

**National Federation of the Disabled Nepal (NFD-N)
(DPI-Nepal)**

"Promotion of Nepalese Disability Movement through NFDN"

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Dear Colleagues,

It is the immense pleasure of DPI Nepal to share the positive result that Nepalese Disability movement through NFDNs advocacy initiatives achieved in 2008/2009. DPI Nepal would like to extend humble appreciation to all the partners and well wishers who extended cooperation for ensuring the below mentioned achievement.

- ✓ the ratification of the Convention on the Rights of Persons With Disabilities.
- ✓ Endorsement of disability friendly provisions in the drafting constitution of Nepal based on the recommendation made by the Shadow Constitutional Assembly of Persons With Disabilities.
- ✓ The establishment of the Inter-parliamentarian Disability friendly Caucus which is landmark achievement for ensuring disability friendly constitution.
- ✓ Enactment of District Strategy of Plan of Action on Disability (DSPAD) based on the provisions of the National Policy and Plan of Action on Disability 2006, BMF and direction from the Ministry of Local Development for the endorsement through the District Counsel,
- ✓ NFDN has been succeed to be functional as a strategic player within Nepal's disability field as an umbrella organization representing 218 member Disabled Peoples' Organisations, 5 established regional offices, 5 district chapters and 25 district coordination committees, working to advance the rights, dignity and lives of Persons With Disabilities in Nepal.

1. Major Activities Carried out in last two years:

the mapping of the activities and need assessment has been carried out from the bottom-up approach and has accomplished the desired activities from its member DPOs through the cooperation of various partners. The major activities can be classified within various clusters;

A. CRPD Ratification:

- Ø Workshop with the Parliamentarians for CRPD ratification, causes and consequences
- Ø The Constitutional Assembly members as Disability Friendly Ambassadors have established the “Inter-parliamentarian Disability Friendly Caucus” and have supported for the ratification of CRPD and also have risen the disability rights issues in the constitution drafting process through the thematic committees.

- Ø Preparation of audio version of NPPAD and CRPD and Dissemination (500 soft Copies of both the documents)

- Ø Capacity building workshop: 3 days, UNCRPD contents training to NFD-N central level, regional coordinators and committees from all five regions, MPs and inter-parliamentary Disability Group members.
- Ø Interaction with Speaker of the political parties and Minister of Women, Children and Social Welfare was organized for the ratification of CRPD in November 2009.

- Ø Sensitization Workshop to Local Authorities in the district, Political parties, NGOs etc
- Ø Regional Level Capacity building training workshop in five regions for the representatives of Self Help Organizations (SHOs) and NFDN regional bodies.
- Ø National level pressure building rally to push for the ratification of CRPD.
- Ø One day Workshop to put pressure for the Ratification and adoption of CRPD by the parliament and to make National framework for its implementation.
- Ø 3 days basic Advocacy Training for WWDs for.
- Ø Inter school art competition for sensitization on the CRPD principles on the occasion of International Day of Persons With Disabilities 2009. The non-disabled students got involved in the event and were fully sensitized. The art were further utilized in the calendar which has promoted the CRPD principles.

B. Ensuring Disability Rights Provisions in the Constitution of Nepal:

- Ø A 3 days shadow Constitutional Assembly of Persons With Disabilities convened in February 2009, 156 Disability representatives from 40 districts participated and the module constitution from Disability rights perspectives was printed and disseminated to the member of Constitutional Assembly. The result of the module constitution is very much remarkable since, the CA is consulting the document for the drafting of the constitution.

- Ø One-day workshop for ensuring political rights of Persons With Disabilities: Production of a handbook covering the measures to be taken to ensure voting rights: The Workshop was convened in Kathmandu in April, 2008 in presence of the representative of various sectors relating the Election process, human rights agencies and Government representatives and DPOs.
- Ø Media mobilization and broadcast of FM program on disability issues: five regional level F.M. Station with 374 episodes.
- Ø Two days orientation training to the 10 disability rights campaigners about disability issues and how disability takes social dimension and human rights agenda: The training was convened in Kathmandu for 10 Disabilities Rights Campaigners for 2 days on 22-23 April 2008.
- Ø Regular Mobilization of 10 disability Rights Campaigners in 5 regions.
- Ø Analysis of existing legal frameworks from disability perspective (One national level workshop with stakeholders, Formulation of task force, analysis and recommendation)
- Ø Established coordination mechanism among rights based organizations for working in Human Rights Instruments through "Human Rights Treaty Monitoring Coordination Committee" (HRTMCC) and "Universal Periodic Review" (UPR).

C. Implementation of National Policy and Plan of Action on Disability which has been drafted based on BMF:

- Ø Workshop on National Senses: Strategy for Accommodating Persons With Disabilities as result, disability has been recognised as one of the component in the National senses 2011 and accommodated 2 questionnaires relating disability.
- Ø The planning of the baseline survey for five district chapters has been prepared and the survey questionnaire is drafted.
- Ø Establishment of District Coordination Committees with capacity building and leadership training.
- Ø Convening series of lobby activities for the department of education. As a result, the assignment of 561 teacher's quotas within two years for Persons With Disabilities is ensured.
- Ø Provided legal support for 6 Persons With Disabilities and access to justice.
- Ø 3 months Sign Language training to Hearing Disabilities/ Parents/ DPOs in Kathmandu and Dang.
- Ø Development of module Accessible School/Public Place: Pragati Higher Secondary School and city hall of Pokhara.

