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PROGRESS REPORT
July – September 2002

Summary of program activities in current reporting period:

- **Baseline survey**
- **Rights-based community education**
- **Overseas employment agency rights training**
- **Safe-migration alternatives**
- **Analysis of policies surrounding migrant labor**
- **Revision of the draft SAARC anti-trafficking convention**
- **Capacity building within government and NGOs**
- **Cross-sectoral meetings**
- **Orientation on trafficking for other NGO networks**

Baseline survey

A Foundation-hired consultant analyzed the baseline data and produced a draft report, which was sent to partners for comments and corrections. The final baseline report will be available by the end of November 2002. The survey assessed perceptions of trafficking in the target districts; the knowledge within communities and among government personnel of the problem of trafficking and its risks; the capacity levels of local institutions in order to provide care and support for trafficking survivors; awareness of women and children on trafficking, migration and prostitution; and the volume of trafficking cases registered, prosecuted, convicted, and withdrawn by government decisions.

Rights-based community education

Following rights-based training for NGO partners, WOREC organized ten workshops focusing on women, girls, and other community groups. Participants in this training are expected to play a proactive role in developing empowerment-oriented safety mechanisms for vulnerable women and girls, as well as encouraging social acceptance of survivors. A total of 225 males and 266 females attended the workshops. Similarly, five VDC-level workshops were organized involving 169 VDC Council members. WOREC also formed 78 youth and 58 women's groups to disseminate anti-trafficking messages in the community.

CeLRRd conducted six VDC-level anti-trafficking orientation workshops for women and girls, and two orientation workshops for transport workers.

In September, the NGO Federation conducted four 3-day workshops on rights-based community education. A total of 100 participants attended the workshops from four VDCs.

Maiti Nepal conducted five 3-day rights-based community education workshops for school teachers and students. Each session trained 20 participants from all five-program districts. Similarly, four training workshops on rights-based community education were provided to 94 adolescent girls and women representing 10 VDCs in Banke District.

Overseas employment agency rights training

WOREC organized a one-day orientation workshop in October in Kathmandu. A total of 30 participants attended from UNIFEM, ILO, AATWIN, Baidesik Rojgar Byabasai Sangh, GEFONT, Nepal Trade Union, and Employment Promotion Commission. The workshop emphasized issues of forced migration as it relates to trafficking and explored responses to migration at institutional and community levels. The follow up workshop is planned for the next quarter.

Safe-migration alternatives

WOREC conducted a TOT on safe migration for 23 project personnel of both WOREC and the NGO Federation. In addition, 20 NGO Federation members also received training from WOREC on migration counseling. The trainees will provide migration counseling to women and orientation to employment agencies at the district-levels.

Analysis of policies surrounding migrant labor

CeLRRd produced a draft research report on “Analysis of Law and Policy on Labor Migration” and conducted two district-level dissemination workshops. The review analyzed the laws and regulations related to migrant labor in the context of women's rights and the problem of trafficking. The feedbacks and comments from the dissemination workshops will be incorporated in the final report due in December.

Revision of the draft SAARC anti-trafficking convention

FWLD submitted detailed comments on the SAARC Convention to the SAARC Secretariat, Ministry of the Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Women, Children, and Social Welfare, the National Human Rights Commission, and the embassies of Bangladesh, India, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka. In August, FWLD organized a press conference during the meeting of the Council of Ministers of SAARC to highlight the concerns on the convention.

Capacity building within government and NGOs

The NGO Federation successfully formed six VDC-level Task Forces in Dhading District. In July, a total of 83 members from the six VDC-level Task Forces attended orientation workshops. The NGO Federation also conducted five 2-day “Conceptual Clarity, Program Familiarization, and Strategic Planning” workshops for local NGOs, CBOs, and community youth groups. Organized in July-August, these workshops covered all ten VDCs and involved 136 participants.

CeLRRd organized ten orientation workshops for VDC-level Task Forces.

In August, WOREC organized coordination meetings for the DDC Task Force in Dhanusha and 14 Kathmandu-based organizations.

