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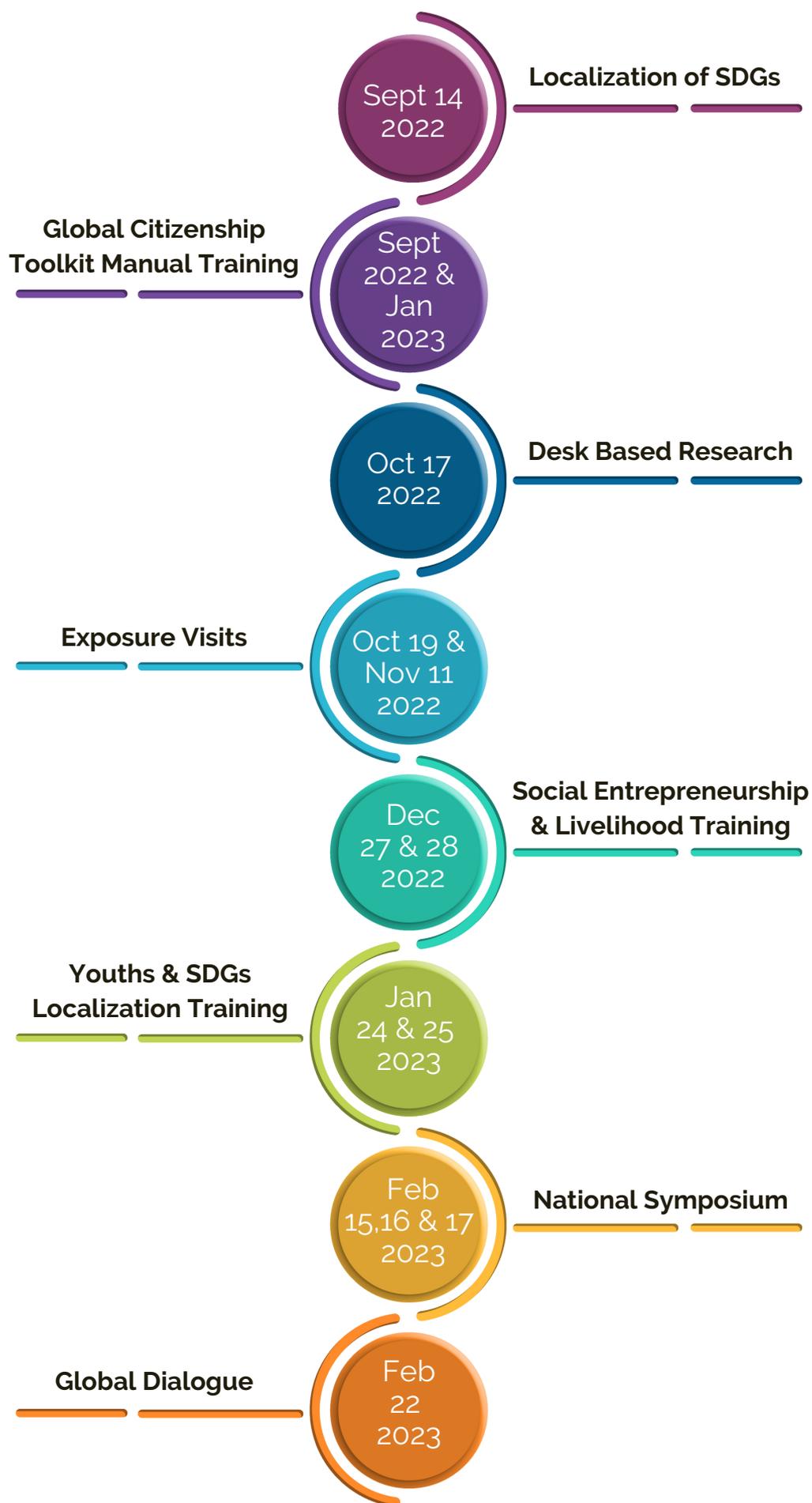
REPORT YOUTH TAKE THE LEAD VOLUNTEER



