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OUR APPROACH

Gender transformative. Girls and boys can be powerful agents of social change. Our approach is to engage them in discussing, examining and challenging gender inequalities and harmful social norms that fuel violence.

Inclusive. Girls are at the center of our programming, and they believe boys need to be a part of the transformation too.

Localized. All our programs are delivered by local women and men from the same communities as girls and boys who understand the context and challenges of growing up in their communities.

Accountable. Our Girls Advisory Board participates in developing programs, strategy, and advocacy work.

Hamro Palo’s mission is to empower adolescent girls, boys and women and equip them with skills and knowledge that allow them to create their own safe and healthy futures. We do so by delivering culturally sensitive services that advance adolescents’ health, safety, confidence, and leadership skills.

We envision Nepali girls having access to education and information and having an equal say in their schools, in their families, in their communities, and in their country. We want girls to live in the world where they realize their potential as community members and change makers.
GRATITUDE!

Another incredible year is coming to an end and at Hamro Palo we are thankful to everyone who supported our work, chose to be part of our movement - girl led leadership and partnered with us in our various endeavours.

This year is special in so many ways and we are so inspired with the intelligence, courage and commitment of the girls to make this world a better place for their generation and generations to come. We introduced new program designed to cater the needs of Married and Out of School girls. Similar to our flagship program, Her Turn, we developed four weeks long workshop for young mothers focusing on their mental health and maternal health. The workshops were first of its kind for the participants as they hadn’t received programs designed just for them.

We are incredibly proud of our Girls Support Committee members who continue to showcase their leadership in dealing with social and gender norms. Around 70 members from various school met this year at the 4th Annual Girl Led Leadership Symposium to learn and share from each other and strengthen their leadership. Some of the members are now contributing their knowledge and expertise through our Girls Advisory Board.

By the end of this year, 6623 adolescent girls and 1689 adolescent boys have graduated from Her Turn and His Chance programming that began since 2012 and 2017 respectively. And we hope to reach out to many more adolescents in coming year.

We are extremely delighted that we introduced sports for girls in schools this year and for the first time they played volleyball in school in their fight against gender based discrimination. You can read more about the play in the newsletter. We so look forward to introducing sports for girls in other schools too.

We look forward to taking our girls-centered, women led leadership forward in coming year.

Thank you!

Anita Thapa
Executive Director
Her Turn

EDUCATION AND EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM

Her Turn is an education and empowerment workshop for rural girl students and girls who have dropped out of school, aged 12-16. The workshops are conducted daily for four weeks. During the first half the curriculum covers basic health issues, such as hygiene, menstruation and nutrition, and safety issues, such as domestic violence, sexual abuse, human trafficking and early marriage. Third week of the program is devoted to confidence and leadership skills development and during the last week the girls plan and implement a small community project.

The girls also form Girl Support Committees who regularly meet with mentors and support girls and boys in their schools and communities to work on various problems related to health, safety, and their schools. On the last day, they direct and perform a community ceremony, during which they present their newly acquired public speaking skills to their parents, teachers, and other community members. These events serve as advocacy platforms for the girls to talk about issues they find important – early marriage, trafficking, domestic violence, and others.

This year we organized 22 Her Turn workshops in 5 schools of Sindupalchowk and Rautahat districts. 421 girls graduated from 4 weeks long workshops that are led by local women. Out of 421, 292 girls were from Shree Bhimsen Secondary School, Jal Devi Secondary School, Bankali Devi Secondary School, Seti Devi Secondary School in Sindhupalchowk while 129 girls were from Shree Sanskrit Secondary School in Rautahat. To lead these workshops, local women were trained through Training of Trainers by Hamro Palo’s Master Trainers. In all schools, Girls Support Committees have been formed who will continue their grassroots advocacy and girl led leadership through mentorship programs.
Similar to Her Turn workshops, this year we conducted 17 His Chance Workshops in Sindhupalchowk and Rautahat districts. The 4 weeks workshops were led by young men from the villages who were trained by Hamro Palo’s Master Trainers. 352 adolescent boys graduated from 17 workshops in 5 schools: Bhimsen Secondary School, Jaldevi Secondary School, Bankali Devi Secondary School and Seti Devi Secondary School in Sindhupalchowk and Shree Sanskrit Secondary School in Rautahat.

