

ICA Nepal Brief April Activity Report 2021

1. Continuation to Raising funds for promoting innovation in Nepal



The majority of Nepalese students cannot excel in innovation and creativity due to inadequate STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics) equipment and education. ICA Nepal is utilizing a crowd-funding platform-global giving to promote STEM education in Nepal. STEM is crucial for the development and safety of the country. Due to the lack of knowledge in STEM, a country has to suffer a lot. For example, if we had enough resources and experts during this pandemic, we could have developed our vaccine. We could not do so this time, but years later we hope we can. We urge our colleagues to support us by contributing to the global giving platform and circulating the message as much as possible by following the link below.

<https://www.globalgiving.org/projects/promoting-innovation-in-50-schools-of-rural-nepal/?fbclid=IwAR0jXBB7oaUweSOCDVjOFN7-yXroeEr3FVmTSoMNLWKH2ul7o0b6jI7QOS4>

Every penny will go towards the improvement of STEM education in Nepal and is highly invaluable for the future of the country.

2. Menstrual Hygiene Management- Lantern Project

Menstrual Hygiene Management is a cross-cutting theme of ICA Nepal. We are actively promoting proper menstrual hygiene management among adolescent girls and women of reproductive age. We also massively raise awareness about the biological process of menstruation among men and women and boys and girls so that it helps to eradicate existing menstrual stigmas gradually. Menstrual health has been recently declared an official word in dictionaries. This action stresses that menstrual awareness programs are instrumental in ensuring the menstrual health of people who go through menstruation. ICA Nepal is collaborating with Lantern Project to raise funds for delivering knowledge and resources on

better menstrual health practices in rural areas of Nepal. Please follow the link below to learn more about the Menstrual Hygiene Management Program of ICA Nepal, contribute, and share.

https://lanternprojects.org/project/421-nepal-menstrual-hygiene-supplies/?fbclid=IwAR0oEwHvy-mbLfnYcAU08hMmxHq2UmYOq4Wdm38_TYMeV_mVLXMIynH_Y2U

