Maiti Nepal receives donations

A team of 25 trekkers from Australia donated an amount of 25000 AUD to Maiti Nepal on 7th November, 2013. They were in Nepal with a trekking expedition organized by TLM (Travel logistic Management).

Maiti Nepal and TLM had previously signed an agreement regarding fundraising activity for Maiti Nepal by means of trekking adventures and donation as such was a part of that MOU. Maiti Nepal is very thankful to TLM and the team of Australian Trekkers for the contribution which will directly benefit about 500 children and women residing at Maiti Nepal’s child protection centre and rehabilitation centre.

Indian Ambassador visits Maiti Nepal

His Excellency Ranjit Rae, the Indian ambassador to Nepal visited Maiti Nepal on 22nd November, 2013. His Excellency was greeted at Maiti Nepal by Chairperson (Ms. Anuradha Koirala) and the Director (Mr. Bishwo Khadka) of Maiti Nepal.

Children at Maiti Nepal performed some cultural shows to welcome the dignitary. The ambassador visited the facilities located at Maiti Nepal premises.

In a cordial conversation with the Chairperson of Maiti Nepal, the ambassador said that Maiti Nepal has been doing a phenomenal job and he would support Maiti Nepal in some ways to accomplish the mission of creating a society free from trafficking of children and women in the long run.

11 girls rescued from trafficker’s grip

Maiti Nepal has rescued 11 girls from the clutches of traffickers and their agents in the past one week. The girls, who were to be trafficked to Dubai via New Delhi, were rescued from Nagdhunga. Four girls — one each from Lamjung and Morang, and two from Dailekh — were rescued on September 18, while two girls from Lamjung and five from Sindhupalchowk were rescued on September 21. The agents had told them that they were flying from India as they didn’t have work permit and other required documents and that they would get their passports in Delhi.

The agents are using new routes to traffic girls, namely Itahari and Damak, due to the presence of information desks in various places. In most human trafficking cases, the agents instruct victims beforehand what to answer if they face interrogation and in this case as well, Ram Tamang, an agent, had told the girls to say they were going to Damak. He had not taken money from the girls, for he was planning to take their four months’ salary.

Ramesh Poudel, another agent, had kept the girls for 45 days at his relatives’ places in Kathmandu and allowed them to contact home. While the girls have been rescued, Poudel has been absconding.

Two survivors from Sindhupalchowk, who had returned home after working for three years in Kuwait, said, “We didn’t experience such a thing before, so we trusted the agent.”

Another survivor, who was introduced to the agent through relatives, said despite submitting all the documents, the agent delayed paperwork making excuses for work permit.

He had told her that they were flying via Delhi as girls were not allowed to go and work abroad from Kathmandu. “I didn’t even know how the visa looked like. When the agent showed me a form saying it was the visa, I believed him.” Another victim narrated, “The agent said we will be picked from Kakarvitta and taken to Delhi to catch a flight to Dubai.”

Trafficking of children and women for commercial sexual exploitation has been appearing in different trends and manifestations despite so many endeavors to curb down the intensity of the atrocity.
Awareness program organized.

On the occasion of 16 days of activism against gender violence an awareness programme was organized in Kumbheswar Secondary School in Sunkhani VDC of Nuwakot by Maiti Nepal on 10 December. The programme was intended to raise awareness about the risks and hazards of human trafficking in the community.

Awareness program was initiated through door to door programme. The other attractions of the program were songs and street drama on domestic violence and girls trafficking along with an interaction on the legal issue related to trafficking. Even the students of Kumbheswar Secondary school participated in the program. The students recited poems and showcased street drama on human trafficking.

The program was organized to mark the International Human Rights day.

Awareness program organized on International Migrants Day

An awareness program was organized on International Migrants Day on December 18. The program was organized at Devichaur VDC of Lalitpur District. More than 300 people including school students, teachers, local people, members of women groups participated in the program.

The program commenced with door to door programme reaching almost 100 households and disseminating information on Trafficking, Safe Migration and risks and opportunities of foreign employment. After door to door programme was over, the performers from Maiti Nepal showcased a street drama with a crystal clear message on safe migration. Songs were sung and dances were performed in between. One of the male returnees from Middle East also shared his horrible experiences of working in the Gulf under poor conditions and facilities. Speaking on the occasion, representative from a local cooperatives run by women thanked Maiti Nepal for organizing such a meaningful programme.

At the end of the day, the director of Maiti Nepal, Mr. Bishwo Khadka thanked all who contributed in making the program successful.

Aussie Action abroad renovates Rehabilitation Home Itahari

Maiti Nepal expresses its heartfelt gratitude towards the Aussie Action Abroad, Australia for helping us renovate our Rehabilitation Home at Itahari. A team of 15 members comprising of David Anderson, Zak Barry, Alina Dain, Guillaume Delauney, Amiee Groundwater, Jess Kelly, Heather Oliver, Ricki-Lee Van Het Wout, Bronwen Vines, Josie White, Sandesh Gurung, Binaya Raj Singh Tharu, Min Bahadur Lama, Krishna Ram Bhattarai and the Team Leader Wendy McLeod rendered their support for renovating the Rehabilitation Home at Itahari.

Their tireless work and effort to renovate the Rehabilitation Home in 14 days is of much appreciation. With the heart to work even in these cold days with their tents set outside can surely convey their dedication towards their mission to “undertake real projects with real outcomes”.

We would like to once again thank the entire team members and especially Graeme Kent, Director of Aussie Action Abroad for choosing to support Maiti Nepal. Our gratitude however cannot be expressed with these few words.
Awareness Campaigning against Girl Trafficking in the districts of Dang and Surkhet

The team of Maiti Nepal under the guidance and leadership of Ms, Anuradha Koirala, Chairperson of Maiti Nepal conducted an awareness campaign in Dang and Surkhet districts from 5th to 10th January 2014. The main objective of this awareness campaign was to create public awareness regarding the menace of girls trafficking and to reduce the overall trafficking vulnerability of women and children. The awareness campaign was conducted at Lalmatiya Ward No. 1 and Narayanpur Ward No. 1 of Dang District, similarly, Chhinchu Ward No 5 and Maintada Ward No7 of Surkhet District. During the program team of Maiti Nepal conducted door to door program, disseminated information through poster and pamphlets and street drama. A week long awareness campaign was able to spread the information on human trafficking to 3400 people.

Glimpses from the awareness program.
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