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Tewa

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Nepal's Women's Fund

## Grant Making

A total of 9 lakhs 75 thousand rupees was disbursed in the period of six months to 10 organizations under our Samman Grant. 10 women's organizations from 5 Provinces of Nepal were benefited from this grant to implement their projects on various themes.

Along with the Samman Grant, Discretionary Grant of One lakh was disbursed to Gramin Mahila Sirjanshil Pariwar to support them in organizing 11th National Human Rights Magna Meet 2019.

Founder's Fund of 3 lakhs rupees was presented to Girls Empowered by Travel Nepal to support their projects- Hitaishi, girls empowerment through travel and adult literacy program, Sahasi.

## Upcoming Events

Volunteers Training-  
January

Local Fundraising Event,  
Deep Prajwolan- February

25 Years Celebration - April

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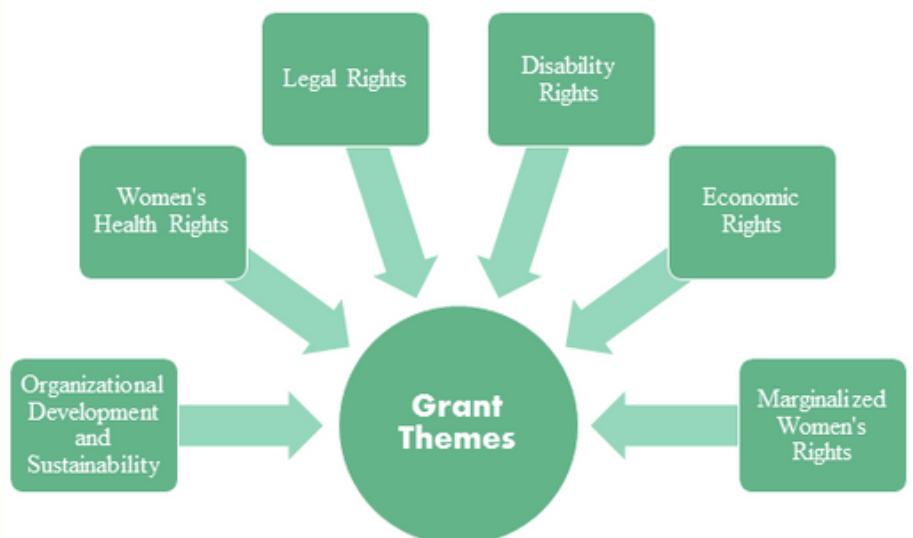
Mentorship Program



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Grant themes supported during this period



*Rita Thapa, Founder of Tewa facilitating the workshop on Feminist Position Paper*

## Capacity Development

We trained and mobilized 140 grantee partners through different trainings and programs. Participants in the trainings learned about feminism and right based approach. 13 grantee partners from 4 organizations were successful in developing the indicators for their projects by referring to the L, M & E module of Tewa.

38 grantee partners from 20 women's organizations participated in the workshop on Emerging Issues and Feminist Position Paper (FPP) facilitated by our Founder Rita Thapa and Executive Director of Didibahini, Saloni Singh. This workshop enlightened our participants on Nepal's women's movement along with Tewa's historical context. Furthermore the workshop also helped them internalize the Feminist Position Paper for the acceleration of women's movement in Nepal. They have planned on disseminating the information about FPP in their communities.

Our grants also supported 8 grantee partners to attend a convergence in Thailand, Prospera Asia and The Pacific Convergence: Revolutionizing Philanthropy. The convergence surrounded on the idea of creating a space for funders and their partners. This helped our grantee partners to discuss about the issues they are working on in a larger platform, as well as feminist movement, and feminist funding for transformation. Similarly, we also supported seven grantee partners from 7 organizations to partake in National Conference of Practitioners on Climate Change: Linking Practices to Policy.

