1. LACC day Celebration

The 32nd Annual Day of LACC was held on 17th August, 2018. The program was chaired by Hon’ble Mohna Ansari, Anita Neupane Thapaliya, Executive Chair, Prof. Dr. Shashi Adhikary, Advisor, Mahendra Prasai, Founder, Surya Kiran Gurung, Founder of LACC. Representatives from various national and international organizations and institutions attended the function. A documentary "Pahichan" related to legal identity was launched on the occasion. On the occasion Hon’ble Mohna Ansari was awarded with 'Prof. Dr Shanta Thapalia women empowerment ' award. Certificate of Honor Award was given to OSF and TAF for their continuous support to LACC. Likewise, staffs (Adv. Chandeshwori Tandukar, Adv. Punyashila Dawadi, Adv. Sakumtala Basnet, Mr. Navraj Thapalia and Hari Maya Thapa Magar were also awarded for their contribution in LACC for more than 15 years. In the event, founder of LACC Adv. Suryakiran Gurung and Adv. Mahendra Prasai expressed their joy and gratitude towards LACC in their speech.
2. Documentary
Citizenship is the basis for establishing relationship between citizen and the state. The legal identity document provides legal protection and enables citizen to exercise their socio-economic and political rights. LACC has prepared a documentary which has described the importance of citizenship and the status of citizenship right of women, children, dalits and marginalized people. LACC has helped people to get their citizenship certificate by conducting various programs and by fighting long legal battle in courts. The documentary shares us stories of three women (Nara Kumari Neupane, Kali Lohar, Hema B.K) and their children where children of Nara Kumari were able to get higher education by providing them with citizenship in the name of mother. Kali Lohar of Lalitpur secured her property right by obtaining her citizenship certificate after 6 years long legal battle. Anita Neupane Thapalia, Chairperson of LACC has explained the importance of citizenship and the activities of LACC in helping women to secure their right to citizenship.

3. Free Legal Aid services
LACC was the first organization in Nepal to provide free legal services and advocacy for women and children. 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. The legal aid services include legal counseling, family mediation, paralegal services and litigation including financial support for court procedures. Currently LACC has its district offices in Kaski, Banke, Sindhupalchowk, Kavrepalanchowk, Jhapa and Kanchanpur district of the country. The districts offices have been providing its legal aid services under various donor funded project.

Depending on the seriousness of the cases survivors of sexual domestic violence are referred to the wide array of supportive services provided by the GOs and NGO's. Emergency services such as psychological counseling, medical treatment and shelter support are also offered to needy women. If a survivor faces extreme financial difficulties then financial assistance is also provided to preceed the cases at court.

4. Paralegal facilitation services for vital registration
LACC under the project "Strengthening Access to Justice for Women in Nepal through documentation of Identity and Institutionalizing Paralegal Services" has focused on facilitation services provided to the people for making the legal identity document. LACC has been mobilizing the paralegals to collect data on legal identity and facilitating in the process of improving the access of the ultra poor and marginalized communities to the justice and contribute them to obtain their vital registration certificates. This year they provided facilitation service to 13905 people as one of the major activities of the project.

5. PIL
Public Interest Litigation (PIL) is one of the most important tools to ensure the fundamental rights and also act as an immediate remedy. LACC has filed a PIL in the Supreme Court of Nepal related to citizenship right of a girl who is denied from citizenship in the name of her mother due to which her right to education is also violated. Considering her situation and advocating for her right and justice, LACC filed a writ petition of Mandamus in her name in the Supreme Court for ordering the concerned authority for providing citizenship to applicant in her mother's name. At present the case is running in Supreme Court of Nepal. LACC is fully supporting and working for the applicant in order to establish her right guaranteed by The Constitution of Nepal (2074).

6. Capacity Building training
6.1 Judicial committee Sindhupalchowk and Kavrepalanchowk districts
LACC conducted 2 trainings of 3 days in Sindhupalchowk district for executive body who is also elected member of Ward and also member of new formed LDRMC group. They were not clear about the own roles and responsibilities in disaster management. After the training, the particular group learned about disaster in detail. They also acquired skills for realizing their own roles in disaster management. After the training, the particular group learned about disaster in detail. They also acquired skills for realizing their own roles in disaster management.