The NGO Federation provided a one-day orientation to its 13 chapter members in Chitwan District.

Cross-sectoral meetings

Representatives from various sectors such as school teachers, government officials, NGO representatives, and other local agencies participated in cross-sectoral meetings intended to help overcome community weaknesses in combating trafficking. In September, WOREC organized one cross-sectoral meeting to create common rights-based perspectives across communities. Organized in Dhanusha District, a total of 22 local organizations participated in the meeting. Similarly, Maiti Nepal conducted two cross-sectoral meetings in Banke District.

Orientation on trafficking for other NGO networks

NNAGT conducted a one-day interaction program on “Sharing Information on the Output of Survey on Trafficked/Returnees” during this reporting period. Present on the occasion were various network and non-network members, stakeholders, and media involved in anti-trafficking work in Nepal. In order to strengthen the outreach of the network, six new NGOs have joined NNAGT.

In August-September, the NGO Federation conducted three 5-day training workshops for NGOs, CBOs, and youth group members of Nawalparasi, Dhading, and Chitwan Districts. Attended by 79 participants, these workshops focused on trafficking and network strengthening.

Publications

WOREC published a Rights-based manual, reference materials for trainers, resource materials for participants, information kits on trafficking, two group-specific manuals for adolescents and VDC Task Force members, a training manual on pre-departure and migration counseling, and resource materials on safe migration.

FWLD updated the SAARC Convention in Nepali translation and published it for further dissemination. Its “Comments on SAARC Convention on Preventing and Combating Trafficking of Women and Children” also published and disseminated.

Issues and constraints

Local political body dissolution hampered Task Force formation, especially with the Municipality Task Forces. This activity was postponed until the second year of the project.

Data collected for Performance Monitoring Plan (PMP)

Performance Indicators	Indicator definition	Frequency	Achievements
Goal-level:			
<u>PI: 1</u> Reduced occurrence of trafficking	<u>PI.1</u> 5% reduction in number of women/ girls reported trafficking	Annual	<u>Results: 1</u> % increase not available until finalization of baseline survey reports. Activities addressing this result included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community rights-based education in at least 35 VDCs of the five program districts • 1 counseling booth set up in Dhanusha • More established and strengthened Task Forces • At least 16 orientation workshops for VDC/DDC level Task Forces • 125 transport workers oriented from five districts Note: ABC has not yet send in their reports
Objective 1:			
<u>PI: 1.A</u> Anti-trafficking behavior changes in target communities	<u>PI: 1.A.1</u> 2/district community-generated advocacy initiatives to reduce trafficking <u>PI: 1.A.2</u> 10 % increase in numbers of cases filed to prosecute traffickers	Annual Annual	<u>Results: 1.A.1</u> Results not available. <u>Results 1.A.2</u> In Chitwan District: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 new cases reported in Police • 10 cases under process through District Attorney's Office and Court
<u>PI: 1.B</u> Reduced vulnerability of at-risk women and girls	<u>PI: 1.B.1</u> 20% increase of at-risk women and girls that are aware of their options during migration	Annual	<u>Results: 1.B.1</u> % increase not available until finalization of baseline survey reports. Activities addressing this result included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TOT on safe-migration conducted for 23 NGO personnel • 20 NGO members trained on migration counseling • Reference materials on migration developed • Field staff conducted monthly meetings with community groups on issues of migration • Training manual on pre-departure and migration counseling produced • A draft report prepared on analysis of laws and policies relating to migrant labor
Objective 2:			

<u>PI: 1.C</u> More and higher quality counseling services available to trafficking survivors	<u>PI: 1.C</u> 50 survivors receiving CVICT approved psychological and social counseling	Annual	<u>Results: 1.C</u> 12 trained psychosocial counselor's now available Additional data not available now as ABC Nepal and CVICT have not yet reported.
Objective 3:			
<u>PI: 1.D</u> Sustainable NGO networks working against trafficking	<u>PI: 1.D</u> # of anti-trafficking advocacy initiatives implemented by NGO networks 3 in Yr. 1	Biannual	<u>Results: 1.D</u> Awaiting reports from partners