



Empowering women is the key to nation building in Nepal

Hardly any women in the villages know that the new constitution preserves equal rights to women in Nepal. Moreover, the existing conservative and narrow minded patriarchal culture keep their role only as fulfilling household chores.

It is women who are mostly present at home and constitute the major part of the stable population, while men are out looking for job. This makes women to take the lead role in the family and their increase in the work load is hardly recognized and appreciated.

The added work load often makes the women folk to look for support from their own children who are school-going. And very often we find children take care of the livestock, siblings, and some household activities.



Education is the basis for any nation building. It is in this context that NJSI finds a need to improve the economic standard of women in the villages by providing livelihood training in various activities which could generate extra income and so reduce the work load for women. This will help them to send their kids to school instead of keeping them at home to support their daily works.



Enhancing women's legal awareness is important to encapacitate them actively participate in decision-making and policymaking for Nepal.

NJSI takes the opportunity to educate the rural women to throw away the oppressive superstitions and bring them to social interaction so that they could stand up for themselves and explore the strengths of team work.

HIGHLIGHTS

Miss. Christina Fernández Durán was with NJSI in the last week of April for the third time as part of her monitoring visit and evaluating the activities of NJSI. After conducting the internal auditing she took lead in conducting the staff seminar at Godavary to look at the NJSI plan for 2017 and also to improve the reporting and data collection mechanism.



Sr. Manisha Makwana left the NJSI office after completing one year of her service with us. We wish her all the best for her future mission

Gotbanjyang School Building Handed Over

On 25th April NJSI handed over the repaired school building of Gotbanjyang school in Lalitpur District. The School is situated about 26 km from the city of Kathmandu.

The handing over programme was also the occasion of the Memorial Service for the victims of the 2015 earthquake in Nepal.



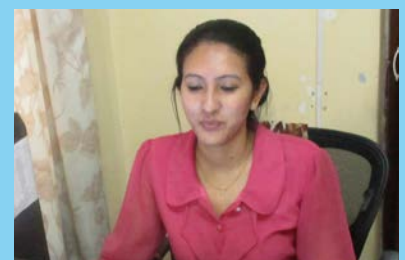
Welcome to New Staff at NJSI



Suraj Kafle
Activity Coordinator



Shriya Adhikari
Field coordinator



Shristi Thapa
Office Coordinator

NJSI INTERVENTIONS AND ACTIVITIES

Kavre

Women and Girls Capacity Building Programme

As part of the women and girls specific activities in the earthquake affected areas, NJSI has conducted para legal training and women rights awareness program at three locations in Kavre districts. The women who participated in the training expressed that they learned a lot of things which they did not know. More than 90 women participated from the three VDCs. A summary of the constitutional rights of women in Nepal was explained to them with visuals.



Women group at Kuntabesi



Women group at Koshidheka



Women group at Karolthok

NJSI has found legal awareness of women in the villages is one of the unreached sector of the society in remote Nepal. In the context of building a new democratic nation para legal training is a timely intervention.

Training for Supporting staff of Special Children at Bhagavati School



NJSI conducted a three days training program for the care takers of Special children at Bhagavati School in Kavre District. The activity centre of the special children was damaged by the earthquake, and as part of the recovery programme NJSI is in the process of building a new activity centre in the school. Meanwhile, the psycho-social care of the special children is also taken into consideration.

Ms. Rama Karki, Asst. Director of SOS children village Jorpatti, was the resource person who took special training on how to effect behavioural change in the children with special needs.

Medical Intervention for Special Children



A team of doctors and NJSI volunteers conducted general medical check up for the inmates of the Physically and mentally challenged rehabilitation centre associated with Bagavati School in Kavre.

