

Report on
Closed Camps/Sharing of Experience on Ideas and Concept Paper



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Background

Those under the age group of 18 -35 years are termed as "Youths" in Nepal. Feudalism, patriarchy, Hinduism governs every aspect of Nepal. Traditionally elders are respected and pervasive in all decision-making levels. Young and youth are supposed to listen and follow the directions of elders. Usually they do not get many opportunities to have their own ideas and its implementations. The rural, marginalized youth face innumerable challenges in the field of education; health, security, employment, and lack of access to resources unless they are from prosperous, socio-politically well linked families. Many have great ideas, intelligent, and smart but their access to resources or connections are poor hence they have difficulties to enhance their growth.

They have been used as stooge in political parties but being part of leadership is a distant reality. Even young people from Brahmin/Chettri have not got chance to contribute their ideas to the policy making level. Most of the positions are occupied by elderly men. The major populations of this country are the young people who have the ability to bring a change. If they have opportunity and positive guidance, they could lead this country for sustainable peace and development. In our experiences in HimRights programs which has been conducted in different parts of Nepal and children from marginalized and rural population we have found them very enthusiastic to learn and very bright and have innovative ideas. However, they do not get space to exhibit their talent. Most of the urban population view them as "hilly billies." What they require is some external support to bring out their ideas and talents.

Based on census of 2001, young population aged between 20-30 is 3,742,242; females - 1,974,670 and males - 1,767,752. Contribution of young people in parliament is almost negligible. Most of the ministers and party leaders are above 40. Young generation with new ideas and energy are not getting opportunity to come at policy level. Furthermore, large population of the country consists youth, their meaningful presence and vision is essential in every sphere of life. However, young people are not given opportunity to be in any leading public posts. Majority of them do not have self-confidence, experience, knowledge and leadership capacity because they are not given the opportunity and to perpetuate the status quo. However, handful of young people are elected and nominated in the Constituent Assembly but it has yet to be seen whether they will be given leadership role; their voices heard in the assembly and political parties they represent.

Youths are viewed as the building blocks of the nation. Their role had been immeasurable in contributing too many landmarks in political history of Nepal such as the historical movement of People's Movement I (1990) and II (2006). Nevertheless, the opportunities youth should have as practical and advanced education system, good health services, social security, and employment opportunity are still not addressed and guaranteed by the government.

Project Objectives

Specific objectives:

- To inform youth about Youth Action Fund (YAF)
- To facilitate access to YAF
- To create support system for YAF grantees

Project Site/Location (Geographical Coverage)

- Ilam
- Palpa
- Dolakha
- Rolpa
- Baitadi

Target group and no of beneficiaries

- Age group 15-29 years.
- Youth clubs and others including dalits, indigenous, ethnic minorities and other marginalized groups from both rural and urban area; gender balance would be sought
- Government technical schools where they have special scholarships and quotas for minority and from remote areas.
- Youth who are not in any formal system
- Youth participants in HimRights programs.
- Total no. of beneficiaries approximately directly 150 person.

Methodology of 4 day Orientation in District

1. INTRODUCTION

- HimRights
- Open Society Institute
- Participants

2. ALL YAF GUIDELINES – HimRights

- Age criteria
- Fund Limit
- Deadline – Currently there is no deadline, but the sooner the better
- Projects that can be funded
- Projects that have the least chances of being funded
- Documents that are to be submitted with the proposal, etc.

3. COLLECTION OF INTEREST OF THE PARTICIPANTS

After all the information related to YAF is shared with the participants then brainstorming session is conducted with all the participants so the each one is clear about their idea. Individual interests of the participants are collected in the meta card. Once all the interest is collected then short discussion is done, according to the capacity of the participants group is divided for the group work and issues are taken out from previously collected issues.

4. GROUP WORK (1)

Division of groups of the participants – one group consists of around 4 individuals

All the groups are provided with the newsprint paper and marker. Then each group is given a topic for the group work. Orientation on concept note writing and questions related to them are given. Group discussion is done by the guidance of the Facilitators and then each group prepares a concept note.