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LOCALIZATION OF SDGS

PHASE I : Volunteers from hub countries



On September 14, 2022, NEDI along with Youth Take the Lead (YTL) volunteers held a virtual session on the localization of SDGs for volunteers from hub countries (Nepal, Tanzania, and Zambia). The sessions were facilitated by Mr. Arjun Bhattarai (General Secretary of NGO Federation Nepal and SDG Expert) and Mr. Puru Bista (Program Manager of Nepal Development Initiative). Overall, 15 participants received training to help the Youth Volunteers take the Lead comprehend and embrace the method of Localization of SDGs (YTL volunteers and the representatives of each hub country working on the YTL Project).

The event helped to increase participants' understanding of how local and regional governments, community-based organizations, and other local actors engage to support the localization of the SDGs. Volunteers also learned about the scenarios of Nepal and the ways they can access information about it and get involved to localize the SDGs in their locality. It also inspired YTL Volunteers to take ownership of the localization of the SDGs and recognize the significance of localization in achieving sustainable development by the year 2030.

LOCALIZATION OF SDGS

PHASE II: Youths and SDGs Localization



On 24th, and 25th January 2023, RDM organized a two days training on the 'Youths and SDGs Localization' training at Alfa House, Kathmandu. More than ten organizations were engaged through this training. The training was focused on different aspects and concept of localization of SDGs

In the training, there were intensive discussion and sharing of the concept of Sustainable Development Goals, the pathway for attaining 2030 SDGs agenda and challenges for implementation. The roles of government, CSOs and private sectors along with inclusive participation of all communities of the societies were discussed. Similarly, localization of SDGs, review of policies, and Voluntary National Review sessions were also covered. The role of NGOs in SDGs localization best practices adopted for implementation and further ways for SDGs localization in the national context were also covered. The sessions were facilitated by Mr. Arjun Bhattarai, Mr. Ram Prasad Subedi, Mr. Naren Khatiwada and Mr. Nava Raj Sapkota.



GLOBAL CITIZEN TOOLKIT MANUAL TRAINING

PHASE I : Human Rights, Peace, Privilege, Inequality, and Social Action

On 20th, 21st and 22nd September 2022, NEDI held a three days training on the Global Citizen Toolkit for Youth Take the Lead and Global Citizen Volunteers. The session was facilitated by Mr. Arjun Bhattarai and Mr. Raju Sharma. The overall three days training session gave participants insights into the concept of human rights, peace, privilege, inequality and the vision of global citizens through various activities.

Therefore, the first phase of training on Global Citizen Toolkit Training for Global Citizen Volunteers for three days provided a basic understanding of the concept of Global citizens, human rights, peace, privilege, inequality and the vision of global citizens in the first day whereas identity and diversity, the unreliability of assumptions and biases, cultural products and Global Linkage concept of social action and its procedure, session planning, action plan to conduct the session and challenges that could arise in the second and third day respectively through various activities and mock sessions.

GLOBAL CITIZEN TOOLKIT MANUAL TRAINING

PHASE II : Concepts, Responsibilities, and Challenges of Being a Global Citizen in Rapidly Changing Environment

During the training, the participants conducted mock sessions for their peers, which allowed them to develop their understanding of the core concepts and improve their facilitation skills. As part of the next phase, the Global Citizen Volunteers will be delivering similar sessions to students in their community schools, and subsequently sharing their experiences, both positive and negative, with the facilitators. The facilitators will provide assistance in addressing any issues encountered while conducting the sessions, thereby promoting a collaborative and reflective learning approach.

A two days training on Global Citizenship Toolkit Training was given to the four Global Citizen Volunteers on **11th and 12th January 2023** at NEDI Kathmandu. The training was especially targeted with module 3 and 4 of the toolkit. Module 3 was facilitated by Mr. Arjun Bhattarai and module 4 was facilitated by Mr. Raju Sharma. The objectives of the two days training of Global Citizenship Toolkit were to introduce participants to the concepts, importance and responsibilities of beings' global citizen and to prepare for the challenges posed by the quick, rapidly changing global environment and encourage youth to take ownership of the social needs while giving students the knowledge, abilities, experiences, and networks to take care of them.