Our grantee partners engaged in the thematic sessions on climate vulnerability, climate finance at national level, mainstreaming gender and social inclusion in climate projects and mainstreaming climate change in local governments. This provided them with an overview of linking gender and climate, and also possible resources for Climate Finance.

Likewise, another grant supported 40 grantee partners from 9 organizations of Province 2 to participate in Province level consultation on Beijing +25 review meeting, and 34 participants from 11 organizations of 6 Districts to participate in national consultation program. This review meeting had helped our grantee partners to get actively involved and interact in different parallel sessions on 12 critical areas and put forth their views.

We also organized training on Chemical Free Farming in Gorkha for 30 participants from 3 grantee partner organizations. A grantee partner from Kavre, Nirmala Shrestha facilitated this training. The participants were encouraged of organic farming.



*Grantee partner of Gorkha during our Chemical Free Farming training.*



*Grantee Partners from Jaharsingh Pauwa, Phedi who took the training on SRHR.*

We successfully visited 6 grantee partner organizations from 4 Districts of Province 3 to evaluate and monitor their projects. By conducting a Focus Group Discussion, we saw changes in women like strengthening their voices against ongoing violence, promoting organic farmings, being aware of sexual and reproductive health rights (SRHR), and legal rights.

### Grantee Partner's Story Rato Machindra Bahuudesiya Sahakari Sanstha, Bungmati, Lalitpur

"I have become more dynamic. Thanks to Tewa that I could participate in a capacity building training and I got the opportunity to learn so much about communication skill which had develop my confidence as well as encouraged me to be more dynamic.", Man Devi Shakya, President of Rato Machindra Bahuudesiya Sahakari Sanstha, Bungmati.



*Grantee partners of Rato Macchindra Bahuudesiya Sahakari Sanstha showing the ways to examine own breast to diagnose cancer.*

While attending a capacity building training, Ms. Shakya seemed quite reluctant to speak and put forth her opinions. But when we visited her organization, almost a year after the training, we could see a drastic change in the way she presented herself. She is now confident in expressing her views with her staff, members and also with community people. She shared with us about the interpretation of body language while speaking in mass which has contributed in enhancing her mass communication. She also shared her experience of taking on a role of an EMCEE during an official event, where Chairperson of Bungmati, Mr. Ambir Raj Shakya ward no. 22, Lalitpur was a Chief Guest.

Her organization, along with every members' work was praised by the ward chair and he also committed to support them financially. This made them realize the availability of local budget to organize any program and successfully received 1 lakh rupees from rural municipality.



*Smile at the Camera  
Gorkha, Nepal*



*Grantee partners from 3 different women's organizations of Gorkha.*

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*Grantee Partner of Gorkha*

## MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

Mentoring sessions in mentee organizations are being conducted in a monthly basis. The mentors are adopting various approaches like; Focused Group Discussion, Phone Inquiry, One-to-One interview; to learn about the mentee's organizational goals and objectives. During this process, they also attempted to assist the women's groups/organizations to identify their challenges and look for possible solutions.

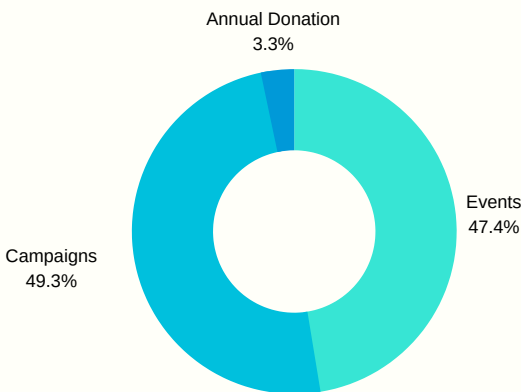
A one day training on Good Governance for the mentors was conducted at Tewa on October 24, 2019 which was facilitated by our Immediate Past President, Dr. Nirmala K C. The major objective of the training was to increase their understanding on the importance of good governance for effective organizational management and also enhance their knowledge on organizational good governance and importance of proper policy development.