19 children were given medical support and are being monitored for their physical improvement by NJSI



Dr. Siji John and Dr. M. Selva Ranjini examine the Special children at Bhagavati School

Tailoring Training at Koshidekha

18 women and girls have completed their tailoring training conducted by Navajyoti Center at Koshidekha in collaboration with NJSI. These women were chosen from the earthquake affected areas and the programme was aimed at empowering them through livelihood training. The training lasted for six months and on completion all the participants received certificates and tailoring machines.



One of the serious difficulties faced in implementing the project in Saurpani, Gorkh is the transportation of construction materials through the dangerous hill roads which are often washed away by rain. This year the rain has been very recurrent and unexpected and the roads are already broken. Our team is trying hard to finish the work as early as possible.



Dolakha

Tailoring Training at Suri

On 28th March, 2017 NJSI started tailoring training at Suri VDC in Dolakha. About thirty people attended the inauguration programme. Fifteen women have joined for the training. This tailoring training is aimed at developing sustainable livelihood skills for the women and also to build their capacity to improve their Psycho-social behaviour.



Women Activity Centre at Suri



As part of the upliftment program for the Surel Community in Suri VDC of Dolakha, NJSI has completed the construction of the women activity centre. This is the first ever brick building in this place. Suri is one of the remote places in Nepal and the least developed. The local women participated in the construction process and was extremely happy to get a hall for them. Soon the tailoring classes are to be moved to the new women centre

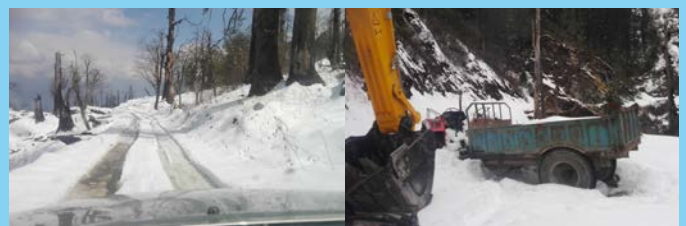
The Earthquake Damaged and the New Women Centre at Suri



Dhading

Tipling Road Construction

By the end of March 2017, the excavator reached Somdang from where we started clearing the old track towards Tipling. Now the road has reached about 4km. In a few days we will be cutting hard rocks at Tiangradadha from where the new track will begin.



NJSI team faced an unexpected snowfalls in March and April which led to halt the the work time and again. Moreover, this year the recurring rainfall too has been affecting the countinuity of the construction process.

Nuwakot

Hostels for Special Children



Hostel at Chandeshowri School

Most of the construction work has been completed for the three hostels in Nuwakot. The general design of the buildings include separate living rooms for girls and boys, a kitchen, a study room, two toilets and two bathrooms. NJSI expect to handover the buildings to the beneficiaries in two weeks.



Hostel at Bhairavi School

The hostel at Bhairavi school is also in need of a fence around it to protect the children while Bhageshowri is in need of a retaining wall behind from possible soil erosion.



Hostel at Bageshowri School

Sindhupalchowk

Gyalthum Shelter Construction

There are thirteen beneficiaries who completed the foundation of their houses and are approved eligible for second tranche as per the certification by the government designated engineers.

NJSI has deposited 150,000 npr in Nepal Bank Limited Melamchi branch as the second tranche for the eligible beneficiaries.



Buddhe Tamang standing in front of his completed house. He is the first one to complete the construction among the 73 beneficiaries. And this is the first model house supported by NJSI.



Houses under construction in Gyalthum
Sindhupalchowk

Lalitpur

Security for Bhanodaya School Children

The school authority had asked NJSI to help them build their damaged compound wall to protect the primary school children from intruders at Bhanodaya school, Siddhipur. NJSI has completed the construction of the compound wall in collaboration with the volunteers from Teach Nepal. NJSI was officially thanked by the parents and the school authority in a function held on 1st April 2017.



Before

After



Gorkha

Toilets for the Schools in Gorkha

NJSI has been building 11 schools in Gorkha. After having completed most of the structures now we are involved in building the toilets for six schools that require basic sanitation and wash facilities in Saurpani VDC.

