



ROSTER OF GENDER SPECIALISTS IN NEPAL ¹					
<p>Criteria</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Known record of work on gender and the relevant focus area for (at least 10 years) years at the national, regional and/or international level 2. Known record of working with broader alliances, part of other networks in Nepal and globally 3. At least a master’s degree or equivalent in gender studies, public policy, human rights, development studies, law or other related disciplines 4. Broad understanding of global best practices as they relate to gender responsive programming 					
<p>Themes Covered</p> <p>Common Country Assessment; Data and Statistics; Economic Empowerment; Education; Environment; Evaluations; Gender mainstreaming; Gender Responsive Budgeting (GRB); Health, Sexuality and HIV/AIDs; Human Rights and Law; Media; Migration; National Development Plans; Political Participation and Governance; Violence Against Women (VAW); Women, Peace and Security; Training, Working with men and boys/ Masculinities</p>					
Theme	Name and Short Profile of the Individual ²	Skills (Analysis/Research; Advocacy; Capacity development)	Working Languages	Geographic Experience	Email/Phone
Common Country Assessment	<p>Lalita Thapa Ms. Lalita Thapa has more than thirty years of professional experience with the UN system. She has been directly involved in strategic planning of e.g., CCA, UNDAF, CPD and CPAP. In her role as the Head of the Gender Unit of UNDP, she provided strategic interventions to mainstream gender in the formulation, implementation and evaluation of UNDP’s programmes. As one of the contributors to designing the system at the UN HQ level, she is intimately familiar with the UN Scorecard System, and undertook the implementation of the Gender Scorecard for the UNCT Nepal as Gender Expert. Ms. Thapa has led the Gender Evaluation Team and conducted gender audits in government institutions and private industrial units. She has both undertaken</p>	Analysis/Research	Nepali, English	Nepal	lalita.thapa@hotmail.com

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² Names of individuals listed in alphabetical order according to family name.



	extensive training as well as organised/conducted capacity development events on gender issues at the country office level and for many development partners. She also has extensive experience in applying the Results Based Management approach and has provided services as a resource person at workshops and seminars at national and international levels.				
Data and Statistics	Bharati Silawal-Giri (See Gender Mainstreaming)				
	Dr. Manju Thapa Tuladhar (See Evaluations)				
	Krishna Gyawali (see Political Participation and Governance)				
Economic Empowerment	<p>Meena Acharya Dr. Meena Acharya is an Economist, Feminist Scholar, Researcher and Author, both in Nepali and English, with a varied experience of working in various government and non-government positions. Currently, she is the General Secretary of Tanka Prasad Acharya Memorial Foundation. She is well known for her original contributions to highlighting issues of poverty, development policy and gender concerns in the Nepalese society. At the international level, she has made pioneering contributions in development of a methodology for measurement of women’s work and contributions to GDP. She has provided consultancy services to several UN organizations, including UNIFEM/HMG and DESA/UN, in such initiatives as ‘Engendering the Budget in Nepal’, the ‘Tenth Plan’ of Nepal, ‘Evaluation of UN efforts in Nepal on Capacity-building for Poverty Eradication for Economic and Social Commission’ of UN Headquarters.</p>	Analysis/Research	Nepali, English	Nepal	meenaacharya@ntc.net.np sahavagiktm@sahavagi.org.np
	<p>Dr. Bimala Rai Paudyal Dr. Bimala Rai Paudyal is former member of the National Planning Commission of Nepal. She is adjunct professor of Development Studies for Agriculture and Forestry University (AFU); board member for Office of Millennium Challenge Corporation for Nepal; member of executive board for Alliance for Social Dialogue (ASD) and member of Civil Society Group Advisory Committee. She is policy expert, an academic, programme designer and impact evaluator especially in the field of rural livelihoods, gender equality and social inclusion mainstreaming, natural resource governance and disaster risk reduction. She has</p>	Analysis, training, capacity development, advocacy,	Nepali English	Nepal	bimalarp@gmail.com Skype: bimalarp



	<p>worked as Programme Management Specialist at Swiss Agency for Development Cooperation (SDC), Social Development and Livelihood Advisor at Livelihoods and Forestry Programme of DFID, Manager of Impact Assessment and Programme Learning Department for Action Aid and Agriculture Economist for Pakhribas Agriculture Centre. In addition, she has completed several consultancies on GESI mainstreaming in organizations, plans and budgets; climate smart agriculture; and natural resource governance for different national and international organizations. After the devastating earthquake of April 2015 in Nepal, Dr. Paudyal took lead responsibility of coordinating Post Disaster Need Assessment (PDNA) thematic teams of Gender Equality and Social Inclusion, Social Protection and Forestry and Environment Conservation. She also contributed to formulation of Post-Earthquake Early Recovery Strategy and Reconstruction Policy with focus on mainstreaming gender equality and empowerment of women, livelihoods recovery, social rehabilitation and resilience building.</p>				
	<p>Saloni Singh Saloni Singh has over 15 years of experience working on Gender Equality and Women’s Empowerment in Nepal and South Asia. Her key areas of expertise are communications, education, environment, women’s health, Poverty alleviation and economic empowerment, ending violence against women and governance. planned, developed and implemented numerous gender and equity focused programs including training in social engineering, social organization skills, Participatory Development Planning, Resource Mobilization, Micro credit, Good Governance and several National/International Poverty Alleviation Programs with organizations within Nepal as well as in the Region. She has organized, managed and implemented several programs related to participatory development in international, regional and national (community) level for several development agencies including; Action Aid, USAID, The Asia Foundation, World Education Inc, PACT, CEDPA, DANIDA, GTZ, UNICEF, UNDP, UNFPA, ILO, JICA, DFID, AusAID, HELVETAS, SNV, CAMPE/Bangladesh, South Asia Partnership (Canada, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Bangladesh and Nepal) PAMFORK- Kenya CECI/Nepal, SCF/USA, Action Aid and SDC. She has published a series of publication and participated as a keynote speaker in numerous events focused on gender and development issues. She</p>	<p>Research, Training, Capacity Development</p>	<p>Nepali English Hindi Urdu Bengali</p>	<p>Nepal</p>	<p>Po. Box # 13205, Kathmandu, Nepal PHONE/FAX 00977-1-4226753(fax), 4225012 (work), 977-1-490404, 4472868 (home) E-MAIL salonipsingh@hotmail.com, didibahini@wlink.com.np or info@didibahini.org</p>



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	<p>Milan Adhikary Dr. Milan Adhikary has a Ph. D. degree in Agriculture Economics with a wider work experience in the fields of agriculture, natural resource management, water and sanitation, gender, women's empowerment, child labour and other socio-economic issues. Dr. Adhikary has worked for various International and UN organizations in different capacities such as an advisor, regional manager, national consultant, and gender and capacity building specialist. She has also managed, monitored and evaluated several projects either located in the remote parts of Nepal or conflict affected areas. Dr Adhikary, who has extensive experience in gender and capacity development, also has worked for UN Women's Economic Empowerment Unit in favour of Ministry of Agriculture's Agriculture Development Strategy (ADS). While working at UN Women, she actively participated in food cluster for engendering the post-earthquake programme. In addition, she has served as a Gender and Capacity Building Specialist in Lease Hold Forestry project, under technical assistance from FAO, aimed to improving the livelihood of rural poor through socio-economic empowerment of men and women forest users' group. Dr. Adhikary has been involved with WINROCK International in the capacities of Advisor, Regional Manager, Senior Research Officer and Consultant.</p>	<p>Analysis/Research; Capacity Development</p>	<p>Nepali, English, Hindi German and Thai</p>	<p>Nepal, Cambodia, Laos, UK, USA</p>	<p>milan.adhikary@gmail.com + 977-1-4370234/ 4015175 +977-9841-577-396 +44-7447574526</p>
	<p>Arzu Rana Deuba Dr. Arzu Rana Deuba is an MP in Nepal. She is Co-Chair of the CEESP Theme on Environment & Security and is also a Member of CEC. She graduated from St. Bedes College, Himalchal Pradesh University and Punjab University with a PhD in organizational psychology. She became actively involved in environment conservation through the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) and was given the task of exploring the possibility of integrating gender into IUCN's programming in Nepal. Dr. Deuba has also worked with the Canadian Cooperation Office as an Environmental Advisor where she provided technical assistance to the Water and Energy Commission Secretariat of the Ministry of Water Resources. For several years, she worked as</p>	<p>Capacity Development</p>	<p>Nepali, English</p>	<p>Nepal, Regional (South and East Asia)</p>	<p>arzrade@gmail.com samanata@wlink.com.np smnnepal@wlink.com.np</p>



	<p>Gender Consultant for various organizations including IUCN, CCO, UNDP, GTZ, PACT, USAID, UNFPA, UNICEF, CEPDA and the Ministry of Water Resources. She currently serves her second term as IUCN Regional Councillor from South and East Asia.</p>				
	<p>Sumitra Manandhar Gurung Dr. Sumitra Manandhar Gurung is the Chairperson of Prop. Mahila Sahayatra Microfinance Bittiya Sanstha, the Executive Chairperson of Women’s Cooperative Society (WCS), and the Chairperson of National Coalition Against Racial Discrimination (NCARD). She is also a Member of the BOD in Samata Foundation, Sankalpa, and Center for Self Help Development (CSD). Dr. Gurung has over twenty years of experience in integrated rural and urban development programmes, micro-credit, natural resource management, and community participation from the perspective of social inclusion. She has focused on the inclusion of marginalized groups in the constitution making process in Nepal, and related model constitution building activities, and engaged in advocacy on behalf of deprived and marginalized groups for alleviating poverty and ensuring their dignity in society. Dr. Gurung has also managed various rural and urban community development projects in the context of Nepal and India from the perspective of gender and social inclusion. She received her master’s degree in Geography from Tribhuvan University, MSc in Human Settlement Planning from Asian Institute of Technology, Bangkok, and PhD in Geography from University of Hawaii, USA.</p>	<p>Research, Advocacy</p>	<p>Nepali, English</p>	<p>Nepal</p>	<p>sumitramgurung@gmail.com</p>
	<p>Meeta Sainju Pradhan Dr. Meeta Sainju Pradhan is an experienced Researcher in gender and social inclusion. She has contributed to studies conducted commissioned by SNV, DFID, the Nepal Demographic and Health Survey and UN Women. She also has extensive professional experience as a Programme Development Coordinator with CARE International and Assistant M&E Officer with UNICEF. Dr. Pradhan holds a PhD in Philosophy and Sociology from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, USA.</p>	<p>Research</p>	<p>Nepali, English</p>	<p>Nepal</p>	<p>meetasp@gmail.com</p>



	<p>Namrata Sharma Ms. Namrata Sharma was the Founding Managing Director of the Centre for Micro-Finance (CMF) Nepal and the first Director of the Indian School of Microfinance for Women, Ahmedabad. She has functioned as the Asia Regional co-ordinator for a global Action Research project on Impact Assessment of Micro-Finance Institutions (MFIs) anchored by IDS, Sussex University, and HIV/AIDs and Microfinance anchored by UNDP. She has been a Visiting Research Fellow with The University of Bath conducting a research with Dr. Susan Johnson on the management and governance challenges in user owned microfinance groups in Kenya. She also holds an EMBA degree from Pokhara University, Nepal, and has received training on Microfinance in Colorado. Ms. Sharma has also headed the Knowledge Management and Training department of <i>MicroSave</i> India. She is currently on the board of several organisations in Nepal, USA and India, and is freelancing to help set up institutions and develop sustainable business for the poor and marginalized. Ms. Sharma is also the Publisher/Editor of a quarterly Nepali Magazine '<i>Nariswor</i>' (Women's Voice) published from Kathmandu. She is also an Executive Member of Rural Health and Education Service Trust (RHEST) Nepal. Ms. Sharma has prepared and presented papers in various international events held in different countries in Asia, North America, Europe and Africa together with hosting several international workshops and seminars on microfinance in different countries in Asia and Europe while published several articles in Nepali journal on politics, development and women rights and empowerment.</p>	Analysis/Research	Nepali, English, Hindi, Urdu	Nepal, Kenya, UK, India, Afghanistan, USA	namrata1964@yahoo.com + 977-1-4494418, + 977-9841662965
	<p>Ava Darshan Shrestha Dr. Ava Darshan Shrestha has extensive experience working as a social development and gender consultant. She led a World Bank study on the Social Assessment of Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Project I, was a Gender Consultant to the ILO and UNDP Consultant to the NPC for preparation of the sustainable development agenda for Nepal. She has also been Technical Advisor and Consultant for evaluations and studies of USAID, WWF and the World Bank. She has published on women in rural development and on the impact of armed conflict on women in South Asia. Dr. Shrestha holds master's degrees in</p>	Analysis/Research	Nepali, English	Nepal	SP@ava.wlink.com.np ava_darshan@hotmail.com