5. HOW TO WRITE THE CONCEPT NOTE? – briefings by HimRights’ Facilitator

Providing them the six questions:

- What are you interested in and why?
- How will you do it?
- What do you need?
- Who will it help? (Your target group and beneficiary group)
- Is there anyone you want to work with?
- What is your budget?

6. ORIENTATION ON BUDGET PREPARATION:

Done by HimRights Finance Officer. A format is provided to the participants so that while writing a proposal, budget part can be made easily. This format was developed because it was very difficult for the participants to make budget. Even in the financial part in-depth session is conducted so that participants understand and can write easily.

7. GROUP WORK (2)

The groups are asked to write the concept note on the thematic issue that they had identified in the previous session and prepare a complete concept note with budget. This session has helped the youths to put their ideas in paper. Youths have idea but getting down in words is very difficult for the rural youths. Group work has given them the opportunity to play with their idea and understand the process of proposal writing(concept note).

8. PRESENTATION

Each group has to give presentation on the concept note that the group had prepared. After presentation of a group, feedbacks are given by other groups so that they know where they are wrong and can correct while writing a concept note. This way they get to learn and revise their mistakes. And finally feedbacks are given by HimRights members on how each can improve their concept note.

9. SHARING BT LOCAL NGO EXPERT

A session is conducted by Local NGO expert on his/her experience. Sharing of experiences of local expert is motivating and inspiring to the local youths. This has helped youths to understand the local context. Even the NGO expert has committed to guide youths with their concept note. This is the positive part. When a local person shares about his/her experience related to the project we have found youths getting geared up to write the proposal. The impact of this experience sharing is powerful.

10. QUERIES BY THE PARTICIPANTS?

11.FEED BACK COLLECTION FROM THE PARTICIPANTS

12.CONTACT ADDRESS OF HIMRIGHTS; PROPOSAL SUBMITTING PROCEDURES

District level Orientation

District level orientation has been conducted to disseminate the information and make youth accessible to the information on Youth Action Fund by conducting the following listed activities:

- 4-day orientation was conducted in Illam , Palpa , Dolakha , Rolpa and Baitadi.
- 35 participants in average had participated in each orientation.
- Orientation included sessions on introduction on YAF, Interests, Group work on issues and proposal writing, budget, and financial management and experience sharing by the representative of local NGO / CBO.
- Youths enthusiastically participated during the proposal writing session.
- HimRights have utilized every opportunity to disseminate information on Youth Action Fund in its entire program

Program Report of Ilam Districts

February 9th – 11th, 2010

Background

26 youths participated from different parts of the Ilam districts. The participated were College students, community youth, social workers and members of clubs. Among them 15 participants were female. The youth participants from different background were brought in a platform; sitting next to each other, sharing ideas, coming up with new ideas, and inspiring each other for enthusiasm. Most of them asked their different queries and also shared their expectation from the orientation program.

“Being a single woman I know the sufferings of single women so I want to work for single women” – A participant shared her interest

Many shared that they want to focus on the problem that are still in existence in their community, society; furthermore they would like to work together with existing groups and institutions. Several related approach were carried with the participatory process throughout the orientation. Participants got involved in various activities; exchanging their ideas amongst them, conducting group works, providing feedbacks, sharing best of their interest etc. The entire process of orientation was appropriate to achieve effective and efficient access for youth to YAF.

Interest of the Participants/ Outcome

- Participants have developed the broad understanding/clarity on YAF and its process to approach.
- During the each and every session we have promoted participants to act locally and also in the co-ordination, that is, to offer opportunities for the youth to be involved in the activities of local communities so as to improve their local consciousness and identification of local resources. They also realized it from the orientation.
- The program is highly appreciated for being conducted for the first time in their district.
- The sharing session by local NGO provide a wider understanding to participants on their local cosmology and the working strategy of local organization in different circumstances of their own area. Moreover, it became an inspiring session to the youth participants.
- Similarly, the Sharing by local organization proved to be a bridge between organizer and participants; became easy to communicate and relate with the participants, and the participants got the opportunity to examine several opportunity of the area more closely and even got the exposure.
- Orientation became a good platform to exchange own ideas amongst the youth participants and was inspiring to each other.
- Participant got the opportunity to develop potentials, think more creatively and broaden their knowledge in various issues raised in the orientation.
- Developed mutual relationship amongst the participants; realized their roles and responsibility in the society and also the importance of collective work.

