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(June 1 – 30, 2015)

ADVOCACY

Ageing Nepal Observed WEAAD with Various Activities

Ageing Nepal

Kathmandu, June 16, 2015



Ageing Nepal in partnership with HelpAge International organized a number of programmes for observance of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD) that falls on June 15 each year. A nine member core team under the leadership of Sanju Thapa Magar, programme officer of Ageing Nepal was formed and each team

member was assigned with a particular task. Various programmes organized to observe WEAAD included candle lighting ceremony, visiting the government authorities, meetings different age groups, visiting the rural communities, Old Age Homes (OAH) and so on.

Mr Krishna M. Gautam founder Chairperson of Ageing Nepal and Mr. Bhumidatta Poudel, Programme coordinator of Ageing Nepal, gave an interview each in Nepal Television, Sagarmatha F.M. and Sunwal Community Radio regarding the relevancy of UN convention for the rights of older people. Likewise, a short video on elderly abuse with English subtitle was released.

Find the report: <http://ageingnepal.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/WEAAD-report-2015.pdf>

SOCIAL SUPPORT

Youths on Support

Annapurna

Kavre, June 6, 2015

The collapsed houses of older people are being rebuilt with an initiation by youth team here in Kavre. 15 youths are involved in re-building of the damaged houses in Danuwar community of the district.

Nuwakot Elderly Citizens get Cash Relief

The Rising Nepal

Trishuli (Nuwakot), June 7, 2015

HelpAge International Nepal, the only INGO working for the cause of senior citizens in Nepal, has distributed relief amount to the earthquake victim elderly citizens of three VDCs in Nuwakot district on Sunday.

A total of 781 elderly of 60 years above from Gosryang, Ratmate and Gerku, the worst-hit VDCs in the district, were provided with Rs 7,000 each. A total of 315 of Gosryang, 215 of Ratmate and 251 of Gerku senior citizens have got the relief amount.

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Make Shift Tents Provided to the Earthquake Victims

Kantipur

Sindhuli, June 19, 2015

Khadka Bahadur Rai, 82 of Ratatar looks happy after getting a makeshift tent for his family. Earlier he was sharing the tent with other people. His house was cracked in the major shock of April 25 and was completely collapsed in the aftershock of May 12.

SOCIAL SECURITY

Pre-matured Government Policy Tensed Senior Citizens

Nagarik

Baglung, June 19 2015.

Government's new policy of distributing the old age allowance through the banking system has come to a halt due to its operational difficulties. Nepal government has been providing the old age allowance to the senior citizens since 1994 through the concerned village secretaries. However, Nepal government later started to distribute old age allowance through banking system as a pilot test programme in Baglung, Banke and Surkhet district. As this new system could not work properly, government has again gone back to its prior decision of distributing OAA through village secretaries.

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Active Ageing

Aspiring Nightingale

Annapurna

Sankhuwasabha, June 6, 2015

Sumitra Chhiring Rai, 74 of Sankhuwasabha, has got her songs recorded recently. Former school teacher Mrs. Rai has shown her unwillingness to waste her post-retirement period. After 27 years' long service, she even could manage her time to write her autobiography and got it published. She has even featured herself as a model in her songs' music video." I don't have any sense of competition. What I just want is my vocal be preserved for my upcoming generations." she asserted.

Not Defeated by the Earthquake

Nagarik

Sindhupalchok, June 6, 2015

The earthquake of April 25 rendered Mr. Chandra Bahadur Shrestha, 71, of Golchhe -2 homeless, but not hopeless. He used to make his livelihood by rearing animals before earthquake and now, he has decided to continue his previous occupation. Likewise, Devi Pandey, 62 has lost her house after the earthquake. Soon after, she remained busy in her field to sow maize and bean while others did nothing fearing the subsequent earthquake aftershocks. Now her crops are ready to harvest.

Easing the Pain

Kantipur

Gulmi, June 7, 2015

Balibhadra Sharma, 61 has become homeless but he is not hopeless. He is trying his best to build a hut for himself. Unlike other people, he is hopeful even after the tragedy. "It has damaged almost everyone's house. So we should do whatever we can to reconstruct our collapsed structures" he said.

Optimistic Octogenarian

Kantipur, June 13 2015

The devastating earthquake of April 25, has seriously damaged Urpa Syangbo's house. Yet he is living there. He has even lost his youngest son and his family members in this tragic event. He has been provided with scrimpy relief of 20 kg of rice. But he bought zinc sheets roofing materials by selling his goat. His joviality, in his mid-eighties, tends to make one feel that he is ruined but not completely destroyed.

