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Anuradha Koirala declared CNN Hero of the year 2010

Heartfelt thanks to all the online voters, well wishers, partners and supporters!!!

Anuradha Koirala the chairperson of Maiti Nepal, and a crusador known for her anti human trafficking drive through her non profit making organization Maiti Nepal, has been named the 2010 CNN Hero of the year. This is the first time a Nepali bagged the prestigious international award.

CNN's Anderson Cooper announced the result at the conclusion of the fourth-annual CNN Heroes: An All- Star Tribute, from the Shrine Auditorium amid a gala event in Los Angeles, California, before an audience of nearly 5,000 .

Anuradha Koirala was chosen by the public in an on line poll that ran for eight weeks on CNN.com. Koirala was introduced by actress Demi Moore, who along with her husband, Ashton Kutcher, created DNA, The Demi and Ashton Foundation, which aims to eliminate child sex slavery worldwide.

"Everyday this woman confronts the worst of what humanity has to offer," Moore said of Koirala.

Maiti Nepal is best known for its mission to curb women trafficking from Nepal to the sex industries abroad, and the rescue and rehabilitation of over 12,000 victims.

Maiti Nepal at this moment of bliss thanks all of its supporters, voters, partners and well wishers for being with us during the entire campaign it has initiated.

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Anuradha Koirala Conferred Global Peace Festival Award- Another feather on her crest !!!

Anuradha Koirala, the chairperson of Maiti Nepal has been awarded with Global Peace Festival Award on October 2, 2010 at Dasarath Stadium, Kathmandu, in a special function. The award was presented to Ms. Anuradha Koirala by Dr. Hyun Jin Moon, Chairperson of Global peace foundation for exemplifying the principle of living for others, working selflessly for the noble cause of building world peace through personal sacrifice, and outstanding leadership towards realizing the vision of one family under God.

Ms. Koirala has been contributing relentlessly in anti human trafficking campaign in Nepal since 1993.

Mr. Moon paid a visit to Maiti Nepal on October 4, 2010 . He was welcomed by the children, women and staff of

Maiti Nepal with a cultural show.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Bishwo Khadka, the Director of Maiti Nepal appreciated the initiatives of Global Peace Foundation and expressed fact that it will help restore peace in Nepal as it is facing political turmoil.

Mr. Moon said that the chairperson of Maiti Nepal is messenger of peace and appreciated her contributions.

Speaking at the end, Ms . Koirala said that in order to restore sustainable peace in the country, the youths have to be encouraged and motivated and everybody should actually act as peace ambassadors not just for the honour but with a feeling of responsibility.

Maiti Nepal and Freedom To Create conducted Mass awareness program!!!

With the objective of combating the growing rate of human trafficking which is pervading in Nepalese society and in the nation and putting an end to this social evil Maiti Nepal organized an awareness campaign to spread awareness regarding the issue human trafficking. Different activities were carried out which carried the theme of human trafficking.

Street plays and delivery of information was conducted in different districts like Purnapur and Gulariya of Bardiya district, Lamahi and Gorahi of Dang District and Triveni, Kavasoti, Chormara and Gaidakot of Nawalparasi district.

The awareness program in Purnapur and Gulariya of Bardiya District was carried out first by the team . The team carried out door to door programme , miking, postering. pamphletting, dissemination of IEC materials. More than 500 people observed the programme in each spot.

Likewise, the awareness program was carried out in Lamahi and Ghorahi of Dang district. The programme was observed with even more vigour and enthusiasm by about 750 people.

On another event , awareness program was carried out in Kavasoti and Chormara of Nawalparasi district.

The final programme of the series was carried out in Gaidakoti of Nawalparasi . The programme was conducted amidst even wider participation of mass.

After successful completion of the programme, the team returned back to Kathmandu .

Maiti Nepal has been conducting mass awareness programme in different trafficking prone areas since its inception in 1993 AD.



Awareness Raising Team performing Drama

Another story of a trafficked girl

A FIR related to human trafficking was filed in the metropolitan police circle, Chapagaon, Lalitpur on 2007 AD by Dhanu alias Chanumati of age 30 years, daughter of Ram Sharan Baniya, resident of Lalitpur District TikaBhairab VDC. She was trafficked to India/Mumbai by perpetrators named Ram Bahadur Pariyar, Gokul Darji, Pampha Paroyar, ToyaRaj Tiwari, Bhawani Tiwari and Nargis Tamang, the brothel owner.

The case was prosecuted in the court and since the main perpetrators Pampha Pariyar, ToyaRaj Tiwari, Bhawani Tiwari and Nargis Tamang could not be arrested, the accomplice Ram Bahadur Pariyar was convicted for 2 and half years of imprisonment while Gokul Darji got clean chit.

The details of the harrowing tale as recounted by Chanumati follows as such-

I was married to an alcoholic husband and I am a mother of two children, a son and a daughter. He used to beat me often and so I stayed in my mother's home and earned my living by literally crushing stones. Pampha saw me working hard and so she persuaded me to work somewhere in Birgunj where I could earn Rs 3000 and save Rs 2000, even if I spent Rs. 1000 out of it. I thought she was right and was ready to go with her.

I went with Ram Bahadur, from Chapagaon to Nakkhu through Chhampi and Bungmati.

