

district and contacted the victims. Information about situation of girls in VDCs collected through interaction and meetings with women volunteers, health workers and maternity workers, and organized awareness development activities through children clubs and women groups.

3. HIV/AIDS program: Since 2055 BS, different awareness building activities such as orientation, interaction, meeting, street drama and rally have been implemented in schools, campuses and women groups.

4. Children rights promotion: For the promotion and security of children rights different activities such as capacity building and radio programs have been completed since 2055 BS. Activities such as training, interaction and discussion related to children rights are still on-going among guardians, teachers, women groups and children clubs. Local children are trained and empowered to run a radio program and speak about children's rights.

5. Reproductive health program: Since 2059 BS, different activities related to sex and reproductive health of women such as research, lobbying, interaction and discussion among stakeholders have been done.

6. Literacy program: Adult and women literacy classes and legal literacy classes had been done in some VDCs since 2059 BS for raising awareness among women. These classes have helped the women to read and write basic things and do some simple calculations.

7. Networking building and expansion program: Coordination and co-working among NGOs dedicated for the rights of women and children had been developed for lobbying for promotion of their rights.

8. Women economic empowerment program: Activities related to income generation such as sewing and cutting, fabric painting, computer training and hair-dressing completed in some VDCs and wards of municipality for destitute and poor women and youth. Ashmita Nepal has been taking initiating in establishment of forest based enterprise like wooden handicraft. Along with this policy dialogue on forest enterprise development has also been run from beginning.

9. Anti discrimination program: Since the time of its establishment, Ashmita Nepal has been dedicatedly working for women and children. We have completed many activities such as interaction, meeting, rally, discussion and street drama in coordinated form with other organizations of network for raising awareness against all forms of discrimination to women and children.

Future programs

1. Programs related to reducing discrimination against women youth and children.
2. Lobbying for the rights of women and children through community sensitization program.
3. Skill based training for women and youth.
4. Awareness building campaign for the rights of women and adolescent girls on reproductive and sexual health.
5. Programs related to capacity building and economic women empowerment at grass root level and awareness campaign regarding their rights on natural resources.
6. Women sensitization program to female members of community forest users' groups and other community based forest management group.
7. Literacy program especially to rural grass root community.
8. Sensitization program on disaster management to women, youth and children.
9. Programs related to protection and promotion of human rights and monitoring the incidence of human rights situation in Makwanpur.
10. Establishment of forest based enterprises through Sustainable forest management and promotion of alternative and renewable energy.
11. Raise awareness and information on implementation of policy, guidelines and laws formed on forestry sector as well as sustainable development goals.
12. Campaigning for self-employment program in youth and women.
13. Conduct awareness program on Disaster Risk Reduction and climate change adaptation measures.

Partners and Collaborators

- UNICEF
- Plan Nepal
- Right and resource Initiative
- APFnet
- GFC/IIED/TFD/IUCN/FAO
- Tewa Nepal
- Kripa Nepal
- INSEC
- WWF- Hariyo ban karyakram
- DDC/ Municipality
- USIP
- District Sports Development Committee- Model Youth Information Centre
- HIMAWANTI, Green Foundation Nepal, CRMC
- CFUGs, Cooperative and women groups

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Introduction

ASHMITA Nepal is run by 9 female board members since its establishment in 2055 BS (1998 AD). The organization has been working for social inclusion, livelihood and capacity enhancement, skill transformation and leadership development. It has been operating different programs against all forms of discrimination towards women, youth and children.

With major objective to raise awareness for reducing discrimination against women and children, it has been involved in securing rights of women, youth and children through media advocacy, lobbying, different campaign and capacity enhancement as well as right based training to the grassroots level women. The organization is trying to change the patriarchal belief and bring equal participation of women in decision making process.

Specially focusing on women, children and marginalized, Ashmita Nepal has been implementing different activities related to livelihood, social inclusion, women empowerment, rights of women on natural resources, awareness against HIV/AIDS, women rights on reproductive health and rights of children etc. In order to ensure children rights and capacity strengthening, it has been implementing different activities including establishing children clubs in VDCs and creating an environment for overall development of children.

