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Capacity Building

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 Message from Chair

Capacity building of the local government, Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), political party leaders, media organizations, academia, networks & community people on issues of peace building and conflict transformation; gender equality and social inclusion; human rights; governance; rule of law; environmental justice are some of the major areas of work of Pro Public. As such, between January and December 2020, Pro Public carried out capacity building & project launching events given below.

Training of Alternative Dispute Resolution

Local Governance Act 2074 provides for a defined jurisdiction to all rural municipalities & municipalities with specific prerogatives to resolve disputes at local level using mediators in a reconciliatory mode, and in the event of unresolved disputes, facilitate the process for the Judicial Committees to take decisions. In this context, with the aim of enabling the Coordinators and Members of the local Judicial Committees to better perform their role in dispute resolution, Pro Public facilitated Alternative Dispute



It gives us immense pleasure to come out with the first quarterly e-bulletin of the year 2020 and proudly share it with all of you the activities Pro Public carried out between the period of January and March. This e-bulletin briefly captures the activities related to capacity building and project launching.

At this point, Pro Public would like to express its sincere gratitude, especially to the international partners, local government, Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), media organizations, intellectuals and other community members for supporting, collaborating and participating in the efforts it has made during the quarter.

Last but not the least, Pro Public would like to congratulate the Project Team for the great work it put up in the successful implementation of the project activities. I would like to invite you to kindly go through the works of Pro Public and join us in our unceasing effort to create a peaceful, just, and harmonious society in Nepal.

We look forward to hearing your comments and suggestion for further improvements of our works.

- Sr. Advocate Mr. Prakash Mani Sharma
Executive Chair

Resolution (ADR) Training in two phases – the 1st round from Feb. 23 to 26, 2020 and the 2nd round from Feb. 28 to March 2, 2020 at Vijay Resource Development Center, Gaidakot, with the support provided by Mott Mac Donald implementing Purnima Project under UK Aid.

The participants included chair persons and vice-chairpersons of local governments, members of the Judicial Committees, members of the Executive Committees, ward chairpersons, community mediators, coordinator and advisors of Purnima Project implemented under Mott Mac Donald, local government employees such as: asst. women development officer, legal facilitators etc. Altogether

there were 75 participants in the training, of which 34 were women and 41 men. The participants were split into two groups for the 1st and 2nd round of ADR training. In the 1st round, there were 37 participants from different

rural municipalities of Gorkha and Dhading districts, while in the 2nd round there were 38 participants from various rural municipalities of Rasuwa, Dhading and Nuwakot districts.

Training on Community Mediation in Udayapur

Pro Public provided technical support to an eight-day long basic training on Community Mediation organized by the Katari Municipality of Udayapur district from January 24 to 31, 2020. The objective of the training was to train selected candidates on mediation and establish them as mediators, as a part of the Judicial Committee, for resolving the local disputes

through facilitation as per the provision envisioned in clause 47 of Local Government Operation Act (2074). Advocate Ms. Kabita Pandey and Mr. Babu Ram Poudel facilitated the training. Total 42 participants from different wards of the Katari Municipality participated in the training.

Project Briefing Meeting

Enacting Dialogue



Project Briefing Meeting in Tulsipur, Dang

Enacting dialogue project has been extended for the year 2020. In this context, Pro Public organized a project briefing and advisory committee meeting in all the three project communities (Bardibas Municipality of Mahottari, Bateshwar Rural Municipality of Dhanusha and Tulsipur sub-metropolitan city of Dang) in the third week of February 2020. The meeting was organized with the objective of introducing and giving a briefing on the activities under project for the knowledge and understanding of the local authorities, stakeholders and the beneficiaries in the project communities. Advisory committees in each project communities were also reformed during the briefing meeting. A short presentation on the project goals, activities and expected results as well as lessons learned from the last year's intervention, was presented by Project Coordinator Mr. Jhabindra Adhikari and Senior Program Officer Mr. Ram Ashish Chaudhary. Queries from the participants were addressed. The meetings were organized in the convenership of the Chairperson of Bateshwar Rural Municipality, Dy-Mayor of Bardibas Municipality and Mayor of Tulsipur

