

E-NEWSLETTER



Highlights

- Created 9 groups of Home Based Workers in Kathmandu.
- 15 Home Based Workers were given 5 days training on Slum Net-working Program in India.
- Community Peace dialogue conducted in 4 VDCs of Bardia and Kapilvastu with journalists, conflict affected victims, teachers, political leaders and various stake holders.
- Set up Youth Information Center in two VDCs of Kailali and Dang.

GOVERNMENT ESTABLISHES SINGLE WOMEN EMERGENCY FUND

WHR had been continuously lobbying and advocating for the establishment of Single Women Emergency Fund for the past three years.

In June of this year WHR was informed that Single Women Emergency Fund was approved by the Ministry of Women Children and Social Welfare (MoWCSW). In the recent budget announced by the government it has allocated NRs. 30 million for Single Women Emergency Fund.

On June 28th Lily Thapa along with the Members



Launching of Guidelines on Single Women Emergency Fund at National Women Commission, Singha Darbar on 28th June 2013 by MoWCSW.

of MoWCSW held a press conference to launch the guidelines of single women emergency fund. Many WHR staffs are now involved directly with MoWCSW in the implementing bodies of this fund and will see that single women across are able to access this fund in emergency needs.



Clothes collected at the Central office Kathmandu being sent to Darchula to be received by single women group there for distribution.

DOING OUR PART FOR THE FLOOD VICTIMS OF DARCHULA

Every year in Nepal millions of people become homeless, displaced and some even die due to massive flooding. WHR feels blessed to have been able to contribute and do our part in helping the flood victims of Darchula.

INTERNATIONAL WIDOW'S DAY



On June 23rd International Widow's Day was celebrated throughout Nepal with various districts conducting programs honoring single women and recognizing their contribution to their communities.



In Kathmandu WHR held a signature campaign on "I would like to express my respect and honor to all the widows of the world". The Chief Guest Ms. Riddhi Baba Pradhan Ministry of Women, Children and Social Welfare inaugurated the program where we shared the findings of the Census 2011 on single women in Nepal and their conditions.



Awards and recognition of WHR founder Lily Thapa :

now a member of National Development Council

received the Praval Jan Sewa Padak from the Honorable President His Excellency Dr. Ram Baran Yadav

nominated as a member on UN Women Nepal's Civil Society Advisory Group

Simran and Sangeeta Bhujhel are very happy to attend their first day of classes after receiving scholarship from Opportunity Fund.



Kathmandu

Surkhet

Jhapa

Saptari



Sunsari

Kavre

Chitwan

Sankhuwasava



Dang

CHHAHARI— SAFE HOME FOR SINGLE WOMEN

In the last four months 2 new Chhaharis were inaugurated in Chitwan and Sankhuwasava. Chhahari provides safe home for those venerable and in need single women who need temporary homes.

Many Chhahari also have catering services providing lunches and various products to other businesses thus providing employment opportunities for single women. Till now 15 Chhaharis have been either constructed or are in the process of being built.

Through Human Resource for Health Project advocacy training to civil society organization was conducted in August order to prepare them on accessing better health resources. Also from this project peer education training was provided to peer groups of Youth Information Center of Dang and Kailali in June of the year.

Single women and youth became sensitized on the para legal issues related to basic health, gender violence, child rights, women rights and property rights. This was funded by **European Union supported by Britain Nepal Medical Trust.**



“Sahayogi Saathi” mobilizer training were given to 35 single women from Bara, Lalitpur, Nuwakot, Kathmandu, Kavre, Sindhuli and Ramechhap from 18th September to 20th September. Single women from each districts will conduct trainings within their own communities to educate other single women about their rights, rights, accessing resources as well as advocating their agendas in their local governments.

Special guest speaker *Mr. Darshan Raunier* talked about his own inspiration his mother who became a single women at a young age.



"Weaving the Web: single women in peace-building" 30 young single women participated in the program. Program was focused on voters education, election process and political empowerment with support from **Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES Nepal).**

In Siraha and Saptari, 35 single women leaders, from different VDCs, were given training on citizenship rights and the legal

procedures of obtaining a Nepali citizenship. At the end of the trainings, 14th September, all the single women leaders said they were now prepared to go to their communities and educate other women and men about their citizenship rights with support from **UNHCR and FWLD.**



Through the support of **Woman Kind** 15 single women from Kathmandu, Bhaktapur, Lalitpur and Kritipur were provided training on building briquette and solar cooker from everyday household materials. It has high demands in the market and is environment friendly and cheaper than other products available.



UN Women project Gender Responsive Recovery for Sustainable Peace held sensitization workshop with District Coordination Committee (DCC) members on UNHCR 1325, NAP and 1820. DCC members are implementing members of UNHCR 1325 and 1820 in the districts therefore discussions were conducted through this project to bring forward next steps in Kavre, Ramechhap and Sindhuli.

Congratulations and good luck to all the candidates running for the upcoming election!

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President of Palpa



23rd International Senior Citizen's day celebration in Illam honoring senior citizen of the community and their contribution



Single women group in Jhapa organized a Saptah with over 1000 participants. This would have been unimaginable 10 years ago due to the stigma attached to single women. It is a sign our society is truly changing!



Ms. Leela Bhujle receives mobile donated by Incontro fra i Popoli. She was so excited to own a mobile phone! She said she will use it to keep contact of everyone in case of emergencies.



Conflict Transformation and Peace Building Process discussions held in Bardia and Kapilvastu. There was wide agreement that conflict can occur in all areas and not just during wars and now the 65 single women who participated from both districts have the knowledge on reducing conflict in their communities.



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