Ram Bahadur then introduced me to Gokul and told me to go with him. Gokul, me and another man called Krishna went to the bus stand at Kalanki. Gokul returned back and Krishna accompanied me to Birgunj. Bhawani came to receive us there and Krishna introduced her to me as his wife.

In the evening, we headed for Raxaul, India. Me and Bhawani hired a rickshaw while Krishna was on next.

After we reached Raxaul, we boarded a train to Mumbai. We went to a hotel and had lunch. Krishna and Bhawani told me to stay there for sometime and went out to seek job for me. When they returned, they came with Nargis Tamang, whom he called sister. Nargis turned out to be a brothel owner eventually.

Me, Krishna, Bhawani and Nargis hired a taxi and went to the brothel at Grand Road. Krishna and Bhawani went away leaving me alone. I thought something was wrong and asked other women staying there about the situation. They told me that I was trafficked. I was shocked completely. My hair stood on end and chill ran down my spine. I cried a lot.

Nargis told me that, I was sold for Rs. 50,000 and I had to comply with her orders. I was obliged to follow her. Otherwise, I would be starved, beaten, and stabbed.

During my stay in the brothel, Krishna often visited the place with other trafficked women.

One day, when there was nobody around, I managed to escape from the place. On the way, I met a Marathi woman, who showed sympathy upon my plight and took me to a organization called Mukti Sadan. I lived there for two years and then they transferred me to another institution called Jyotiash Care Center. I lived there for eight years before I was transferred to Rescue Foundation. Rescue Foundation handed me over to Maiti Nepal.

Thus I was trafficked, suffered and rescued. I had filed a case against the traffickers and they had to be brought behind bars at any cost. I pray to the God that no any other girl should ever go through those inhumane tortures which I have undergone through.

Maiti Nepal rescues 12 girls/women exploited in course of foreign employment !!!

Foreign employment is becoming more risky for girls/ and women day per day. The trend of women getting exploited physically and emotionally during their job in the Gulf has not been brought to a standstill. Women aspiring for the employment in the Gulf make use of the Indian airport. In recent time, incidents of exploitation to women who have used the Nepalese airport is being more explicit

Recently, Maiti Nepal rescued 12 girls and women who were exploited during foreign employment. Most of them were repatriated from Kubet and Saudi Arabia. These girls/women had been employed as domestic helper but they were denied salary and proper work. On the contrary,

they faced various physical tortures and mental trauma. These girls/ women were handed over to Maiti Nepal on October 13 by Rescue Foundation, a partner organization of Maiti Nepal based in India. These girls belonged to Ramechhap, Mugu, Morang, Udaypur, Sunsari, Palpa, Chitwan, Jhapa and Ramechhap districts of Nepal.

Despite the fact that foreign employment is a chief source of remittance, it is becoming more insecure for women in these days. If it could be made more systematic and secure, a distinct improvement could be seen in the national economy as a whole.

Combating Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children [CSEC] Caregivers' Refresher Training and Workshop on Child Protection

A refresher training and workshop was organized for the caregivers who had already participated in Caregivers' Training held in past years. A total of 17 Caregivers who work directly with children in selected partner organizations of Maiti Nepal participated in the program. The Caregivers' Training on Child Protection was aimed at helping the Caregivers to build up their skills in appropriate psycho-social recovery of the children who have been subject to sexual exploitation including confidence building, specialized care services for a holistic rehabilitation process; network development and advocacy tools, as well as specific techniques for the long term recovery of survivors; participatory methodology in working with children, developing models of good practices in care provision, shelter, outreach services, therapeutic group work and informal education program.

The refresher training focused on reviewing different issues involved in Care and Protection of survivors and young people at risk of Commercial Sexual Exploitation. The workshop involved discussion on practical difficulties regarding care and protection of CSEC survivors. The report of the workshop will be developed as a guideline for care and protection of CSEC survivors which will be a component of Caregivers' Training Manual.



Photos from Refresher Training and Workshop of Caregivers

Preventive Activities through Transit Homes



Preventative activities carried out by Transit home holds great importance in Maiti Nepal's campaign. Activities like Interception, rescue, counseling, dealing with cases of missing, rape, domestic violence carried out by transit contribute to the preventative initiatives of the organization

Transit home Pashupatinagar, Ilam made the following achievements during the month of August 2010:

- Intercepted 9 girls and women belonging to neighbouring districts of them belonging to dalits and janajatis
- Proceeded 2 cases of domestic violence
- Provided information on safe migration to 22 people
- Dealt with 3 missing cases
- Prosecuted 1 case of rape

Similarly, Transit Home Bhairahawa conducted following activities during the month of July, August and September 2010:

- Intercepted 67 girls and women belonging to various districts. Majority of them are dalits and janajatis
- Rescued 11 girls and women
- Proceeded 6 cases of domestic violence

- Dealt with 24 missing cases
- Provided information on safe migration to 312 girls/ women

During the month of August and September 2010, Transit home Kakarbhitta took the following initiatives:

- Intercepted 18 girls who hail from janajatis and dalits communities
- Dealt with 15 cases of missing
- Proceeded 4 cases of rape
- Provided information on safe migration to 74 people

Likewise, Transit Home Biratnagar

- Intercepted 37 girls who hail from janajatis and dalits communities
- Dealt with 3 cases of missing

Likewise, Transit Home Mahespur conducted the following activities during the month of August and September, 2010:

- Intercepted 17 girls and women
- Dealt with 2 missing cases
- Provided information on safe migration to 182 people



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