

Shakti Samuha on Media (16 days Campaign against women violence)

Shakti Samuha is the first organization in Nepal to be established and run by survivors of trafficking. Shakti Samuha began in 1996 from that date we have been organizing and empowering returning trafficking survivors by providing shelter, legal aid, vocational training and counseling. The goal of Shakti Samuha is to establish a progressive society, devoid of trafficking and other kinds of violence against women. To reach in that level we started to make a web of community and we are continuously trying to spread the message to our society. So at the occasion of “16 days of Activism against Gender Violence”, we tried to collect some gender violence and human trafficking related news, experience, problems and the success story from different part of Nepal by the help of local social worker and journalists. Thus we start “SHANCHAR MA SHAKTI ABHIYAN” (a journey from Mahakali to Mechi).

Activities

- Meeting and interaction program with NGOs and journalists.
- Giving interview in local media as a message from resource person.
- Making informal network with journalist to help the victim and motivate them to make radio program against gender violence.

Target group

- NGOs
- Social workers
- Journalists
- Others

Findings /situation

25th November –Banke (Nepalgunj) –We gave message from local radio “krishnasar F.M.” and then after interaction with journalist, we knew there is the habitual of hiding violence and found some news rescue from Delhi. We found the female of border area don’t feel safe because of open boarder too. (Journalist achhari pokhrel and team)



Interaction program in Nepalgunj with journalists.

26th November- Bardiya (Dhangadhi)—after Interaction with NGO federation team and journalists, we found in news paper cutting also that there high risk of HIV/AIDs in Godhabari and Malakheti VDC because of male people going India for seasonal job. We could meet the journalist Dirgharaj Upadhyaya who already did research brothel in Mumbai, Kolkata and Delhi and found the present status of brothel and Nepali-female and published and broadcast in media by fully using sensitivity. and we gave message from his Radio Paschim Today to all female and public .We found because of the news, A female who was in trafficking by her own relatives, (Lamki VDC) got her trafficker and send her to jail.(journalist dirgha raj upadhyaya)



Interaction program with NGO federation Bardiya team.

26th November-- Kanchanpur (Mahendranagar)—after interaction with NGO federation and district level network of against gender violence, we conclude that open boarder is the main problem, huge number of people go to India (Simla) in apple farming, and they normally do unsafe sex and after coming Nepal use to gift HIV to his wife (Olani VDC). Still suffering from HALIYA, KAMAIYA, KAMLARI (Though it's not seen from outside). High risk in human trafficking (Rampur and Parasan VDC). marital relation with Indian and violence because of dowry .High risk female and teen ladies of boarder area. (NGO Federation, Nitu)



Interaction program with district level network of against gender violence, kanchanpur.

27th November—pyuthan (Bijwar)—Because of knowledge still the habit of hiding the issues of violence, (Gaumukhi and Syauli VDC) program could not reach in remote area. There are only 10-12 issues registered in community help center. Rising problem of HIV/AIDs.(social worker Nimkanta)



The people(13-52),going to India for working, they are unknown about HIV/AIDS.

28th November—Rupendehi (Butwal)—after interaction program with journalists (80% female) and social workers too, we got Rupendehi as a transit point for western border, and the example of trafficking case were, A tharu girl (Nwalparashi,Mukundapur VDC) was rescued from sunauli boarder in male appearance and the female trafficker too, A adolescence girl become pregnant from her stepfather , her mother was trying to sold her and she rescued from boarder (Gulmi). A girl returns back from gulf country with one child, some brick kiln girls rescued from Kathmandu who were in the grief of trafficker. Some case cannot reach to court because of police.(journalist ramesh aryal and team).



Sharing the finding from other district and giving interview with massage in local radio station.

29th November – lecture to students in Kadambari College Kathmandu.