Conclusion

In general, the entire session of the program was carried out orderly. The thematic topics for group work were very diverse in nature. The topics of group work comprise of climate change, computer education, save Environment, child rights, armed conflict and peace building in community and issue on single women.

Overall, the training was highly appreciated by the participants. Their reflections and feedback showed that the YAF program and orientation were inspiring and motivating for their ideas and vision. Moreover, some of them said it's not a fund for youth action but more like a campaign to identify and support youth's vision and ideas. Similarly, majority of the participants shared that it enhanced their knowledge and understanding on proposal writing and financial management.

The sharing session by the local NGO expert helped participants to get motivated and dedicated in their work. The sharing of own experience relating to journey of his profession was more inspiring and encouraging for the participants. Moreover, it offered a broad understanding on their local cosmology and way of implementing appropriate actions in different situations to their districts.

“We youths have passion, interest to bring changes in the society but the lack of resources becomes impeding factor to implement in practice. Even, before we used to take small initiations in community and schools even with lots of financial constraints. Now, the YAF is impetus for us to implement our ideas in practice. I commit to expand my work with the support of YAF”- A participant shared his reflection

“I do remember of a small training that I had attended years back and it became milestone in my life and my career so, this orientation and the support of YAF could be your turning point in your life.”- Representative of local NGO shared his experiences

In, evaluation the participants highly rated the appropriateness of training, its session and contents. However, some of the participants stressed that the 3 day is very short period to learn and work together on proposal writing with different issues. Some of the participant expressed that YAF is a big chance for them to promote their ideas and vision as they want to implement it in practice.

“I used to feel passive myself and wanted to do something for my community but I had no financial support for my ideas. Now, I hope I can do a something for my community with the support of YAF.”- A participant

At the end most of them shared to disseminate the information with their peers and they will try to use local resources in their practices. So, we hope the entire process of information sharing, ideas exchanging, working in a group will lead easy access for youth to YAF.

“Through this entire process, I hope we all participant learn to be involved in concerning social issues, examining opportunities more closely to solving problems. Moreover, it's a big opportunity for the youths in the district for the very first time”- A participant

Participants List

Name	Address	Sex
Ishwori Tamang	Ilam-2	Female
Rabindra Subedi	Shantidanda	Male
Rohit Khatiwada	Fikal-3 Ilam	Male
Gyatri Limbu	Ekatappa-8,Ilam	Female
Bijaya Shrestha	Ilam-2	Female
Manisha Bhattra	Jamuna-2 , Ilam	Female
Rai Dinesh	Puwamatuwa-8,Ilam	Male
Dharmendra Subedi	Sulubung-2, Ilam	Male
Sita Acharya	Laximipur-7, Ilam	Female
Samjhana Dewan	Namsling-8, Ilam	Female
Anita Adhikari	Chisapani-6, Ilam	Female
Kalpana Thapa	Mangalbare	Female
Yesoda Baniya	Rabi-5,Pantchar	Female
Ram Ghimire	Namsaling-4, Ilam	Male
Santosh Paudel	Ilam-6	Male
Abhisek Pariyar	Ilam-2, Ilam	Male
Prakash Chandra Rai	Puwamajhuwa-7	Male
Raju Rai	Mangalbare-5	Male
Shuva Thami	Gorkhey-3	Female
Devi Mukhiya	Ilam-1	Female
Kabita Niroula	Barbote-4	Female
Pradip Adhilari	Phuyetappa-5	Male
Dinesh Chamling	Fikkal-8	Male
Tika Bastola	Laxmipur-4, Ilam	Female
Indira Subba	Dhuseni-5,Ilam	Female
Yamuna Chamlagain	Dhuseni-2	Female

Glimpse of the Ilam Events



Program Report on Dolakha Districts

February 9th – 11th, 2010

Background

Orientation was conducted in Charikt capital of Dolakha. Participants included 11 boys and 27 girls. Among them 12 participants were from other two neighboring districts of Dolakha-Ramechap and Sindupalchowk, six representing each district.

