

21st AGM

Tewa's 21st Annual General Meeting (AGM) was convened on 15th September, 2017 at Tewa. A new Executive Board was elected unanimously for next two years.



Grant Making Unit

Nepal is prone to floods every year. This year, with the start of monsoon season many districts were affected by flood leaving people homeless without basic hygiene facilities.

The floods affected districts are the low income areas of the country with most people living with very basic homes - mostly built with mud and reeds which are easily washed away by the flood water.

Our Grant Making Unit supported the grantee organizations that

were heavily affected by flood by providing relief support and grants (Discretionary).

7 districts were supported with relief items like food, tarpaulins, medicines, health camp, clothes, mosquito nets, water purifiers, etc.

Similarly, grants were also provided to the most vulnerable people of the communities. Those supported were single women, elderly people, pregnant and post-natal women. 556 individuals were provided support which included 361 pregnant and post-natal, 79 single women, 53 elderly people, 60 households and 3 health camps.

Three grants were disbursed in districts of Baglung (Sanrakchayak Samaj), Myagdi (Sanrakchayak) and Udayapur (Muldhar Mahila Sewa Kendra) for Capacity Building. The sum of the grants was Rs. 830,000.00.

A talk program entitle "Chhaupadi" (menstruation ta-

boo) was conducted for capacity enhancement of staff and volunteers. The speaker was Pasupati Kunwar of Samabikash Nepal, Achham, a grantee partner

A Grantee Capacity Building Workshop was conducted at Tewa from 19 to 21 July 2017, 18 participants of grantee organizations from Gorkha, Ramechhap, Kavre, Dhading and Kathmandu participated in this workshop.

The objective of the workshop was to help grantees understand about Organizational Development and Sustainability, Community Philanthropy, Rights Based Approach, Feminist Leadership, Women Empowerment, Monitoring and Evaluation process, Climate Change and Resilience. Grantee partners appreciated the initiative and valued the workshop. Some of them shared that the workshop was their first experience for strengthen organizational development with work related valuable topics.



Philanthropy Unit

Practicing Community Philanthropy provides opportunity to be engaged with diverse range of people and is an effective platform to establish relationship with donors.

Tree plantation, is one of our local fundraising events that helps us to build relationship with people and community. This event is popular among our volunteers and the community.

On 5th August, 2017, we planted 750 saplings at Dhapakhel Ward No. 24. The program was supported by Laxmi Bank, Gems School, Daya Foundation, RIBS

School and several individual donors. As part of their Corporate Social Responsibility, Laxmi Bank supported Rs. 250,000.00 (USD 2,500.00).

Community Ward Chairs Mr. Dinesh Karki and Mr. Bhuyukaji Maharjan, of Ward 23 & 24 participated in the program to encourage and make aware to the community about the issues of climate change and global warming and its effect in our daily lives. The ward chairs' presence and assurance to support Tewa's initiate to improve environment inspired many youths and the

local community. We were able to raise Rs 345,000.00 (USD 3,450.00) from this event.



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One Billion Rising (OBR) Launch



Phulpati Devi Banin giving speech after receiving the award.

In collaboration with Sangat and participants, OBR 2018 was launched with the presence of more than 50 Nepali civil societies and 10 international feminists women. The program was held on 2nd September at St. Xavier's School Hall, Jawalakhel, Lalitpur. The presence of Kamla Bhasin, South Asian Feminist and OBR South Asia Coordinator made the event vibrant.

As a part of the event two individuals were awarded with 2nd Sangatee Grant Awards. This year, the award was given to Ms Gyanu Paudyal and Ms Phulpati Devi Banin. Both of them are working for women empowerment and women rights, and they are committed to use the cash awards for the welfare of women's rights.

Both the awardee women activists are working in Nepal with special focus in far western region where gender based violence and discrimination are prevalent. Issues ranging from economic empowerment, child marriage, teenage pregnancy, women security, cases of witchcraft, beheading of girl child in the name of religion, etc. are the issues they highlighted in the function.

