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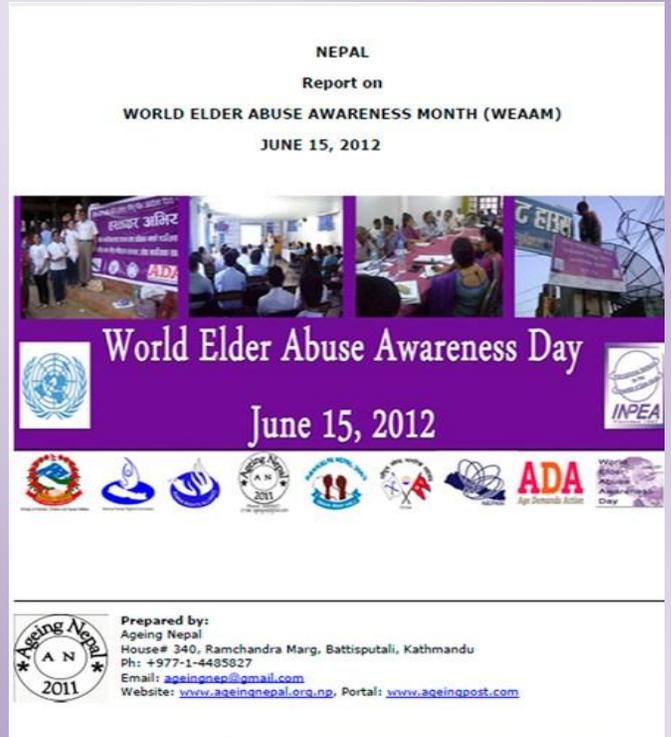
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AGEING IN NEPALI PRESS, JUNE 1-30, 2012

SOCIAL SUPPORT

Senior citizens honoured

Anapurna Post

Kavre, June 2, 2012

63 elderly along with 6 differently able people have been honoured by the VDC office of Katunje Besi of Kavre district in coordination with Srijansil Bachat Tatha Rin Sahakari Sanstha, a Co-operative. They were felicitated by Mr. Govinda Bahadur Karki, a Local Development officer; Mr. Mahesh Poudel, President of Nepal Reporter's Association of Kavre and Ms. Maya Lohani, Head of District Development Office of Kavre.

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Senior citizen in the present context

GHANASHYAM ADHIKARI

Annapurna post

June 15, 2012

United Nations has declared June 15th as an awareness day against senior citizen's abuse. This decision of UN has made elder abuse a case of human right. Elder abuse is a case of human right violation and all needs to be made aware of the problem. In most of the reported case about elder abuse, the victims are women. According to a report, 11% of the total populations in the world are older people and by the year 2050 the population will be double to become 22%. It also has been reported that only 48% women above 60 years have husband alive. In the case of males, 80% males enjoy their married life. (An article in Annapurna Post Daily)

A better tomorrow

ASHISH THAPA MAGAR

Republica,

June 16, 2012



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World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD) intends to make abuse and neglect of older people globally relevant and known so as to initiate sustained prevention efforts. Over the past three decades, tremendous strides have been made in identifying and increasing awareness about patterns of abusive relationships. However, the abuse of older people is a hidden and an often ignored problem in our society. Awareness about child abuse has dramatically increased in the past few years and governments have been proactive in taking measures and introducing laws to identify and tackle the issue. However, the abuse of older people remains in the background. Awareness levels and a commitment to the cause remain dismal despite the annual World Elder Abuse Awareness Day or WEAAD, which was observed on Friday—June 15 this year.

Ageing Nepal—an NGO that works on different concerns of ageing in Nepal, is celebrating WEAAD by organizing various programs around the issue of elder abuse through the month of June. The awareness program of the organization includes orientation lectures on elder abuse in schools and colleges; essay competition among students; publishing articles in dailies and weeklies; radio and TV discussions; production and distribution of pamphlets; displaying placards and banners in public places; organizing group meetings and networking to increase the number of organizations and individuals involved in observing WEAAD.

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Respect towards elderly

GORAKH BAHADUR BOGATI

Gorkhapatra

June 16, 2012

Family, community and state show their concern towards active age population and their needs. However, they are neglected by their own family, community and state when they are retired and old. Less priority is given to the genuine problems of an elderly

because of which their psychology is negatively affected and ultimately they give-up their hopes. These days, wealthy families tend to run away from their responsibility of taking care of their own old parents. They look for the option of putting them in old age homes or any other places other than their own home.

Therefore, the government must make proper arrangements for the elderly people so that they can lead dignified life. Government must formulate some sort of programs that can provide support to an elderly, such as:

- i) Conduct ageing survey,
- ii) Establishment of resource center of older people at the central and district level,
- iii) Health, education, nutrition rights of the older people and preventive measures for abuse against older people should be mentioned as Fundamental Rights in the constitution.
- iv) Inclusion of elderly issue in the education system of secondary and higher secondary level.
- v) Establishment of geriatric wards and hospitals.

Senior citizens felicitated

Annapurna Post

Myaglung, June 19, 2012

Shree Krishna Pranami Orphanage and Old Age Home has felicitated 18 (9 male and 9 female) local elderly people. They were also provided with NRs 200 each, said Mr. Surya Narayan Dhungana, Chair of the Home.

Old Age Village returns elderly to their homes

Samacharpatra

Gulmi, June 19, 2012

Rudra Devi Old Age Village situated at the junction of Kaligandaki and Rudrawati river of Gulmi district has been facing economic crises. The village started returning elderly to their homes because they could not get support to sustain the elderly in the village. Due to economic crisis, the management committee is unable to take care and provide facilities even to those elderly who cannot maintain their personal hygiene, says Mr. Parashwor Dhakal, Chair of the managing committee. We would be able to take care of few elderly, however, to take care 100 is not possible without the additional care takers but that requires financial support, added Dhakal.