A Salute to Septuagenarian

Himalayan Times

Rukum, June 22, 2015

Yok Maya Oli, 76 of Musikot, has become an exemplary social transformer in Rukum district. She keeps herself busy in the advocating for clean environment and ensuring maternity health. She chairs around half a dozen of social organizations in the area. "Other elderly women also support her as she always wishes to bring change in society." said local Bishnu Sharma.

Development

Older People in Road Construction

Gorkhapatra

Rauthat, June 6, 2015

Local senior citizens of Rauthat have constructed a road on their own. Under the leadership of Baidhnath Thakur, 72, the construction work was completed. Their work has been praised by all people of the village. Now the old people of the area have become role models for all.

Far Cry from Village

Annapurna Post

Lamjung, June 13, 2015

Devimaya Ghale, 86 lives in Nayu village in Lamjung. She is the mother of rising billionaire Shesh Ghale. Devimaya is very proud to have such a successful son who

is one of the remarkable business tycoons in Australia. Though Devimaya time and again insists him to come back home, he cannot return home leaving his business. It seems that family disintegration is one of the outcomes of human prosperity and development however rich one may be.

Moneymaking Grand-Mothers

Kantipur

Hetauda, 23 June, 2015

Elderly women of Markhu have proved that there is no age bar to earn money. Out of 689 households, elderly women of 577 households are involved in village based co-operative. The active participation of such elderly women in income generating activities has been very inspiring and encouraging force of the village. With such activities, they have hugely contributed to the economic development of the village.

RIGHTS

Elderly receiving citizenship certificate

A senior citizen received citizenship certificate during the month of June 2015

S.N.	No. of Recipients	Age	Sex	Where	Received via	Source
1.	1	83	F	Rautahat	-	Gorkhapatra

Negligence of Judiciary

Gorkhapatra

Kathmandu, June 24, 2015

The Supreme Court has been neglecting appeal of Gyanu Shahi, 81 of Kathmandu to withdraw the case she filed earlier. The case was about the transference of inheritance of land to her daughter. Now she wants her case to be withdrawn. But the concerned authority is deferring her case for long. "I have been regularly visiting the court for two months, but there is no response at all by the court", she sadly expressed her grief.

Elders Cry Goes Unheard

Setopati

Kathmandu, June 26, 2015

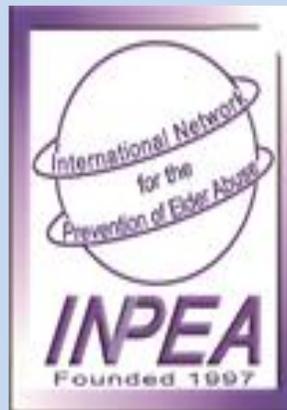


About three hundred senior citizens have been protesting in front of Department of Transportation Management in Minbhawan for last 29 months calling the government to fulfill their eight-point demand.

According to the chairperson of Senior Citizen Joint Struggle Committee Maha Prasad Parajuli, elderly people are not only organizing sit-in protests in Kathmandu but also at various districts, including Jhapa, Sunsari, Kailali, Bhojpur and Kanchanpur.

[See more...](#)

People of *all* Ages have Rights!



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CULTURE

Need of Hour

Gorkhpatra

Syangja, June 7, 2015

Ran Bahadur Ale, 88 expressed his pleasure on the commitment of Syangja Magar Language, Cultural Preservation Academy to preserve rites, ritual, custom and costumes of Magar community. At the programme, Mr. Ale urged the Magar youths to take some steps to preserve the cultural aspects of their community for cultural development.

Emergency

Following elderly died in emergency and hazardous situations.

S.N.	Name	Age	Gender	Address	Cause	Date (June 1-30)	Source
1.	Uma Bohora	70	F	Lalitpur	Fire	3	Police Report

Desperation in Old Age

Gorkhapatra

Kathmandu, June 4, 2015

After the major earthquake shock of April 25, Shyam Sundar Dhimal, 83, is living under the makeshift tent as his house is cracked. He has been sharing the tent with other 3 families. "People like me need more support at this age but even family members ignore us ", he expressed his grief with tearful eyes.