Most of participants were college students and majority of them are associated with community based local groups, clubs and other organization.

Few Interest of the Participants

- Women empowerment to combat VAW(Violence against Women).
- Social discrimination and mal-practices
- addiction
- Health education-Safe motherhood, reproductive health
- Journalism-Radio program
- Youth issues-Training on Thanka painting
- Child Rights.

Sharing by local NGO Expert:

Ms. Dolma Lama , a representative from local NGO ECARDS of Dolakha shared her experience with participants. Moreover, she shared on the local cosmology and her working experience of the Dolakha district. It helped participants to examine the many possibilities and opportunities to implement the program in their district. The sharing session was motivating and inspiring and it also offered the advice for youth participants. Moreover, it leads discussion on their local social issues amongst the participants and Ms. Dolma.

Outcome

Major out come of orientation in Dolakha was that we could bring participants from other two districts. This way information related to YAF could be disseminated to larger group of youths so that they could be benefited. Some participants had earlier submitted their proposal and were rejected but now they were clear why it was rejected. They are now very clear on how they need to write and their concept. Learned the knowledge/ skills of proposal writing to financial management.

Conclusion

The 4 days orientation has been successfully conducted. Over the course of the orientation, we have shared the past experiences of successful projects of youths from other districts; as it helped them to motivate and realized /internalize YAF as a important process. Many shared they learned from developing concept note to acquired general knowledge of reporting and financial management. Number of group practice, group discussion on developing concept note to financial management benefited the socially active youths from rural areas of three different districts- Dolakha, Ramechap and Sindhupalchowk.

At the end, many of the participants understood that YAF as a process of learning and a platform to grow as they shared. The entire session of orientation became a platform to think more creatively and also got clarity on concept note. Furthermore some of them have said to

disseminate this information to other youths of their community and society who have not been part of the orientation. Moreover, they shared that they will start their work with other youths with the aim to make part community youths in YAF. Many realized it is a dynamic platform to enhance their growth.

Likewise, orientation session conducted on report writing and rules of financial report. It helped them to get more clarity on rules of both report –Project and financial. Thus, the knowledge gained could be used elsewhere.

Participants List

Name	Address	Sex
Samjhana Hayoo	Ramechap	Female
Kalpna Tamang	Ramechap	Female
Bhagwati Tamang	Ramechap	Female
Bindeswor Thapa Magar	Ramechap	Male
Rangita Ghising	Gairimudha-3, Dolakha	Female
Nimai Tamang	Ramechap	Female
Raj Kumar Joshi	Dolakha	Male
Anup Gurung	Marbu- Dolakha	Male
Chandani Basnet	Magapauwa-Dolakha	Female
Shiva Tamang	Jiri- Dolakha	Male
Kalyani Pathak	Kshamawati-5	Female
Nisha Kusum Lama		Female
Pritha Jirel	Chhetrapa-6, Dolakha	Female
Netra Moktan	Magapauwa-3, Dolakha	Male
Yanti Sherpa	Gaurishankar-4, Dolakha	Female
Navaraj Subedi	Dolakha	Male
Harsa lal Tamang	Chautara, Sindhupalchowk	Male
Binod Shrestha	Chautara, Sindhupalchowk	Male
Devi Tamang	Gairimudi-5	Female
Alisha Ghising	Gairaimudi-7	Female
Samjhana Tamang	Gairimudhi-5	Female
Rolina Tamang	Gairimudhi-3	Female
Durga khati	Shupa-4	Female
Rama Tamang	Ramechap-9	Female
Preety Tamang	Gairimudi-2	Female
Yukta Tamang	Nagdaha-4, Ramechap	Female
Gothi tamang	Pokharathok-5	Female
Tulasi B.K	Mirge- 1, Dolakha	Female
Ambika Nepal	Sindhupalchowk	Female
Rita Shrestha	Sindhupalchowk	Female
Sharmila Shrestha	Sindhupalchowk	Female
Rachana B.K	Sindhupalchowk	Female
Kiran Moktan	Dudhpokhari	Male
Yangdoma Sherpa	Chankhu-4	Female
Sita Mekar Lama		Female
Kalpna Ghising	Gairimudhi-1	Female
Tej Kumar Pakhrin	Thulopatal-1	Male
Hom bdr. Tamang	Gairimudhi-3	Male

