

Tewa

Bi-Yearly Newsletter (July to Dec 2020)



GRANT MAKING

by Anuja Shrestha, Grant Making Manager

A total of 72, 77,000 grants were disbursed during this period. Aadhar grant was disbursed to 14 organizations and Samman Grant was disbursed to 5 organizations. The Founder's Fund grant of NRs 5 lakhs was disbursed to Mahila Mukti Samaj. 37 grantee partners were provided with Organizational Development Support of a total amount of NRs 6,950,500.

Discretionary Grants were disbursed to two organizations to address the VAW and rights of women.

CAPACITY BUILDING

by Anuja Shrestha, Grant Making Manager

Due to pandemic situation of COVID 19 we were unable to organize physical meetings but as a way out we started to conduct virtual meetings. Altogether 11 Virtual trainings/interactions were organized where 577 participants from grantee partner and non-grantee organization of 74 Districts benefited.



We had trained our grantee partners for zoom meetings and conduct the virtual training. 92 participants from 21 grantee partners learn to attend and operate zoom meetings. After the zoom training, the grantee participants were able to join the zoom meetings organized by Tewa and other organizations. Few grantee partners joined the meeting of UN Women and also spoke as a key speaker in those meetings.

We have organized training on different topics such as the LM&E module and Community Philanthropy of Tewa for new grantee partners who have received the grants from Tewa for the first time. The training benefitted 23 participants from 4 organizations of 3 Districts. Through this training, the new grantees learned about the values of Tewa, the importance of community philanthropy and women empowerment along with the Right-based Approach, and the Feminist Principle of Tewa's LM&E Module. This helped them to develop the indicators of their recently approved programs. It helped them to conduct the programs in a sustainable way.

In collaboration with Prakriti Resource Center (PRC), we had also organized training on Social Accountability in Environment Issues for 30 participants of 16 organizations from 11 Districts. The training enabled the participants to think for their own responsibilities and motivated to be accountable to the community for environmental issues. It had added value to the initiation of Tewa to move the grantee partners ahead for environmental justice.

Networking and Linkage

With the objective of strengthening the network of our grantee partners at local, national and international levels, we support our partners to provide them with the possible platform for linkage and networking. During the period, we had linked different grantee partners with Donor organizations, and 4 out of them successfully got funds for their project. One of our grantee partners Sahayatra Nepal of Ilam received GAGGA ARF Fund with a focus on environmental justice and women's rights. The Chairperson of the organization presented their work as a panelist in "Feminist building power at all levels" at the *From the Ground Up - Global Virtual Gathering*. More than 150 people from around the globe attended this virtual session.

A virtual interaction on Feminist Movement and Inter-generational Dialogue was organized in collaboration with Inter-Generational Feminist Forum (IGFF) in all 7 Provinces Altogether 400 participants from 74 Districts participated in the interaction program. - The series of virtual workshops in all provinces created a space for the participant activists where they learn and discuss the feminist movement during the crisis period, the need for intergenerational dialogues, feminist position paper, and the way forward for the movement. During the latter workshops, a concept of Community Safety Net was also discussed to address the crisis period.

The interaction on Women Leadership in Crisis Period was also organized for 32 participants from 31 organizations. Through the interaction, the grantee participants know about the findings of Grantee Mapping which we conduct during the 1st lockdown of the COVID Crisis and they also interacted with the resource person from the Social Welfare Council on the role and relation of organizations with SWC.

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Ganga Siwa;
I have never thought that I will be representing my organization in an international platform as one of the panelists.

LEARNING, MONITORING & EVALUATION OF GRANTS

by Sajja Singh, LME Officer

Tewa has been carrying out the monitoring and evaluation processes effectively with nationwide lockdown coming to a halt.

Different methodologies which included one evaluation through the ZOOM platform, three process monitoring via phone conversation, and the rest nine through in-person monitoring and evaluation visits were carried out.

A total of 12 projects of 12 different grantee partners from three provinces namely, Sudhuraschim Province, Bagmati Province, and Gandaki Province have been either evaluated or monitored.



Evaluation of the completed projects was done while for the ongoing projects, monitoring was carried out. Out of the 12 projects, 7 were evaluated and 5 were process monitored. In the second half of the year 2020, Tewa's monitoring and evaluation processes mainly focused on the grants themed under environmental justice and the COVID-19 response. Out of 12 projects, 5 projects were themed under environmental justice while 4 of them supported the COVID-19 response.



Overall, the projects implemented by the grantee partners were seen to have uplifted the lives of women and the community people by equipping them with income-generating skills and empowered them by providing information on women's rights and gender-based violence. Moreover, the COVID-19 response was observed to have targeted the most vulnerable and needy people from the community who have supported their livelihood and survival through the course of the lockdown period.

MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

During this period, because of the pandemic, we felt the need to stay connected with our partners more than ever. The regular updates from mentors occurred through virtual meetings. Along with this, the bi-monthly meetings also occurred regularly. Once things got better, we also had invited mentors at Tewa for the physical meeting for their updates and their commitment to this program.



PSYCHOSOCIAL COUNSELLING

For our mentees (grantee partners), to cope up with the stress cause by COVID-19. This platform has enhanced our mentees to share about their problems which helped in distressing.

HOLISTIC WELL-BEING WORKSHOP

With the facilitation from Art of Living. More than 30 mentors and mentees participated in this workshop which has proven to be beneficial to their health.

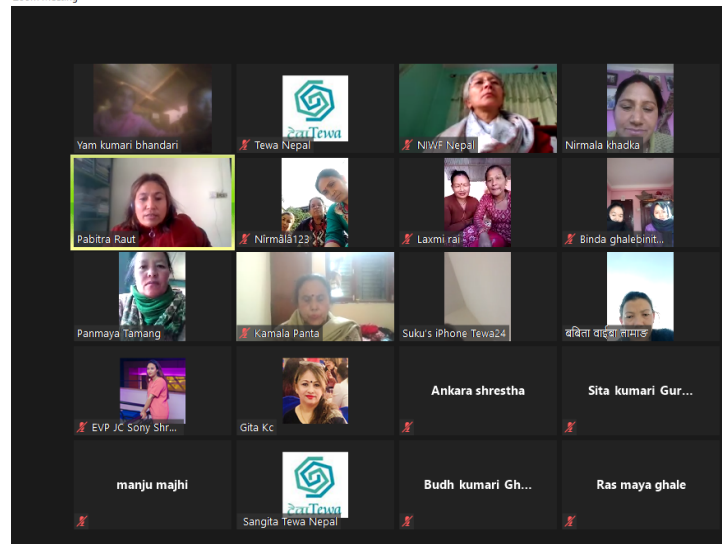
ZOOM TRAINING

We also had organized different trainings and discussion sessions for both our mentors and mentees. In the initial days, we had organized zoom training for our mentors and mentees to help them become familiar with using zoom for meetings and conferences. A total of 38 members including mentees and mentors participated in this training.

LEGAL RIGHTS AWARENESS

A one day of workshop facilitated by Pabitra Raut to both the Mentors and Mentee Organizations representatives. They learned about the legal environment and their legal rights.

Zoom Meeting





LOCAL FUNDRAISING

by Basanti Lama, Philanthropy Officer

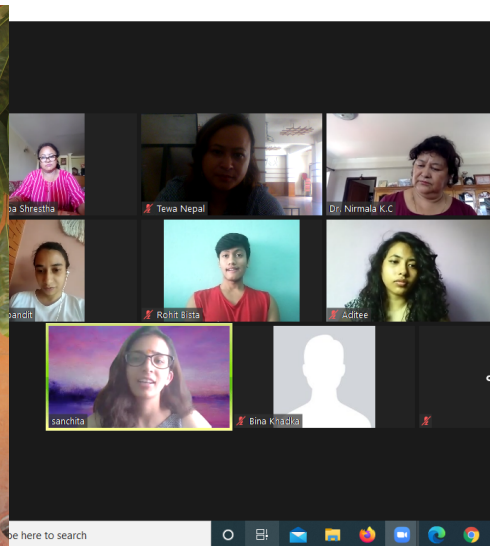
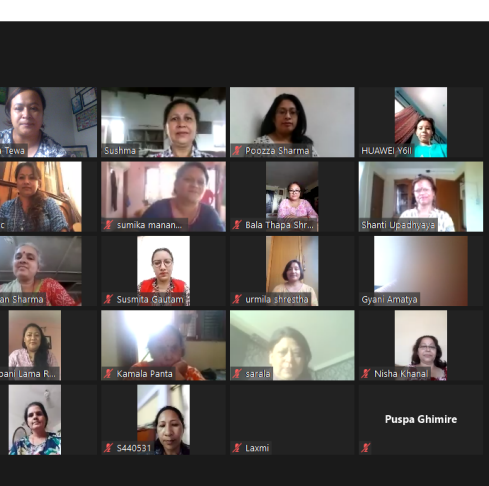
During the period, a total of NRs 739,674.35 funds was raised through different events, campaigns, and annual donation. We organized a Tree plantation at Nala, Kavre in collaboration with our grantee partner Mahila Jagaran Nepal. From this event, we had raised NRs. 164,880/-

Along with this, our 88 days campaign started from Dec 10; International Human Rights Day till March 8; International Women's Day, marking it 88 days. We had distributed thali, a Nepali pouch in our network, and have requested to put one rupee a day in it.