Support for OAA

Annapurna Post

Bhaktapur, June 22, 2012

Dr. Narayan Bahadur Rajbhandari, currently residing in America and Ms. Purna Maya Baidhaya, resident of Bhaktapur supported Karuna Old Age Home situated at Dudhpati 17 of Bhaktapur municipality with medical equipments. The equipments were handed to Ms. Lalita Dhaubadhel, Management Officer of the OAA. Mr. Pramod Bhandari, President of film society including musicians and singers appreciated the voluntary work of OAA and assured to provide help in the coming days.

Elderly felicitated

Annapurna Post

Fidim, June 22, 2012

100 elderly above the age of 70 years were felicitated by Siddha Pokhari Sewa Sadan, a civil society. They were felicitated by a group of district development officers, local development officers, chair of the society including political leaders. Former Central Member of Federation of Industry and Commerce Mr Mitra Prasad Kafle gave lecture on the need to honor and respect parents. Mr. Pradip Kumar Nirola, a local development officer instructed the secretary of the VDC to provide OAA to older people at their door step. It was also informed that anyone who tortures or abuses old parent will be punished as per the rules and regulations. In the same program, Ms. Radhika Thapa, Chair of the society donated three ropani of land (0.15 hectare) and 0.2 million rupee for the establishment of elderly care centre.

Kidnappers held

Samacharpatra

Kathmandu, June 23, 2012

Mr. Dhaiba Lama, a resident of Khalan Thok of Kavre district has been arrested by the police for kidnapping 60 year old Ms. Saile Tamang. Tamang was a resident of Hokse of Kavre. According to the police, Lama had committed a crime for the sake of ransom. Lama was arrested from his relative's house at Sitapaila of Kathmandu, where Tamang was locked up.

ADVOCACY

Sankalpa Nepal advocating for senior citizens

Ageing Nepal

Kathmandu, June 7, 2012

Sankalpa Nepal, an NGO organized a workshop on Social Security and Human Rights of Senior Citizens in Orchid Hotel at Tripureshwor of Kathmandu on June 7, 2012. Mr. Ram Nagina Singh, Honourable Member of National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) marked the inauguration of the program by watering the plant. Mr. Bala Nanda Poudel, Secretary of Ministry of Women, Children and Social Welfare (MoWCSW); Dr. Ram Krishna Timilsina, Justice of Supreme Court of Nepal including Mr. Ram Nagina Singh of NHRC were the main speakers of the program. Dr. Timilsina presented a paper on current situation of social security and human rights of senior citizens in Nepal. He also suggested approaches to deal with the problems. More than 30 representatives of government and nongovernment organizations, social activist, researchers and media personnel participated in the program.



Role of Ministries towards rights of older people

Sankalpa Nepal

Kathmandu, June 15, 2012

An interaction program on the role of Ministries towards rights of older people was organized by Ministry of Women, Children and Social Welfare (MoWCSW) in coordination

with Sankalpa Nepal, an NGO at New Baneshwor of Kathmandu on June 15. Notable persons like Mr. Surya Prasad Shrestha, Joint Secretary of MoWCSW; Dr. Ram Krishna Timilsina, Registrar of Supreme Court; Ms. Sangita Nirola, Country representative of Help Age International; representative from Ministry of Health and Population, Ministry of Education, and Women's Commission participated in the program.

Sankalpa conducts discussion program

Sankalpa Nepal

Chitwan, June 21, 2012

Sankalpa Nepal organized one day discussion program on social security and human rights of older people at Bharatpur of Chitwan district in coordination with Community Law Research Center (CLRC), where Mr. Bishnu Ghimire, former Chairperson of DDC of Chitwan presented a concept paper about the contemporary issue of ageing in Nepal and social security and human rights of older people. Mr. Bandhu Prasad Bastola, district development officer was the guest speaker. Participants included Women Development Officers, Chairperson of Chamber of Commerce, Chairperson of Federation of Journalists, Human Rights Alliance, Teachers, Students, representative of NGOs and CBOs working in the field of ageing in Chitwan district.

Regional level workshop on ageing

Sankalpa Nepal

Janakpur, June 23, 2012

Sankalpa Nepal, an NGO organizes regional level workshop on social security and human rights of older people in coordination with Network of Women Human Rights Defender at Janakpur, where Honorable Member of NHRC Mr. Ram Nagina Singh was the guest speaker. During the program Ms. Kamala Parajuli, Chairperson of Sankalpa Nepal presented the objective and mission of the organization, while Honorable Ram Nagina Singh presented a general concept on Social Security and Human Rights of Senior Citizens. Almost 70 people including Human Rights Activist, Women Human Rights Activist, Political parties, NGOs working in the ageing field participated in the workshop where maximum of the participants supported the view of Parajuli and Singh. They agreed that the older people are often abused, neglected and exploited by their own family, society and state because they are physically and economically dependent. They also mentioned that the social workers as well as the state must get concerned about the emerging issues of human rights.

Workshop on Rights of the elderly and Social Security organized

Sankalpa Nepal

Jhapa, June 28, 2012

A one day workshop on Social Security and Human Rights of Senior Citizens was organized by Sankalpa Nepal at Birtamod of Jhapa district. Sankalpa Nepal is an NGO working for the Social Security and Human Rights of Older People in Nepal. Mr. Balananda Poudel, Secretary of MoWCSW was the guest speaker, while Mr. Dharma Gautam, Central Committee Member of NSCF gave a paper presentation on the issue.

Ms. Bhawani Prasad Dahal, Chairperson of Jestha Nagarik Sammaan Pratisthan (civil society) gave a speech and spoke about the objective of program during inaugural

ceremony. During the program Ms. Kamala Parajuli, Chairperson of Sankalpa Nepal mentioned that the roles and responsibility of family, society and state towards older people is changing day by day. In the same way Mr. Hari Prasad Timilsina, Program Officer of Sankalpa Nepal presented the objective, mission, and vision including the activities of the organization. Participants included government officials, political parties, Human Rights Activist, Women Human Rights Activist, NGOs, CBOs, Teachers, students and so on, where every participant mentioned the need of such activities in other parts of the country as the workshop was very effective.