Volunteer Program

Our belief in community philanthropy motivates us to work towards mutual developments. Taking this as our core motive, Tewa organized two programs for Tewa's volunteer.

Both programs were a learning experience to our volunteers who are deeply rooted with community philanthropy.

The first program was a motivational talk which was held on 31st August with Mr. Bharat Maharjan, Chairperson of Sumeru Hospital where he shared about his life journey, struggles and achievements. 35 volunteers attended the program. They enjoyed his conversation and listened to some of his touching and inspirational stories. He shared his belief that every individual should devote their time working for their dreams; and those dreams will come true if we work hard and are committed.

Another self healing class was conducted for volunteers on 5th September at Tewa the resource persons for this event was from [Sukhawati](#). The program was enlightening about the importance of self care, tools and techniques for taking care of emotions. Sessions included topics like Mindfulness, Art Therapy and traditional painting "Paubha" which help in stress management





Our Grantee partner “Entire Power in Social Action” (EPSA) is a NGO working in empowerment of disable women. EPSA Founder President Sangita Pant is working for last ten years for the empowerment of women with disability. She provides livelihood trainings and she is awarded for her efforts by the Social Welfare Council (SWC) of Nepal.

Sangita Pant believes that only through economic empowerment disabled women can change their status quo in the community.

Learning Monitoring and Evaluation Unit

LM&E Unit is working to support its grantee partner projects with their monitoring visits to evaluate the impact of its partner project. During the process, the Unit conducted monitoring visits at two organizations in the last three months: Blind Women Association, Sukedhara, Kathmandu - where Tewa's grant had supported for capacity building training; and Srijansil Mahila Samaj, Milanbasti, Tarkeshwor - who were supported for skill development and capacity building program.

Case Story:

Nanda Singh is a young woman from Kailkot district who is a visually impaired orphan. As a member of Blind Women Association, she got a chance to participate in the Leadership & Advocacy training. Following the training, it helped her strengthen her advocacy & leadership skills. She believes it encouraged her to start her organization named **Antardristi (Inner Vision)** which is in process of

registration in Kathmandu. She also shared an incident about her active involvements in cases where she had raised her voice against injustice, discrimination and cheating.

Nanda shared her story of the time when she visited one of the hospitals in Kathmandu for check-up for her cousin. The hospital staff charged her with a bill for Rs. 100 she knew that the fee was only Rs. 50, she then asked for Rs. 50 back for that she was treated rudely just because she was visually impaired. She was told that "You should have brought someone along as you can not recognize the note". But Nanda did not care about such comments. She knew about the hospital charges and when the staff said the charge was Rs. 100, Nanda complained it to the management and they took action against the staff. The incident proved that Nanda was not cheated and she was not the only one as the staff was doing so for a long time with others too.

She believes participating in trainings gives confidence and it is because of this confidence that she was able to raise her voice for unjust and unfair treatment given to people with disabilities.



Tewa Centre/Deep Yogini

Between July to September, 5 international and 6 Nepali organizations hosted their programmes in Tewa Centre/Deep Yogini.

One remarkable happening was Sangat hosted their 21st Month Long Course here, which was the fourth consecutive one!

A formal inauguration of Anandi 3 (A3), the new residential building took place on 19th September, 4 pm. It was colourful event. Professor Han Verschure and his wife Marleen Iterbek of Belgium inaugurated A3 amidst celebratory atmosphere attended by more than hundred people from donors, Board/members volunteers, staff of Tewa, TC/NA, Prof. Han's university alumni etc. The main inaugural function was held in Dabali. It was followed by cultural programme consisting of Chariya dances at Kamla Hall and concluded with sumptuous dinner at Santoshi. As always, some higher intelligence come to our rescue – it was raining hard in the afternoon of the inauguration day which sent fear in our minds how we would conduct our inauguration programme in the open at Dabali, lo and behold rain stopped and bright sun-shine by the time we started our programme around 4 PM!



Professor Han Verschure and his wife Marleen Iterbek with Tewa's President Dr. Nirmala KC