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Abbreviations and Acronyms

CA:	Common Assembly
CAR:	Community Action Researcher
CDO:	Chief District Officer
COP:	Chief of Party
CS:	Civil Society
CS: MAP:	Civil Society Mutual Accountability Project
CSO:	Civil Society Organization
DAO:	District Accountability Officer
DCCMC:	District Covid-19 Crisis Management Center
DCOP:	Deputy Chief of Party
DEOC:	District Emergency Operation Center
DRR:	Disaster Risk Reduction
GESI:	Gender Equality and Social Inclusion
HEAD:	Health, Education, Agriculture and Disaster
HRPC:	Human Rights Protection Committee, Palika level
ISO:	Intermediary Support Organization
LDAG:	Listening Discussion Action Group
NHRAP:	National Human Rights Action Plan
OGP:	Open Government Partnership
PEAR:	Participatory Evidence-based Advocacy Research
PIL:	Public Interest Litigation
QPR:	Quarterly Project Report
RM:	Rural Municipality
SCS:	Community Score Card
SFR:	Sub-Awardees Financial Report
SMPC:	Nepalgunj Sub-Metropolitan City

1. Introduction

Banke is one of the districts of Nepal where the human rights violence has remarkably known with alongside Bardiya district. During the internal conflict in country Banke and Bardiya had suffered a lot from the sense of human rights. Although the decade long conflict has passed over yet there was a need to people to know their rights thus IHRC was established on February 27, 2013 and has performed a number of remarkable activities like PIL filing and solving various contemporary issues of public affairs, likewise it has further supported people through RTI application and in other hand service providers to adopt RTI policy. It has been working with the people to entertain their rights to public service delivery from government and other mechanisms.

At present it has been working with CS: MAP in Banke and Bardiya to oversight of public service delivery and enable other existing civil societies through capacity enhancement, coordination, discussion, information sharing and working together. IHRC invites district level civil society key champions, CSOs, journalist, CA coordinator and activist for public service oversight in schools, health facilities, Agriculture service center, local government etc with particular checklist and discuss on the findings among authorities for improving service and assist promotion and protection of human rights through various HRBA training at local level. Further, IHRC conducts district level interaction meeting with evidence-based issues and engage the civil society to sort out the issues through constructive advocacy plan. Likewise, civil society engages in policy update and legal reforms. Apart from all these activities IHRC has been involved in celebrations of different campaigns like Human Rights Day, International Peace Day, International Labor's Day, National and International Women's Day etc. In this way IHRC has been showing its existence and has been able to establish itself as an Information Center in Banke.

Covid-19, pandemic situation suffered to project throughout the year (October 2020 - September 2021), frequently lockdown and prohibitory order by the government. IHRC implemented activities significantly through the virtual platform and following by covid-19 guidelines of local government and CS: MAP/ Fhi360 and getting approval from Fhi 360 conducted events in small size, achieved maximum targets in spite of the difficult situation.

The goal of this project is to recreate the vibrancy of civil society in the district by ensuring civic Participation in policy/legal reforms, promote civic engagement with government entities and strengthen their capacity to carry out public policy advocacy and oversight for effective public service delivery and public resource use. CS: MAP/ IHRC will serve to achieve the following ten specific objectives:

CS: MAP specific objectives:

Objective 1: Strengthened CSO initiatives to coordinate with the GoN and to implement constructive.

Objective 2: Improved coalition-building between local and national CSOs, and between CSOs and the media that leads to joint actions undertaken on selected policy priorities across sectors.

Objective 3: Improved CSO and media capacity to conduct participatory and evidence-based research on issues, policy, and enforcement to benefit marginalized groups.

Objective 4: Improved capacities of local CSOs, media, and community-based organizations to monitor and report on cross-sectoral public service delivery, based on common standards applicable to each sector.

Objective 5: Improved bottom-up coordination between community, district, and national formal and informal CSOs engaged in public service oversight.

Objective 6: Improved citizen awareness and use of available GoN social accountability mechanisms.

Objective 7: Improved citizen engagements in media and Information and Communications Technology (ICT) tools to strengthen public participation and oversight.

Objective 8: Improved institutional governance of selected CSOs and media organizations.

Objective 9: Improved capacity of select CSOs and media organizations to mobilize social and financial resources for sustainability.

Objective 10: Improved capacity of CSOs and media organizations to advance local solutions on priority development issues across sectors and to promote peer-learning opportunities.

2. Activities Progress

2.1. Key Development and Submission of Deliverables

Table No. 1: List of Deliverables and its Status in

SN	List of deliverables	Description	Status
1	Extension Period Work Plan (EPWP)	IHRC submitted EPWP (April- October 30, 2021) activity plan and budget plan of Banke and Bardiya district of Yr. 5 - within a month from project extension period i.e. on April, 2021	Submitted
2	Monthly Activity Calendar Plan	IHRC submitted 12 no. of monthly activity calendar plans by 25th of every month of a year (October 2020 – September 2021)	Submitted
3	Progress update against Monthly Activity Calendar Plan	IHRC submitted 12 no. progress update against the monthly activity calendar plan to FHI 360/ CS: MAP by 25th of every month throughout the year.	Submitted
4	Monthly Project Database Update	IHRC had submitted monthly updated project database and case database by the end of each month throughout the year.	Submitted
5	Monthly SFR	IHRC had submitted 12 SFR of each month to FHI 360 / CS: MAP. The SFR includes: Bank transaction detail of activity expenses, fringe, salary and other cost during the reporting month.	Submitted
6	Weekly update	IHRC had submitted weekly progress update and plan for next quarter every Friday.	Submitted
7	Quarterly Work plan and budget projection	IHRC Submitted Quarterly Work Plan along with the quarterly budget projection. Some activities were postponed due to Covid-19 and lockdown situation, postponed activities will be carried over to next year.	Submitted
8	Quarterly Progress Report (QPR)	Quarterly Progress Reports of each project calendar quarter had submitted before 10 days after the end of the quarter.	Submitted
9	Cost Share Report	IHRC had submitted a cost-share report amounting to Rs. 700000 to CS: MAP/ Fhi360.	Submitted
10	Knowledge Document Report	IHRC had submitted two knowledge document reports to CS: MAP/ Fhi360.	Submitted
11	Annual Progress Report of October 2020-September 2021	IHRC submitted Annual Progress Report, October 2020- September 2021 to Fhi260.	Submitted
12	Success Story	IHRC submitted success story	Submitted

2.2 Progress Achieved towards Project Objectives

- Implementation of constructive advocacy plans/strategies- Seven events accomplished
- Establish and facilitate Common Assembly meetings at local level -(a) Conduct Common Assembly Meetings – 14 events accomplished

- Establish and Facilitate Common Assembly meeting at Local level-(b) Conduct Sub Sectorial Sub-Head Committee Meetings – 12 events accomplished
- Form and Facilitate Sajhedari Manch meetings - (Organize Sajhedari Manch Meetings)- six meetings accomplished
- Conduct Sajha Sabhas - two events accomplished
- Provide orientation to CA members on public service entitlements and local planning process (continued) - Four events accomplished
- Support in implementation of Human rights guidelines- two events accomplished
- Human rights reporting training to local media and journalists- one event accomplished
- Engage key civil society champions at district level-seven events accomplished
- Organize district level interactions on vibrant civic space (role of civil society) and policy priority issues- five events accomplished
- Conduct strategic coalition building meetings between CSOs and media for initiative joint actions - seven events accomplished
- Conduct research to generate evidence for advocacy- two events accomplished
- Support to Marginalized Groups in the Policy Formulation Process- two events accomplished
- Organize public consultation program on implementation of the NHRAP- two events accomplished
- Organize two-day training on Human Right Reporting Mechanism and role of civil society-one events accomplished
- Development of Human Rights Action Plan- two sharing and two action plan accomplished
- Conduct orientation to HEAD coalition/network on common standards/checklist for public resource use and service oversight- one events accomplished

- Organize coordination meetings of the HEAD Coalition for oversight - two events accomplished
- Conduct public service oversight through the HEAD Coalition - three events accomplished
- Conduct Orientation to citizens on Social Accountability mechanism at local level- four events accomplished
- Promote public transparency and accountability by Right to Information Tool - two events accomplished
- Conduct Strategic RTI Campaign and filing Public Interest Litigation (50 RTI Application and 5 PIL cases)- four PIL accomplished, 55 RTI application filed.
- Conduct Social Audit of IHRC- two events accomplished
- Support proactive self-disclosure policies for public authorities and CSOs- ongoing
- Orientation on Human Rights Management Information System (HR-MIS)- two events accomplished out of one
- Annual Report printing- accomplished
- Development of Capacity Building Plans- one accomplished
- Conduct Organization Capacity Assessment (OCA) of Non CS:MAP CSO-one events accomplished.
- Financial Sustainability- one accomplished
- Participate in Orientation/Training organized by FHI 360-four events, participated
- Quarterly review/reflection meetings- four events accomplished
- Celebration of days, events/movements- 11 events accomplished out of 4 events

Objective 1: Strengthened CSO initiatives to coordinate with the GoN and to implement constructive Text

Activity 1.1: Implementation of Constructive advocacy plans/ Strategies

IHRC conducted seven events (two events in Banke and five events in Bardiya) of constructive advocacy plans/ strategies in both Banke and Bardiya districts throughout the year. A total of 74 participants, female-26 and male-48 had engaged in the advocacy meeting. The issues were identified from CA meetings, LDAG meetings, noticed during public service oversight, public grievances and media coverage.

The advocacy tools of memorandum, delegation, interaction, discussion, filed public interest litigation (PIL), informal dialogue and candle lighting were used for creating pressure to resolve the issues.

Sickle cell anemia

CA members raised the issue of sickle cell anemia situation of Badhaiyatal in Sajedari Munch meeting held on December 24, 2020. The medicines were not available at Badhaiyatal health unit, although, there were about 65 patients in the Badhaiyatal the trend was also in the increasing as reported by Bheri Hospital. The patients were compulsion to go to Bheri Hospital for that proposes. As the issue raised and widely discussed in the meeting. The Palika chairperson committed to fulfill the required medicine. According to the report of Bheri Hospital up to March 2020, there were 523 sickle cell patients in the Bardiya.

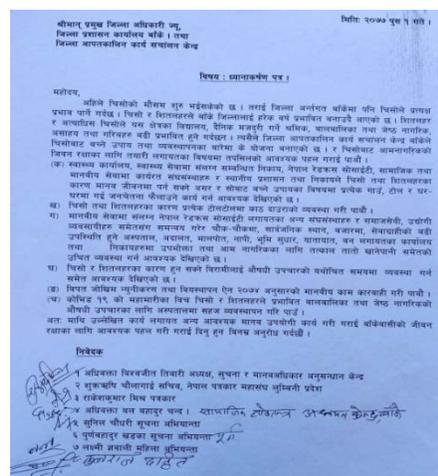
Table No. 2: Participants Status by District , Event, Date and Gender

RM, Event & Date	Total	Male	Female
Banke , Event-I, Mar. 14, 2021	22	21	1
Banke, Event-II, Sep. 14 , 2021- virtual	6	3	3
Bardiya, Event-I, October 6, 2020	13	7	6
Bardiya, Event-II, October 14, 2020	8	4	4
Bardiya, Event-III, November 5, 2020	5	4	1
Bardiya ,Event-IV, March 01, 2021	12	7	5
Bardiya, Event-V, September 14, 2021-virtual	8	2	6
Total	74	48 (65)	26 (35)

Delegation for Governance policy

Civil Society Champions went delegation to Gulariya Municipality for discussing on governance policy on November 5, 2020. There were five members in the delegation team. The participants were Bardiya Civil Society Chairperson, chair of Nepal Journalist Federation, chair of NGO federation, chair of BAR Association and Journalist.

Civil society key champions discussed various aspects of governance policy and its benefit to Palika if it was in place with the mayor of Gulariya Municipality. The delegation team had requested the mayor for preparing the policy after a long discussion. Mayor also discussed with other senior officers of Palika about the process of governance policy, then at, last made a commitment for policy.



Mayor of Gulariya Municipality assigned to senior officers of Gulariya Municipality for preparing a draft of governance policy and requested to share the draft governance policy in Nagar Palika Meeting for approval.

Civil Society leaders also got commitment and assured the mayor to coordinate and always support to accomplishment of public issues.

Action Against cold waves, December 16,2020

In order to save to the children, daily wages labors, senior citizens, Covid-19 affected patients and service receiver publics from chilling cold, IHRC in coordination with civil society had handed over memorandums to CDOs of Banke and Bardiya districts. There were six points on this memorandum.

- It is recommended that Health Office, Health service related sectors, Nepal Red Cross Society, CSOs and local administrative office and institutions should conduct awareness program related on safety measures of cold and fogs in community level.
- To supply fire woods in each and every village or tole where public can gather.
- To manage hot water in public service delivery organization like Malpot, Napisakha, Bhumi Sudhar, Adalat, Yatatyat office, Hospitals where public most often go to take their service.
- To manage weather friendly environment for patients in hospitals where they can get easy treatment in this cold seasons.
- To implement the Disaster risk reduction Act 2074 properly.
- To manage better and easy health service for children and senior citizens who are easily affected from COVID-19



Banke and Bardiya CDOs took actions on it. They conducted planning meeting with DDMC and requested to local governments to conduct programs that supports to public to save from cold. Local governments provided warm clothes, blankets to senior citizens and poor families both in Banke and Bardiya districts.

Memorandum for Environment protection

IHRC handed over a memorandum to Nepalgunj SMPCon January 7, 2021 for safe and clean environment. According to record of Nepal government Forest and Environment Ministry the pollution level of Nepalgunj city was unhealthy level. The level of air pollution was **157 US AQI**. So in leadership of IHRC, Clean Nepalgunj Green Nepalgunj Banke, BAR Association and FatimaFoundation took quick action on it.



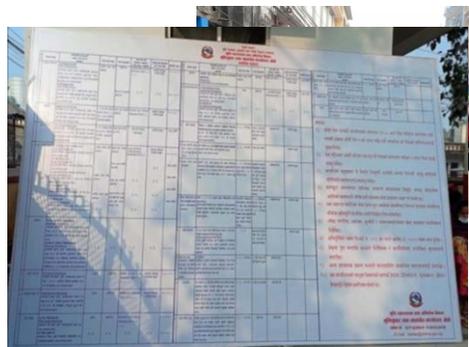
As per memorandum there was requested to stop driving vehicles once a week, increase forestation in city, watering on the road to control dust during constructing road, conduct awareness program on protecting environment, monitoring of air pollution level in factory, manage cow dung properly.

IHRC has been following up the status of identified issues regularly. Nepalgunj SMPC committed to take action accordingly. Nepalgunj SMPC added cleaning hospital's garbage program in 8th municipal council meeting. Mayor of Nepalgunj SMPC announced to take overall responsibility during council meeting.

Memorandum to Land Revenue Office

Collaboration with CSOs, IHRC submitted memorandum to Land Revenue office at Banke on January 21, 2021. IHRC board members and staffs, journalists, youth activist, civil society activists had involved in hand over program. In the memorandum five major points were included.

- To install a big citizen charter board in visible place.
- To disseminate clear information about available services, time period to provide service, service charge, responsible authorities etc in other to make more clear to service receivers.
- To manage neat and clean toilets in the office.
- To provide quick service to senior citizen, and disabilities.
- To apply zero tolerance against corruption.



IHRC had also handed over a memorandum to CDO in past month about the same objectives. Then CDO had monitored to Land Revenue office and found that an officer was offered a bribe by a service receiver to do his/her job in time and the officer was taking money from service receiver. Then CDO applied token system for equal service delivery and mediators (Bichauliya) are not allowed nowadays. Head of Land Revenue office committed to establish perfect citizen chart as soon as possible.

After hand over of memorandum to Banke CDO, head of Land Revenue office and regular follow up, a big Citizen Charter board has been installed which was not done for long years.

Banke Civil Society raised voice for justice:

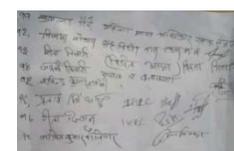
A girl about 15 years old, resident of ward number-6 Nepalgunj SMPC Banke had been attacked by a man. She is a student. She was grabbed and taken to a hotel by the a man. The man seduced her for sexual activity and when the girl ignored the man showed a knife and tried to kill her. She was beaten badly and become unconscious.



IHRC led Banke civil society, CSOs, women groups and human rights activists to take quick and effective action. The team conducted candlelight program, for 10 days in Tribhuwan Chowk. Each day human rights activists from district to province level asked for justice but without any result. Then IHRC conducted a meeting in IHRC office which prepared a memorandum. The team handed over the memorandum to the CDO Banke and copy of that was provided to the National Human Rights Commission Banke and Banke District Police Office.



The CDO and Banke District Police expressed commitment to arrest the perpetrator as soon as possible. They said that the Banke police continue working hard to arrest the criminal but becoming unsuccessful. **Then on 14th March 2021** again IHRC invited the large number of people for giving pressure to Banke police and CDO and handed over 2nd memorandum asking to provide justice to victim. Interaction had been done among Senior Police officer, CDO, senior journalist, Civil Society, Women Groups, Political bodies and representatives of CSOs. Banke police said that the criminal is hiding in India into Muslim community and it is difficult to arrest him because the criminal changing his place in different location. Banke Civil Society decided to continue putting pressure to authorities till further action are taken to arrest the perpetrator.



On 14th March 2021 IHRC conducted meeting with lawyers and Human Rights Activists and Media People and discussed on mechanism of reducing crimes, rape cases and gender-based violence. All stakeholders present in the event expressed commitment to play necessary role to secure human rights.

Result: The alleged perpetrator has been arrested according to the Banke police and currently is in judicial custody for trail.

News Link:

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=350111919629321>

Advocacy for policy and guidelines and implemented

CA-members / LDAG- members raised the issue for the need of governance and agriculture policy in Dudduwa and Badhaiyatal RMs. The issue was also discussed in the different meetings with stakeholders. After frequently follow up, Badhaiyatal RM has approved and implemented Governance, Agriculture and HR policy and implemented in the place. Similarly Dudduwa RM has also approved and implemented Agriculture and HR policies.

Open Cattle Movement Policy (OCMP):

Nepalgunj SMPC has been working on OCMP in coordination of IHRC and other CSOs and stakeholders. The issue had been raised during interaction in Nepalgunj. IHRC had filed PIL against all 16 local levels to manage Open Cattle Movement which has been identified as a major problem by all local levels as they are unable to manage thousands of open cattle like cow, ox, donkey, dogs, horse etc.

The issue was seriously considered during the interactions and by the media and advocacy team as well.

The talk is going on to manage a space in joint venture of all 16 local levels of Banke and Bardiya. Local governments have made common shed in open large area in their palikas. Gulariya municipality has managed Gausala nearby Krishnasar Protecting area Khairapur. There are about 400 oxen and cows. Similarly, Madhuban Municipality has managed a Gausala in Kothiyaghat area. There are about 100 oxen and cows. Likewise Duduwa RM has managed Gausala in ward no-5 Padampur nearby Gayetri Temple. There are about 60 cows and oxen. Geruwa RM Bardiya has managed Gausala in Jungle area. There are about 200 oxen and cows. Local governments trying their best to control the freed animals but because of open border of India many freed cattle come from India to Nepal . IHRC regularly raise the voice and encourage civil society and local government to play role to control this problem.

