

Greetings and welcome to the eighth issue of INF Nepal Updates. There were many activities across INF Nepal last month.

Some of the major highlights were celebration of International Women's Day by organising a photo contest among the staff members, workshop on Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation with Community and Health Department among others.

PHOTO CONTEST ON THE OCCASION OF INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY



WINNING PHOTO BY INF MUGU TEAM



FIRST RUNNER UP



SECOND RUNNER UP

- The INF Nepal technical team in coordination with the Comms Team organised the photo contest inviting participants to express gender equality and women's empowerment through photographs. The theme of the contest was "**How our work contributes to Gender Equality**".
- We received 37 photo entries from INF offices, departments and projects. We are sincerely grateful to all the participants for their involvement in expressing gender equality through their work. To read more please follow the link:

<https://www.inf.org/news/photo-contest-result/>

World Ear Day celebration



- On 3rd March 2019, INF Nepal celebrated world hearing day at GPH Ear Centre with the theme, “*Check Your Hearing*”. The event was inaugurated by guest of honor, Chairperson of ward no. 15 Pokhara Metropolitan City, **Prakash Poudel**, along with INF Nepal Executive Director **Krishna Adhikari** and Operations Director **Dhaka Ram BM** by giving formal speeches and taking the ear screening test. The event proceeded through series of engaging activities from free ear screening and audio test, ear awareness stall, inter-college ear exhibition competition and general sports. To read more go through this Facebook link: <https://bit.ly/2ItWU54>

Fire Safety Training

- INF Nepal’s Disaster Response and Resilience Department [DRRD] conducted a fire safety training for the Nursing and expatriate volunteer of INF at Green Pastures Hospital [GPH] on. A total of 18 members participated in the training. The training was facilitated by Jyoti Chhetri, Security Coordinator of INF Nepal. Fire safety training provides the precaution technique to reduce the damages from the fire and is a very effective way to save people from fire injury.



INF Nepal Picnic

- INF Nepal Central office organised an annual staff picnic programme at Karki Danda on 7th March. Both Nepalese and expats joined in for the picnic and enjoyed the delicious snacks, lunch and fun activities. If you missed the picnic but want to check out photos from the event, visit the INF Nepal Facebook page picnic update: <https://bit.ly/2D4YeIn>
- INF Nepal Banke team organised a picnic on 15th March at Dhakeri. All staff from community and shining hospital joined together.
- These picnics gave opportunity to everyone to come and spend joyful time together.



Workshop on Cross-Cutting Issues

- INF Nepal organised one day workshop on Cross-Cutting Issues [CCIs] on 24th March 2019 at GPH Pokhara. The participants of the workshop were the key members of every department and function of INF across the country. The workshop was facilitated by **Mr Madhu Thapa** from UMN who is also a board member of INF Nepal.

The objectives of the workshop were as follows:

- Developing common understanding about cross-cutting issues among the INF staff
 - Recommend the list of cross-cutting issues for further action
 - Way forward [who needs to do what]
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- Participants were able to discuss in small groups and share in big groups about the agendas. The participants have suggested the list of Gender issues discussed and prioritized by different groups. The workshop was concluded that the consultation will be continued with the sector leads and technical experts even outside of INF for finalizing crosscutting issues of INF for some years.



WORKSHOPS ON DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION



- INF Nepal recently organised two different back-to-back two-day workshops at Hotel Diamond, Tansen, Palpa from 26-29 March 2019 on:
 1. Integration of DRR and CCA work into community projects
 2. CHD Learning and Sharing, respectively
- These workshops were conducted with close co-ordination and collaboration between INF's Disaster Response and Resilience Department [DRRD] and Community Health and Development Department [CHD] with the participation of 68 experienced and enthusiastic INF staff and 2 external facilitators.
- To read more please click on the link: <https://bit.ly/2U4QeNe>



New staff

- **Hira Mani Adhikari** has joined INF Nepal Central office as *Partnership Manager* at the beginning of March. He has previously worked for World Vision and has many years' experience in project implementation and management.
- **Kiran Raj Poudel** from Pokhara has joined INF Nepal's IIFS team as a *Business Development Officer*. Prior to this appointment, he holds an experience of working with McDonald's, UK.



