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FWLD conducted training program on Role of Health workers in the cases of Gender Based Violence. Training was focused on the capacity enhancement of health workers during the service provided to the victims of GBV. The training included sessions on overview of GBV, guiding principles for working with survivors and identification, case studies, health service to victim of GBV, forensic examination, psychosocial counseling among many.

**District: Bajura**

**First Event**
November 6 – 9, 2022

**Second Event**
November 10 – 13, 2022
Dialogue on the roles of Local Level in addressing GBV

FWLD conducted a district level workshop with 2 local level governments was conducted. Mayors, Deputy Mayors and Chief Executive Officers of both municipalities along with the ward chairs and ward members, Executive member, member of judiciary committee and conciliator participated as the attendees of the workshop. An intensive discussion was done in the workshop. Issues of discussion were cost-sharing of the safe house, effective service from OCMC, establishment and functioning of GBV Elimination Fund, referral pathway, appointment of protection officer and others.

11th November, 2022
Jaya Prithivi
Municipality and
Bithadchir Rural Municipality, Bajhang

14th December, 2022
Mangalsen Municipality,
Safebagar Municipality and Kamalbazar Municipality, Accham

18th December, 2022
Badimalika Municipality and Budiganga Municipality, Bajura
A Program on policy dialogue on role of Metropolitan City to address GBV was jointly organized by FWLD and Kathmandu Metropolitan on December 2, 2022 at Sap Falcha, Babarmahal. Ward Chair of Ward number 11, who is also the chair of the Legislative Committee Mr. Hira Kaji Chandukar chaired the program.

Mr. Deepak Adhikari, department head of The Social Development Department of the Metropolitan presented on the current affairs and works of the metropolitan. Advocate Meera Dhungana from FWLD presented on the laws in GBV and Advocate Sabin Shrestha presented on the policies and GBV Fund.

Ward chairs, ward secretaries, ward members judicial committee members and journalists were the guests of the program.

A dialogue program on the implementation of laws against sexual violence was conducted on 29th December, 2022 in Kathmandu. The event saw participation of Undersecretary of Office of Prime Minister and Council of Ministers and Ministry of Women, Children and Senior Citizen, representatives from Ministry of Law and Parliamentary Affairs, head of Department of Social Development (Kathmandu Metropolitan City), ward secretary of ward office-11 (Kathmandu), advocates, police officers and law students.
Interactive Orientation with Multi Sectoral Service Provider to Address GBV from Victim Centric Approach

FWLD conducted "Interactive Orientation with Multi Sectoral Service Provider to Address GBV From Victim Centric Approach" in Bajang District from 8th to 12th November, 2022.

Representatives from District police office, district court, district government attorney office, district hospital (OCMC), chairperson, member and secretary of judicial committee of Jaya Prithivi Municipality and Bithadchir Rural Municipality, Safe house, Legal aid committee and mediators actively participated in the training. In total, 15 sessions were conducted interactively related to gender, patriarchy, sexuality, laws to address GBV, role of local judicial committee, rights of crime victim, mock trail sessions, compensation and interim relief in the case of GBV, psychosocial counseling to the victim and communication skills. Participants appreciated the modality of the training and infographic videos in different theme. Participants from different agencies expressed their strong commitment to response to GBV from victim centric approach and coordinate and support each other to provide effective service to the victim of GBV.

The program was facilitated by Sr. Advocate Meera Dhungana, Advocate Nabin Kumar Shrestha and Ms. Ratna Maya Lama.
FWLD conducted “Interactive Orientation with Multi Sectoral Service Provider to Address GBV From Victim Centric Approach” in Bajura District from 15th to 19th December, 2022. Mayor of Badimalika Municipality graced the opening ceremony as Chief Guest. Representatives from district police office, district court, district government attorney office, district hospital (OCMC), chairperson, member and secretary of judicial committee of Badimalika Municipality and Budiganga Municipality, Safe house, Legal aid committee, district bar association, psycho-social counselors and mediators actively participated in the training. In total, 15 sessions were conducted interactively related to gender, patriarchy, sexuality, laws to address GBV, role of local judicial committee, rights of crime victim, mock trial sessions, compensation and interim relief in the case of GBV and communication skills. Participants appreciated the modality of the training and showed common commitment to work together to end GBV. Further, they stated that they will provide service from victim centric approach and coordinate and support each other to provide justice to the victim of GBV.
Discussion on Creating Safe Space with Beneficiaries