HEALTH

Elderly deprived of free health facilities

Samacharpatra

Hetauda, June 4, 2012

Government has made provisions to provide free health facilities to the people of 60 years and above. However, the Hetauda Hospital has not been following the Government's instructions. Mr. Tulkanath Bartaula 73, resident of Nawalpur 11 VDC of Hetauda was a patient of Asthma and has been brought to the hospital by Mr. Shyam, one of his relative. The administration of hospital did not provide any facilities which he deserved because he was 73 years old, reported his relative. "According to the Government, services shall be provided between 9 am to 2 pm starting from Sunday to Friday, while Mr. Bartaula was brought on Saturday so, he did not get the facilities" says Mr. Prakash Poudel, President of Hospital Development Committee.

Diarrhea threatens the life of villagers

Samacharpatra

Salyan, June 7, 2012

Diarrhea has threatens the life of more than 200 villagers in a week in Salyan district. Older people and children of the district have been adversely affected by the diseases as they are the most vulnerable group in any community. According to the District Health Office of Salyan, the number of people visiting the hospitals and other health institutions has increased significantly as the disease spread over the district.

Doti, June 19, 2012

A man in his 70s died due to diarrhea at Baglet 7 of Doti district. Deceased has not been fully identified yet. A medical team and police force was sent to spot soon after the news was released (Ageing Nepal).

Supreme Court orders to give health facilities to the elderly

Kantipur

Kathmandu, June 7, 2012

The Supreme Court of Nepal has given a Mandamus (supreme order) to the Government of Nepal (GoN) to implement the Senior Citizens Act, 2006 regarding 50% discount on health facilities for the senior citizens. Senior citizens of Nepal have been forced to pay for the health facilities though the Act has provision to provide 50% discount on health service cost for senior citizens.

4 senior citizens to receive health treatment expenses

Annapurna Post

Diktel, June 30, 2012

Senior Citizens Health Treatment Co-ordination Committee of Diktel has confirmed to provide health treatment expenses to 4 of the elderly people of the district. Among the applicants 4 were selected by the committee. The elderly receiving the expenses are: Ms. Dhan Maya Acharya resident of Diktel 5, Ms. Indira Acharya resident of Diktel 4, Ms. Dhan Maya Raj Bhandari resident of Aiselu Kharka 5 and Ms. Padam Maya Khatri resident of Khalle 7.

ACTIVE AGEING

Active life of Thapa

Gorkhapatra

Biratnagar, June 16, 2012

After working for 35 years as a driver, 64 years old Mr. Raghu Bir Thapa, resident of Hetauda 13 of Makawanpur district has been living in Birateshwor Old Age Home situated at Biratnagar 13 since last one year. Thapa lost his left leg in a bus accident 4 years ago. Since then he remained unwaged and has no one to take care of him. Then he started working as porter. However, he was unable to continue as porter due to his disability. He had completed higher secondary education and teaches tuition to 12 students of same old age home in the morning and evening, while he remains idle during day.

Religious centre with OAA

Kantipur

Dolkha, June 28, 2012

Mr. Tilak Bahadur Khadka 94, resident of Dolkha district constructed a religious centre with the money he saved from his OAA. He is a retired Nepali army and has been receiving OAA since last 17 years. He is the person who has faced 2nd World War. Among 17 thousand Nepali army involved in the war most them died, however, he remained alive with general injuries. Since long he had an interest of doing something good for the his own village and country, says Khadka in the program where he was felicitated.

Khadka has been saving money in a box which he received as OAA. Altogether 80 thousands rupee had been saved, which he donated for the construction of religious center near the Golmeshwor Mahadev Temple in the village. Being influenced by Khadka, Mr. Tanka Bahadur Khadka, a politician, donated a land worth NRs 1 lakh 10 thousand to the school of the same village.

RIGHTS

Mom, 93, gets citizenship through daughter's recommendation

Republica

KAMAL THAPA

Rukum, June 11: Generally children get citizenship certificate on the recommendation of their parents, but just the opposite happened in Maikot VDC in Rukum last week. A 93-year-old



mother received citizenship certificate on the recommendation of her daughter. On the recommendation of her daughter, who is married, and approval of local villagers, Rati Rokamagar received her citizenship certificate from a mobile citizenship distribution team last Wednesday.

"We studied her condition. Since there was no one to recommend her except her daughter, we granted her a citizenship certificate on the daughter's recommendation and approval of villagers," said assistant chief district officer Arjun Bhandari.

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Discussion program on the Rights older people

Gorkhapatra

Lalitpur, June 17, 2012

A discussion program was organized by National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) jointly with Sankalpa Nepal, National Senior Citizens Federation (NSCF) and Human Rights Alliance (HRA) in Lalitpur. Discussions were made on the Act regarding the senior citizens, which need to be right based rather than welfare based. Older parents need to have Right to Property as the children have, said Mr. Ram Nagina Singh, Honourable member of NHRC. Older people are being abused and exploited at their homes, working places and even in public places. However, the government has not taken any steps against it, said Dr. Gauri Shankar Lal Das, a member of NSCF.

Mr. Krishna Murari Gautam blamed government for running away from its responsibility without providing for basic need of the older people. Issue of older people need to be included in the education system from the secondary level, said Mr. Subodh Pyakurel, Chair of INSEC. The program was organized focusing World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD) where various human rights activist including Ms. Kamala Parajuli, Chair of Sankal Nepal; Mr. Manohar Upreti, a Nepal representative of INPEA urged government to formulate proper preventive measures against the abuse of older people in Nepal.

DDC might serve with justice

Gorkhapatra

Saptari, June 18, 2012

Mr. Tetar Sada 86 and his wife Ms. Pawan Devi Sada 74, residents of Digawa VDC 6 of Saptari district went to District Development Committee (DDC) to ask for Old Age Allowance (OAA) when they were unable to get it from Village Development Committee (VDC) as they use to. The old couple, who do not have any other source of income found difficulty to meet their needs when they did not get OAA since last one year. "The VDC Secretary did not give us OAA though we have identity card that prove us to be eligible for OAA", reported old couple.