Roshan Syangobo (17), grade 9 student from Shree Bhimsen Secondary School, Golche, Sindhupalchowk said “My favorite class in the workshop was on the topic “adolescence” as I got the opportunity to learn about emotional, physical and biological changes that we go through during this phase. As an adolescent, I used to be scared of the changes in my body and used to have many questions and curiosity. Now, I know everyone goes through what I am going through and it is completely normal to experience these changes in me.”
This year, around 70 girls gathered in Dhulikhel, Kavre for 3 days for our annual girl led leadership celebration. The main aim of the symposium was to bring the members from the Girls Support Committee from various schools in one platform and exchange their stories, ideas, knowledge and skills among one another and celebrate individual and collective leadership in schools and communities.

Throughout three days, we played different games focusing on various aspects of leadership such as goal setting, coordination, risk-taking, communication. We had a reflection of Hamro Palo’s work and its impact in the communities. We also did thematic mini group discussions and individual leadership journey. The girls were excited that Hamro Palo is coming up with new comic book on menstrual hygiene. We did Focus Group Discussions to receive feedback about the comic book content as well as suggestions from the girls.

During the evening, we had fun time as the girls showcased their talents through dance, singing, poem reciting and jokes. Urmila Bhattarai, grade 10 student from Shree Bhimsen Secondary School, Golche, one of the participants shared: “we had challenges like child/early marriage, different forms of violence in our village. After Her Turn program, child marriage has decreased in number. The knowledge and skills I learned from this conference will be helpful to educate both girls and boys in my village about leadership, advocacy on social issues, and traditional harmful practices.”
On the third day, we were joined by four women leaders from various sectors who lead their companies, organizations and initiatives. The speakers included Ms. Bonita Sharma, the Co-founder of Social Change Maker and Innovators (SOCHAI), Ms. Eeda Rija, CEO and Co-founder at Sochware, Ms. Rashila Tamang, Professional Runner, Ms. Sharmila Dhungana, Solo Woman Traveller and Communication Associate at ICIMOD, all of whom shared their leadership journey with the participants. Upon discussion with the girls, some of the girls asked questions to the speakers about the challenges faced by them, their motivation behind their leadership and the career they have chosen.

One of the participants, Masali Tamang, student of grade 9 from Shree Jhirpu Secondary School, Bhotekoshi Rural Municipality shared her experience of the three days conference:

“I got the opportunity to share my story and experiences of my community and school. I learned to be honest, dedicated to work, to be creative; to stay engaged in productive activities, to be determined and to keep on focusing on our goals. The conference was inspiring and motivational for me. I hope to practice everything I have learned in my daily life and to be a good leader in my community.”
In October 2019, our Girls Advisory Board members travelled all the way from their village to Kathmandu to join a 3-day strategic planning workshop. One of the members is 15-year-old Pasmai Sangbo, who comes from Golche – a remote village, close to China border in Sindhupalchowk district. In Golche, majority of the inhabitants come from Tamang, Dalit, and Bhujel minority groups, and many don’t speak fluent Nepali. There is approximately 170 households, and many people have migrated out of the village. Some own property in the capital city, while others are working abroad. The major occupation is agriculture and most of the senior citizens are illiterate.

During the workshop, we were discussing various strategies and interventions for girls’ leadership. Pasmai’s interest in sport games as a path to leadership was evident. She said, “I would like to see girls participating in sports, especially volleyball. My friends and I have witnessed how the boys have been playing volleyball in school and how confident and vigorous they look. Girls have never been asked if they would like to play volleyball and hence they were the audience, always. School dropouts, elopement, early pregnancy, domestic violence, polygamy, and polyandry are the most prevailing issues in our village and girls in sports could make a huge difference in tackling these issues.”

We committed ourselves that we will support her leadership with a condition that she will have to convince other girls and school administration.

