

Brief Report on the Observation of First World Day against Trafficking in Persons

Blue Heart Campaign

30th July, 2014; Wednesday

Jharuwarasi, Godawari

The First World Day against Trafficking in Persons as declared by the UN for the first time this year was marked on 30TH July 2014 all over the world. Similarly, Caritas Nepal Women and Children Desk (CNWCD) took this opportunity to show their solidarity with the victims and survivors of Human Trafficking and to spread awareness in the rural communities. They organized a program in Jharuwarasi in collaboration with Santaneshwor Saving and Credit Cooperative which was attended by CNWCD staff, police personnel, Shakti Samuha, Asha Nepal and the members of the cooperative.



There were altogether 114 participants. The program began with the welcoming and honoring of guests with khada followed by lighting of the inaugural lamp along with the national anthem. Following this, the representatives of all present organizations gave speeches regarding the Blue Heart Campaign conducted to mark the World Day against Trafficking in Persons.



Mrs. Rupa Rai, Head of CNWCD shared the meaning of the blue heart – a heart which is lifeless and hopeless. She said that NGO's working for the betterment of trafficking victims and survivors should turn that blue heart into a red heart once again. She shared the slogan of the day which is "I give hope" and she said that people should give hope to survivors and victims' not only on this day but everyday. She also shared about the work CN is doing in the field of prevention of HT. Ms. Balkumari Rana of Shakti Samuha and Ms. Bimala

Gurung of Asha Nepal shared their experiences working with victims and survivors of trafficking. They said it is not an easy job but the good results and positive changes brought about by their efforts are very rewarding. A trafficking survivor Ms Manisha who is being supported by Asha Nepal shared that for a survivor, it is very difficult to adjust into society if the people aren't supportive. She added that even the effort of one person is very helpful in combating this heinous crime. Therefore she urged people to lend emotional support to victims. Similarly, Ms. Ram Maya KC of ward #6 of Jharuwarasi shared how she and others like her benefitted through CN's literacy classes and workshop on the prevention of Human

Trafficking. She said that before, she wasn't able to read and write but now she has composed about 40 poems. She also read one of her poems about a girl who got trafficked. The VDC secretary of Jharuwarasi shared about the crime of HT and how not just persons but even organs are being illegally sold. She urged everyone to be aware of such social evils. District Police officer Ms. Durga Singh shared how they are tackling this crime and she shared a few cases. She also said there is no time limit to report cases of HT to the police and even if the case is reported after 20 years, it is still valid. She urged people to report such crimes.

At the end of the talks, there was a signature campaign and mostly all participants gave their signature to show their commitment towards supporting victims of HT and for helping combat this crime.

The program ended with snacks for everyone.

