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PRAN's Announcements

This has been a good month for PRAN as our IEC materials on budget literacy have been approved and will be adopted by the Nepal Government (GoN).

Also, we bring you a story on the effect of the work undertaken by one of our CSOs; how it is helping the villagers to empower and enable themselves to receive their rightful entitlements.

PRAN IEC Materials: Now Owned by the Government

PRAN is pleased to share that our IEC materials on Budget literacy have been approved and accepted by the Government of Nepal for distribution throughout the country.

On 10 June 2014, PRAN received a letter confirming the decision made by the Ministry of Federal Affairs and Local Development (MOFALD) to incorporate the Government logo into the flipcharts and publish/ distribute the materials to all the municipalities, District Development Committees, Ward Citizen Forums and Citizen Awareness Centres.

The Information Education and Communication (IEC) materials have been developed with a view to educate people about the importance of budget and how it meets their priorities and needs.

"This has been a great success for PRAN and the team is very proud of the fact that our materials have been adopted by the GoN," says Luiza Nora, Team Task Leader for PRAN. "This clearly gives us the motivation to step up and reach out further to inform citizens about their budget. This also paves a way for future collaborations with the Nepal Government."

PRAN has worked on the publication of flip charts with manuals on the themes of Local Budgeting Literacy Material; and Pro – Poor and Gender Budgeting through International Governance and Development (IGD) Nepal.



Raising Awareness on Social Security Allowance

- Case story collected by Ram Bahadur Chetri, Social Accountability Practitioner, Siddhartha Social Development Centre, Kapilvastu

For someone who had never been to village meetings, Pena Chamaar, 51, of Patariya Village Development Committee (VDC) in Kapilvastu district is elated now that she receives Rs.500 a month (Single woman allowance). Pena was also unaware about the provision of Social Security Allowances (SSA) by the state.

As a widow whose husband passed away five years ago, Pena (pictured right) had to struggle a lot without money. Nowadays it has been easier for her to survive in the village as she gets her monthly allowance.



Program for Accountability in Nepal (PRAN), through a local CSO, Si dhartha Social Development Centre (SCDC), implemented the survey on entitlements in 300 households seeking information from the allowance recipients. Sidhartha Social Development Centre in Kapilvastu is among the 40 CSOs funded by PRAN under Multi Donor Trust Fund (MDTF) to work on the issues of social accountability.

Through PRAN, the CSOs received an intensive training from PFM experts in collaboration with the World Bank Institute (WBI) to plan and conduct Public Expenditure Tracking Survey (PETS) in 2013. With technical support from New Era, one of PRAN's partners, the CSOs worked on the questionnaire and implemented the survey in their respective districts.

During PETS, the CSOs collected information about the recipients' experiences, challenges they faced and their backgrounds. They also conducted village and ward level meetings, awareness raising consultations as results of which, everyone in the village was made clear about their rights. The Ward Citizen Forums and the social mobilizers then provided information about the eligibility as well as the processes of application when those eligible but unaware about their entitlements demanded for it.

What's more, due to the intervention of PRAN, Patariya VDC office has added 59 names of entitlement recipients for this fiscal year. The VDC office has also been distributing the entitlements in timely manner and it has now committed to support the villagers with their entitlement application processes. Also, as a result of the awareness-raising, the VDC has widened its outreach in the community by providing correct entitlement information.

GPSA Knowledge Platform

Global Partnership for Social Accountability (GPSA) Knowledge Platform offers repository of information for the social accountability practitioners. It hosts, manages, shares and disseminates relevant knowledge products and facilitates connections and networking among the practitioners.

It contains content from multiple sources and provides a range of tools for collaboration, networking, learning and knowledge management, processing and display.

The platform allows GPSA grant recipients, other CSOs, experts, interested citizens and potential partners to share and generate knowledge, connect, and collaborate, thus improving the effectiveness of social accountability projects around the world.



The Knowledge Platform is organized around four modules:

- Knowledge Repository
- Learn and Participate
- Network
- Knowledge Exchange

For more information on the Knowledge Platform:

<http://gpsaknowledge.org/>

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