However, the VDC secretary had already taken the allocated budget from DDC. "We will investigate the process by calling VDC secretary Mr. Tahir Husen", said Mr. Krishna Prasad Sapkota, a local development officer. There are altogether 100 older people in the village.

Amendment to Senior Citizens Act demanded

Samacharpatra

Kathmandu, June 19, 2012

Human Rights activist have demanded to amend the Senior Citizens Act, 2006 in the program organized by National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) in Kathmandu. Their education, skills and experience needs to be utilized for the socio-economic development of the country instead of providing them with only Old Age Allowance. Mr. Krishna Murari Gautam, Chair of Ageing Nepal said, the current Act regarding senior citizens has not been implemented yet, regardless of the effort from different legal bodies. Many existing legal instruments are discriminatory against older people, thus need to be right based that provides equal opportunity and access to resources, said Mr. Gauri Pradhan, Honourable member of NHRC.

Elderly faced difficulty in collecting OAA

Samacharpatra

Bkhatapur, June 21, 2012

Bhaktapur municipality has changed the procedure of distributing OAA from ward. They have started distributing OAA from Nepal Bank at Surya Binayak of Bhaktapur, when the government came to know about the mis-utilization of OAA by bureaucrats. The procedure of collecting OAA through Banks has created difficulty among the elderly in Bhaktapur. 93 year old Mr. Sita Ram Prajapati reported, - "it is very difficult for us to stand in a queue for long to collect OAA". They said that the government is not fair to older people. The previous procedure of distributing OAA from respective wards was far better.

SOCIAL SECURITY

Elderly in queue for 5 hours

Annapurna Post

Dharan, June 19, 2012

Elderly people of Dharan were able to collect Old Age Allowance (OAA) from bank after being in a queue for 5 hours. There are more than five thousand older people collecting OAA in Dharan. Elderly of Dharan has demanded for the distribution of OAA through local bodies instead of bank. The procedure of collecting OAA from bank is very difficult, says 79 year old Mr. Bhagawat Man Shrestha. She asks what if the person cannot stand in queue for 5, 6 hours. 89 year old Ms. Devi Maya Tamang supported Shrestha. The government is giving trouble to those disable elderly who cannot walk, said 82 year old Mr. Nanda Prasad Dhakal.

Mis-utilization of elder's fund

Annapurna Post

Siraha, June 26, 2012

For the empowerment and development of local older people, the government has allocated a fund at the Village Development Committee (VDC) level. However, most of the VDCs in Siraha district are unable to utilize the funds properly. The District Development Committee (DDC) organized a two day workshop on the empowerment of senior citizens at Lahan of Siraha district, where most of the participants (VDC secretaries) were blamed for the mis-utilization of elder's fund.

10% of the total budget of each VDC has been separated for the empowerment and development of local senior citizens. However, the VDC secretaries have been spending those funds for various other purposes. Most of the secretaries justified that they have been spending those funds for development projects in the VDC under the pressure of local political leaders.

Misuse of OAA by Village Secretary

Samacharpatra

Ramechhap, June 26, 2012

Mr. Binod Bhattarai, former secretary of Bampti VDC of Ramechhap district misutilized the Old Age Allowance of local senior citizens. Ms. Cheki Sherpa, Ms. Lyamdiku Sherpa, Choki Sherpa and Lohoku Sherpa have been deceived by Mr. Bhattarai. He has accepted that he has used up their 3 months OAA. Bhattarai had quarrel with Mr. Lakpa Nima Sherpa, President of Crystal Club of the VDC who had assumed responsibility of providing money back to the old women in the public place. After the quarrel with Nima Sherpa, Mr. Bhattarai promised in front of public to return back the OAA to older women.

Security fund finishes before fiscal year

Annapurna Post

Kaski, June 26, 2012

Elderly and single women of Pokhara of Kaski district have been deprived from getting Social Security Fund (SSF) since last two months. Due to the misutilization of the fund by the bureaucrats, the SSF which the Ministry of Local Development (MoLD) allocated has finished before the completion of the fiscal year. Mr. Hari Pangeni, local development officer said, from this fiscal year the government has started giving SSF even to the single women who have not reached the age of 50 years, because of which the allocated budget might have finished before the fiscal year. It is clear from the statement from Pangeli that, the government will not provide SSF to the elderly and single women of Pokhara for those two months.

MoLD stopped sending SSA

Gorkhapatra

Biratnagar, June 30, 2012

End of the fiscal year is near but the Ministry of Local Development (MoLD) did not send Social Security Allowance (SSA) to the District Development Committee (DDC) of Morang district. It has been more than 6 months that the government has stopped sending SSA to Morang district because of which elderly people along with single woman and disable people of Biratnagar sub metropolitan city of Morang district have been facing problems in their daily life.

The amount of money sent by the government is not sufficient to distribute among the eligible persons. 6 million 86 thousand 6 hundred have been distributed as SSA in the past 6 months while the amount of money required is 32.2 million, says Kiran Neupane, a social security officer. The MoLD has been facing financial shortage and has been

asking for help with the Ministry of Finance, says Shiva Ram Pokheral, a local development officer.

CULTURE

If I was a God

Gorkhapatra

Banke, June 6, 2012

People of Raptipari VDC of Banke district started worshipping 85 year old Mr. Sarju Prasad Chaudhary, because there was no rainfall for a long time. He is treated like god as he is the traditional leader of the three villages. Chaudhary has been leading 40 thousand people of 3 different villages. Villagers believe that they can please their god by singing and dancing where women are dressed like a men and, men like women. They believe that rain will fall if the god is pleased. Villagers have been following this tradition for long.

However, this time it was different. Villagers went through the same traditional process but the rain did not come. Chaudhary said he would have done many good things if he was a God and has nothing to do with the rainfall. He further said, - "villagers have faith on me so they worship me, however, I am not a God and I do not have a power make rainfall".

