are equipped with necessary skills. They should go through the legal process and have abundant knowledge about the kind of work they will be required to do in the foreign country. If they go through illegal process they will be deprived of legal protection," said Arjun Prasad Khanel, under-secretary at the Ministry of Labour and Employment.