

WHAT'S UP?

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Walking Together

With the festive season over, our projects are running in full swing. There are some exciting developments; a fourth lot of water schemes are being built in the earthquake affected areas. The resettlement programme is gearing up to complete all resettlement communities by March, putting a final closure to our earthquake reconstruction work. The gender team is about to start a study on the challenges faced by elected women leaders. The food and economic justice programme have had a fruitful review of its project supporting better management of remittances, thinking about new products that could be offered to cooperative members. Business plans for three new enterprises are under review. We will soon start a new project on climate change funded by the European Union and we are finalizing discussions with our donor on livelihoods and gender interventions in earthquake-affected districts. All these has

helped us stay focused and positive whilst we engage in developing our draft Country Strategy and annual Country Operating Plan.

We had an exciting interaction during our 16 Days of Activism programme with Ms. Bhumika Shrestha, a Transgender Activist and the KathaGhera theater group. I am sure our thoughts and emotions whilst listening to our guest speakers will be with us for a long time and will inspire us in our life and work when we think about gender identities and violence.

As the year closes in, I want to thank you for your hard work and contributions and wish you all the best for the year ahead.

Sarah Blin
Country Director

Fecal Sludge Management Training

A one-day Fecal Sludge Management training was carried out by Rural Development Center (RDC) Nepal, Oxfam's local partner based in Rautahat district under the Safe Water project. The prime objectives of the training were a) to discuss the urban sanitation scenario at local context and issues around waste water management and fecal sludge management, b) to identify innovative fecal sludge treatment method, and c) to discuss and explain sanitation service chain on various fecal sludge treatment technologies.

Female health volunteers, school teachers, water user groups and health post representatives were amongst the participants of the training held on 13 November 2019. The event also focused



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on knowledge sharing about sanitation service chain, models of fecal sludge management plant, legal framework and guideline of government of Nepal on fecal sludge, and its maintenance and operational guidelines.

Learning and Sharing Forum



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Mid-year learning and sharing forum of Building Economic Resilience project (BER) took place in Dhangadi on 13-14 December 2019. The two-day forum brought together 17 (5 female and 12 male) participants from partner organizations, their board members,

representatives from the community we work with and Oxfam staff for sharing learnings and best practices. The Forum also dwelt on finding out good way forward for the sustainability of the programme. During the forum, session on business plan preparation was also facilitated as part of the capacity building of 17 participants.

Ms. Sarita Kolauni from Shivnath Saving Credit Cooperative, Baitadi and Mr. Mithu Poudel from Sarokar Samajik Uddhami Mahila Cooperative, Arghakhachi presented their progress against the cooperative's business plan which also highlighted the ideas of effective business planning.

Strengthening Women's Participation and Leadership



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An exposure visit was organized for ten judicial committees of Makwanpur district on 15 December 2019 by Women Skills Creation Center (WOSCC), Oxfam's implementing partner based in Makawanpur, under the Strengthening Women's Political Participation and Leadership (SWPPL) project.

The committee members visited Biratnagar in Morang district and steered an interaction programme with the Mayor Mr, Bhim Parajuli, Deputy Mayor Ms. Indira Karki and members of judicial committees of Biratnagar. As Makwanpur comprises eight rural municipalities, one municipality

and one sub metropolitan, it was a wonderful opportunity for judicial members to learn and share amongst themselves the various cases faced by judicial committees, good practices, methodologies on dealing with cases, etc. They also stressed on the fact that cases filed to the committees should be dealt with win-win approach with practical solutions, so that peace and harmony continue to persist in the communities. Deputy Mayor of Hetauda sub metropolitan Ms. Mina Kumari Lama, vice presidents and judicial members of one municipality and eight rural municipalities, WOSCC board members, and Ms. Bipana Dhimal and Ms. Kirti Thapa from Oxfam were amongst those who participated in the exposure visit.

Training on Partners Capacity Enhancement in Logistics

A five-day Partners Capacity Enhancement in Logistics (PARCEL) training was conducted in Chitwan from 25 to 29 November with an objective to enhance the logistics capacity of local partners for smooth management of supply chain of their respective organizations and meet the compliance



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requirements of the donors. The training was organized by Oxfam where the Regional Logistics Manager, EA Node Mr. Abdul Rehman, and Logistic Coordinator Mr Ram Prasad Sapkota of Oxfam were the facilitators. Senior infrastructure Manager Mr. Guna Raj Shrestha

from Mott McDonald also facilitated a session on the requirement of Purnima project while constructing the water schemes. There were about 25 (10 female and 15 male) participants from Oxfam and its partners of different projects.

Safeguarding Refresher

A refresher training on Safeguarding and Oxfam's Code of Conduct was organized for all Oxfam staff on 29 November 2019. The workshop ran for a day and the Code of Conduct was introduced with discussion around how values of Oxfam can

be practiced every day. The Code of Conduct also highlighted the six-core principles of being an Oxfam employee and working towards a culture that helps us to live those values and principles. During the workshop, the practical sessions on

safeguarding were discussed with real examples, case studies and role play. Discussions and sharing with personal experiences and examples helped in making the session more engaging and enriching.

Men Engagement Strategy



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Oxfam in Nepal with support from Child Workers in Nepal Concerned Centre (CWIN) and International Child Development Initiative (ICDI) organized a discussion programme to share the findings and feedback collected from province level interaction programme on "Men Engage Strategy 2075". The event was convened on 17 December 2019 in Kathmandu. A presentation on the importance of Men Engagement for Gender Equality and Social Inclusion was made in the event followed by questions answers and discussions.

Around 72 (37 female, 33 male and 2 LGBTIQ) participants from different civil society organizations, government agencies and four district level partners from Oxfam's Creating Spaces project were present in the event.

The feedback received during the discussion would be further incorporated in the policies by province level government, helping them strengthen the policies for engaging men and boys to tackle gender-based violence.

Quick links to new publications:

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