Recurring Blow of the Fate

Kantipur

Sindhupalchok, June 5, 2015

Sita Giri, 76 of Sangachok, has been living alone for 17 years since her husband gone missing since a decade. The recent earthquake has added to her misery. Now her house has turned into dust and currently she is taking shelter under a

makeshift tent. Hem Kumari Parajuli, 63 of the same village, has also lost her husband during decade-long war. The misfortune has befallen on her again. The earthquake has rendered her homeless.

Helpless Elderly

Kantipur,

Nuwakot, June 6, 2015

Bhim Singh Nagarkoti, 60 of Baguwa, has become homeless due to the earthquake. However, no one has come even to console him. He has managed to build temporary hut on his own. Though the government has announced to grant each household Rs. 15000 to buy the zinc sheets for roofing, he has not received it yet. "I don't have sufficient money to build a permanent shelter for myself." he said.

Permanent Shelter Needed before Monsoon

Himalayan Times

Gorkha, June 7, 2015

Kaji Man Shrestha, 75 of Takukot, is taking shelter under makeshift tent after his house collapsed in the earthquake. He is now too horrified because of upcoming monsoon. "The workers have doubled their daily wages in the aftermath of the devastation", said Mr Shrestha. Buddhi Bahadur Thapa, 65, another quake- victim of the same village demanded the normal shelter before the monsoon. Kaji Man and Buddhi Bahadur are cases in point. Many of the elderly seem disappointed as their houses built with hard-earned money collapsed in seconds.

Lonely Elderly in Despair

Kantipur

Gorkha, June 6, 2015

Khusiman Ghale, 71 of Gorkha, crushed under rubble of his collapsed house and seriously got injured on his back. He cannot do his regular activities without a helper. His wife passed away last year. Now he is taking shelter in a Pokhara-based organization. But he is worried about how to set up a new house before monsoon.

Problems of Living under Zinc Sheet

Nagarik

Gorkha, June 10, 2015

The earthquake of April 25 collapsed the house of Bikuli Gurung, 61 of Mandre village. An NGo had built a zinc- sheeted roofed hut for her as a temporary settlement. But she cannot live there during day hours due to parching heat of the sun. Her troubles are likely to be multiplied with the upcoming monsoon.

Elderly in Dire Need

Gorkhapatra

Gorkha, June 14, 2015

Dhan Bahadur Sarki, 72 of Gorkha Fujel is physically challenged. Even his 69 years old wife, Fulmaya, is visually impaired. Their hut was damaged by the earthquake of April 25. After the earthquake, they were forced to live in makeshift tent. Shockingly their tent is nearby a dangerous cliff which may slide and wash away their hut anytime. They have not received any relief material so far. They are desperately waiting for immediate help from the concerned agencies.

Nowhere but OAH

Nagarik

Nepalgunj, June 14, 2015

Senior citizens are compelled to live in Bheri Old Age Home here in Nepalgunj due to various reasons. Mohan Poudel, 65 of Rasuwa has taken shelter in the OAH for four years. He has no family member and no property to support his old age. Similarly Ganesh Kumari, 70 of Khajura is living in the same OAH. Though she begot 12 children, there is none to look after her at present. And, Chongbe Raidas, 80 had spent everything what he had for his two sons' upbringing and education. To his dismay, no sooner had his two sons got married, they began to mistreat him. Subsequently, heartbroken Raidas started to take shelter in the OAH.

"As we lack regular income source, it is really difficult to run the home" said Yuvraj Sharma, the Chairperson of Bheri OAH. "We could sigh a heave of relief if

the government takes some initiative to support us on regular basis." added Mr. Sharma.

How to reconstruct the village?

Nagarik

Gorkha, 23 June, 2015

Elderly people of Barpak village are saddened by the earthquake of April 25. They are concerned with reviving the village in its previous form. This village is well noted for its home stay facility for tourists and natural beauty." our hard-earned houses have been completely destroyed .How can we rebuild our houses in this age?" said a local, Kaji Ghale aged 82. They have urged the youths to come back and help to build the village.

Elderly Die under Collapsed Houses

Nagarik

Sindhupalchok, June 25, 2015

Damber Bahadur Neupane, 82 and Bal Bahadur Thapa, 87 lost their lives while living in houses that were cracked due the earthquake. Their cracked houses collapsed due to the aftershocks. They had to die because they had no options but continue living the raked houses. There was continuous rainfall before their houses collapsed. But no one had taken heed to warn them of the risk of living in a cracked house.