Reconstruction of Deep Boring:

The Amrahawa and Kamdi CAs of Banke had been repeatedly raising the issues of deep boarding during CA meetings. Therefore IHRC had visited the Under Ground Water Management Office in Nepalgunj and asked the authority about how and when the issue can be solved as the community people are interested to know about. The authority replied the reconstruction need expense of Rs 20 lakhs, approximately and they need to wait till the issue is considered by the central office at Kathmandu.

The issue was raised and discussed in the Sajha Sabha of Banke and the representative Mr. Surendra Bahadur Hamal, honorable provincial parliament member, had noted it and made strong commitment that he will certainly put it in provincial assembly and even federal assembly. In this FY 2020/2021 Under Ground Water Management Office has made plan to maintain Deep Boring and field survey has been completed. Amrahawa CA members have demanded water pumps from palika through application letter.

Now CA members and other households have received small water motor for irrigation and some households have received water hand pump from Duduwa RM.

Inclusive Leadership Development Training for Advocacy

CS: MAP/ IHRC managed inclusive leadership development training on September 14-15, 2021 at Banke and Bardiya. 14 (Male-5 and female- 9) Participants were attended in the two days training. The participants were from selected community (Bagwanapur-Duduwa, Banke and Gobarepur- Badhaiyatal, Bardiya) for inclusive leadership development. The objective of the training was to enhance the capacity of marginalized community for access to public service and develop the leadership for advocacy for those communities.

The training was managed in person separately Banke and Bardiya. Facilitators facilitated by virtual way with live technology, PC technically supported at Banke and PO at Bardiya. Experts (Bhola Bhattra, Samjhana Kachhyapati, Ratna Baba Tandukar) from CS: MAP/ Fhi360 facilitated the whole training.

On the first day, experiences were shared with each other on pushed backward, fell backward, and causes backward. The lack of access to resources, poor education situation, and lack of access to political, economic and administrative opportunities were shared from different communities of different districts. It was also shared that they themselves are also responsible for that to some extent.

It was widely discussed and orientated on forest user committee, water user committee, saving and credit group, youth club, women/ mothers group at ward level and political, social, cultural, economic agenda of their palika. It was also discussed local level planning process and meaningful engagement of marginalized people in that process. After long discussion and orientation, it was consensus that the state is responsible for equitable distribution of opportunity and resources.

In the second day, participants were orientated on human rights, constitutions, fundamentals rights, local governance act, planning formulation guideline of local government, advocacy process, advocacy potential area and details about rights with example.

At last, participants prepared action plan with group discussion and shared to team and finalized after feedback from resource person for advocacy in their own community.

Activity 1.2: Establish and Facilitate Common Assembly meetings at Local level- (a) Conduct Common Assembly meetings

IHRC conducted 14 (7 Duduwa and 7 Badhaiyatal) events of CA meetings in Duduwa RM of Banke and Badhaiyatal RM of Bardiya throughout the year. A total 317 (male-110 and female-207) were attended in the meeting. The engagement of female in the CA meetings can be found significant i.e. 65percentage of total. They discussed in the local public issues and issues were referred to local authorities for resolution. Discussion agenda were selected from sub-head meetings.

The main objective of the meeting was to create a civic engagement platform at community level and a forum for issue-based interface discussion between citizens and service providers on public service delivery and public resource use.

Table No. 3: Participants Status by District , Event, Date and Gender

RM, Event & Date	Total	Male	Female
Duduwa-5, Event-1, October 8, 2020	22	2	20
Duduwa-4, Event-II, October 16,2020	24	7	17
Duduwa-4, Event-III, January 20,2021	25	2	23
Dudwa-5, Event-IV, January 21,2021	25	6	19
Duduwa, Event-V, Apr 16, 2021	25	6	19
Duduwa, Event-VI, June 11 , 2021-Virtual	23	10	13
Duduwa, Event- VII, July 1,2021-virtual	16	9	7
Badhaiyatal, Event-I ,October 7, 2020	22	10	12
Badhaiyatal-, Event-II, January 11,2021	25	7	18

Badhaiyatal , Event-III, January 22,2021	25	18	7
Badhaiyatal, Event-IV, April 13, 2021	25	8	17
Badhaiyatal, Event-V, June10, 2021-virtual	21	7	14
Badhaiyatal, Event-VI, July 8,2021	21	11	10
Badhaiyatal, Event-VII , August . 27, 2021	18	7	11
Total	317	110 (35)	207(65)

Table No.4: List of Discussed Issues, Action Taken and Status in CA Meeting

Discussion issue	Action taken	Present Status	Remarks
Difficult for timely availability of chemical fertilizer, quality seeds, pesticide and insecticide. Management of JTA for ward no. 1, 2 and 3 and management of X-ray machine operator/doctor at Sorahawa health post	Issues discussed with Palika representatives, memorandum handed over to Palika, Issue raised at Sajhedari Munch Meeting	Timely management of agriculture inputs. Badhaiyatal RM has announced the vacancy and managed doctor for X-ray machine and JTA for 1, 2 and 3	Badhaiyata 1 & agriculture issue in both RMs
Proactive disclosure situation of Duduwa Rural municipality.	CA members discussed with Palika representatives on that issue	Duduwa RM updated its websites and committed to update regularly	Duduwa
Poor education situation of Nepal National Primary School, Amrahawa and students have been diverted to Nepaljung city school due to unavailability to teacher.	CA team visited to Duduwa RM representatives and expressed the issue. And requested to authority for action immediately	Palika assigned an English teacher in that school. CA members also motivated to parents to enroll their children at community school.	Duduwa-4
During COVID-19, patients were not properly checked at hospital to and behavior was not prompt to patients	CA members visited to health institutions and discussed with health personnel	Immediately issues solved and behaved promptly	Duduwa
Safe from Cold to Children, senior citizens and poor family in the winter season	Issues raised and discussed with ward and palika office	Palika provided warm clothes to senior citizens and poor family	Badhaiyata 1 RM
Community people have less aware on maintaining physical distance, wearing mask, using sanitizer and hand wash during COVID- 19	CA members taught and delivered the message in their community, public forum, virtual meetings, and their near and their neighbors for mitigating Covid-19 in the community. They also raised the issue at authority	Community people more aware on that	Common issue of both RMs
Price hike situation of daily used commodities due to COVID-19 pandemic situation. No market monitoring mechanism in the place. Business men have increased the price of commodities on their own	CA members raised the issue with ward level authority, issue also raised in Sajedari Munch meeting and Sajhasaba, PIL filed at the High Court	Palika authority committed to address the issue to some extent controlled	Common issue of both RMs

monopolies.			
COVID-19 pandemic widely affected both Duduwa and Badhaiyatal RM. PCR test is not widely accessible	The issue was raised in the concerned health unit of both Palika and memorandum submitted, court order after PIL filed	Authority made more accessible and increased PCR test at local level.	Common issue of both RMs
Air pollution (climate change) has increased and adversely affected health situation of people in March, 2021. Especially children, senior-citizens, pregnant women and lung patient were immensely affected	CA members also raised awareness in their own community and also raised the issue in the local authority for awareness raising on the issue	At the moment schools were closed for a week to minimize affect in children and awareness created to live in house if there is no any emergency.	Common issue of both RMs
Vaccine was not transparently distributed to targeted people. And no transparency in information flow.	CA members with community people raised voice. a committee has formed to identify the real issue	Palika authority became more sensitive in the vaccination campaign.	Duduwa
Population created by distillery- The issue was raised since one year, local authority were good informed about its bad impact	Memorandum handed over to Palika. The issue was also raised Sajha Sabha.	Authority committed to resolve the issue, if not resolved, IHRC has planning for PIL on that.	Duduwa
All schools of Palika were closed since long due to increasing infection of COVID-19	Issue ware raised in the concerned authority for alternative education and learning	The authority has thinking for alternative education and allocated budget also	Duduwa
There was installation of Deep Water Boring System at Amarhawa of Duduwa but it is not functioning due to pipe supply management. Since long. The people of that area depend on rain for irrigation.	The issue was raised at ward office and also raised and discussed at Sajha Sabha	The agriculture unit of Palika committed on that.	Duduwa
Pollution created from Unmanaged Brick kiln, especially in the summary season the dust and hot wave created from Kiln, people near of that have been suffering badly.	Issue was raised at local authority and also raised at Sajha sabha and discussed widely.	The local authority at Sajha Sabha meeting to discussed at Palika executive committee meeting.	Duduwa
The tipper caused extensive damage of the road badly (Rapti Bridge to Duduwa Bridge and Nepalgunj to Duduwa 4 no. road) due to over load of tippers. That created vulnerable for road accident at any time.	Issue was raised at Sajha Sabha	The authority committed to discuss the issue at Palika Executive Committee meeting.	Duduwa
Farmers were unknown about distribution of agriculture seeds and fertilizer from ward office (the issue of information transparency)	The issue was raised at Sajha Sabha and discussed widely.	The chief of Agriculture Service Center made clear about the issue	Duduwa
Unmanaged store of sand, stone and ballast for gravel that created environment damaged and dusty	The issue was raised at Sajha Sabha and discussed widely.		Duduwa

Inclusive leadership development process	Bagwanpur of Duduwa and Gobarepur of Badhaiyatal Selected for inclusive leadership development process	Worked with Bagwanpur community of Dudwa and Gobarepur community of Badhaiyatal	Both RMs
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CAs along with other community people have started such discussions on their own as learned from CA meeting and demanding / raised their needs with ward and Palika offices. The CA members are now able to raise issues and agendas and conduct local level interactions. As shared by the CA members, they have raised issues relating to service delivery during oversight, involved local level planning process, sought budgetary provisions, and asked for local development activities with Gaunpalika.

Activity 1.2: Establish and Facilitate Common Assembly meeting at Local level-(b) Conduct Sub Sectorial Sub-Head Committee Meetings

IHRC conducted 12 events of Sub-Head committee meetings during the FY 2021 at Duduwa of Banke and Badhaiyatal of Bardiya. Six events were conducted in each RM throughout the year. In the meeting, total 230 lead community people had attended that comprises male-84 (37%) and female-146 (63%). Data shows that female engagement can be found significant in the Sub-Head committee meeting.

The objective of the meeting was to discuss for identifying the issues related to public service delivery of the respective RM and those identified issues were referred to the CA meeting for further discussion and resolve. Based on the issue's nature, CA meetings can be further referred to the Sajhedari Munch meeting and Sajha Sabha for resolving the issue. Many issues have been resolved in the CA meetings.

Some were common issues of Both RMs, some were issues of Duduwa and some were issues of Badhaiyatal. They were categorized in the following table.

Table No. 5: Participants Status by District, Event, Date and Gender

RM, Event & event conducted date	Total	Male	Female
Duduwa-5, Event-I, October 31, 2020	15	0	15
Duduwa, Event-II, January 18, 2021	19	5	14
Duduwa, Event III, January 19, 2020	20	4	16
Duduwa, Event-IV, Apr 15, 2021	20	6	14
Duduwa, Event-V, June 11, 2021-virtual	23	10	13
Duduwa, Event-VI, July 1, 2021- virtual	15	9	6
Badhaiyatal-3, Event-I, October-5, 2020	18	8	10
Badhaiyatal, Event-II, January-10, 2021	20	6	14

Badhaiyatal, Event-III, January-20, 2021	19	12	07
Badhaiyatal, Event-IV, April 12, 21	19	6	13
Badhaiyatal, Event-V, June 10, 2021-virtual	21	7	14
Badhaiyatal, Event -VI July 8, 2021 -virtual	21	11	10
Total	230	84 (37)	146(63)

Table No. 6: Issue Category by District

Common- Issues	Duduwa- Issues	Badhaiyatal- Issues
Difficult for timely availability of chemical fertilizer, quality seeds, pesticide and insecticide.	Proactive disclosure situation of Duduwa Rural municipality.	Management of JTA for ward no. 1, 2 and 3 and management of X-ray machine operator/doctor at Sorahawa health post of Badhaiyatal,
Community people have less aware on maintaining physical distance, wearing mask, using sanitizer and hand wash during COVID- 19	Poor education situation of Nepal National Primary School, Amrahawa and students have been diverted to Nepaljung city school due to unavailability to teacher.	Safe from Cold to Children, senior citizens and poor family in the winter season
Price hike situation of daily used commodities due to COVID-19 pandemic situation. No market monitoring mechanism in the place. Business men have increased the price of commodities on their own monopolies.	During COVID-19, patients were not properly checked at hospital to and behavior was not prompt to patients	
COVID-19 pandemic widely affected both Duduwa and Badhaiyatal RM. PCR test is not widely accessible	Vaccine was not transparently distributed to targeted people. And no transparency in information flow.	
Air pollution (climate change) has increased and adversely affected health situation of people in March, 2021. Especially children, senior-citizens, pregnant women and lung patient were immensely affected	Population created by distillery- The issue was raised since one year, local authority were good informed about its bad impact	
Inclusive leadership	All schools of Palika were closed since long due	

development process	to increasing infection of COVID-19	
	There was installation of Deep Water Boring System at Amarhawa of Duduwa but it is not functioning due to pipe supply management. Since long. The people of that area depend on rain for irrigation.	
	Pollution created from Unmanaged Brick kiln, especially in the summer season the dust and hot wave created from Kiln, people near of that have been suffering badly.	
	The tipper caused extensive damage of the road badly (Rapti Bridge to Duduwa Bridge and Nepalgunj to Duduwa 4 no. road) due to over load of tippers. That created vulnerable for road accident at any time.	
	Farmers were unknown about distribution of agriculture seeds and fertilizer from ward office (the issue of information transparency)	
	Unmanaged store of sand, stone and ballast for gravel that created environment damaged and dusty	

Activity 1.3: Form and Facilitate Sajhedari Manch Meetings - (b) Organize Sajhedari Manch Meetings

CS: MAP/IHRC conducted six events of *Sajhedari Munch* meeting throughout the year 2021 on February 24, July 29 and August 24, 2021 at Duduwa of Banke and on December 24, 2020, July 30 and August 3, 2021 at Badhaiyatal of Bardiya. The three events were conducted in each municipality. A total of 133 participants (elected representatives-11, Municipal officials -19, media-12) along with CSOs-participation 13, CA-29, LDAG-19 and community people were attended in the *Sajhedari Munch* meeting. Based on gender, female participation was found significantly more than male participation. The participants were elected representatives – deputy chairperson, ward chairperson, executive committee members; municipal officials-administrative officer, sectorial office branch head, planning officer; media people, CSOs head and representatives, CA-members, LDAG-members and community people in the meeting.

Table No. 7: Category of Participants by Gender, Representatives, Officials, CSOs and LDAG

RM, Event & Date	Total	M	F	CSO-P ¹	CSO-R ²	ER ³	MO ⁴	Media	CA	LDAG	Other
Banke, Event-I Feb. 24, 2021	27	12	15	4	5	2	5	3	7	3	2
Banke, Event-II July. 29, 2021	16	11	5	1	1	2	4	2	5	2	

Banke, Event-III Aug. 3, 2021	20	6	14	2	2	1	1	2	3	4	7
Bardiya, Event-I Dec. 24, 2020	28	16	12	4	4	4	6	2	6	4	2
Bardiya, Event-II July. 30, 2021	17	5	12	1	1	1	2	2	6	3	2
Bardiya, Event-III Aug. 3, 2021	25	16	9	1	1	1	1	1	2	3	16
Total	133	66	67	13	14	11	19	12	29	19	29

Note: CSO-P¹: CSOs Participated, CSO-R²: CSOs Representatives, ER³: Elected Representatives, MO⁴: Municipal Officials

The objective of the Sajedari Munch meeting was to interact with local government and stakeholders about service delivery mechanism provided by local government. The issues were from community and ward level CA meetings. And resolved those issues based on resources and criteria.

The interaction and discussion over the identified issues, and find out potential solutions are the methodologies used during the meeting.

The governance and agriculture policy was discussed and raised since long, IHRC also provided draft policies to Palika. Badhaiyatal RM has approved and implemented Agriculture policy and Governance policy as well whether Duduwa RM has approved agriculture policy and implemented. The JTA of ward no-2 of Badhaiyatal was not available, Palika has managed now as issues raised and discussed. There was X-ray machine at Swarahawa Primary Health Center (PCA) but technical doctor for operation for that was managed. The information delivery mechanism has been relatively extended and transparent both in Duduwa and Badhaiyatal RMs. There was electricity problem in ward no. 5 of Duduwa that was resolved as issued discussed and processed. Some households of ward no 4 and 5 of Duduwa received water-pump/ tubel for drinking water and small irrigation as issue frequently raised in the sajedari munch.

The meetings were very useful for discussing the local agenda relating to public service delivery and public issue and find out the solution and timely address that provide relief to the community people who have been facing problems.

Activity 1.4: Conduct Shaja Shabas

CS: MAP/IHRC conducted two events of Sajha Sabha on August 5, 2021 and on August 17, 2021 at Banke and Bardiya respectively. A total 55 (female-20, male-34 and LGBTIQ-1) participants were engaged in the Sajha Sabha. The participants were elected representatives- DCC coordinator at Banke and executive committee member of Duduwa and Palika chairperson, deputy chairperson, ward chairperson of Badhaiyatal; municipal officials- chief



executive officer of Badhaiyatal; HR protection committee coordinator and members; agriculture head, health head, education head, women and children development office head, planning officer of both RMs; CA- coordinator, LDAG-members of both RMs and representatives from marginalized community and LGBTIQA in the program. They were actively engaged throughout the program.

Table No. 8: Category of Participants by Gender, Representatives, Officials, CSOs and LDAG

RM, Event & Date	Total	M	Fe	O	CSO-P ¹	CSO-R ²	ER ³	MO ⁴	Media	CA	LDAG	Other
Banke, Event-I Aug. 5, 2021	25	16	9	0	2	2	4	7	1	5	3	3
Bardiya, Event-I Aug. 17, 2021	30	18	11	1	3	3	2	7	2	6	5	5
Total	55	34	20	1	5	5	6	14	3	11	8	8

Note: CSO-P¹: CSOs Participated, CSO-R²: CSOs Representatives, ER³: Elected Representatives, MO⁴: Municipal Officials

The issue of education, agriculture, health, disaster, and environment was discussed one by one during Sajha Sabha and got commitment and consensus from authority. CA-members, LDAG –members, media people, HRPC-members and CSOs members were put the issue to concern panelist.

