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At National Level Consultation programme recently held in Dhulikhel by COCAP

'Psycho-social well-being training' in Hetauda

August 1

COCAP organized a two-day 'Psycho-social well-being training' in Hetauda for Women Human Rights Defenders (WHRDs) of Province 2 on July 31-August 1, 2021. 19 WHRDs from the peer-learning network participated in the training.

EDITORIAL

It has been over two decades Collective Campaign for Peace COCAP has established. Right from its initiation to date, there are numerous campaigning stories, achievements, instrumental events to share. However, we have encountered some gaps in between, and this time, we have come up with its resumption with the objective to cover all those spaces. To all our stakeholders, donors, partner organizations, board members, executive committee members and staff, COCAP E-bulletin will be the next stop for all the updates regarding our network and activities.

This E-bulletin will give a thorough updates about anything new, initiated, ongoing and completing projects which we believe will add a milestone to our internal as well as external communication.

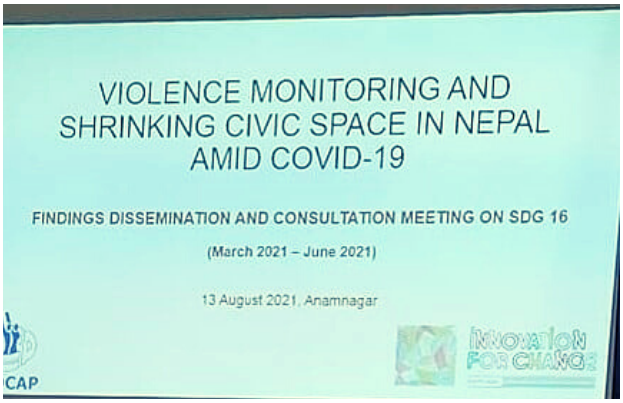
This issue, we are talking about consultation meetings, 'Beyond the Headlines' campaign, National Level Consultations, new employees joining our team, virtual interaction programme and International Day of the Disappeared'.

It is our first issue for the year 2021 and we are welcoming feedbacks. Please let us know your thoughts on the issue.

Findings, Dissemination and Consultation meeting on SDG 16

August 13

As a part of the Violence Monitoring and Shrinking Civic Space Amid Covid-19 project supported by the Tides Foundation and Innovation for Change (I4C) South Asia, COCAP on August 13, organized 'Findings, Dissemination and Consultation meeting on SDG 16' with the participation of representatives from 12 organisations.



Consultation Meeting in Butwal

August 13

COCAP also organized a Consultation Meeting in Butwal on July 28 with participants from Lumbini and Gandaki Provinces, under the Violence Monitoring and Shrinking Civic Space Amid Covid-19 project supported by the Tides Foundation and Innovation for Change (I4C) South Asia.

Consultation Meeting in Dhangadhi

August 8

As a part of the Violence Monitoring and Shrinking Civic Space Amid Covid-19 project supported by the Tides Foundation and Innovation for Change (I4C) South Asia, COCAP organized a Consultation Meeting in Dhangadhi on August 8 with participants from Sudur Paschim and Karnali Province.

Beyond the Headlines

August 17

Mr. Suresh Bidari from Province 2, Ms. Radhika Acharya from Province 1 and Mr. Laxman BC from Baitadi district of Sudurpaschim Province were one of the participants in the **'Beyond the Headlines'** Campaign program. They shared their overall journey with this activity including their working experiences, workshop learnings, as well as issues and opportunities while covering the grassroots concerns on media. COCAP would like to extend sincere appreciation to all three of them for being part of this activity.

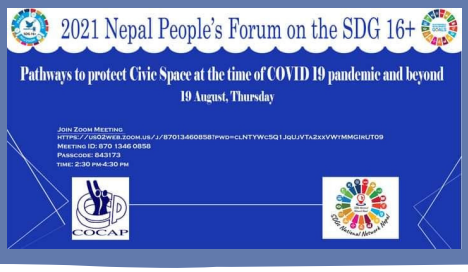
beyond headlines

Stories behind the story

Virtual event on Pathways to protect Civic Space at the time of COVID 19 Pandemic and beyond

August 19

As a part of the Violence Monitoring and Shrinking Civic Space Amid Covid-19 project supported by the Tides Foundation and Innovation for Change (I4C) South Asia, COCAP organized a virtual event on Pathways to protect Civic Space at the time of COVID 19 pandemic and beyond: 2021 Nepal People's Forum on the SDG 16+ on 19th August so as to identify the root cause why the civic space is shrinking. Thanks to all the participants for attending and contributing!!