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	<p>Prativa Subedi Ms. Prativa Subedi is the Founding President of Nari Chetana Kendra Nepal (WACN) organisation that focuses on community development programmes, gender training and networking at the different levels. Ms. Subedi’s role consists of co-ordinating the overall activities of WACN as well as facilitating training on community development, needs assessments, savings and credit mobilisation and cooperatives, and monitoring and evaluation. In the past, she has worked as a Communication Officer, Project Manager, Project Implementation Officer and Assistant Lecturer. Ms. Subedi has organised and facilitated a range of high-level trainings and workshops on diverse topics related to gender, women’s economic empowerment, migration and trafficking, and violence against women. She was selected for the Beijing Follow-Up National Committee by the Women Ministry of Nepal to advise on policy matters related to women and economy. She has participated in numerous preparatory meetings of the UN Commission on the Status of Women. She has also served as an Executive Member of Nepal National NGO Preparatory Committee Towards Beijing NGO Coalition. Ms. Subedi has an MA in Economics, a BA in Education, a BA in Arts, from Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu, and a Diploma of Social Development, from St. Francis Xavier University, Canada.</p>	Advocacy, Capacity Development	Nepali, English	Nepal	Wacn@mos.com.np +977-4417355 +977-1-4418861 +977-9841590541
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	<p>Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights (EIDHR), Maitri and Nepal Institute of Development Studies (NIDS). She has published a series of publications on GEWE including women’s political participation, violence against women in politics, gender and governance, HIV/AIDS and women’s foreign labour migration. She holds a Master of Arts in Sociology from Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), Delhi, India.</p>				
	<p>Krishna Gyawali (see Political Participation and Governance)</p>				
	<p>Yuba Raj Khatiwada Yuba Raj Khatiwada most recently worked as Governor for the Nepal Rastra Bank. Prior to that he was Vice Chair of the National Planning Commission (NPC), Senior Economist at the UNDP Regional Center for Asia and the Pacific, member of the NPC, Executive Director of the Economic Research Department of the Nepal Rastra Bank, Economist at the Nepal Rastra Bank and teacher at Tribhuvan University and Kathmandu University. He has produced a series of publications on micro and macroeconomics. He has a Ph. D. in Monetary Economics, from Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi (1991) and a Master of Arts (MA) in Economics (1981, First Division,) and master’s in public administration (1984, First Division) from Tribhuvan University.</p>	<p>Research, teaching, advisory services</p>	<p>Nepali English</p>	<p>Nepal, Thailand,</p>	<p>dryubaraj@gmail.com 977-1-4432014 977-1-9851119129</p>
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	<p>published several publications related to gender equality, women’s empowerment, aid effectiveness, economics, governance, health, education and demographics. She holds a PhD in Economics from Tribhuvan University with the dissertation title: “Human Resources Development in Nepal: An analysis of the Health and Education sectors”. She holds a Masters in Demography from Australian National University, a Masters in Population Studies from Tribhuvan University, and a Master’s in economics from Tribhuvan University.</p>				
	<p>Prajwal Sharma Aryal Prajiwal Sharma Aryal is the Joint Secretary of the Office of Nepal Trust of the Government of Nepal. Previously he has worked Joint Secretary of the Ministry of General Administration, the Under Secretary of the Ministry of Health and Population, the Under Secretary of the Public Service Commission, the Under Secretary of the Ministry of Labour and Transport Management, the Director and Director General of the Department of Labour and Employment, the Section Officer of the National Planning Commission Secretariat. He has a Master of Science, Regional Development Planning and Management, Asian Institute of Technology, Thailand, a Post Graduate Diploma, Regional Development Planning and Management, University of Dortmund, Germany, a Post Graduate Diploma, Integrated Rural Regional Development Planning, Development Study Center, Israel and Dschang, Cameroon, a Master's Degree in Economics, Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu, and a Diploma in Humanities and Social Science with Major Economics, Trichandra Campus, Kathmandu.</p>	<p>Training, capacity development</p>	<p>Nepali, English, German & Hindi</p>	<p>Nepal</p>	<p>Phone No.: 977-1-4430327 (Res.), 977-1-4221433(Off) Cell: 9841296622</p>
	<p>Rina Tuladhar Dr. Rina Tuladhar holds a PhD degree in informal employment. She is a professor of economics in Padmakanya Campus. As one of her key expertise areas is women’s involvement in the informal sector. Her theoretical knowledge can provide strategic direction to the Network of Economist for Gender Equality in the NPC.</p>				
	<p>Dr. Yamuna Ghale Dr. Yamuna Ghale holds PhD on Food Security Governance. Currently, she is working as a Research Director of Nepal Centre for Contemporary Research (NCCR). She holds different honorary positions as appointed by the Government of Nepal such as Council Member for Nepal Agricultural Research Council, Expert member for</p>	<p>Policy analysis, Research, Training/Workshops/Dialogue facilitation and moderation Monitoring Evaluation</p>	<p>English Nepali Gurung</p>	<p>Nepal</p>	<p>yamunaghale@gmail.com 977-9851065738</p>



	<p>National Food Security Coordination Committee for Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development, Think Tank Member for Ministry of Women, Children and Senior Citizen. Currently, she is engaged with many multilateral agencies such as World Bank, UN Women, WFP, FAO and IFAD in the capacity of independent consultant. She is an agriculturist by academic qualifications. She obtained M.Sc. Ag. from Wageningen Agricultural University, The Netherlands. She has gained professional experience of 30 years in the field of Natural Resource Management, Agriculture, Food Security, Gender and Social Inclusion issues. She has worked with Swiss Embassy as Portfolio Manager for Agriculture and Food security and Gender Focal Person for last 14 years. Before that, she has worked with International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD) as a Manager/Agriculturist/Gender Expert; Team Leader for Livelihoods and Economic Rights in Action Aid International Nepal; and Natural Resource Management Expert in SNV Nepal. She has experience of working with the State, Government, Development Partners, Private sectors and Civil Society Organizations. She has particular interest on federalism, resource management, food security, policy research, evidence-based advocacy, gender and social inclusion in development issues.</p>				
	<p>Sangita Budhathoki Ms. Sangita Budhathoki has worked as a Gender Equality and Social Inclusion advisor and specialist in USAID, Winrock International, RTI international specially in livelihoods, private sector engagement and health system engagement. Currently, she is working as a Gender Specialist in BRCRN (Building a Resilient Churia Region in Nepal) Project from FAO Technical Assistance side. She began her development career in early 2000 as a youth producer with UNICEF’s award-winning youth initiatives- “Chatting with my Best Friend”/Saathi Sanga Maan Ka Kura-SSMK” for almost eight years. Her leadership won the International Children’s Day Award for UNICEF Nepal in 2008. Sangita is a Social and Behaviour Change Communication (SBCC) expert with 20 years of experience in development and over 15 years of practice in communication as an advisor, manager,</p>	<p>Analysis/Research; Capacity Development</p>	<p>English Nepali</p>	<p>Nepal</p>	<p>budhathokisangita@gmail.com il.com 9851060958</p>



	<p>producer, specialist, and coordinator. She has provided strategic and technical support to gender issues including Gender Equality and Social Inclusion (GESI), Women’s Economic Empowerment, Youth Engagement and Empowerment, Girl’s empowerment, GBV and HIV, and Gender mainstreaming within institutions and programming. Sangita has experience on gender and social inclusion in system strengthening within the government and private sectors.</p>				
	<p>Vidyadhar Mallik Mr. Vidyadhar Mallik holds a master’s degree in Economics on Public Administrator from Tribhuvan University of Nepal and Manpower Studies from Polytechnic of Central London, University of Westminster. He served as an Advisor to the President of Nepal on economic affairs. Currently, Mr. Mallik is president in Public Administrative Association (PAAN) Nepal. He has held several high-level positions of Government of Nepal including Finance Secretary (2006-2008), Peace Secretary (2005-2006) and Education Secretary (2003-2005). He also served vice chair of Poverty Alleviation Fund (2011-2012). Mr. Mallik is a former Minister for Health and Population, Federal Affairs and Local Development. His area of interest includes public finance, taxation, Nepal peace process and governance. His practical experience within the government includes functioning as the head of various ministries and his expertise on finance, peace and governance can provide an inclusive framework to the Network of Economist for Gender Equality at the NPC.</p>	<p>Research</p>	<p>Nepali, English</p>	<p>Nepal</p>	<p>vidyamallik@hotmail.com</p>
<p>Education</p>	<p>Laya P. Uprety Dr Laya P. Uprety has a PhD in Social and Cultural Anthropology, MA in Development Sociology, and MA in Social and Cultural Anthropology. His field of expertise is in social development and gender and social inclusion. He has worked as a freelance Consultant for over two decades in different sectors. He currently works as Associate Professor in Anthropology at the Central Department of Sociology and Anthropology at the Tribhuvan University. He worked as the Team Leader and Gender and Social Inclusion Expert in CIDA/CECI-sponsored project “Sahakarya” (Working Together) for the End of the Project Survey from May to December 2008, at SEEPORT Consultancy,</p>	<p>Education, Research</p>	<p>Nepali, English</p>	<p>Nepal</p>	<p>upretylaya@hotmail.com upretylaya@gmail.com +977- 4-266432 +977-9803040103</p>



	<p>Kathmandu. He also worked as the Team Leader in “ Gender and Participatory Assessment” project at New ERA for Center for International Forestry Research, Bogor, Indonesia. In 2001, he worked as the Project Coordinator for a project “Gender Assessment in Health Sector” at New ERA for UNDP’s Gender Mainstreaming Project.</p>				
	<p>Kushum Shakya (See Economic Empowerment)</p>				
	<p>Sharareh Bajracharya Ms. Sharareh Bairacharya has an M.S. in Education, Culture and Society, and BA in child development, and a BFA in art and Design. She has vast experience in management in the field of arts and education, including supervising a mobile library at Siddhartha Arts Foundation and Asia Art Archive, acting as Director of Kathmandu Triennale 2019 at Siddhartha Arts Foundation, and is also founding Chairperson of Srijanalaya, an NGO focusing on education and arts. Further to this, she has worked in several high-level positions, such as Project Lead at a pilot project ‘teaching with living heritage in Asia and Pacific’ with UNESCO, Project Supervisor for ‘perceptions and perspectives around gender equality: exploring with artists’ with UN Women, as a Director of the Innovation in Education Fair, and as a curator of the child’s section at Kathmandu Triennale 2017. Most recently, Ms. Bairacharya works as a teacher in Kathmandu University School of Education on the topic of creative arts in STEM education.</p>	<p>Education and gender,</p>	<p>English, Nepali, Farsi, Hindi/ Urdu, French, Bangla, Spanish</p>	<p>Nepal</p>	<p>+977 9843781325 sharareh.bajra@gmail.com</p>
	<p>Dr. Neeti Aryal Khanal Dr. Neeti Aryal Khanal is a lecturer in Sociology, Department of Sociology, Tribhuvan University, Nepal. Her research experience of more than a decade has largely focused on issues of gender in inequality in Nepal. These research areas include: gender based violence against marginalized women in Nepal such as women with disability, reproductive health, experiences of motherhood, gender and armed conflict. Her research has centred mainly marginalized groups, their experience of violence and their right to social justice. She is a team player with strong communication skills. Living in Australia for nearly 7 years, she is comfortable to work together with people from diverse background and capabilities.</p>	<p>Education, Analysis, Research</p>	<p>Nepali English</p>	<p>Nepal</p>	<p>Phone: +977 1-4331852, +977 9861789807 (Mobile) Email: Neeti.aryal@pmc.tu.edu.np/ mail2neeti@gmail.com</p>



Environment/Natural resources	Arzu Rana Deuba (See Economic Empowerment)				
	<p>Bijaya Bajracharyae Bijaya has over a decade of working experience in the field of natural resource management, sustainable agriculture and agro-forestry both as a researcher and a development worker. Her key areas of expertise are gender and socio-economic equity, and participatory approaches in the above fields. She has worked in these areas with different government and non-government organisations in the remote hills of Nepal, including Helvets, DANIDA, Actio Aid, WINROCK and the Ministry of Agricultural Development. She holds a PhD in Rural Development, M. Sc Degree in Agricultural Development, and B.Sc. in Agriculture (Hons.). She has published a serious of journal articles and training manuals.</p>	Research, Training,	Nepali English	Nepal	Address: 304/50 Radhe Marg, Gyaneswor, Kathmandu, Nepal Telephone: 4425060/4440323 Mobile: 9803756136 Email: bijaya_bajracharya123@yahoo.com
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<p>Manohara Khadka Dr. Manohara Khadka is a researcher and development practitioner dedicated to transformative change in natural resource sector in the Hindu Kush Himalayan region. She has a PhD in Development Studies from the International Institute of Social Studies (Erasmus University Rotterdam), and an MSc in Natural Resources Management from the Norwegian University of Life Sciences. For the past 18 years, Dr. Khadka has been engaged extensively in programmatic, policy and research</p>	Research/Analysis, Advocacy	Nepali and English	Nepal, Bhutan, India, Myanmar, the Netherlands	khadka.manohara@gmail.com	