Seven months earlier Pasmai had attended 4 weeks long Her Turn – education and empowerment workshop, our flagship program for adolescent girls. During the program, Pasmai was elected to the Girls Support Committee that is formed in each school during the workshop to provide long-term support to the girls we work with. These committees are one of the most important elements of our programs. After serving in the committee for six months she was selected to join Girls Advisory Board.

On 25th November, the first day of #16DaysofActivism, with the backdrop of Jugal Mountain range, the girls got ready in their jersey and white shoes. For many girls this is the first time they have worn anything like this. The girls playing volleyball for the first time in school was significant and historic – it was a big day for everyone. Since last week the girls were coached and trained by the school teachers (all men) and boys and we are so grateful that girls got the support from their families too. They were divided into four teams, according to their school house (Red, Blue, Yellow, Green). The jerseys were all orange, because we were also celebrating #16DaysofActivism against Gender Based Violence, with this year’s theme, “Orange the World: Generation Equality Stands against Rape”. The girls smashed the game. They played so well that their entire school audience including mothers and grandmothers were cheering for them. The girls not only played the game, they also made the history. They girls said, they quickly converted their
nervousness into confidence and enjoyed every bit of the game on the ground. “We feel powerful and confident and want to continue playing volleyball and encourage more girls to participate.”

Coming back to Pasmai, her team won the title and she was happy and joyful. This event sent many messages: that girls like to play sports just like the boys and they play as good as boys. In this modern age, the opportunity to play sports in school should be equal and we need to make more investment in sports. Given the right opportunity and space, girls can do anything. One of the mothers said, “I had never thought my daughter could play anything like volleyball and I am so proud of her.”

We are so proud of girls for breaking the system of discrimination and taking leadership for themselves. We look forward to support more girl-led leadership in future.
Workshops with the Girls Support Committees

This year, we have been meeting Girls Support Committees from various schools and holding skills based workshops. These workshops are refresher course for the Her Turn graduates. Further, we are doing consultations with the members of the committees to priorities our interventions and strategies for next year.

Mentorship Program

Besides regular monthly meetings, annual conferences and school based refresher workshops and educational materials support for the students, from this year, Hamro Palo awarded scholarship to two Girls Support Committee members to support their higher education. The scholarship will support college fee for two years as well as materials and miscellaneous expenses. From next year, the scholarship will be awarded to five members from different Girls Support Committees based on their active grassroot advocacy and commitment to girls leadership.
We are developing our own Menstrual Hygiene comic book for adolescent girls and boys. In 2016, we develop comic book against early marriage. The comic is well received by the adolescents and is helpful to prevent child/early marriages especially in the post-earthquake context. With the likes of adolescents, the menstrual hygiene comic book has key messages that Menstruation is a monthly bleeding experienced by women and girls that occurs when the uterus sheds its lining and removes the ovum. Menstruation can be confusing when it happens for the first time to someone who doesn’t know what it is. It’s important that girls do know about it. Boys should also know about it and be allies. Menstruation is a natural body process which means a girl’s or woman’s body is healthy and working in order. It is nothing to be ashamed of.

One of the activities under Girls Learning Center is a Computer learning center for all the students, especially girls. When Hamro Palo learned that the students in Shree Bhimsen Secondary School in Golche never had practical computer classes, we understood the need and decided to collaborate with the school. Today, the students have access to computer classes, audio-visual learning sessions. Hamro Palo is also supporting the administrative cost for the computer teacher and hope to continue this support in next year.
Every year, we hold a special strategic planning meeting with our Girls Advisory Board to prioritize our work for the next year. This year, we met from 21-23 October right in between our festival holidays. Together, we did reflection on our work in schools and the communities and narrowed priorities working areas. The board members highlighted that the rural issues revolve around poverty, so much so that it has become difficult to tackle social and gender norms. They agreed there is more work to be done to create gender friendly environment for adolescent girls and women. Some of the issues we will be focusing in the coming year would be continuing our Her Turn programming with the likes of adolescent girls and boys and also develop programs that can be joined by both girls and boys. We will continue our work with married and out of school girls.