Table No. 9: Issue Raised and Commitment of Authority

Issue Raised	Answer of the agenda / Commitment and consensus from panelists
Duduwa	Coordinator- DCC, Palika executive committee members, district education head, Palika branch offices heads of different sector
Alternative education- during COVID-19, ensure the quality of education, dropout in Mother Shah schools and upgrade of Mother Shah School up to five class at Bagwanapur, Lack of subject wise posts in the public school schools (school)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Palika doesn't have concrete action plan for alternative class yet but Duduwa RM has been thinking about that. • Made commitment, to control dropout from Mother Shah Schools after three class, and demand of upgrading of Mother Shah Class at Bagwanapur, requested to Submit demand letter for that at education unit of Duduwa. • Committed to increase and allocation of budget for subject wise teacher at secondary level. • To increase children in the public school, Duduwa RM has allocated and made provision of Rs.15 for per children as tiffin cost.
The total agriculture land of Duduwa is depend on rain water, no irrigation facility; the quality of seeds, pesticide and insecticide and chemical fertilizer need to available in time. Some installed deep boring system were not functioning at place and	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For irrigation, requested to coordinate with Krishi Gyankendra-Nepalgunj since it needs more budgets. • Requested to submit demand letter to Agriculture unit at Duduwa based on the budget quantity and capacity that will be supported or recommended to respective office. • Irrigation Division office proactively work on that, so need to coordinate with that office. • The Palika office has properly managed for distribution of chemical fertilizer from 16 cooperative units.

demand for some deep boring at Bagwanpuruwa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information about seeds and agriculture related were disseminated from ward office with transparent manner, as discussed and raised the issue, agriculture unit will approach to community in the future.
Transparent COVID-19 Vaccine ; community building for Guaghar Clinic; proper information dissemination for COVID-19 vaccine; ensure quality of medicine distributed from health unit, Duduwa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information dissemination on COVID-19 vaccination date and other related information was properly disseminated from each health post unit. The authority committed to reach community for information dissemination. As there was raised for Gaughar clinic operation place, Palika committed to discuss about rented room for that As people expressed their doubt about medicine provided by health unit of Duduwa, palika expressed the ensure about the good quality of medicine.
Is it properly defined potential disaster area at Duduwa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Palika office identified potential disaster area from floods, will also identified other potential area for DRR.
Control Pollution Created by distillery installed at Duduwa-4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Executive committee member committed to raise the issue at Executive Committee Meeting of Duduwa and managed monitor of distillery and take action against that.
Unmanaged store of sand, stone, ballast for gravel that created environment damaged and everywhere dust.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Palika executive committee member committed to raise and discuss the issue at Executive Committee Meeting at Duduwa.
Badhaiyatal	Palika chairperson, deputy chairperson, Administrative officer and the heads of branch office unit jointly made commitment
The issues of vacant position of doctor at Sorahawa Primary Health Center; not functioning X-ray service at Sorahawa PHC ; sickle cell anemia patients	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The doctor position was fulfilled but unfortunately he is on leave for study, Plika is thinking alternative of that. The palika chairperson committed to address the issue regarding sickle cell anemia.
proper distribution of Covid-19 vaccine with fair,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Authority had committed to distributing vaccines with fairness based on the priority set.
startup alternative teaching learning process at school level	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Palika committed to alternative learning about children if the covid-19 and lockdown situation increased
agriculture inputs and output supplies need to manage (seeds, fertilizers, equipment, relief package, donation process is not proper, marketing);	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Palika authority committed to manage timely availability of agriculture inputs supplies. Plaika is more sensitive on that and made strong commitment that the relief package and incentive for agriculture production will be managed with fair and priority.
less access of Palika information and management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Palika has created own Facebook group, each and every information are managed and uploaded in that group. Every notice are in the should be id People raised less access of Palika information dessiminated by Palika office.

Immediate result- Palika authority has recently monitored to distillery of Duduwa, the issue has been raising by CA members since last year that pollution created by unmanaged of distillery. The authority monitored on September 26, 2021. IHRC has been thinking to file PIL against that issue if the Palika authority is not able to address the issue.

News link of monitoring-

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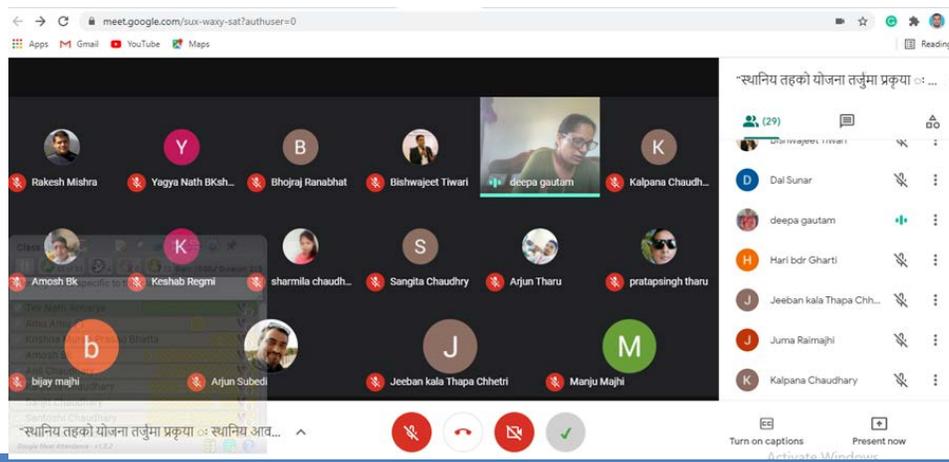
Activity 1.5: Provide orientation to CA members on public service entitlements and local planning process (continued)

IHRC conducted four events of *local planning process* on May 13, May 20, May 24, and June 2, 2021, in Banke, Bardiya, Duduwa, and Badhaiyatal respectively. Two events were conducted at the district level in each district and two were at the Palika level- Duduwa and Badhaiyatal of Banke and Bardiya. All events were conducted through virtual means.

The main objective of the local level planning process was to orientate to CA members, elected representatives, CSOs, women activists, and people of the disadvantaged community on seven steps of the local-level planning process. The engagement of poor and marginalized peoples in the planning process can contribute to improving local government business and allocation of proper budget for those people that support to increase disadvantaged peoples’ engagement in the development process also.

The Ppt. presentation, discussion, interaction, experience sharing, answer & questions, and commitment from concerned authorities were methodologies to implement the event.

CA members, elected representatives,



municipal officials, CSOs, Journalists, lecturers, teachers, women activists, legal professionals, HR defenders, representatives from different networking groups, LGBTQIA, youth, LDAG members, and CAR were actively engaged in the program.

Table No. 10: Category of Participants by Gender, Elected Representatives, Officials, CSOs, CA and LDAG

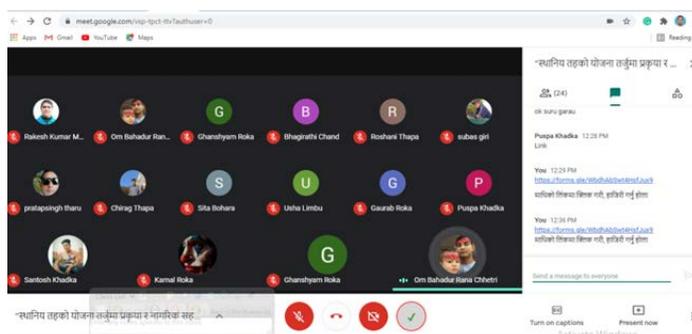
RM, Event & Date	Total	M	Fe	O	ER ³	MO ⁴	Media	CA	LDAG
Banke, Event-I May 13, 2021-Virtual	56	30	22	2	0	2	2	8	4
Duduwa, Event-II May 24, 2021-Virtual	25	12	13		2	2	2	10	6
Bardiya, Event-I May 20, 2021-Virtual	74	38	34	4	1	2	3	7	8
Badhaiyatal, Event-II June 2, 2021-virtual	31	12	19		1	2	2	6	7
Total	186	92	88	6	4	8	9	31	25

Note: ER³: Elected Representatives, MO⁴: Municipal Officials, CA: Common Assembly Members, LDAG: Listening Discussion Action Group

A total 186 participants (31 CA member, 25 LDAG) along with media, municipal officials, CSOs representatives and elected representatives were engaged in the local level planning process of Duduwa and Badhaiyatal RMs. 88 Female out of 186 were participated in the program

Four resource persons from FHI 360 facilitated the three sessions in the district level program.

Pranav Bhattra, governance advisor facilitated on Local Level Planning process and Civic Engagement; Bhola Bhattra, advocacy advisor, and Samjhana Kachhayapati, GESI advisor facilitated on inclusion of LGBTQIA, Single women, Women, Dalit, senior citizens, poor and vulnerable people on local planning process, Santosh Sigdel, Human Rights advisor facilitated on human right based approach on local level planning process.



Arjun Subedi, Chief Administrative Officer, Badhaiyatal and Om Rana, Planning Officer, Duduwa facilitated on *local level planning process practice of their Palika and budget allocation situation of last year in different development heads of their respective RM.*

The following issues were strongly raised by participants in the open discussion sessions

- Local govt. should allocate budget for management of health, COVID-19 and crisis management since COVID-19 created obstacles for significant participation of community people in the planning and implementation of development activities and economic development of community people.
- The issues of disability, women, senior citizens, single women, disadvantaged/marginalized people, and LGBTIQA, have less listened from local government. So, participants requested to CSOs member, elected representatives and municipal officials to raise the voice of those community for program designing and budget allocation
- Priority to be given for local production from agriculture and livestock that can support food security and income generate at local level.
- Need to design and implement awareness program to address child marriage, Gender based violation (GBV), domestic violence, untouchability and all type of social discrimination
- Program need to design for youth mobilization and engagement that create employment and self-employment at local level.
- Budget need to allocate transparent manner at local level.
- Palika should be concentrated to improve the education situation of children and technical and skills development education demanded for higher level.
- Prioritization of disabilities and provide them certificate and support if they don't have already.
- Poor and vulnerable peoples participation need to ensure in the planning process
- Planning of Palika need to address the issues of free from bonded labor; landless people especially the people of ward no 9 of Badhaiyatal.
- The poor and marginalized community peoples' meaningful involvement need to increase at local level planning process
- It is essential to design and implement of community people's empowerment program for active and meaningful participation in the local planning process.
- Local govt has been allocating budget cluster basis rather than need base. So, participants focused on better to allocate budget need base approach.

- Health rights and food rights need to secure in the pandemic situation and local level planning need to formulate accordingly.

The outcome of the event

- Palika level and district level participants were good oriented on seven steps of local level planning process, social inclusion process in the local level planning process and HRBA during the planning process.
- In the Palika level meeting, participants were well informed on local level planning process of Dudwa and Badhaiyatal and budget allocation situation of last year of both RMs.
- Based on the orientation, participants strongly raised the issues and feedback to local authority.
- Local authority (Deepa Kumari Gautam, Deputy mayor of Badhaiyatal and Arjun Subedi, Chief Administrative Officer of Badhiyatal, Sahida Bano, deputy chairperson of Duduwa and OM Rana, Planning Officer of Duduwa RM) made their strong commitment to address on the raised issues during the open discussion sessions as mentioned above.
- IHRC submitted memorandum to Badhaiyatal on June 23, 2021. Incorporating the issue raised and commitment made by the local authority.

As a commitment made by the authority during the local level planning process, Duduwa and Badhaiyatal RMs have addressed raised issues in the Policies and programs for the Fiscal Year 2077 /2078. The main person of the local authority allocated full time for the program and actively engaged in the program. People from the marginalized communities also actively engaged and raised the prominent issues in the program that felt authority and addressed to some extent.

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Activity 1.7: Support in implementation of Human rights guidelines (New Activity)

CS: MAP/ IHRC conducted two events of support in implementation of HR guidelines on July 29, 2021 and July 30, 2021 Duduwa and Badhaiyatal Respectively. Total, 24 (female-12 and Male-12) participants were attended in the program. Chief administrative officer, planning officer, executive committee members, branch head of different services, and CSOs were engaged in the program conducted in Banke. Deputy Chairperson, chief administrative officer, municipal officials, CSOs and IHRC board member were engaged in the Badhaiyatal.

Table No. 11: Participants Status by District , Event, Date and Gender

RM and date	Total	Female	Male
Duduwa, July 29,2021	12	8	4
Badhaiyatal, July 30,2021	12	4	8
Total	24	12	12

Duduwa

The participants were oriented on various dimensions of HR guidelines that were explained by the chief administrative officer, planning officer explained details about the criteria for the formation of the Human Rights Protection Committee Rakesh Kumar Mishra explained details about how the guideline formulated process from the very beginning to approval.

The executive committee members and chief administrative officer were committed for formulating of HR protection committee from the next Executive Committee Meeting of Duduwa RM.

Four members has been recommended with coordinator of Lilawati Yadav from Duduwa Palika Office, that will be approved from Executive Committee Members and remaining members will be also nominated by that committee.

Table No.12: List of Human Rights Protection Committee by Designation

Name	Designation
Lilawati Yadav	Coordinator
Rita Pariyar	Member
Udaya Raj Jaisawal	Member
Om Rana	Member Secretor

Badhaiyatal

Seven members the Human Rights Protection Committee -Badhaiyatal formed in the coordinator of Bir Bahadur Chaudhary. The committee has been approved by the Executive Committee Meeting. Arjun Subedi, chief administrative officer, orientated to newly formulated committee on the various dimension of HR guideline and criteria, since he was involved in the very beginning of the HR guidelines formulation. Deepa Kumari Gautam, deputy chairperson of

Badhaiyatal committed to support Human Rights Protection committee. Bir Bahdaur Chaudhary, coordinator of the committee expressed strong commitment for smoothly working in the committee and thanked to Badhaiyatal Palika for appointing the position.

Table No.13: List of Human Rights Protection Committee by Designation

Name	Designation
Bir Bahadur Tharu	Coordinator
Dal Bahadur Sunar	Member
Mamata Majhi	Member
Karishma Tharu	Member
Hari Bahadur Gharti	Member
Shreekanti Giri	Member
Arjun Subedi	Member Secretor

The first meeting was also held on the same day July 30, 2021. The first meeting decided to formally inform to respective office and stakeholders about the committee and its functioning situation. The committee also decided for monitoring human rights violation cases within Badhaiyatal Palika. The newly formulated committee members made commitment for their role and responsibility under HR guidelines.

The outcome of meeting were - Reviewed of human rights guideline, Palika Administrative Officer explained details about process of HR guidelines when it was formulated; Palika level Human Rights Protection Committee (HRPC) was formed in both RMs; and first meetings was held at Badhaiyatal; the HRPC- members were committed for human rights promotion and protection at local.

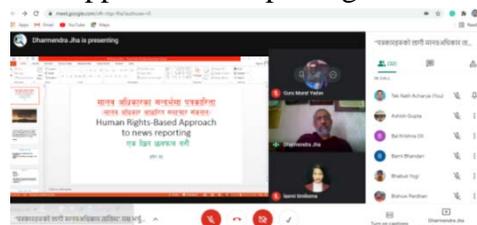
Activity 1.8: Human rights reporting training to local media and journalists (New Activity)

IHRC conducted an event on **Human rights reporting training to local media and journalists** on June 5, 2021. The event was virtually conducted.

33 (21 male and 11 female) journalists were attended in the training from different media house- Print media, electronic media and online news of Banke and Bardiya. The participation was active and enthusiastic throughout the training.

The objectives of the training was to enhanced the capacity of local journalists and media house on national and international human rights, human rights based approach on reporting and role and responsibility of journalist and media house for protection and promotion of human rights at local level by reporting in the line with HRBA.

Ppt. presentation, discussion, experience sharing, question answer, interaction, and feedback session were



methodologies for perfect delivery of information to participants applied during the training.

It was broadly discussed and oriented on three sessions during the training. The first session was on understanding *the Human Rights Concept and the Underlying Principles* facilitated by Mohna Ansari, former honorable member of NHRC and NWC (National Women Commission) Nepal; the second session was on *National and International Human Rights Implementation Framework* facilitated by Advocate Mohan Lal Acharya; and the last and third session on *Human rights reporting and role of media and journalists* facilitated by Dharmendra Jha, former president FNJ central.

Outcome of the Training:

- Journalist of Banke and Bardiya were well trained on human rights principle and standards and state responsibility to human rights
- Participants were able to distinguish human rights violations and crime with examples.
- Increased knowledge about international and national human rights framework among journalists
- Increased level of understanding about HRBA approach to reporting among journalists
- Participants were well trained on Journalists' Code of Conduct while Human Rights Reporting
- They were aware on role of local journalist for protection and promotion of human rights/ social justice at local level.
- participants expressed increased level of knowledge and confidence during the closing session.
- After the training, relatively more cases of human rights violations have been reported by local journalists and media houses that were noticed from observation of project team members.

News report in Tharu Language

https://radiogurbaba.org.np/news-details/1307/2021-06-05?fbclid=IwAR1g1JI8nOoEBY-Z7_zvQXJN388wnA6pOgsnoexjV1_O8h1hnaB4SS5yBQA

Objective 2: Improved coalition-building between local and national CSOs, & between CSOs & media that leads to joint actions undertaken on selected policy priorities across sectors.

Activity 2.1: Engage key civil society champions at district level (continued)



IHRC has identified few socially renowned personalities in Banke and Bardiya who have social recognition and can convey good message to the people. They represents from different sectors. The following table explains details of them:

Table No. 14: Key Civil Society Champions and their details

Banke	Dr. Janardan Acharya ,Professor Mahendra Multiple Campus Nepalgunj
	Advocate. Basant Gautam, Nepal BAR Association, Banke
	Prakash Upadhya, Civil Society Activist, Nepalgunj,
	Ravindra Karna, Human Rights activist.
	Maimuna Siddiqui, Women activist
Bardiya	Bal Krishna Oli , Chair of Civil Society Network, Bardiya,
	Rajendra Prasad Dhital, Chairperson of Bardiya Federation of Journalist,
	Bishnu Timilsina, Chairperson of NGO Federation- Bardiya
	Kashiram Tharu, Chairperson of THRD Alliance Bardiya
	Devidutta Devkota, Chairperson of BAR Association
	Kamal Poudel, Chairperson of Harabhara Agriculture Cooperative

IHRC frequently conducted civic interactions in various social contemporary issues where like-minded personalities host the programs to make the program effective.

Table No. 15: Participants Status by District , Event, Date and Gender

RM, Event & Date	Total	Male	Female
Banke, Event-I, October 11, 2020	5	4	1
Banke, Event-II, April 19 , 2021	11	10	1
Banke, Event-III ,May 16 , 2021	9	5	4
Bardiya, Event-I, November 4, 2020	5	5	0
Bardiya, Event-II, January 12, 2021	5	4	1
Bardiya, Event-III, April 18, 2021	6	4	2
Bardiya, Event-IV, August 22, 2021	5	4	1
Total	46	36	10

IHRC accomplished seven events of key civil society champion meetings in both Banke and Bardiya districts in FY 2021. Three events were in Banke on October 11, 2020, April 19, 2021 and May 16, 2021. And four events on November 4, 2020; January 12, 2021; April 18, 2021 and August 22, 2021 had conducted at Bardiya district. In the key civil society champions a total 46 people were engaged 36 were male and 10 were female.

Generally they discussed in the contemporary public issues that affected the life of general people. They used the advocacy tools of memorandum, delegation, civic appeal and visit to concern authority to resolve the issue.

The following is the list of memorandum, appeal submitted to concerns authority by key civil society champions with the initiation of IHRC. That created maximum pressure to local authorities for action to the issue.

- Submitted memorandum to CDO Banke to manage public movements during festival to reduce the possibility of COVID-19 transmission. Similarly, they had requested to stop prize hiking situation in the market. Further, they asked CDO and Nepalgunj SMPC to manage the poison checking practice in Sabji Mandi on October 11, 2020.
- Conducted interaction on governance and service delivery issue at Bardiya on November 4, 2020.
- Submitted a memorandum to Gulariya municipality and Badhaiyatal Municipality of Bardiya on January 12, 2021 in the issue of governance and use of Social Accountable tools (SA) at local government.
- Memorandum- on Beruju and health situation on August 24, 2021 submitted at DAO Bardiya as agenda was widely discussed in the meeting.
- Memorandum on Covid-19 issues as it was widely expanded and critically affected the life of people in that situation to create pressure to government for take immediately action in Banke and Bardiya submitted memorandum on April 18 and April 19, 2021 in Bardiya and Banke respectively.
- Released Civic Appeal on right to life of people from covid-19 on May16, 2021. At that 800 people were daily infected and 17/18 people were died daily basis in Banke

Achieved Results

- Local government and DAO immediately took action covid-19 infection, control civic movement both in city area and Nepal India cross borders
- Improved management of isolation and quarantine centers.
- Increased PCR test and antigen tests both in city and rural area of Banke and Bardiya districts.
- Governance policy and agriculture policy at Badhaiyatal and Agriculture policy at Duduwa approved and implemented.
- Market was monitored by concerned authority and CSOs members taking actions at Nepalgunj unnecessary shortage created and price hike of injection and medical tools from covid-19 infected people.
- Properly managed oxygen at hospital during the shortage of oxygen in the second wave.
- Local government has become more responsible to public service delivery as frequently crated pressure by appeals and memorandums and delegations
- Local governments relatively updated their website as RTI requested.