A discussion program on creating safe space with beneficiaries was conducted on November 3 2022 at Hukum Darbar, Kathmandu. The discussion programs were conducted with three groups of food and non food item beneficiaries (Group A 10AM - 12PM, Group B 1PM - 3 Pm) supported by CAC Nepal and Maiti Nepal. The main point of the program was to train the beneficiaries on laws and legal protection mechanism and also about legal identity and citizenship.

Leadership building training

FWLD organized a Capacity Building Program in collaboration with Jagriti Mahila Mahasangh on 16 November 2022 where Adv. Binu Lama and Advocate Roshana Pradhan oriented the participants on the importance of Citizenship and legal identity, process of acquiring the citizenship and sexual and gender-based violence and how FWLD has been providing legal assistance. The participants also discussed their stories and their hardships on the above issue.

Writ petition demanding legal recognition of marriage of gender and sexual minorities

FWLD and Mitini Nepal jointly filed a writ petition on December 5, 2022 demanding legal recognition of marriage of gender and sexual minorities amending the current provisions related to marriage in the National Civil Code,2074. The writ petitioners are Laxmi Ghalan and Sarita KC from Mitini Nepal and Advocate Sabin Shrestha, Advocate Binu Lama, Advocate Roshana Pradhan, Advocate Deepesh Shrestha and. Advocate Dechen Lama from FWLD.
Campaign against Gender Based Violence

Discussion Program to Address Gender Based Violence and Effective Service Delivery

On the occasion of 16 days violence against women, the Ministry of Women, Children and Senior Citizen (MoWCSC), Koshish and FWLD jointly organized a program on December 7, 2022. The Chief Guest of the Program was the Minister of Ministry of Women, Children and Senior Citizen Honorable Uma Regmi. The program was chaired by the Secretary of the Ministry, Mr. Dilliram Sharma. Three working papers were presented in the program where the Joint Secretary of the Ministry Ms. Laxmi Kumari Basnet presented on the updates of works done by the Ministry, Matrika Poudel form Koshish presented on Impact on mental health due to violence and Advocate Sabin Shrestha from FWLD presented on the Gender Based Violence Laws, its implementation status and service delivery. An interaction round was conducted after the three papers were presented. Representatives from government, non-governmental organizations, police and journalists were the attendees of the program.

Addressing Sexual Violence in Nepal: Awareness and Prevention

December 10, 2022
Time: 3:30 - 4:30pm

Addressing Sexual Violence in Nepal: Prevention and Awareness....

2 weeks ago 110.7K views
Released Legal Information Factsheets on the occasion of 16 Days Campaign against Gender Based Violence
Released Legal Information on TikTok on the occasion of 16 Days Campaign against Gender Based Violence

10 Days Campaign Against Gender Based Violence

बोक्सीको आरोप पनि महिला विरुद्धको हिंसा हो

16 Days Campaign Against Gender Based Violence

तेजाब जन्म हिंसा पनि महिला विरुद्ध हुने हिंसा हो

16 Days Campaign Against Gender Based Violence

बहुविवाह विरुद्धको कानून

16 Days Campaign Against Gender Based Violence

"नाई" भनेको नाई नै हो

16 Days Campaign Against Gender Based Violence

बाहामहिलाहरूको विरुद्धको कानून

16 Days Campaign Against Gender Based Violence

जबजस्ती करणी गम्भीर अपराध हो, यस विरुद्ध आवाज उठाउँ!