D. Publication:

- Rupantaran: as a journal of DPI Nepal in quarterly Publication.
- A handbook to facilitate ratification of CRPD,
- End Users guidebook of DAISY DTB production and Playback.
- Report of survey on Employed Persons With disabilities.
- Annual journals in five regional levels.
- Social Communication Materials: 30000 Stickers with respectful terminology
- Hording board in 5 regional levels for awareness raising for drafting Disability friendly constitution

2. Major Achievements in last two years:

- ✓ The nomination of Ms. Indra Maya Gurung in Constitutional Assembly, which is the result of solidarity and success of Hunger Strike led by the President of NFDN. the Proportional representation of Mr. Raghbir Joshi by NCP united as Constitutional Assembly member is the "Power for Change".
- ✓ Elaboration of National classification of disability and accommodation of various disability categories. The Government has started distribution of Disability Identity Card in four categories (Four Colours) based on the intensity of disabilities.
- ✓ The accommodation of disability rights provisions in the draft of the thematic groups under CA based on the recommendation made by the Shadow Constitutional Assembly of Persons With Disabilities.
- ✓ Enactment of National Policy and Plan of Action on Disability (NPPAD) and promulgation of District Strategy and Plan of Action in 32 Districts in line with NPPAD. The directions delivered by the Ministry of Local Development for the endorsement of the DSPAD through the district councils during the formation of the activities plan of the district
- ✓ Ensuring 5% reservation in civil service to Persons With Disabilities through Civil Service Act.
- ✓ Utilization of local resources in DDC and VDC levels for development and empowerment of Persons With Disabilities.
- ✓ Expansion of NFDN's member DPOs in 73 districts, five regional and five district chapters.
- ✓ Networking through the district coordination committees in 25 districts and self-help groups in more than 500 village levels.

3. Your contribution as MNA on South Asia, Asia-Pacific Region and International Level:

- § Sharing of information, news regarding rights and interest of Persons With Disabilities through the Network.
- § Filed petition against discrimination of Persons With Disabilities in various ground and Human Rights Perspectives such as deporting of Wheel-chair users by airlines, sexual violation of Women With Disabilities, participation and organization of International events regarding rights of Persons With Disabilities.

4. Progress on Signing, Ratification and Implementation on UNCRPD:

- ✓ Nepali Translation and Printing/Publication/Dissemination of Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities 2006. (4300 copies Nepali version and 1300 copies English Version has been printed out in two phases in which was landmark action for the success of the CRPD ratification.
- ✓ The Parliament decision of ratification of CRPD and its Optional Protocol by the legislative parliament on 27 December, 2009 which later deposited on 7 May 2010, finally Nepal became state party from 6 June, 2010.

- ✓ NFDN has established National Coordination Working Group (NCWG) comprising Government representatives from concern ministries, DPOs representatives and stakeholders for the implementation of CRPD. In this course of action, the review of existing legislations from the perspectives of CRPD is in process which is basis of domestication of CrPD in Nepal.
- ✓ Follow-up after CRPD ratification has been planned for further years and ensuring disability friendly provisions in the constitution.

5. Future Role of Your Country in development of South Asia Sub-Regional Network:

NFDN is regularly lobbying with the Government for taking lead to accommodate disability issue in the SAARC agenda. It is the urge that the inter governmental network should be established to look after the human rights issues as a common platform. The SAARC secretariat has been established in Nepal and the government can play leading role for such initiatives which has been reflected in commitments of political leaders and bureaucrats.

6. Your contribution/suggestions for South Asia Sub-Regional Decade (1013-2022) for People with Disabilities:

The National Policy and Plan of Action on Disabilities have been adopted by the Government which has been considered as a document of 10 years starting from 2007. The BMF is the guiding priority of the document which should be reflected in the National Policy and Plan of Action of the countries in the sub-region. The necessity of South Asian decade of Persons With disabilities is even more realized in the context of adoption of CRPD. In south Asia, 5 countries have ratified the CRPD and the joint support should be extended for the countries where the ratification has yet to be completed.

the South-Asian Sub regional conference should be organized in this instant, NFDN is going to explore the possibilities.

7. Future role of South Asia sub-region (in the sub-regional, Regional and International Level):

Sub regional Network should be established and based on the countries context and the commonalities of the sub-region, the agreed "SAARC Disability framework for Action" should be formulated in line with the principles of CRPD.

The International event of DPI should be organized in south Asian Sub region in near future.

8. Any other input by MNA:

The second post decade of Asia-Pacific region should be established and the DPIAP should initiate the process of need assessment from the MNAs based on their country context.

Photographs of the Events:



(Celebrating Ratification of CRPD in the Parliament on 27 December 2009)



(Releasing of translated version of CRPD in Nepali Language)



(Pushing for the Ratification of CRPD through rally)



(Hunger Strike Led by President of DPI-Nepal: ensured nomination of Wheel-Chair User Women in Parliament)



(Shadow Constitutional Assembly of Persons With Disability: released the module
Disability friendly constitution"



(Rally for pushing for ensuring Disability friendly Provisions in the constitution)



(Releasing A handbook to facilitate Ratification of CRPD in Nepal)



(Courageous work of Wheelchair user WWDs by traveling 1050 KM within 26 days advocating for disability friendly provisions in the constitution)