News Link related covid-19

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Activity 2.2: Organize district level interactions on vibrant civic space (role of civil society) and policy priority issues.

IHRC conducted five events of *organize district level interaction on vibrant space* in FY 2021 in Banke and Bardiya districts in three different sector. One event was in governance and security issue conducted on March 19, 2021 at Bardiya.

Two events were conducted on Covid-19 Second Wave: Situation, Analysis and Upcoming Steps on May 2, 2021 at Banke and on June 14 at Bardiya. And two events were conducted on Disaster Management and Response Plan and Role of Stakeholders for Mitigation on June 25, 2021 at Bardiya and June 28, 2021 at Banke. Four events were conducted through virtual platform and one event was in in-person.

The objectives of the program were to inform status of governance, Covid-19 and DRR situation of Banke and Bardiya and to identify role of stakeholders for mitigation and feedback for further improvement in the issues that also created pressure to stakeholders for betterment of the situation on the issue. All issues were contextual.

Ppt. presentation, discussion, interaction, question answer, victim’s experience sharing and commitment from stakeholders were the methodologies used during the event.

Participants were attended from DAO, DDRC, doctors, covid-19 focal person, Administrative Officer, municipal officials, HR defenders, women activists, advocates, journalist, LGBTIQ, CA members, LDAG- members, lectures, teachers, victims and youth were attended in the program additionally security personal were attended in the disaster management and response plan.

Table No. 16: Participants Status by District, Event, Date and Gender

RM, Event & Date	Total	Male	Female	LGBTQIA
Banke, Event-I , May 2, 2021-Virtual	27	21	6	0
Banke, Event-II, Jun. 27 , 2021-Virtual	61	35	25	1
Bardiya, Event-I, March 19, 2021	30	24	6	0
Bardiya, Event-II, June14, 2021-virtual	50	29	19	2
Bardiya, Event-III, June25, 2021-virtual	63	44	17	2
Total	231	153 (66)	73(32)	5(2)

A total 231 participants (male- 153, female- 73 and LGBTQIA-5) were engaged throughout the program.

It was good interaction between and among the participants and stakeholders. The events were timely implemented - before pick hours of Covid-19 second wave and just pre-monsoon period. The events also help to be alert stakeholders and people as well.

Governance and security issue

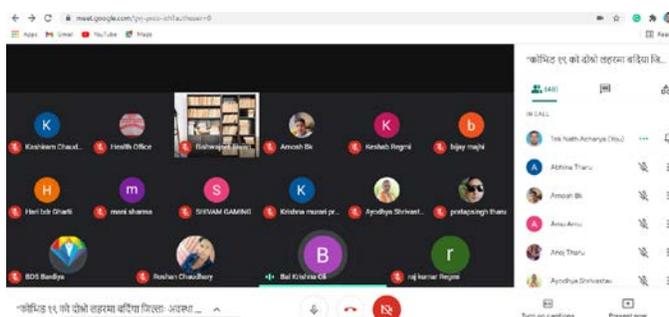
IHRC had shared about advocacy issues, best practices of IHRC. Then the open discussion was done to discuss on burning issues of Bardiya district. Chair of Bardiya Civil Society Mr. Balkrishna Oli facilitated the interaction meeting. He added that Badhaiyatal RM has developed Governance policy in effort of Civil Society so the role of civil society should be vibrant to make local government more transparent and accountable. In this meeting the participants also discussed about tiger attack incident because 8 people were killed by tiger less than 3 months in Bardiya district. Similarly, all the participants discussed on Governance policy and its' effective implementation in local governments of Bardiya.

They committed to hand over memorandum to all palikas to publish proactive disclosure and develop governance policy. Later, key civil society champions submitted memorandum to local government of Bardiya including the issue raised in the interaction program.

Covid-19

The event of Banke was facilitated by Shukrarishi Chaulagain, Lumbeni- Provincial journalist whereas Tek Nath Acharya falitated the event of Bardiya. Gokarna Giri, Chief public health officer, Gulariya made presentation on situation update of COVID-19 pandemic situation (number of death, infected rate, isolation center, quarantine center, doctors situations at hospital, senior citizens' vaccinated situation) of Bardiya and mitigation process of from stakeholders

- **Suggestions/ recommendations and impact** The concerned authorities assisted in bringing the critically infected person to the hospital in time.
- PCR checkups expanded and assessable relatively.
- Increased the number of beds with oxygen and prevent shortage,
- Need to increase health manpower and health workers in search and mobilizations of resources. – Medical staffs have been increased recently in Banke. And need to pressure to concern authority to increase doctors at Bardiya as per allocated seat to hospital.
- The telephone number has been operating 24 hours under the DAO (District Administrative Office) Banke. participants demanded to make it tool free
- It was proper managed of Nepalese returnees at Jamunaha Checkpoint and ensures their infection.
- The issue of livelihoods was raised strongly in the lockdown period for vulnerable people since long period of lockdown. Local government allocated some budget to address that.



- Need to increase stakeholders' monitoring towards isolation and quarantine centers at Bardiya.
- Need to increase transparency in vaccination process since some targeted populations were missed in the second round vaccination process.
- Requested for seriously implementation of "Order" made by Tulsipur High Court, Nepalgunj bench to concern authorities (DAO, DDRC, and DCCMC) that was ordered on April 30, 2021, IHRC and some activists filed PIL on April 27, 2021, relatively addressed.
- Some awareness programs managed from electronic media- proper use of mask, hand wash and sanitized, convey positive message through social media, media.
- Concerned authorities committed to take action who created shortage and price hike of medical tools and medicine - Bheri hospital released press on May 3rd, 2021 in shortage and price hike of Rentsiver. (impact)

Immediate Impact- the discussion program created pressure to concern authorities from all levels, the number of doctors have been increased, the bed number have been increased, oxygen have been available and properly managed, hospital management committee released press about prices hike of some medicine and medicals tools. The situation relatively improved.

Disaster Management and Response Planning:

Two events were jointly organized with NHRC- Lumbeni provincial office, Banke and IHRC. Jhank Rawal, head of NHRC Lumbeni province presented on Human Rights prospective on DRR. And Gaurilal Budhathoki, information management officer District Emergency Operation Center (DEOC), Bardiya and Rupan Gnyawali, information management officer District Emergency Operation Center (DEOC), Banke presented on situation DRR and Risk mitigation plan of both district separately.



Suggestions/ recommendations and impact :

- CDO of districts appreciated the program since the events were timely designed and implemented that supported to be alert to respective stakeholders and created awareness at public.



- Santa Bahadur Sunar, CDO of Bardiya and Dirgharaj Upadhyaya, Assistant CDO of Banke committed to involve proactively for information dissemination and management.
- CDO and security personnel committed to make high alert security team for immediate response
- The rescue teams of security of Bardiya and Banke have done pre preparedness exercise at Karnali and Rapti River respectively.
- For preparedness, the security personnel have made work division and risk mapping have already done.
- It was also consensus that vertical and horizontal coordination and collaboration is a key thing before, during and after disaster.
- In the open discussion, it was raised that the Pre-flood preparedness plan is not sufficient at district level and local level as well.
- In the open discussion, it was also raised that the implementation of DRR policies and guideline are still in poor situation so focused strictly implementation of laws at ground.
- Jhankar Rawal, the chief of NHRC, NPJ committed for recommending some issues rose in the program to NHRC central office for further action.

Effectively Implementation of DRR policies and rules is main message of the program, coordination and collaboration between and among stakeholders is another key message of the program.

News link- Bardiya

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Activity 2.3: Conduct strategic coalition-building meetings between CSOs and media for initiating joint actions (continued)

IHRC conducted seven events of coalition building meetings between CSOs and media for initiative joint action in the FY 2021 at Banke and Bardiya. Total 91 participants were actively engaged in the joint meeting. The participants were from of media and CSOs head and representatives.

Discussions on the contemporary public issues, sharing of the local issues individually, explore of the new issue, and find out the way for resolution was the process of the meeting.

Table No. 17: Participants Status by District, Event, Date and Gender

RM, Event & Date	Total	Male	Female
Banke, Event-I, November 20, 2020	14	11	3
Banke, Event-II, January 28, 2021	15	14	1
Banke, Event-III, August 13, 2021	20	20	0
Banke, Event-IV, September 5, 2021	10	9	1
Bardiya, Event-I, November 1, 2020	10	9	1
Bardiya, Event-II, February 25, 2021	12	10	2
Bardiya, Event-III, July 13, 2021	10	7	3
Total	91	80	11

There were discussed different public area i.e. safety roads, implementation of PIL order, not functioning of CC camera/TV installed in Nepalgunj city area, public health improvement, human rights promotion and pressure for protection.

Outcome of the joint effort

- It is established as a good forum for discussion on contemporary issues
- CSOs and media jointly submitted memorandum that became more stronger and more effective
- The media good coverage on the issues that was discussed that created first level of pressure to authority.
- The case of raped girls was highlighted and advocacy for her justice, media did good coverage on that issue that makes authority concentrated to search out the boy/ criminal at last find out.
- CSOs and media jointly sit discussed on status of CC camera installed at city area / square road then they jointly submitted memorandum to DAO with their presence. The authority committed to resolve the issue. After a month authority started repair and maintenance.

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- Governance policy formulated, approved from Executive Committee Meeting and implemented at Badhaiyatal of Bardia
- Mentioned neat and clean of toilet and bathroom at public offices of Bardiya.
- The joint effort to mitigate covid-19 was very useful and result oriented.

- The legal professionals were committed to enforce authority for implementing court order on PIL

Activity 2.5 Provide Orientation to Local Government to improve their business process to institutionalize policies (New activity)

This activity will be carried out for the first month of next year.

Objective 3: Improved CSOs and media capacity to conduct participatory and evidence based research on issues, policy and enforcement to benefit marginalized groups

Activity 3.1: Conduct research to generate evidence for advocacy

IHRC collected data and information of Bagwanapur of Duduwa and Gobarepur of Badhaiyatal, the most vulnerable community of Duduwa and Badhaiyatal. The objective of the data collection was to explore the issue for Inclusive Leadership Development Process in both Banke and Bardiya.

With discussion and data collection of Bagwanapur, it was found that they have a massive dropout situation among the students and are deprived of irrigation facilities. Similarly, the issue of less public information access had been explored in the Gobarepur of Badhaiyatal. The explored issues had been discussed among community leaders of Bagwanapur and Gobarepur as well.

The community leaders of both communities have prepared an action plan for advocacy with the local government to implement the issue.

Activity 3.2: Mobilization of Community Action Researcher (CAR)

Community Action Researchers (CAR) had supported to CS: MAP/IHRC in collecting information from the communities. They had collected Health, Education and Agriculture related information using checklist which supported IHRC to analyze the issues and making advocacy plans. They had also coordinated with community people when it was planned for implementation activities in their community. At the ending of the year 2021, CARs had more engaged for data collection of the inclusive leadership development process in both Banke and Bardiya districts. IHRC had mobilized two CARs one in each district. The contract of both CARs was accomplished on September 30, 2021.

The CARs were close with the community people, what the community faced difficulties in the community and from ward office and Palika office. They were come touch with CAR then assisted them by providing and assisting process information for service. If the problem is beyond their capacity, they have been asking to IHRC office for assisting. They also take part in meeting organized by ward and community and delivered the information of human rithgs, service delivery, RTI and came to know public service delivery situation of that community. They also organized small meetings and collect information from magainlized community that project addressed through various programs.

They took lead role for CA meeting, and deligation to ward office and palika with CA and LDAG members in different raised local issues. Many issues were shouting out by that process that became issues for advocacy. CARs had been collecting required information from field as per need and demand.

Activity 3.3: Conduct Public Expenditure Tracking Survey (PETs) to generate evidence for advocacy

This activity will be carried out for the first month of next year.

Activity 3.4: Organize Policy Dialogue between CSOs and Local Governments at District Level

This activity will be carried out for the first month of next year.

Activity 3.5: Support to Marginalized Groups in the Policy Formulation Process

CS: MAP / IHRC accomplished two events of policy formulation process to marginalized community on July 26, 2021 at Bardiya and Banke. In total 36 (Female- 16, Male- 18, other -2) participants were attended in the program. Participants were leaders of CSOs from Dalit, Muslim, Municipal Officials and marginalized community. Advocate. Kashi Ram Tharu, and HR activist Ravindra Karna facilitated in Bardiya and Banke Respectively. The event was conducted in-person with strictly followed up code of conduct and COVID-19 guidelines.

Table No. 18: Category of Participants by Gender, Representatives, CSOs

RM, Event & Date	Total	Male	Female	Other	CSO-P ¹	CSO-R ²	Media	Other
Banke, Event-I July, 26, 2021	20	13	7	0	10	11	1	8
Bardiya, Event-I July. 26, 2021	16	5	9	2	9	10	1	5
Total	36	18	16	2	19	21	2	13

The objective of the event was to inform about policy, policy formulation process, engagement of marginalized community in the policy making process and motive and focused to active participation in the policy implementation of marginalized community.

Ppt. presentation, discussion, Q&A and experience sharing methodologies were used during the delivery of the message.

The major outputs:

- Participants were good informed about what policy is and how policy formulated and process for policy formulation for marginalized community.
- The participants oriented on active engagement of policy implementation process and its positive effect in the community.
- Participations committed to active engagement in the policy making process at the local level.
- Committed for advocacy to include LGBTIQA in the upcoming census those were not included in the previous census.
- Committed to create pressure to local government for formulating of policy related to marginalized community and also create pressure for strictly implementing policies related to marginalized community.

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Activity 3.6: Support Local Government in developing anti-corruption Strategies

This activity will be carried out for the first month of next year.

Activity 3.7: Organize public consultation program on implementation of the NHRAP

CS: MAP/IHRC accomplished two events of consultation program on implementation of NHRAP as planned of the year. The first event was conducted on September 3, 2021 at Badhaiyatal of Bardiya and the second was on September 22, 2021 at Banke. A total 51 (Female-13 and Male-38) participants were engaged throughout the program. Elected representatives, municipal officials, media people, HRPC- members, CA-members and CSOs representatives, and youth were attended in the program. The HR expert Jhankar Bahadur Rawal, Chief NHRC-Nepalgunj was the facilitators for Banke and HR activist Prakash Upadhayaya was facilitators for Bardiya.

The objective of the event was to inform local concerned bodies about NHRAP; common understanding of NHRAP among stakeholders, localization of NHRAP, identified collaboration and coordination area for implementation of NHRAP at local level and discussed about the HR issues of local level for implementation of HR Action Plan. The targeted information was delivered through Ppt. presentation, interaction, experience sharing of local human right situation, Q&A

Table No. 19: Category of Participants by Gender, Representatives, Officials, CSOs

RM, Event & Date	Total	Male	Female	Other	CSO-P ¹	CSO-R ²	ER ³	MO ⁴	Media	CA	Other
Banke, Event-I Sep. 22, 2021	26	18	8	0	7	7	2	9	4	3	1
Bardiya, Event-I Sep. 3, 2021	25	20	5	0	3	3	8	5	2	2	5
Total	51	38	13	0	10	10	10	14	6	5	6

Note: CSO-P¹: CSOs Participated, CSO-R²: CSOs Representatives, ER³: Elected Representatives, MO⁴: Municipal Officials

The facilitators facilitated on process and introduction – NHRAP; importance of 5th NHRAP to promote human rights in federal context; implementation of NHRAP (national and local); role of local government and CSOs for implementation of NHRAP at local level; Need of Local level HR action plan to complement the implementation of National HRAP; coordination and monitoring mechanism (Committee). There was a good discussion on challenges and opportunity to implement NHRAP at local level. The outcome of the discussions were -

Low awareness level; resources limitation; resources use capacity; RTI implementation status at local level; rampant impunity, social and culture values- belief/ negative are the challenging factors for implementation of NHRAP and HR action plan. There was also opportunity to implement NHRAP that human rights policy at place; need and capacity assessment report at

place, HR action plan at place; Human Rights Protection Committee (HRPC) functioning; and Palika expressed strong commitment for implementing NHRAP.

The output of the event were local authority; CSOs were good informed on NHRAP, it's important, and process for it, role of local government and CSOs for implementing NHRAP at local level, need of RH action plan at local level, monitoring and coordination mechanism under NHRAP.

It was the consensus that the implementation of NHRAP is essential to mitigate rampant child marriage, domestic violence, GBV, all types of discrimination at the local level and respect the human rights.

Elected representatives, municipal officials and CSOs were positive to implement NHRAP at local level. Deputy Chairperson of Duduwa and Badhaiyatal was the chief guest for the event in their respective Palika.

Activity 3.8: Organize joint event between CSOs and local government on HRMIS

This activity will be carried out for the first month of next year.

Activity 3.9: Organize two-day training on Human Right Reporting Mechanism and role of civil society

CS: MAP/ IHRC conducted training on human rights reporting mechanisms and role of civil society on August 27-28, 2021 at Banke. Total 23 (Female-15, Male-6, LGBTIQA-2) participants were actively attended in the training. The Participants' representation was from of Human Rights Protection Committee (HRPC), Dalit organizations, LGBTQ, women organizations, Disable, Madhesi, Muslim, and youth organizations. They were from both Banke and Bardiya districts.

The objective of the training were to orient CSOs members on national and international human rights framework, mechanisms and processes; to build capacity of CSOs members on human rights reporting mechanism and procedures; to explore the role of local government in protecting and promoting human rights; to enhance the capacity of CSOs on HR reporting and documentation. Ppt presentation, discussion on local level practice, question & answer, and experience sharing were methodologies used throughout the training.

The participants were capacitated on history of human rights discourse; major values and principles of human rights; human rights generation; human rights and state responsibility, human rights violation vis-à-vis Crime. And good aware on nine core treaties (introduction); implementation mechanism (Treaty based/Charter based); Treaty Act: Section 9; government obligation- UPR process International human rights obligation of states; National HR Framework i.e. constitutional framework; legal provisions; judicial system; parliamentary

Committees; NHRC; ministries, departments and offices; HR directorate in Nepal Army; WCSC Directorate in Nepal Police; Women Cells ; local government and authorities. The participants were sensitized on drafting process and content of the NHRAP; importance of 5th NHRAP to promote human rights in federal context, implementation of NHRAP (national and local) ; role of local government and CSOs; on introduction to data and database; importance of data and databases for HR implementation; data collection, data desegregation; use of data in national and international HR monitoring and reporting; database related provision in the NHRAP ;how database/statistics support in promotion of human rights in the local level. The contents of basic principles of HR documentation and reporting; importance of HR documentation in reporting; practical hands out, tips and insights on HR documentation.

Participants felt data process and documentation and NHRAP process as new topics. They also take more interest on that and requested to organizer to manage refresher training of it in the future.