Single women enjoyed red color

Kantipur

Manthali, June 25, 2012

In Nepali culture, single or the widow women don not wear clothes or ornaments of red color. Breaking this age old tradition, single women of Manthali started a campaign of wearing a red color and they enjoyed wearing it. A group of single women of Manthali organized a program, where red colored clothes, ornaments and make-up accessories were distributed to 60 single women of the district. All together 100 single women participated in the program where 60 decided to wear a red, while rest did not. Ms. Devi Poudel resident of Tiplug-2 of Manthali was the first to wear a red color sari, tika and chura in the program. Ms. Pramila Sapkota, chair of the women's group distributed red colored clothes and make-up accessories to single women in the program.

DEVELOPMENT

Computerized system saved government fund for OAA

Kantipur

Dolkha, June 7, 2012

A study done last year revealed that OAA for almost 500 senior citizens was misused in Dolkha district alone. Names of dead elderly were not deleted from the list of OAA recipients. Also, many names were repeated. To overcome the problem, Dolkha District Development Committee started using computer for indentify verification of OAA recipients due to which NRs 1.8 million has been saved in a month.

Training for social workers

Sankalpa Nepal

Banepa, June 9, 2012

Two days training/workshop was organized at Banepa of Kavre district by Sankalpa Nepal. The primary objective of the workshop was to train social workers to lobby for the social security and rights of the older people. Mr. Krishna Murari Gautam and Mr. Ram Chandra Lamichane were the resource person, while Ms. Kamala Parajuli, Chairperson of Sankalpa Nepal also spoke on the social security and rights of older people in Nepal. There were 36 participants (24 female and 12 male) from Doklha, Kavre, Bhaktapur, Lalitpur and Kathmandu.

FALLS

Chitwan, June 22, 2012

A woman in her 60s died after falling from bridge situated at Muglin Narayangad road of Kabilas 5 of Chitwan district. Deceased has not been identified yet (Ageing Nepal).

Ilam, June 30, 2012

Mr. Fucchu Maila Limbu 60, resident of Jamuna 3 of Ilam district died after falling from a cliff situated at Jamuna-2. He was also known as Charsure. According to the police, Limbu was drunk because of which the accident might have occurred (Annapurna Post).

Sindhuli, June 28, 2012

65 year old Mr. Mangal Tamang, resident of Kamala Mai 4 of Sindhuli district fell on the road and died while returning home taking shower at Khanga khola, a river (Ageing Nepal).

Dhading, June 30, 2012

65 year old Mr. Kali Bahadur Kuwar, resident of Pipali 8 of Nuwakot district died after falling from the height of 30 meter at Gogan Pani 1 of Dhading district. Further investigation is on the process (Ageing Nepal).

ELDER ABUSE

Elderly woman victim of domestic violence

Gorkhapatra

Butwal, June 4, 2012

Mrs. Tara Basnet 65, resident of Pakhapani-15 VDC of Butwal has been forced to live a miserable life ever since her husband married the second wife. Mrs. Basnet, who is unable to walk due to Leprosy, has been facing violence from her own husband almost every day. She does not expect love but wishes that her husband does not torture her.

Mr. Padam Basnet, husband of Mrs. Basnet has crossed his 70s. He is also a victim of leprosy. Because of the proper treatment received he is fit and fine. Mr. Padam married a Kali Sunar 55, who is from the same locality.

Elderly women murdered

Annapurna Post

Dhading, June 4, 2012

60 year old Ms. Krishna Kumari Shreatha was murdered by hitting on her head with a stone. Ms. Shreatha was a resident of Satya Devi VDC-7 of Dhading district. According to police, crime was committed with an intention to rob. One of the suspects has been

under the custody of police and necessary investigation is on the process, reported police.

Elderly saint killed

Kantipur

Ithari, June 7

An elderly saint of around 60s was found dead at the temple situated at Khanar VDC of Sunsari district. According to the police, the old saint was sleeping in the temple when he was hit with the stone. Suspects have been arrested, while the full identification of the saint remained unverified.

An elderly woman shot dead

Ageing Nepal

Jumla, June 17, 2012

Ms. Suhani Budha 60, resident of Dilli Chaur-2 of Jumla district was shot dead by unknown group of 4/5. Ms. Budha was sleeping when they entered into her house and shot her. A bullet cell was found at crime scene where K.F.65 was written. A necessary investigation is on the process.

Injured due to firing

Ageing Nepal

Dhanusha, June 9, 2012

60 year old Mr. Chaudhary Kapad, a keeper of mangrove in the residence of ex-minister Hem Bahadur Malla was injured due to firing by 5-6 unidentified people. He was sent to B.P. Koirala Health Service Academy, Dharan for medical treatment.

Kidnaper arrested

Ageing Nepal

Kathmandu, June 22, 2012

36 year old Mr. Dhauwa Lama was arrested by police officials for abducting 60 year old woman. Ms. Ratna Kumari also known as Saili Tamang was forcefully brought to Kathmandu and held captive in Sitapaila. The victim is released from captivity with the help of police. The police authorities are investigating the case.

Senior citizens abused by relatives

Annapurna Post

Janakpur, June 25, 2012

Senior citizens have been abused by their own relatives, said one of the participants in the workshop organized by Sankalpa Nepal, an NGO in Janakpur. Senior citizens have been facing such problems due to lack of proper legal instruments against elder abuse. A separate act needs to be formulated to improve the socio-economic status of older people. Honourable member of NNHRC Mr. Ram Nagina Singh presented a working paper in the program.

Elderly women assaulted by women leader

Annapurna Post

Ithari, June 27, 2012

Ms. Puriya Chaudhary 60, resident of Ithari municipality 9 has been brutally beaten by a women leader of Indigenous Party, Ms. Mayawati Sardar and her son. Ms. Sardar being a president of Indigenous party of Ithari, local police believed Sardar's statement. However, the statement given by Sardar was fake and the case has been filed against Chaudhary, says women activist.

Sardar and Chaudhary who were the neighbors, had a dispute over the water pipeline. Ms. Chaudhary was brutally beaten with a stick and hit with a knife, says Jhakki Kumari, daughter of Chaudhary. A seriously injured Chaudhary was rescued by other neighbors. We will take action against it, if Chaudhary did not get justice, says Ms. Laxmi Gautma, Chairperson of Opek Nepal – an NGO.

