1. Free Legal Aid services

LACC is the first organization to provide free legal services for women and children even before the government and Nepal Bar Association. Along with free institutional legal aid, LACC provides counseling, mediation services and court representations services to the needy and marginalized women and children that are victims of domestic violence and sexual and gender based violence. LACC is committed at achieving its aims at different related areas that covers policy intervention, human rights, training, dissemination of legal information, sensitization, documentation, fact-finding, research, publications, advocacy campaigns, writ petition, lobbying, and networking.

As result of above services, LACC, since its establishment has provided legal services to 24562 women and children and currently handling 975 legal cases of marginalized women, and children by our professional full time four lawyers. Out of them, 95% cases have been successful and ensured complete access to justice.

LACC has established its district office in 5 different districts which are: Jhapa, Kanchanpur, Banke, Kavrepalanchowk and Sindhupalchowk. Along with these districts LACC is working in many other districts of Nepal as per the need of the projects such as Gorkha, Dhading, Nuwakot, Nepalgunj, Makwanpur, Ramechaap, Dang, Dailekh, Surkhet, Accham, Kailali, Morang, Panchthar and so on. During Jan to June, 2122 cases have been supported with free legal aid services. The cases usually include domestic violence, rape, marital rape, divorce, partition of property, forgery, alimony, maintenance, bigamy, cyber crime and so on.

2. Paralegal Facilitation services for vital Registration

LACC has been providing paralegal services to community people in two districts, Jhapa and Kanchanpur under the project "Strengthening Access to Justice for Women in Nepal through documentation of identity and institutionalizing paralegal services". With the work of paralegals, 1034 cases have been facilitated for legal identity documents which include citizenship and vital registrations during the six month period under the project (Jan – June 2018).

3. Capacity Building Training / Orientation

LACC organized several trainings, orientation and workshops under different projects in different locations. The major purposes of the training is to organize and facilitate learning, strengthen the knowledge and understandings of the participants on issues related with gender equality, local disaster risk management system, paralegal, and legal procedures to Local Judiciary Committees. Various trainings and Workshops have been conducted during this reporting period.
3.1. Orientation on “Anti Human Trafficking and Safe foreign employment” in 6 districts

LACC, being deeply sensitized on the issue of human trafficking, conducted one day orientation program titled “Anti Human Trafficking and Safe foreign employment” in Banke, Bardiya, Dang, Surkhet, Kailali and Kanchanpur with the support of PACT/USAID and other local organizations. The major objective of the program was to sensitize the participants on anti human trafficking and foreign employment law and build strong network on respective districts so as to reduce and control the risk of human trafficking and increase easy access to justice for victim. There were 266 participants altogether from six districts in the program.

Under this, LACC conducted a two days training focusing on “Vital Registration and Citizenship” in Dhading, Nuwakot, Gorkha, Sindupalchowk and Kathmandu. The objective of the training was to demonstrate the importance of legal identity as a tool without which justice cannot be achieved. A total of 153 persons participated in the training.

3.2. Training on vital registration (Oxfam)

LACC entered into collaboration with Oxfam to implement a project entitled “Gender & Protection in Recovery and Reconstruction, Humanitarian Program”.

3.3. In-House Capacity Building training for Staffs and executives

There was also “In house capacity Building training” organized in LACC to strengthen and develop the skills and capacity building of its staffs. The training was related to the skills and knowledge related to day to day office works, management and professionalism. It also gave the idea on written and spoken English language for official work. The training was very effective in increasing the skill of staffs which make the staffs easier to work in effective way. Executive board members and staffs were together actively participated in the training.

3.4 Mediation Training for local government (Lalitpur Metro politian)

LACC provided technical support in 8 days Mediation training that was jointly organized by Lalitpur Municipality and Mediation Nepal for staff of Lalitpur metropolitan. The training was conducted in Lalitpur Bar Association. The main objective of the training is to establish the mediation center in Lalitpur Metropolitan.

Award

Similarly, LACC has been recently awarded with the award of honor from Lalitpur Municipality and Mediation Nepal for continue contribution towards mediation and justice.

Success in writ

It has already been 32 years of the establishment of LACC. It has so far been able to achieve its goals and objectives. Even with limited resources such as financial and human resources, LACC has been doing its best to acquire its aim.