The participants were well trained on various dimensions of HRBA and details in human rights. They were able to teach human rights information to others and to share it in their own organization. Empowering from the training, the participants became one step forward for the protection and promotion of human rights in the community that was expressed in the closing remarks from a participant. The participants also suggested that the contents were vast for two days would be perfect for three days. The participant was inclusive from different sector and more interactive.

The training was facilitated by HR activist - Prakash Upadhyaya and Advocate Bishwajeet Tiwari

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Activity 3.10: Improve the standards of human rights monitoring and reporting

This activity will be carried out for the first month of next year.

Activity 3.11: Development of Human Rights Action Plan

IHRC accomplished two events for Development of Human Rights Action Plan of Duduwa and Badhaiyatal RMs during a year. Jhankar Bahadur Rawal, HR expert was assigned as a resource person for preparing draft Action Plan on August 6, 2021. He prepared the human rights action plan with consultation of Plaika authorities, CSOs representatives and review of relevant policies and documents. He prepared and submitted the first draft copy to CS: MAP on August 22, 2021. After the inputs from the CS: MAP/ Fhi360, IHRC organized sharing meeting with the concerned authority for collecting inputs from them.

Table No. 20: Category of Participants by Gender, Representatives, Officials, CSOs and CA

RM, Event & Date	Total	Male	Femal	CSO-	CSO-R ²	ER	MO	Media	CA	Other
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Banke, Event-I Sep. 23, 2021	20	12	8	2	2	2	9	4	3	
Bardiya, Event-I Sep. 1, 2021	21	12	9	3	3	8	5	2	2	1
Total	41	24	17	5	5	10	14	6	5	1

Note: CSO-P¹: CSOs Participated, CSO-R²: CSOs Representatives, ER³: Elected Representatives, MO⁴: Municipal Officials

The sharing meeting was conducted on September 1, 2021 at Badhaiyatal of Bardiya and on September 23 Duduwa of Banke.

A total of 41 participants- municipal officials-14, elected representatives- 10, media-6 along with CSOs; CA- members were attended in the sharing meeting. 17 female were enthusiastically attended that comprise more than 40 percentages of total participation. The participations were Deputy Chairperson, ward chairperson, Chief Administrative Officer, HRPC (Human Rights Protection Committee) – member, Agriculture, Education, Women and Children development office head, CA-members, and CSOs.

The facilitators shared details about, objectives, methodology, process, expected outcome of the action plan. Plan were formulated categorically human rights fundamental values- respect, protect, promote and fulfill, based on the programs and policy of the palika, Need and Capacity Assessment Report-2077, Human rights Guideline-2077.

Palika take a draft “Action Plan” very positive way and agreed to accept. Palika Deputy Chairperson and chief executive officer appreciated to donors, organizations for technical the support of preparing of Action Plan.

News Link –Bardiya

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Activity 3.12: Support to local governments to formulate CSO Coordination Law

This activity will be carried out for the first month of next year.

Objective 4: Improved capacities of local CSOs, media, and CBOs to monitor and report on cross-sectoral public service delivery, based on common standards applicable to each sector.

Activity 4.1: Conduct orientation to HEAD coalition/network on common standards/checklist for public resource use and service oversight

On 6th August 2021, IHRC organized a orientation to HEAD coalition/network on common standards/checklist for public resource use and service oversight with HEAD coalition in Bardiya district. There were 18 (M-11, F-7) participants in this orientation meeting. The participants were District level health, education, agriculture sector officer, Citizen Activist/civil society activists, BAR Association, journalists, teachers, farmers and others. The main objective of the meeting were to discuss and orientation on checklist for conducting public service oversight.

Describe progress made so far in this reporting period.

Objective 5: Improved bottom-up coordination between community, district, and national formal and informal CSOs engaged in public service oversight.

Activity 5.1: Organize coordination meetings of the HEAD Coalition for oversight

On 16th February 2021, IHRC conducted Coordination meeting of the Head Coalition for oversight. In this coordination meeting there were 23 participants (7 female, 16 male). The participants were Bardiya FNJ chair, Bardiya Civil Society chair, BAR Association, Media person, CA members and COSs. The main agendas of the meeting were to discuss on Governance policy development in other palikas in Bardiya district. 2. Sickle Cell Anemia Patients' medicine management in Palikas. 3. Area selection for public service oversight. The Head Coalition had decided to follow up the status of Governance policy in local government. Similarly, they had taken decision to coordinate with local government to manage medicine for sickle cell anemia patients. The team had selected Shree Amar Jyoti Secondary school Jamuni Bardiya for oversight.

5th August 2021, IHRC organized a coordination meeting with HEAD coalition in Bardiya district. There were 20 (M-12, F-8) participants in this coordination, meeting. The participants were District level health, agriculture and disaster sector officer, Citizen Activist/civil society activists, BAR Association, journalists, teachers, farmers and others.

The main objective of the meeting were to discuss on priority area of the Gulariya Municipality and Badhaiyatal RM and chart out future course of action for advocacy and oversight in the working areas, review the previous meeting minute and select the area for oversight. In this coordination meeting the team discussed on the following **agendas**:

1. Alternative Class conduction for school students.

2. Management vaccination to all people.
3. Management and implementation monitoring and oversight on services provided by government.
4. Choose the office for oversight.

Decisions:

1. Local Governments have to make plan to give continuity of teaching learning activities following the safety measures. Although the Nepal government has not announced the clear plan for school re-open the local governments have to think about right to education and take action to provide opportunity for education. They should make further plan analyzing the locality of own palikas.
2. Local governments have got target to provide covid-19 vaccination till Chaitra month but meeting has decided to pressure local government for providing vaccination as fast as.
3. Meeting has decided to request and pressure to Agriculture office to continue and effective monitoring team to monitor on services provided by government.
4. Meeting has chosed agriculture office of Gulariya Municipality for public service oversight.



In the meeting, open discussion had been done on current issues. Suggestion and feed backs had been collected from Participants. Doctor Mr. Sunil Pandey of Bardiya hospital and Mahadev Shah chief of agriculture office have appreciated on the project activities and also they insisted that mutual accountability is mostly implementation regularly in every areas. DAO shared the best practice and further plan of IHRC.

Activity 5.2: Conduct public service oversight through the HEAD Coalition

On 7th October 2020, Public Service oversight was done in Duduwa Rural Municipality. There were 6 participants in oversight team. They were TV journalist, journalist, Civil Society Key champions, Advocate and human rights activist. PC had oriented them about agriculture check list before conducting oversight. Then the team shared the findings to Duduwa Gaunpalka and handed over one hard copy with suggestion on the findings.



On 17th February 2021 IHRC conducted Public Service Oversight at Amar Jyoti Secondary School in ward no-2 Jamuni Bardiya. There were 8 participants (1 female & 7 Male) in oversight

program. The participants were chair of Bardiya civil society, chair of FNJ Bardiya, Chair of CA, Facilitator of CA, Radio Journalist and community leaders.

News coverage link

<https://faraksamachar.com/news/30373/>

On 9th August 2021, IHRC conducted this activity covering only agriculture sector. Public Service Oversight was done by CSOs team with 5 members (4-Male, 1-Female) on agriculture sector only. IHRC invited Bardiya Civic Society, local Journalist, BAR association representatives to oversight.

Table No.21:Status and Commitment

Palika/Topic	Findings and Lacking	Commitment of Municipality
Duduwa RM/Agriculture Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They provide home service to farmers with free treatment of animals. • There are 2 officers for agriculture service • They have developed 3 karyabidhi and still in process of Agriculture Policy finalization. • They have planned to provide mushroom production from farmers. • They have distributed some budget to youths who came back from India and other country to engage in agriculture. • They have to improve their information update system and should do proactive disclosure. • Coordination between Agriculture Knowledge Center and Palika level Agriculture Development Depart was seen weak. 	Palika said that they will take quick action as per findings of oversight. Duduwa RM focusing on agriculture program that they are going to establish seed collection and storage center in ward no-2 Duduwa.
Badhaiyatal RM/School	Lack of Technical teachers, Lack of permanent teachers in Lower secondary level, Quarterly basis annual income Vs expenses information was not shared.	After oversight the team shared the findings to Badhaiyatal Rural Municipality and palika committed to manage qualified technical teachers, formation of effective monitoring committee in palika level and manage current budget and long time budget to improve school.
Gulariya Municipality Agriculture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lacking of Agriculture doctor or technician. • Local level didn't use to manage proper budget at agriculture. • Agriculture service package did not lunch for the marginalized groups. • To manage agriculture fund. 	The interview report from head of the agriculture office showed that Public are not getting quality services in Gulariya Municipality. Deputy chief of Gulariya municipality has got commitment to address the issues which were raised the oversight team at first executive board meeting of municipality and she has requested to support for providing suggestion like these on farther next

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Objective 6: Improved citizen awareness and use of available GoN social accountability mechanisms.

Activity 6.1: Conduct Orientation to citizens on Social Accountability mechanism at local level

IHRC conducted four events of orientation to citizen on social accountability mechanism (SA tools) on March 15, 2021 and on July 27, 2021 at Duduwa of Banke and on March 16, 2021 and July 22, 2021 at Badhaiyatal of Bardia during the FY 2021. In total 88 (male- 38 and female- 54) participants were attended in the SA tools orientation program. Data shows that female participation can be found significant than male.

Table No. 22: Participants Status by District, Event, Date and Gender

RM, Event & Date	Total	Male	Female
Banke, Event-I, March 15, 2021	21	8	13
Banke, Event-II, July. 27, 2021	19	9	10
Bardiya, Event-II, March 16, 2021	30	13	17
Bardiya, Event-I, July 22, 2021	18	4	14
Total	88	34(38)	54 (62)

Women group, youth, community people, members from Tole Sudhar Samiti, members from forest user committee, community leader were actively attended in the orientation program. ED, PC and PO had facilitated the events.

Ppt. presentation, interaction, Q&A and discussion and experience sharing were methodology used during the orientation program.

The participants were oriented on RTI, Public Hearing, Public Audit, Social Audit, Community Score Card and Citizen Report Card.

They committed to play roles to make service providing government institutions more accountable and transparent. Further, they said they will check local governments' websites and face book page for need base information.

The orientation of SA tools sensitized the community people and started to ask question about service delivery mechanism of local government, Informal monitoring of development activities operated at local level, started to involve in the local level planning process, requested for RTI.

Activity 6.2: Promote public transparency and accountability by Right to Information Tool

IHRC maximum used RTI tools, 55 information were requested from local government and other public offices. Some information has been received and some were still in the process, IHRC has been following that. IHRC also had used memorandum in different public issues to authorities and followed for them. IHRC also oriented to most marginalized people of Gobarepur of Bardiya and Bagwanapur of Banke about RTI and its process.

IHRC submitted memorandum to the Bardiya CDO on March 25, 2021. The memorandum was related with Covid-19 pandemic situation of second wave. It was collaboration with Journalist and Civil Society key champions. And Civil Society key champions approached the Gulariya Municipality and Badhaiyatal Rural Municipality to conduct public hearing, social audit on time following the legal provision of government.

The memorandum was also handed over to CDO of Banke together with CSOs, media and legal professionals requesting in the following points -

- To monitor market during festivals to control black market.
- To take action for managing COVID-19 during Dashain and Tihar festival
- To play role to start poison test in vegetable and assign monitoring team to monitor market for quality foods.

Similarly, Press release was done requesting to government to secure rights to live healthy life. (PCR test matter). It was requested to Free PCR test instead of taking cost.

Throughout the year IHRC requested 55 numbers of RTI with local governments of Banke and Bardiya and other public offices. The culture of information demand had made the local government be more accountable and responsible for their duty that was the realized. The following is the details about RTI during the year.

Table No.23: List of RTI Application Submitted

Applicants	RTI Application Date	Issue / Agenda	Submitted
Bishwajeet Tiwari and Man Bahadur Chaudhary	Oct 20,2020	Details of elected representatives who received Dashain allowances	Banke (6)- Nepalgunj SMPC, Kohalpur Municipality, Rapti Sonari RM, Janaki RM, Narinapur RM, Duduwa RM Bardiya (3)- Gulariya Municipality, Badhaiyatal and Geruwa RMs
Bishwajeet Tiwari and Man Bahadur Chaudhary	November 10,2020	Grievances not provided requested information	Banke (3)-Nepalgunj SMPC, Duduwa RM, Raptisonari RM, Bardiya (2)-Gulari Municipality, Badhaiyatal RMs National Assembly, Kathmandu , separate letter
Pratap Singh tharu	March 5,2021	Is formulated Agriculture policy and	16 local level Governments of Banke and Bardiya, separately

		Good Governance policy in your Plika ?	
Bishwajeet Tiwari	April 15,2021	Death body management at Mashan Ghat	16 Local Level governments of Banke and Bardiya, by separate letter
Laxmi Tiwari	April 28,2021	number of assign doctor and their round routine for service to COVID-19 victims; doctors' name and their round schedule with date in hospital for service to COVID-19 infected patient during on April 14, 2021 to April 28,202.	Bheri Hospital, Banke
Pratap Singh Tharu	May 24, 2021	What is planning for increasing people's participation on local level planning process	8 local level governments of Bardiya, by separate letter
Bishwajeet Tiwari	September 17, 2021	Details service delivery process from Nepalgunj Branch office	Health Insurance Board, Kathmandu

CS: MAP/ IHRC organized RTI orientation for promoting public transparency and accountability at Duduwa of Banke and Badhaiyatal of Bardiya in the same day on July 30, 2021, morning and day shift. The majority of the participants were from of Gobarepur Madhesi (community) and Bagwanapur (Muslim community). A total 47 (Female- 15 and Male- 32) participants were attended in the meeting. The orientation was provided in Awadhi Language since all most all participants were from Madhesi and Muslim community. Advocate Bishwajeet Tiwari was the facilitated of those events.

The objective of the event was to enhance the skills on RTI details for the most marginalized community's members. The required information was delivered through Ppt presentation, discussions, questions, and answers sessions.

Table No. 24: Participants Status by District, Event, Date and Gender

RM, Event & Date	Total	Male	Female
Banke, Event-I, July. 30, 2021	17	13	4
Bardiya, Event-I, July. 30, 2021	30	19	11
Total	47	32	15

The lead community members had oriented on what is RTI, why it is important, how it is processed, how people benefited at the local level by RTI and how marginalized people are affected by RTI. It was explained linking with transparency and accountability.

Activity 6.3: Conduct Strategic RTI Campaign and filing Public Interest Litigation (50 RTI Application and 5 PIL cases)

The details of RTI have been mentioned in the above activity no . 6.2, and Table No.23, see on that

IHRC filed four public interest litigations (PIL) during the year of October, 2020 to September, 2021. The details are explained in the following

Tulsipur High Court- Nepaljung Bench, Covid-19, Second wave (April 2021)

With an alliance of Advocates and some rights based organizations - Information and Human Rights Research Center (IHRC), Forum for Women, Law and Development (FWLD), Advocacy Forum, INSEC, Human Rights and Peace Society (HURPES) filed PIL at High Court Tulsipur, Nepalgunj Bench on April 27,2021 against District Administrative Office (DAO) , Banke and CDO- Banke, District Covid-19 Crisis Management Center (DCCMC). The filed PIL has demanded protection of the right to life and health of common people in COVID-19 pandemic situation.

Specifically, Proper provision of Oxygen at hospital; access and availability of medicine; availability of doctors, increasing isolation beds with oxygen facility , increasing of equipped doctors team, maintain necessary coordination among and between related stakeholders (vertical and horizontal linkage), easily and safely access of PCR test for poor people, availability of daily good with reasonable price at Market since price hike and shortage of commodities can be found due to lockdown and frequently monitoring of market for smooth and appropriate market service were raised issues for proper management.

Tulsipur High Court- Tulsipur Bench Dang, Covid-19, Second wave (May 2021)

With an alliance of Advocates and some rights based organizations - Information and Human Rights Research Center (IHRC), Journalist Sushil Basnet, Advocate Bishnu Mani Dhital, Advocate Rabindra Kumar Dhital and Advocate Madhusudhan Gautam filed PIL at High Court Tulsipur, Dang on May 13, 2021 against District Administrative Office (DAO), Dang.

The filed PIL has demanded protection of the right to life and health of common people in COVID-19 pandemic situation and its proper management.

Specifically, Proper provision of Oxygen at hospital; access and availability of medicine; easily, safely and widely access of PCR test and swap collection; proper management of quarantine and Isolation; access and good management of ventilator and ICU; especial care of children, women, vulnerable and disadvantage people; proper monitoring of market to control shortage and price hike of daily use commodity were the issues of applicants.

High Court Order over filed PIL (April 2021)

Tulsipur High Court, Nepalgunj Bench Ordered to District Administration Office (DAO), Banke; CDO Banke and DCCMC Banke on April 30, 2021 for implementing of 14 points orders. The govt. lawyer was also presented in the day of order.

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Issue habeas corpus, May 5, 2021

There was no trial for the detainee during the second wave of Covid-19 when all the courts were closed that was the matter of Public Interest. To protect and promote the right to live with dignity, and in accordance with Article 155 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, IHRC filed PIL at High court Tulsipur Nepaljung Bench on May 5, 2021. The High Court Tulsipur, Nepaljung Bench had ordered immediate hearing and justice in the 155 petition for the protection of human rights. The victims got justice from that order.

Management of the funeral at the cremation ground, August 16,2021

The Tulsipur High Court, Nepalgunj Bench has issued an interim order on behalf of the stakeholders for the entire management of the funeral at the cremation ground after the death of the person on August 17, 2021. The High Court order - to provide free firewood for cremation at Masan Ghats under Banke and Bardiya districts; proper management of masks, soap and safe water for cremation crews to save from COVID-19 pandemic; to make arrangements for immediate electric lights at the cremation grounds.

IHRC with the alliance of advocates, senior citizens, and some citizen of Banke and Bardiya, the petition was filed on August 16, 2021 at Tulsipur High Court, Nepalgunj Bench.

A single bench of Dr. Ratna Bahadur Bagchan, Senior Judge of the High Court has issued an interim order for the immediate implementation of the same in the name of Banke and Bardiya administration offices, all local level governments, state and federal offices.

Advocates- Kewal Singh Tharu, Sudip Bhatrai and Suresh Gautam argued in the sitting in the presence of petitioner advocates Sunil Kumar Shrestha, Biswajit Tiwari and Basant Gautam.

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RTI and PIL application has supported to protect rule of law and made local government more accountable and transparent to some extent. It also shows strong solidarity among CSOs, media, and legal professionals that is a strong watchdog to government. That has been working effectively at the local level.

Activity 6.6: Conduct Social Audit of IHRC

CS: MAP/ IHRC conducted two events of Social Audit of IHRC on November 8, 2020 and September 20, 2021 at Nepalgunj, Banke during October, 2020–September, 2021. The social audit was conducted as per Social Audit guidelines 2067 prepared by Ministry of Federal Affairs and General Administration.

The objective of the social audit was to know stakeholders’, beneficiaries’ perception and activities impact in the community, effectiveness of program and get suggestions from community for further improvement and maintained transparency and accountability in the project.

HR activists, Dhruva Raj Sharma, assigned facilitators for details field work and survey on August 6, 2021. The report was outcome from FGDs with beneficiaries and community people, CA-members, LDAG-members, interview with Palika deputy chairperson, chief administrative officer, elected representatives, municipal officers, project staffs, field observation and document review. And the methodologies of Ppt. Presentation, discussion, open discussion, answer and questions done during the social audit sharing meeting.