1st December—Makawanpur (Hetauda)—Still rural people hide the issue of violence and trafficking issue. Second country and gulf country is being destination for trafficking; the people need really practical education to control trafficking. Jaad and Raksi (local wine) is the cause of women violence. Some area is still in high risk (Padampokhari, Handikhola, Raksirang etc.), unsafe sex work in highway area and consequences. (Journalist rammani dahal)

2nd December—Bara(samara,dumarwana)-- when we reached to Bara already 2 days ago a female, Saraswati bharati was suffering cruelly domestic violence, that was the challenge for our activism(for all). More violence found in tarai family. (Journalist bishwa prakash bhattarai)

2nd December—Rautahat(Cha. Pur)—3 months ago 7 girls were rescued from Sarlahi going to be trafficked. We found the pattern of trafficking is changed. 23 female were handled by female and children help centre and send to Shakti samuha for their positive change. The teen ladies are still being trafficked they were supposed to be go to circus and carpet factory (Rangapur VDC).(INSEC-Bipin gautam)

3rd December--Sarlahi(Hariwan,Lalbandi)—the common problem,tarai region more violence, Ghumto pratha, hiding the violence etc.(journalist sachita budathoki)

3rd December –Mahottari(Bardiwas)—Interaction program organized by three local radios of there, after we vivid that aa(Boksi, dowry, Ghumto, Bahubibaha) so many bad rituals are still alive in present there .A month ago a female was accused of the witched and feeding acf stool also, A female couldn't get support from her family to decorating prosperity the trafficker because of whom she was in trafficking 10-12 years ago(Gauribas VDC).One and half months ago a girl was raped and the rapist also arrested but the police denied to say anything to journalists (journalist Nikesh khanal)



.Interaction program in Bardiwas organized by three local radio stations.

4th December—Sunsari (Itahari)-- We found and really feel that the development organization is trying to do something but it is really not satisfying, there were also so many problems but we are doing in sallow because of so many things. There was also the

problems of hiding the case of violence, we found still the ladies are facing the problem of invalid abortion,(one female died because of unsafe abortion in itahari , husband took 7 lakhs from invalid clinic nobody took action against the clinic).(journalist shekhar yatri,ramesh kumar pokhrel).

4th December—Jhapa(Birtamod)—we found the main way of eastern part to go to India are Pashupatinagr, kankadbhitta, Chhoti bhansar . The trend and style is changed, (traffickers is using ambulance and motorbike, fake bride and groom too (so hard to guess). Comparatively Jhapas people are more conscious about HIV/AIDS. (Journalist/social worker Chandra bhandari)

5th December—Ilam(fiKKal,Ilam)-- Taplejung and Pachthar is more risk than Ilam in trafficking issues. We saw some news cutting ,some female rescued from Pashupatinagar, A daughter in law was beat by her mother in law , A Rai surnamed female who was working in NGO ,disappeared from her working place (Nepalgunj), A female become disappear from her village (Jitpur VDC),Some female become contact less from gulf country.

6th December – Udayapur—after visiting a radio handled by young female group and having interaction about the subject, we generalize something that, hilly region is more affected from trafficking and the tarai region is suffered from domestic violence. Female activist are stronger in Udayapur, by the support of Nepal police, there is activism of free from gender violence. Some areas are still affected from human trafficking (Hadiya,Jogidaha,Rampur). A years ago, one female was accused of “Bokshi”,but after that society organized one common feast for her respect. Though still increased the case of rape and suicide.(journalist bandana Danuwar)



Giving presentation to student about gender violence and human trafficking ,then photo shoot ceremony.

In Udayapur the activist and the chair man of Shakti Samuha, Sunita Danuwar was great honored by the local people and from the clubs. After winning Roman Magsaysay, they feel proud and they wished for human dignity award too.

9th December—Kathmandu – Interaction program with some journalist, survivors and some development workers. “our role to minimize gender violence”, we share the findings given by the journalists and social workers, take some feedback from journalists, give some suggestions .

Generally:

1. Every where there is gender violence, violence is root cause of human trafficking.
2. In “pahadiya” there is normally less violence more risk from trafficking, in ‘taraian’ more violence less risk of trafficking.
3. Victim, journalist and all people accepting more support from police too.
4. HIV/AIDS is new cause of violence.
5. Trafficking is not only female’s issue it has to raise as a political issue.

Limitation:

It’s based on traveling in some district, consulting with journalists and social workers, it’s just window but not full. We know it’s better than staying only in Kathmandu. Journalists are eye and ear of society and they are continuously following their society so we follow them to see the trend and status.

Finally:

We are so pleased from you, you all journalists who continuously working and picking up the issues from our community and still writing against violence and human trafficking. Those who gave their media time to say the feel, the message too. And we are thank full to mr. aashish dulal ,who played his role as a media supporter. Those people who really suggest us and promote and gave positive vibrato to do better. Thank you so much all. We all have some power so let’s use our power for doing positive things. Let’s stop gender violence, let’s stop human trafficking.