# Local Fundraising

Local Fundraising of Tewa has been taking a leap with each passing year. We raised more than Rupees 15 lakhs within 6 months. This amount of donation will help us support women in Nepal. Moreover, with the support of our allies and partners, we have been raising funds and channeling different funds to empower women in Nepal by funding their projects with micro grants.



Taking out the lucky numbers- Local Fundraising Event: Raffle 2019



**Total Fundraised**  
NRs. 1,563,912.35



**119**  
Individual Donors



**28**  
Institutional Donors

## Volunteers Mobilization

Apart from volunteer's training, we have been mobilizing our volunteers in different events and engaging with them through trainings and small workshops, and visits in our grantee partners organizations.

To broaden the knowledge horizon of our volunteers, we had organized a one day talk program on "Sexual Violence and Social Disease." The session was facilitated by Ms. Savana Pradhan Sharma. She shared the findings from her research on how rape culture and violence is prevailed in different Districts of Nepal and how it is stigmatized by our society. Volunteers gained insight of the sexual violence data in Nepal.

Also to provide knowledge on Digital Rights, we collaborated with Body and Data organization to organize two days of training in Digital Hygiene Security. 23 volunteers from diverse background attended this training. Our volunteers got perspective on Internet as a tool that is not harmful in itself but could be misused when used with wrong intentions.



*Appreciating our exceptional volunteers on International Volunteers Day 2019.*

### Volunteers Award recipients

Dr. Major Amir Thapa Award  
**Kushal Khadka**  
 Birendra Shrestha Award  
**Sangita Premy**  
 Master Adhyaya Prasad  
**Srijana K.C.**  
 Bhai Maya Gurung Award  
**Sapani Lama**  
 Tewa Outstanding Award  
**Shova Shakya**  
 Appreciation Award  
**Bishnu Kafle Subedi**  
**Chandika Amatya**  
**Mandira K.C.**  
**Neetu Shresha**  
**Tara Bohora**

## CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

Children participating in this program are engaging in different activities. Our new volunteer Luniva Pradhanang, who is with us since July is helping out to smoothly run this program. Children came to learn about story telling through arts and guidelines on performing a drama. Along with this, they are also involved in making handmade cards, drawing and exchanging information through movies as well. Two young volunteers also joined this program since November to give their inputs and support children.

## SOUTH ASIA YOUNG WOMEN LEADERSHIP & MENTORING

This program has helped develop leadership of 10 young women leaders of Dhapakhel Community. They have come together to raise their voice against Polygamy by helping us organize different programs. We organized a speech competition about Polygamy in a public school with an objective to raise awareness about this issue among students. The 10 young women leaders were engaged



