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Workshop on “Right to Food and Food Sovereignty”

Right to Food Network (RtFN) Nepal organized workshop on “Right to Food and Food Sovereignty” on October 12, 2018 in Kathmandu. The program was organized on the occasion of marking the 37th World Food Day concerning with right to food and food sovereignty. The chief guest of the program was Min Bahadur Shahi, Member of National Planning Commission; whereas Gauri Pradhan, Former Spokesperson for the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), and Shanta Lal Mulmi, Executive Director of Resource Centre for Primary Health Care (RECPHEC) were guests. In the program, international progression and existing status on right to food was presented by Dr. Sarba Raj Khadka. Bhesh Raj Adhikari, Expert on the bill, presented legal provisions and practices in Nepal with regard to right to food and food sovereignty. D.B. Karki, Deputy General Secretary of All Nepal Peasant Federation presented key note on “Right to Food and Land Right in Nepal”.



In the program, Min Bahadur Shahi, guest of the program informed that National Planning Commission has been preparing 15th periodic plan. It will incorporate concerns related to food rights and sovereignty in the plan and also in “National Vision Paper 2100”. It will emphasize execution of those issues; in which, local level government will play crucial role. Other participants also shared their views regarding the legal, institutional initiatives taken by the state. Meanwhile, they asserted necessity of effective role of CSOs for effective execution those policies, plans and programs. In the program, Shanta Lal Mulmi, Gauri Pradhan, Fatik Thapa, Yogita Rai, Ratna Karki, Govinda Shahi, Ganesh BK shared their views with regard to right to food and food sovereignty concerns to be prioritized by the state and CSOs in future. The program was moderated by Dr. Padma Prasad Khatiwada, General Secretary of Human Rights Alliance.

Central Committee Meeting of Human Right Alliance

Human Rights Alliance organized its Central Committee Meeting on November 29, 2018 in Kathmandu. The meeting was chaired by Min Bahadur Shahi, Chairperson of Human Rights Alliance. Invited guests of the meeting were Advisory members; Dr. BijayaSubba, Dr. NetraTimisina, and Shanti Adhikari. Central committee members were also present in the meeting. Dr. Padma Prasad Khatiwada, General Secretary of the Alliance presented organizational and activity based reports of the Alliance. Presented reports were endorsed by the meeting after a discussion. Meanwhile, Annual Financial Report 2074/75 BS, presented by Promod Chaudhari, was also endorsed by the committee.

The meeting decided to congratulate Min Bahadur Shahi, Chairperson of the Alliance being appointed as a Member of National Planning Commission and it also wished him

for the successful term at the office. Decision was made for proceeding organization's renewal process from District Administrative Office, Kathmandu and other concerned authorities. The meeting expressed condolences on the demise of Padma Ratna Tuladhar, Human Rights Activist remembering his praiseworthy contribution in human rights and social justice sector.



Annual General Meeting of Right to Food Network (RtFN) Nepal

RtFN Nepal organized its 3rd Annual General Meeting (AGM) in Kathmandu on December 28, 2018. The meeting was organized for discussion to be made regarding upcoming strategies and reviving its core committee for the upcoming term. It was also intended to form a committee to revise policy guideline of RtFN Nepal. Sameer Nepal, Senior Vice-chairperson of Human Rights Alliance chaired the meeting whereas Bala Ram Baskota, Madan Bhandari School of Asia; Min Bahadur Shahi, Member National Planning Commission; Netra Timisina, SAAPE; Sharmila Karki, Jagarn Nepal; Shant Lal Mulmi, RECPHEC; Keshab Khadka, RtFN were guests. In the meeting, Dr. Keshab Khadka presented key note on 'Programme and Status Report of RtFN'. Birendra Adhikari, RtFN shared overall journey of RtFN's campaign since its establishment considering need of continuity of the campaign for ensuring food sovereignty and food security to all the citizens. Devi Prasad Khanal, RtFN Nepal presented overall scenario of Sudurpaschim province with regard to the campaign of RtFN including status of

food security and right to food. Min Bahadur Shahi, Member of National Planning Commission asserted for organizing national level program for raising consolidated voice in the campaign of ensuring right to food and food sovereignty in the country. Sameer Nepal, Chairperson of the meeting concluded the meeting with some key decisions that have to be carried out by the network in coming days. The meeting made the following key decisions including endorsement decision for arriving RtFN Nepal

secretariat under HR Alliance from ANFPA from September 1, 2018; restructuring structural mechanism of RtFN according the federalism spirit; a taskforce team/committee formed consisting four members. A committee was formed consisting Bidur Subedi, Netra Timisina, Sharmila Karki, Birendra Adhikari and Yogita Rai, for revisiting the RtFN directive. The meeting also decided to organize national gathering among CSOs working being concerned with right to food and food security.