16 Days Campaign Against Gender Based Violence

वैधानिक बलात्कार विरुद्धको कानून

16 Days Campaign Against Gender Based Violence

लोक सत्तामा लै खामिक हिंसा निवारण कोषको स्थापना गरिए

16 Days Campaign Against Gender Based Violence

प्रजनन स्वास्थ्य अधिकार विरुद्धका कार्य लै हिंसा हो

16 Days Campaign Against Gender Based Violence

दाईजो प्रश्न अक्ता जरी

16 Days Campaign Against Gender Based Violence

बाल विवाह विरुद्ध आवाज उठाउँ

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16 Days Campaign Against Gender Based Violence

महिलाहरूको आफ्नो आस्थामा जरिले धुनाउन अपराध हो

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16 Days Campaign Against Gender Based Violence

गर्मिपतालाई आपराधिकरण ने गर्मिङ नयाहार स्थापना भए

16 Days Campaign Against Gender Based Violence

गाजबको वेतन विरुद्धको कानूनको संशोधन

16 Days Campaign Against Gender Based Violence

गाजबको वेतन विरुद्धको कानूनको संशोधन
Take away on
Access to Justice

Consultation program with Service Providers

FWLD organized consultation program with service providers on access to justice of women and marginalized group and use of e-justice system during COVID-19 pandemic. Representatives from District Court, Office of District Government Attorney, District Police Office, Bheri Provincial Hospital (OCMC), Legal Aid Committee, Judicial Committee (Nepalgunj) Sub Metropolitan City, Winrock International, Insec, NHRC province office and District bar association participated in the discussion program. The objective of the program was to map the status of access to justice of women and marginalized community during COVID 19, good practices and challenges faced during delivery of service. Also, the discussion was carried out on the use of e-justice system during covid 19 pandemic and its future prospects.

13th October 2022, Nepalgunj
4th December 2022, Surkhet
28th November, 2022, Ilam
25th December, 2022, Hetauda
26th December, 2022, Birgunj
 Dialogue program with Women and Marginalized Community

FWLD organized dialogue program with women and marginalized community on access to justice of women and marginalized community and use of e-justice system during COVID-19 pandemic. The program was conducted to gather information about the status of access to justice and use of E-justice system during COVID 19 pandemic for the research. Service seekers shared the challenge faced by them during covid 19 while reaching out to judicial sector for justice and their experience while using E-Justice system.

13th October 2022
Nepalgunj

28th November, 2022
Ilam

4th December 2022
Surkhet

25th December 2022
Makwanpur

26th December 2022
Parsa
FWLD concluded 9 one-to-one meetings on 14 October 2022 with the representatives of 9 different political parties and submitted a memorandum asking the political parties to include citizenship issues, especially amending the current citizenship Act as per the Constitution of Nepal as one of the main agenda in their manifesto in the upcoming general elections. The list of the political parties whom FWLD submitted the memorandum is as follows:

- Nepali Congress
- Communist Party of Nepal (Unified Marxist–Leninist)
- Communist Party of Nepal (Maoist Centre)
- Communist Party of Nepal (Unified Socialist)
- People’s Socialist Party, Nepal (Janata Samajbadi Party)
- Democratic Socialist Party, Nepal
- National Democratic Party
- National Democratic Party Nepal (Kamal Thapa)
- National People’s Front Party

The all the parties responded positively in this matter.
Media orientation program on concerns of people without citizenship in the upcoming general elections

FWLD conducted a "Media Orientation Program" on 16th October 2022 at Hukum Darbar, Kathmandu. The topic of the media orientation was, "Concerns of people without citizenship in the upcoming general elections". The program had 3 speakers who are deprived of their citizenship telling the media to include citizenship issues as one of the main agenda in their manifesto in the upcoming general elections. The speakers were as follows: Indrajit Saphi, Pratik Sunuwar and Farhad Banu. Advocate Binu Lama Moderated the program and Advocate Sabin Shrestha spoke about the challenges and urgency to amend the citizenship Act according to the constitution and also addressed the questions of the media's representatives.

Implementation of CEDAW Concluding Recommendation: Ratification of UN Conventions on Statelessness

A Discussion on the “Implementation of CEDAW Concluding Recommendation: Ratification of UN Conventions on Statelessness” was conducted with the representatives of the National Women Commission, National Human Rights Commission, Ministry of Women, Children and Senior Citizens, Media Persons, Lawyers, NGOs, and various concerned Networks at Hukum Darbar, Kathmandu on October 19, 2022. The president of FWLD Senior Advocate Geeta Aryal chaired the event, the chair of National Women Commission Honorable Kamala Parajuli, the member of National Human Rights Commission Honorable Lily Thapa, the Deputy Secretaries of the MoWCSC Ms. Mamata Bastola and Ms. Mamata Bista graced the event as guests. Advocate Sushama moderated the program, Senior Advocate Meera Dhungana from FWLD shed light on the objectives of the program and Advocate Binu Lama from FWLD presented a presentation on the UN Conventions of Statelessness. Over 50 participants attended the program.
Discussion with media on the citizenship rights