Table No. 25: Participants Status by District, Event, Date and Gender

Venue and Date	Total	Female	Male
Nepalgunj, November 8, 2020, Event -I	32	8	24
Nepalgunj, September 20, 2021, Event –II	43	12	31
Total	75	20	55

The prepared audit report was presented among the 75 (Male-55 and Female - 20) participants. The participants were from of DCC, BAR association, NGO federation, NGOs, journalists, women activists, legal personnel, CA-members, LDAG-members, beneficiaries, IHRC board members, human rights activists and CSOs. DCC coordinator was the chief guest in the first event and president of NGO federation was the chief guest in the second event.

In the open discussion session, participants appreciated the report and IHRC as well and also suggested to follow up of Public Interest Litigation (PIL) for implementation of court order, RTI is the identity of the organization that should be reported specifically in the audit report, organization's activities should be more focused to rural area, project should not be limited in two Palika to cover Banke and Bardiya whole districts, corruption situation is increasing need to work together to minimize, and need to explore of fund for sustainability of civic campaign, publication of success story that support for synergy effect and to include campaign activities in the audit report.

IHRC welcomed all the suggestions and recommendations and agreed to incorporate them in the report.

Activity 6.7: Provide technical support to local governments in increasing the quality and frequency of public hearings

This activity will be carried out for the first month of next year.

Activity 6.8: Support proactive self-disclosure policies for public authorities and CSOs

IHRC has assigned a facilitator for self –disclosure policies of Dudduwa and Badhaiyatal RMs on August 6, 2021. Facilitators worked out and prepared a draft report. The first draft report has been received from facilitator. After some work from IHRC, the draft report was forwarded to Fhi360 for further inputs. Fhi360 organized meeting with facilitator and with remarks the draft file have been forwarded to facilitator for addressing the inputs from Fhi360.

The draft policy will be submitted to the Palika for adoption in next quarter.

Activity 6.9: Provide technical support to local governments to customize/localize guidelines for Public Hearing and Public Audit

This activity will be carried out for the first month of next year.

Objective 7: Improved citizen engagements in media and Information and Communications Technology (ICT) tools to strengthen public participation and oversight.

This activity will be carried out for the first month of next year.

Activity 7.1: Knowledge Documentation and Sharing

This activity will be carried out for the first month of next year.

Activity 7.2: Orientation on Human Rights Management Information System (HR-MIS)

With the coordination of OMPCM, MOFAGA and local government of Duduwa and Badhiyatal, CS: MAP/ Fhi360/ IHRC conducted two events of orientation program on HR-MIS at Duduwa of Banke and Badhaiyatal of Bardiya. The events were conducted on February 2, 2021 at Duduwa and February 9, 2021 at Badhaiyatal. In the orientation program, Deputy Chairperson, Education officer, Health Finance Officer, representatives from planning department, Women Development Depart, IT officer, Information Officer, Social security department representative participated. A total of 19 participants 16 were municipal officers and three elected representatives. Six were female out of 19 participants in the orientation program.

The main objective of the orientation was to enhance the capacity of the local authority on online database management system on Human rights cases related to fundamental rights that database was developed by CS: MAP/Fhi360. That can support to local government to be accountable for quality data.

The methodologies of Ppt presentation, database management system demonstration, practice, experience sharing, Q&A were used during the orientation program.

Table No. 26: Participants Status by District, Event, Date and Gender

RM, Event & Date	Total	Male	Female	ER ³	MO ⁴
Banke, Event-I , Feb. 2, 2021	10	8	2	2	8
Bardiya, Event-I, Feb. 9, 2021	9	5	4	1	8
Total	19	13	6	3	16

Santosh Sigdel. HR Advisor, CS: MAP/Fhi360 and Biplav Adhikari, Computer Engineer, Youth Innovation Lab facilitated the event.

Participants enhanced their capacity on developed Information Management System on education, health, women, children, employment, and social security guaranteed by fundamental rights.



HR-MIS Training for Duduwa

The participants suggested adding Information relating to crime, gender-based violence, and discrimination to the marginalized communities in the HR- MIS application that helps to make effective plans for ensuring their fundamental rights. Participants also highlighted the absence of relevant data at the local government. The participants further said that they have some data available in palikas but it hasn't been maintained properly and is not in system. They express their commitment for updating of required data.

Local governments said that the HR-IMS system is very effective and important for them but it should also cover the data from all the departments of local governments. Availability of data relating to all departments will help palikas to learn from each other and also support for local level planning process.

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Activity 7.3: Annual Report printing

IHRC had printed out the Annual Progress Report (APR) of FY 2020 on January 2021 for documentation purposes.

Objective 8: Improved institutional governance of selected CSOs and media organizations.

This activity will be carried out for the first month of next year.

Activity 8.2: Development of Capacity Building Plans

CS: MAP/IHRC prepared capacity building plan on September 4, 2021 at Nepalgunj, Banke. Total 12 (Male -8 and female-4) people engaged in the plan development. The participants discussed and assess the lacking part of organization and board/ staffs members as well then planned accordingly.

The methods of discussion, prepare work plan and consensus were followed plan development.

In the planning meeting, it was reviewed the OCA (Organization Capacity Assessment) plan and its real time of implementation. It was found that almost all OCA plans were implemented and need to review time and again for strengthening and sustainability of organization. IHRC have gained the knowledge and skills in Fund raising, Advocacy Cycle, Monitoring & Evaluation parts, System Leadership technique, OCA and ARI from Fhi360 in the past that skills and knowledge supported for further development.

For institutional capacity development, IHRC discussed and planned for review and finalized of two essential policies - Anti-corruption Policy and Safeguard policy. Proposal writing training to staff members is also essential. So, IHRC also planned for that.

The planned policy formation was accomplished at the mid of September and approved from 9th AGM meeting.

IHRC also implemented OCA (Organization Capacity Assessment) to CSOs in Banke.

Activity 8.4:GESI audit and implementation of findings/recommendations

This activity will be carried out for the first month of next year.

Activity 8.5:Conduct Organization Capacity Assessment (OCA) of Non CS: MAP CSO

Feminist Dalit Organization (FEDO) Banke had participated on OCA orientation conducted by IHRC Banke. FEDO decided to use OCA tools in their organization and requested to IHRC to support them on OCA workshop. As per FEDO's request IHRC provided technical support on OCA workshop organized by FEDO. The three days OCA workshop was conducted on January 5 -7, 2021 at FEDO office. FEDO-board members and staffs had actively participated.



There were seven female participants (3 board members and 4 project staffs). Executive Director and Program Coordinator from IHRC facilitated the three days sessions based on OCA schedule and District Accountability officer helped to keep record.

IHRC trained them clear about OCA tools, its process and its importance in organization.

The participants were divided into two groups and assigned for group work in five key areas: governance, organization management, program management, human resource management and financial management. The 27 sub domains were clearly explained and well discussed into groups. The results were compiled into an agreed upon action plan that mapped priorities areas and action that the organization will take to address problems and gaps.

FEDO Banke appreciated on OCA tools and has expressed commitment to use those tools regularly.

Activity 8.6:Promote internal governance for CSOs

This activity will be carried out for the first month of next year.

Activity 8.7:Support CSOs to adapt and institutionalize organizational capacity assessment, planning practices, and scores

This activity will be carried out for the first month of next year.

Activity 8.8:Provide comprehensive support to CSOs to improve their organizational capacity on advocacy

This activity will be carried out for the first month of next year.

Objective 9: Improved capacity of select CSOs and media organizations to mobilize social and financial resources for sustainability.

This activity will be carried out for the first month of next year.

Activity 9.1: Financial Sustainability

CS: MAP/ IHRC organized an event for financial sustainability on September 7, 2021 at Nepalgunj, Banke. Total 12 Participants (Female-4, and Male-8) were attended in that meeting. The major objective of the event was to plan for the organization's financial sustainability and carry out major activities after the project cycle. A review of the sustainability and preparing action plan for financial sustainability was the main agenda of the program.

Interaction, discussion, and consensus were the methodologies for the event

CS: MAP has provided too much capacity development training to partner organizations (IHRC) in the initial period of the project. The capacity development was both institutional development, OCA- (Organization's Capacity Assessment), and individuals' (staff and Board members) as well.

IHRC had prepared and submitted a proposal on awareness rising on human rights and RTI to ward- 5 of Nepalgunj Sub-metro municipality city. The proposal was awarded and agreement was done in Rs.100000 (one Lakh rupees) on December 4, 2020. IHRC contributed 13% (Rs. 12950) of total budget in the approved amount. IHRC successfully accomplished the event and submitted to report to ward office.

IHRC has been submitting many proposals to (INGOs) International Non-Government Organization and Local Government. In total, more than ten million NPR have been already received from the local governments and implemented relevant activities perfectly in the community. Through those activities, IHRC has earned credibility from the local government and community people as well.

IHRC has made an action plan for preparing the proposal and submit to Duduwa RM, Narainapur RM, Nepalgunj Sub-metropolitan and Kohalpur Municipality of Banke and Badhaiyatal RM of Bardiya and also plan to submit to proposal to INGO where public notice is announced.

IHRC has also formulated proposal writing committee under the coordination of the vice chairperson.

Objective 10: Improved capacity of CSOs and media organizations to advance local solutions on priority development issues across sectors and to promote peer-learning opportunities.

Activity 10.2: Participate in Orientation/Training organized by FHI 360

FHI360 had provided many capacity building trainings and workshops to IHRC Board members, IHRC staffs and Civic Society representatives. That opportunity supported to enhance the capacity partner staffs and CSOs representatives. The following are the summary of the trainings and orientations that IHRC received from Fhi360 during the FY2021.

Good Practice and Lesson Learn (GPLL) training

FHI 360 conducted Good Practice and Lesson Learn (GPLL) training to CS: MAP related CSOs. Executive Director, Program Coordinator, Program Officers took part on 3 days virtual training on GPLL. It supported us to improve key gaps on report writing, success story and case study writing. Further it helped to create understanding on good practice and lesson learned documentation process and methodology. IHRC has been applying the knowledge and skills received from GPLL.

DRR and Crisis Management Training

Fhi 360 conducted 3 days training on DRR and Crisis Management training on January 26- January 28, 2021 through virtual platform. Executive Director, Program Coordinator and Program Officers were attended in the training.

The training enhanced the capacity on disaster type, loss and damage and impact in community level. Further it boosted us to become familiar on constitutional and legal framework of three tier of government and to respond on DRR. We learnt ideas and method of making participation of community in DRR and Crisis Management. Group work provided us opportunity to learn from other CSOs participants.

Orientation on Inclusive leadership Development process

Fhi360 organized two days orientation program on inclusive leadership development on May 24- 25, 2021 through virtual platform. ED, PC, PO were engaged in the orientation program. Objective of the orientation was to inform about inclusive leadership development process and select most marginalized community for inclusive development. The orientation program was facilitated by Advocacy advisor Bhola bhatrai, HR advisor Santosh Sigdel and GESI advisor Samjhana Kachhyapati. The orientation event was moderated by CS: MAP consultant Ratna Babu Tadukar.

The participants were well oriented on inclusive leadership development and were able to manage the inclusive leadership development process at their respective palika.

Human Rights - ToT

CS: MAP/ Fhi360 organized three days Human Rights Training of Trainers (TOT) to CSOs representative and Partners. The ToT was started from August 8, 2021 and ended August 10, 2021.

Prakash Upadhaya, from CSOs, Bishwajeet Tiwari from IHRC board, Rakesh Kumar Mishra, IHRC Ed and Tek Nath Acharya, PC/ CS: MAP/ IHRC were attended in the ToT training. Participants were well trained on human rights concept and the underlying principles, national and international Human Rights Implementation Framework; fundamental rights and human rights, human rights reporting mechanism, National Human Rights Strategic Plan, Human Rights Action Plan at local level, judicial committee; Role of CSOs for human Rights reporting and Use of database on Human Rights.

After ToT training, IHRC successfully implemented some human rights related training and activities very effectively - “two-day training on Human Right Reporting Mechanism and role of civil society”; “Organize public consultation program on implementation of the NHRAP”; “HR Action Plan” and planning for HR-MIS.

Activity 10.3:Project Closeout meeting

This activity will be carried out for the first month of next year.

Objectives: Cross cutting activities

16.1: Quarterly review/reflection meetings

IHRC conducted four events of quarterly Review and Reflection meeting throughout the year (October, 2020 to September, 2021), one in each quarter. The meetings were conducted on November 26, 2020, March 30, 2021, June 17, 2021 and September 8, 2021. All meetings were conducted at Nepalgunj, Banke. IHRC board members, general members, project staffs and monitored from donor were attended in the review meeting.

The objective of the meeting was to share progress achieved both programs and financial during the ongoing quarter and collect feedback from board members and Fho360 monitor for further improvement and built coming understanding and consensus for implementing of upcoming events in the field.

Table No. 27: Participants Status by District, Date and Gender

Venue and date	Total	Male	Female
Banke, November 26, 2020	17	13	4
Banke, March 30, 2021	11	7	4
Virtual- June 17, 2021	16	10	06
Banke, September 8,2021	12	08	04

Ppt presentation, discussions, question and answer and consensus were the methodologies applied during the review meetings.

PC presented details of progress during the each quarter; data details, faced challenges, learned lessons, best practices, budget VS expenditure and plan for next quarter.

The COVID-19 pandemic widely affected to implement activities in the field throughout the year. Frequently lockdown, prohibitory order became big challenges to achieve the target in time, although, some activities were implemented by virtual means but did not meet planned targets of the quarter.

The project team had received valuable feedback from Fhi360 monitored and IHRC board members, that suggestion and feedbacks were translated in the field.

16:2: Celebration of days, events/movements

1. 16- Days Campaign against Gender-Based Violence

The 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence is an international campaign coordinated by the Center for Women’s Global Leadership and used by activists around the world as an organizing strategy to call for the elimination of all forms of gender-based violence. The core 16 Days campaign takes place every year between November 25 and December 10 and is run by more than 6,000 organizations in 187 countries. IHRC has conducted some events as follows:

a) First Event- Candle Lighting

On the occasion of 16 days Campaign against Gender based violence, on November 26, 2020 IHRC conducted a symbolic event Candle Light Program with Banner and play card including message of stop gender based violence. The events had been conducted on Nepalgunj Bheri hospital road in front of District Administration Office Banke. IHRC had done coordination with Nepalgunj SMPC. In this event participants were BAR Association representatives, National players, IHRC board members, staffs and local people. All participants used white cross ribbon on coat or T-shirt, Play cards including message of stopping gender based violence were displayed by participants. Seven participants given speech about gender based violence and all committed to stop it starting from own house. Candle light was done praying to establish peace in Nepal. Participants said that we have clear policy about gender based violence but it is limited only in paper so that we all must follow the rules of law and should play role from our side to stop it. BAR association representatives also said that they have many cases in their office and they have been trying their best to provide justice to victims.



b) Second Event- Interaction Program

In the coordination of local Governments (Duduwa RM and Badhaiyatal RM), IHRC involved in 16 days campaigns in Banke and Bardiya districts. On December 8, 2020 IHRC jointly conducted interaction meeting in Duduwa Rural Municipality. Similarly, on December 10, 2020, Interaction and review meeting was conducted in Badhaiyatal RM, Bardiya.



Figure 1 Duduwa 16 days Campaign against GBV 2020

In total there were around 70 participants in Duduwa and 89 participants (male 20, female 69) in Badhaiyatal. The participants were elected representatives, municipal officials, local CSOs, women group, representatives of area police office, BAR association, journalist, community leaders, political bodies, human rights defenders, watch groups, CA-members, LDAG-members, single women, representatives of disabilities group.

In Duduwa RM interaction was done where advocate Sunita Sharma facilitated the interaction session. The participants who had GBV issues and domestic issues, they asked questions about legal process of issues sorting out. Advocate Sunita made them clear answered of the questions. It was good opportunity for participants. Duduwa RM committed to make plan that they are going to form Child clubs in each and every wards and develop monitoring mechanism to reduce GBV in community level.



In Badhaiyatal RM this event had been celebrated day by day conducting interaction meeting in each and every wards and last day on 10th Dec 2020 a huge mass with play cards and Banners including messages against Gender based violence moved on streets and did sharing meeting at Sungabha meeting hall. Palika chair Mr. Lal Bdr. Shrestha was chief guest and Dipa Dhital deputy chair of Badhaiyatal was chairperson of that meeting. The main objective of the meeting was to share the findings collected from wards, find out the most disadvantaged groups who were affected highly due to COVID-19 crisis and make further action plan to reduce GBV in upcoming days. In sharing meeting, participants from different groups had given speech against gender violence.

Palika chair said that Badhaiyatal RM has women and girls friendly policy and this year they are going to develop GESI policy as well. A 5" by 4" flex banner had been printed and all participants read the national slogan of 16 days campaign together and signed on the banner to show the common agreement to stop gender violence. After review and sharing meeting, candle light program was done in main chowk of Mainapokhar Market. All the participants committed to



support from their side to stop gender based violence in family, society, community.

2. International Anti-corruption Day -Candle light

IHRC conducted candle light program on December 9, 2020 at Amrahawa of Duduwa RM collaboration with ward level community people. Women groups, youth group, child club, LDAG-members, CA- members, community leaders and Journalist had participated. The main objective of the candle light event conducting in community level was to raise awareness against corruption, its' effect to the community and mitigation measures- questioning habits of what? Where? Why? Need to develop in community people. The participants were informed about the cause of corruption and potential area for corruption at local level.



Memorandum handed over

IHRC collaboration of CSOs and Journalist handed over memorandum to Federal Level government through DAO Banke on December 9, 2020 incorporating six major points:

- To update Personal Assets details of all local governments' elected members on Palika's website for transparency for public.
- To maintain Proactive disclosure and update it as per RTI act 2064.
- To conduct campaign to Promote SA tools like Social audit, Public Hearing, RTI etc
- To implement RTI act 2064, Governance promotion strategy and operational guideline 2074 by all local government.
- To deliver public service as per Citizen's charter.
- To publish Integrated Citizen's charter in each and every public service institutions.

3. International Human Rights Day- Interaction and Rally

Collaboration with like-minded organizations, IHRC jointly celebrated 72nd International Human Rights Day on December 10, 2020, in Banke and Bardiya districts.



The main theme of the day was *"Recover better and Stand up for Human Rights"*. This year the Human Rights day is more important because COVID-19 crisis affected to poor, vulnerable and disadvantaged group who were already far from their rights.

The authority need respect Human Rights Deceleration 2048, rate of GBV has increased in the period of COVID-19 and Lockdown, need to concentrated work on that and human rights promotion activities need to expand to the rural village were the major consensus of the event. CDO Banke made strong commitment for respect and protection of human rights in the district.

Jhankar Bahadur Rawal, was the chief guest of the day celebration. Ram Bahadur Kurungbang, CDO, Banke, Sunil Shrestha, Vice chairperson Nepal BAR council, Bishwajeet Tiwari, IHRC , Bhola Mahat, INSEC, , Maimuna Siddhiquee, Fatima foundation gave sheech on protech and promotion of human rights.



In the program, Bhajan Human Rights Prize was given to Dwanda Pidit Samaj Banke chairperson Chandrakala Upreti.

