

Grant Making Unit

By the end of 2017, 4 grants were disbursed under different issues supporting women empowerment. Grant of NRs 20 thousand was granted to the network of Nepal Mahila Ekta Samaj for the celebration of South Asian Women Solidarity on 30th November.

Likewise, the second grant of NRs 1 lakhs was disbursed under Human Rights National Magna Meet to Sankalpa, an organization which has been demanding implementation of human rights in the country.

Third grant was the Founder's Fund grant of NRs 3 lakhs which was provided to Bhore organization from Dhanusa. The grant was provided for higher education

of 61 girls in Dhanusa district who belong to Mushahar marginalized community. Along with the scholarship program, the organization will also be conducting awareness cam-

paigns on anti-child marriage and anti-dowry practices in Dhanusa.



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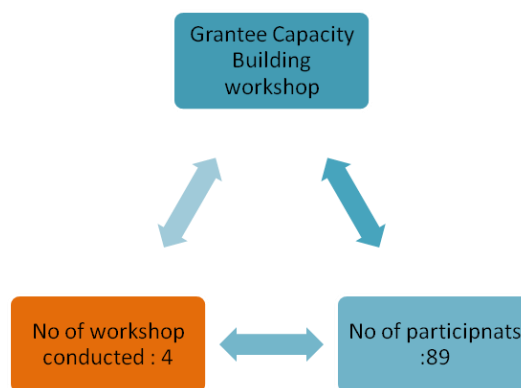
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Grantee Capacity Building Workshops (GCB) and Networking

Topics Covered during the GCB were:

- Green energy/alternate source of energy
- Environmental rights and gender justice
- Women empowerment, right based approach, community philanthropy, climate change
- Learning , monitoring and evaluation
- Peace building and wellbeing

Likewise, support of NRs 37,900.00 was made to Janaki Mahila Sanjal,(network of 11 grantee partners of Tewa) Dhanusa for network building meetings for campaigning to end violence against women.



Upcoming activities

- Volunteer training :10-12 January, 2018
- Walk-a- thon :17th February
- Deep Prajwolan :26th February
- Grantee capacity building workshop :25-27 February



Audience gathered in Open-Air Theater for the concert



Singer Adrian Pradhan performing during the concert at Tewa.



Tewa's President Nirmala KC welcoming Lily Thapa



Awarding Bhaimaya Gurung Award to Yasodha Khadka

Philanthropy Unit

As a local fundraising event, a musical concert by Adrian Pradhan and Frenz was conducted on 14th October 2017, Saturday at Tewa's Open Air Theater. The main objective of the event was to raise fund for grant making. We hope to promote our venue with event like this where the community can learn about Tewa's work and support organizations like us for self-reliance, and to promote local fundraising.

The program was attended by Board Members, volunteers, community people, music lovers and children from Happy Homes who enjoyed the music, food stalls and the beautiful

ambience of Tewa. For Tewa, it was an occasion to welcome new people to Tewa's facilities and introduce the main objective of our work and seek opportunities of new endeavor. As to stimulate our volunteers and community people stalls were arranged by them where they provided delicious and hygienic cooked snacks.

The event was sponsored by Asian Thai Food and Erisa International. The crowd enjoyed the concert to the fullest dancing and singing along with the singer!

Through the event, we were able to raise Rs 70,900.00 .

Another annual fundraising event raffle winners were disclosed on 5th of December . The entire funds raised through the program was Rs 1,39160.00 (USD 1391.60) which goes to various grantee organizations of Nepal .

The three top prizes was sponsored by R.B Diamond Jewelers Pvt Ltd, New road, Kathmandu.

Annual donation for local fundraising is ongoing to support grant making of Tewa. Interested individuals are welcome to contact Philanthropy Manager to make their contributions.

Volunteer Program

On the occasion of International Volunteer's Day, the Volunteer Award Program was conducted on 5th December, 2017 at Dabali.

The program was attended by Tewa's President Nirmala KC, Board Member Riva Thapa and volunteers. The Chief Guest of the program was Lily Thapa (Founder of Women for Human Rights Single Women Groups (WHR) and President of Sankalpa). Similarly, another special guest – Saru Aryal Pradhan (annual donor) was present in the program.

Volunteers expertise is utilized time and again to capitalize their engagement.