A discussion program with media on the citizenship rights and issues in context of upcoming general election was conducted on 10th November, 2022 on Dhangadhi, Kailali. The program saw participation of representatives from various media houses and a local representative. Adv. Renu Pradhan Shrestha moderated the program and Adv. Deepesh Shrestha presented on the citizenship issues in context of upcoming general election along with the international obligations of Nepal regarding the citizenship rights.

Discussion program on Legal Identity (Citizenship and Birth Registration)

FWLD organized a discussion program in collaboration with municipalities to the local government’s representatives from all wards including Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Chief administrative Officer, Civil registration department, ward-chair and ward secretaries and lawyers. The objective of the program was to aware the ward of the Municipality the importance of legal documents and legal identity. The roles of the local level government on legal identity were also discussed in the program.
27th November, 2022
Bhadrapur Municipality

28th November, 2022
Ghorahi Sub-Metropolitan

30th November, 2022
Kageshwori-Manohara Municipality
30th November, 2022
Bhimdatta Municipality

14th December, 2022
Mangalsen Municipality,
Safebagar Municipality
and Kamalbazar Municipality

15th December, 2022
Badimalika Municipality, Bajura
Forum theatre on the issue of citizenship through mother

FWLD organized two forum theaters on the issue of citizenship through mother in two different places of Kathmandu on December 30, 2022. The places where the forum theaters were performed were BG Mall, Bus Park and Swoyambhunath, Kathmandu. The forum theatre was then followed by a discussion with the audience on the issue and how to ensure equal right of Nepali mother to confer citizenship certificate from their name.
FWLD organized two forum theaters on the issue of citizenship through mother in two different places of Lalitpur on December 31, 2022. The places where the forum theaters were performed were Patan Durbar Square and Shankhapark, Lalitpur. The forum theatre was then followed by a discussion with the audience on the issue and how to resolve the challenges.
Take away on
Sexual and Reproductive Health Right

Interactive discussion program with journalists

On 17th October 2022, FWLD and Ipas Nepal organized an interactive discussion program with editors, sub-editors, desk-editors and journalists on the issue of reproductive health and safe abortion. The program was graced by guests from Lumbini Province, Provincial Health Directorate. Based on the group activity among journalists, Advocate Sabin Shrestha from FWLD presented on the role of editors and journalists in ensuring journalism of safe abortion from human rights perspective.

Orientation program for multi-stakeholders

On 18th October 2022, FWLD and Ipas Nepal organized an orientation program for multi-stakeholders on the issue of safe abortion rights and OCMC. Ms. Madhabi Bajracharya of Ipas gave presentation on the Laws, Policies, and Practices in Nepal. Advocate Sabin Shrestha from FWLD presented on the roles of multi-stakeholders in ensuring safe abortion service as a right within OCMC. Advocate Nabin Shrestha conducted the group discussion on case studies. Special guests were Medical Superintendent of Kapilvastu District Hospital Dr. Kishore Banjade, and Officer of Health Office, Kapilvastu Mr. Aniruddha Srivastav. Furthermore, other participants included representatives from OCMC, District Police, District Attorney General, Judicial Committee, Mediators, and health service providers among others. The program was moderated by the Health Officer of Family Planning Supervisor, Mr. Pravash Panthi.
Policy Dialogue to discuss Amendment of SMRHR Act

On 9 November 2022, Family Welfare Division (FWD) organized a policy dialogue with experts to discuss on the amendment of Safe Motherhood and Reproductive Health Rights Act, 2075. The dialogue was held among Under Secretary from Law Department of the Ministry of Health and Population (MoHP), FWD, legal experts from FWLD and medical experts in reproductive health. The meeting was a continuation of previous policy discussions on the issue and was focused on receiving experts opinion on the amendment proposal. FWLD provided the expert and logistic support to conduct the program. The meeting discussed in detail on the need for amendment proposal of SMRHR Act. Advocate Sabin Shrestha briefed the meeting on the issue and Nepal’s international commitment.