NEGLECT

Unattended Death

Bardiya, June 4, 2012

A man in his 70s was found dead at Motipur 8 of Bardiya district. Deceased has not been identified yet (Ageing Nepal).

Solukhumbu, June 4, 2012

Mr. Pasang Sherpa 63, a resident of Kerunga 4 of Solukhumbu district was found dead. Sherpa who had gone to bed after the evening dinner was found dead in the morning (Ageing Nepal).

Kaski, June 6, 2012

Ms. Indra Kumari Kuwar 85, resident of Bharatpur VDC 1 of Kaski district was found dead at Seti River at Majuwa 13 of Lekhnath VDC of the district, mentioned local police. Body has been sent to regional hospital for postmortem (Kantipur).

Kathmandu, June 13, 2012

A man in his 60s has been found dead at Bankali Chaur (premises of Pashupathinath temple) of Kathmandu municipality. According to the police, deceased was a beggar but his full identification has not been verified (Ageing Nepal).

Parsha, June 16, 2012

60 year old Mr. Satya Narayan Raut, sweeper in Nepal Bank Limited was found dead on terrace of the same bank. The bank is situated at the premises of Custom Department 19 of Birgunj Sub-metropolitan (Ageing Nepal).

Salyan, June 24, 2012

65 year old Mr. Tyankhi Bika, resident of Rima 2 of Salyan district was found hanging on the tree at his own field. Police investigation is on the process (Ageing Nepal).

Bardiya, June, 29, 2012

A dead body of man around 70 years old was found at community forest of Baniyabhar 8 of Bardiya district. Full identification of deceased has not been identified yet (Ageing Nepal).

Damauli, June 30, 2012

A dead body of elderly was found behind the bush at the Dumsi Chaur (ground) of Byas 9 of Damauli. The deceased has been verified as Mr. Rana Bahadur Ale 79 resident of Byas 3. A necessary investigation is on the process, reported local police (Annapurna Post).

Elderly died after falling from the window of third floor

Ageing Nepal

Lalitpur, June 4, 2012

90 year old elderly woman died after falling from the window of third floor at Nakhipot, Lalitpur. According to the police, she was living in her relative's house. A necessary investigation is on the process.

Hari Maya in need of help

PITAR KUWAR

Samacharpatra

Kathmandu, June 10, 2012

Ms. Hari Maya Basnet 90, lives alone in a small and dark room situated at the side of Pachali temple at Teku of Kathmandu. She has been lying in a bed since 6 months due to asthma with no-one to take care and is looking for the day to come when she can rest in peace. Her husband left her a long time ago. Her two children died during their childhood.

When you reach near to the door of that dark room, you will see one old and skeletal woman lying in the bed murmuring words about her pain and agony. By the time, you will see one green plastic bucket near to her mouth full of urine and stool, which has polluted the whole room. One kind hearted guy from Bhattarai tole (community) brings food twice a day. However, she is unable to get up to eat food. So, she struggles to eat lying in the bed. Today, Ms. Basnet needs a help. Organizations working for the wellbeing of ageing populations shall rescue Ms. Basnet.

ELDERS IN CRIME

Elderly held with marijuana

Annapurna Post

Palpa, June 5, 2012

Mr. Hemlal Khanal 73, resident of Ranithati 7 of Bhairabsthan VDC of Palpa district has been arrested with 22 packets of marijuana. According to the police, Mr. Kanal has been collecting marijuana from Tansen, district headquarter and has been circulating to different parts of Nepal and across since last 18 months. Khanal accepted that he used to sell a packet of marijuana at NRs 125.

Two elderly held for hunting a deer

Ageing Nepal

Nawalparasi, June 13, 2012

72 year old Mr. Sagar Sumsher Jabara, former Army Lieutenant and 70 year old Mr. Sita Ram Karki were held along with 30 year old Mr. Kuldev Kuwar for hunting a deer at Namuna Madhyawarti Community Forest situated at Pitahuli 6 of Nawalparasi district.

They were caught along with one dead deer, a gun and a jeep numbered Ba 2 Cha 4354. They have been sent to concerned department of Chitwan National Park for interrogation.

Elderly father-in-law held for attempting a murder

Ageing Nepal

Baitadi, June 15, 2012

70 year old Mr. Prem Singh Thal, a resident of Dehimandau 9 of Baitadi district was taken into police custody for attempting to murder his 22 year old daughter-in-law Ms. Tara Thal. Ms. Tara who was injured by the firing has been taken to district hospital of Baitadi for treatment.

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD) 2013

...because elder abuse should never be ignored...

Save the Date!

**INPEA 8th International Conference
and
8th World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD) International Commemoration**

**will be held on June 23, 2013
in
Seoul, Korea**



(immediately prior to the opening of the 20th IAGG World Congress)



IAGG 20th World Congress, Seoul, Korea

BANGLADESH

Tk 891 crore old-age allowance for 24.75 lakh people

Bangladesh Today
Dhaka, June 6, 2012

The government has allocated Taka 891 crore for 24.75 lakh old people including divorcees, widows, disabled and extreme poor under the Social Safety Net (SSN) programme across the country during the financial year 2011-2012. "The government allocated Taka 300 for each person per month," Secretary of Social Welfare Ministry Ranjit Kumar Biswas told BSS.

Read more: <http://www.thebangladeshtoday.com/archive/June%2012/6-6-2012.htm#national>

Old, alone and without support

As their numbers grow and their family support weakens, elderly people in Bangladesh are not getting the social protection they need, say campaigners and researchers. Government payments for the elderly are inadequate, critics say, and only one in four elderly are getting them, according to a study by HelpAge International. Meanwhile, adult children and younger relatives, who traditionally served as a safety net for older generations, are being pulled away, often for work.

The sight of an elderly person begging on the street was unusual five years ago, but it is increasingly common, said Shashwatee Biplob, a social protection and policy manager with [HelpAge International in Bangladesh](#).