Also with a notion of establishing the habit of saving for the Nepali women, we had distributed Khutruke in our network. We encourage our donors and individual in our network to put small donations in the Khutruke and give it back in 6 months with however much the money is collected.

The global pandemic caused by COVID-19 has affected all of our programs. We couldn't organize any events due to restrictions in mass gatherings. So we had adopted a new fundraising idea which is Peer to Peer fundraising campaign. In this campaign, any individual could tap on to 10 potential donors for Tewa and request them to donate some money to support our fundraising program. Our staff, Board members, volunteers are actively engaged in this campaign. To date, 130 donors from diverse backgrounds have donated the sum. We have raised more than 1.1 lakhs (\$1000) solely from this event.

We would like to thank all the donors who have always been of great support to us and believed in our movement.



VOLUNTEER'S PROGRAM

by Nikiba Pradhan, Program Officer

Even though the physical gathering was not possible, we had organized three days of volunteer's training for the interested participants via zoom. Volunteers were provided information about Tewa, its activities, need and role of volunteers for Tewa and fundraising practices of Tewa. From a diverse background and age, 13 participants participated in this virtual training. This training had also helped built a strong network among volunteers.

Tewa organizes volunteers award every year to honor and appreciate ten volunteers who have done outstanding work and contirbuted ot Tewa. This year, we organized virtual award program. Most of the volunteers were excited , got motivated towards Tewa.

During lockdown, when everyone was home, Tewa initiated weekly skill sharing training from or volunteers to the volunteers. This gave the opportunity for 9 volunteers to share their skills of cooking, art, writing poem etc. There were active participation from volunteers. Volunteers shared their skills and also learned about each other's skills which strengthened their bond. To make the volunteers comfortable on digital platforms, we had also organized zoom orientation sessions. The volunteer, Sushma Khatri Ranjit herself facilitated the orientation through zoom. All of the 23 volunteers found it very effective. A workshop on well-being was also provided to the volunteers which was facilitated by Art of Living. This workshop had helped relieve the stress of volunteers and how to cope up with it through meditation and living in the present.

One of the volunteers during the training said; I didn't realize I was also following patriarchal values in a subtle ways.

PAVE (Participation and voice for excluded women in Nepal)

by Preet Shah, Program coordinator

The team reached out to the community to understand the impact of economic and gender-based violence around the area caused due to COVID-19. The team found that the impact of the restrictive mobility brought in scarcity in the area in terms of ration and food but less was reported in terms of gender-based violence. To support the women's groups, COVID-19 relief was distributed to 300 households. The group was formed where 6 women's groups were created in Tribeni Municipality and 4 in Badimalika Municipality.



A journalist solidarity network was formed where PAVE introduction was also done, to bring in issues to be highlighted in terms of gender-based violence as well and the political sphere in which women are involved and the struggles they face.

The first elected women meeting with political leaders was organized along with potential political leaders with mentors as well. This activity was the first building step to our core activities of the project. We were able to bring together the team of all five districts and conduct a seven-day-long training of 'Leadership ToT' and three days of training on 'Disability and Inclusion'.

TEWA CENTRE

by Deepak Dewan, Development Director

From July to October we did not have any events in our facility due to the on-going Covid 19 pandemic. However, from November till the end of December Nagarik Aawaz organized 5 events and Aaprabashi Mahila Kamdar Samuha one event with us.

In the last six months between July to December, our vegetable gardens produced vegetables which fetched a total of Rs.110,435 an average of NRs. 18,400.

SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATION

As 2020 marks the Silver Jubilee year of Tewa, we had planned a huge event at the beginning of the year but had to postpone because of COVID-19. Once the situation settled, Tewa team as suggested by Rita Thapa, Founder initiated the celebration by inviting Dr. Mohan Man Sainju.

The mini-celebration with Board members, General members, staff, Founder, Donors, Volunteers, and grantee partners was organized.

On this occasion, Tewa had also rewarded an organization that has been working for the empowerment of women in Nepal. Nagarik Aawaz was selected for the reward with NRs 5 lakhs rupees (USD 5000).



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24th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

Tewa organized Annual General Meeting on Dec 30. Due to the restriction in mass gathering, we had organized this meeting both virtually and physically. All the staff along with our Founder Rita Thapa and few Board & General members attended this meeting physically, whereas most of our Board, Advisors and Past Presidents joined this meeting virtually.

A year of updates about Tewa's work was presented in this meeting along with the appreciation of the staff.



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