As Ashmita Nepal has been promoting the rights of women, youth and socially marginalized group through advocacy, lobbying, policy development and networking on local and national level through activities regarding capacity strengthening, economic empowerment, sustainable resource management and technical support to uphold the values of inclusive democracy, gender balance and social justice. The vision of organization is to envisage a family, society and eventually a nation with justice, freedom from stigma and discrimination with guarantee of the establishment of value as well as to make "self-reliant and empowered women through the social and economic justice and management in an equitable and sustainable manner".

This organization has reached its 12th year of establishment and been affiliated to regional and national networks, and extended its organizational involvement for solidarity to carry its campaign forward for the maximum benefits of marginalized women, youth and children, and national issues related with them.

Advocacy and lobbying is the key functional intervention area of our work which is the foundation to all other activities. Ashmita dialogues on issues with policy makers, political parties and other stakeholders. If necessary, we utilize all kinds of media advocacy to build national and international networks with the goal to create critical mass on support to create policies and practices on behalf of social minority groups. This approach is to achieve engagement

of critical mass helps to strengthen the voice of Ashmita as a civil society organization for forcing government to formulate policies in favor of women and minority groups.

Goal

Capacitate women, youth and children for exercising their rights and increasing their participation in every sector of social development ensuring their access to resources.

Mission

Reducing the social fear of stigma and discrimination and bringing positive changes in the illusive concept and understanding of society towards women, youth and children through implementation of right based awareness and capacity building, and livelihood programs mainstreaming marginalized women, youth and children.

Values

- As long as women and youth rights deterioration prevails, the situation of women cannot be uplifted.
- A woman trafficking means trafficking of national dignity. Because of this trafficking the society and nation has been dropped back in development.
- Women have equal rights as men in nation building and natural resources.
- All children should get an environment to exercise their fundamental rights.

Area of intervention

Ashmita has been trying to reduce the vulnerabilities and supporting to enhance grassroots level women's livelihood through media advocacy, various campaign, capacity enhancement training and good governance. The organization has been working on the following thematic Areas:

- Advocacy, Lobbying and Legal support
- Protecting and promoting human right.
- Women Empowerment and Inclusive participation
- Organizational Strengthening
- Increase access of women and youth in natural resource management, its protection promotion and utilization.
- Disaster Risk Reduction
- Sustainable Forest Management and Bio-diversity Conservation
- Promotion of NTFP, timber as well as NTFP based Small Scale Enterprises and Livelihood Improvement
- Organize skill based-training for income generation

- Alternative Energy and Renewable Energy Technology Promotion
- Climate Change, REDD and Adaptation
- Sustainable Development Goals

Working Strategies

Ashmita has developed its working strategies such as:

- Organize training, coordination meetings, research and lobbying for women reproductive health.
- Coordinate, collaborate and implement the economic empowerment programs for women.
- Increase access of women and youth in natural resources management, its protection promotion and utilization.
- Organize or participate in the meetings, workshops, interactions, seminars with a view to build capacity of women and youth on various programs like community forestry, agro-forestry, bio-diversity, medicinal plants, income generation activities and environmental conservation.
- Conduct sensitization program for protection of children rights and end child labor.
- Conduct awareness building activities through coordination among members of network.
- Actively develop, protect and promote of human rights.
- Organize skill-based trainings for income generation.
- To implement a special program to develop leadership capacity of targeted groups. (The target groups are marginalized, minorities, backward class, Indigenous people, women, Dalits, physically handicapped, hinterland, youth, Madhesi, Terai people, ultra-poor, and people from remote areas).
- Natural Calamities Management
- Establish the right to communication and information among women, youth and Children.
- Run the campaign for livelihood of local women based on inclusive biodiversity conservation, climate change adaptation program.

Completed activities

1. Women's right over natural resources: Training on right based approach, group discussions; orientation, interaction has been conducted to make local users especially women aware about their rights and access to Natural resources. Pursuit series of dialogue with different stakeholder, policy maker to secure the women rights on natural resources. The awareness raising program on climate smart agriculture was done with women at local area.

2. Human trafficking program: Anti trafficking activities (orientation) has been implemented in schools, campuses since 2055 BS. Collected information about trafficking from all VDCs of Makwanpur