In the training, the facilitator reminded all the participants that gest of one whole module which is required in order to be capable of facilitating the session in a way that students gain the essence and the message the particular activity is trying to deliver. The total number of participants for the event was 9 (Male:2, Female:6, Non-Binary:1)



ORIENTATION ON DESK-BASED RESEARCH

Social Enterprise Ecosystem Mapping and Best Practices Documentation

Youth Take the Lead (YTL) volunteers were given a desk-based research orientation on **October 17th, 2022**, by Nepal Development Initiative (NEDI), which was led by Mr. Raju Sharma, Head of NEDI's Research Department. In order to prepare YTL volunteers to undertake desk-based research, the session contained essential information regarding desk-based research, focusing on the literature review approach.

In the beginning, the facilitator of the session, Mr. Sharma, gathered the expectations of the participants. He added it could be Social Enterprise Ecosystem Map Out, Argument Build up through Secondary data etc. then asked the participants to speak out their expectations from this session. The participants were asked about the expectations from the session. One of the participants shared about creating a document regarding the best practices of organizations working in different provinces of Nepal to gather information and he expected to get an understanding desk-based research to collect information regarding it.

EXPOSURE VISITS

Chorri and Mahaguthi on Women's and Children's Rights and Micro-Entrepreneurship Development and Heritage Preservation

On **October 19 and November 11, 2022**, RDM organized two exposure events where Youth Take the Lead Volunteers from URJAA and Restless Development Nepal, as well as one of the CSOs Palincha, visited Choori and Mahaguthi as a social entrepreneurship learning visit. Chori is a non-governmental organization that works to advance, defend, and advocate for the rights of women and children in Nepal. Similarly, Mahaguthi has been promoting micro and small-scale entrepreneurship development and preserving culture and heritage such as indigenous art, crafts, and skills.



SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND LIVELIHOOD TRAINING

Empowering Nepalese Youth and CSOs

Nepal Development Initiative (NEDI) in collaboration with URJAA Nepal, Restless Development, National Social Entrepreneur's Forum (NSEF) and Norwegian Agency for Exchange Cooperation (NOREC) successfully organized two days Social Entrepreneurship and Livelihood Training on **27th and 28th December 2022** at Sap Falcha, Babarmahal Kathmandu.

The training was especially targeted to youths and young emerging CSOs (Civil Society organizations) having some previous experience and willing to work in the Social Enterprises sector in Nepal. Different facilitators were approached for this training. The session of the first day, 'Policy Landscape of Social Enterprise in Nepal' was facilitated by Mr. Raju Sharma, the 'Business Plan Session' was facilitated by Mr. Trijan Singh. The first session of the second day was about Fairtrade in Nepal facilitated by Ms. Revita Shrestha who is currently a Chief Executive of Association for craft producers Nepal and a Board member of Fair-trade Nepal. Then the next session was facilitated by Mr. Prakash Subedi from CARE Nepal who is currently working as a coordinator for Women's Economic Empowerment & Climate Justice. After that the third session on 'Enterprise Cycle' was given by Niraj Khanal.

Pre test average score was

60.4%

Post test average score was

82.1%

Knowledge change was

18.7%



Challenges of Social Entrepreneurship in Nepal shared by the participants:

- Lack appropriate law, policy and programs
- Lack of awareness and concept
- Lack of concept/knowledge of patent rights and legal identification of goods
- Traditional mindset and lack doing business culture
- Lack of skill and capacity
- Resource gap
- Governance and transparency issues
- Market issues (landlocked and giant countries)

3RD SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP SYMPOSIUM 2023

- Creating a Platform for Social Entrepreneurship
- Fostering Collaboration for Positive Impact
- Exploring Best Practices in Social Entrepreneurship
- Addressing Challenges and Opportunities in Nepal
- Advancing Social Entrepreneurship for Sustainable Development



The National Social Entrepreneurs' Forum (NSEF) and Catalyst2030 jointly organized the 3rd Social Entrepreneurship Symposium 2023, a three-day national event from the 15th to the 17th of February 2023. The symposium aimed to create a platform for young entrepreneurs, experts, journalists, private sector institutions, and civil society organizations to discuss and contribute to efforts to "Building social entrepreneurship ecosystem for People, Planet and Prosperity."