Glimpse of Dolakha Events



Program Report on Palpa Districts

February 9th – 11th, 2010

Background

Orientation was conducted in Tansen capital of Palpa. Altogether 35 youths participated including 18 male and 17 female. Most of the participants were from rural area and the member of different community based local groups like women's group, youth clubs etc. Among the participants some were from neighboring districts of Palpa.

Few Interest of the Participants

- Establish of Library and information center
- Program on untouchability
- Program on Disability
- Climate change
- Computer Education
- Program on Safe migration to minimize foreign migration of youths and make them aware on safe migration.
- Program on Drug Abuse

Sharing by a representative from local organization

Choplal Giri from SRDC (Social Resource Development center) shared his experiences with youth participants. At first, he collected expectation from youths about what they want to learn from his sharing and based on their expectation he related his experiences and sharing.

The sharing session was more inspiring as he shared the way to identify opportunities, challenge and success. Moreover, he made aware to the youths from foreign employment and suggested to work with YAF as it is big opportunity for those youths who wants to do something in their local community. The sharing session was more like motivating and purely concerned with youth's ideas, aspirations and the motto for the practice. Similarly, the sharing session has been focused on youths and their ideas for change. Moreover, he presented with participants in a very interesting way with a good sense of humor.

Sharing by a YAF grantee from the Palpa district

Mina Reshmi, a grantee of YAF from Palpa district became part of the orientation. She shared experience about her project with the participants. The wide range of questions and queries are raised by the youth participants when she became a part of the orientation. She said that she has not attended any orientation on YAF but she came to know from the media advertisement about YAF. And, the sharing from her was more like inspiring and encouraging as many of them internalized YAF as a important platform and process of learning for youths.

Her sharing motivated many participants as she is from their district and many of them realized the importance of entire process of YAF. Similarly, it became helpful to both -grantees and participants-; many participants shared that they are interested to help each other's project and also to work together in the coming days.

Her project is media training for disable people. She briefed about her idea that got in her mind and encouraged for practice. She encouraged the participants -*“You should be active as youth are considered as a pillar of nation and YAF is a big opportunity for us. Be creative as everyone has distinct and different ideas. You can contribute to our society, community”*.

Outcome

- In Palpa, large numbers of rural and marginalized youths were facilitated who didn't have much opportunity and exposure.
- Three days orientation has created good environment for the wider discussions and sharing of ideas amongst the youths. Moreover, it was effective and helpful to learn the process of proposal writing to budget management.
- Participant participate in number of group practice, group discussions and its presentation which offered them wide understanding on proposal writing to figuring challenges, opportunity and rationality of work in any of the relevant area.
- The 3 days orientation and its broad process ensured the release of creativity.

Conclusion

The program is successfully completed benefiting the large number of youths from rural and marginalized community who had not much exposure. The orientation and its entire process were designed to benefit the rural and underprivileged youths who have difficulty to interlink their ideas in writing. The youths from marginalized community got a platform to learn from developing concept note to have general knowledge of budget and financial management. In the district large numbers of youth participated. Similarly, the sharing from YAF grantee and direct interaction with her remained an effective as many realized YAF as a big and important opportunity.