Hira



Kiran

Different visits

- **Sahara Mishra** attended the five days intensive training [16–20 March 2019] organised by *Humedica* for the effective medical response during emergency in Bangalore India.
- **Bijay Baral** and **Om Kar Paudel** participated in a training titled “*Fighting fraud in NGOs*” in Dhaka, Bangladesh from 1–3 April 2019. The training was organised by *Transform Aid International* for its partner organizations and was facilitated by *Humentum*. The training focused on helping participants understand the concept and meaning of fraud, anti-fraud holistic framework, and the fraud triangle, developing anti-fraud policies and preventing fraud. Both of them will be working with senior leadership team to develop plans and strategies to implement the learning to strengthen INF Nepal's anti-fraud culture.
- **Shakuntala Subedi** INF Nepal *Gender officer* attended a two day workshop from 26-27 March 2019, organised by the Australian Embassy in Kathmandu for all its implementing Partners under the *Australian NGO Cooperation Program [ANCP]*. The ANCP is an annual grants program, which provides funding to accredited Australian NGOs to deliver community development projects. The workshop provided a forum for in-country implementing partners to share lessons learnt, explore opportunities for collaboration through effective Partnerships and enhance knowledge management through the use of Communities of Practice.
- **Buddhi Thapa**, **Daljit Garti** and **Radhika Giri** from INF Nepal attended the round table Conference on Child Rights, Anti Human trafficking and Church Development organised by Interact Region Asia from 3–9 March 2019 in Chiangmai, Thailand. The main theme of Round Table Conference was on “Youth Mobilisation through exploration of generation gaps.



DRRD exposure

- Four staff members **Jyoti Bahadur Chhetri**, **Jeevan Gurung**, **Hari Sharan Adhikari** and **Chulu Chaudhary** of DRRD made an exposure visit to Samastapur, Bihar, India for the learning and sharing on disaster response and preparedness with **EPHICORE NDRR**.

Check out Today In Nepal

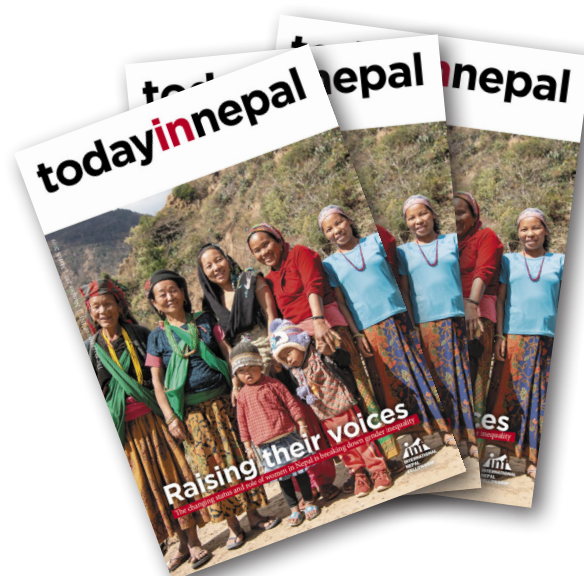
- The march issue of Today In Nepal is out and ready for your wider distribution and sharing. Please find the copy here: <https://bit.ly/2X69qMa>

Bajura in the News “Rainwater Harvesting”

- INF Nepal project “Rainwater Harvesting” has been featured in national news by Avenues Television. The project has been successful in bringing sustainable improvements in the agricultural resilience and livelihoods of the target communities. Kindly follow the link: <https://youtu.be/uAw6iYVZaNE>

Releasing:

- INF Nepal Comms team will be launching the Community Resilience Project video on 25th April in commemoration of the devastating earthquake of 25th April 2015 that shook the nation.



FEATURED STAFF FOR THIS ISSUE

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Chulu is a *DRR Trainer* based in Sunchhahari RM, Rolpa. He has been serving in INF Nepal since August 2012. He started his work with INF Nepal as Community Facilitator and later as VDC team leader in CHD project, Rolpa.

Please pray with us for Chulu as he works with INF Nepal DRRD team in helping make the communities to be prepared and resilient for the future.



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