sub-metropolitan city. All the heads of the respective municipalities welcomed the project and expressed commitment for their support over the course of the implementation of the project. The ward chairs, political party leaders, representatives from the civil society organizations, women & other marginalized communities, intellectuals, media persons & so forth attended the meetings. All relevant key stakeholders in all the project communities enthusiastically welcomed the project & expressed their willingness to extend their support for the successful implementation of the project activities.



Briefing Meeting in Bateshwar, Dhanusha

Theatre Lab and Theatre Dialogue Event



Figure 1: Performance by Theatre Trainers as on Artists

As part of regular capacity building of theatre trainers, Pro Public organizes Theatre Lab and Theatre Dialogue events for theatre trainers to act as artists. The first Theatre Lab and Theatre Dialogue Event were organized successfully on March 4 & 5, 2020 in Kathmandu. The objective of the event was to continue providing the platform to the theatre trainers improve the practical understanding as an artist & through the practice internalize the congruent attitude of working with Playback Theatre approach (self-realization & reasoning, acknowledging, active and empathetic listening) through and experiences sharing and organization of the performance as an artist. The theatre lab was organized in the meeting hall of Pro Public in Kuleshwar, Kathmandu on first day. During the lab theatre trainers discussed on the theoretical aspect of the Playback Theatre and also practiced on the different steps and forms of Playback Theatre as a warm up and preparation for next day performance. The theatre dialogue event was organized in Hattigauda, Kathmandu with the single women group on second day of the event. Theatre Trainers as artists performed the theatre dialogue event. The dialogue event helped the team for self-realization and team work which is to be useful during the Refresher Training



Practicing by Theatre Trainer during theatre Lab

going to be organized in Gaidakot, Nawalparasi on April, 2020. The Project will organize remaining four events in Kathmandu as a tool to hone the skill and capacity of Theatre Trainers who will also provide the field level mentoring and coaching services to the dialogue facilitating artists in project districts for effectiveness of the community level theatre dialogue under the project.

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उत्तम भण्डारी

तुलसीपुर, १५ फागुन । जनहित संरक्षण मञ्च नेपाल (प्रोपब्लिक) द्वारा सञ्चालन गरिएका नाट्य सभादले सामाजिक विविधतालाई एकतामा जोड्ने प्रयास गरेको एक कार्यक्रमका सहभागीहरूले बताएका छन् । गत वर्ष देखि राइको तुलसीपुरमा सञ्चालन हुँदै आएको सामाजिक एकता तथा सद्भाव पुर्बर्द्धन कार्यक्रमले मलिनलाई सामाजिक सद्भावलाई निजान महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका खेल्नेको उनीहरूले बताए । विविधता जनहित संरक्षण मञ्चद्वारा आयोजित छलफल तथा अन्तरक्रिया कार्यक्रमका अवसरमा उनीहरूले यस्तो बताएका हुन् ।

तुलसीपुर उपमहानगरका नगरप्रमुख धनराम पाण्डेको अध्यक्षतामा भएको छलफलमा सहभागीहरूले विविधताको समाजमा हुने जलती विभेदको अन्त्यका लागि नाट्य सभादले अत्यावश्यक रहेको बताएका छन् । बढ्दो हिंसात्मक प्रवृत्तिको अन्त्य पनि नाट्य सभादले गर्न सक्ने छलफल सभेतन्नामूलक कार्यक्रमहरू सञ्चालन गरिरहनु पर्ने बताए । इन्द्रका कारण पीडा भोग्दै आएका परिवार तथा व्यक्तिहरूका लागि नाटक असात भाषीको रूपमा स्थापित हुन सफल भएको उनीहरूको भनाई छ । 'नाटकले हरेक व्यक्तिको पीडा, समस्या र भावनालाई प्रत्यक्ष बुझ्ने गरेको छ' उनीहरूले भने 'यस्ता कार्यक्रमहरू हरेक बस्ती तथा गाउँ-गाउँमा पुऱ्याउन जरुरी छ, जहाँ पीडा र समस्यामा नागरिक मुडिरेका छन् ।

