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The Project

Enhancing Citizens Participation in Sub-National Good Governance (Local and Provincial Level) in the Context of the New Federal System in Nepal



Working in **12** Palikas of **3** districts
of Karnali Province

Kalikot : Khadachakra, Narharinath and Sanni Triveni Palikas

Jajarkot : Bheri, Shivalaya, Junichande and Chhedgad Palikas

Salyan : Sidda Kumakh, Kapurkot, Triveni, Kalimati and Darma Palikas



FORMING COMMUNITY GROUPS

The project brings together formal and non-formal grassroots organisations (like Mothers' Groups, Farmers Groups, Youth Clubs, School Management Committees, Parents Teachers Association) from all 12 Palikas to form community groups. The basic objective of community groups is to mobilise Dalit, youths, marginalised and minorities and enhance their participation at the local governance. and intervene in the issues of agriculture, education, health and WaSH through their active participation. The members were oriented about the project and the importance of citizen's role in governance as an individual and groups using Facilitation and Empowerment for Social Transformation (FEST) approach.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR WOMEN, ETHNIC, DALIT

A total of 100 elected representatives including Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Dalit women and women ward members were trained on leadership skills and their role as effective leaders in the society. Center for Dalit Women Nepal organized the three-day leadership training to women, ethnic and Dalit elected representatives from 16 to 25 October 2019 in three palikas (Bheri, Shivalaya Gaupalika and Chhedgad municipalities) of Jajarkot district with the support of Sahakarmi Samaj.

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147

community
groups
from around

600

formal, non-formal
grassroots
organisations.

OF THE

100

representatives

91

were
women

PHOTO :

*Community Groups Orientation at
Kapurkot Rural Municipality*

YOUTH FORUM FOR GOVERNANCE

A ward-level youth conference was conducted from which representatives were selected to form youth governance forum. The conference encouraged youth to take part in leadership programmes and discussed about opportunities, challenges and youth-related policies and procedures in the country. They also collectively prepared action plan for good governance at the end of the conference. Sahakarmi Samaj and Dalit Development Society formed Youth Forum for Governance in three palikas of Salyan and one palika of Kalikot districts. The youth clubs were revived in close coordination with the local government and then provided with capacity building on the role of the youth at the local governance planning process.

72

Youth
members
participated
at ward and
Palika level



WORKSHOP ON INCLUSIVE PLANNING

Elected representatives attended workshop on Inclusive Planning and Gender Responsive Budgeting to motivate them to plan and budget at the local level with a similar perspective. The workshop was conducted in five different Palikas (Kalimati, Kapurkot, Triveni, Siddhakumakh and Darma) of Salyan District. As many as 138 elected representatives holding key positions like that of Municipality Mayor, Deputy Mayor/RM Chairperson, Deputy-Chairperson and Ward Chairpersons participated in the workshop.

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(Top) Youth Orientation at Bheri Rural Municipality Jajarko

(Right Top) Advocacy Training For Project Team

(Right Below) Elected representatives doing presentation of group work during Leadership Development Training in Jajarkot



SOCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY TOOLS

Elected representatives and local government officials were oriented on social accountability tools to build an understanding on the types of accountability tools and its importance within accountable governance and citizen's participation in governance process. The officials committed to orient the ward level representatives and officials about social accountability tools and to implement the maximum number of tools in the coming days.

The representatives were oriented about social accountability tools such as citizen's charter, social audit, public hearing, participatory planning process and community score card.



TRAINING ON CIVIC SPACE

Civic space training focused on awareness building of the community groups about different types civic spaces ensured by constitutional provisions for citizens in the country was conducted by Sahakarmi Samaj and Dalit Development Society. The one-day training, conducted in Sidda Kumakh and Triveni Palikas of Salyan district and Khadachakra and Sanni Triveni Palikas of Kalikot district, was also focused to raise awareness on the importance of civic space to ensure participation and access of the women, marginalised, Dalit and minority groups in the decision making process, services and resources, and develop a good functioning with the duty bearers.



TRAINING ON RIGHTS-BASED APPROACH, GESI

A five-day training on 'Human Rights-Based Approach, Governance, Accountability and The Gender Equality and Social Inclusion (GESI)' was organized by IM Swedish Development Partner in July. The participants of the training were the project staffs of the consortium members. The main objective of the training was to build a common understanding, knowledge and confidence of consortium members project team on Human Rights Based Approach, governance, accountability and GESI. It was also aimed to build knowledge, skills and clarity of project team including community facilitators to use governance and accountability tools at the community level. The training also emphasizes to build awareness and knowledge of the participants about the national laws, policies and mechanisms that promotes civic space and good governance at the federal structure.

ADVOCACY TRAINING

IM Swedish Development Partner conducted a 3-day advocacy training for the consortium project team from November 11-13, 2019 at Surkhet. The main objective of the training was to build the knowledge, understanding and confidence of the project team on concept and types of advocacy, skills on using different participatory tools like problem tree analysis, power mapping, context analysis, issues analysis, advocacy message development, developing influencing skills, strategies and developing advocacy strategies. Problem analysis, issue analysis, power mapping and simulation exercise on lobbying, appeal, press release and campaigning were used as key training methodologies and tools for the practical exercises. The participants identified district-wise advocacy issues and developed advocacy strategies.

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HRBA and GESI Training to Project team