Participants List

Name	Address	Sex
Basanta Pandey	Khyaha	Male
Shreeduar Pandey	Khyaha, Plapa	Male
Bishwo bandhu Bhadari	Gejha-8, Palpa	Male
Dil Bahadur Kumal	Gejha-7, Palpa	Male
Dev Bdr. Thapa	Sideshwor-6, Palpa	Male
Surya Prasad Bhandari	Mungi-4	Male
Bimala Jhankri	Siddaswar-8, palpa	Female
Susma Pandey	Simichaur-3, Gulmi	Female
Bishnu Maya Thada	Bikramdi-9, Palpa	Female
Saraswati Sunar	Rampur-3, palpa	Female
Sita Kumal	Rampur-6, Palpa	Female
Kamala Surebamsi	Rupse-7	Female
Kabita Lamsal	Bhubari Pokhari	Female
Khum Bahadur	Yamgha-5, tokse	Male
Suvash Nepal	Pokhoathok-5	Male
Chandra Bdr. Thapa	Darechha-8, Palpa	Male
Narayan Parajuli	Darchha-1, palpa	Male
Madhu Dhakal	Syanga	Male
Kamal Bhusal	Pelakot-9, Syanga	Female
Indra bdr. Rana	Bugha Gumha-4	Male
Surendra Rana	BoughaGumha-9	Male
Laxmi Gaire	Bartung-9, Palpa	Female
Urmila Nepali	Chyungdhara-2	Female
Pitambar Basyal	Yamgha-8	Male
Manju Bashyal	Yamgha-9	Female
Dasi ram pandey	Tansen	Male
Goma Nepali	Pokharathok-5	Female
Tulasi B.K	Hungi-4	Female
Pabi sara chidi	Kaseni	Female
Dalu Ruchal	Rupse-2	Female
Hom bdr. Rana	Kaseni-7	Male
Dol Parsad Sharma	Bhuwan Pokhari-7	Male
Shova Basyal	Yamjha-8	Female
Bhagwati Basyal	Yamjha-8	Female
Mohan Bdr. Giri	Dobhan-7	Male

Glimpse of Palpa Events



Participants eagerly taking part even with their child



Listening to the presentation of other groups



Grantee Mina Reshmi sharing her experience with the participants

Program Report on Rolpa Districts

May 6th – 8th, 2010

Background

Orientation was conducted in Libang capital of Rolpa . Altogether 28 participant including 10 male and 18 female participated in the orientation. Almost participants were from youths clubs; two members representing each youth clubs. Youths of Rolpa were engaged in many other activities .

Interest of the Participants

- Women Education for empowerment-
- Program to avoid social discrimination and mal practices
- Youth awareness for unemployment and safe migration- Establishment of information center in District Administration office.
- Human Rights
- Waste Management-
- Climate Change- Rally and plantation program
- District level debate program to have a logical discussion on addiction free society and also call for positive change.
- Women health – A program on safe motherhood and family planning
- Media- Radio program on health

Sharing of NGO Expert

Experience sharing by Khem Budha who is a local NGO expert was good to identify the local problems and how youths could make a change. He also shared that YAF was an opportunity for youths to take the initiation for the change in their community. He shared the existing problems of the districts and the opportunities ,this sharing has broadened participant's understanding on local values, norms ,cosmology and the issues that need to be addressed. Furthermore, it encouraged them for progressive initiatives.

Outcome

- Orientation was successful in Rolpa because we were able to cater the marginalized youths of this district.
- Youths got the opportunity to learn the process of proposal writing and financial management.

Conclusion

In Rolpa, large number of participants were from community based local youth clubs. Many of them shared that they wanted to work in their community on behalf of their clubs but the support was lacking for them. After the 4 days orientation, they have internalized YAF as a dynamic platform to fulfill their desire for work and also a opportunity to learn the knowledge from

proposal writing to financial management. Further more, after the program they shared a sense of responsibility as to mobilize their peers from clubs in YAF who have not been part of the orientation.