	<p>aspects of forestry, water resource and rural development with a focus on gender, social inclusion, and institutional processes. Currently she works for the Embassy of Switzerland in Nepal as Senior Programme Officer, Natural Resource Management. Prior to this, she worked for International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD) as Gender Specialist. Her recent research includes work on policy and institutional analysis of natural resources, and gender aspects of biodiversity conservation and management, pastoral livelihoods, REDD+, climate change adaptation and water resource management planning. She has published books, manuals, working papers, peer review journal articles, strategy papers and book chapters on gender, governance and livelihoods issues in the contexts of forestry, biodiversity conservation and rural livelihoods. Dr Khadka is one of the founding members of Women Leading for Change in Natural Resource Management (WLCN), Nepal and served it as chairperson. She is a member of Nepal Foresters’ Association (NFA), member of ISS alumni, The Hague, The Netherlands and Gender and Water Alliance. She acted as chairperson for Forum of Natural Resource Managers in Nepal (FONAREM). Dr. Khadka has received international fellowships (e.g., the Netherland Fellowship Programme, Norwegian Fellowship, Winrock International, International Tropical Timber Organization) for higher education and short courses. She has also received an education award “Nepal Vidhya Bhusan A” from the Ministry of Education, Nepal.</p>				
	<p>Krishna Gyawali (see Political Participation and Governance)</p>				
	<p>Engila Mishra Maharjan Ms. Engila Mishra Maharjan has Master of Science in Sustainable Energy System and Management with DAAD Scholarship from Flensburg University of Germany. She has also completed Master of Science in Natural Resource Management from Pokhara University, Nepal. She has more than 15 years of extensive experience in environmental and natural resource management and climate change adaptation and mitigation aspects of infrastructure, agriculture, forestry, health, education, water, governance including gender and social protection with programmatic and policy aspects. Currently, she works for the World Bank Nepal as Environment Analyst of South Asia Region. Prior to this, she worked for Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations as Environment and Social Safeguard Specialist.</p>	<p>Environment and Climate Change Expert</p>	<p>Nepali, English</p>	<p>Nepal and South Asia Region</p>	<p>engilam@gmail.com engila.asha@gmail.com 977-9841184089 977-9808313092 Skype: engilamaharjan</p>



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	<p>Dr. Yamuna Ghale (See Economic Empowerment)</p>				
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	<p>Lalita Thapa (See Common Country Assessment)</p>				
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	<p>Rina Ghale Rina Ghale graduated with an MBA in 1999 with consumer behaviour (marketing) as her major subject at Tribhuvan University, Nepal. Her professional experience involves journalism with the English ‘Society and Life’ magazine and with the national magazine Poorna as well as field-based research with the centre for Environment, Health and Population Activity (CREPHA). With CREPHA she worked as a Field Supervisor responsible for M&E, data analysis and reporting supervision at the field level, an Enumerator and Research Assistant responsible for data collection from the field (Key Informant Interviews</p>	<p>Analysis/Research/Capacity Development/Media</p>	<p>Nepali Nepali Sign Language English Hindi</p>	<p>Nepal</p>	<p>Ph: 9849301830, Email Address: rina_ghale2010@yahoo.com</p>



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	Youba Raj Luitel Mr Yubaraj Luitel was the consultant for the formulation of the Post Disaster Need Assessment Report of Nepal. Mr. Luitel has expertise his knowledge in gender studies and development working with SDC Nepal, SNV, DFID Nepal, and Finish Embassy. He has acquired his PHD degree in sociology from Newcastle University, UK. He has published ten research reports mainly focussed on gender, and livelihoods.	Analysis/research	Nepali/English	Nepal, UK	Telephone No. 977-1-4331440
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	Dr. Marlene Buchy Dr. Buchy has a PhD in Development Studies, majoring in environment, with a focus on: gender and social analysis, gender mainstreaming, social learning, organisational change, participatory development, community development, civil society support, poverty alleviation and natural resources management, and climate change and gender. Her most recent assignments include Team Leader on the evaluation of the Regional Rural Women Economic Empowerment programme (RWEE) end of programme evaluation, team lead Inclusion COVID - response monitoring of the British Embassy Kathmandu, Team lead for the end of programme evaluation for the Women Economic empowerment programme, and Gender and social inclusion adviser at NCCSP Nepal.	Action research and qualitative research methodologies, capacity development, organisational learning, monitoring and evaluation	French, English, German (intermediate)	Australia, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, China, Ethiopia, France, Gabon, Ghana, Guinea Conakry, India, Ivory Coast, Laos, Liberia, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Myanmar, Nepal, Niger, Nigeria, Papua New	Buchy.marlene@gmail.com +33 237376370



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	<p>Upendra Adhikary Mr. Upendra Adhikary is a consultant with expertise women/gender, children, disability, community development and population. He has almost thirty years of experience in the government, including as the Joint Secretary of the Ministry of Women, Children and Social Welfare (MoWSCW), the Regional Director at Mid-Western and Western Region Directorate of the Public Service Commission, the Under Secretary and Chief of the Children and Social Security Section of the MoWCSW, the Under Secretary and Chief Population and Policy Research Section of the Ministry of Population, and the Section/Planning Officer at the Ministry of Home Affairs. Mr. Adhikary served as the Focal Point and Member Secretary of the Technical Committee for the preparation of the long-term Population Perspective Plan for Nepal, and as the Chairperson of the Steering Committee and Member Secretary of the Ad hoc Council of Social Science Research Council. He has undertaken consultancies focusing on adolescents and young adults, implementation of the legal age of marriage and on the demographic situation of Nepal. He has also contributed to the Nepal Demographic and Health Survey on several occasions, and published several articles on adolescents and young people, population and demography in Nepal. In 2013/14, Mr. Adhikary has been responsible for assisting the government in the national review for the Beijing+20 process as a consultant, adding to the considerable international exposure he has gained through a range of professional trainings, seminars and meetings. Mr. Adhikary holds an MA in Sociology from the Tribhuvan University, a Diploma in Demography from the International Institute for Population Sciences at Demed University, India.</p>	Analysis/Research	Nepali, English	Nepal	uadhikary@gmail.com +977-1-4491612 +977-9841306066
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	<p>Investigation of Abuse of Authority, Chief District and Assistant Chief District Officer at the Ministry of Home Affairs, the Under Secretary of Ministry of Finance, the Assistant Secretary of the Ministry of General Administration, and as a Section Officer at the Prime Minister and Cabinet Secretariat. He has undertaken over thirty consultancies focusing on research and evaluation on such topics as trafficking and safe migration, violence against women and girls and engaging men, mental health and psychosocial care, children’s rights and child protection. Mr. Bajracharya has considerable international exposure to the above issue areas through a range of high-level seminars and workshops. Mr. Bajracharya has a master’s degree in Economics (Rural Development) and an Advanced Diploma in Development Administration from the Institute for Development Studies of the Victorian University of Manchester University, UK.</p>				
	<p>Chandni Joshi Ms. Chandni Joshi is the former Regional Programme Director of the UNIFEM South Asia Regional Office. She has over four decades of working experience on gender, rights and macro policies in Nepal and other South Asian countries. Ms. Joshi's twenty-six years of national civil service, eighteen years of international civil service and recent two years of freelancing has enabled her to possess a remarkable blend of development experience. She set up the UNIFEM South Asia Regional Office in 1990 and devoted eighteen years to build it as a knowledge-based organization. She was formerly Joint Secretary as well as Chief of the Women Development Division, Ministry of Local Development in the Government of Nepal. She initiated the pioneering programme Production Credit for Rural Women. She was recently nominated by all eight SAARC member nations as the Advisor for SAARC Gender Information Base. She is the Enforcer of Home Net South Asia, which advocates for the rights of the invisible women in the informal sector of the region. She is the Vice Chair of South Asia Partnership International - SAPI. Ms. Joshi is also a Trustee in the Board of UK based organization Skill Share International, and the Chair of Skill Share South Asia.</p>	<p>Advocacy, Capacity Development</p>	<p>Nepali, English</p>	<p>Nepal, India, Regional (South Asia)</p>	<p>chand.joshi@gmail.com</p>



	<p>Kanchan Lama Kanchan Lama, master’s in political science, trained in gender and development, has been contributing to gender mainstreaming for more than two decades, particularly in gender analysis, gender mainstreaming, capacity building, review of policy and strategy, design and implementation of equity and gender responsive evaluation. She has extensive experience of designing and managing integrated poverty alleviation programmes, ensuring that women and the excluded benefit equitably from development. She has influenced technical sectors with CEDAW and BPFA by providing technical assistance on gender responsive policy development, capacity building to the Agriculture, Forest and Irrigation/water resource management sectors, both at national and international level. She has worked with Action Aid, LWF, CIDA, FINNIDA, SNV, GTZ, USAID, FAO, IFAD, ADB, UNIFEM-Asia pacific, UN Women, and UNICEF. She has been an active participant from WOCAN (www.wocan.org) in various policy making forums, whereby she connected grassroots women producers’ issues to the global policy making processes, mainly influencing climate financing mechanisms and women’s economic empowerment aspects. She has established models of men change agents within forest department in Nepal and in agricultural sector in Timor Lest. Ms. Lama is a participatory trainer and has acted as one among twelve regional experts on gender/case study trainers developed by FAO/UN, including designing the first ever Asia Pacific Training package on “gender analysis and forestry development” in 1990s, since then developing national capacities on gender mainstreaming. Currently she has been engaged in strengthening national capacity on equity and gender responsive evaluation for effective implementation of the SDGs.</p>	<p>Research, Training, Capacity Development, Evaluation</p>	<p>Nepali English</p>	<p>Nepal</p>	<p>Contact address: Kanchan Lama, Tel: 977-1-5006064; Mobile: 977-9851061384 Email: kanchan.lama01@gmail.com; Skype: klama_2012</p>
	<p>Padma Mathema Ms. Padma Mathema served as the National Rapporteur on Trafficking in Women and Children in Nepal within the National Human Rights Commission between 2004 and 2012. She was the Officiating Secretary at the National Human Rights Commission. She served as the Division Chief the National Planning Commission Secretariat from 1971 until 2004. She has authored several papers and reports on health and population issues. She has over two decades of experience in planning and coordinating policy and community initiatives in education, health’s and women’s issues, including with the UNFPA.</p>	<p>Advocacy</p>	<p>Nepali, English</p>	<p>Nepal</p>	<p>Padma.mathema@gmail.com</p>



	<p>Sabina Panth Ms Sabina Panth has an MA in Sustainable International Development and BA in Environmental Studies. Her field of expertise is in gender and social inclusion, resettlement, infrastructure, decentralization and good governance and micro finance. She has more than 15 years of experience in social development, research, gender and social inclusion. In the past she has worked with reputed organizations like ADB, World Bank, ILO, CIDA and USAID.</p>	Capacity Development	Nepali, English	Nepal	sabina.panth@gmail.com +977-1- 4431689 +977- 9841445672
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	<p>Sadhana Shrestha Ms. Sadhana Shrestha is the Executive Director of Tewa (since January 2014). Tewa is a non-profit organization committed to philanthropy for equitable justice and peace. Previously, she served as Country Director for External Affairs, Resource Mobilization and Advocacy at The Britain</p>	Programme design, research, advocacy, M&E	English, Nepali, Newari, Hindi	Nepal	sadhanaz20@gmail.com, Sadhana@tewa.org.np Website: www.tewa.org.np



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	<p>Shanta Laxmi Shrestha Ms Shanta Laxmi Shrestha has an MPhil in Development Studies and BA in Intercultural Course on Women and Society. She has about three decades of experience in the development field. She has extensive experience as a Development Programme Manager in both Nepal and North-East Africa, leading development and management of initiatives in education, health, food security, refugee assistance, and HIV/AIDS. Her special focus has been to build the organizational capacity and skills of government and non-government counterparts through technical assistance and training. In Nepal, she has worked with organizations like Redd Barna (Save the Children Norway) and Lutheran World Federation (LWF) developing and managing programmes for women and children in disadvantaged communities and programming for refugees. Her further work in Nepal has also included Technical</p>	<p>Advocacy, Capacity Development</p>	<p>Nepali, English</p>	<p>Nepal and North-East Africa</p>	<p>shantalaxmi011@yahoo.com +977-4107221 +977- 9851085990</p>