As we expanded our advisory board to 15 members this year, through various activities and games, we did some team building exercises and explored our strengths and possible collaboration areas. Our advisory board members also took a tour of National Human Rights Commission and had a discussion with the NHRC representatives. During the meeting, the girls shared cases they have experienced and witnessed in their communities and learned about various mechanisms to respond and report such cases.

Girls Advisory Board

Participation at CREA’s RECONFERENCE

Some members of the Girls Advisory Board and mentor had a meeting with “With and For Girls Collective Team” from London and attended a pre-conference session at RECONFERENCE by CREA in Kathmandu. Our Master Trainer joined the 3 day (10-12 April) Conference where she learned the strategies and programs to rethink cultural and popular narratives that guide the abortion discourse globally, to reimagine decriminalisation not just as working to change laws or reduce harm by mitigating the effects of restrictive legislation, but as a powerful story of mobilisation and to reboot conversations on some of the most profound fault lines that have so far limited cross-movement alliance building on the issue of disability and abortion.
Sanu Syangbo born in 2001 is from Jugal rural municipality. She has interest in playing basketball and table tennis. She attended Her Turn Workshop in 2019. Her goal in life is to be a software engineer. She says, “I can advocate for adolescent girls’ issues by focusing on the problem and making plans on solutions.”

Binita Shrestha born in 2000 is from Lisankhupakhar rural municipality, Sindhupalchowk. She is in grade 12. She has interest in singing. Her aim in life is to become a teacher and provide quality education to students. She attended Her Turn workshop in 2016. She says, “To advocate adolescent girls’ issues, I will make a committee and discuss about the solutions. If our planned solutions will not work then me with my committee will go to concerned bodies to seek for help.”

Lakmai Tamang born in 2004 is from Jugal rural municipality. She studies in Shree Rameshwor secondary school. She is interested in small activities in schools and communities that make positive impacts. She attended Her Turn workshop in 2017. She says, “I can advocate on adolescent girls’ issues by firstly studying about the issues and then planning to solve the problem.”

Karuna Shrestha born in 2005 is from Lisankhupakhar rural municipality. She is studying in Shree Nigale secondary school in grade 10. She has interest in dancing and reading books. Her aim in life is to be a doctor. She attended Her Turn workshop in 2017. She says, “Being a member of Girls Support Committee, I will help girls who are facing problems. If I cannot handle the case then I will seek help with people who are older than me.”

Pasmaya Syangbo born in 2002 is from Jugal rural municipality. She studies in Shree Bhimsen secondary school in grade 9. She helps others by understanding their emotions. She attended Her Turn workshop in 2019. Her aim in life is to become a social worker. She says, “After Her Turn programs, girls have been able to build self-confidence.”

Dasangmu Sherpa born in 2003 is from Bhotekoshi rural municipality. She studies in Shree Marming secondary school in grade 10. She is interested to work in health sector. Her aim in life is to become an engineer. She attended Her Turn workshop in 2017. She says, “I can advocate for girls’ issues by doing awareness programs on issues faced by girls to make people aware about it.”

Bishnumaya Tamang born in 2004 is from Pachpokhari Thangpal rural municipality. She is studying in Shree Palchok secondary school in grade 10. Her area of interest is to help people. Her aim in life is to become a nurse. She attended Her Turn workshop in 2017. She says, “To advocate for adolescent girl's issues I will make plan and search for solutions. I will try to fix the problem by myself; if it's not possible then I will complain to concerned body.”
This year, we introduced tailor made program for married and out of school girls. The program was developed based on the feedback from the school drop out and married girls and also the community members. The program was delivered in two rural municipalities of Sindhupalchowk district where 100 young mothers between the age group of 15-19, were part of the programming. The 4 weeks long workshops were delivered by Female Community Health Volunteers who had received five days Training of Trainers and also four days training on Psychological First Aid. The program included subjects such as family planning, maternal health, mental health, financial literacy etc. 77 young mothers from Panchpokhari Thangpal and 23 from Jugal Rural Municipalities participated in the program.
Women Deliver Conference is the biggest conference on gender equality and the health, rights, and wellbeing of girls and women. The objective of the conference was to present new knowledge, promote solutions, and engage a broad spectrum of voices. Hamro Palo’s Executive Director Ms. Anita Thapa, Master Trainer Ms. Yachin Sherpa and Technical Adviser Ms. Ola Percynzka represented the organization at the conference.

