

Name of the Project

"Improving the Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights and Economic Opportunities of Nepali Women and girls who have been trafficked and are Vulnerable to Trafficking"

Project area

- Nuwakot - (17 VDCs)
- Dang - (8 VDCs)
- Makwanpur - (14 VDCs)
- Sindhupalchowk - (18 VDCs)

Duration

5 Years

Goal

- Reduction in trafficking
- Improvement in SRH Rights
- Socio-economic upliftment of young women and girls who have been trafficked and those who are at risk

Purpose

- Improved access to comprehensive SRH services
- Information
- Multi-agency support services

Beneficiaries

Primary Beneficiaries:

- ✓ Approximately 1000 trafficked returnees (250 from each district)
- ✓ 9300 women and young girls who are at risk of trafficking and are also from the poorest communities (especially adolescent girls who are able in different ways)
- ✓ Scholarships for 480 girls from the poorest HH to attend school

Secondary Beneficiaries:

- ✓ 500 community leaders
- ✓ 30,000 people from the project area

- ✓ Young male and other groups from CBOs, NGOs will also be benefited from the project

Project Implementation

- 36 FPAN staff will be directly involved in the project.
- 190 community and peer counselors will be also supporting the project

IPPF central and regional office will provide specialized technical support and guidance for project management

Outputs

1. Increased capacity of FPAN to provide comprehensive SRHR services- focusing on the needs of women who are vulnerable of being trafficked and/or returnees

- ✓ Research on the specific SRH needs of returnees and vulnerable girls and women esp. trafficked returnees (baseline and KAP survey)
- ✓ Capacity building of community counselors to provide information and services
- ✓ Provision of comprehensive SRH services (general health diagnosis and medical treatment, HIV, VCT, safe abortion services, psychological counseling and other care and support services) The project will create stigma-free clinical facilities by sensitizing health service providers.

2. Increased community and public awareness on the causes and effects of trafficking

- ✓ Creation of a group of community counselors who are returnees (to provide one-to-one counseling and practical support to returnees and vulnerable women)
- ✓ BCC campaign (to raise the awareness of local leaders and policy makers on the reality of trafficking and to eradicate the stigma and discrimination)

3. Establishment of micro-credit services and empowerment programmes

- ✓ Micro-credit program will be strengthened in two projects (Makwanpur & Dang) and the funds will be established in two new districts (Nuwakot & Sindhupalchok)
- ✓ FPANs micro-credit operational guidelines will be followed

4. Strengthen partnership with multi-agencies working against trafficking

- ✓ A strong consortium having civil society, media, activists, politicians and law enforcement agencies will be formed to advocate against the issues related to soft trafficking as well as to defend the HR of returnees women/girls

-The consortium will advocate, raise awareness, and lobby to ensure that the perpetrators are brought to justice and that every stakeholder are knowledgeable about the existing laws

- ✓ Establish strong two way referral relationships with NGOs and government agencies to provide specialized legal, medical support and emergency accommodation

Problems the project will address

- Trafficking of girls/women (esp. to India)

(T* involves sexual exploitation, abuse, rape and the transmission of STI including HIV/AIDS)

(ILO and UNIFEM estimate that app. 12,000 is abducted in the brothels of India each year. Further 15,000 - 20,000 children and young people are trafficked for slave trade in sweat shops, carpet factories, and circus and for domestic labor.

- The Silence of current legislation on T*

(Current legislation focuses on hard T* thereby unintensely supports soft T*

- SRHR of women/girls

(Trafficked women/girls are deprived of a range of SRH rights including the right to make decision about their body with full, free and informed consent

Project aims to compliment

- Legal environment relating to human trafficking (Project will increase literacy and understanding about the existing laws related to soft T* and focus on the making of new bill- esp. the different forms of T* including soft T*)
- The project will compliment the national RH strategy

- Government SRH service provision in the project areas (govt. does not provide SRH services or awareness programmes targeting the trafficked returnees. VCT services are not available in Nuwakot and Sindhupalchok districts. For other required services the project will develop referral relationship and support the government and NGOs to work together to stop trafficking.

For sustainability

- Financial and technical sustainability will be addressed through multi-partnership activities.
- Awareness raising in the communities will help to sustain attitudinal changes (which will be continued through other programmes of FPAN)
- Certain clinical activities will be mainstreamed into the on-going core programme of FPAN when the initiative ends.
- District branches will continue to operate the system; the revolving micro-credit system will benefit the poorest communities after the program concludes.
- The consortium on GBV/GT will ensure the advocacy initiatives focused on soft trafficking are sustained.
- FPAN will integrate the best practice modules developed through this project within existing programmes.

1st Year- Activities

- Staff recruitment
- Establish project clinic in two new districts
- Mapping exercise to identify key stakeholders of all 4 districts
- Research on SRH needs including safe abortion of T* women and young girls
- Develop standards and self assessment guide for right-based YFSRH services
- Organize training on YFSRH, rights, gender and Nepalese law against T* at center and district level
- Develop screening, care/counseling and referral protocol
- Conduct peer counselor training to peer & community counselors
- Develop M & E framework

- Develop advocacy messages, IEC material/tool/video
- Local activism targeting schools, teachers, media & CBOs
- Community awareness-raising training on trafficking
- Implement micro-credit programme
- Formation of support groups & structures
- Strengthen national coalition against GBV & for T* issues
- Establish Project advisory tea,
- Joint advocacy action to modify national legislation
- Desk review on strengths & weakness of anti-trafficking laws and their enforcement practices