RHRWG Meeting

On 17th November 2022, FWLD (as a secretariat) organized the meeting of Reproductive Health Rights Working Group (RHRWG) to discuss on three major agendas:

- Update and discuss on amendment bill of SMRHR Act.
- Review of National Safe Abortion Day Celebration, held on 25 & 26 September.
- Plan any possible activities to celebrate the 16 days campaign on Violence Against Women from SRHR perspective.

Panel Discussion linking RH violation with GBV

On 8th December, 2022 FWLD and Ipas Nepal organized a panel discussion program to discuss the understanding of “violation of reproductive health rights as an integral part of Gender-Based Violence (GBV). The event also marked the occasion of international dignified menstrual day. The program was chaired by FWLD’s president Senior Advocate Gita Aryal. The panelists included Ms. Roshani Karki, Joint Secretary of the GESI Department of MoHP, Ms. Chhiring Kippa Lama, DSP Nepal Police, and Pratikshya Nepal, Patan, OCMC focal person. The panel session was hosted by Advocate Nabin kumar Shrestha while the moderation was done by Advocate Neha Gurung Ms. Madhabi Bajracharya of Ipas Nepal gave welcome remakes and shared the objective of the program.
Strategic Meeting to Strengthen Right to Safe Abortion

On 11th December 2022, FWLD and CRR conducted a strategic meeting with stakeholders to discuss the status of advocacy and implementation of safe abortion rights in Nepal. The meeting was productive in mapping the possible solution and way forward in strengthening SAS rights in Nepal. The discussion was led by Advocate Purna Shrestha as a presenter. While Advocate Neha Gurung moderated the program.
Take away on Implementation of Palermo Protocol

Workshop with lawyers on necessary amendment of laws

FWLD organized a workshop with lawyers on necessary amendment of laws to make it inline with the Palermo Protocol on 7 December 2022. FWLD presented the proposed amendments on anti-trafficking laws where the lawyers provided their feedback and suggestions.

Discussion meeting with concerned civil society organizations

FWLD organized a discussion meeting with concerned civil society organizations on necessary amendment of laws to make it inline with the Palermo Protocol on 8 December 2022. FWLD presented the proposed amendments on anti-trafficking laws where the CSOs provided their feedback and suggestions.
FWLD conducted an orientation program to local facilitators regarding the community outreach on legal provisions relating to child protection. The program saw the participation of lawyers and a representative from local level. Adv. Deepesh Shrestha presented on the legal provisions relating to child protection in Nepal.

Eight episode

Child Sexual Exploitation and Legal Aspects
Aired on: – Oct 3, 2022
Speaker: Dechen Lama, Advocate
https://youtu.be/5xyjpRfyHU

Ninth episode

Child Rights and Convention on the Rights of the Child
Aired on: Oct 10, 2022
Speaker: Binu Lama, Advocate
https://youtu.be/IXLjBm36ZEc

Tenth episode

Causes, Symptoms and Solutions of Psycho-social and Mental Problems in Children
Aired on: Oct. 16, 2022
Speaker: Mr. Pitambar Koirala, TPO Nepal
https://youtu.be/v02Lk8j3JBe

Orientation program on legal provisions relating to child protection

FWLD conducted an orientation program to local facilitators regarding the community outreach on legal provisions relating to child protection. The program saw the participation of lawyers and a representative from local level. Adv. Deepesh Shrestha presented on the legal provisions relating to child protection in Nepal.
Workshop with key CRVS stakeholder

A 2-day workshop with key CRVS stakeholder for implementation of eCRVS system was conducted from 13th to 14th November, 2022 in Dhulikhel, Kavre. The workshop was organized by Department of National ID and Civil Registration (DNICR) and National Statistics Office (NSO) with the logistic support from UNICEF and FWLD. The workshop saw participation of director general, directors, joint secretaries, computer engineers, system analyst, data base administrators of DNICR and NSO, and representatives from UNICEF, WHO, GIZ, UNFPA and FWLD.