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	<p>Sulochana Shrestha Ms. Sulochana Shrestha has experience of working with both Government of Nepal and UN agencies in Gender and Development. She has several years of experience working with the Ministry of Woman, Children and Social Welfare in various capacities. She has also been associated with UNFPA and FAO working as a Gender and Development Specialist. She is also a Founder Member of the Women Awareness and Vision Centre (WAVE) Nepal.</p>	<p>Capacity Development</p>	<p>Nepali, English</p>	<p>Nepal</p>	<p>Sulochana_shrestha25@yahoo.com</p>
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	<p>organizations, and promoting an inclusive and democratic political culture and systems.</p>				
	<p>Bharati Silawal-Giri Ms. Bharati Silawal-Giri has over twenty years of experience in institutionalisation of gender mainstreaming, gender and governance, poverty and sustainable livelihoods, migration, climate change, education, ending violence against women and girls, including gender disaggregated data and gender sensitive indicators. She has over fifteen years of work experience in the UN system, including UN Women and UNDP, on leading/managing gender and development programmes/projects at the national, regional and international levels, and advising field offices on both programmatic and operational issues, including finance. Ms. Silawal-Giri has a proven track record of working with governments, development partners, NGOs and the women’s movement on promoting gender equality and women’s empowerment. She has strong skills on envisioning, strategic planning, conceptual development of gender responsive development programming, log-frames, and monitoring and evaluation for results-based management. She also has substantive experience in promoting gender-responsive institutional mechanisms and accountability frameworks/tools for mainstreaming gender. Ms. Silawal-Giri possesses well-developed advocacy, communication and writing skills for negotiating complex and sensitive gender issues, knowledge management and networking, including report writing and editing. She has experience in developing pedagogical materials and modules/manuals for gender training and is a proficient trainer on gender issues, including CEDAW, BPfA and MDGs.</p>	<p>Advocacy, Capacity Development</p>	<p>Nepali, English, Hindi</p>	<p>Nepal, South Asia</p>	<p>bharati_silawal_giri@yahoo.com</p>
	<p>Lalita Thapa (See Common Country Assessment)</p>				
	<p>Nirmala Thapa Ms. Nirmala Thapa has experience on decentralization, good governance, women’s empowerment and gender equality, social inclusion, gender responsive budgeting and auditing, social mobilization, child friendly local governance, capacity development efforts on GESI, localization of the MDGs at district level, and</p>	<p>Capacity Development, Advocacy, Research</p>	<p>English, Nepali</p>	<p>Nepal</p>	<p>nirmala.thapa10@gmail.com +977- 9841540505</p>



	<p>participatory results-based planning and monitoring. Currently, Ms. Thapa is working with the LGCDP programme in the capacity of Gender and Social Inclusion Specialist. Ms. Thapa holds an MSc in Botany and an MA in Sociology and Anthropology from Tribhuvan University.</p>				
	<p>Pinky Singh Rana (see Women, Peace and Security)</p>				
	<p>Pratap Phatak (see political participation and governance)</p>				
	<p>Dr. Yamuna Ghale (See Economic Empowerment)</p>				
	<p>Dr. Anita Ghimire Dr. Anita Ghimire has an extensive background in research. She has worked for 4 years as a post-doctorate in the Department of Human Geography at the University of Zurich and has a Ph.D. in Human and Natural Resources Studies. Her current role is as a Principal Investigator for a 9-years research work on adolescent girls that looks at the role of social norms in adolescent wellbeing and identifying what and at which time do interventions work best to promote adolescent wellbeing. Prior to that, Ms. Ghimire was Country Team leader on a research project that developed indicators of menstrual hygiene management in workplace for working women (led by the University of Emory and Athena Foundation) and led a study of GBV in WASH in Nepal (led by Simavi). She has contributed to and wrote over 15 academic articles related to gender. Dr. Anita has a Post Doctorate on the role of knowledge and skills in the migration process in South and Central Asia from the University of Berne (NCCR North-South Project) and has conducted several researches on migration and development issues.</p>	<p>Qualitative research, analysis, Migration, Gender; women’s economic empowerment</p>	<p>Nepali (Native), English (Fluent), Hindi (Fluent), Urdu (Basic), Maithili (Basic)</p>	<p>India, Pakistan, Nepal, Kuwait, UK, Denmark, Sweden and Switzerland</p>	<p>email: bhattarinitu@gmail.com Phone – 00977 9841587665/ 00977 1 5527298 Skype: bhattarainitu1</p>
	<p>Kopila Rijal Ms. Kopila Rijal is a gender and social equality specialist (GESI)/ MEAL specialist with specialization in mainstreaming gender for programmatic results. Her focus is on GESI planning and programming in governance, institutional capacity and strengthening as well as GESI integrated monitoring and evaluation and research. Ms. Rijal has more than 18 years of extensive experience, in the field and policy level, proactively heading projects and programmes on GESI and Gender Based Violence (GBV) through direct involvement, research support,</p>	<p>GESI, Governance, GBV, DRR, M&E</p>	<p>Nepali, English, Hindi</p>	<p>Nepal</p>	<p>+9779841549668 kopilarijal@gmail.com Skype: koppila.rijal1</p>



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	<p>Chandra Bhadra Dr. Chandra Bhadra is a Professor of Gender Studies, Tribhuvan University. Her main area of interest is ‘doing research with women’ and conducting gender related policy research. She has conducted gender research as Team Leader in the areas of microfinance, bonded labour, energy and natural resources, armed conflict and impact on women and migration for work. She has engaged substantially with feminist research and gender advocacy. Dr. Bhadra also has extensive experience working as a Gender Consultant and Researcher for amongst others UNDP, UN Women, the Enabling State Programme (ESP), the CBS and Ministry of Women, Children and Social Welfare. She has a doctoral degree in Gender Studies from Oregon State University, USA.</p>	<p>Research, Capacity Development</p>	<p>Nepali, English</p>	<p>Nepal</p>	<p>biprav@ntc.net.np</p>
	<p>Nirmal Prasad Pandey Dr. Nirmal Prasad Pandey is a Senior Economist, Researcher and Policymaker with extensive experience working on macro-economic policies and social development issues including gender, social inclusion, health and education. He is the Director of the Center for Policy Research and Analysis (CPRA). He was formerly Senior Policy and Economic Advisor for amongst others USAID, The Ministry of Finance, the NPC, as well as Honorary Advisor to the Prime Minister of Nepal (1995) and Member of the NPC. Dr. Pandey holds PhD degree in Economics from the University of Bombay, Mumbai.</p>	<p>Research</p>	<p>Nepali, English</p>	<p>Nepal</p>	<p>cpra@mos.com.np np_pandey@hotmail.com</p>
	<p>Bina Pradhan Dr. Bina Pradhan has a PhD in Rural Sociology and Population and Development from Cornell University with a background in Economics</p>	<p>Research, Capacity Development</p>	<p>Nepali, English</p>	<p>Nepal</p>	<p>afda@wlink.com.np pradhanbina@yahoo.com</p>



	<p>and Development Economics. Currently, she is affiliated with Alliance for Development Alternatives, a private non-profit research agency, as a Gender, Population, and Development Specialist, proactively engaged in promoting reproductive health and rights of women, engendering development process, pro-poor development strategy with gender justice, gender management system towards transformational change, and post conflict transformation for gender and social equity/equality. She served as Technical Adviser in the Gender Management Committee under the NPC for introducing GMS to mainstream gender and women’s empowerment in Nepal and as Adviser to the NPC in the preparation of the Three-Year Interim Plan 2007-2008. She provided technical support services for various international agencies such as UNICEF, UNIFEM, FAO, UNIDO, UNFPA, USAID, IDRC and IFAD in areas of gender and development, population, maternal and reproductive health and micro credit financing. In 1998, she was awarded the Hubert Humphrey Fellowship in recognition of her significant contributions to public services and in promotion of gender issues and empowerment of women.</p>				binapradhan44@gmail.com
	<p>Nigma Tamrakar Ms. Nigma Tamrakar has extensive experience working as a Gender Equality and Social Inclusion (GESI) and Gender Responsive Budgeting (GRB) Expert/Auditor with amongst others UN Women, UNICEF, GTZ and HELVETAS. She has been working closely with and was for some time stationed within the Ministry of Finance. She also specializes in GESI related issues within the energy and environment sectors. Ms. Tamrakar holds a degree in Commerce and Master’s in Business Administration.</p>	Capacity Development	Nepali, English	Nepal	nigmatamrakar@hotmail.com nigmatamrakar@yahoo.com ntamrakar09@gmail.com
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	Radha Paudel (See Women, Peace and Security)				



	Renu Rajbhandari (See Violence Against Women/Girls)				
	Pinky Singh Rana (See Women, Peace and Security)				
	<p>Tara Maiya Shakya Dr. Tara Maiya Shakya is currently Programme Director at Community Based Reproductive Health Care and Counseling Center (CBRHCC) and Public Health Concern Trust (pfect-NEPAL). Dr. Shakya has over ten years of accumulated professional experience in sexual and reproductive health, women's health, and gender-based violence. Her experiences include programme review and strategy development as per the National Reproductive Health Programs, Strategy and Policy, programme development, project operations, management, implementation and coordination with government, I/NGOs, and other community-based organizations. Prior to her current position, Ms. Shakya was engaged in EU/UNFPA run programme Reproductive Health Initiative for Youth in Asia in Dolkha district of Nepal as Project Director. Ms. Shakya has participated in numerous trainings, workshops, and conferences, and has presented numerous papers.</p>	Capacity development, Advocacy	Nepali, English	Thailand, Cambodia, Italy	98510-61900 chdp@mos.com.np tm_shakya@yahoo.com
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	<p>Infectious Diseases; Tobacco Free Initiative and Integrated Disease Surveillance Systems. Further to this, Dr Shrestha has experience with WHO in developing concept papers, training modules, guidebooks, fact sheets, project proposals, policy briefs, programmatic documents, standard operating procedures, advocacy materials & research reports. Most recently, she has worked as the Head of Department at Chitwan Medical College in the Department of Community medicine and was previously Deputy Director at Hybrid International Emergency Medicine Training Programme (HIEM). Further to this, she has contributed to and written several academic papers, on topics such as revisiting strategies for maternal health care in the face of COVID 19', and 'knowledge of menstrual hygiene management among adolescent girls.</p>				
<p>HIV/AIDS and Sexuality</p>	<p>Renu Rajbhandari (See Violence Against Women/Girls)</p>				
	<p>Pinky Singh Rana (See Women, Peace and Security)</p>				
	<p>Namrata Sharma (See Economic Empowerment)</p>				
	<p>Dr. Manju Thapa Tuladhar (See Evaluations)</p>				
	<p>Shristi Joshi (See Economic Empowerment)</p>				
<p>Human Rights and Law</p>	<p>Binda Pandey Hon. Ms. Binda Pandey is the chairperson of the Fundamental Rights & Directive Principal Committee of the Constituent Assembly of Nepal. She had been involved in Nepal's trade union movement for more than a decade. She was the driving force behind most publications brought out by GEFONT, one of the largest confederations of Nepalese trade unions. Throughout her career, Hon. Ms. Pandey has always been a women's rights activist. She was one of 1000 women proposed for the Nobel Peace Prize in 2005. Hon Ms. Pandey worked from 1994 to 1997 as a program coordinator for the Committee for Asian Women – Regional Labour, an NGO based in Hong Kong, and has gained considerable knowledge and experience of the challenges faced by working women throughout Asia. She was an Executive Committee member from 1997 to 2000. In May 2004, Hon Ms. Pandey was appointed Deputy Secretary General of the GEFONT, a confederation</p>	<p>Analysis, Research, Advocacy</p>	<p>Nepali English</p>	<p>Nepal Hong Kong</p>	<p>Kathmandu Metropolitan City-35, Kathmandu, Nepal</p> <p>Fax:977-1-4248073 9841255599 (M)</p> <p>Email: binda@gefont.org bindapandey@gmail.com</p>



	<p>of Nepali trade unions. She worked previously as a Central Secretariat Member and Chief of the GEFONT’s Department of Education from 2001 to 2004, and Secretary of its Department of Foreign Affairs from 1997 to 2000. Hon. Ms. Pandey also worked for the National Women’s Commission formed by the Government of Nepal from 2001 to 2003. She was also an active member of the All-Nepal Women Association (ANWA). She completed her MSc in Gender and Development Studies from AIT and an MSc in Botany from Tribhuvan University.</p>				
	<p>Shashi Adhikary Ms. Shashi Adhikary has been a practicing lawyer for over 20 years and is well-known for her work on prosecuting crimes against women, advocacy, and grassroots aid efforts. Ms. Adhikary’s work extends beyond the policy level, focusing also on providing training on conflict prevention, conflict resolution and peacebuilding. Currently, Ms. Adhikary serves as President of Legal Aid and Consultancy Center (LACC) whose multifaceted work has seen it lobbying for legislative changes, providing legal aid for women and children, often with success in providing timely interventions, and conducting rights awareness and gender sensitisation programmes. Ms. Adhikary is the N-Peace awardee for 2013 for her work for access to justice and reforming gender responsive laws and policies. She has participated actively in the movement on property and inheritance rights of women. Ms. Adhikary holds an MA in Political Science and an LL.M master’s degree in law. She is also a Reader at the Faculty of Law at the Tribhuvan University.</p>	<p>Research, Advocacy, Capacity Development</p>	<p>English, Nepali</p>	<p>Nepal</p>	<p>shashiadhikary87@gmail.com +977-9851165663</p>
	<p>Pushpa Bhusal Ms. Pushpa Bhusal is a Senior Advocate of Supreme Court of Nepal. She has been practicing law for over twenty-five years and has been closely affiliated with the Nepal Law Society for the past twenty years. A renowned women’s rights activist, Ms. Bhusal is also a former Member of the Constituent Assembly. During her tenure at the Constituent Assembly (2008-2012), she served in the Truth and Reconciliation Drafting Committee, the Interim Constitution Drafting Committee, and the Committee on the System of Governance. Ms. Bhusal also served an Observer for the South African 1994 general elections. She has furthermore taught at the Ratna Rajya Laxmi Campus for ten years. Ms. Bhusal holds an MA in Political Science and a BA in Law.</p>	<p>Advocacy</p>	<p>Nepali, English</p>	<p>Nepal</p>	<p>Pushpa605@gmail.com</p>