I realized YAF a big opportunity for youths like us. We got a support to work for community.- A participant

Over the course of the orientation, we have shared the successful projects of youths from other districts in detail and which helped them to internalized YAF as a important process- from developing concept note to project implementation. Many realized it as a door opener for marginalized rural youths. Similarly, during the orientation, we made linkage of their ideas with YAF which provided them more clarity on their issues with regards to YAF guidelines.

Most of the participants were dedicated to address the existing problem of their community rather than of their own interest of work.

Participants List

Name	Address	Sex
Jeet Bdr. Rana Magar	Budhagaun-1	Male
Til Kumari Dangi	Budhagaun-1	Female
Bipana Oli	Gairigaun-7	Female
Bhawani Rana Magar	Liwang-5	Female
Dhanmaya Dangi	Liwang-4	Female
Prabina Ghartimagar	Kotgaun-4	Female
Prajani Ghartimagar	Kotgaun-3	Female
Manisha Gharimagar	Kotgaun-3	Female
Kul Prasad Budha	Gairigaun-7	Male
Shankar Gharti	Budhagaun	Male
Jhaggu Prasad Budha	Kotgaun-3	Male
Ait Ram Thapa	Dhawang-1	Male
Chudamani Budha	Not-5	Female
Bishnu Pun Magar	Liwang-9	Female
Yamuna Oli	Liwang-8	Female
Shanti Roka Magar	Kureli-5	Female
Khemra Thapa	Khumel-5	Female
Jhagu Lal Gurung	Khumel -7	Male
Nirmal Budha	Dhawang-4	Male
Bhaktama Gharti	Khumel-6	Female
Khusi Ram K.C.	Jugar-4	Male
Bhima Kumari Gharti	Jugar-3	Female
Mahesh Kumar Ghari Magar	Khumel-6	Male
Pratiksha Hamal	Peepal Chautara	Female
Amit Gharti Magar	Dhawang-4	Male
Kalpna Gharti	Kotgaun	Female
Sapana Pun Magar	Korchabang	Female
Rita Budha Magar	Korchabang	Female

Glimpse of Rolpa Events



Program Report on Dadeldhura Districts

May 18th – 20th, 2010

Dadeldhura district, a part of [Mahakali zone](#), a [landlocked](#) country of [South Asia](#). The district, with [Dadeldhura](#) as its district headquarters, covers an area of 1,538km² and has a population (2001) of 126,162. The region has a desert-mountainous landscape that contains many local religious temples. The district is seldom visited by tourists to Nepal, but contains local routes to Mt Kailash in Tibet, Ra Ra Lake in Humla district and the last remaining remnants of the Far Western Malla Kingdom. Nagi Malla was the last royal to live here before Nepalese unification. The spoken language is Dotyalli and the majority of inhabitants are Hindu. The district is entirely rural, and has yet to be modernized. The largest city is Dadeldhura city.

Background

Altogether 28 participants participated in the program including 15 boys and 13 girls. Among them 15 participants were from Baitadi district and 13 participants were from Dadeldhura district. Most of participants were college students and few of them are associated with community based local groups, clubs and other organization.

Following the same procedure of orientation, seven different groups have been formed for group practice on proposal writing. Group practice has been conducted on diverse thematic issues collected from within the group. Likewise, Group practice conducted on Budget and financial management.

Group Practice conducted on following issues:

- **Minimization of Chaupadi system (a traditional system where women during the menstruation period are kept in a separate place i.e. cowshed and other place out of home)**
- **Waste management and toilet construction.**
- **Plantation of medicinal herbs and its conservation.**
- **Minimization of child marriage system**
- **Conservation of Deuda culture (a distinct folk of far western region)**
- **Conflict transformation**
- **Information centre on HIV/AIDS**

The group practice on these thematic issues and its presentation provide an opportunity to share their ideas through the participatory approach and also have understanding on the entire process of proposal writing. The participants from both districts have different kinds of ideas and issues relating to **problems, possibilities and of their interest**. For instance eradication of chaupadi system, conservation of Deuda culture and of medicinal herbs were the new and innovative concept based on both- possibilities and problems of their district. They want to preserve available local resources like medicinal herbs and use it for income generating purpose.