कार्यक्रममा नगरप्रमुख पाण्डेले विचार व्यक्त्यापन तथा इन्द्र सभादलेका लागि नाटक महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका खेल्दै आएको बताए । विविधता उपमहानगरलाई मुगलामयौरी र विभेदरहित बनाउनका लागि यस्ता कार्यक्रमहरू सञ्चालन हुन जरुरी रहेको बताए । पाण्डेको समय परिवोधनाअन्तर्गत सञ्चालन गरिएका विभिन्न नाटकहरू सन्देशपूर्ण र उपलब्धिमुखक रहेका छन्' उनले भने 'यसको श्रेय विस्तार र सेवा प्रवाहाका विषयमा नगर सभै सकारात्मक छ ।'

यस्तै परिवोधना अधिकृत अविष्णु अधिकारीले समाजमा रहेको इन्द्र, हिंसात्मक व्यवहार, जलती भेदभावको अन्त्यका लागि कार्यक्रम सञ्चालन गर्दै आएको बताए । विविधता, सभेदी, पहाडी सगायत अन्य समुदायमा हुने भौतिक विविधताको अन्त्य गर्न नाटकहरू प्रस्तुत गरिने गरेको उनले जानकारी दिए ।

यस्तै सामाजिक विचार सभादले गर्नका लागि नाट्य सभाद समूहबाटै भेतिभवाप ताहिम सञ्चालनसमेत सलने परिवोधनाको तयारी रहेको उनले बताए । नगरका विभिन्न बहाल प्रस्तुत गरिएको नाटकले सकारात्मक प्रतिक्रिया दिएपछि यस वर्षका लागि पुनः कार्यक्रम सुरु गर्न लागिएको उनको भनाई छ । यस कार्यक्रमलाई थप प्रभावकारी बनाउनका लागि आवश्यक पुर्बयोग तयार गरी बहा कर्मि, नगरस्वरीय कर्मि गठन गरी थप प्रभावकारी इङ्गले अगाडि बढ्ने बताए ।

कार्यक्रममा तुलसीपुर उपमहानगरपालिकाका नगर प्रमुख सभेदी, महिला सञ्जाल सदस्य विवा कुसन, मलिन कलयालिका तथा सामाजिक विकास महा प्रमुख विष्णु आचार्य, विविध बहाल जलरिनिर्देश, यानअधिकारकर्मी सगायतका सहभागीले रहेको विषो ।

Thanks to Sophie Schmitt and Welcome to Ms. Cori Liebhart



Sophie Schmitt

GIZ/Civil Peace Service has been providing technical support to Pro Public from June 2011 onwards, with the objective of strengthening and expanding peace building and conflict

transformation activities. Ms. Sophie Schmitt was working as International Peace Advisor to Pro Public from March 2017 to February 2020 and now she joined the GIZ/Civil Peace Service Program in Nepal as its Coordinator. At this stage Pro Public would like to express its heartfelt gratitude for her invaluable contribution and guidance for promoting peaceful Nepalese societies especially through Nonviolent Communication (NVC) and Restorative Dialogue (RD) and at the same time would like to congratulate her for being Coordinator of the GIZ/Civil Peace Service Program in Nepal.



Cori Liebhart

At the same time, Pro Public feels delighted to welcome Ms. Cori Liebhart for joining Pro Public as new International Peace Advisor to Pro Public from February 2020. Warm

Welcome Ms. Cori! We look forward to working together for enhancing peace and social harmony in the Nepalese communities.



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