YoSHAN Updates
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Pushpa Joshi, one of the core team members of YoSHAN participated in the Inroads global gathering meeting that took place from 10-14 February 2020 in Mombasa, Kenya.

Inroads is a global network of organizations and activists involved in the pro-choice movement. The objective of the gathering was to strategize the actions and amplify the global pro-choice movement where activists and organizations from various parts of the world shared their knowledge and experience and built a strong network to support the national and regional advocacy for the abortion rights.

YoSHAN facilitated some activities including fertility dance and also shared some of the innovative ideas that YoSHAN has been using in national and local level advocacy. The digital story about abortion experience and animation videos challenging the abortion stigma produced by the youth champions of YoSHAN was screened during the film festival night of the event.

We also had our stall during the exchange festival where the participants visited and got information about the work that YoSHAN has been doing in Nepal.
Realizing the fact that the curriculum followed by the midwifery institutions only consists technical aspect on Safe abortion, Menstruation, Family Planning and child birth and right based approach, YoSHAN with support from Asia Safe Abortion Partnership (ASAP) organized gender sensitization workshop for the midwifery instructors and educators on 15th February 2020 in Kathmandu.

The aim of the workshop was to sensitize the midwifery educators and instructors who can mould the next generation of providers towards delivering holistic quality care based on human rights principles.
On 2 Feb 2020, YoSHAN organized a coordination meeting with seven proprietors of brick factories in coordination with Bhaktapur Bricks Factory Association. There were presence of seven proprietors of different brick factories in Bhaktapur. The aim of the meeting was to get support from the factories to conduct half day session on sexual and reproductive health right sessions especially on contraception and safe abortion to the women working in the factories.

After the coordination meeting with the proprietors of the brick factories in Bhaktapur, the youth champions of YoSHAN has conducted four sessions so far to the women factory workers on sexual and reproductive health rights with particular focus on safe abortion service and rights.
Guff4Youth Episode 5 on "Looking gender beyond two and sexuality beyond opposite" was conducted by YoSHAN where Rukshana Kapali, a young queer activist facilitated the session on sex, gender, sexuality beyond heteronormative framework. The session was helpful for the participants to understand various terminologies and for the inclusive advocacy in the future.

YoSHAN at the One Billion Rising day Celebration on 14th February 2020

Youth Champions of YoSHAN actively took part in the celebration of one billion rising day on 14th February 2020. It is a collective campaign of the people all over the world to end Gender based violence, capitalism, colonization, racism, imperialism, war and climate catastrophe.
YoSHAN's participation in Training to New and Old SAS champions.

Youth Champions **Bonita Sharma and Garima Nepali** participanted in the three day training designed for the new and old SAS champions organized by Ipas Nepal and FWLD. The training was focused on collaboration within the cohort group of people and organizations dedicated to work for the sexual and reproductive health rights and catalyze thehe actions of the Safe abortion service champions.

Initiations by YoSHAN Youth Champions

Youth Champions **Sona Gautam** and **Swostika Adhikari** organized school health program in Shree Nikobhumi Secondary School at Kalinchowk Rural Municipality on the components of SRHR including menstruation, contraception and safe abortion. There were 50 students and 3 teachers who participanted in the half day session.
Youth Champion **Sushmita Bc** organized an orientation session to women (15-45 years) on Gender, Contraception and Safe Abortion in Jumla, Patarashi Gaupalika-7 Rini Village. Thirty women participated in the orientation program.

Youth Champion **Safal Lama and Manisha Hada** conducted an orientation to students of Aims College on sexuality and diversity: SOGIESEC, gender neutral language and queer diversity.

Youth Champion **Sajjan Maharjan** conducted an orientation to students of Aims International College on "Safe abortion and its legal provisions in Nepal". There were 50 participants in the orientation including the teachers.
Youth Champion Bhawana Basnet and Sandip Sah conducted an orientation to students of Itahari Namuna College on "Safe abortion and SRHR". There were 30 participants in the orientation program.

Youth Champion Laxmi Chaudhary conducted an orientation program on gender, sexuality, SRHR, safe abortion and human trafficking in collaboration with the local organizations and stakeholders.

Youth Champion Anupama Bishwokarma conducted series of orientation program on various components of SRHR to the students of Salyantar Secondary school, Dhading in February.