Besides, they learnt the method of writing proposal with its basic components. Similarly, finding of group work is presented by each group. During the presentation, suggestion and feedbacks were provided on their group practice which raises range of questions and queries and also

figured out mistakes and unclarity. Wide range of discussion was worthy to get more clarity and also enhanced their understanding on proposal writing to budget and financial management.

A course on the general rules of report writing was provided. The participants have learnt general rules and process of project financial reporting. Moreover, it benefited large number of fresh youths who have not been part of such kinds of opportunity. Many shared it's a new experience for them to be a part of YAF and have a exposure on social issues.

During the orientation session **Ms. Krishna Bista**, a representative of Local NGO, Mahila Uthaan Samaj shared her experience with participants how she was motivated for social work. Ms. Bista also shared the challenges that she faced while working in the social sector. She shared her entire experience of social sector and her sharing was motivating for the participants. She also offered the advice to youth participants on how to work with the community people on different circumstances? She also shared her sense of responsibility for the participants and committed to help and co-ordinate with them in coming days on behalf her organization.

At the end of the program the individual reflection had been collected from the youth participants. Moreover, this session answered many other related questions and queries of the participants.

Conclusion

The 4 days orientation has been successfully conducted. Over the course of the orientation, we have shared the past experiences of successful projects of youths from other districts; as it helped them to motivate and internalize YAF as an important process. Many shared they learned from developing concept note and acquired general knowledge of reporting and financial management. Number of group practice, group discussion on developing concept note to financial management benefited the socially active youths from rural areas of two different districts- Baitadi and Dhareldhura.

At the end, many of the participants understood that YAF as a process of learning and a platform to grow as many shared. The entire session of orientation became a worthy platform to think more creatively and also got clarity on concept note. Furthermore, at the end some of participants said to disseminate information on YAF to other youths of their community who have not been part of the orientation. Moreover, they shared that they will start their work with other community youths so that even they will be able to be a part of YAF. Many realized it is a dynamic platform to enhance their positive growth. Thus, the knowledge gained could be of use through out their life.

Participants List of Dareldhura

S.N.	Name	Address
1	Ms. Kabita Bista	Badiya-2
2	Ms. Parati Vat	Badiya-2
3	Ms. Gayatri Bista	Badiya-2
4	Mr. Suresh Bista	Badiya
5	Mr. HemRaj Bhatta	Baitadi-5
6	Mr. Pratap Singh Mahara	Baitadi
7	Ms. Ishwori Sarki	Baitadi
8	Ms. Ishwori Kumari Bam	Baitadi-7
9	Mr. Narendra Bahadur Dhanus	Baitadi-1
10	Mr. Karna Bahadur Dhanus	Hat-2, Baitadi
11	Mr. Man Bahadur Kuwar	Mahadevsthan
12	Mr. Keshav Bahadur Kuwar	Mahadestahn
13	Mr. Mahendra Bahadur Bista	Chausala-1
14	Mr. Tej Bahadur Dangi	Mathairaj-1
15	Ms. Khema Fulara	Kerlapalmande
16	Ms. Yesoda Khadka	Dhareldhura-8
17	Ms. Dambari Ayer	Dareldhura-11
18	Ms. Gomati Bhandari	Dareldhura-7
19	Ms. Amita sarki	Dareldhura-2
20	Ms. Dambari Bhandari	Bagarkot-7
21	Mr. Saroj Kainee	Bagarkot-7
22	Ms. Bhagvati Bhandari	Amargadhi-7
23	Mr. Surendra Mall	Bhadrapur-4
24	Mr. Ramesh Bahadur Kathayat	Doti-2
25	Ms. Basanti Bhandari	Amarghadi-7
26	Mr. Laxmi Prasad Joshi	Amargadhi-5
27	Mr. Deepak Bhandari	Amarghadi-5
28.	Ms. Krishana Bista	Baitadi
29.	Mr. Kashi Bista	Baitadi

Glimpse of Dadeldhura Events



Group photo of participants



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