Interaction on “Economic, Social, Cultural Rights and Development Nexus”

Human Rights Alliance organized interaction program on “Economic, Social, Cultural Rights and Development Nexus” on October 31, 2018 at Charikot, Dolakha. The interaction was organized aiming to capacitate to the local level representatives and CSOs representatives on ESC rights and their nexus with development so that concerns and issues can be incorporated into local level policy, provisions, practices. Dabal Pandey, Chairperson, DCC Dolakha shared the this initiation will help for capacitating with regard to human rights, ESC rights and development approaches at international, national and local levels. In the program, presentations on ESC rights and development approached were made by Bidur Subedi. Dr. Padma Prasad Khatiwada presented economic, social and cultural demographic status of Dolakha district in relation to possible developmental prospects that can be initiated by local level through its policies, provisions, practices. After the presentations, interaction was



carried out among the participants concerning with ESC rights and development practices in their respective local unit and communities. Participants shared status of ESC rights and relevant issues in their respective local units. They committed themselves for taking active participation in the ward and local level

meetings and raise the voice for including ESC rights in local level policies and provisions. Meanwhile, participants representing CSOs from the district shared their commitment for playing the watchdog for ensuring the ESC rights in the upcoming policy draft and initiatives by the local government.

Policy dialogue series on “International Instruments on Human Rights and their Localization” in Dolakha

Human Rights Alliance organized policy dialogue series on international instruments on human rights and their localization in all nine (9) local level governments of Dolakha district. Total 9 policy dialogue series were completed in each local unit in the district, namely, two Municipalities (Bhimeshor and Jiri) and seven Rural Municipalities (Wigu, Gaurishankar, Kalinchok, Baiteshor, Sailung, Tamakoshi, and Melung). Experts working in the human rights and social justice, governance facilitated to capacitate the local level representatives. These series of events were conducted from 25 to 31 December, 2018.

HomPathak, Chairperson of HURADEC, Dolakha facilitated dialogues conducted at Melung Rural Municipality on 27 December, 2018; Jiri Municipality on 26 December, 2018; Tamakoshi Rural Municipality on 30 December, 2018. Prona Pratap KC, Senior Advocate facilitated events conducted at Shailung Rural Municipality on 28 December, 2018; Baiteshor Rural Municipality on 31 December, 2018; and Bhimeshor Municipality on 31 December, 2018. And, Niraj Newpane, Executive Director of SDGs Studio facilitated dialogues conducted at Gaurishankar Rural Municipality on 27 December, 2018; Kalin

chok Rural Municipality on 25 December, 2018; Bigu Rural Municipality on 27 December, 2018. In those events, total 281 local level representatives (participants) were capacitated on international treaties, UN charters, SDGs, and provisions concerning with human rights, social justice, inclusive governance and their practices at local levels by formulating necessary policies and provision-sand their practices. Meanwhile, they were also oriented about the possible approaches to be assimilated at local level considering localizing the international human rights policies based on the local context.



Interaction on gaps in policies and practices with regards to the human rights promotion in Dolakha

Human Rights Alliance organized interaction program with local level representatives and local CSOs' representatives on "gaps in policies and practices with regards to the human rights promotion" on January 27, 2019 at Charikot, Dolakha. The program was able to prepare ground for promoting human rights policy formation and its effective implementation working together with the local governments and local CSOs. HomPathak, HURAD-DEC, Dolakha chaired the program and Kamal Kumari Karki, Vice-Chair DCC, Dolakha, Gita Pokhrel, Member of DCC, Dolakha. Dr. Padma Prasad Khatiwada presented existing human rights promotion status in the district with reference to national scenario by linking with prevalent gaps in policies and practices in the locality. Local levels and CSOs have to prioritize local level plans to be incorporating necessary planning and budget concerning with human rights promotion and assurance in the district. Review and reflection session was carried out in the program consisting of local level representatives and CSOs aiming to assess human right status in the district. Respective

participants presented overall status on human right promotion related issues in both policy and practice aspects. Participants from CSOs presented issues from the perspective of watchdog. The chairperson and guests asserted to assess existing scenario of policy

gaps at local level with regard to human rights-friendly policies and practices in the district as well as status of human rights violation and campaigns of promoting human rights in the district that have been led by the government and CSOs.



Campaign against Inequalities in Nepal

Human Rights Alliance collaboratively organized "Civil Society Campaign against Inequality in Nepal" on January 22, 2019 at Jawalakhel, Lalitpur. Other networks and organization supporting of the campaign were Nepal Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) Forum, Non-Government Organization (NGO) Federation of Nepal, South Asia Alliance for Poverty Eradication (SSAPE), and Humanitarian Accountability Monitoring Initiative (HAMI). The program was organized under the modality of poetry recitation and art gallery display reflecting the message of collective efforts needed to tackle existing inequalities in the country and around the world. In the program, civil society organizations and social movements and individuals were the participants. It was organized in Nepal while the world's business elites and top politicians come together for the World Economic Forum (WEF) in Davos, Switzerland from 22 to 25 January 2019 in Davos-Klosters. Netra Timisina, Civil Campaigner presented rationale cum context of the campaign that has been ongoing annually

The program was chaired by Gauri Pradhan, Civil Campaigner. He welcomed the participant campaigners in the program with a poem, titled as "Davos kodum dum" (Arrogance of Davos).

