Mahila Shakti Bikash Kendra Nepal (MSBKN)
Empowering Rural Women Socially, Economically and Socio-politically

MSBKN vision :
Every citizen will be behaved in equitable manner for promoting prosperous, respectful and environment friendly society.

Dear Readers,
With the vision as stated, the MSBKN family is pleased to share the issue 2 of MSBKN Newsletter for the time period of May to August 2019, and also request your continuous support to our mission in providing capacity enhancement for the rural women that we serve since 2008.

Kavita Gurung
Executive Director, MSBKN

Activities at Central Level

Advance level Civic Education training for RCs and CLs, May 19-21, 2019 at Dhulikhel
Regional Coordinators and Core Leaders from all 12 working districts gathered at Dhulikhel Village Resort from May 19 to 21, 2019 for three days advance level training on “Civic Education, Good Governance and GESI”. The learning skills from the workshop will be shared through trainings with the locally formed VWGs in their respective working areas by the RCs/CLs.

One day workshop on ‘Sustainability of EEP/VWGs of outgoing working areas’ on May 22, 2019
A one day workshop was successfully conducted to discuss alternative ways and strategies for sustainability of the VWGs in outgoing wards. During workshop, the participants along with central team discussed the possibilities of exit plans.
Mr. Ram Chandra Khanal, Youth and CX Program Advisor-II, IPAS/Nepal conducted sessions on “Sexual Reproductive Health Rights and Safe Abortion” for the RCs and CLs of MSBKN on May 24. All the staffs of MSBKN from 12 working districts have immensely benefitted from his sessions. The learnings from the session would undoubtedly will reach out to the maximum number of community members through the RCs and CLs.

Field visits by MSBKN officials:

Program Officer:
- Taplejung and Panchthar: June 12 – 21, 2019
- Bethanchok: July 7 – 8, 2019
- Lalitpur: July 11 -15, 2019

Associate Program Officer:
- Doti & Dadeldhura: July 08 – 13, 2019
With the financial assistance from the McConnell Foundation (TMF), the MSBKN organized four days workshop on “Organizational Management and Leadership” from July 18 to 21, 2019 at Dhulikhel Mountain Resort, Kavre. The National Resource Conflict Transformation Center-Nepal (NRCTC-N) officials also attended the workshop.

The workshop was facilitated by the visiting expats as Ms. Roxann Allen Kioko, Ph.D., Department of Business and Leadership Center for Justice and Peacebuilding, Eastern Mennonite University, Virginia; and Ms. Jill Landis Jha, Goshen, Indiana.

Ms. Jesica Rhone, Director for International Program, The McConnell Foundation, USA and Mr. Ameet Dhakal also attended the workshop as an active observant throughout the workshop.

The Workshop was focused on four principles of Management in organizational development.

Meeting with TMF Representative

On July 23, the MSBKN staff had a meeting with Ms. Jesica Rhone, Director for International Program, TMF and Mr. Ameet Dhakal at MSBKN office. During meeting, MSBKN staff shared their experiences and learnings from the aforementioned workshop. Ms. Rhone also shared her views and learnings from the workshop and also advised the MSBKN team to effectively apply the learnings from the workshop in implementation of activities as well as in organizational development.
It is with great honor and pride to share that our guru Prof John Paul Lederach was awarded with the ‘36th Niwano Peace Prize’ by the Niwano Peace Foundation, Japan.

This prize was to honor and encourage individuals and organizations that have contributed significantly to interreligious cooperation, thereby furthering the cause of world peace and to make their achievements as widely known as possible. Prof Lederach has worked in mediating conflicts, building peace and fostering international reconciliation for more than 30 years.

The MSBKN is in great admiration of Prof Lederach for his partnership with MSBKN. We could not have been more proud!!

The CIN (Community Information Network), Dadeldhura recognized and acknowledged the contribution of Ms. Mamata Bhatta, MSBKN Mahila Aawaz Radio Reporter, for her continuous effort in community through radio program.

Ms. Sarita Tharu, Mahila Aawaz Radio Reporter, Kapilvastu was elected as the Secretary of Tharu Journalists Association, Kapilvastu. The MSBKN could be
Ms. Usha Little

The MSBKN family was pleased to have Ms. Usha Little, USA based Environmentalist as a volunteer from May to July 2019. Her contribution towards building up networking and assistance during her stay is highly commendable.

We look forward to have her back soon in future.
### Status of EEP Funds as on July, 2019 (Economic Empowerment Program)

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### List of trainings provided to newly formed VWGs in new working wards

During this period, the MSBKN provided a total of 30 trainings on ‘GESI’; 4 trainings on ‘Leadership Skills Development’ to our newly formed Village Women’s Group in 12 districts.

Besides this, 4 VWGs (Old working area) were also awarded as ‘Best VWGs’.

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