LACC has also been working in the field of transitional justice for many years and had filed a writ petition to order mandamus on making laws which can give rights to family members of enforced disappeared victims. After separating the property of disappeared person, his children and wife can have their part of property for their sustainability. The writ was decided by Supreme Court and gave positive verdict in the case. The order of Supreme Court was incorporated in “Bill to Amend the Act on Commission on Investigation of Disappeared Persons, Truth and Reconciliation, 2014”. This is a great achievement for LACC and is considered as a success while working for transitional justice.

Mobile camps in Kavrepalanchowk and Shindupalchowk

Mobile camps were organized in the remote villages of Kavrepalanchowk and Shindupalchowk districts. Through mobile camps LACC aware people of rural community on the issues related to Gender based violence and issues of disaster risk management and
how to make new legal documents which are important and are lost during the time of any disasters. During such mobile camp, we also provided legal counseling on the spot to those people who are unable to reach to the legal help desk and for needy victims. Total 592 people including both men and women were benefited through these mobile camps under this project in both districts.

3.5. Mobile camp in Jhapa and Kanchanpur

In close collaboration with Women and Children Office and local government Stakeholders, LACC organized mobile in Jhapa and Kanchanpur. The mobile camp was a major medium in reaching out to people and contributing in obtaining their vital registration certificate. It also explained them why such certificates are necessary to claim their rights and entitlements.

3.6. National Level workshop

A National Workshop on “Sustainable livelihood, access to inheritance property rights and access to justice of women victims/survivors of armed conflict in Nepal” was organized by LACC with the support of International Alert. It was more of a discussion program which emphasizes on access to inherent property and sustainable livelihood for women who were victims/survivors of armed conflict.

3.7. Documents in Nepali and Tamang language

LACC has developed a manual of vital registration, citizenship and single women protection fund including Video Teaching Module Script and PSA Script. In order to make these work books and scripts more accessible for Tamang community, LACC hired an expert to translate it in Tamang language. These documents are thus available in both Nepali and Tamang language.

3.8. Training of Trainers for Youth on GBV

National Level Training of Trainers (ToT) targeting to the young generation (16-25 years) was held in Kathmandu with 15 participants representing different field, mostly legal field. Moreover, One Day Workshop on Gender Based Violence for Youth was also organized in LACC. Local Level Training of Trainers on Gender Based Violence was also organized under the project that helped to aware the youths on gender based violence and its prevailing laws.

4. General Assembly

LACC has organized 34th general assembly at Man Bhawan Lalitpur on 17th February 2018. In the Assembly, Board Members, LACC staffs and general members of LACC were participated. All the information and updates of Annual Report 2018 including projects detail information and financial information were shared in the Assembly.

5. International Expose Visits

a. TOT in Dhaka

A 9 days TOT is basically designed for youth, to be capacitated on the issue and those also capable to train the other youth and share inter culture of different countries good practices and intervention of GBV. From that all participants developed common understanding of cause of GBV and what intervention would be effective to break the cycle of GBV.

BWHC organization organized this training at Bangladesh. The training venue and residence both are managed at Hope foundation of Bangladesh Dhaka. Six partner organizations from six different countries (Spain, Greece, Bangladesh, Madagaskar, India and Nepal) had jointly developed the training manual and taken part in the training as trainees as well as trainer. The program was started on 19th February 2018 to 26th February 2018. Three Lawyers from LACC; Sakuntala Basnet, Anjana Neupane and Poonam Chand along with founder member and advisor of LACC Mahendra Prasai were participated in the training.

b. TOT in Madagascar

Training of Trainers (ToT) on “Breaking the Cycle: Ending Gender Based Violence”, was held in Antananarivo, Madagascar, from 16th to 24th April 2018. Two members from executive board Ms Hemlata Dhital and Advocates Shital Subedi along with staffs Adv Chandeshwori Tandukar and Adv Punyashila Dawadi were
participated. Altogether 30 participants from different six partner countries (Spain, Greece, Bangladesh, Madagaskar, India and Nepal) of Breaking the cycle project were actively participated during the training. Nepal Team had conducted two sessions as trainers in the training.

6. Publications

- Women leadership training manual on "federal system and women representation"
- Booklet on citizenship (Nepali and Tamang Language)
- Booklet on vital registration (Nepali and Tamang Language)
- Public Service Announcement (PSA) on citizenship and vital registration
- Development of Citizen charter (vital Registration, Citizenship)
- Flex
- Mobile Apps content
- Workbook on violence against women and women's legal right
- A good practice guide on ending gender-based violence: Breaking the Cycle
- An action guide on the prevention of gender-based violence among youth: Breaking the Cycle
- A Report on Breaking the Cycle
- Success Stories of participants from leadership development training
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