NATIONAL LEVEL CONSULTATION on 'CIVIC SPACE TRENDS ASSESSMENT' and 'PROTECTION STRATEGY FOR THE HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS (HRDs)'

August 21

COCAP recently organized two programmes i.e. 'NATIONAL LEVEL CONSULTATION ON CIVIC SPACE TRENDS ASSESSMENT' and 'NATIONAL LEVEL CONSULTATION ON PROTECTION STRATEGY FOR THE HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS (HRDs)', with the representatives of CSOs from 15 different organizations working in diverse sector. Hon'ble Ms. Abha Setu Singh, a member of the Madheshi Commission, was the Chief Guest at the programmes, organized in Dhulikhel on 21 August, 2021.

During the programmes, COCAP shared about its overall experience about Violence Monitoring and Shrinking of Civic space at the time of Covid-19 in Nepal, followed by findings and discussion sharing from the past civic space consultation meetings held in 2020 and current scenario after 2020, at the time of Covid-19 and beyond.

Similarly, COCAP also shared about its protection strategy developed to protect the HRDs and also exchanged information on the existing strategies from the participating organizations, and gathered feedback to improvise its strategy accordingly.

New Employees at COCAP

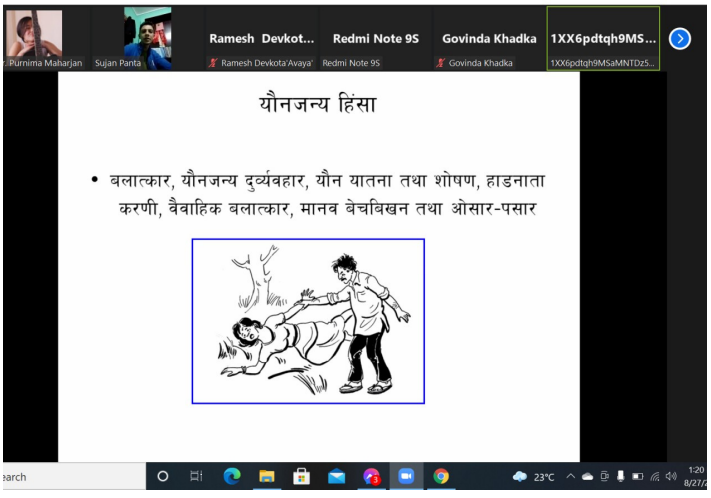
AUGUST 23

Five new employees have joined the team of COCAP this month. Ms. Bina Kunwar joined COCAP as Program Officer under the project 'Enhancing the system of Social Protection through advocacy and engaging with elected representatives'. Similarly, Ms. Smithu Ghising joined COCAP in the capacity of Communication Officer. Mr. Milan Poudel started as Program Officer for the Nepal Monitor project.

Likewise, Ms. Saraswati Sherpa joined as Mapping Assistant in the same project.
Meanwhile, Ms. Sujata Paudel started her tenure as Provincial Focal Person for COCAP's Bagmati Provincial Office. All of them started their tenure at COCAP from August 23, 2021.
COCAP would like to extend a hearty welcome to the newly appointed staff members and extend wishes for their successful tenure.

Virtual Interaction Programme on 'HUMAN RIGHTS, GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE AND ACCESS TO JUSTICE IN NEPAL'

August 27



With an objective to establish an understanding of Human Rights, Gender-Based Violence (Violence Against Women), their present implementation status and to reflect its current scenario during the Covid-19 Pandemic, COCAP Volunteers organized a virtual 'Interaction Program on Human Rights, and Access to Justice in Nepal' on Friday afternoon, August 27.
The one hour-long virtual interaction, presented by Legal Advisor of Blue Diamond Society, Advocate Sujan Panta and moderated by COCAP Volunteer Coordinator Ramesh Devkota, saw participation of 30-35 people. The major topics discussed in the event were Human Rights, its definition and history, Provision on Gender-Based Violence (Violence Against Women) in international conventions and Status of constitutional provisions on gender-based violence against women, their causes and suggested solutions.

International Day of the Disappeared

August 31

On 21 December 2010, by its resolution 65/209 the UN General Assembly expressed its deep concern about the increase in enforced or involuntary disappearances in various regions of the world, including arrest, detention and abduction, when these are part of or amount to enforced disappearances, and by the growing number of reports concerning harassment, ill-treatment and intimidation of witnesses of disappearances or relatives of persons who have disappeared.

By the same resolution the Assembly welcomed the adoption of the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance, and decided to declare 30 August the International Day of the Victims of Enforced Disappearances, to be observed beginning in 2011.

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