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Acronyms Used in the Report

ABC	:	ABC Active Aid
AIDS	:	Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
APPACHA	:	Asia Pacific Peoples' Alliance to Combat HIV and AIDS
ASPBAE	:	Asia South Pacific Association for Basic and Adult Education
AYON	:	Association of Youth Organization Nepal
CA	:	Constitution Assembly
CMP	:	Constitution Making Process
COCAP	:	Collective Campaign for Peace
CSO	:	Civil Society Organization
CSP	:	Community Service Project
CSR	:	Corporate Social Responsibility
DDC	:	District Development Committee
DRL	:	Democracy and Rule of Law
GTZ	:	German Development Cooperation
GYCA	:	Global Youth Coalition against AIDS
HR	:	Human Rights
HRTMCC	:	Human Rights Treaty Monitoring Coordination Committee
HIV	:	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
ICPD	:	International Conference on Population and Development
IEC	:	Information Education Communication
JIC	:	Join-in-Circuit on AIDS, Love and Sexuality
NED	:	National Endowment for Democracy
NGCPP	:	Nepal Government Citizenship Partner Project
MFA	:	Migrant Forum Asia
MISEREOR	:	Misereor, Germany
MoHP	:	Ministry of Health and Population
MoPR	:	Ministry of Peace and Reconciliation
NCASC	:	National Centre for AIDS and STD Control
PNCC	:	Prabasi Nepali Coordination Committee
P2P	:	Path ways to Peace
SFCG	:	Search for Common Ground
SRHR	:	Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights
ToT	:	Training of Trainers
UNIFEM	:	United Nation Fund for Women
USAID	:	United States Aid
VDC	:	Village Development Committee
WEAF	:	Women Empowerment Action Forum
WMW	:	Women Migrant Workers
WGNRR	:	Women Global Network for Reproductive Rights
YOAC	:	Youth Action Nepal

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Chapter 1

General Introduction of Youth Action Nepal

1.1 Introduction and Background of the Organization

Youth Action Nepal (YOAC-2003) is a pioneer youth-led, youth-focused not-for profit making and non-governmental organization admire for passionate commitment addressing urgent social problems through inventive approaches. Youth Action Nepal is registered at District Administration Office, Kathmandu as well as in Social Welfare Council-Nepal as a not-profit making organization.

The four working issues are: Peace and Social Harmony, Democracy, Human Rights and Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights. The organization has four valued principles for its day-to-day operation viz., Volunteerism, Partnership, Duty Culture and Youth Participation. The organization promotes volunteerism that is essential to enhance youth engagement in community development; Partnership for sustainable development; Duty culture for the development of professionalism; and finally, Youth participation for the holistic development as more than 30% of the national population comprises youth. Moreover, the organization also participates in policy advocacy on contemporary social issues, which are largely linked with the daily lives of youth. The direct actors of this organization are the youths aged between 16 to 29 years. The intensity of expansion of YOAC has been broad in the present context because, YOAC is able to establish five district offices each in one region: Jhapa, Bara, Palpa, Dang and Kailali. Moreover, today YOAC has its own well-equipped regional office established in Biratnagar, Morang district. The existing Executive Committee (elected every two years of its tenure), 36 general members, almost 35 staffs and more than 150 regular volunteers are the base of YOAC's progress. The success of the programs implemented by Youth Action Nepal has demonstrated increased demand for further programs to address social cross-cutting issues in more spatial units.

1.2 Vision

Youth work in the democratic environment in the nation building process where human dignity is respected

1.3 Mission

Educates, engages and empowers diverse youth in nation building process by making them responsible to contribute at the local, national and international level

1.4 Objectives

- To develop YOAC as a human rights learning center to prepare multiplier frontline HR activities from grassroots to national level

- Increase meaningful youth participation by promoting democratic culture in decision making level
- Engage 40,000 youths in SRHR to establish youth friendly SRH service and advocate at decision level
- Engage 500 local youth peace facilitators to build five model villages for social harmony
- Initiate activities for institutional development and promote human resource development within YOAC, among partners and volunteers

1.5 Working Issues

- Peace and Social Harmony
- Democracy
- Human Rights
- Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights

1.6 Working Principles

- Duty Culture
- Partnership
- Volunteerism
- Youth Participation

1.7 Office Outlets and Strategic Locations

- Eastern Region : Jhapa and Biratnagar
- Central region : Bara
- Western region : Palpa
- Mid-western region : Dang
- Far-Western region : Kailali

1.8 Existing Human Resource

- Members : 30
- Executive Board : 7
- Staff : 33
- Intern : 12
- Volunteers National : 69
- Volunteer International : 2

1.9 National Network Affiliation

- Human Rights Treaty Monitoring Coordination Committee (HRTMCC)
- Collective Campaign for Peace (COCAP)
- Association of Youth Organization Nepal (AYON)
- Asia Pacific Alliance to Combating HIV and AIDS (APACHA)
- Safe Migration Network
- National Alliance of Women Human Rights Defenders
- National Right to Education Network
- Control Arm Network

1.10 International Network Affiliation

- Women Global Network for Reproductive Rights (WGNRR The Netherlands)
- MFA (Migrant Forum for Asia)
- GYCA (Global Youth Coalition Against AIDS)
- Asia South Pacific Association for Basic and Adult Education (ASPBAE)
- CICC

1.11 Funding Organizations

- NED (*US*)
- MISEREOR
- CHOICE for youth and Sexuality (The Netherlands)
- International society for peace & HR (NGCPP)
- GIZ (*Nepal*)
- DRL/Search for common Ground
- Aim for Human Rights
- ABC Sweden
- International Alert
- USAID

Chapter 2 Activities and Projects

2.1 Peace and Social Harmony

2.1.1 Pathways to Peace (P2P)

Path way to peace P2P was a joint effort of Search for Common Ground (SFCG), Association of Youth Organization Nepal (AYON), Youth Initiatives and Youth Action Nepal (YOAC). This project collected the issues and voices of diverse youth directly from ten different districts to support for constitution making process. It was prepared youth charter incorporating the collection and circulated to the responsible drafting committees, authority and other representatives.

