

Greetings and welcome to the seventh issue of INF Nepal Updates. We are really excited to share with you some of the latest updates and news of INF Nepal.

The major highlight of the month was filming of the Community Resilience Project [CRP] in the Rolpa and Kapilvastu.

See below for details:

Half-Year Closing

- Finance Officers and Managers from different INF Nepal offices and hospitals joined together at the Central Office, Pokhara for the half-year financial closing. A week-long meeting concluded on 18th February with a sharing session among the participants.

Ear Outreach Camp

- A three-days free ear Outreach camp from 21-23 February 2019 was conducted in Lamjung District Community Hospital. 348 people benefited directly from the free treatment.
- A team of Medical Doctors with ear care providers and workers, including public health professionals and other support staff, were involved in the camp. During the three-day camp, 79 patients received free ear syringing and 106 patients audio testing, of which 29 were referred to Green pasture Hospital for further treatment.



INF Nepal finance team



Ear screening of a woman at the ear camp in Lamjung

HOPE Training

- A four-days **Hospital Preparedness for Emergencies [HOPE]** training workshop was organised by INF Nepal Disaster Response and Resilience Department. The main objective was to train INF Hospitals to be prepared for the response and resilience work. The training also focused on having good co-ordination with national and local stakeholders during a disaster.
- The HOPE training started with a pre-test and ended with a post-test to evaluate the course effectiveness and knowledge gained by the participants. The pre and post test results were 44.17% and 88.58% respectively. Through this training, the participants had better understanding and knowledge about hospital preparedness.
- The training was facilitated by a group of six Doctors representing different medical institutions namely Army Hospital, Patan Hospital and the Teaching Hospital from Kathmandu. The facilitators are professionals in their fields, are HOPE trained and have conducted similar trainings in the SAARC region. The training was chaired by **Krishna Adhikari** *Executive Director* of INF Nepal.

Project Filming

- INF in partnership with Terra Tech and Aktion Deutschland Hilft [ADH] implemented the **Community Resilience Project [CRP]** in two districts, each prone to different type of disasters, Rolpa in the western hills and Kapilvastu in the southern plains.
- Through this project, INF supported and facilitated the local government and communities to undertake mitigation and adaptation actions, to plan and prepare for their eventual need to react to disaster events as first responders.
- Educating communities about the effects of climate change and the importance of disaster risk reduction has seen INF empower communities to implement adaptive measures, reduce vulnerabilities and develop coping mechanisms. Much of this has been achieved through INF- facilitated Self-Help Groups taking ownership of the challenges ahead. Different measures like afforestation, gabioning, Hume pipeline support has been provided by INF for safer and resilient communities in INF working areas. The attitudinal change in the community people towards disaster preparedness, response and mitigation has been achieved by the project.



Opening session of HOPE training



Emergency drill session



Participants and facilitators during the HOPE training



Film making team in discussion

- After completion of the CRP project, INF Communications team was given the responsibility of producing the video. **Anil Rai** and **Clive Thomas** from INF along with crew members of our video filming partner **Burning Twig**, made the journey to Rolpa and Kapilvastu on 24-27 February. The team firstly started filming in Rolpa then in Kapilvastu. During the filming, which began in Rolpa and ended in Kapilvastu, the crew witnessed INF's intervention in preparing the communities to be disaster resilient. The communities were seen to be improving their own disaster resiliency. Other local bodies were not only interested, but got involved and engaged in addressing the issues of climate change and disaster management.
- The video filming team returned back to Pokhara on 27th February. The team is finalising the video to be released in the third week of March.

National Fundraising Conference 2019

- INF Nepal's *Partnership and Communication Director* **Thomas Meier** and *Communication Coordinator* **Sharon Joshua Tiwari** attended the **1st National Philanthropy and Fund raising Conference** from 27–28 February held in Kathmandu. The conference was an initiative of the **Nepal Center for Philanthropy and Development [NCPD]**. The two-day intense conference was designed to provide knowledge and networks and enable participants to identify resources and opportunities to sustain their noble mission.
- This conference reflected on the urgency to overcome the trust deficit and elevate the current image of the Nepalese Civil Society Organisation [CSO] which is a key to ensure resources and sustainability. Similarly, the conference introduced the national and international level prominent CSO actors, philanthropists, scholars, academia, fundraisers, resource mobilisation experts, leaders and motivational speakers to accelerate the nonprofit mission.
- The conference gave ample opportunity to network with other partner organisation inside Nepal and also gave an overview of the Nepali fundraising environment.



Self Help Group [SHG] members in Uwa during the video shoot



SHG members in Maharajgunj Municipality happily preparing food for guests



Sharon with volunteers at the photo booth during the conference

Other important meetings that have taken place:

- 8 February An extra ordinary board meeting
- 25–26 February Executive director support meeting
- 27–28 February INF Nepal Board meeting:
On the first day: Directors and department heads made presentations about the programmes, followed by an orientation programme to board members to IIFS different units and GPH services.
The second day: Concluded with the regular board meeting set up.

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VIDEO COMING SOON



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