Community Outreach Program regarding the legal provisions of child protection

Date : 11th November, 2022
Venue : Kotihawa, Tilottama Municipality-15, Butwal
Facilitator : Adv. Nagendra Bashyal
Participants : Students and the local representatives

Date : 11th November, 2022
Venue : Gautam Budhha Secondary School, Kapilbastu, Lumbini Province
Facilitator : Kamala Bahik
Participants : Students of the school and the local representatives
Date : 11th November, 2022  
Venue : Shree Mahatma Higher Secondary School, Chiprahiya, Lumbini Province  
Facilitator : Adv. Sadhana Pandey  
Participants : Students of the school

Date : 11th November, 2022  
Venue : Janata Secondary School, Butwal Sub-metropolitan City-8, Lumbini Province  
Facilitator : Adv. Gomati Sunar (Deepa)  
Participants : Students of the school and a local representative.

Date : 12th November, 2022  
Venue : Rupandehi Lilaram Hight School, Siddharthanagar-8, Lumbini Province  
Facilitator : Adv. Shyam Raj Ghimire  
Participants : Students of the school and the local representatives

Date : 1st December, 2022  
Venue : Dhangadi Sub-metropolitan City-2, Sudurpaschim Province  
Facilitator : Adv. Renu Pradhan (Shrestha)  
Participants : Students of the school and the local representatives
Date : 3rd December, 2022
Venue : Tikapur Municipality-9, Jhunga, Sudurpaschim Province
Facilitator : Adv. Kamal Bahadur Dhami
Participants : School level students of the community

Date : 3rd December, 2022
Venue : Janaki-7, Latakaniya, Kailali, Sudurpaschim Province
Facilitator : Adv. Lok Bahadur Chaudhary
Participants : School level students of the community

Date : 6th December, 2022
Venue : Dhangadi Namuna Pravidhi School, Dhangadi, Sudurpaschim Province
Facilitator : Adv. Paras Basnet
Participants : School level students of the community
Local level dialogue

FWLD conducted a local level dialogue titled “Establishing and Strengthening Appropriate Service for Women and Children subject to Violence”.

Legal provisions on parenting and child custody in Nepal

A discussion program regarding the legal provisions on parenting and child custody in Nepal was conducted on 17th December, 2022 in Butwal, Lumbini Province. Lawyers, police officers, members of Judicial Committee, representatives from Child Rights Organization, child care homes and foster parents were presented in the discussion program.
FWLD/WFDM under SUPER Project organized a Consultation Meetings on GEDSI Responsive in Provincial, District and Local Level Disaster Planning and Response.

Take away on Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (DRRM)

Consultation Meeting

FWLD’s quarterly online working for non-discrimination and equality

5th December, 2022
Surkhet

6th December, 2022
Nepalgunj

20th December, 2022
Dhangadhi
21st December, 2022
Dadeldhura

23rd December, 2022
Bajhang

25th December, 2022
Dhangadhi
Supplementary Activities

Facilitation to FWLD for protecting and promoting issues of human rights including environment, education, health, food sovereignty through public interest litigations (PILs) by Food Rights Network, Dang on November 5, 2022.

Memorandum of Understanding between FWLD and Association of Youth Organizations Nepal (AYON)

An MoU was signed between FWLD and AYON on December 9, 2022 to refer and support the Sexual Exploitation, Abuse, and Harassment (SEAH) survivors. The objective of the MoU is to collaborate and work together to support the survivors of sexual exploitation, abuse, harassment, and misconduct cases within and outside of the office premises. This includes harassment, abuse, and exploitation from office colleagues, board members, member organizations, interns, volunteers, sub-contractors, consultants, partners, and participants associated with or working on behalf of the organizations.
Eligible citizens urge parties to address citizenship issue

Eligible citizens who have been deprived of their citizenship due to non-enforcement of a new federal citizenship law have urged political parties to end the dirty game of politics over citizenship issue and immediately address their concerns.

The new citizenship bill remains in limbo with President Bidhya Devi Bhandari using pocket veto against the bill, which the ruling political alliance and civil society members have termed an unconstitutional act.