Local Youth Consultation, 22nd January 2010 Dolakha, Participant: 31

Regional Youth Consultation on Constitution 28 -29 January, 2010 Palpa, Participant 50

Objective

- To find the common youth issues for the new constitution
- To Inform youth on the process of parliamentary, constitution building and making them a responsible citizen
- To prepare youth to take part in leading role in nation building and aware them on different contemporary issues of nation

Outcome

- Youth sentiment, perception, voice and participation are ensured in CA making process.
- All total 381 youth were directly participated in constitution making process (31+50+300) in 2010
- Found the common youth issues from diverse youth which is in place and submitted to CA member through different ways.

Consultations meeting for the finalization of Youth Charter

YOAC conducted 1st meeting with the stakeholder to explore the idea on youth charter. Twelve personalities were presented for the consultative meeting which was held in 12th March in Kathmandu. Similarly, 2nd consultation was held in Butwal on 25th March with the youth from various sectors. Altogether 28 youth were participated from four districts. The content, format, issues was discussed during the consultative meeting. Likewise 3rd consultation meeting with lawyer was held in Kathmandu with 12 lawyers in 30th March 2010. Lawyer was basically focused on the limitations of Youth Charter, its format and content. Final Consultation Meeting was organized in Kathmandu in 29th August 2010. Twenty six youth expert were presented during the meeting. Most of the participants were from social field, some of them were from law background, politics, and media and so on. Youngest CA member Gyatri Shaha was also presented in the meeting.

Objective

- To find the common youth issues from diversity
- To make a consensus among youth who are directly and indirectly involving in civil, political, economics and social rights.
- Build a social harmony among the youth from different background (cast, religious, region, political ideology, profession, sex and ethnicity)

Outcome

- Build a common consensus on youth agenda, aspiration, and vision of youth in New Nepal
- Youth Charter is developed and all Nepalese youth own this as guidelines document for all (government, stakeholder, youth, and youth organization)
- Around 3000 youth are directly involved during the youth charter preparation

National Youth Leaders Forum 16-18 April, 2010 Kathmandu, Participant 300

A big event jointly organized by Youth Action Nepal, AYON, Youth Initiative on April 16 to 18, 2010 inviting almost three hundreds varied youth from the five development regions in Nepal. This program was organized after the successful compilation of district and regional consultation on CMP held in the different months of 2009. Participants during the forum shared to-be-developed youth charter addressing the issues and agenda of youth. The charter was finally submitted at the CA committees. Plenary session was held in the different theme and topic inviting the national experts during the forum. The forum highlighted **constitution, democracy, peace building process, youth leadership and alliance building, youth and nation building, youth leadership in political party, disability, violence against women, HIV and AIDS, youth charter, role of media** etc. Mr. Bishnu Khatri and Ms. Bhawana Bhatta from Youth Action Nepal facilitated the overall program and led the two plenary sessions on youth issue and development of youth charter.

Objective

- To inform youth about national issues related to constitution making process, democratization and peace building initiatives.
- To provide platform to youth of different background to raise their voices
- To finalize youth charter

Outcome

- Production of Nepalese Youth Charter
- Production of Pathways to Peace documentary

Objective

- To document and take record the process of pathways to peace activities
- To show the Youth Action contribution for new constitution
- To provide the guidance for stakeholder while planning, implementing and monitoring the youth program in local, national and international level.

Outcome

- Documentary is in place which provides the process information in all level (starting from end)
- Youth Charter is in place which address youth aspiration from all aspect (social, economic, political)

Celebration of Youth's Contribution to Peace and Democracy 27th September 2010, CCD, Kathmandu

Objective

- To celebrate achievement of youth through Pathways to peace
- To celebrate youth's contribution to peace and democracy
- To release Youth Charter as Youth Consultative Document

Outcome

- 90 People including civil society leader (Daman Nath Dhungana), US Ambassador got to know about youth initiation on peace and democratization process.
- Build the common consensus about youth issues and aspiration among Nepalese youth working in social/political issues

2.1.2 Youth Initiatives for Sustainable Peace and Community Development

With the aims to integrate and involve Nepalese youths in ongoing peace process, thereafter strengthening democracy and human rights for overall development of the country. It is hoped that implemented activity in 2010 generated possibility to reduce misguided in youth, incidents against social harmony, making widen their understanding about rights and duties, cross-cultural dialogues, mutual understanding etc.

Peace School: Community Peace Project Designing and Implementation

Peace Learning School started with an objective enhancing emerging young leaders' participation in designing, implementing, and evaluating peace building projects at their communities. The School provided a unique, structured learning opportunity to analyze, the dynamic and constantly changing field of conflict resolution and peace building. Culminating the latest research practices, concepts and write-ups, contrast and comparison each of the participants of diversified background and communities get a fusion of theory, practice and their local environment.