	<p>Kusum Saakha Kusum Saakha is a researcher of law and an Associate Professor at the Nepal Law Campus with a specialist in women’s rights law. Kusum is the Chairperson of the NCWCA (Nepal Center for Women and Children Affairs) Kathmandu, the Chairperson of Shtrii Shakti and an Executive members of the Nepal Law Society as and LEADERS Nepal (Legal and Environmental Analysis for the Development and Research Services). Kusum has worked as a consultant for various projects funded by USAID, DANIDA, UNICEF etc. Kusum has published numerous publications. Kusum has an LLM from Harvard Law School, and a DL from the Nepal Law campus.</p>	<p>Research, Analysis, Training, Teaching</p>	<p>Nepali English Hindi Newari</p>	<p>Nepal</p>	<p>Nepal Law Campus (T.U.) Residence Exhibition Road SAAKHA SADAN Phone: 4225358</p> <p>Residence Exhibition Road SAAKHA SADAN Phone: 4225358 Hathisar Kathmandu, Nepal Phone: 4434594/ 4419275</p>
	<p>Meera Dhungana Ms. Meera Dhungana has a BA in Law who started her professional career in the Supreme Court. Her extensive work in legal advocacy has included challenging the country’s legal framework on such issues as women’s property rights and marital rape. Ms. Dhungana joined the Forum for Women, Law and Development (FWLD), an NGO established in 1995, to continue her work for the protection, promotion and enjoyment of women’s human rights. She has subsequently filed cases on Chhapadi and other discriminatory practices against women. She has also been actively involved in various pieces of research.</p>	<p>Advocacy</p>	<p>Nepali, English</p>	<p>Nepal</p>	<p>fwld@fwld.wlink.com.np +977-1-4242683 +977- 9841 318201</p>
	<p>Yam Bahadur Kisan Mr. Yam Bahadur Kisan is an Author, Researcher, Lawyer and Human Rights Activist. He has published widely on Dalits, federalism, electoral law, legal reforms, social exclusion/inclusion, and affirmative action. Mr. Kisan has wide-ranging work experience in such areas as social science research; mentoring of researchers; review of international conventions, recommendations of UN treaty bodies, declarations and protocols; review of national laws, policies, constitution and development programmes; project monitoring and evaluation and baseline surveys; formulation of laws (e.g. draft bills on caste-based discrimination, National Dalit Commission and Social Science Research Council), policies, directives (for NHRC) and organizational strategies.</p>	<p>Advocacy, Research/Analysis</p>	<p>Nepali, English</p>	<p>Nepal</p>	<p>Ybkisan@yahoo.com +977-1-2021175 +977-9841320726</p>



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	<p>Shom Prasad Luitel Mr. Shom Prasad Luitel is specialized in Human Rights and Political Science. He holds an LLM in Human Rights from Hong Kong University, Hong Kong, and an MA in Political Science from Tribhuvan University. He has been working as an Attorney-at-Law in the Supreme Court of Nepal since 1993.</p>	<p>Advocacy</p>	<p>Nepali, English</p>	<p>Nepal</p>	<p>spluitel@graduate.hku.hk, forum2060@yahoo.com</p>
	<p>Sapana Malla Pradhan Ms. Sapana Malla Pradhan is former Constituent Assembly Member. She is also former Advisor to the Committee on Violence Against Women, Advisor to the Office of the Prime Minister; Board Member of IWRAW-AP; and Chair of the Executive Board of Equality Now. Over the last fifteen years, she has been engaged in advocacy, preparation of a national action plan and shadow report; and capacity building for the implementation of CEDAW, working with Governments, NGOs and international organizations. She has published extensively on the legal status of women in Nepal. As a practicing lawyer before the Supreme Court of Nepal, she has been an advocate for the rights of Nepali women in several landmark cases. She has been involved in almost all leading public litigation in the country, including cases involving legalization of abortion, criminalization of marital rape, and equality in marriage and family law. Her efforts have contributed to more than 64 discriminatory laws of Nepal been struck down.</p>	<p>Advocacy, Capacity Development</p>	<p>Nepali, English</p>	<p>Nepal</p>	<p>fwld@fwld.wlink.com.np sapana@andolan.wlink.com.np</p>
	<p>Reena Pathak Ms. Pathak is a Lawyer, Human Rights Educator and Activist. She taught human rights for 5 years in Kathmandu School of Law. She presently serves as Project Coordinator in Forum for Women, Law and</p>	<p>Advocacy</p>	<p>Nepali, English</p>	<p>Nepal</p>	<p>reenu.law@gmail.com</p>



	<p>Development (FWLD). She holds the post of Treasurer of Economic, Social and Development Rights (ESDR) Alumnus: 2007. She is a Member of Gender Equality Committee formed by the Appellate Court Bar Association. She was actively involved in the drafting of the CEDAW Shadow Report 2011. She has been working for the promotion of Women's human rights through her research-based articles on women's issues in various national newspapers. Her current work involves ensuring women's access to justice during transitional period through advocacy, workshops and lobbying to form the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.</p>				
	<p>Anjana Shakya Ms. Anjana Shakya is the Chairperson/Founder of Himalayan Human Rights Monitors (HimRights), an independent public interest civil society human rights advocacy platform operating across South Asia. She is also the chairperson for Beyond Beijing Committee. Ms. Shakya holds an MA degree in Conflict Transformation Program from Eastern Mennonite University, USA, under Fulbright Scholarship. She has extensive work experience in transitional justice with regard women and children directly involved and affected by armed conflict in Nepal. As the Chairperson of HimRights, Ms. Shakya looks after the conceptualization of ideas and activities, proposal writing, fund-raising, research and development, implementation and coordination of programmes both at regional and national policy-making levels along with institutionalized inclusive, gender and religious balance participation in all organizational activities and policies.</p>	<p>Advocacy</p>	<p>Nepali, English</p>	<p>Nepal, South Asia</p>	<p>anjana.shakya@gmail.com shakyaanjana@hotmail.com</p>
	<p>Sarmila Shrestha Ms. Sarmila Shrestha has been a practising lawyer since 1996. She has been the President of Justice for All since 2010 and served as the Secretary of Constitutional Lawyer's Forum from 2010-2012. Ms. Shrestha worked as Public Interest Lawyer/Programme Coordinator (2007-2009), Programme Officer (2005-2006) at Pro-Public and Program Coordinator at Friends of Sankhu (FOS) (1997-2002). She holds LL.M. and Post-Graduate Interdisciplinary Degree in Women's Studies. Ms. Shrestha has published widely on women's rights, violence against women and gender discrimination.</p>	<p>Advocacy, Legal Research</p>	<p>Nepali</p>	<p>Nepal</p>	<p>j4a.nepal@gmail.com</p>



	<p>Lily Thapa Ms. Lily Thapa is the Founder Chairperson of the Women for Human Rights, Single Women Group. She has more than fifteen years of work experience in the field of gender equality and women’s empowerment. The Women for Human Rights, single women’s group, is the pioneer organization working towards single women (widows) in 1025 VDCs of 73 districts of Nepal. Ms. Thapa’s advocacy work has been able to bring many policies level changes for the empowerment of single women, particularly widows. Ms. Thapa was awarded as Ashoka fellow by Ashoka International, USA in 2001 for her contribution in empowerment of single women. Ms. Thapa has also been working as a part time Lecturer of Sociology at Tribhuvan University where she teaches gender from the sociological perspective. Ms. Thapa is a trained trainer in women, peace and security issues, including a ToT member of 1st Cohort 2011 through N-Peace an initiative of UNDP.</p>	Advocacy, Capacity Development	Nepali, English	Nepal	lily@whr.org.np
	<p>Indu Tuladhar Ms. Indu Tuladhar is a Lawyer and independent Consultant with a professional background in access to justice for women victims of violence. Ms. Tuladhar has over ten years of experience working with a diverse range of national and international organizations, including the UN, providing technical expertise on such areas as women, children, politics, legal empowerment of women, constitution making, peacebuilding, and conflict and policy analysis. Ms. Tuladhar has more than three years of teaching experience in conflict management for undergraduate students of development studies at National College, Kathmandu University. She has been voluntarily leading the Women's Publishing House Media and Resource Organization "ASMITA" as the President and served as a member of the editorial team of the ASMITA Magazine. Ms. Tuladhar has regularly contributed articles on various legal issues concerning women in the national dailies since 2000. She has also published a book "Women Defining State Restructuring" (in Nepali), published in 2008, which has been well-received by relevant stakeholders.</p>	Legal Research	Nepali, English	Nepal	indu.tuladhar@gmail.com



	<p>Bidushi Dhungel Ms. Bidushi Dhungel is a Researcher with expertise in South Asia, gender, inclusion, human rights, transitional justice, post-conflict transition, mental health and sexual violence. She has since 2013 been leading the publication of four separate volumes for Zubaan Books entitled “Sexual Violence and Impunity in South Asia”, including a focus on impunity in post-conflict Nepal, by engaging activists, lawyers and feminists from across the sub-continent. She is also currently leading a research study on “the Occurrence of Common Mental Disorders Among Victims of Gender-Based Violence” along Nepal’s border areas with India on behalf of the South Asian Hub for Advocacy, Awareness and Education on Mental Health, Public Health Foundation of India. She contributed to the publication of “Powerful Predators: A Kathmandu Perspective” in <i>Women, Political Struggles and Gender Equality in South Asia</i>, Edited by Margaret Alston, Palgrave Macmillan, 2014. Since 2013, she has also been working as a Communications consultant based at both King’s College in London supporting the EU-funded EMERALD and DFID-funded PRIME projects which aim to improve mental health systems in low- and middle-income countries. Prior to her current work she was based in Nepal working for 4 years as an Op-ed Editor for the Kathmandu Post and The Week Features Writer at the Republica. Further, she has for several years been providing voluntary advocacy and fundraising support to the White Ribbon Alliance’s Safe Motherhood Programme in Nepal and the Movement for Justice and Rule of Law in Nepal. Ms. Bidushi Dhungel holds an MSc in Politics of Conflict, Rights and Justice from SOAS, UK and a BA in Politics and Social Anthropology.</p>	Advocacy, Research, Fundraising, Media	Hindi, Nepali, Urdu, English, French	India, Nepal	129C Woodhill, London, SE10 5SW Tel: 07459010800 Email: bidush@gmail.com
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	<p>Yogita Rai Ms. Rai has more than 8 years' experiences working in human rights field. She is proficient in advocacy designing and strategy, studying existing laws and policy analysis, identify gaps using international instrument and plan accordingly in line with it. She has extensive experience in building local capacity for advocacy, building constituencies and working in coalitions. She is a decisive leader with excellent ability to coordinate with different people at one time under difficult situations. Ms. Rai is Executive Member of High Court Bar Association, 2016 to present and members of Food-First Information and Action Network (FIAN), Nepal- Board Member, Indigenous Women Legal Awareness Group (INWOLAG)- General Member, The Legal Aid and Consultancy Centre (LACC)- General Member. She is also a receiver of National Woman Award, 2011.</p>	Research/Advocacy	Nepali, English	Nepal	Manbhawan, Lalitpur-5 Email: yogitaing@gmail.com ; Phone: +977 98510 90146, 5523 995(Res)
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	<p>Manchala Jha Ms. Manchala Jha has served as the Assistant Lecturer and Lecturer of Hindi at Central Department of Tribhuwan University between 1996 and 1997 and since 2011 respectively. She has worked as a freelance Columnist for national dailies since 2000, held the position of Senior Sub-Editor of Himalini Hindi Monthly since 1999, and served as the Senior Sub-Editor of Maithili Sandesh Weekly. Ms. Jha has presented papers on diverse women’s and Madhesi issues, and carried out several pieces of research, including ‘Condition of Women Journalists in Nepal’ and ‘Strategy for Women’s Participation in the State Mechanisms.’ She has also provided training to people on UNSCRs 1325 and 1820, and on women’s rights more generally. Ms. Jha has been awarded a Mahendra Vidya Bhushan medal for her achievements in 1996. She is General Member of both Sancharika Samuha and Federation of Nepalese Journalists Ms. Jha holds an MA in Hindi, and BEd in English from Tribhuvan University.</p>	<p>Research, Capacity Development</p>	<p>Nepali, English</p>	<p>Nepal</p>	<p>manchala_jha@yahoo.com</p>
	<p>Sangeeta Lama Ms. Sangeeta Lama has been working as a journalist for the past years, including as a Correspondent at the Nepali language Himal magazine and as an Associate Editor of the monthly magazine Hakahaki published by Nepal Forum of Environmental Journalists (NEFEJ). She has also worked with a monthly Norwegian magazine Fulkevet under the Norwegian peace volunteer (FK) program. Since 2008, she has been working as a freelance Journalist writing mainly on socio-political issues focusing on women, conflict, corruption, environment, and</p>	<p>Advocacy, Research, Capacity Development</p>	<p>English Nepali</p>	<p>Nepal</p>	<p>sangeetala@gmail.com +977- 9851026319</p>



