



HIGHLIGHTS

16 DAYS TO ACTIVISM



On the occasion of the Global 16 Days of Activism to End Violence Against Women and Girls FEDO organized different programs at various parts of the country.

2 DAYS REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON FORCED LABOUR AND TRAFFICKING



Feminist Dalit Organization in the collaboration with ADRF hosted 2 Days Conference on forced labor and trafficking of CDWD women and girls in Kathmandu.

SUCCESS STORIES



Highlighting and sharing the success stories of different Dalit and marginalized women.



REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON TRAFFICKING IN WOMEN AND GIRLS AND FORCED LABOR OF CDWD

In collaboration with the Asia Dalit Rights Forum, the Feminist Dalit Organization (FEDO) hosted a two-day conference on forced labor and trafficking of Community Discriminated on Work and Decent (CDWD) women and girls in Kathmandu. Participants actively took part in the program from a variety of South Asian nations, including Nepal, Bangladesh, Pakistan, India, and Sri Lanka. Likewise, a few regional, national, and international organizations have taken part. Likewise, different nations shared the situation of forced labor and trafficking among Dalit girls and women. Each country presented its status. Following that the Dalit women who were forced into labor shared their stories and struggles on the platform as well. Likewise, the report of the study on 'Modern Slavery' in Nepal and India was also presented during the session.

DISCUSSION EVENTS ON "THE ROLES OF YOUTHS TO COMBAT CASTE AND GENDER-BASED PREJUDICE."

Gender-based and caste-based violence damages a person's sense of self-worth and self-esteem. Freedom from violence is a fundamental human right. It has an impact on both physical and mental health and can cause suicidal thoughts and attempts as well as self-harm, social isolation, and depression. The anti-violence movement's most effective instrument is the youth community, which has the potential to empower women, work together on prevention and intervention, and create new standards for gender democracy. Communities can also shame people, assign blame, or dictate destructive gender roles.



Likewise, discussion sessions on "The Role of Youth to Resist Caste and Gender-based discrimination" was organized by the Feminist Dalit Organization (FEDO) and held at various schools in the Kapilvastu district. The youngsters actively engaged in the debate and had the desire to learn.

16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM

The 16 Days of Activism are a time when activists from all over the world come together to advocate for stronger laws and services to put an end to violence against women once and for all, increase awareness of gender-based violence, confront discriminatory attitudes, and raise funds for these causes. Similarly, on the occasion of 16 days of activism, FEDO organized different programs in various parts of the country. One of the programs was 'The Publicization and Interaction Program for the report regarding the state of violence against Dalit Women and girls in Nepal'. The program was successfully concluded with the active participation of the guest speakers and the participants. Organizations, CSOs, journalists, activists, and many more participated in the event.

Likewise, the FEDO team organized a rally on the 1st of December, 2022, as a part of 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence at Badaiyatal Rural Municipality, Bardiya. The local community people and the team heartily participated in this rally. Similarly, with the campaign to eliminate violence against women, in the collaboration with Birendranagar Municipality and other alike CSO including FEDO took part in the signature campaign. All in all, different programs and events were organized throughout the country to spread awareness about the violence against women.





74TH INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS DAY

DIGNITY, FREEDOM, AND JUSTICE FOR ALL

Recognizing the Universal Declaration of Human Rights' 75th celebration. The world observes Human Rights Day every year on December 10 to commemorate the day in 1948 when the United Nations General Assembly approved the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR). Likewise, on the occasion of the 74th International Human Rights Day and 16 Days of activism, the Feminist Dalit Organization (FEDO) with the collaboration of various humanitarian organizations, WHRDs, District Policewomen-cell, stakeholders, CSOs, Dalit networks, and Women leaders celebrated this day with the active and meaningful participation in Janakpur Sub- Metropolitan. Likewise, with the collaboration between NHRC Kaski, CSOs, Kopila Nepal, District women-cell, Dalit women groups/networks, and other organizations as well as the stakeholders. Different programs and rallies were organized in Kaski. Similarly, this day was observed and celebrated throughout the country by organizing various type of programs.

SESSIONS ON CLIMATE CHANGE, ITS IMPACT, AND MEANS FOR ITS SOLUTIONS FOR THE STUDENTS



To construct a resilient present and future, it is essential to include Dalit women, girls, and underprivileged communities. At Yogini Secondary School in Kajura Rural Municipality 2, the Feminist Dalit Organization (FEDO) effectively wrapped up a lesson on climate change, its effects, and methods for its answers. Great engagement, active participation, and amazing discussions made for a wonderful session.

Climate change, as used in everyday speech, refers to global warming, the continuous rise in the average global temperature, and its effects on the planet's climate system. A larger definition of climate change covers earlier, lengthy changes to the planet's climate. The use of fossil fuels by humans is mostly to blame for the present, the more rapid rise in the average world temperature. Carbon dioxide and methane are two of the main greenhouse gases that are increased by the use of fossil fuels, deforestation, and various industrial and agricultural operations.