At the conference our collective choice of sessions were: mental health, education, girl’s empowerment, sexual and reproductive health rights, menstrual hygiene, good governance and girls and women’s agency and equality. Our priority for these sessions is to learn new ideas, approaches, to explore collaborations to tackle these issues so that we can focus on solutions and long-term sustainability.

Besides participating in the interesting sessions for five days, our Executive Director spoke at the two events - Feminist Human Library where she was chosen by Canadian Council for International Cooperation as one of the human books to share her work and thoughts on feminism and gender equality. At the pre-conference event on 2nd June, Ms. shared her work along with 16 other chosen feminists. In four rounds, she had the opportunity to share her work and have a chat with around 100 interested audience.

One of the highlights of Women Deliver was the second day of the conference on 4th June, where Ms. Thapa spoke as a panelist at the panel called “Let’s Talk about it. Period. She did a “pechkucha” format presentation and the focus of her presentation was best practices by the adolescent girls to manage menstrual hygiene and deal with the harmful menstrual restrictions and social taboos. She emphasized her presentation on why we should invest in girl’s education and let them be the decision makers on the program and project interventions.

We also had a fabulous time meeting with With and For Girls Collective members from various countries and run our own mini meetings and collab opportunities.
കിശോരിയെ ആമാഹ്സ് അന്തന്റെ:

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परिवर्तनका कथा

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सन २०१५ को अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय बीमारी लोकप्रियता खुलापाट पछि हामीले पालो फन देखाइ २४ दिन नपर्ने कार्यालय तालिका भए। जसलाई म फूर सैद्धान्तिकै लिए। अन्तिम त म जोखिम पनि कृपा गर्न सक्छ। कार्यक्रमको उद्धारण समेत गर्नुहुँ।

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स्त्री उदाहरण
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सन २०१५ मा हामीले विज्ञानात्मक हट-टन कार्यक्रममा सहायता भए। यो कार्यसाधनमा समूह फातिलाई मसाईलाई समस्त मात्रामा भए, वातावरणका र किशोरको रामसुमनीको विविधता रामसुमनी भए। जसलाई देखेका भएका सहित गर्न भन्न बारामा पनि विद्यालयमा बुझाइ। कार्यक्रमको देखि समयमा हामी स्वस्थ सम्मान आफ्नो र कृपा होको जना दिइनुहोस्।

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स्कूलमा गर्नेका व्यक्तिको के वन हेको, केही गन्तव्य बालिकाहरु जसलाई बुझारी छ। अन्तिम गर्ने बीजियोर, लघुसारी गर्ने पनि बालिकाहरु जसलाई बुझारी छ।
কলামকো প্যাড বন্ধন সিকাওনে অপার্চি ছুড়া

ম শুক্লার জনিমসমূহ এই সময় সম্পর্কে নির্দেশ করে।

পাশাপাশি আলোচিত হলো তালাকের প্রক্রিয়া ও তালাকের পর বিষয়ে।

সরলাই সংগঠন

রাষ্ট্রীয় ও অন্তর্জাতিক সমাজ সেবন ও সমাজসেবামূলক কার্যক্ষেত্রে অংশগ্রহণ করার জন্য সংগঠনটি প্রতিষ্ঠিত হয়েছে।

জারিভাষা বাংলাদেশ (১৫)

কর্তা-১০, শ্রী রামচন্দ্র মাহেশ ও প্রফ. মনোরঞ্জন মজুম্দার

পাঠালো পটক পর সত্যিকার বিষয় ৪ জনে নিউজ ধারায় নাশিনী জাতীয় সংস্কার কর্মসূচিতে অংশ নেন।

ঘটনাসমূহের সমন্বয় ও সমাজসেবামূলক কার্যক্ষেত্রে অংশগ্রহণ করার জন্য সংগঠনটি প্রতিষ্ঠিত হয়েছে।
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