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Section 1 Proceedings of the International Workshop

International Workshop on Consultative Human Rights and Social Protection in Nepal held in 13 November 2011, Kathmandu to reveled with comprehensive discussion of human rights and social protection in Nepal. The discussion was began Inauguration with welcome speech by Program host Mr. Manoj Giri. Program was set some of the power point presentation and open speech discussion on the workshop.

There were three papers presented during this session : (i) Human Rights Situation in Nepal : Gradually Step up presented by Mr. Achyut Acharya from National Human Rights Commission and second was (ii) Role of the NGOs in Human Rights Protection in Nepal in Nepalese version of language was presented by Mr. Krishna Thapa from NGO Federation Kathmandu Chapter. Finally the paper was presented (iii) by A.S. Shanoy on Human Rights and social protection in Nepal with international experience.


Mr. Achyut Acharya has impressive point of view on human right situation in Nepal. The condition of Nepal in human right violation is in progressive turn as he expressed in the presentation. Some of the key points are as follows.

- All of the political freedom has exercised ( except election in local governing body)
- Legally right to life ensured but not secured in practices
- Unseen discrimination prevailed ( Political cadres, Gang star, officials between with common people)
- Press freedom ensured but Killing, threatening, harassment for jorno has been practicing
- Access to justice and rule of law ensured but gradually has been becoming far from common people
Hope for Improvement

- Human rights awareness spreading nationwide
- Everywhere civil society and HRs org. functioning for promoting and protecting HRs
- Various thematic NHRIs also going to establish for dealing special issues
- Proportional participation and inclusion policy gradually adopted in various sectors
- Deprive and marginalized community also unite for ensuring their rights
- Complaints registration reducing in NHRC
- Ultimately Political consensus build up for finalizing peace process and constitution making process
- International presence for cooperating, assistance or monitoring for HRs situations
- Government develop the NHRAP for practically implementing the HRs
- Government established very high level machinery in PM Office for dealing HRs issues
- The purposed constitution incorporate many new area on HRs issues as a fundamentals rights
- More than 21 IHRL ratified by Government and ready to take international obligation

2 Second Paper : Role of the NGOs in Human Rights Protection in Nepal.

Mr. Krishna Thapa is prominent human right activist since long time. His bird eyes point of view on role of the NGOs on human right situation in Nepal is up to date.

As he expressed his views in the presented paper is to be impartiality in human rights issues. Civil society sector as presented in the past is biasness. They stand with the parties or support the ideology of political parties. Parallel ideology with political mission is should not be people's views.

Civil society always plays the role to be motivational and meditational in the state. Civil society performs the role to protect the rights of the people, and state's sovereignty. Civil society can be performed the role to be welfare, watchdog and co-ordination.
Mr. A.S. Shanoy is leading human right activist in India.

Section 2: Pictorial glance of the program.

Overall picture of the program
A.S. Shanoy with the Professor Dr. Kapil Shrestha, Former Commissioner of NHRC
A.S. Shanoy delivering the view on the presentation.

Chairperson of Friendship Nepal Mr. Bishnu Bastola in standing position (front), Program Director Mr. Manoj Giri standing position (back) in the program.
Program Director of Friendship Nepal, Mr. Manoj Giri in welcome Speech.

Mr. Krishna Thapa Chairperson NGO Federation, Kathmandu Chapter in presentation
Mr. Achyut Acharya, Director, National Human Right Commission in presentation

Senior Freelance Journalist to comment on the paper of Mr. K. Thapa

Organizational profile of Friendship-Nepal

1.1. Introduction

Forum for Human Rights and Public Health-Nepal (Friendship-Nepal) is a non-profitable independent public organization working in the area of Human Rights, Child Rights, Child Education, Environment and margins. Mainly we prioritize HIV/AIDS and drug abuses. Friendship-Nepal is officially registered in 2006AD in the authorized office. The current Friendship-Nepal team including social workers, human rights activist, Community Health Worker, teachers and journalists. It is dedicated to conduct its programs in the urban and rural where the need of such program is more significant than in the urban areas.

1.2. Main focus of the organization

Health is Human Right so HIV/AIDS and Drug abuse needed to be addressed from the rights based perspective. For this our organization is disseminating information about HIV/AIDS and
drug abuse as well as make able to know them that HIV/AIDS being spread through sharing of injection, mainly focusing adult children as the pillar of nation.

1.3. **Vision of our organization**

Friendship-Nepal aims to preserve basic rights to health. We work to establish healthy society through social justice, public health awareness and respect of human rights where social, cultural, economic, civil and social justice reveals and lives with respect and dignity.

1.4. **Mission of our organization**

Friendship-Nepal engages health workers in the realization of health-related human rights to promote justice, equity and inclusion to ensure the health rights of marginalized people.

1.5. **Objectives**

1. To establish healthy society by fostering health security.
2. To finance the children who can't afford their basic education.
3. To inform the adult students, about HIV/AIDS and drug abuses.
4. To ensure the health and education rights for the most disadvantage children.
5. To expand mutual relationship with the national and international organizations related to health and education.

1.6. **Major Activities**

1. Promote fundamental right to health prioritizing on children and marginalized people
2. Spread out awareness about HIV/AIDS and drug abuse among school going adult children
3. Dissemination of health information, a need for a comprehensive and portable directory on the public health facilities.
4. expand mutual relationship with the national and international organizations related to health and education

1.9 Plan and Program

1. The organization is planning to carry out the information program about HIV/AIDS and drug abuse in the school of rural areas in 2013.