S. n	Award winner's name	Award Category
1	Susha Devkota Joshi	Birendra Shrestha Award
2	Sharmila Joshi	Dr. Major Amir Thapa Award
3	Sagun Shrestha	Adhay Prasad Pradhan Award
4	Yasodha Khadka	Bhaimaya Gurung Award
5	Manila Shrestha	Tewa Outstanding Award
6	Kuntala Dev Rai, Sabina Sinkemana, Manita Kayashta, Sachina Maharjan, Kamala Paheli, Shankti Upadhaya and Nisha Risal	Appreciation Certificate

Volunteer's interaction with Grantee Partner

Exposure visit to Griha Samik Barahi Sip Mulak Mahila Sahakari Sanstha Limited was organized for the newly trained volunteers. This visit was arranged mainly for the new volunteers to visit an organization where the funds they collected were given.

The purpose of the visit was to help volunteers understand community philanthropy that Tewa practices to empower women with their small support. To motivate and believe that change can happen if we work hand-in-hand.



Exposure visit to grantee partner

Capacity enhancement of staff on land Rights

To enhance staff knowledge and understand women's position on land rights, a talk session was organized with Jagat Deuja from Community Self-Reliance Centre (CSRC). Staff enhanced their knowledge on ferred bonded labors families kamiya, issues on land rights movement and development in Nepal.

The participants also had an opportunity to

learn about he legal provisions and gaps, importance of collective farming, community based financial institutions, holding control over local economy, challenging unjust power relations, promoting dignity campaign, among others.

Similarly, ways of community resource mapping and analysis, converting agriculture land to non-agriculture purpose, land

and agrarian rights education was delivered in the session.

Tewa Center/Deepyogini



During October to December 9 local and 6 international organizations hosted their events in Tewa Centre/Deepyogini.

There were staff transitions—Gita Ghimire, Cook resigned while Samir Khadka joined as a Cook, Milan Gharti Magar as Assistant Cook and Iswor Bista joined as a Security Guard.

We have had very good production of Kiwi fruit and seasonal vegetables from our organic vegetable gardens. In these three months, Rs. 56,000 worth of vegetable and kiwi were produced which were used in Santoshi kitchen for the resident guests and to the staff. The paddy from our field produced 118 Kg of rice. And 6 kg ginger and 31 kg turmeric were harvested this year.

In house developed New Year felicitation cards were sent to 46 organizations thanking for their support and making use of Tewa Centre/Deepyogini.

We signed Memorandum of Understanding with National Society of Earthquake Technology Nepal (NSET) as venue for their training programme

Experience shared by our Grantee Partner Jhala Kumari Dulal

A brief talk was conducted with a grantee partner Jhala Kumari Dulal, President of Mahila Sahara Samajik Sanstha, Tinpipla, Kavre (31.6 km far from Kathmandu city) who has spent over 20 years in uplifting women of Kavre, was very happy when the news of local election came to her. She had a desire to represent herself from her community so that she could challenge and change the status quo of her community women.

Tewa supported her organization for the education on the politi-



cal rights of women that were representing in different position in the election. The 2-day training was provided to 30 local women and out of them, 9 stood in the election but only 1 of them was able to win the election on the post of Deputy Mayor.

Jhala Kumari Dulal shared that the failure of women to win the elections made her very sad and she started to look into the reasons behind it. She found out that during the election, male candidates who have possession of land and property, have full right to sell their belongings and make some money to spend on promotion and campaigns for themselves.

While women, having no access to any property, had no money to spend on election promotion. Although some women had

land and property under their name, they did not have any rights to sell their property without their husband's permission. Further, women candidates had nothing to offer to their supporters - not even a lunch pack or any vehicle during the promotion campaign. She said with a sad feeling "Women do not have anything to offer to their supporters not even a small drink or a snack. Because of this, most of the supporters joined the male candidates who gave them luxurious meal and drinks. This is one of the major factors affecting women and they lost the election."

She also shared her personal experience from the recent local election, which was held on September 2017 (2074), where she thought of standing herself for the position of Deputy Mayor. Her nephew was already standing for the post of Mayor and her husband had no issues with her filing her candidacy for the post of Deputy Mayor. However, for some reason, her nephew withdrew his candidacy and thereafter, she was also forced to withdraw her candidacy.

She believes there is so much to work at the ground-level that people's mindset needs to be changed. Even now, women act on the will of their male-family members, which needs to be changed. Regardless, she is committed to continue to work on women's issues in days to come as well.