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YOSHAN UPDATES

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YoSHAN in collaboration with Asia Safe Abortion Partnership organized its first Local Youth Advocacy Institute on Safe Abortion Rights in December 2019. We bid good bye to year 2019 by welcoming a bunch of youth champions from diverse background.

It was three days intensive workshop and was a success not because of overwhelming response to the call for application, but also as it become the sage platform for young people to discuss ending abortion stigma in all levels. We had 20 participants with diverse background from; representing various organizations and working as youth activists in grass-root level in different areas.
GUFF4YOUTH: RAPE CULTURE

Guff4youth was held on 26th December 2019 in Bhaktapur on the topic ‘Rape culture’ where about 40 young people from various academic and professional background attended the program. In the event, discussion took place on what rape culture is and the factors catalyzing the rape culture in our Nepali community. We also shared how the mass media and impunity has played huge role to nurture this culture with some of the examples.

An intense discussion took place on whether capital punishment for the rapists is right or not from the human rights approach. In this way, the participants had healthy discussion on this issue and also had conversation around how youths can contribute and collaborate to end this harmful culture.

COORDINATION MEETING

We organized a coordination meeting with factory owners at Bhaktapur to discuss about our intervention to conduct sexual and reproductive health rights session to young women factory workers.

During our meeting we realized there were many myths the participants had regarding menstruation, contraception and abortion. Then we conducted mini session within meeting to debunk the myths.
Facebook Live - Episode 4&5

Yoshan Collaborated with Visible Impact and Who Decides? For Facebook Live on Safe Abortion Rights Advocacy

Episode 4 of FB live was on Global Gag Rule and how it impacts on abortion rights movement in Nepal. Women—especially poor women—will suffer. Pregnant people will suffer from disruptions in reproductive health services. The policy causes more unintended pregnancies, higher rates of maternal mortality, and an increase in unsafe abortions. Multiple studies have shown that the global gag rule has not decreased rates of abortions but instead has increased the number of unsafe abortions.

Episode 5 of FB was on busting myths related to emergency contraception. Few days before FB live we had requested our social media followers to put forward myths on emergency contraception. The most common myth is regarding whether emergency contraceptive pills cause an abortion. We were able to address this myth stating emergency contraceptive pills prevent pregnancy by preventing or delaying ovulation and has no effect on a pregnancy if a woman is already pregnant when it is taken.
Our youth champions during youth advocacy institute prepared action plan to implement the learning on safe abortion rights advocacy to their work and conduct series of activities to reach young people with accurate information.

We are proud of our youth champions who coordinated with their affiliated organizations, schools, colleges, mother’s groups, women saving and credit groups and many more to sensitize participants on safe abortion and aware them on abortion is a health care and it’s a human right.

Through the activities of youth champions we were able to double our activism and reach young people from diverse background. We are bridging the knowledge gap among young people on this issue and envision the community where young people make informed choice regarding their SRHR and sexuality.

We were able to work hand in hand with community based organizations and work in the issues to prevent child marriage and human trafficking.

Many more activities are planned for coming months.