Objective

- To enhance emerging young leaders' participation for designing, implementing and evaluating peace building projects at their community level
- To provide practical learning opportunities for district based youth leaders with their direct involvement to the implementation of community based peace building projects

Outcome

- 26 leading youth activists from five different districts completed a year long annual peace learning school.
- 26 youth became capable to design, implement and evaluate the peace building initiatives.
- A total-of 5 youth led peace building and coexistence related small-scale project are

Work Camps

In growing up capacity of community level peace facilitator to minimize local dispute, violence and structural conflict promoting intergenerational relation among community people several work camps were held in different community in districts. The camp promoted partnership among local government, youth, community organization and other civil society organization for peace,

reconciliation and community partnership. 150 diverse youth community peace activists involved to find common ground of young people in community level.

Jhapa: 14-16 December 2010, Participant 32

Bara: 17-19 December 2010, Participant 34

Palpa: 25-27 October 2010, Participant 32

Dang: 1-3 November 2010, Participant 31

Kailali: 19-21 December 2010, Participant 23

Objective

- To build a capacity of community level peace facilitator to minimize local dispute, violence and structural conflict.
- To develop an intergenerational relation among community people.
- Make a strong partnership among local government, youth people, community organization and other civil society organization for peace, reconciliation and community partnership.
- To strengthen cultural, regional, religion, cast and gender harmony.

Outcome

- Minimum fifteen partnership establish with local level government to start community based peace building exercise
- 150 diverse youth community peace activist developed in community level
- Recognition of cultural diversity for sustainable peace building
- Minimum five community support activities held in the period of YWC in partnership with local community peoples and community stakeholders.

2.1.3 Youth Engagement for Conflict Mitigation and Development with NGCPP/ARD

Aiming to strengthen the capacity of local youth and make them more engage in productive development with community level planning and to act as agents that support peaceful change during transition and political crisis in Eastern Terai this project was implemented in the twelve different VDCs of the Morang district.

Advance Training for youth network members

Youth Action Nepal, Regional office Biratnagar with the supported of Nepal Government Citizen Partnership Project (NGCPP) organized 7 days training in Itahari Sunsari for representative members of youth network. It was held from April 15 to 21, inviting 40 youth participants from 12 respective VDCs of morang district. Mr. Prakash Pokherel and Mr. Udhab Raj Subedi jointly led the training Participant's were specially belonged to Dalit, Madeshi, Aadibasi, Janjati, minorities and excluded group. 12 VDCs youth network members trained on planning, team building, fund raising, documentation, youth network management and sustainability of youth network.

Wall magazine publication and Compilation

12 networks in Morang district published wall magazine in their respective VDCs in August 2010. The wall magazine covered the information and education on their community Service Project (CSP), local information about governance, community and peace.

Community Service Project (CSP)

After advance youth capacity building training, each network developed feasible, realistic and appropriate community service action plan to engage in their community. The network also collected feedback and made close coordination with Sahayog Nepal, CDF and WEL to make further improvement.

The 1st and 2nd phase of CSP supported by NGCPP, was coordinated by YOAC, and conducted by local youth networks.

Youth Peace Festival

Youth peace festival is an open forum where youth get space with respect and trust to express their idea and opinion. The forum helped to express the voice of voiceless, suppressed and oppressed groups, underprivileged, minorities, and socially and economically deprived people. The people of the disadvantageous and minority group get the opportunity to express and raise their issues, speak up for equity, equality and participation and claim for their rights. On the occasion of international youth day, Youth Peace Festival organized in Biratnagar on August 11 and 12 with the participation almost 2000 youth representing from From **Ilam, Jhapa, Udayapur, Saptari, Siraha and Sunsari district**. The forum is a collective effort that is attempting to realize an alternative future by creating space for action and interaction among young people of eastern Nepal. With the coordination of more than 30 youth organizations, Youth Action Nepal celebrated seven days youth peace festival in Biratnagar. Different kind of stall, parallel session, blood donation program, drama and documentary show was accomplished in youth peace festival.

During the festival, Mr. Bishnu Bahadur Khatri (Youth), Mr. Shovakar Budathoki (Conflict Analytic) & Mr. Bhisma Prasai (Deputy Inspector of General) expressed their opinion about the condition of Nepalese youth.

Key highlighted activities

Discussion/interaction on 100 options against Strike, Youth on Peace and Security

Walkathon (Peace-Rally) program: More than 400 youth participated in Walkathon. District Administrative Officer Mr. Suresh Prasad Adhikari opened the Walkathon program in Mahendra Chowk, Biratnagar.

Speech Competition

With the coordination of Youth network district coordination committee, YOAC Conducted Inter College Speech competition. 26 students are participated from 17 College in that program. The topic was "Youth Role in Peace and Development".

Debate Competition

In the regional youth forum, Inter College Debate competition was held in Biratnagar. More than 30 students participated in the debate competition entitled "Rajniti ma Yuwa Sahavagita, Kriyasilta ki Samaye KO Barbadi"

Exposure Visit

Youth Action Nepal conducted youth exposure visit with the support of NGCPP from 21 to 29 August with the participation of 30 youth. It is hoped that this visit helped them to understand

inter-cultural cooperation among youth of different districts through sharing of learning and experiences. The visit was set up for 10 days and visited different geographical region of western districts of Nepal such as Chitwan, Dang, Palpa, Nawalparasi, Rupandehi and Makawanpur. Participants were represented from of 12 respective VDCs of youth network Morang.

Almost all the participants were belonged to Dalit, Madeshi, minorities who were directly involve in community service project (CSP). This exposure visit provided platform for youth network members to expose themselves. The motive of organizing this event was also to expose the youth network members with inter-culture, inter-place with groups. During the visit participants interacted and shared the learning activities, experiences and ideas with different youth groups/network. Morang youth network members observed the activities run by local youth networks members in the visited districts.