Read more: <http://www.unhcr.org/refworld/country,,IRIN,,BGD,,4ea67e502,0.html>



See more: http://www.inpea.net/images/ZOOMER2010_Oct_GGutman.pdf

CHINA

Senior citizens con one of their own

The New Paper
Monday, Jun 25, 2012

A group of four senior citizens got together to dupe another elderly woman in a gold coin scam earlier this year. Malaysian Yap Bun Kwong 66, was sentenced to three months' jail after he admitted of deceiving Madam Lam Lai Yin, 70, into believing that she was investing \$10,000 to buy gold coins. But there were no gold coins.

Read more: <http://news.asiaone.com/News/AsiaOne%2BNews/Crime/Story/A1Story20120623-354918.html>



China makes it illegal to ignore elderly family members

China Times
June 29, 2012

China's National People's Congress has mandated that families must "visit senior family members often" in an amendment to the Senior Citizens' Legal Rights Protection Law. The amendment states that "family members should pay attention to senior members' needs, and those who do not live with senior members should visit them often."

Read more: <http://www.wantchinatimes.com/news-subclass-nt.aspx?cid=1103&MainCatID=11&id=20120629000032>

China to officially set a day in honor of senior citizens

Beijing Time
June 26, 2012

The standing committee of the National People's Congress initially reviewed the draft of a protection law for senior citizens' rights and interests. The draft stipulates that China will officially set September 9 of the Chinese calendar as a national day for senior citizens, in honor of the country's 178 million grey-haired people aged over 60, who account for 13.26 percent of China's total population. September 9 of the Chinese lunar calendar has been traditionally celebrated in the Chinese folk culture as the Double Ninth Festival or Chung Yeung Festival. It is estimated that the number of Chinese senior citizens will climb up to 300 million by 2025, and will culminate at 487 million till around the year of 2055.

Read more: <http://english.sina.com/china/2012/0625/480312.html>

Care centres deny elderly the right to sex: paper

June 27, 2012

Care facilities often deny elderly people the basic right, and one of their few remaining pleasures, to continue having sex, [AFP](#) reports. Many older people, including those with early stage dementia, enjoy sex while they live at home, but this changes once they move into residential care, said the Australian authors of a paper in the Journal of Medical Ethics. They blame a lack of privacy, age discrimination and fears about the legal implications should a patient be found mentally incompetent to give consent.

Read more: <http://en.tengrinews.kz/people/11070/>

INDIA

Rs 1.3 lakh stolen from senior citizen

Express News Service

Chennai, June 11, 2012

Cash of Rs 1.30 lakh carried by a 60-year-old man to repay his loan and get back gold jewellery he had pawned was reported stolen at Vepery police limits on Saturday.

Police said Chandrasekaran of Choolai had gone to a bank at AP Road, Vepery and had withdrawn Rs 1.30 lakh. Later, at a co-operative bank on Pursaiwalkam High Road, he parked his two-wheeler in front of the bank and went to the first floor of the building, forgetting the money kept in the box of his vehicle, police said. When he returned he found the cash missing. Following his complaint, Vepery police have registered a case and are investigating.

Read more: <http://newindianexpress.com/cities/chennai/article540358.ece>

31% of senior citizens face abuse in India

Business Review India

June 16, 2012

According to the latest data released by HelpAge India, 31% of the elderly in the country face some form of abuse. Bhopal, apparently, is the worst offender, with an astounding 77.12% of the senior citizens living in the city facing abuse. The report was released on 15th June, which is marked as World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. The other cities that have a high incidence of elderly abuse are: Guwahati (60.55%), followed by Lucknow (52%). Delhi has seen a significant rise in this area: with 29.8% senior citizens saying they have faced abuse; compared to 12% last year. In Mumbai, 29.46% seniors faced abuse while in Chennai 27.56% did.

Read more: <http://www.businessreviewindia.in/lifestyle/31-of-senior-citizens-face-abuse-in-india>

Elderly woman found dead in her Delhi flat

Kolkata News.net

Delhi, June 20, 2012

An 82-year-old woman was found smothered to death inside her residence here early Wednesday, Delhi Police said. Joginder Kaur, resident of Vikaspuri in west Delhi, was found dead in her first floor flat around 5.30 a.m."She was lying on the floor near her bed. It seems that she was smothered with a pillow that was found near her. Some marks on her body lead us to believe that she was also manhandled," Additional Commissioner of Police, V. Renganathan told IANS.

Read more: <http://www.kolkatanews.net/index.php?sid/206772122/scat/701ee96610c884a6/ht/Elderly-woman-found-dead-in-her-Delhi-flat>

PAKISTAN

Senior Citizens Council on card in Pakistan

Pakistan Times

Islamabad, June 20, 2012

The Ministry of Social Welfare and Special Education is introducing a National Senior Citizens Welfare Bill to encourage setting up an institutional mechanism for provision of various services for well being of senior citizens. Under this Bill, Senior Citizens Council will be established to devise and recommend plans and measures to be adopted for welfare of senior citizens in the country. These views were expressed by Federal Minister for Social Welfare and Special Education Ms Samina Khalid Ghurki here while addressing a two-day Third International Conference on Productive Ageing in Pakistan.

Read more: <http://pakistanimes.net/pt/detail.php?newsId=585>

PPP to bring legislation for elderly citizens

International The News

June 30, 2012

RAHIM YAR KHAN: Pakistan Peoples Party will bring legislation in the Punjab Assembly to protect rights the rights of the elderly citizens. District President Rahim Yar Khan MPA Javed Akbar Dhiloon said this while addressing, "Bazurg dost Mela" (Old persons fun fair) here on Friday. The legislation would be moved through PPP's parliamentary party head Raja Riaz in the house, he said. Country director Help H Pakistan Ajiba K Aslam said her organisation is working for elderly citizens for the last ten years. Shields were also presented to senior citizens for acknowledging their performance on the occasion.