Neglected Elderly

Nepaliheadlines.com/Prayash Parjuli

Sindhupalchok

Ganga Maya Silwal, 79 of Selang, lost her husband in the earthquake of April 25. She also had to undergo Knee surgery for the injury she suffered due to the earthquake. Currently, she is taking shelter in a tent provided by Nepal Red Cross Society. However, her two sons have not enquired about her situation yet. Now, her daughter is the only support she has in difficult times.

ELDER ABUSE

A total of 3 elders faced abuse in May 2015.

S.N.	Name	Age	Sex	Address	Reason	Culprit	Form of abuse	Status	Date May	Source
1.	IndraBdr. Thapa	66	M	Makwanpur	Property dispute	Brother	Physical	ND	19	Police Report
2.	Mohammad Sabud Ansari	70	M	Siraha	Land Dispute	NA	Physical	D	23	Police Report
3.	Purna Raj Shrestha	62	M	Kathmandu	Robbery	NA	Financial	NA	28	Police Report

NA: Not Available

Culprits Released on Bail

Himalayan Times/Kantipur

Surkhet, June 26, 2015

The police released 12 culprits who were napped in charge of abusing an elderly woman. They abused and beat sixty one year Manakali Chapain, accusing her of witchcraft. After the incident, she filed an FIR against 12 locals at District Police Office and the police have detained the culprits. But later, the district court ordered to release them on bail.

NEGLECT

Unattended Death

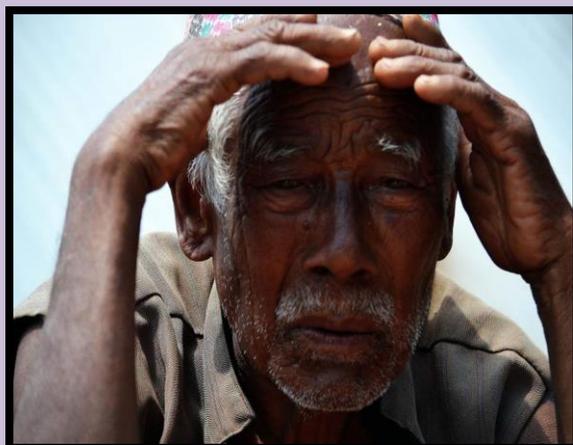
Three unattended dead bodies of senior citizens were found in June 2015

S.N.	Name	Age	Sex	Address	Place of death	Date	Source
1.	FunjuTaman g	102	M	Pokhara-19	Pokhara-1	2	Police Report
2.	JagatBdr. Raut	61	M	Sindhupalchowk	-	3	Police Report

ELDERLY IN CRIME

The following table presents senior citizens found involve in unlawful activities in June, 2015.

S.N.	Name	Age	Sex	Address	Crime involved	Date	Source
1.	Ram Prasad Mochi	70	M	Siraha	Rape (minor)	18	Police Report
2.	Sushil Duwal Shrestha	60	M	Lalitpur	Illegal Possession of rear tortoise	24	Police Report
3.	Mandal Singh Rai	60	M	Illam	Sword attack	30	Police Report



I am afraid

"I am having back pain and allergies. I need medicine. Every night when I go to sleep I'm afraid of earthquakes. But what frightens me even more is that I don't know if there will be someone there for me when I get older..."

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UPCOMING EVENTS

S.N.	EVENTS	DETAILS
1.		<p>The sixth session of the open ended working group of ageing (OEWGA) will be held from 13 to 16 July 2015 at United Nations Headquarters in New York.</p> <p>http://social.un.org/ageing-working-group/sixthsession.shtml</p>
2.		<p>The international training programme is going to be held on 22nd to 24th September. This three day training programme will focus on the theme of dementia and memory impairment. This training event is aimed at PhD postdoctoral students and early career researchers. http://www.cardi.ie/ageing2015</p>
3.		<p>3rd International Conference on Alzheimer's disease and Dementia is going to be held on 31st August to 2nd September 2015 in Toronto, Canada. http://alzheimersdementia.conferenceseries.com/index.php</p>
4.		<p>International Federation on Ageing 13th Global Conference is going to be held on 21-23 June 2016 at the Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre. The program will primarily focus on Disasters in an Ageing World, reflecting on both natural and man-made disasters.</p> <p>http://ifa2016.org.au/</p>

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