On the 15th, NEDI, URJAA, Restless Development Nepal, Norec, and RDM consultancy had the privilege of presenting the challenges of social entrepreneurship to 40 brilliant students at Kadambari Memorial College, School of Social Work. The interactive session showcased the students' interest and enthusiasm in creating positive change through entrepreneurship.

On the 16th, we had the honor of engaging in an interactive meeting with Udhami Ghar, a remarkable social enterprise promoting Nepali handicraft products and local goods while providing valuable access to local entrepreneurs. Udhami Ghar also provides vocational training and skills development opportunities to community members. Witnessing the meaningful impact this organization has had on the local economy and lives of individuals within the community was truly inspiring.



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On February 17th, the Social Entrepreneurship Symposium (SES) 2023 was held at Alpha House in Kathmandu. The event was inaugurated by the chief guest, who made a historic commitment along with other special guests. The commitments made included ensuring the development and promotion of social entrepreneurship through policy and law, ensuring accessibility to capital and resources, creating employment opportunities by utilizing natural resources, promoting responsible business practices, achieving sustainable development goals (SDGs), and ensuring industries are child-free, gender-responsive, and sustainable.



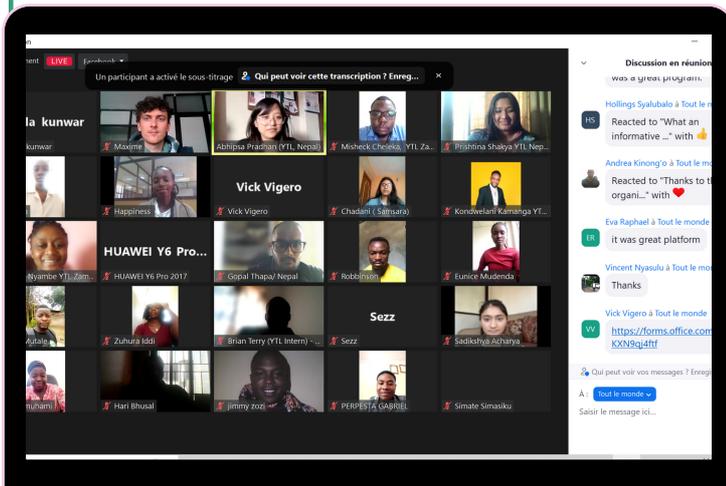
The symposium featured prominent speakers who shared their experiences and insights on social entrepreneurship. The keynote address was given by Dr. Rajiv Shah, President of the Rockefeller Foundation, who highlighted the importance of innovation and collaboration in achieving sustainable development. Other notable speakers included Ami Dar, Founder and Executive Director of Idealist.org, and Dr. Nirupama Yadav, CEO of Samridhhi Foundation. The event covered a wide range of topics, including the role of social entrepreneurship in achieving SDGs, innovative financing models for social enterprises, and the importance of inclusive entrepreneurship. One of the key discussions was on the need to create an enabling environment for social entrepreneurship through supportive policies and regulations.

Several successful social entrepreneurs shared their stories and lessons learned, including Rajesh Hamal, Founder and CEO of SastoMedicine, a healthcare startup that provides affordable and accessible medicine to rural communities in Nepal. Another inspiring story was shared by Anjali Tamang, Founder of Women's Weaving Cooperative, which empowers women weavers in rural Nepal by providing training, resources, and access to markets.

The symposium also included a pitch session where selected social enterprises presented their innovative ideas to a panel of judges and investors. The winning enterprise, Eco-Solutions, presented a solution to address the issue of plastic waste through the production of eco-friendly bags made from plant-based materials. Several social entrepreneurs were also present, showcasing their products and services at the symposium.