Rally and candle light Program was also arranged at Badhaiyatal of Bardiya. The slogan was **Recover better and Stand up for Human Rights.**

Speech link

<https://www.facebook.com/tiwaribishwajeet/videos/10224206867509381/>

4. Safe Internet Day 2021

IHRC Celebrated *Safe Internet Day* on February 9, 2021 at IHRC office. The event was organized in collaboration and coordination with the Digital Rights Nepal

In that meeting, Nepal police, legal professionals, CSOs, HR activists, media took part and discussed the importance of safer internet.

Chair of Digital Rights Nepal Mr. Santosh Sigdel highlighted major provisions relating to regulation of internet in Nepal, and possible role of stakeholders to make the internet safer. Representative of Nepal Police, DSP Dilli Bahadur Khadka shared about growing trend of cybercrimes in Nepal expressed commitment to collaborate with civil society to raise awareness about cyber safety. Advocate Basant Gautam



highlighted how lack of knowledge about legal provision has resulted to misuse of internet by adolescents.

Participants in the event stressed on the need of raising awareness about internet safety and security, especially among the young people and children.

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5. International Women Day

IHRC celebrated International Women's Day on March 8, 2021 in Banke and Bardiya with the collaboration of local government, CSOs, I/NGOs and community people. The objective of the event was to create and promote awareness on women's rights.

The Women Development department in local government had coordinated with all stakeholders, NGOs, INGOs, civil society, and media to celebrate the 111th International Women's Day (IWD) with enthusiasm. The theme of International Women's Day 2021 was 'Choose to Challenge'. The slogan for this year's IWD is 'Women in Leadership: Achieving an equal future in a COVID-19 world.'

a) *Organized a rally:*

It was organized rally in the different location of Banke and Bardiya. More than 1000 of people in Nepalgunj SMPC, 300 in Duduwa RM and 300 in Badhaiyatal RM (women, youths, children, CSOs, local government, Journalist, civil society) took part in rally with play cards and banners. CA/LDAG members, office staffs, board members, watch groups, HEAD coalition from our side had involved in the rally.



b) *Drama/ Poem/ Song/ Speech:*

In Duduwa Child clubs had role played to show drama to disseminate the message of causes of violence, discrimination and child marriage. CA members sang song related on women rights and stop violence. PC from IHRC shared contribution of IHRC to establish women and child rights and shared the importance of about gender equality during speech program.

c) *Open Interaction Program:*

In Badhaiyatal RM all participants discussed the current situation of gender equality and further plans to improve gender equality in the future. In Banke, Nepalgunj SMPC committed to collect data of marginalized people, disable people, and victims to ensure their rights as per the constitution.



d) Candle Lighting:

At the evening of the day, IHRC invited to women groups, student, lawyers, journalist, local government representative, civil society to join in candle lightening program. In Banke district, IHRC conducted this event in Trivuvan Chowk with banner and play cards. About 20 participants took part in the program where all participants gave their view about International Women's Day and lighted candles praying to bring justice for victims in the districts.

Similarly, the same event was conducted in Badhaiyatal RM too. Deputy chair, DCC chair, ward members, political bodies, CA members, civil society had participated in Candle light program.



6. International Criminal Justice Day

Celebration of days, events/movements - CS: MAP / IHRC alliance with different CSOs celebrated International Criminal Justice Day on July 17, 2021 under the activity of Celebration of days, events/movements (5.03.16.02). NHRC- Banke, INSEC- Banke, Advocacy Forum, Women's Law and Development Forum, High Court Bar- Banke, Bar Association- Banke, Human Rights Organization- Banke Branch, IHRC, Human Rights and Peace Society- Banke, and TJ Network – Banke were the organizer of the day celebration.

honorable judge, Keshab Raj Joshi, Shiva Ram Gelal, CDO- Banke, Shyam Krishna Adhikari, SSP Advocates, HR activist, HR defenders women activist, youth. 56 participants were attended in the day celebration 12 were female and 44 were male. The participation was active and enthusiastic.

The alliance submitted memorandum to Prime Minister Sher Bahadur Deuba through Shiva Ram Gelal, CDO of Banke. The alliance requested to Nepal Government for ratification of the International Criminal Court (Rome Statute) for promotion of rule of law, End of impunity, and Justice for the victim in the memorandum.

7. National Information Day Celebration

Collaboration of national level CSOs and local level CSOs, CS: MAP/IHRC celebrated National Information Day collaboration with different related stakeholders by different ways, virtual interaction, application for RTI, interaction with stakeholders and candle lighting on August 19, 2021. The event was conducted both in Banke and Bardiya district. The celebration day created awareness among community, stakeholders committed over the issues raised by people, RTI situation of the area was also analyzed during the day celebration.

8. International Day of Victims of Enforce Disappearances

With Collaboration of CSOs, CS: MAP/ IHRC celebrated *International Day of the Victims of Enforce Disappearances* on 30 August, 2021. The day was celebrated by conducted four different activities- Interaction program, Memorandum to PM, Blood donation, Candle lighting.

The Interaction program, memorandum handed over through CDO and candle lighting were conducted on August 30, 2021 and Blood donation program was on August 31, 2021.

In the program, Chief Justice, High Court Tulsipur Dang- Nepalgunj Bench, Assistance CDO – Banke, Head of the Government Attorney's Office-, BAR – chairperson, journalist, CSOs, Victims, youth, HR activists, Women activists were attended. More than 100 people were attended in the interaction program. All stakeholders were committed to protect the right of the disappeared people during Mouist Insurgency from their level. Victims shared their past experienced and their present situation and economic and social life and children education.

9. International Democracy Day

CS: MAP/ IHRC have celebrated International Democracy Day on September 15, 2021 at Banke. In the day celebration total 10 (Female-3, Male-7) people were attended. The participants shared their experience and feeling about practice of democracy at local level and implementation of constitution and fundamental rights. The democracy of Nepal is not able to fulfill the aspiration of people, democratic cultures has not established yet. Civic engagement in the policy formulation and development activities is poor. People also not followed up of civic duty as provisioned by the constitutions.

The conclusion is the situation is not satisfactory and need more work to do for real implementation of democracy in Nepal

10. Constitution Day

Virtual orientation to college students:

With the coordination with MM Campus, Nepalgunj, IHRC celebrated the constitution Day on September 19,2021. The day was celebrated by organizing orientation program to student. Advocate Bishwajeet Tiwari orientated on the fundamental rights guaranteed by constitution of Nepal-2072 and its real implementation in the ground and role of youth and students for promotion of and protection of constitution.

Students were good oriented on fundamental rights guaranteed by constitution of Nepal-2072. They were also informed about real implement situation of the fundamental rights. The role of youth is the crucial for implementation and promotion of constitution at local level and national level as well. Total 28 youth were joined in the day celebration. The participation was active and enthusiastic. The day was celebrated through virtual means.

Interaction with RTI activists:

IHRC celebrated Constitution Day on September 19, 2021 jointly with CSOs from all over the Nepal. The day was



celebrated through virtual means. RTI activists from all over the Nepal were joined in the orientation cum interaction program. Senior Advocate Dinesh Tripathi, and Swagat Nepal were the chief guest of the event. Total 75 activists were engaged in that interaction program. The interaction was on ***provision of Right to Information (RTI) and its implementation***. Chief Guest did presentation on that issue. The implementation and present situation of RTI is not good that we expect. People have not received requested information from public office in time. There is no information transparency throughout Nepal. Public information is expensive although the constitution of Nepal has guaranteed of RTI in the fundamental rights.

11. International Day for Universal Access to Information- Right to Know

With a collaboration of Nimble college of Nepalgunj, CS: MAP/ IHRC celebrated Right to Know day on September 28, 2021 at Banke. The day was celebrated by conducting ***Orientation Program to Youth and Students***. The orientation program was facilitated by advocate Bishwajeet Tiwari. The youth and students were oriented on fundamental rights and Right to information (RTI), benefit of RTI, process for RTI. Satish Thapa Principal of Nimble College and Sunil Kumar Gupta, lecturer of college were also engaged in the orientation program. 44 (Girls/female - 19 and boys/male - 25) Students were attended in the orientation program.

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In summary

CS: MAP / IHRC celebrated 11 different national and international days in Banke and Bardiya in strong collaboration and coordination of local government CSOs, media, legal professionals, CA-members, LDAG-members and community people,

Especially women and youth were more engaged in the day celebration. The day celebration had supported to create awareness at local and community level; solidarity for the day celebrated, and stakeholders expressed commitment on the theme for implementation.

The days had celebrated in different nature of the event – rally, candlelight at the crossroads and in front of DAO office, the main road, organizing interaction program, dialogue program, submitting the memorandum to concern authority, delegation, and press release.

3. Cross Cutting Interventions

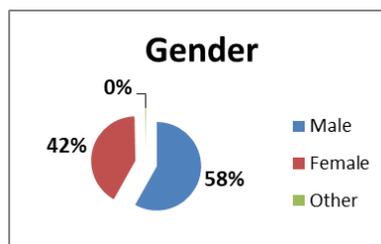
3.1. Gender Equality and Social Inclusion Activities

IHRC always respects GESI values and performs every intervention with full attention to GESI. It has developed GESI policy and follows it accordingly. IHRC prepared

Gender	Value	%
Male	3059	58.2
Female	2185	41.5
Other	16	0.3
Total	5260	

action plan for inclusive leadership development and process in Duduwa and Badhaiyatal RM. The settlement is selected for that. IHRC always provide good opportunity to participate in the program

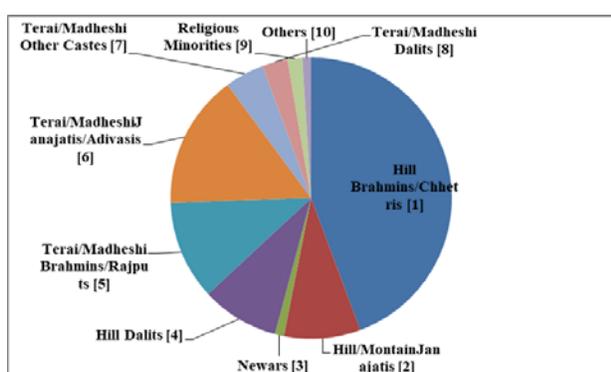
To ensure GESI, IHRC good worked out and planned for increasing all section of the community people's engagement in the program. The invitation was carefully managed with the coordination of CA, LDAG, IHRC board members.



IHRC also jointly planned with CSOs, Media, NHRC, Palika, ward office, Dalit, Women activist that also supported to increase GESI in the program.

In total Participants, Female have 42 percentage of participation, Male have 58 percentages and LGBTIQA have 0.3 Percentage in both RMs.

Table No. : Participation by Caste & Ethnicity



Castes Category	Total	%
Hill Brahmins/Chhetris [1]	2331	44.3
Hill/Mountain Janajatis [2]	463	8.8
Newars [3]	55	1.0
Hill Dalits [4]	469	8.9
Terai/Madheshi Brahmins/Rajputs [5]	600	11.4
Terai/Madheshi Janajatis/Adivasis [6]	809	15.4
Terai/Madheshi Other Castes [7]	237	4.5
Terai/Madheshi Dalits [8]	154	2.9
Religious Minorities [9]	89	1.7
Others [10]	53	1.0
Grand Total	5260	

Above table denotes about engagement of the community people in the program by Caste and ethnicity. Hill Brahmins / Chhetries have the highest participation that comprises 44.3 %, Dalit from Hills and Terai have about 11.8 %, different people from Terai community have around 36.9%. Thus above data shows that the Terai and Dalits peoples' engagement found significant in the program.

1. Numbers:

CAs: There are total 4 CAs (2 CAs in Banke and 2 CAs in Bardiya). There are total 6 LDAGs (3 in Banke and 3 in Bardiya). Hill Brahmin/Kshetri- 44.3%, Hill Mountain Janjati- 8.8, Hill Dalit-8.8%, Terai Madheshi/Brahamin/Rajputs-11.4%, Terai-Madheshi Janjati/Aadibasi-15.4% and Terai/Madheshi Dalit- 2.9% had attended in the meetings. As per Age group category there were 6 % participants in 20-24 years age group, 10% were in (25-29 years), 82% were (30-59 years) age groups and 3% was (60+years) age groups.

Facilitator/Coordinator and Secretary:

	Banke-Duduwa RM		Bardiya-Badhaiyatal	
Description	Kamdi CA	Amrahawa CA	ManJhudi CA	Jamuni CA
Facilitator	Bishnu Maya Neupane	Roshani Thapa	Laxmi Singh Thakuri	Junu B.K.
Coordinator	Bhagrathi Chand	Min Bdr. Thapa	Hari Bdr. Gharti	Nar Bdr. Rana
Secretary	Bhawani Bohara	Hari Bdr. Reule	Gangadhar Parajuli	Khagisara B.K.

LDAGs Leaders:

	Bardiya Badhaiyatal				Banke-Duduwa RM		
Description	Digo LDAG	Bikas	Bageswory LDAG	Yuba Jagaran LDAG	Amrahawa LDAG	Shiva LDAG	Xagrahawa LDAG
Facilitator	Kalpana Tharu		Harikala Sunar	Sarala Chaudhary	Roshani Thapa	Bisnumaya Neupane	Anita Bista
Chair Person	Johan Tharu		Jaysari Sunar	Sabitra Tharu	Radhika Khatri	Bhagirathi Chand	Parmila Batha Magar
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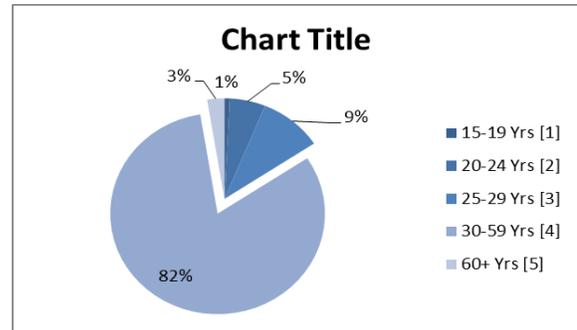
3.2. Youth Engagement

- The facilitator of Amrahawa CA Roshani Thapa and Manjundi CA Hari Bahadur Gharti gained capacity from trainings, meetings, workshop conducted by IHRC and FHI 360 and now the other CSOs also asked them to facilitate meetings in community levels. They recognized as good social mobilizer in community. They have become member of SMC, HMC in their village school and PHC. They have been playing role like connecting
- People to Local government. If the community people have no idea about any process to receive public service they support them. Similarly, youths of Banke and Bardiya proactively engaged in palika and district level programs and asked to address issues raised by LDAG and CAs

Age Category	Total	%
15-19 Yrs [1]	42	1
20-24 Yrs [2]	283	5
25-29 Yrs [3]	502	10
30-59 Yrs [4]	4297	82
60+ Yrs [5]	136	3
Total	5260	

- LDAG and CA team use SA tools. Manjhundi CA and LDAG teams handed over memorandum to Badhaiyatal RM and Duduwa CA team demanded information from Palika about agriculture subsidies support beneficiaries list, selection process etc. to make them accountable and transparent. A level of awareness has been increased.

- The figure shows that all age categories of people were attended in the activities conducted by CS: MAP/IHRC program. Youth involvement can be found significant in the program. Some senior citizens were also engaged in the program. The figure shows that inclusive participations can be found by age group.



- 16% of total participants, under the age of 29 were directly engaged in the programs. They were good informed about role of youth for effective public service delivery in their locality. They were started to raise questions to maintain for good governance, human rights and service delivery system, child marriage, domestic violence, social discrimination.
- With a collaboration of Nimble college of Nepalgunj, CS: MAP/ IHRC celebrated Right to Know day on September 28, 2021 at Banke. The day was celebrated by conducting *Orientation Program to Youth and Students*. The orientation program was facilitated by advocate Bishwajeet Tiwari. The youth and students were oriented on fundamental rights and Right to information (RTI), benefit of RTI, process for RTI. 44 (Girls/female - 19 and boys/male - 25) Students were attended in the orientation program.

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3.3. Coordination and collaboration

- With close coordination and collaboration of CSOs and legal professionals, IHRC has filed four public interest litigations (PIL) at Tulsipur High court, Nepalgunj bench in different public issues. The orders of the High Court some issues were resolved.
- IHRC celebrated various National and International Days in Banke and Bardiya with collaboration and coordination of local governments and like-minded CSOs and media that was very useful for creating awareness and pressure to concern authorities to work on that issue.
- Civil Society Key Champions and Media people did oversight in Duduwa and Badhiyatal RMs about status of agriculture service delivery system and education.

- LDAGs and CA actively participated to raise various kinds of issues and request to address on local level planning process of marginalized group.
- In collaboration of LDAG and CA have handed over memorandum to address issues raised by them.
- With collaboration of NHRC- Lumbeni provincial Office, CS: MAP/ IHRC conducted disaster management and response plan and role of stakeholders for mitigation. The event was very effective and useful.
- With Coordination of CSOs Banke and Bardiya CS: MAP/IHRC conducted the event of Covid-19 pandemic situation and role of stakeholders for mitigation. That was very effective to make accountable to concerned stakeholders.
- With Coordination of FNJ Bardiya and Banke, CS: MAP/ IHRC conducted training to local journalist and media house for HRBA reporting.
- With the collaboration and coordination of CSOs, media, and legal professionals, IHRC has been submitting the memorandum, delegation, and civic appeal to the concerned authorities.
- With collaboration of Advocates of Dang CS:MAP/ IHRC applied PIL at Tulsipur High Court, Dang
- IHRC conducted the implementation of NHRAP with the close coordination of Both RMs, Deputy Chairperson, Chief executive officer, ward chairperson, municipals officers of sector head were actively attended, well informed and made commitment for implementation of it.
- With close coordination of Duduwa and Badhaiyatal RMs, CS:MAP/ IHRC technically supported for preparing Human Rights Action Plan, the authorities actively involved in the draft sharing meeting and feedback for improvement and took ownership for implementation.

4. Other Specific Interventions:

4.1. Radio program effectiveness and linkages with civil society

LDAG formation and mobilization

LDAG formation

- IHRC has formed 6 LDAGs in Banke and Bardiya districts. During formation, self-interested youths were invited to join in LDAG as members. After July 2021 added members in LDAGs by following Equal access norms then there are about 20 to 22 members in each LDAGs. In Badhaiyatal RM ward no 4 new LDAG has been formation added total dalit community family members.

- IHRC informed to FHI360 and Equal access if any facilitator or main role play members are changed in LDAG.
- Some causes of discontinuity of LDAG are migration, job, marriage and movement etc.

LDAG mobilization

IHRC has been regular contact or attends the meetings conducted by LDAGs in Banke and Bardiya. They have been providing chances to get involved in IHRC events to impart more knowledge regarding transparency, accountability and oversight. They are called in Social Accountability Tool orientation and even in other occasions so they can understand the government provisions to exercise the need of tools by service providers. During celebrating national/international days, campaign or social fair the LDAG team jointly work with local government. Some time they demand information from ward, health post and palika to promote SA tool. In this COVID-19 crisis they engaged in dissemination of awareness through delivering right message in communities. Sometime they visit schools and conduct extracurricular activities in school like quiz contest program, drawing program, campaigning sanitation in community etc.

Every LDAGs have planned to conduct interaction program on Health, Education and Agriculture at Bardiya and Banke. In Badhaiyatal two LDAGs have conducted interaction program on Agriculture and Education. On September 26, 2021, Digobikas LDAG Badhaiyatal RM Ward no.6 has conducted interaction program on agriculture with local level, farmers and stakeholders (male-15, female-27). In the program chief of administrative officer, ward Chairperson, agriculture and agro vet officer of Badhaiyatal RM have participated and presented their conducted activities, progress and replied answers by asked other participated.