The chief guest was Literary Century Person and Culturist, Satya Mohan Joshi, who inaugurated the event. He shared his experiences of observing different layers of inequalities in the societies along with his proactive role for elimination by exploring and presenting cultural practices through writings. He shared carrying out such events can contribute for bringing changes in the society by reducing inequalities. Meanwhile, he was provided civic honor recognizing his great contribution for fighting against inequalities through cultural advocacy and writings. Poets who composed for fighting against inequalities through words were also present in the program. In the program, poems were recited by the poets representing across the country. The session was called "Poetry Recitation: Voice for equality". Aun Shree Acharya, Ganesh Dangal, JB Darlami, Tara Nath Parajuli, Shri

sha Pandey, Devika Timilsna, Narayan Dhakal, Purushottam Subedi, Matrika Pokhrel, Rajani Dhakal, Lakshmi Mali, Bal Krishna Kattel, Bidhan Acharya, Dipana Sharma, Bimala Niva, Shardul Bhattarai, Sambriddhi Lamichhane, Sneha Sayami, Saroj Dulu, Sulochana Manandhar, Umesh Chandra Adhikari. Cartoons prepared by Umesh Chandra Adhikari, Cartoonist were displayed during the events. They illustrated inequalities prevalent in the areas of politics, economic, socio-cultural, religious, lingual, gender and so on.



'Dialogue Forum' through stakeholder review with representatives form local units and local CSOs of Dolakha

Human Rights Alliance organized interaction program to form Dialogue Forum through stakeholders' review in human rights and social justice on February 22, 2019 at Charikot, Dolakha. Samir Nepal, Human Rights Alliance was the chief guest of the program. In the meeting, Dabal Pandey, Chairperson of DCC, Dolakha, Rabi Chandra Acharya, Vice-Chair, Baitaishor Rural Municipality, Kalpana Bhandari, Vice-Chairperson, Melung RM, Gokarna Prasad Pokhrel, Chairperson, Nepal Red Cross Society, Dolakha. The dialogue forum is a common-cum-collaborative platform established to promote and advocate human rights, inclusive democracy/governance through jointly working among local government, CSOs, private sector. Presentations were made by experts on Human Rights, Social Justice, Diversity, Governance in Local level policy practices and Planning that were discussed further in the dialogue forum so that they could be ensured at local levels.

The forum was concerned with reflecting and assessing the attempts done in the last 6



months of so in human rights-friendly policy formation at local level and its implementation. Forum also explored possible ways for bringing positive changes in situation of Dolakha with regards to human rights related issue in coming days. Total 55 participants from local level representatives, CSOs' members, private sectors and common citizens will be able to be capacitated through stakeholders' review in human rights and social justice; from which a 'Dialogue Forum' has been planned to take leadership for ensuring advocacy platform for the people and local government representatives functioning as watch-dog to the concerned stakeholders in the district. All the activities or programs that will be carried out will be DCC taking ownership and leadership through 'Dialogue Forum'.

Final Review and handing over the Project Meeting

Human Rights Alliance organized final review and handing over the project's legacy on February 23, 2019 at Charikot, Dolakha. Participants from local level governments, DCC representatives, Samir Nepal Senior Vice-Chair Person, Nanimaya Thapa CCM, Pibanta Neupane CCM, CSOs representatives, HR Alliance representatives took part in the meeting. In the meeting, Dabal Pandey, Chairperson, DCC Dolakha;



Bharat KC, Mayor, Bhimeshor Municipality; Ishor Chandra Pokhrel, Chairperson, Tamakoshi RM; Bharat Dulal, Chairperson, SAILUNG RM; Madhav Pradhan, CIWIN, Hom Pathak, HURADEC, Dolakha were present. In the meeting, overall reflection of project based events carried out in the district since the last 6 months as shared by Bidur Subedi, Project Coordinator. Meanwhile, project was handed over to the DCC that will be continued with its leadership under dialogue forum approach. On behalf of Human Rights Alliance, Bidur Subedi presented the overall activities that were carried on project, project' achievements, budget and its sustainability strategy.

The program was able to handover the project's legacy along with the assurance of carrying out dialogue forum in coming days with the leadership of DCC. Those shared project's outcomes were praised by DDC chairperson and other guests of the program. They assured to assimilate those results in their respective units so that their local levels would ensure human rights friendly policies and practices. The DCC assured that it will continue with its leadership under dialogue forum approach with the aim of playing key role for making the concerned stakeholders accountable for ensuring human rights-friendly policies and practices in the district.

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