	<p>poverty. Ms. Lama initiated a women journalists’ organization <i>Working Women Journalists (WWJ)</i> in 2006 and remained as the Founding President from 2006 -2011. Currently, she is associated with WWJ as the special board member. She has also been a member of Press Council Nepal that monitors code of ethics in media. Besides journalism, Ms. Lama is an advocate for women’s rights with a focus on women from marginalized groups. She has also involved with National Indigenous Women’s Federation (NIWF) and helped in writing CEDAW report for NIWF from indigenous women’s perspective submitted to the CEDAW in 2011. At present, she is also associated with a women’s inclusive network Sankalpa as the General Secretary. Ms. Lama is the trained trainer on women, peace and security issues, including a Training of Mobilizers (TOM) 3rd Cohort-2014 through N-Peace initiative of UNDP. She is also a trained trainer of Collaborative Leadership Dialogue (CLD) through UNDP.</p>				
	<p>Bandana Rana Ms. Bandana Rana is the Executive President of SAATHI, a rehabilitation centre for women and children, and the Regional Coordinator of South Asian Campaign for Gender Equality. She has experience in the field of media and development communications for over two decades with a gender perspective and enhancing participatory communication in development programmes particularly in the field of gender-based violence. Ms. Rana has been involved in the fight against gender inequality and domestic violence for twenty-five years. Through SAATHI, she has been working to eliminate injustice and violence against women and children and providing support to the victims. She is also an expert in leading advocacy programmes and research/study programmes for policy reforms within the framework of national and international instruments, such as CEDAW, BPFA, MDGs, UNSCR 1325 and 1820, and has been a leading civil society figure behind Nepal’s adoption of the National Action Plan on UNSCRs 1325 and 1820 and the ongoing monitoring efforts. She has several years of experience in facilitating national and international level workshops, conferences, meetings and events. In 2012, Ms. Rana was the first Nepali woman to be appointed a Member of the Global Civil</p>	<p>Advocacy, Capacity Development</p>	<p>Nepali, English</p>	<p>Nepal, Regional, Global</p>	<p>bandanarana@gmail.com</p>



	<p>Society Advisory Group for UN Women from 21 countries to facilitate regular consultations between civil society and the UN Women.</p>				
	<p>Nirmal Rijal Mr. Nirmal Rijal has over a decade of experience in the field of social development with a focus on ‘communication for development.’ He began his development career in early 2000 as an Organization Development Consultant at Nepal’s National AIDS programme (2001-2003). Since then, he has focused specifically on ‘communication for development’ in a leadership role as Country Director for Equal Access Nepal (2004-2009). In this role, Mr. Rijal was responsible for the overall management of Equal Access Nepal, leading a staff of about 40 personnel; coordinating the implementation of the organization’s portfolio of over a dozen communication and outreach projects in various cross-cutting sectors, capacity development elements, and monitoring and assessment initiatives; managing partnerships with local and international donors and partners; and leading the design, development, production and dissemination of a wide range of media productions, including Nepal’s second most popular radio programme ‘Chatting With My Best Friend.’ Mr. Rijal assisted with the replication of the programme in Laos, Cambodia and Chad. He has also successfully designed and lead large multi-year projects funded by UNDP, USAID, UNIFEM, UNICEF and ENDEF. Mr. Rijal’s projects have also included a cross-border Safe Migration Radio Project ‘Desh Pardesh.’ Since early 2010, Mr. Rijal has been pursuing a PhD degree in communication studies at the RMIT University in Melbourne, Australia, focusing on the media’s role in transition to democracy in the post-conflict Nepal. Mr. Rijal is due to complete his PhD, funded by the prestigious Australian Leadership Award, in late 2013.</p>	<p>Research/Analysis, Capacity Development, Advocacy</p>	<p>Nepali, English, Bengali, Hindi</p>	<p>Nepal</p>	<p>nprijal@gmail.com</p>
	<p>Nirmala Sharma Ms. Nirmala Sharma is the President of Sancharika Samuha (SAS), a forum of women journalists and communicators, promoting the creation of a gender equal society by enhancing the capacity of media for promoting equity and equality-based development. Ms. Sharma is also actively affiliated with Sancharika Feature Service, South Asian Free Media Association, South Asian Women in Media, Federation of Nepalese Journalists, Nepal Forum of Environmental Journalists, Radio</p>	<p>Advocacy</p>	<p>Nepali, English</p>	<p>Nepal</p>	<p>nirmalajee@gmail.com</p>



	Kantipur and various print media. She possesses over twenty years of experience in various media, print and electronic, as a reporter and senior reporter. Ms. Sharma has also served as a Coordinator, Editor and Facilitator in several Sancharika Samuha's projects. She has published articles in various newspapers and other media on political, social and gender issues. Ms. Sharma holds a master's degree in Arts.				
	Bidushi Dhungel (See Human Rights and Law)				
	Rina Ghale (see Evaluations)				
	Indira Panta (see Training)				
	Krishna Gyawali (see Political Participation and Governance)				
	Pranika Koyu (see Gender and social inclusion)				
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	Nepal and South Asia. He has worked as a consultant for the World Bank and a Project Director with the NPC. He has published numerous publications, articles and books.				
	<p>Bandita Sijapati Dr Bandita Sijapati has a PhD in Political Science. Her field of expertise includes research, gender and social inclusion, civil affairs, private public partnerships, and women and peace keeping. She has over a decade of experience, especially in the field of research and gender and social inclusion. She currently works as Research Director at Center for the Study of Labour and Mobility (CESLAM), where she is responsible for developing and managing the research agenda, carrying out reliable, policy-relevant research on critical issues affecting working people and migrants, seeking to improve understanding of the impact of migration, as well as migrant rights and labour rights. She also assists to develop CESLAM as a forum to foster academic, policy and public debate about labour and mobility through open interchange of ideas, and through dissemination of knowledge to a broad range of audience through a variety of academic, policy and media outlets.</p>	Research/Analysis	Nepali English	Nepal	bsijapati@yahoo.com +977-1- 4471059 +977- 9851122620
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	Salina Joshi (Political Participation and Governance)				
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Legal identity, Civil documentation and Gender	<p>Mr. Sabin Shrestha Executive Director, Forum for Women, Law and Development Mr. Sabin Shrestha has a master’s degree in Law from Tribhuvan University. He is an experienced advocate in the field of human rights, legal identity and gender equality. He has been working to reform laws and policies discriminating against women, children, person with disabilities and other marginalized groups using various human rights instruments and has been working on right to legal identity and citizenship since the last 20 years. He has submitted numerous appeal cases to the Supreme Court relating to legal identity mainly citizenship and birth registration, human trafficking and safe migration, child soldier and marriage, marital rape, gender-based violence, sexual harassment, reproductive right, transitional justice and others. He has</p>	Policy analysis/Research; Advocacy; Capacity development)	Nepali, English	Nepal	98511068097 sabin@fwld.org