New Year Greeting/ Pocket calendar with peace message

Youth Action Nepal in Morang published 12 thousand New Year greeting pocket calendars with peace message and distributed it to different people including local and district authority. The calendar was covered with Comprehensive Peace Accord (CPA) four main points; Inclusive Democracy, Re-settlement, Disarmament, Human Rights.

Organizational Development Training

Organizational Development Training was held on; the participants were youth network member invited from Morang and Siraha district (15 Morang and 10 Siraha). Youth should engage in all the process of development in this country from the beginning. They can support and involve in peace building from local to national level. If they have more capability to enhancing their personal capacity as well as their organizational competence, youth will be able to become agent of change in Nepal. Recognizing the importance of youth as future leaders in Nepal and how to empower them to be able to identify their roles and potential to participate in development process and social transformation, Youth Action Nepal (YOAC) has been designing and developing training for member of youth clubs, youth organizations and youth network in order to develop and enhance their skill, knowledge and ability in organizational development.

Best practice and documentation on experience sharing workshop of youth network and CSP in 12 VDCs

Youth action Nepal with supported by Nepal Government Citizen partnership Project (NGCPP) has conducted three days workshop from January 18th to 20th, 2010 for youth network for sharing experience, skill and learning of their Community Service Project (CSP) in 12 village district committee (VDCs) in Morang District. VDCs are chosen in terms of less developed and multiethnic area.

2.1.4 Public Security & Justice in Nepal: Building a Constructive Role for youth Kathmandu, Dang, Bara and Sunsari

This project, searched to work with youth to critically inform security and justice policy and practice so that the specific and diverse needs and experiences of diverse youth are addressed. Funded by Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the project was jointly carried out in partnership with International Alert and Equal Access Nepal.

Youth Intern Research Training, Nabalparasi Gaidakot, organizer IA, EA & YAN

Focused Group Discussion (FGD) 4 in each district, Sunsari, Dang and Bara) and 2 in Kathmandu

DPACs at each district YAN & EAN, Sunsari: 6 Jan, Bara: 10 Jan, Dang: 20 Jan 2010

Youth and Media orientation workshop, 10 in total organizer EA & YAN January 2010 and March, Kathmandu: 29 Dec, Sunsari: 7 Jan, Bara: 11 Jan, Dang: 21 Jan 2010

Collection of findings and report writing at each YAN, January 2010

Open Air Discussion (OAD) 2 in Kathmandu and one at each district YAN February

SMS Survey, EAN, March 2010

Dialogue Forum three at each district, YAN April-May

3-days regional youth retreat one in mid west and one in Eastern YAN, April-July 2010

Advocacy dialogue forums with CA 3 in KTM, YAN, April-June 2010

5-days training for media productions for 14 youths 1, EA, Mid March 2010

Content Advisory Group (CAG) Meetings several, EA April-August 2010

Three days media refresher training, EA, July 2010

Cross generational dialogue fora (three) IA, EA & YAN, February-August 2010

Advocacy Strategy training workshop (one) IA May 2010

National level workshop (one) IA, EA & YAN July 2010

National level conference (one) IA, EA & YAN

2.2 Migration

2.2.1 Mobilizing media to facilitate safe labor migration for Nepalese women migrant workers

Youth Action Nepal (YOAC) and Pravasi Nepali Coordination Committee (PNCC) jointly worked to raise the issue of safe migration and the rights of migrant workers, including that of women

migrant workers. As a part of the National Network for Safe Migration, both the organizations had been active in national level to carry out various advocacies and campaigns to raise the concerns and promote the rights of migrant workers. In October 2009, YOAC and PNCC, in partnership with United Nations Development for Women (UNIFEM), started the project 'Mobilizing the Media to Facilitate Safe Labor Migration for Nepali Women Migrant Workers' with the aim of protecting the rights of women migrant workers by intensifying the media advocacy in Nepal. The project was started with a particular focus on media partnership to mobilize media groups to focus reporting on the concerns of women migrant workers in the context of the ongoing development at national and global level.

IEC materials publication, posters and stickers: YOAC and PNCC published two sets of posters and stickers for creating awareness among the potential migrant workers, migrant workers, their families and general public, with focus on the provisions of foreign employment act 2007.

Handbook publication: YOAC and PNCC, with the aim of creating general, and some legal awareness about foreign employment, particularly focused on gulf countries, published a hand book in a question answer format. The expected readers of the book are the potential migrant workers, migrant workers, returnee migrant workers, their families and other activists and other stakeholders interested in the topics of foreign labor migration. This handbook is also expected to make a clear understanding to the media persons who wish to understand the issue.

Media training manual development: The media training manual was developed with the purpose of training media persons in the regional level. The main objective of which will be to train journalists to effectively address the use of safe migration in their news and articles. YOAC and PNCC collected several documents, reference materials and visited relevant organizations for this purpose. These organizations also conducted some meetings with organizations working with media and migration to develop linkages to the process. Furthermore, the learning of regional level media training was also taken into account while drafting the media training manual. The training manual covers the lesson plans and content for training media persons for two days. Thus, it includes different sessions, methodologies for each session, required materials and learning materials for reference.

Bimonthly newsletter publication: YOAC and PNCC were able to publish three issues of newsletters, 500 copies each, and disseminate to the stakeholders, potential migrant works and the right holders group during the period. Owing to the planning phase of the project and preparatory tasks for the newsletter itself, the publication of first issue was delayed, as opposed to the initial project planning. During the preparatory phase, appropriate title for the newsletter was brainstormed and the project implementing team agreed to the title "*Pravasi Aawaj*" meaning 'Migrant Voice' as the title for the newsletter.