3. Video making for awareness



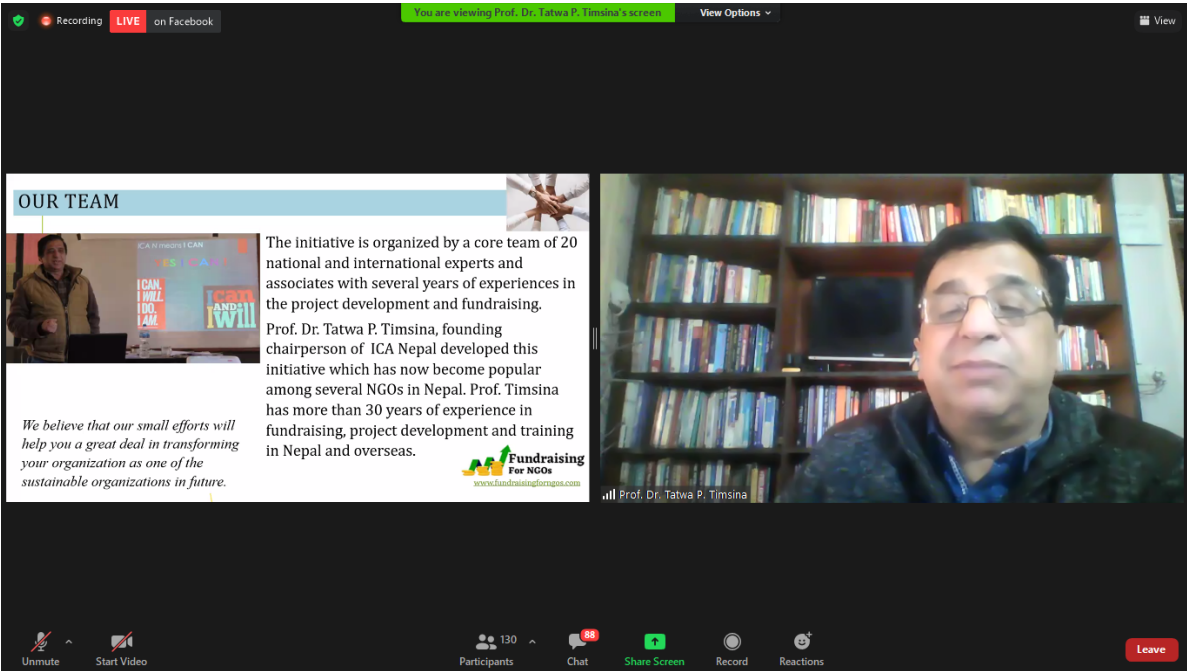
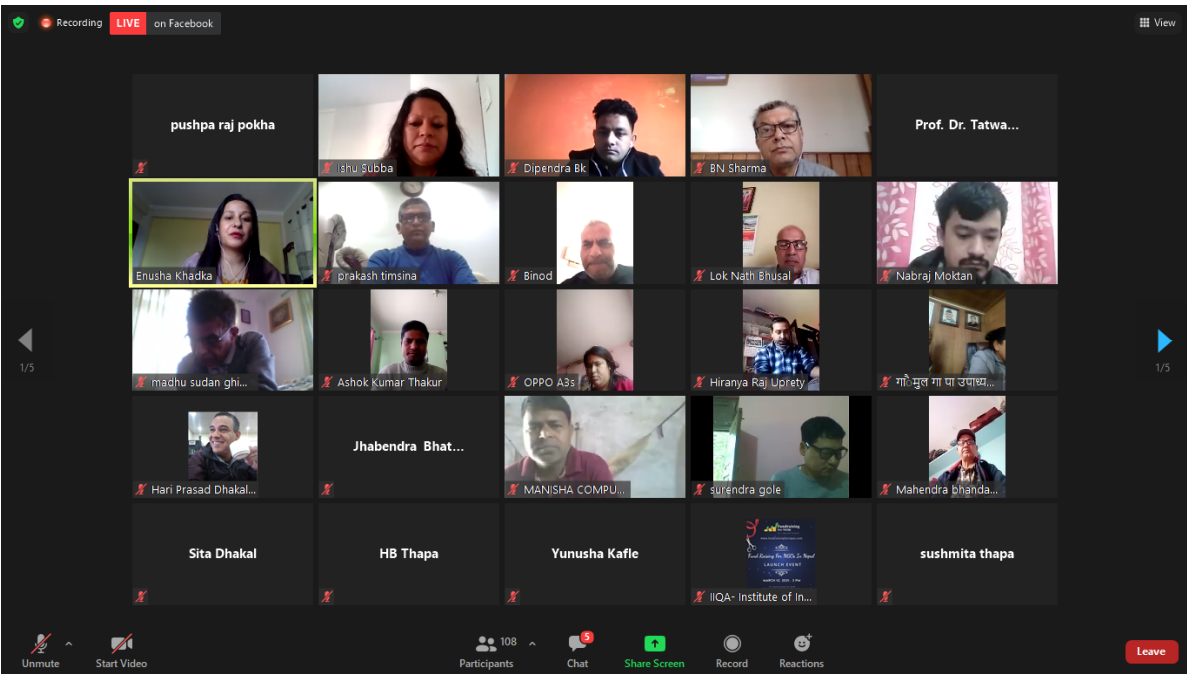
ICA Nepal produced few videos in collaboration with media partners to raise awareness about its initiative. The videos are massively publicized in social media and traditional media. Please follow the link below to see our awareness video, and don't forget to share with your friends:

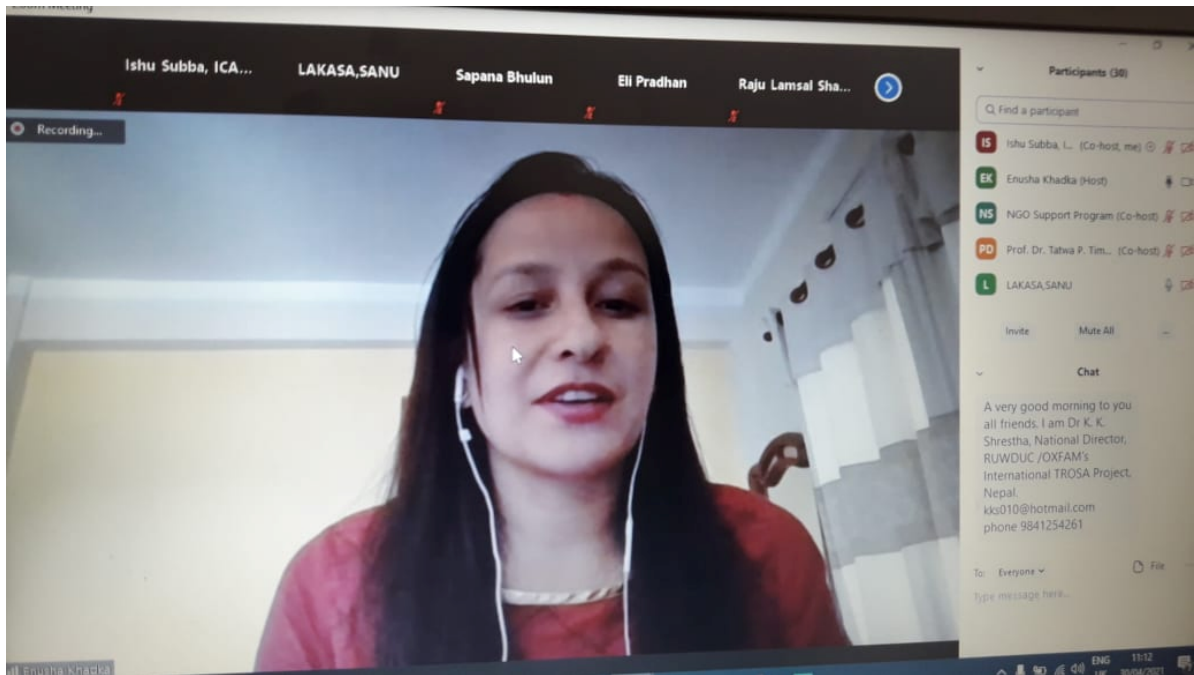
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qLx5QTTtoOpw>

4. Series of webinar on fundraising

ICA Nepal and its sister organization IIQA have collaborated to promote an NGO support program in Nepal. The program empowers local NGOs so that they operate smoothly. Nearly 90% of the NGOs in Nepal lose their identity within a few years of their establishment. The main reasons are the lack of capacity-building opportunities, inadequate strategies, and inaccessibility to the information on funding opportunities. ICA Nepal envisions bringing down that number so that NGOs contribute to the community development and humanitarian causes. ICA Nepal has digitized through www.fundraisingforgos.com. We request you to visit our website. Digitization has helped ICA Nepal to reach more and more NGOs in the rural parts of the country. ICA

Nepal ran series of webinars all through April for the NGOs. Several participants shared that they felt a sense of finding light at the end of the tunnel in these dim circumstances.





Training on project proposal and fundraising

ICA Nepal is conducting several intensive training programs on project proposal writing and fundraising. The recent one will be held on May 6. Many organizations and individuals are unable to raise funds, mostly because of inadequate fundraising skills. The training will address their needs and issues. Training will be organized online to adhere to safety measures.

Second wave of coronavirus enters Nepal

The economy was slowly getting momentum after the first wave of the pandemic, and then it struck with the fatal second wave. Many major cities of the country have been completely shut, except for essential goods and services. People succumbing to the virus are counted in double digits daily. The death count has exceeded 3000. The government is dillydallying to provide relief to the public because of a lack of resources. Livelihood has become difficult for many households once again, and people have started to struggle to pay their bills. Sirens of ambulances are wailing in the main road on an hourly basis, threatening everyone. We pray that this tragedy ends soon, and we get the strength to face the repercussions left by the current pandemic.

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