Similarly, on 27th Sep. 2021 Yuba jagaran LDAG Badhaiyatal 3 has conducted interaction program on education with local level representatives, teachers, students, parents and community leaders (male-16, female-25). In the program participants and local level representatives, teachers and parents appreciated the program and also requested to conduct frequently like this program.

Others four LDAG has planned first week of October, 2021 to conduct interaction program at Bardiya and Banke.

Role of facilitators

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The facilitators doing well by conducting by-monthly meetings and encouraging the team to listen to the radio program and discuss in the meeting. CRs of Banke and Bardiya record their voice and informed them to radio broadcasting time and date. They listen their voice and others voice. Facilitator plays radio using pen drive if any record is important. The facilitators have been working with feedback forms, submitting the related documents to IHRC (Account Section).

- **Community response to the LDAGs:** LDAGs has been focusing on community based issues. They deliver awareness in community people. LDAG conduct school activity like quiz contest, drawing competition, gender violence orientation, sanitation campaigning etc. Digo Bikas LDAG had provided local made teaching learning materials to ECD center in Sarswoti Aadharbhut School. In this COVID-19 crisis LDAG deliver information and awareness in community which increased the believe in community towards LDAG. If any personal issue likes domestic violence seen in any family, they inform to LDAG and the team support to take the victim to judicial committee in Palika. Others CSOs and offices have been conducting campaigning, awareness and orientation program with LDAGs at community level. Like BAS Nepal, Sathi Samuha, BEE Group, Banke UNESCO etc.
- **Challenges and lessons learned** – LDAGs have been working as volunteer they don't get money or intensive except small amount of meeting cost. Most of the Youths in LDAGs are students and house wives, they have to go to schools and work in house or field. But IHRC inspired them in LDAG meeting and invite them in other meeting organized by IHRC. So they got chance to learn and they motivated to do continue. In the community level they are actively participating in various kinds of campaigning programs and local level also aware about it but they ignore to do priority in local level budget and program so they only belongs on NGOs.

4.2. Participatory Evidence-based Action Research (PEAR)

4.3. Use of ICT – focused to the utilization of *Sajha Sabha* app/website and *MeroReport*

When IHRC conduct the events and news is covered in Mero Report. Most of LDAG and CA meeting update and practice have been shared in Mero Report by CR. Most of programs reports have been regularly shared in website, quarterly basis of news bulletins of IHRC and local media, online news and TV. Similarly, Mero Report, news bulletin and website of IHRC and local media, online media and TV helping us to learn about policy, guidelines, other CSOs good practices and hot news.

5. Challenges and Mitigation Measures

Challenges	Mitigation measure
• Frequent lockdown and prohibitory order, project team members disconnected with community people at field.	• Some lead community people were connected via telephone communication and virtual platform.
• Some disadvantage people, Dalit, Women, Muslim, LGBTIQA have less access to virtual platform	• Project staffs spend much efforts and time to guide virtual technology through phone.
• Political instability-elected representatives have different political interest rather than service delivery and development activities	• More coordinating with Municipal officials • Managed activities based on the availability of elected representatives
• Termination of staffs, key position	• Skilled and experienced staffs recruited

6. Lessons Learned

- Palikas admired IHRC that it is a good organization. We learned that Palika need frequently coordination and collaboration and joint action instead of financial support.
- IHRC implemented DRR related events collaboration with NHRC- Lumbeni Provincial office, district-level Senior govt. Officials and security heads who were actively attended throughout the event made a strong commitment and implemented later that.
- IHRC implemented district-level dialogue on COVID-19 for its mitigation and effective implementation of govt. guidelines collaboration with DCCMC, and the Hospital management committee. The information was widely disseminated and commitment was implemented later soon.
- It is learned from COVID-19 that, organizations should have emergency / alternative plans and guidelines in place for smoothly working during emergency.
- It is learned that staffs members need to have enhanced in alternative technology and its operation for implementing virtual events in a good way.
- IHRC submitted many applications RTI and PIL appeal to concerned authorities, it is learned that RTI makes accountable and promote transparency at local government either service delivery or development process.
- We learned that if we raise voice for the positive issues, automatically helping hands come to join proactively. "People have the intention to raise voice against violence but they are searching for leadership."

7. Overview of Financial Performance

IHRC conducted many activities virtual and in person, however, the budget burn rate is low since many activities were conducted through virtual platform. The table shows that 52.46% of burn rate in total, although, in the budget line of direct cost only around 34 % expenditure can be found. The following table explains details about budget progress status of the FY2021.

Finacial update					
October 01, 2020 to September 30, 2021					
S.N	Budget Category	Budget Projection	Expenditure	Variance	Burn rate (%)
October 01, 2020 to September 30, 2021					
1	Salaries	1,706,846.45	1,724,752.57	(17,906.12)	101.05
2	Frienge Benefits	533,930.72	471,086.59	62,844.13	88.23
3	Local Travel, Transportation & Perdiem	91,820.00	76,340.00	15,480.00	83.14
4	Other Direct Costs	5,622,190.57	1,901,140.88	3,721,049.69	33.81
	Total	7,954,787.74	4,173,320.04	3,781,467.70	52.46

8. Activity Progress Summary

(Please complete the activity progress summary considering both Annual Work Plan FY21 (Oct-Feb) and the Annual Work Plan FY21 (Apr – Sep) Extended Period. Please ensure that all the activities listed are included in the progress summary)

Implementing Agency:

SN	Activities	Measuring Unit	Activity Target – FY 2021 (events, participants, beneficiaries' details etc.)					Progress in Q4 – FY 2021	Overall Progress – FY 2021	Remarks
			Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total			
Objective 1: [Text] Strengthen CSO initiatives to coordinate with the GON and to implement										
1.1	Implementation of Constructive advocacy plans/ Strategies	Events	2e/20p	2e/10p	2e/10p	2e/10p	8e/40p	2e/14p	7e/74p	
1.2	Establish and Facilitate Common Assembly meetings at Local level- (a) Conduct Common Assembly meetings	Events	4e/100p	4e/100p	4e/100p	4e/100p	16e/400p	3/55p	14e/317p	
1.3	Establish and Facilitate Common Assembly meeting at Local level- (b) Conduct Sub Sectorial Sub-Head Committee Meetings	Events	4e/80p	4e/80p	4e/80p	4e/80p	16e/320	2e/37p	12e/231p	
1.4	Operationalize Sajhedari Manch for citizen-government engagement (continued)	Events	2e/50p	2e/50p	2e/50p	2e/50p	8e/200p	4e/78p	6e/133p	
1.5	Conduct Shaja Shabas	Meetings	0	0	2e/100p	0	2e/100p	0	2e/55p	
1.6	Provide orientation to	Events	0	0	2e/54p	2e/54p	4e/108p	0	4e/186p	

SN	Activities	Measuring Unit	Activity Target – FY 2021 (events, participants, beneficiaries' details etc.)					Progress in Q4 – FY 2021	Overall Progress – FY 2021	Remarks
			Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total			
	CA members on public entitlements and local planning process.									
1.7	Support in Implementation of Human rights guidelines	Events	0	0	2e/50p	0		0	2e/36p	
1.8	Human rights reporting training to local media and journalists	Events	0	1e/25p	1e/25p	0		0	1e/36p	
Objective 2: [Text] (Improved Coalition-building between local and national CSO's and between CSO's and the media that leads to joint actions undertaken on selected policy priorities across- sectors.										
2.1	Identify key civil society champions at district level.	Events	2e/10p	2e/10p	2e/10p	2e/10p		1e/5p	7e/46p	
2.2	Organize district level interactions on vibrant civic space (role of civil society) and policy priority issues.	Events	0	2e/60p	2e/60p	2e/60p		0	5e/231p	
2.3	Conduct strategic coalition building meetings between CSOs and media for initiative joint action	Events	2e/20p	2e/20p	2e/20p	2e/20p		3e/40	7e/91p	
2.4	Provide Orientation to Local government to improve their business process to institutionalize	Events	0	0	2e/60p	0		0	0	

SN	Activities	Measuring Unit	Activity Target – FY 2021 (events, participants, beneficiaries' details etc.)					Progress in Q4 – FY 2021	Overall Progress – FY 2021	Remarks
			Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total			
	policies									
Objective 3: [Text] Improved CSOs and media capacity to conduct participatory and evidence based research on issues, policy and enforcement to benefit marginalized groups.										
3.1	Conduct research to generate evidence for advocacy	Events	2	2	2e/2p	0		2e/2p	4e/2p	
3.2	Mobilization of Community Action Researcher (CAR)	Months	2/2	0	3e/2p	3e/2p		2e/2p	6m/2p	
3.3	Conduct public Expenditure Tracking Survey (PETs) to generate evidence for advocacy	Events	0	2e/40p	1e/20p	1e/20p		0	0	
3.4	Organize Policy Dialogue between CSOs and Local Governments at District Level (New Activity)	Events	0	0	2e/30p	0		0	0	
3.4	Support to Marginalized Groups in the Policy Formulation Process	Events	0	0	2e/60p			2e/34p	2e/34p	
3.5	Support to Local Governments in developing anti-corruption Strategies (New Activity)	Events	0	0	1e/15p	1e/15p		0	0	

SN	Activities	Measuring Unit	Activity Target – FY 2021 (events, participants, beneficiaries' details etc.)					Progress in Q4 – FY 2021	Overall Progress – FY 2021	Remarks
			Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total			
3.6	Organize public consultation program on implementation of the NHRAP (New Activity)	Events	0	0	2e/70p	0		0	0	
3.7	Organize joint event between orientation on HR-MIS to the civil society CSOs and local government on HRMIS (New Activity)	Events	0	0	2e/70p			0	2e/19p	
3.8	Organize two-day training on Human Right Reporting Mechanism and role of civil society (New Activity)	Events	0	0	1e/20p			1e/25p	1e/25p	
3.9	Improve the standards of human rights monitoring and reporting (New Activity)	Events	0	0	0	1e/20p		0	0	
3.10	Development of Human Rights Action Plan (New Activity)	Events	0	0	0	2e/20p		1e/12p	1e/12p	
3.11	Support to local governments to formulate CSO Coordination Law	Events	0	0	0	2e/20p		0	0	
Objective 4: [Text] Improved Capacities of Local CSO's media and community-based organizations to monitor and report on cross sectorial public service delivery based on common standard applicable to each sector										
4.1	Conduct Orientation to Head coalition /Network on common standards /	Events	0	0	2e/50p	0		1e/18p	1e/18p	

SN	Activities	Measuring Unit	Activity Target – FY 2021 (events, participants, beneficiaries' details etc.)					Progress in Q4 – FY 2021	Overall Progress – FY 2021	Remarks
			Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total			
	checklist for public service oversight									
Objective:5 (Improved bottom-up coordination between community, district and national formal and informal CSO's engaged in public service oversight.										
5.1	Organize coordination meetings of the Head Coalitions for oversight.	Events	4e/100p	2(50)	2e/50p	2e/50p		1e/20p	2e/43p	
5.2	Conduct public service oversight through the Head Coalition.	Events	1e/5p	0	2e/10p	2e/10p		1e/5p	3e/20p	
Objective 6 Improved Citizen awarness and use of available GoN social accountability mechanism.										
6.1	Conduct orientation to citizens on social accountability mechanism at local level	Events	0	2e/50p	2e/44p	2e/44p		2e/37p	4e/88p	
6.2	promote public transparency and accountability by Right to Information Tools	Events	2e/10p	0	1e/30p	1e/30p		2e/47p	2e/47p	
6.3	Conduct Strategic RTI campaign and filing public intrest litigation	PIL/ Information	0	2	3e/15p	2e/10p		1	4	
6.5	Conduct Social Audit of IHRC	Events	0	0	0	1e/40p		1e/43p	2e/75p	

SN	Activities	Measuring Unit	Activity Target – FY 2021 (events, participants, beneficiaries' details etc.)					Progress in Q4 – FY 2021	Overall Progress – FY 2021	Remarks
			Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total			
6.6	Support proactive self-disclosure policies for public authorities and CSOs (New Activity)	Events	0	0	2e/40p			0	0	
6.7	Provide technical support to local governments to customize/localize guidelines for Public Hearing and Public Audit (New Activity)	Events	0	0	2e/20p			0	0	
Objective 7. Improved citizen engagements in media and Information and Communications Technology (ICT) tools to strengthen public participation and oversight:										
7.1	Knowledge Documentation and Sharing (New Activity)	Events	0	0	1e/25p			0	0	
Objective 8 (Improved institutional governance of selected CSO's and media organizations.										
8.1	Development of Capacity Building Plans (continued)	Events	0	0	0	1e/10p		1e/12p	1e/12p	
8.2	GESI audit and implementation of findings (continued)	Events	1e/30p	1e/7p	0	1e/7p		0	0	
8.3	Conduct Organization Capacity Assessment (OCA) of non CS:MAP CSO (continued)	Events	1e/30p	2e/4p	0	1e/2p		0	1e/10p	
8.4	Promote internal governance for CSOs (continued)	Events	0	4e/80p	1e/20p			0	0	

SN	Activities	Measuring Unit	Activity Target – FY 2021 (events, participants, beneficiaries' details etc.)					Progress in Q4 – FY 2021	Overall Progress – FY 2021	Remarks
			Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total			
8.5	Support CSOs to adapt and institutionalize organizational capacity assessment, planning practices, and scores (New	Events	0	0	1e/30p			0	0	
8.6	Provide comprehensive support to CSOs to improve their organizational capacity on advocacy (New activity)	Events	0	0	0	1e/20p		0	0	
Objective 9. Improved capacity of select CSOs and media organizations to mobilize social and financial resources for sustainability										
9.1	Financial Sustainability (New Activity)	Events	0	0	1e/15p	0		1e/12p	1e/12p	
Objective 10 (Improved capacity of CSO's and media organizations to advance local solutions on priority development issues across sectors and to promote Peer-learnings opportunities.										
10.1	Participate in Various Workshops/Training organized by FHI360 (continued)	Events	2e/4p	0	1e/2p	2e/4p		0	1e/3p	
10.2	Project close out meeting (continued)	Events	2e/60p	2e/60p	0	2e/100p		0	0	
Cross Cutting Activities										
1	Quarterly review/reflection meeting	Events	1e/15p		1e/10p	1e/10p		1e/12p	4e/54p	

SN	Activities	Measuring Unit	Activity Target – FY 2021 (events, participants, beneficiaries' details etc.)					Progress in Q4 – FY 2021	Overall Progress – FY 2021	Remarks
			Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total			
2	Celebration of days/events/movement	Events	2e/60p	0	1e/25p	3e/75p		4e/83p	7e/238p	

9. Priorities for next reporting period

In a bulleted format, list priorities for the next fiscal year.

- LDAG/CAs meeting
- Implementation of Constructive advocacy plans
- Provide Orientation to Local government to improve their business process to institutionalize policies
- Conduct public Expenditure Tracking Survey (PETs) to generate evidence for advocacy
- Organize Policy Dialogue between CSOs and Local Governments at District Level (New Activity)
- District Level Interaction Meeting
- Conduct public Service Oversight
- Conduct Strategic Coalition building meeting between Media and CSOs for initiative joint action
- Support to Local Governments in developing anti-corruption Strategies (New Activity)
- Support to local governments to formulate CSO Coordination Law
- Support proactive self-disclosure policies for public authorities and CSOs (New Activity)
- Provide technical support to local governments to customize/localize guidelines for Public Hearing and Public Audit (New Activity)
- GESI audit and implementation of findings (continued)
- Promote internal governance for CSOs (continued)
- Support CSOs to adapt and institutionalize organizational capacity assessment, planning practices, and scores (New
- Provide comprehensive support to CSOs to improve their organizational capacity on advocacy (New activity)
- Project close out meeting (continued)

10. Success story

A success story relating can be attached as Annex.

11. Annexes

News Link

Title	Link
Engage key civil society Champions at district level , April 18,2021	https://satyamkhabar.com/?p=6801&fbclid=IwAR2hOvI-BuBOPbnMEG7MkiYUTYVveya24iCwXpaXwEHQLSVOKa50ED4yCfI
Local Level Planning Process, May 20,2021	https://meroreport.net/blog/b-b-al-0?fbclid=IwAR1KU3i3AVj1jKFwNUr79tu1gfd-VBU0LXuYxwJdrT2fsQhNp4E_BIX3XeY
Local Level Planning Process, May 24,2021, Duduwa	https://ihrcnepal.com/news/21?fbclid=IwAR3SCIUSy9rjzbB9sM79MjQOuC8f9fiRbiHhDwn8jaMYV2am1rJjFaNRk0

Local Level Planning Process, June 2,2021, Badhaiyatal	http://awadhinepal.com/?p=888&fbclid=IwAR1OjZOIUhslQWPvjenX4AAYwS629m8JvXWlyO2oKuLi5xAmcee1ReOx0K0
Tulsipur High- Court, Dang order over PIL	http://annapurnapost.com/news/180340?fbclid=IwAR1XVCGxjYtuC5Sw4biXelwpOv40ncYRXI4IRhEfMdGJathayM3LlLojCBac
Disaster Management and Response Planning situation of Banke, June 28,2021	https://satyamkhabar.com/?p=8030&fbclid=IwAR3Fk_q6XgexhYq2z3GSID_2s3XIF5QqujDQSub-eDF3fxdYW9oi21OYAsU
	https://nepalmat.com/content/2491?fbclid=IwAR16QmxJ1TQROj1jNI_ut_3q2tSYbseFOKm_EjhoNgKedA9KR6DmWTMzdQm
	https://lumbini.news/?p=259&fbclid=IwAR1zDMoZ2aFmJ8DqPPuZmelzkaSoD-hKfCETbWWdvIO2xc3OPtr0NRSKGDs
Disaster Management and Response Plan, Bardiya, June 25,2021	https://awadhinepal.com/?p=970&fbclid=IwAR2IPRhXqfqiMOakWq3LUaTo4EZ1AqF5kaMPvqLxPEVyJMCGgVC_brnhK0
Engage key Civil Society champions at district level	https://satyamkhabar.com/?p=6801&fbclid=IwAR2hOvl-BuBOPbnMEG7MkiYUTYVveya24iCwXpaXwEHQLSVOKa50ED4yCfl
Two-day training on human rightsreporting mechanisms and role of civil society	https://lumbini.news/?p=657&fbclid=IwAR12dbOzbDmHIS8djuj2czOgPYU6raWZ0xRNMrMkI0SHUQ01IsXkEYVPbNo
	https://samayapatra.com/?p=7247&fbclid=IwAR3bLKnk61H_Xkn_6RtxBZ2ObOCJbUUy98tLyFmygmCu_Bg0yZvQQAnYgGU
Human Right Action Plan-Badhaiyatal	http://www.nepalgunjnews.com/variety/20210955580/?fbclid=IwAR0xQ7dM44ywNzCli0H_YvE2jywZUj6KGBKVsENSDOPBBnWos05WTITz8U
PIL Ghat Management	https://lumbini.news/?p=650&fbclid=IwAR1hjaGQ_BtDV3g40xB5LbXORXW736i0CwWrijbtqlzPB1NSxragkdlrLu14
Social Audit of IHRC-2021	https://madhurkhabar.com/archives/1983?fbclid=IwAR07umeQfAfDRIFhS8-XMubzXkRG1BfF-eGT_XJYowxZyOb7qpjR8KprzyA