District Level Consultation on implementation foreign act 2007 and the issues of women migrant workers

Palpa: 12 November 2009, Participant 38

Rupandehi: 16 November 2009, Participant 40

Dhankuta: 30 November 2009, Participant 39

Jhapa: 3 December 2009, Participant 38

Bara: 1 February 2010, Participant 40

Rasuwa: 22 February 2010, Participant 41
Dang: 16 May 2010, Participant 39
Rukum: 20 May 2010, Participant 39
Doti: 16 May 2010, Participant 38
Mahendranagar: on 19 May 2010, Participant 41

During the period, ten district level stakeholders consultations were conducted in ten districts, The participants of the consultations were- rights holders from various networks, local level organizations, returnee migrant workers, migrant workers families, potential migrant worker, youths; representatives from governmental and nongovernmental organizations.

During the consultations stakeholders, usually CDO, LDO, women networks and organizations, security personnel were asked to reflect, in brief, about the situation of the district in relation to migration, foreign employment and women migrant workers. After this, an open discussion and consultation was held among the participants and the guests, with the facilitation of YOAC, PNCC or the local partner organization in the district. After the participatory discussions, various issues of women migrant workers, foreign employment and migration in the district context were unearthed. This led to the realization among the participants and stakeholders that there is little done to address those issues than it is needed to be done. District level mechanisms for safe migration were formed in 10 districts with the participation of returnee women migrant workers, families of migrant workers, local government body representatives, security officials and other civil society organizations at district level, as a result of district level consultations.

Regional consultations on the effectiveness and implementation of laws and policies on foreign employment and the issues women migrant workers

Chitwan: 3 March 2010, Participant 54
Pokhara: 5 August 2010, Participant 55
Biratnagar: 27 April 2010, Participant 57
Nepaljung: 23 May 2010, Participant 54
Kailali: 21 May 2010, Participant 58

In the five regional consultations, returnee women migrant workers were asked to share their experiences and opinions about foreign employment. This experience sharing included both, positive and negative, aspects of foreign employment and different social, economic and cultural dimensions associated it. Likewise, different stakeholders in the district like representatives from Nepal Bar Association, DAO, LDO, security offices and WOREC shared their opinions and condition of foreign labor migration in the context of particular development region. Participants were divided into groups to discuss on different aspects of foreign labor migration, with particular focus on women, and find out possible ways of making foreign employment safe and productive for men and women migrant workers. After the discussion, each group presented their findings and open discussions were conducted. Finally, commitment from local level government officials and other stakeholders was done to help from their levels for promotion of the rights of Nepalese migrant workers.

Migration Information Centers (MIC) in three districts:

With the aim of increasing potential migrant workers, migrant workers, returnee migrant workers and their families' access to appropriate information at local level, three MICs were established in three districts Plapa, Bara and Kailali. YOAC and PNCC proactively utilized their

field visits for district and regional consultations beyond the main programme for this purpose. Meetings and discussions were organized, prior and after the programme, with concerned stakeholders and organizations working on similar issues, to figure out appropriate locations

Regional media trainings on migration

Kathmandu: 5-6 August 2010, Participant 25

Pokhara: 3-4 August 2010 among 25 journalists

Biratnagar: 16-17 August 2010 in Biratnagar, Participant 25

With the aim of capacity building of media persons for effectively addressing the issues of women migrant workers, three regional media trainings were organized. The trainings were facilitated by various resource persons and stakeholders active for safe migration at national level. Senior and sub-editor of National Media Houses and Publications were present. Role of media for promoting safe migration, fundamentals of migration and development, was discussed. More than 75 journalists in 25 districts from Radio, Newspapers, Televisions, and New Media (website), which consisted of publishers, editors, news chief, coordinator, and reporters were trained on the knowledge and skills of addressing the issues of safe migration through media with particular focus on gender sensitivity and rights of migrant workers.

National consultation with policy makers and CA members on the issues and policy related to Nepalese women migrant workers, Kathmandu

National consultation with policy makers and CA members on the issues of Nepalese women migrant workers and policies was conducted on 19 September 2010 in Kathmandu. More than forty stakeholders, mostly policy makers and CA, and other civil society organizations and media representatives were present in the programme. Special guest, chairperson of the CA committee on women, children and social welfare, coordinator of the special study committee on the condition of women migrant workers, Ms Parbati Thapa and several other CA members relevant to women migrant workers issues were present in the programme. Representatives from Foreign Employment Promotion Board, Ministry of Labor and Transportation and other government agencies were also present. Ms Tara Devi Subedi, a returnee women migrant worker from Lebanon shared her experience in the beginning. A video report on the compilation of district consultation depicting success and failure stories of Nepalese women migrant workers was also screened among the participants. This gave information about the situation of women migrant workers at district level to the stakeholders.

Round table discussion programme on Safe Foreign Labor Migration and the role of media, 28 September 2010, Babar Mahal, Kathmandu

A round table discussion on the role of media on addressing the issues of safe migration and foreign employment was conducted on 28 September in Kathmandu. Federation of Nepalese Journalists, Nepal Press Institute and in particular, Kantipur Publications was coordinated for the preparation of the programme. Representatives from Nepal Press Institute, Federation of Nepalese Journalists (FNJ), and CA member, along with Returnee migrant workers, their organizations were present in the programme. The programme started with the objective sharing and welcome by Bishnu Bdr. Khatri, ED of Youth Action Nepal.