6.2 Capacity building training on civil and criminal code for paralegals in Jhapa and Kanchanpur
LACC has conducted two refresher trainings in Jhapa and Kanchanpur with one training in each district. Facilitators of the training facilitated to update and enhance the knowledge of paralegals on Civil and Criminal Code, 2074. Breakout Session II and IV of the training focused on women's right related provisions and provisions related to legal identity, marriage and divorce in new laws of our country.
Celebration of Sixteen Days Campaign
LACC has organized Sensitization program for women on the occasion of Sixteen days campaign in Jhapa Kanchanpur and Lalitpur.

6.4 Capacity building training for youth on GBV
LACC conducted Trainings to Trainers (ToT) for youths both at national and local level. The main objectives of this training is, firstly, to conducting national level of TOT for building youth and community awareness towards gender roles and gender based violence which is expected to lay foundation for response mechanisms and gather information about GBV – prevalence, types of violence, enforcement of laws, access and resources for victims to better inform policy makers, the public. LACC also organized a workshop on “Role of Youth to Eliminate Gender Based Violence” with the objective to show a guideline for youths, government and NGOs to take further steps to eliminate GBV and we will be clear in our roles and responsibilities.

6.3 Capacity building training for legal aid lawyers on civil and criminal code
LACC organized training on Civil and Criminal Code, 2074 for legal aid lawyers. The training was held for three days. The program enhanced knowledge on the new issues incorporated in the law and proved to be helpful in clearing the confusion on the application and content of new laws. The principles, procedural and reformatory aspects including the fundamental features and changes were discussed.

7. Mobile camps on Jhapa, Kanchanpur, Sindhupalchowk and Kavrepalnachowk
In order to make legal aid simpler, comprehensible and easier to access, LACC is engaged in providing free legal aid to the marginalized communities especially to vulnerable and backward women through mobile legal clinics. During the period of July-December 2018, LACC has organized 2 mobile legal clinics for communities in Jhapa and Kanchanpur districts with 45 and 34 beneficiaries in each district respectively.

8. International Exposure Visit

8.1 Training on Mongolia
Legal Empowerment innovation workshop was conducted by Open Society, Mongolia in Ulaanbaatar from 27th July 2018-3rd August 2018. Executive Chairperson of LACC has taken part during the workshop. The workshop was designed for legal empowerment; promote social business model and innovative financing for justice. Different tools and techniques were discussed during the workshop.

8.2 M&E visit in Greece
With aim to plan the future steps and ideas, think together about new proposal; The M&E visit was conducted to evaluate of each activity and process, and having a summary that can help us to take future steps. The main part on the meeting was dedicated to reflection and evaluation of activities of “Breaking the cycle” project. Total 7 no of representatives from different 6 countries (Spain, Madagascar,
Bangladesh, Nepal, India and Greece) were participated during the meeting. In addition that M&E team had meeting with different government stakeholders including Ms. Fotini Kouvela, the General Secretary for Gender Equality of the Ministry of Interior in Greece. Presentation of the project and show them the results of the Good Practice Guide and the Training Manual in English and in Greek, and the Secretariat also made a presentation on the work that has been done to combat violence against women in Greece.

8.3. CEDAW participation


8.4. Legal Empowerment leadership Training in Budapest

LACC Staff Ms. Samjhana Ghimire participated in the Legal Empowerment Leadership Course 2018 in Budapest, Hungary. The course was organized by CEU School of public Policy, Institute for Human Rights, Open Society Justice Initiatives and NAMATI. The aim of the course is to cultivate a global cadre of leaders who are committed to legal empowerment, and who share a common understanding of the field, including history, methodology and evidence. The course was led by a faculty of respected practitioners and academics and participants were able to have an in-depth exploration of key themes, including the conceptual framework of legal empowerment, community organizing and social movements, and the role of grassroots legal advocates in realizing systematic change. The participatory course design will also emphasize peer to peer learning through small group work.