Overall, the Social Entrepreneurship Symposium 2023 provided a platform for social entrepreneurs, investors, policymakers, and other stakeholders to come together and discuss innovative solutions to address social and environmental challenges. The success of this event shows the importance of social entrepreneurship in achieving sustainable development goals and creating a better world for all.



GLOBAL DIALOGUE

- "Building Bridges Across Borders"
- "Fostering Collaboration for Global Solutions"
- "Finding Common Ground for a Better Future"

The concept of social enterprise has been gaining ground in Nepal, but there is still a lack of clarity on the precise definition of social enterprise and its legal framework. Similarly, social entrepreneurship in Tanzania has been facing challenges such as poor infrastructure, lack of funds and support from stakeholders, and recruitment of workers and board members. To gain experience and exposure on youth social entrepreneurship, Restless Development and YTL project organized a virtual dialogue on social entrepreneurship. The purpose of this report is to provide an overview of the discussion on social entrepreneurship in Nepal, Zambia, and Tanzania.

The 24th of February, the virtual global dialogue was attended by close to 100 participants, including young people from each of the three hub countries. The event was participative and engaging, with participants being encouraged to ask pertinent, on-topic questions and share their opinions and concerns.

The discussion began with a presentation by Brian Terry, a YTL volunteer from Tanzania, on the values and objectives of Restless Development and YTL. Ms. Vicky Vigero, the Program and Alumni Relations Officer from Tanzania, gave the opening remarks and thanked all participants for joining in. The three YTL representatives from the implementing hubs shared the highlights of the conducted national dialogues in the context of their countries.

Mr. Arjun Bhattarai shared a presentation on the practices, principles, and progress of social entrepreneurship promotion in Nepal. He highlighted the 11 principles of social entrepreneurship, including Business for Social Causes (BSC), Business and Human Rights, Fair Trade, and Preserve and Protect Social Value. Mr. Bhattarai also highlighted the challenges faced in promoting social entrepreneurship in Nepal, such as lack of appropriate laws, awareness and concept, and resource gap.

The way forward includes awareness and capacity building, integration of social entrepreneurship into the curriculum, and organizing business fairs and investment summits.

Mr. John from Catalyst2030 informed the participants about the movement and how to join to ensure partnership as a way of ensuring the attainment of Sustainable Development Goals. Mr. Raju Sharma presented on the policy landscape of social enterprise in Nepal, defining criteria and its applications in social enterprises. The presentation explored the contributions of social enterprises towards economic growth, as well as challenges faced, including registration and renewals, market access, and the prohibition of generating or distributing profits by NGOs.

Rahma Mwita presented on the role of saving groups in improving youth livelihoods in Tanzania. With more than 60% of the population comprising young people, Tanzania has implemented various initiatives to tackle unemployment. Youth entrepreneurship has been promoted through the formation of saving groups, which offer a platform for young people to access credit, network, and build their capacity.

PARTICIPANT DIVERSITY ON EACH PROJECT

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SN	Activities	Gender	%	Age	%	Ethnicity	%
1	Localization of SDGS						
		Male	38.5	15-30	100	Chettri	23.1
		Female	53.8	>30		Janajati	15.4
		Non-Binary	7.7			Others	61.5
2	Global Citizenship Toolkit Manual						
2.1	Phase I	Male	22.2	15-30	100	Bhramin	22.2
		Female	66.7	>30		Chettri	33.3
		Non-Binary	11.1			Janajati	33.3
						Muslim	11.1
2.2	Phase II	Male	22.2	15-30	100	Bhramin	22.2
		Female	66.7	>30		Chettri	33.3
		Non-Binary	11.1			Janajati	33.3
						Muslim	11.1

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SN	Activities	Gender	%	Age	%	Ethnicity	%
3	Social Entrepreneurship and Livelihood Training						
		Male	50	15-30	9	Bhramin	30
		Female	40	>30	1	Chettri	20
		Non-Binary	10			Janajati	40
						Dalit	10
4	Youths and SDGs Localization Training						
		Male	56.5	15-30	22	Bhramin	26.1
		Female	39.1	>30	1	Chettri	34.8
		Non-Binary	4.3			Janajati	39.1