Outcomes and achievements:

- More than 400 participants of 10 districts are informed about the Foreign Employment Act 2007.
- More than 75 media persons at district and national level are trained on the issues and skills of Reporting safe migration, with sensitivity on the rights of migrant workers and gender aspect.
- Local level government officials, particularly, CDO, LDO, WDO and chief-security officials at district level have expressed their commitments to take action for safe foreign employment and migration. Particularly, in Rukum, Dang and Bara district, DDC have committed to support MIC and other activities for promoting safe migration
- The awareness of local government officials on the provisions of Foreign Employment Act 2007 facilitated the process that these provisions will be implemented at local level. All of the district level officials said that they were unknown about the act before the programme
- As a result of the programme, some initiations have already been started at the district level for promoting safe migration. Particularly, district police office in Palpa, has incorporated the awareness programme on safe migration in their existing programmes and have started collecting information on migration and its trend in each household regularly. Innovative programmes have been developed and organized by participants of district and regional consultations
- All the stakeholders at district and regional level got an opportunity to know about the experiences, problems and issues of women migrant workers. All the participants exclaimed that listening directly about their experiences had made them serious in addressing the problems from their level
- The issues of women migrant workers in foreign employment are explored and compiled, which will be an important learning documents and contribute to policy recommendations

2.3 Human Rights and Democracy

2.3.1 Empowering Young People in HR, Democracy and Constitution Making Process

This project focused diverse activity and program in the grassroots based on human rights, social harmony, democracy and political affairs. YOAC expected that this has formed firm base for initiating debates and advocating for youth representation in decision making at local to national level enhancing the youth participation in human rights, democracy and political affairs.

Study session on human rights and democracy, 26-30 April 2010, Kathmandu

Youth Action Nepal, since the past four years has been organizing intensive level study session program annually inviting to the community and district level social and political youth. This year, five youth network members representing from five working districts also joined the session and rests of the participants were journalist, youth political leaders and students. All the Participants were selected on the basic of participants' mapping guideline mentioned in the project. It is hoped that study session participants from their level play a constructive role in their community understanding the current regional and national socio-political situation. Similarly, this session helps to explore youth opportunity and participation in the different levels and sectors of government, society and political party. The session covered and highlighted different aspects of HR, Democracy, Peace and Conflict, Constitution Making and Peace Process in Nepal; State Re-structuring, Youth Issues and, Policies.

Capacity Building Training

Jhapa: 31 May to 2 June, 2010, Venue: Hotel Kanchan, Birtamod

Bara: 4-6 June, 2010, Venue: VDC Hall, Nijgadh

Palpa: 27-29 May 2010, Venue: Sirjansil Training Center, Tansen

Dang: 29-31 May 2010, Venue: Bhusal Hotel, Lamahi

Kailali: 29-31 May 2010, Venue: Dhangadi

Capacity building trainings were organized targeting to the network members in Jhapa, Bara, Palpa, Dang and Kailali. The participants of the trainings were youth networks member and invited five members (three male and two female) from each network. There was also the participation of local journalist. The training focused on democracy, human rights, constitution, the role of young people for democracy strengthening, positive thinking and appreciative inquiry in organization development, team building and leadership, likewise good governance and role of youth network, communication skill, interpersonal skill, and formal letter writing skill, facilitation skill, youth and youth movement in Nepal, National Youth Policy.

Democracy Fora

Democracy Fora can be considered as the common ground for all which helped to educate, empower, and gave a positive message of 'Learning by Doing' to the invited youth in Jhapa, Bara, Palpa, Dang and Kailali. It is marked as an encouraging Fora to share their idea and knowledge to develop personal capacity and participating in the social responsibility. The regular democracy fora have been running on different topics inviting varied youth in districts. The fora consists of discussion, interaction, sharing, debate, documentary screening, regarding human rights, constitution building process, peace process, youth leadership and participation, social harmony. District program coordinators in their respective districts organized different program under the For a on the following topic and subject in 2010 inviting youth representatives of political parties, journalist, CBO member, youths, student etc.

With the aim, to merge both generation and go hand in hand for the social development intergenerational dialogue were planned to organize with the coordination of local youth network in network located VDCs. It is inevitable to have wide and intense discussion among the people of older generation and younger generations on concerning socio-political issues that come across time. Hence, this activity helped to promote discussion and interaction between youth and adult people bringing them on the same floor. Issues such as local level governance, democracy and other issues related to political and social affairs were discussed in the dialogue programme. It is hoped that these activities enhance the bilateral dialogue and reduce intergenerational gap. It is cared the participants coming for dialogue were both invited from older and younger generations. It was reported that such kind of dialogue first time introduced in VDCs which bring both generation together.

Cultural program

Cultural programs were organized in each district targeting to each working VDC. There was the support of youth network and other governmental and non-governmental organization to carry out the programs more effectively. The information of the cultural program was disseminated

through formal and informal channels to collect the huge number of participation. In each event, special guest and chief guest were invited to enrich and grow up social and political harmony. Local artists, singer, and culture were cared giving opportunity to perform. The program aims to encourage mutual understanding and social harmony facilitating the exchange of ideas, skills, entertaining items and knowledge in the cultural field, and to enhance the profile of YOAC and networks. Cultural programs remained an important element of YOAC for deepening awareness and understanding by the peoples of different belief and culture. At the beginning, cheered up the crowds to warm up relationship. The Cultural Program was an exciting and diverse that provided a forum to express their creative voice and to communicate their talent. The cultural program was held in the day time. Entertainment part was full of fun as it was participatory in style. Poem, jokes, were the unique style of presenting the audience laughing. Without any doubt, everyone had a wonderful time in the cultural event.

Support for institutional development of youth network

Each network in the five districts received the support to develop their institution. Before sending the support a guideline form was developed and all the networks filled up the form to utilize the support properly. District program coordinatoor and representative of civil society handover the support to the repective network members. Some of the fund was utilized by network for the local level peace initiatives and rest of the fund was spent to strengtenen the network like buying stationary needed for the development of their organization and it will be beneficial for the overall development of their organization.