Speaking at an interaction organized by the Forum for Women, Law and Development, Chair of Citizenship-less Struggle Committee Indrani Sati, 39, who is a civil engineer, said her parents and grandparents were Nepali citizens but she was not able to get her citizenship.

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Letter to the Editor

The Himalayan

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THE RISING NEPAL

'Women leadership deserves support from grassroots'

Minister for Women, Children and Senior Citizens Umesh Khanal has said that the leadership capacity of women should be enhanced to increase their participation in the political sector.

Speaking at the democracy programme organised by National Information Corporation held on Wednesday, Minister Khanal said that political parties did not give priority to women's participation in current election of House of Representatives and Provincial Assemblies.

Khanal has also urged the government to give priority to women's issues. He said addressing women's issues is a part of the Ministry's plan. Minister Khanal also praised the women's section in the government's education sector. The government has its own education policies that address women's issues.

Sunita Nirmal, advocate of Human Rights Lawyer, said that among the different kinds of violence, the issue of violence against women increased in the society with the emergence of social media.

Indicating the extremist ones, he said that 7,177 people committed suicide in the last few years, with the highest number being 7,149 in Saptari.

The police-ease may also increase due to the online violence of social media, he said.

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Minister Uma Regmi pledges to do needful to control GBV

Himalayan News Service
Kathmandu, December 2

Minister of Women, Children, and Social Welfare Uma Regmi said her ministry was committed to doing everything to control gender-based violence.

Speaking at a programme on the problems of gender-based violence organized by Women Forum in Nepal, they Elder Development in this field, Minister Regmi said a minority was at the root of gender-based violence and even educated men were responsible for committing gender-based violence against women and girls.

"I have only a few weeks to serve as minister, but I am committed to implement the suggestions of stakeholders," she added.

Minister Regmi said male members of society should be involved in programmes aimed at creating awareness against gender-based violence. General Secretary of NFWD Nepal Sabita Samsa said there was a fund of Rs 11.1 million with Kathmandu Metropolitan City to address problems of gender-based violence, but the metropolitan had not spent even a paisa from the fund to inform the plight of victims of gender-based violence.

The new discriminatory nationality laws that turned Nepali women from transmitting nationality to their children on par with Nepali men was one of the major causes of violence against women and children. He said cases of domestic violence accounted for 77 per cent of all gender-based violence cases. He also said relatives, teachers, and acquaintances were involved in 17 per cent of the GBV cases. In the past, the number of GBV cases was increasing, but now it was decreasing, he added. He is still being praised in western Nepal, he added.

Two women, who were born in Nepal but did not know who their parents were, could not get citizenship in order to identify their parents. The victims, who were assisted by Sauli Nepal, were sexually abused by perpetrators.

Joint Secretary at the Ministry of Women, Children and Social Welfare, Ratna Kumari Banskota said that both sons and daughters should be treated equally by family members but many men themselves discriminated against their daughters who were more prone to trauma. He said many women were exploited by their husbands and did not have any rights to decide about marriage or children.

He said the Ministry of Women, Children, and Social Welfare had taken a number of steps to control gender-based violence and provide training and counseling to the victims.
GBV prevention fund established in only 115 local levels

The Ministry of Women, Children and Social Development has already allocated a budget of Rs 200,000 each for every local level in the country to set up the fund. Province 1 governments have also granted an additional 300,000 rupees to the rural municipalities and municipalities in the province. Many municipalities have allocated up to Rs one million to the Fund.

There is a provision whereby the concerned local level can receive an amount equivalent to what it has spent through the Fund for violence prevention. However, the Fund money has not been spent at the local level. It was stated at the programme that the money from the fund was not spent even in municipalities.

On the occasion, head of the social development department of Kathmandu Metropolitan City Shripad Acharya said the department was conducting awareness programmes against gender-based violence.

Former president of FWLD Mira Thapa nagar stressed the need to launch a campaign to eradicate social problems such as child marriage and polygamy.
THE RISING NEPAL
PARTIES URGED TO ADDRESS CITIZENSHIP ISSUE

The Forum for Women, Law and Development (FWLD) has submitted a complaint to the Election Commission, urging them to clarify the issue of citizenship. The commission had initiated an investigation into the matter, but the parties have not addressed the issue so far.

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