

Orientation Program Report

Forum for Nation Building, Nepal

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Summary of the Project

Project Code	77510
Project Title	Enhancing access to justice of community people through Mediation and functions of Judicial Committee at Mithila Municipality
Duration in months	12 months
Start and end date as per contract	July 15, 2022, through July 14, 2023
Budget	4,805,368 NPR
Location	Mithila Municipality
Donor	The Asia Foundation
Stakeholders	Local Government, Civil Society Organizations,
Project Aim/Overall Objective	To ensure access to justice of the grassroots level marginalized people in order to protect the fundamental right to justice.
Specific Objectives	<p>To strengthen and enhance capacity of community mediators by providing training about the mediation, its jurisdiction and procedure of mediation center.</p> <p>To strengthen and enhance capacity of the Judicial Committee and local representatives by providing need basis knowledge and skills about the right and responsibility of judicial committee and mediation center.</p>
Reporting Period	

1 Day Orientation Meeting for the Local Government for a Participatory and Community Based Selection Process of Mediators for Basic Training

Introduction:

Forum for Nation Building had organized 1 Day Orientation Meeting for the Local Government for a Participatory and Community Based Selection Process of Mediators for Basic Training at Mithila Municipality of Dhanusha on 14th of August 2022. The activity was completed under the project "Enhancing access to justice of community people through Mediation and functions of Judicial Committee at Mithila Municipality". The overall aim of the project was to dispute resolution mechanism through mediation, to strengthen and support the justice system at the purposed project area through the function of judicial committee on handling the cases at local level, whereas the aim of the activity was to discuss on participatory and community based selection process of mediators.

- To orient local government of about the project.
- To discuss about the process of mediators trainee selection.
- To discuss about the roles and responsibilities of municipality and wards.

Methodology

The program was conducted in collaboration with the municipality in the hope to strengthen and enhancing capacity of community mediators by providing mediation training, to support them to participate in jurisdiction procedure of mediation centre and to strengthen the mechanism capacity of the Judicial Committee and local representatives. The program was chaired by Nimal Kumar Upreti President of FNB, Nepal. 20 participants were participated in a program that includes Deputy Mayor, ward chairs, local government staffs, and political leaders. Master of Ceremony was assisted by Advocate Suman Neupane for admission and the justification of the program for 8 days training for Mediation.

The main methods we had followed on an orientation program was:

Introduction

Formal Session

PowerPoint Presentation

Question Answer and Discussion.

Firstly introduction session was made to make each other familiar. The program also adopted the formal way of organization orientation that consists of chairing the event, presence of chief guest. Power point presentation was made to inform participants about the overall project aims and activities. To clear the doubts and curiosity of the participants question/answer and discussion were also made.

Key Discussion

The procedure of mediation in Nepal is guided by Mediation Act 2068. A Mediation Act was introduced in Nepal and came into effect in the middle of April 2014. It provides for the disputing parties' voluntary participation in the resolution process in a more equitable and legal manner. After the passage and start of the mediation act, the employment of consensual dispute resolution mechanisms has gained new momentum. Due to a lack of supplemental rules and regulations, the Act had lain inactive in the statute book for almost two years. The Act has a number of provisions that tend to be precise and substantive. The supplemental rules and regulations provide more clarification, explanation, and elaboration of the provisions in the Act (Ain).

The 8 days basic mediator training aims to bring the 60 participants from 11 wards of the municipality in the two phases of the training. The inclusion of women, minorities, disabled and other marginalized community will be ensured while selecting the participants. Coordination will be done with local government, 33% of women, 2% of disabled, 22% of Madhesi 10% of Dalit and 10% of Ethnic people in the training (Atleast one women mediator in each ward). The training will be organized in a close collaboration and coordination with municipality and ward. The Mithila Municipality is also contributing to cover the resource person expenses.

Lessons Learnt

To reduce the political pressure, mediator's trainee selection guideline will be effective and fair.

To the effective implementation of municipal judicial system collaboration and coordination with other organizations are mandatory.

Minimal expenses are incurred while using mediation services, and secrecy and privacy are safeguarded.

Next Steps

Following the objectives of the project activity and recommendations made by the participants of orientation program we will be doing following activities in coming day.

- Forum for Nation Building Nepal must build the rules, criteria and guidelines to select the mediators.

- Mediators Training Applicant form will be developed and vacancy notice will be published.
- 8 days mediation training shall take place in between last week of Bhadra 2079 and first week of Ashoj.

Annexes:

Copy of the Participants Attendance



Enhancing Access to Justice of Community People through Mediation and function of Judicial Committee at Mithila Municipality
Attendance sheet for 1 Day Orientation Meeting for the Local Government for a participatory and community based selection process of Mediators for Venue Mithila Municipality
Date: 2079.04.29

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