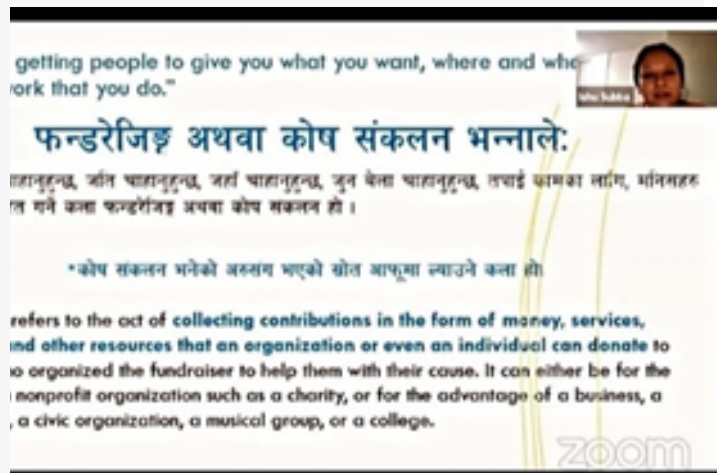


STRENGTHENING LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS IN FUNDRAISING

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We experienced heavy rainfall, floods, and landslides throughout July, leading to the loss of properties and lives. Besides, nearly 10,000 people have departed, and many families are struggling for two square meals a day due to the seemingly never-ending pandemic. It is estimated that the third wave of the pandemic is highly likely to engulf the country soon, and this time the unvaccinated population, children are at high risk. In these difficult times, the roles of Civil Society Organizations and humanitarian sectors have been evident more than ever before. Thus, ICA Nepal is strengthening these organizations to improve their fundraising skills.

ICA Nepal conducted a three-day training on proposal writing and fundraising. The training included all the advanced methods and techniques that are adopted worldwide for fundraising. All the participants were very grateful for the productive session. Participants were equally amused with the broad online learning possibilities due to the features, such as online poll, quiz, breakout sessions, virtual boards, etc.



Besides, with the support of ICA Nepal, several organizations successfully raised donations for the causes they support. HANDS Polyclinic and Manmohan Memorial Community Hospital, serving poor and marginalized rural people from the local community, received cylinders and oxygen concentrators- critical medical equipment during the corona crisis. The Polyclinic team has further requested to strengthen maternity wards.



Attendees have warmly appreciated the learning program. More and more audiences are attending this free webinar and improving their fundraising skills each Friday.

ICA Nepal also launched a Micro-grant initiative on Community Development 2021 for STEM Education, Menstrual Hygiene Management (MHM), and Social Artistry Leadership Training. Participants used ORID methods and put forward several innovative approaches, such as a brief engineering workshop for school kids for STEM education, forming Menstrual Hygiene Management Clubs in Schools, and using Social Artistry tools to resolve political issues.



ICA Nepal also organizes classified talk shows from experts on related topics.

As mentioned in the earlier reports, we have been conducting every Friday learning Friday sessions by experts. Topics for this July we re

1. Challenges of Fundraising: An Experience of a Successful Fundraiser- Mr. Ashok Shrestha
2. Social Transformation through Innovation and Fundraising- Mr. Hare Ram Bhattarai
3. Technology of Fundraising: ICA's Experience- Mr. Mark Pixley
4. Social Artistry: Transformative Approach of Leadership Development and Fundraising- Ms. Janet Sanders
5. Disaster Management: Causes, Consequences and Funding Opportunities- Mr. Gangadhar Chaudhary

Next, ICA Nepal and the Rotary Club of Rudramati have committed to providing relief to Dwarf Communities in Nepal. ICA Nepal conducted tree plantation in the dwarf village for bettering the environment where dwarves have envisioned their home. Along with beautifying the area, trees can also help reduce rainwater runoff, reduce erosion and pollution of waterways, and reduce the impact of flooding. Other local people also joined the program cheerfully.

The good news is that, ICA Nepal joined hands with GARA International and launched GARA Nepal Chapter successfully in early July with the objective of training global researchers through this academy and have global influence in the academic field.