Read more: <http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-2-117622-PPP-to-bring-legislation-for-elderly-citizens>

Elderly passenger dies on board train

Daily Times

Lahore, June 1, 2012



60-year-old Yaseen passes away on board Awami Express, which was 16 hours behind its schedule. Miserable travelling conditions cost the life of an elderly passenger who passed away on board a Lahore-bound train from Karachi. Sixty-year-old Yaseen breathed his last on Awami Express, crying for water and braving suffocation. The train, which was 16 hours late from its scheduled time, had no water in its tanks and its fans were switched off. The train was bound to leave Karachi on Tuesday and reach Lahore on Wednesday morning. Unavailability of water, switched-off electric fans and an immense delay of 16 hours were enough to claim the life of Yaseen on the day when the mercury revolved around 45 degrees Celsius.

Read more: http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2012%5C06%5C01%5Cstory_1-6-2012_pg13_6

Senior citizens prefer peaceful shelter homes

Pakistan Today

Islamabad, June 21, 2012

A growing number of old people are moving to the shelter homes just to stay away from any unpleasant confrontation with their children. Sending old people to shelter homes was considered to be a taboo, a while ago as people feared social repercussion from fellow society members but the situation has changed, as now more number of senior citizens prefers the old age homes. With stiff competition and mad rush for glory in professional fields reaching its highest crescendo, old people find it difficult to maneuver through the complex labyrinth of urban lifestyle.

Read more: <http://www.pakistantoday.com.pk/2012/06/21/city/islamabad/senior-citizens-prefer-peaceful-shelter-homes/>

SRI LANKA

Health Coordination Meeting at Aralaganvila Hospital – Polonnaruwa Sri Lanka

A coordination meeting with the MoH and Medical staff Aralaganvila Hospital was conducted to review the progress of improving the quality and access to health care of the elderly community in the area, participated by the HASL & Sarvodaya. This meeting was very successful and health staff presented their commitments and what they have done so far to improve their services to elders. Especially they have mention that they are more concern and staff improved their kindness, attention, listening to elders...etc. Araraganvila Hospital has started separate counter for elders to issue medicine. Also they provided drinking water facilities, sitting arrangement till waiting for their medication.

In this meeting HelpAge Sri Lanka donated one wheel chair and 10 plastic chairs to the Hospital Aralaganvila for the facilities to the elders.

Programme conducted for Promotion of Elder's Rights in Eastern Province



Provincial Council Department of Social Service in Eastern Province has conducted a training programme cum workshop for the Social Services Officers and the Elders Rights Promotion Assistants in the Eastern Province in Kalmunai on 29th of May 2012, with the collaboration of Help Age Sri Lanka jointly funded by European Union and HelpAge Sri Lanka.

Main lecture by Help Age Sri Lanka

Mr. N. Manivannan Provincial Director of Social Services, convened the workshop. Mr. S.S.Abeysekera Area Programme Manager Help Age, Maha Oya facilitated the training programme. Help Age Sri Lanka sponsored the programme.

Objective of the workshop was to enhance knowledge of the Government officials and Non Governmental sector involved in the promotion and protection of the Elders Rights, and strengthen the approach of advocacy and building up voice and capacity of Senior Citizen Committees which are to be established in each Grama Niladhari Divisions according to the Charter of the Elders Rights in Sri Lanka.



Government of Sri Lanka and the Ministry of Social Service has taken initiatives to promote and protect elders rights under the Parliament Act of No.09 of year 2000, but still the Elder community is not



enjoying their rights specially in war affected areas due to many reasons, such as poverty, poor literacy rate, Geographical isolation of war affected remote villages, & negligence of the Elder needs in the area.

The training programme delivered awareness on Government Charter of Elder Rights promotion & protection, review of legal aspects of the Elders Abuses, and preparation of a plan for follow up actions for the strengthening of Senior Citizen Committees in the Divisional Secretariat areas in the Eastern Province.



Business proposal writing training

Divisional
Secretary

Kalmunai Tamil
Division Mr.
K.Lavanthan and
District officer
Social Services
Akkaraipattu Mr.



Business proposal writing training Rathmalthenna

B.M.Samsudeen

also participated for

the training programme as resource persons. 39 Social Service Officers participated for the programme.



School programmes conducted in Maha Oya area

Area Programme Office has coordinated with Zonal Education Office of Maha Oya and received concurrence of the Education Office in principle to conduct

Elders Rights Awareness Programmes in the schools.



HelpAge is implementing a programme funded by European Union and HelpAge Sri Lanka for the promotion and protection of elders Rights in selected 10 Grama Niladhari Divisions in the Maha Oya Divisional Secretary Area. HelpAge has conducted a Training of Trainers programmes for the principals of the schools on elders' rights and advocacy campaigning to deliver the knowledge on 22.07.2011 which was participated by the Zonal Educational Director, Police office of Maha Oya, Divisional Secretary of the area and principals of the schools.

The Divisional Level Consortium of the Senior Citizen Committees has taken the responsibility to conduct the school programmes and in the second term HelpAge Maha Oya Office managed to conduct the school programmes with the Senior Citizen Committees.

In this term out of 10 schools, 5 school programmes were conducted in Maha Oya Zonal Educational area, namely

| Date | SCC Location | Village | Total | Male | Female |
|------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------|-------|------|--------|
| 16.03.2012 | Am/Tempitiya Maha Vidyalaya | Tempitiya | 167 | 70 | 97 |
| 2012.05.16 | Am/Iddapola Maha Vidyalaya | Iddapola | 181 | 87 | 94 |
| 2012.05.17 | Am/Kelawinna Maha Vidyalaya | Kelawinna | 111 | 77 | 54 |
| 2012.05.18 | Am/Poolawala Maha Vidyalaya | Poolawala | 30 | 12 | 18 |
| 14.06.2012 | Am/Unuwathura Bubula Maha Vidyalaya | Unuwathura Bubula | | | |

SCC and the Consortium Maha Oya participated in all school programme. The program also included activities such as in officering refreshments to the children, participation of elders in events such as singing, telling stories, etc which were enjoyed by children while they shared the education on elder's rights. Principals of the schools were very cooperative and helped the SCCs and the HelpAge to make the programmes success.

School programe conducted in Kelavinna Primary



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