2.4 Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights

2.4.1 Regional Meetings and National SRHR Symposium

In the honor of 15 years of ICPD, '**Global Partners in Action: NGO Forum on SRHR and Development**' was organized during 2-4 September 2009 in Berlin, Germany. The forum produced two important documents as its outcome SONGS and Berlin Call to Action. Through the support of UNFPA, Youth Action Nepal (YOAC), the only NGO from Nepal, could make up its participation in the forum. Hence, YOAC collaborated with United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), German Development Cooperation (GTZ), Family Planning Association of Nepal (FPAN), United Nations Volunteers (UNV) and Safe Motherhood Network Federation (SMNF) to advance those two documents in the local context.

Objectives:

- To introduce the SONGS and the Berlin Call to Action to Nepali NGOs (External Development partners and government institutions will also benefit as secondary targets).
- To strengthen partnerships between regional and national level stakeholders (NGOs, Government, community leaders, youth volunteers, etc.) working on SRHR across Nepal.
- To reflect on the contributions made thus far by NGOs towards the implementation of the ICPD Programme of Action and MDGs;
- To develop collaborative strategies to advance SRHR leading up to 20156 and beyond using the framework of the Berlin Call to Action and the SONGS.
- To increase the engagement of young people across Nepal in efforts to advance SRHR.

Regional Meetings on SRHR

Eastern Regional Meeting on SRHR, 23 April 2010, Biratnagar, participant 20

Central Regional Meeting on SRHR, 23 June 2010, Chitwan, Participant 21

Western Regional Meeting on SRHR, 28 June 2010, Butwal, Participant 20

Mid-western Regional Meeting on SRHR, 23 June 2010, Nepalgunj, Participant 21

Far-western Regional Meeting on SRHR, 28 June 2010, Dadheldhura, Participant 22

With the name '**From International Commitments to National Action: Regional Meetings on SRHR**' was organized in the regions with the support of GTZ and **collaborated** Steering committee members of YOAC, FPAN, SMNF, UNFPA and GTZ. In the meeting **participants** of different organization working on SRHR participated. In the meeting, FPAN had and Safe Motherhood Network presented regional presentation. Youth Action Nepal made brief presentations on ICPD, SONGS and Berlin call to action. Good practice form was distributed among the participants and coffee shop exercise was held. In these meetings, participants shared the regional level achievements on the basis of the designed coffee shop questionnaire for the regional level meetings. The exercise, led the participants to discuss among themselves to start partnerships and run in to action jointly to come up with better outcomes else, everybody would only prove the progress in papers failing to address the acute needs in reality.

Outcomes of the Regional Meetings

- Five regional meetings are organized
- Altogether 95 organizations of five development regions could make up with their participation in the five regional meetings
- Regional issues and best practices were identified
- SONGS got priority in the organization action plan among those organizations participated
- An environment of developing partnership among the SRHR working organizations is developed
- All the organization got to know about ICPD, its progress, Berlin conference and beyond
- Many organizations from different districts got forum to share about their work, achievements and learning vis-à-vis SRHR and ICPD within the region

National SRHR Symposium (22-23 July 2010) Kathmandu, Participant: 70

National SRHR Symposium with the name '**From International Commitments to National Action: National NGO Forum on SRHR**' was organized in Kathmandu. As for the regional meetings, the National SRHR Symposium was organized by Youth Action Nepal (YOAC), Family Planning Association of Nepal (FPAN) and Safe Motherhood Network Federation (SMNF) and the programme was supported by United Nations Volunteers (UNV), United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and German Development Cooperation (GTZ). The aim of the symposium was to bring national-level actors based in Kathmandu and NGOs working on SRHR together from five regional meetings. Further, it also aimed at national level reflection of the achievements, gaps and challenges since ICPD 1994. To explore opportunities for collaborative action and the advancement of SRHR in Nepal was another primary aim.

Outcomes

- One National Level SRHR Symposium is organized

- Altogether 70 organizations of five development regions including Kathmandu based organizations could make up with their participation in the National SRHR Symposium
- National, Regional and local issues and best practices were identified
- SONGS got priority in the organization action plan among those organizations participated
- An environment of developing partnership among the SRHR working organizations is developed
- Many organizations from different districts got forum to share about their work, achievements and learning vis-à-vis SRHR and ICPD within the region
- Five regional action plan (one per region) and one for national level are formed on the basis of five priority areas of SONGS
- 30 % youth participation is ensured in the national level programme

2.4.2 District level SRHR meetings to advance SONGS

Eastern District Meeting on SRHR, December 2010, Birtamode, participant 17

Central District Meeting on SRHR, December 2010, Bara, Participant 23

Western District Meeting on SRHR, December 2010, Palpa, Participant 19

Mid-western District Meeting on SRHR, December 2010, Dang, Participant 17

Far-western District Meeting on SRHR, December 2010, Kailali, Participant 19

Youth Action Nepal (YOAC-2003) in partnership with German Development Cooperation (GTZ) and UNFPA have generated some funding sources to advance BCTA and SONGS. Five regional meetings are devised under GTZ's support, and one National Level SRHR symposium is planned under UNFPA support. Further, the NGOs those participate in regional and national level events are heterogeneously dispersed around the country. These NGOs in many instances do lack their voice heard as because of their dispersion. Therefore, this project aims of follow-up actions among the NGOs on SONGS and holding the government and the donor agencies for their political and financial commitments. The projects inculcate publication, network formation, advocacy dialogue, consultative meetings and distribution and dissemination of published documents locally, nationally and internationally. At the end of the day, Nepali NGOs working on SRHR are committed to SRHR for all making themselves and the donor communities proactive compared than ever.