THREE-DAY CAPACITY-BUILDING WORKSHOP/RETREAT



The team participated in a 3-day workshop on capacity building that was organized by the Feminist Dalit Organization (FEDO). Along with the board members and staff from different parts of the country, it was a good chance to connect and learn about the accomplishments and future plans of various district chapters as they work to increase the capacity of their staff and organizational structure. The main objective of the workshop was to enhance the knowledge of the staffs and the board member, along with having time for oneself and enjoyment. Overall, everyone had a great time, learned a lot, and had an amazing experience. It included group work, downtime for casual chat, learning opportunities, and team-building activities. Likewise, the team absorbed fresh information and expanded its understanding of reporting, policies, the various forms of feminism, and many other topics. Learning and happiness abounded on the platform.



THE “MOCK YOUTH PARLIAMENT” TO PROMOTE YOUTH ENGAGEMENT IN LOCAL GOVERNANCE AND DEVELOPMENT



The 5 days-long of Training of Trainers (TOT) on "Mock Youth Parliament" had been organized to encourage young participation in local administration and development. The Mock Youth Parliament's major goal was to inspire and instruct young people on the techniques and procedures of the local, provincial, and federal legislative practice. The purpose of the program was to create youth trainers who would flow the knowledge to youth in the local community. 25 youths from Kalikot, Dailekh, Jajarkot, Jumla, Rukum West, and Surkhet participated in the training as a whole.

TRAINING ON BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT, ENTREPRENEURIAL, MARKETING SKILLS, AND FINANCIAL LITERACY

FEDO organized 3 Days long training on business development, entrepreneurial, marketing skills, and financial literacy at Dipayal Silgadhi Municipality. A total of 25 Dalit women from 10 different women groups participated in the program. The participants were eager to learn and actively engaged. Likewise, similar type of programs has been conducted in different districts such as Janakpur and Kaski.



SUCCESS STORY

"I am a Dalit single woman, working hard to earn my livelihood. It is exhausting to work when you are discriminated against on the basis of your caste." Being a farmer and earning solely for her family is not an easy job for Ms. Sada. "The networking with FEDO has been a boon for me, I have been aware of the many issues, and I have been also introduced to the social amenities that are provided by the Ward level and municipal level." Ms. Namni Sada is one of the seed money recipients who was supported by FEDO for her vegetable farming. A single woman initially was struggling to earn her livelihood, but now the new chapter of her life is beginning as She has been financially stable to take care of herself and the growing necessities of the family. With the project being a helping hand to the women like her, the growth in the income, monthly savings to structured monthly expenditures eventually let the family members enjoy the social amenities like sending her son to a private school, enjoying health facilities, proper medication to her in-laws which without any doubt has been a win to her.



People are given examples of her progressive story at the ward level. Moreover, the involvement has given exposure to women to different cooperatives, and financial institutes to support their businesses even at different social platforms to share their side of stories and stand high in every sphere of life. Her rent for the paddy field has been paid by the local ward government for a year just because of the hardship she has invested in agriculture and entrepreneurship. She sells her vegetable products in the market and has earned a good amount. Ms. Sada is the perfect example from the entrepreneur groups formed.

Photo gallery:



Glimpse of 2 days regional conference



Interaction program to discuss the role of males in bringing a end to gender-based violence



Community visit at Surkhet by FEDO team



16 Days of Activism program



Meeting with the Foundation for a Just Society (FJS) team



Training on mushroom farming



Glimpse of awareness program at school



Public Speaking and Advocacy Skill Development Training



Group picture during International Human Rights Day

WHO WE ARE:


In 1994, a group of Dalit women with a goal of abolishing caste and gender discrimination founded the Feminist Dalit Organization (FEDO) in Nepal as a non-profit, apolitical, and secular non-governmental organization. It is a pioneering organization that advocates for both Dalit and women's rights. It is a vital source of information on gender equality and social inclusion (GESI). With a vision of a "just and equitable society," FEDO prioritizes Dalit women in its initiatives.


The organizational network/presence of FEDO has grown to include 56 districts and all seven provinces of Nepal. It is better able to understand local issues and develop strong relationships with communities, stakeholders, and local development actors by operating through district offices. The organization's membership base includes over 2100 grassroots women's groups and frontline leaders at the local level. FEDO is also affiliated with and collaborates with national and international women's and Dalit networks and platforms.

In response to the pandemic, FEDO has stepped up and provided much-needed humanitarian assistance to Nepal's vulnerable populations, including Dalits and the marginalized. It has been working hard to raise awareness among vulnerable groups, organize psychosocial counseling for those in need, and collaborate with the Nepal government to identify and address the most pressing needs of Dalits in this pandemic.

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