	also been involved in drafting of model legislation against human trafficking, domestic violence and sexual harassment. Mr. Shrestha is also engaged in developing and conducting training to judges, public attorneys, lawyers and police in various issues including the CEDAW Convention and human rights.				
Refugees and Gender	<p>Ms. Devi Maya Gurung Ms Devi Maya Gurung is currently President of Bhutanese Refugee Association of the Disabled (BRAD) (Volunteer). She conducts training to refugees on GBV sensitisation, prevention and response and coordinates with two other Community Based Organisations working on SGBV and child protection. Additionally, Ms. Maya coordinates with partner agencies including UNHCR, LWF, AMDA and Caritas on protection issues, many of them gender related, impacting very vulnerable persons. Ms. Maya's work has also been focused on promoting women with disability in Bhutanese Refugee Camps in Province 1 and their engagement in livelihood programmes. Ms. Maya has received several local awards by the refugee community for her work advocating for the rights of refugees including disabled and children.</p>	Advocacy, capacity building	English, Nepali	Province no. 1	Contact Phone no.: 9814997915 E-mail: devikagurung1972@gmail.com
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	<p>leadership positions since the inception of the APRRN, a coalition of more than 450 organizations and individuals. He has also undertaken the role of International Advisor of Platform on Disaster Displacement and Statelessness Network Asia Pacific. Besides representing in various UN forums, he is a guest-lecturer on human rights, forced migration, refugee protection, internal displacement, SDGs, Gender Equality and Social Inclusion at various universities in North America, Europe, Asia-Pacific and Africa. He was honoured by the Swiss Bureau of Statistics under “Who is Who-2000” on “Refugee Protection in South Asia”. Dr. Siwakoti has championed the cause of refugees and migrants in the region as a front-runner advocate. He has been continuously engaged in all series of Beyond Beijing events of the World Conference on Women at local, regional and international arena to secure gender justice and equality, including addressing SGBV committed against refugees. He has authored and edited several books, research reports, films and documentaries including on refugees and human rights.</p>				
	<p>Shreejana Pokhrel Ms Shreejana Pokhrel is the Executive Director, INHURED International Policy Advocate (Human Rights, Forced Migration, Transitional Justice and Mediation). She holds a LLM degree in International Human Rights Law from University of Essex, United Kingdom, professional certification on Forced Migration from Wadham Collage, University of Oxford, and a master’s degree in Inter Asian NGO studies from SungKongHoe University, South Korea. She has more than eighteen years of professional experience working in human rights and in development sector focusing on forced migration. She has been closely and strategically working/coordinating with governments, intergovernmental bodies, I/NGO and multiple sectors for policy and strategy development, planning, migration management and governance from gender equality and social inclusion perspectives. Her current area of focus is on refugee protection, UNSCR 1325 and 1820 on women peace and security, sexual and gender-based violence, GESI, migration management and transitional justice.</p>	<p>Analysis/Research</p>	<p>English, Nepali</p>	<p>Nepal</p>	<p>Address; Lalitpur-2, Jhamsikhel, Nepal; Cell: 00977-9851090901(Whats App) Emails: shreejana.pokhrel@gmail.com (p); shree@inhuredinternational.org</p>
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	Krishna Gyawali (see Political Participation and Governance)				
Political Participation and Governance	Dr. Manju Thapa Tuladhar (See Evaluations)				
	<p>Salina Joshi Ms. Salina Joshi has over a decade of experience in the field of gender equality and women’s empowerment. She currently works as Gender Specialist for UNDP Afghanistan where she is assigned to advise on the information, education and communication on gender mainstreaming in the electoral processes, including developing strategies and mechanisms for implementation of gender strategies. She has a vast experience working as a consultant for various UN agencies and development agencies. Her professional work experience ranges from working in the position of programme officer at UNIFEM for four years to Senior Programme Officer at Forum for Women, Law and Development for six years. Ms. Joshi has led various research and authored various books, articles and book chapters. Ms. Joshi holds a master’s degree in psychology and a bachelor’s degree in law, both from Tribhuvan University.</p>	Advocacy, Analysis/Research	Nepali, English	Nepal, Afghanistan	joshi_salina@yahoo.com
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	Bharati Silawal-Giri (See Gender Mainstreaming)				
	Mukta Singh Tamang Dr. Mukta Singh Tamang holds a PhD in Anthropology from Cornell University (2008). He has worked with various national and international organizations in such roles as Researcher/Consulting Associate (2007-2008), Executive Director (1992-1997) of SAGUN, Policy Researcher on Indigenous Peoples' Issues for Department for International Development (DFID) and World Bank (2004-2005), Senior Lecturer at SM College (since 2001), South Asia Project Officer at Minority Rights Group International (2002-2003), and Monitoring and Evaluation Officer at Action Aid Nepal (1985-1992). His areas expertise are research, gender and social inclusion. Dr. Mukta has a number book to his credit.	Research	Nepali, English	Nepal	mukta12@gmail.com
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	Pratap Phatak Pratap Phatak has been working with the Government of Nepal for 17 years since 1998 with the Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives, Ministry of Women, Children and Social Welfare, Ministry of Labour and Transport Management, Ministry of Home Affairs, Office of the Prime Minister and Council of Ministers, Ministry of Industry, Ministry of General Administration, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Irrigation and the Ministry of Youth and Sports. He has published a series of research papers on the topic of gender integration in governance, public policy and budgeting. He holds a master’s degree in Public Administration from Tribhuvan University.	Research, Training, Capacity Development	English, Nepali, Hindi, Maithili	Nepal	pratap968pathak@yahoo.com 4280344/272618
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	<p>facilitator with the UN Systems Staff College in Turin, Italy and has facilitated preparation of the UNDAF in Bhutan and the Maldives. Ms. Jha holds a master’s degree in Development Management from the Asian Institute of Management, Philippines.</p>				
	<p>Chandni Joshi (see Gender Mainstreaming)</p>				
	<p>Sushil Pant Dr. Sushil Pant has been working at the Tribhuvan University as a Reader since 1990 and is a member of Trainers’ Pool of PCCI. Dr. Pant focuses on teaching and research, training and development, strategic management, organizational development, entrepreneurship, organizational behaviour, human resource management, marketing management. Dr. Pant holds PhD in Management from Tribhuvan University.</p>	<p>Analysis/Research, Capacity Development</p>	<p>English, Nepali</p>	<p>Nepal</p>	<p>suspant@gmail.com +977-14822591 +977- 9841937810</p>
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	<p>Mandhuri Singh Rana Dr. Madhuri Rana Singh has extensive knowledge and experience, including national and international exposure, on gender, human rights, and social development issues. For the last three decades, her priority area of work has been on women’s development specifically focusing on gender dimensions and gender-based violence (GBV) as an obstacle to development. The Founding President of SAATHI, Dr. Rana Singh has been an active member of the Women’s Rights Movement in Nepal and many women’s groups including the Network against Girl Trafficking. She served as sub-committee team member under the Ministry of Women, Children and Social Welfare (MWCSW) on VAW, one of the 12 critical areas of concern under the Beijing Platform for Action and assisted in drafting the domestic violence control bill. She has published a range of technical papers and publications on violence against women in Nepal and assisted in the preparation of the Annual Trafficking in Persons and Human Rights Report. She has extensive teaching experience, and is a current faculty member of Conflict, Peace and Development Studies at the Tribhuvan University. She worked with the USAID as a Programme Specialist for almost a decade, and as a consultant for the SAMANATA Institute for Social and Gender Equality. Dr. Rana Singh holds a doctoral degree on thesis entitled “Domestic Violence in Nepal: Social, Economic and Psychological Impact on Women” from Washington International University, USA.</p>	Advocacy, Capacity Development, Research/Analysis	English, Nepali, Hindi	Nepal	madhuranjive@yahoo.com + 977 - 1- 4431104 + 977-9851035555
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	<p>Sumeera Shrestha Ms. Sumeera Shrestha is currently Executive Director of Women for Human Rights Single women Group (WHR), and has worked extensively with policies related to gender, including: policy level advocacy through WHR for the social security and safety nets, conducting reviews of organizational policies (GESI policy, security policy, child protection policy, communication policy, monitoring and evaluation policy, policy against sexual abuse and exploitation) of four organizations through rights based approach and feminist transformative leadership lens coordinated by WOREC and supported by UN Women, and Organizational Policies review and development for the organization working for the human rights of LGBTIQ+ people. Ms. Shrestha also has vast experience in research and is founder of Gyanbodh Research and Development Service Pvt. Ltd- a research consultancy firm based in Nepal.</p>	Women and human rights, policy, advocacy, GESI, research	Nepali, English	Nepal	sumeerashrestha@gmail.com 977-1-4258291 977- 9818272055
	<p>Rajin Rayamajhi Ms. Rajin Rayamajhi has an MA in Sociology from Padma Kanya Kathmandu and a BA in Law. She currently works as a project coordinator at the Equality Now, programme and works supporting vulnerable groups of women under the Community Kitchen programme. Prior to this, Rajin worked under several projects as project focal person and coordinator, working to strengthen district level transitional justice with ICTJ Nepal and UN Women, conduct training for district level women's organization on gender sensitive Transitional justice at central level as well as in 4 district levels with UN Women Nepal, and Gender and Transitional justice to the conflict affected at Rolpa and Kanchanpur District (Open society Institute New York OSI project). Further to this, Ms. Rayamajhi has contributed and wrote several publications on the topics of peace, justice, conflict in relation to gender.</p>	Violence against women and girls, conflict, peace, project management	Nepali, English, Hindi	Nepal	+977 19841166739 raahat@whr.org.np
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	<p>program coordinator. As a program coordinator, she has successfully completed various projects. She has served as a trainer and mentor and has contributed to strengthening the capacities of community people, women law students and other concerned stakeholders. As a litigation lawyer she has not only represented her clients at court but also filed various public interest litigation (PIL) in the Supreme Court of Nepal to protect and promote the rights of women and marginalized groups. Currently, she is serving as an executive chairperson of Legal Aid and Consultancy Centre (LACC). She has also been involved in various research, study and has also participated in international training, conference as participants, presenter, moderator and panellist in various countries.</p>	<p>Resource package development, Anti Human Trafficking, Women Rights, Local Judicial Committees, Citizenship and Vital Registration, Transitional Justice, Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights (SRHR), Pro bono and Legal Aid.</p>			<p>01 5527334 01-5542999 ext. 41 9841825279</p>
	<p>Srijana Chettri Extensive training and facilitation experience, including trainings on violence against women, reproductive and sexual health, and multilingual group facilitation guided by a firm belief in participatory methods. Experience in innovative curricula development and implementation on various topics within an anti-oppression and social justice framework. Strong background in effectively interacting with people of various ages, socioeconomic, educational and cultural backgrounds, including those with disabilities and limited English proficiency, through professional and volunteer work.</p>	<p>Advocacy, analysis, research</p>	<p>Nepali, English</p>	<p>Nepal</p>	<p>Email: srijanachettri@gmail.com Phone: +977-9841-170518</p>
	<p>Jony Mainaly Ms. Jony has more than eleven years of experience of working with a range of stakeholders including the Government of Nepal, provincial and local governments, bilateral agencies, UN agencies, civil society organizations and communities on cross-cutting issues including gender equality and social inclusion. She has experience of examining legal, policy and institutional arrangements, both international and national; review of Code of Conducts in addressing gender-based violence with ILO. She has an excellent understanding of labour and gender issues in Nepal and also good understanding of international practices in addressing gender-based violence in the world of work. She is familiar with ILO mandates and Constituents/Partners and has a teaching background too. She has worked extensively on Climate Change issue and its intersection. She has published articles on various subjects. She has Masters of Laws with an Environmental Law</p>	<p>Analysis, Legal, Research</p>	<p>Nepali, English</p>	<p>Nepal</p>	<p>Email: jonymainaly@gmail.com Phone: +977-9851123550</p>



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Women, Peace and Security	Shashi Adhikary (See Human Rights and Law)				
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	Awani Mainali Bhattarai Ms. Awani Mainali Bhattarai is the current Under Secretary of the Ministry of Home Affairs. Ms. Bhattarai has previously served as the Under Secretary in National Women Commission, Assistant Director in Nepal Telecommunication’s Authority, Assistant Professor. She has also worked for an EU Assignment as a Political/Country Expert Assistant, and a Legal Expert and Human Rights Analyst of election observation team from the EU. She has also engaged in active advocacy work. Ms. Bhattarai has conducted and facilitated different trainings, workshop and seminars organized by Kathmandu School of Law and CeLLRd. She has provided training in such areas as socio-economic rights and good governance, CEDAW and its Optional Protocol, teacher training, paralegal training, International Visitor Leadership Program Multi Regional Project Women and Justice, legislative drafting, and ToT on 1325 and 1820, conducted by N-Peace Network Thailand. Ms. Bhattarai holds master’s degree in Law from Kathmandu School of Law with a specialization in Human Rights and Gender Justice.	Capacity Development	Nepali, English	Nepal	abani_mb@yahoo.com
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	<p>and gender justice, social justice, all forms of modern slavery, anti-trafficking, migration, disaster reduction and response. She is a Founding Member of Mahila Samridhi Samaj, an NGO working on women’s issues. Ms. Dhungana is the trained trainer for women, peace and security, including p Training of Mobilizers (TOM-3rd Cohort-2014) through N-Peace initiative of UNDP.</p>				
	<p>Shiva Kumar Dhungana Mr. Shiva Kumar Dhungana is an experienced Researcher who has published extensively on conflict transformation and peace related topics in the context of Nepal. He is currently Researcher and Training Coordinator with Friends for Peace, a research and resource centre contributing towards conflict transformation and peace building in Nepal. He continues to carry out research on various issues related to contemporary conflict in Nepal, while also coordinating modular training on peace building. Mr. Dhungana holds an MA in Urban and Regional Planning from the University of the Philippines.</p>	<p>Research, Capacity Development</p>	<p>Nepali, English</p>	<p>Nepal</p>	<p>sdhungana@ffp.org.np skdhungana@gmail.com skdhungana@yahoo.com</p>
	<p>Nirmala Sharma Dhungana Ms. Nirmala Sharma Dhungana is an Academic and Civil Society Activist. Ms. Dhungana joined Tribhuvan University as a researcher and lecturer in the Department of Nepalese History, Culture and Archaeology (NeHCA). She has founded different organizations and contributed her knowledge and gender expertise towards civil society advocacy since 1990. Working as the Executive Secretary in Socio-Economic Welfare Action for Women and Children of Nepal (SEWA) Nepal, she promoted gender education, non-formal education, and economic and social empowerment for poor and needy women and under-privileged children. She has served as the General-Secretary and Board Member for Women for Human Rights (WHR), a Nepal-based NGO promoting the protection and economic empowerment of single women and widows. Ms. Dhungana has also researched and published papers on a range of issues including gender-based violence, the culture of violence single women face, conflict transformation and peacebuilding, and transitional justice. The findings of her publications have regularly informed national-level policy making, including Nepal’s National Action Plan on UNSCR 1325 and 1820 and the Constituent Assembly’s peace process. Ms. Dhungana is also a trained trainer on</p>	<p>Capacity Development, Advocacy</p>	<p>Nepali, English</p>	<p>Nepal</p>	<p>nirmaladhungana@gmail.com +977 9841 326029</p>