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- To increase the engagement of young people across Nepal in efforts to advance SRHR.

During the district level SRHR meetings in all the five strategic locations, the good practice form and network information form was filled up by the representative NGOs. Further, there was a

sound discussion and sharing on the activities carried out by the local NGOs. Some of the major activities were formation of women group, training and awareness on HIV and AIDS, safe abortion campaign, family planning distribution and advocacy at the local government level.

Outcomes

- New or strengthened partnerships between NGOs and other stakeholders (government, community leaders, youth volunteers, etc) around SRHR programmes and initiatives
- Foundation of a national network of SRHR NGOs
- Nepali NGOs recognized as leaders in promoting the SONGS and Berlin Call to Action to advance SRHR on a national level.
- Follow-up initiatives to enhance or expand SRHR programmes and projects at a regional and national level, for example: Strengthened evidence-based advocacy or the expansion of good practices for SRHR interventions

2.4.3 Research on Sexual abuse amongst young girls studying at private college in Kathmandu valley

This research identified the actual sexual abuse situation of young college girls studying at private colleges in Kathmandu valley (Kathmandu, Lalitpur, Bhaktapur) reaching out a total of 120 young girls with the research activities.

Objective:

- Identify the nature and condition of sexual abuse;
- Find out the potential individual or group engaged in sexual and physical exploitation of young girls studying at the college of Kathmandu;
- Learn the impact of sexual abuse in their personal and social life; and,
- Emphasize the major gaps between sexual right and knowledge on sexual abuse against young girls.

Outcomes:

- Nature and causes of sexual abuse among young girls has been explored
- The types of sexual abuses faced by young girls has been detected
- The impact of sexual abuse has been identified
- The major gaps in Sexual right or knowledge on sexual abuse against adult girl is discovered

2.5 Friends of Youth Action (FOYA)

2.5.1 Introduction of FOYA

Following the National Youth Social Forum (2006), with the motto “United we can”, Friends of Youth Action (FOYA) was formed—an energetic, dedicated, and socially responsible volunteer group under Youth Action Nepal has been in place. FOYA members are primarily college students who devote their spare time to the main working issues of Youth Action. FOYA continues its commitment to developing young people’s personal and professional skills through volunteerism, capacity building workshops and awareness raising campaigns. We believe that by

engaging, educating and empowering young people to be active socially responsible citizens, we can help to build a better nation.

What next annual planning meeting – 19th February

This planning meeting was held at Sap Falcha, Kathmandu and was attended by 25 young people, including current FOYA members, new members, youth leadership camp participants and interns and international volunteer.

FOYA Annual General meeting – 31st March

A meeting was held in the resource centre at Youth Action's head office from 2-4pm to elect a new committee. 22 young people attended including many new FOYA members.

Planning meeting – 5th April

This meeting was held at YOAC office to brainstorm new ideas for activities for 2010. It was attended by about 20 people including some new FOYA members, and was facilitated by Madan Pokharel and Pawan Roy.

Hiking and interaction day – 17th April

A hike from Nagdaha to Santanesor Mahadev, Lalitpur was organized by the newly elected committee members the first program organized by the new committee members of FOYA. 16 participants attended the program which was facilitated by Madan Pokharel

Australian youth exchange visit – 22nd April

This one day cultural exchange program was organized by Youth Action Nepal (YOAC) and Friends of Youth Action Nepal (FOYA) in co-ordination with Australian organization 'Step-Up Foundation'. Approximately 20 people participated in the program, including 8 members of Step-Up foundation, 8 YOAC members and FOYA volunteers as well as local youths and teachers of the Banibilash Secondary School, Chapagaun.

S-Cool monthly discussion series – 31st May

The concept of S-cool was build with the concept 'To learn and explore'. The idea was initiated by FOYA members in order to provide opportunity to explore the talent of youth and develop confidence; their skills of presentation, interpersonal communication etc and even make them aware about various issues. It is open and organize monthly to members and volunteers of Youth Action (YOAC) and FOYA, interns, as well as various youths of other organizations. Past topics have been youth volunteerism, Climate change and LGBTI.

Creation of Friends of Youth Action (FOYA) Facebook group

This was created in April as a way of creating a sense of community among FOYA members. Madan, Helen and the 6 coordinating committee members are the group admin and have a shared responsibility to keep the group updated

Exchange between English and Nepali youth, September

The fifteen days International Youth exchange program was successfully organized in Nepal and was able to foster cultural understanding of two different countries. The program turned out to be a bridge, not only to connect the young people of two different corners of world and understand each other's issues; but also to connect the two organizations, Youth Action and LIC. More importantly, program became a gateway for fostering relationships between two organizations and to work in collaboration in various issues in future.

Blood donation and book campaign on IYD, Ktm

On the occasion of International Youth Day 2010, an exciting series of event was organized on August 11-12 naming Youth jatra in order to celebrate youth day and meet this year theme "Dialogue and mutual understanding". Organized by IYD2010 organizing team that consists of several youth organizations inside Kathmandu, included various programs like Youth Talks, Forum Theatre, Art and photo exhibition, Documentary screening, youth bazaar(stalls), Blood donation, Concert and be-boying. Youth Action Nepal with its volunteer group (FOYA) organized "BLOOD DONATION AND BOOK CAMPAIGN PROGRAM" with the collaboration with MCPU and Young Yatri organization respectively.

HR day celebration

To mark the international human rights day Youth Action Nepal joined at the different event together with other organizations. **Mega Meet, rally** etc were held with the significant participation of people.