*One of the participating presenting her speech on Polygamy.*

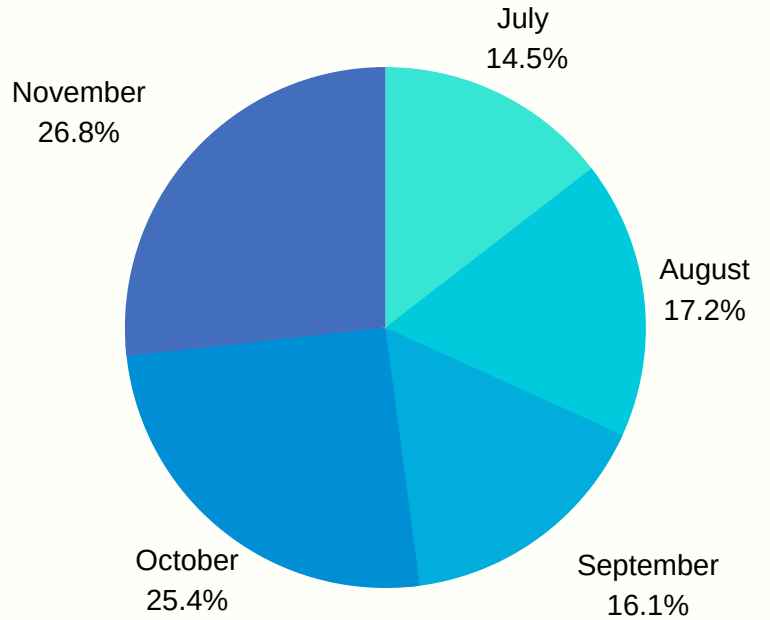


One of the training halls: Jamghat



Kamla Bhasin during OBR launch 2020

## Tewa's Sustainability Tewa Centre (DeepYogini)



From July to mid December 2019 – DeepYogini's facility was used for 83 days. 11 Nepali organizations, including Tewa, Nagarik Aawaz and Mennonite Central Committee Nepal used our facilities multiple times. Similarly, two International organizations used our facilities. Sangat, a feminist network ran their Month Long Course of 2019 in August/September which was attended by 36 women from 8 SAARC countries.

## One Billion Rising Launch 2020

In collaboration with CSOs of Nepal, we have been organizing One Billion Rising Launch 2020; International Feminist Solidarity Event every year. This event was celebrated in presence of more than 500 individuals from different background. On this event, CSOs of Nepal jointly presented two awards; one to an individual and the other one to an organization. Both, that have been working to uplift the status of women in Nepal.

This year, the 4th recipient of Sangat Grant Awards were Sirjanshil Mahila Samaj, Goldhunga, Kathmandu and Sunaina Thakur, Mahottari.

Also Meeto Memorial Award, initiated to celebrate the social commitment of young south asian was presented to 50 young adolescent girls from Rajasthan, India.

Apart from this, the event was celebrated with lots of performances by young people and participants from Sangat Month Long Course.



*Sangat Core group members from South Asia showing solidarity*

## PARTICIPATION AND VOICE FOR EXCLUDED WOMEN IN NEPAL (PAVE)

In the year 2019, starting from the month of October, Tewa started a project PAVE (Participation and Voice for Excluded Women in Nepal) in Bajura District, Province 7 in coordination with Bajura's grantee partner; Mahila Bikash Manch. This project is focused on enhancing capacity of elected women in two municipalities of Bajura which are Badi and Triveni. Along with the focus on elected women, the economic empowerment of the excluded women in this area is also a priority of the project to capacitate women by giving them seed support.



*Tewa's team having a discussion about PAVE project with Bajura team.*



*Sunita Mizar, Coordinator of District Coordination Council*





## REVOLUTIONIZING PHILANTHROPY

### RESOURCING FEMINIST MOVEMENTS OF ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

Revolutionizing Philanthropy, a three-day convergence, presented an opportunity to share a vision for sustained and flexible funding dedicated to the progressive realization of women's, girls', and trans\* human rights across 34 countries supported by Prospera Asia & the Pacific members.

The convergence, organised by eight women's funds from Asia and the Pacific regions, brought together women and trans\* groups

and activists, funders, and other feminist allies from the region. It is part of the mandate of deliberating on how to bring about transformative change in funding politics, democratize philanthropy, and to establish the leadership and voices of women, girls and trans\* persons to be agents of change, rights holders, and solution builders.

25 Year's Celebration Event of Tewa  
April 3 and 4, 2020



# Staff Capacity Building

## English Language Class

English language for 10 of our assistant level staff was provided for three months. The training focused on enhancing basic English speaking for our staff. This training has helped our staff improve their communicating skills in spoken and written English



## Digital Hygiene Workshop

We also organized two days of workshop on Digital Hygiene for our Board and General Members, and Staff. We coordinated with Body and Data; an organization working for Digital Rights. This workshop has provided insights on importance of internet, both its pros and cons, Digital Rights, safety and security measures to keep oneself safe in E-spaces. After the training, we learned on how to create strong passwords and keep our devices safe from external threats.



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