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	<p>Shobha Gautam Ms. Shobha Gautam is the Founder President of Institute of Human Rights Communication Nepal. Ms. Gautam has more than twenty years of working experience on gender equality and women’s rights. She is a well renowned women’s rights activist in Nepal. Ms. Gautam’s involvement for the development of National Action Plan (NAP) on UNSCRs 1325 and 1820 is well recognized. She had headed different consultations during the development of NAP in the districts. Ms. Gautam has served as a key focal person of different national level networks on women’s rights. She has also been the member of different international level networks working on peace such as South Asian Peace Alliance (SAPA), Global Network of Women Peace Builder (GNWP) etc. She has also visited numbers of countries in South Asia as an Election Observer.</p>	<p>Advocacy, Capacity Development</p>	<p>Nepali, English</p>	<p>Nepal</p>	<p>shobha.gautam@gmail.com +977- 98510-40165</p>
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	<p>Laxmi Neupane Ms. Laxmi Neupane is a Programme Coordinator in Women’ Rights and Peace Development Programme at Shantimali, Women’s Network for Peace. Her focus of the programme is ‘Women and Youth as Pillars of Sustainable Peace.’ Ms. Neupane is a trained trainer on women, peace and security issues. Ms. Neupane holds a master’s degree in Social Sciences, a bachelor’s degree in Social Sciences and Education and a Post-Graduate degree in Women & Development Studies. Ms. Neupane is a trained trainer on women, peace and security issues, including Training of Trainers member of 2nd Cohort- 2012 through N-Peace initiative of UNDP.</p>	Capacity development	Nepali, English	Nepal	laxmineupane19@hotmail.com
	<p>Radha Paudel Ms. Radha Paudel is the Founder/President of Action Works Nepal, an organization focused on human rights of women, Dalit disabled, conflict affected and other marginalized groups through policy advocacy, media mobilization, capacity building and Miteri Gau-Let’s Live Together Captain. She has eighteen years working experience in human rights, women’s rights, nursing and teaching in positions with Care Nepal International, DFID projects, Bharatpur Hospital and Nepal Poly Technique. Ms. Paudel is a trained trainer of women, peace and security through N-Peace. She has also published several books and articles. She has been affiliated in different organizations such as in orphanage home, National Centre for Cancer Children, Nepal Red Cross Society, Nepal Midwifery Society. Ms. Radha Paudel’s work has been acknowledged through awards. She holds a master’s degree in Development Management from Asian Institute of Management (AIM), Manila, Philippines, (ADB Scholar), and two degrees in Sociology and Health Education from Tribhuvan University. Ms. Paudel is a trained trainer on women, peace and security issues, including Training of Trainers member of 1st Cohort - 2011 through N-Peace initiative of UNDP.</p>	Advocacy and Capacity Development	Nepali, English	Nepal	rpaudel456@gmail.com actionworksnepal.awon10@gmail.com Skype: rpaudel456 +977-9849596298
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	<p>Ms. Ambika Pokhrel is a Programme Officer for the National Peace Campaign (NPC), a Nepal-based NGO that works to promote conflict transformation and peace building. Ms. Pokhrel also works as a local correspondent for Peace Direct, a London-based organization that focuses on supporting grassroots people in building peace. Previously, she has worked as a trainer on conflict resolution and peacebuilding, providing trainings to members of civil society and district level political leaders. She is the co-author of training manuals on conflict resolution, peacebuilding, and reconciliation, and has over ten years of experience working in the field of conflict transformation. Ms. Pokhrel’s qualifications include an MA in Peace and Development Studies from the University of Jaume Premier, Spain, and an MBA from Tribhuvan University. Ms. Pokharel is a trained trainer on women, peace and security issues, including Training of Trainers member of 1st Cohort 2011 through N-Peace initiative of UNDP.</p>				
	<p>Jamuna Poudyal Ms. Jamuna Poudyal has been working as a Programme Director of Centre for Victims of Torture (CVICT) Nepal since 2006. She is responsible for overall management of organization’s activities including supervision of staff, project monitoring and on-site coaching to project team in districts and communities. She is involved in various advocacy campaigns at the district and national level independently and in collaboration with other like-minded organizations. She is also involved in providing various training activities on gender sensitivity, community mediation, and the rights-based approach. She holds a master’s degree in Human Rights and Gender Justice from Kathmandu School of Law. Ms. Poudyal is also a trained trainer on women, peace and security issues, including member of Training of Mobilizers (TOM) 3rd Cohort 2014 through N-Peace initiative of UNDP.</p>	<p>Advocacy, Capacity Development</p>	<p>English, Nepali</p>	<p>Nepal</p>	<p>jamuna@cvict.org.np +977-9851096219</p>
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	<p>Pinky Singh Rana Ms. Pinky Singh Rana has been actively involved with the Rural Women’s Development and Unity Centre (RUWDUC) as a Board Member, programme designer, implementer and evaluator. She is the Founder Member of SAMANATA Institute for Social and Gender Equality, as well as an active Board Member of two nationally renowned NGOs, SAATHI and Safe Motherhood Network Federation, which over the past two decades have worked actively advocating for gender equality, eliminating violence against women and ensuring women’s reproductive rights. A fervent women’s rights activist, Ms. Rana’s forte lies in socially based research, training, gender mainstreaming and evaluations. She has several ground-breaking publications which have been effectively used by and for the women’s movement in Nepal. During the conflict and the current post-conflict transitional period Ms. Rana has been strategically advocating for women’s participation in peacebuilding and conflict transformation through the integration of UNSCRs 1325 and 1820 into government programmes, security forces’ training manuals, training to security personnel and NGO programming at grassroots, regional and/or national level. Ms. Rana has also collaborated closely with various UN and international NGOs in her capacity as a freelance gender and gender-based violence expert. Ms. Rana is a trained trainer on women, peace and security issues, including ToT member of 1st Cohort 2011 through N-Peace initiative of UNDP.</p>	<p>Advocacy, Capacity Development</p>	<p>Nepali, English</p>	<p>Nepal</p>	<p>pinky_s_rana@hotmail.com</p>
	<p>Shyam Kumari Shah Ms. Shyam Kumari Shah is current President of Mukti Nepal. She is a grassroots level women’s rights advocate, campaigner and a trainer, and has contributed significantly at the community level for the rights of women and girls. Ms. Shah is a facilitator for collaborative leadership dialogue, and a trained trainer on women, peace and security issues, including Training of Mobilizers (TOM) member of 3rd Cohort 2014 through N-Peace initiative of UNDP.</p>	<p>Capacity Development/ Advocacy</p>	<p>English, Nepali, Maithali</p>	<p>Nepal</p>	<p>soneesah@gmail.com muktinepal2011@gmail.com +977- 9842824377</p>
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	<p>Mandira Sharma Ms. Mandira Sharma has over twenty years of experience in the field of human rights, focusing on themes that include access to justice, impunity, sexual violence against women and transitional justice. She engages high-level officials in Nepal's justice system in reforms that enable citizens to hold police and courts accountable and aims to improve the rule of law in Nepal. She is the founder and Executive Director of Advocacy Forum, an acclaimed NGO that works to promote human rights and the rule of law in Nepal. She has also engaged extensively with issue of protracted detention and torture and works with international groups to develop programs for those who are incarcerated for petty offenses. She has been a consultant and resource person for various national and international agencies, including development organizations such as UN Women, DFID, SDC, UNICEF and Action Aid. She is a much sought-after speaker and presenter at international conferences. Ms. Sharma holds an LLM in International Human Rights Law from the University of Essex, England.</p>	Advocacy	Nepali, English	Nepal	mandira36@gmail.com msharma@advocacyforum.org.np
	<p>Husna Banu Sheikh Ms. Husna Banu Sheikh is the Gender Justice Specialist of the 'Enhancing Access to Justice for Consolidation of Peace Project' supported by UNDP Nepal. The initiative works to provide services to legal personnel on gender-based violence develop gender-friendly transitional justice mechanisms, promote the implementation of the National Action Plan on UNSCRs 1325 and 1820 and other gender-focused programmatic activities. Prior to her current position, Ms. Sheikh worked for a Danish INGO to promote peace through community mediation and thereby reducing the impact of armed conflict on women. She is also a trained trainer on women, peace and security issues. Ms. Sheikh's professional experience also crosses into the environmental sector, and she has spent over ten years working in natural resource management. Ms. Sheikh holds a MA in Sociology/Anthropology from Tribhuvan University. She is also a trained trainer on women, peace and security issues, including ToT member of 1st Cohort 2011 through N-Peace initiative of UNDP.</p>	Advocacy, Capacity Development	Nepali, English	Nepal	+977 - 9849483068
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	<p>Saloni Singh Ms. Saloni Singh is Executive Chair of DidiBahini, where she has engaged with issues of conflict, security and the nexus between peace and development. She previously worked as a Gender Expert Advisor for UNDP in Sri Lanka and Bangladesh. Additionally, she has planned, developed and implemented numerous gender and equity focused programmes and implemented programmes related to participatory development for amongst others Action Aid, USAID, The Asia Foundation, DANIDA, GTZ, UNICEF, UNFPA, ILO, JICA, DFID and AusAID. She was team leader for various studies and evaluations related to gender mainstreaming and VAW/G, amongst other things. She has been working as a gender analyst, trainer and facilitator since 1990. She was the National Coordinator of the Gender Watch group during the preparation and participation in the UN Fourth Conference on Women, Beijing; is founder and Executive Council Member of the Asia Pacific Women in Politics Resource Network and South Asia Sub-Regional Board Member of the NGO working group on the World Bank. Ms. Singh holds a master's degree in Economics from Tribhuvan University and a Diploma in Social Development from St. Francis Xavier University, Canada.</p>	<p>Advocacy, Capacity Development</p>	<p>English, Nepali</p>	<p>Nepal, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka</p>	<p>salonipsingh@live.com salonipsingh@gmail.com</p>



	<p>Sirjana Subba Ms. Sirjana Subba works in social science research, development and advocacy. Her research focuses on gender, social inclusion, peace and media, and her recent contributions include ‘Role of Media in Peacebuilding’ and ‘Diversity Inclusion of Women.’ Ms. Subba is also involved in development work through community mobilization, awareness raising and training on organization, leadership and human rights as well as with project management. She is also involved in the advocacy for protection and promotion of the rights of indigenous peoples, women, Dalits and other marginalized groups. Ms. Subba Founder Member of National Network of Indigenous Women (NNIW), Indigenous Film Archive (IFA), Kirat Yakthung Mangenna Chumlung (Limbu Women's Association) and Green Forum. She is Board Member of Martin Chautari, a research-based organization, and served as Board Member of NGO-Federation of Nepalese Indigenous Nationalities and Human Rights Foundation. Ms. Subba is a trained trainer for women peace and security through N-Peace. She holds a master’s degree in Sociology and a Post-Graduate Diploma in Women’s Studies. She is also a trained trainer on women peace and security issues, including both ToT member of 2nd Cohort 2012, and Training of Mobilizers member of 3rd Cohort 2014 through N-Peace initiative of UNDP.</p>	Research, Capacity Development	English, Nepali	Nepal	ssirju@hotmail.com
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	<p>Rajani Thapa Ms. Rajani Thapa currently works with the Armed Police Force in the capacity of Inspector. She was a first Head of the Gender Unit of the Armed Police Force, and subsequently served the unit for several years. Her work has involved providing training and disseminating of knowledge on UNSCR 1325 and 1820, International Humanitarian and Human Rights Laws and gender issues. Ms. Thapa has also worked as a Gender Coordinator at the mission headquarters of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH). Ms. Thapa is a trained trainer on women, peace and security issues, including Training of Mobilizers (TOM-3rd Cohort-2014) through N-Peace initiative of UNDP.</p>	Capacity Development	English, Nepali	Nepal	apf.rajani@yahoo.com +977-9851107075



	<p>Rita Thapa Ms. Rita Thapa has over thirty years of professional experience initiating and supporting institutions relating to women's empowerment. Her involvement in this area includes establishing small scale entrepreneurial and service organizations, developing and managing gender programmes for international NGOs and donor agencies, and serving on the boards of numerous national and international women's support organizations. She has an extensive background in building networks among government, academic, and non-government institutions, and has demonstrated competence in institutional building, analysis & development, project/programme design, planning, and management, in training methods and facilitation skills. For the past 20 years she has worked as a resource person in feminist leadership, peace and development, foundation/funds forums internationally and regionally. Ms. Thapa is recognized for her ground-breaking work in founding the Nepal women's fund 'Tewa', specializing in developing local philanthropy for self-reliant development, and women's empowerment in Nepal. Between 2001 and 2009, she founded and led Nagarik Aawaz, working directly with conflict-affected communities and in peacebuilding. Ms. Thapa has helped found other women's networks for peace, including Shanti Malika and Sankalpa.</p>	Advocacy, Capacity Development, Analysis/Research	Nepali, English	Nepal	ritathapa.patan@gmail.com
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<p>Working with men and boys/ Masculinities</p>	<p>Laxman Belbase Mr. Laxman Belbase is the Regional Gender & Child Protection Specialist at Save the Children. He has been an active member of the development community for the past decade, advocating for the human rights of children and women. He has first-hand experience of programme development and implementation and has provided programmatic and technical guidance at national and regional levels. His specialisation has been working around engaging boys and young men in creating safe spaces for children and women at community level, and mobilising communities to address early marriage, child sexual abuse and neglect, corporal punishment, violent punishment of children, domestic violence, and addressing masculinities and gender-based violence. Ms. Belbase’s work, built on an understanding of rights programming and socio-economic pillars of holistic and sustainable development, includes strategic visioning and strategy development for national offices, partners’ regional and global programmes on gender and child protection. He has worked with civil society, academia and media on human rights. Laxman also coordinates the MenEngage Alliance in South Asia and represents the regional alliance of the Global Executive and Steering Committees of the Global MenEngage Alliance. Further, he serves as the coordinator in the South Asian Network to Address Masculinities (SANAM). Ms. Belbase holds a M.Sc. in Statistics from Tribhuvan University. He has also undertaken studies in Environmental Economics at Stanford University and in Environmental Science at Schumacher College.</p>	<p>Capacity Development, Advocacy</p>	<p>Nepali, English</p>	<p>National, Regional (South Asia)</p>	<p>l.belbase@gmail.com</p>
	<p>Sanjeev Uprety Dr. Sanjeen Uprety completed his master’s from SUNY-Binghamton and his Phd from Brown University. Currently, he is in the US doing his post-doctoral research on South Asian masculinities at Harvard and UC-Berkeley universities. An Associate Professor at the Central Department of English, Tribhuvan University, he has written number of research articles on South Asian, especially Nepali masculinities. He has also coordinated MPhil in English programme for two years when it was offered for the first time by Tribhuvan University in 2009 and supervised the construction of Interactive Mapping and Archival Project (IMAP) a digital archive of art and theatre related materials of Nepal. Dr. Uprety has written several papers on Nepali</p>	<p>Capacity Development, Advocacy, Research/Analysis</p>	<p>Nepali, English</p>	<p>Nepal, Regional (South Asia)</p>	<p>upretysanjeev@gmail.com</p>



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