

4 December: AIN Plenary was conducted successfully in the presence of 64 AIN Members. New INGO named Splash got endorsed; with that AIN membership has reached 144. Plenary approved annual membership fee increment from rupees 35,000 to 45,000. Treasurer Lora Wuennenberg presented AIN Budget for 2018. Presentation on AIN Salary survey and new Labor Act was made by HR Working Group Coordinator Sulakshena Tamrakar. Guest Speakers Anil Chandrika and Deepak Elmer shared insights on Federalism. Members interacted and shared their concerns & queries with the speakers.

6 December: Meeting at NRA Development Assistance Coordination and Facilitation Committee (DACFC): This is the regular progress meeting to review progress and NRA plans for implementing Earthquake reconstruction and recovery activities and is chaired by Dr Govinda Raj Pokharel, Chief Executive Officer, NRA and includes representatives from various donors as well as AIN and National NGO Federation representatives. SC member Lora Wuennenberg attended the meeting. NRA reconfirmed its commitment to reaching a goal of rebuilding 60% of houses before the next monsoon. NRA confirmed agreement to move forward with a partnership with local government (referred to as the “Greenwich Declaration”) and they have developed detailed plans for placement of reconstruction technician (engineers, sub engineers, etc.) to local rural/municipality level under the administrative control of the municipality and to decentralize building permit/design approvals, technical reviews, and other simplified procedures to the local level. Plans are in place to increase numbers of trained masons and carpenters available for rebuilding homes to 54,000 by mid-January. Vulnerability criteria have been finalized for providing additional NPR 50,000 support. Feedback from donor representatives centered on models for combining social mobilization processes to reach those who were not rebuilding. JICA discussed a model that is working well where some of the masons and builders were also taking on social mobilization roles. The NRA has increased capacity of its communications team to address information gaps at the community level regarding housing benefits and procedures and asked INGO to also work with the expanded communications team to address these information gaps. This information gap issue was surfaced in the recent community Feedback Platform report.

6 December: Meeting at National Reconstruction Authority: A Special Unit under National Reconstruction Authority (NRA) on Post-Flood Reconstruction is recently established by the Government of Nepal. This unit is responsible for planning, coordinating and implementing Post Flood Reconstruction and Rehabilitation Project mainly in 18 severely affected districts of Terai. NRA had invited Development partners and INGOs to share the results of the Post Flood Recovery Needs Assessment Report and also discuss some of the urgent issues in this regard. 17 AIN TGDM Members had attended the meeting along with DFID, UNDP, UNICEF, IOM, HRH, NSET and Nepal Red Cross. The meeting was headed by NRA CEO Yubraj Bhusal and Dr Suman Karna, Project Chief, Flood Reconstruction & Rehabilitation Project.

10 December: Self Defense Training organized by AIN in collaboration with Search for Common Ground: To mark the 16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence, the self- defense training was attended by 50 AIN Members along with students from various schools. SC Member Dr Bhola Dahal, actress Richa Sharma and AIN Communication Working Group Coordinator Ayush Joshi delivered inspiring speeches to motivate the participants and highlighted on the importance of the training. AIN Secretariat staff had also participated the training session.

13 December: AIN Chair, Dr. Shibesh Chandra Regmi, attended the event 'Role of Civil Society in Public Oversight' organized by Mitra Samaaj, a national NGO, and FHI, a USAID partner implementing the project 'CS Map' and facilitated a session on this important topic. The event was attended by more than 30 participants representing various NGOs from all over Nepal.

15 December: AIN Education Working Group, Coordinator & Co Coordinator selected: EWG meeting nominated Mr. Prem Aryal from Plan International Nepal as the Coordinator for 2018. Likewise, Mr. Deepak Dulal from Good Neighbors International was selected as the Co- Coordinator. SC Representative for EWG, Dr Bhola Dahal who had attended the meeting congratulated both for a very successful tenure. Dr Bhola emphasized that the Coordinators & Co Coordinators who take lead of AIN working groups should be able to provide institutional time commitment to AIN, institutional logistic support for advocacy work and information compilation, have a solid knowledge of the particular sector and network with relevant stakeholders especially with government officials and donors to represent AIN in a meaningful manner.

15 December: AIN Chair, Dr. Shibesh Chandra Regmi, was visited by Dr. Sarah Byrne from SDC, and Dr. Tej, Consultant, to talk about the role of I/NGOs, Social Accountability and Shrinking Development Space in the present context of Nepal. This meeting was to get inputs for the research that SDC is conducting to strengthen the role of civil society and expand their development space.

15 December: AIN GESI Working Group nominates new Coordinator & Co Coordinator: GESI meeting nominated Ms. Malati Maskey from Action Aid as the Coordinator and Ms. Shodashi Rayamajhi from World Vision as the Co- Coordinator for 2018. A planning meeting is scheduled for January 2018.

15 December: AIN Chair, Dr. Shibesh Chandra Regmi, was visited by OHW officials to talk about the impact of recently released Nepal Labor Act and the role that AIN is taking in addressing some of the challenges that INGOs have been facing in ensuring compliance with some of the clauses in the Act.

18 December: National Summit on Sustainable Development Goals and Disability: To mark the 26th International day of Person with Disabilities, a mega-event titled "National Summit on Sustainable Goals and Disability" was convened. The main organizing Committee was led by the Ministry of Women Children and Social Welfare (MoWCSW) and National Federation of the Disabled Nepal (NFDN) in coordination with AIN-Disability Working Group. The event saw around 600 participants from Disabled People's Organizations (DPOs), government authorities, development partners/UN agencies/international NGOs, NGO Federation and other civil society organizations, media persons & international delegates. AIN SC Member Nirmala Sharma made a presentation on behalf of AIN on "Connecting the Dots between AIN's efforts and SDGs in Nepal" which highlighted on Member's effort towards SDGs and INGO's contribution in Disability. Likewise, the CD of CBM Suraj Sigdel and Deputy CD of Save the Children Bandana Risal talked about INGO's contribution towards disability inclusion and implementation of SDGs.

19 December: RMO's briefing and Drop In Session at DFID: RMO had organized a drop in session to brief on the post-election political and security situation. RMO's Field Staff and Training & Outreach Coordinators were present during the discussion where participants got the opportunity to talk to them one-to-one and discuss about the situation in their regions. Several AIN Members had attended the session. RMO has been conducting such sessions on a regular basis.

21 December: Workshop on Promoting Good Governance, Transparency and Accountability: AIN Secretariat Lucky Gurung, Reshma Shrestha, Communication Working Group Member Ram Sharan Sedhai and SC Member Nirmala Sharma attended the consultative workshop on 'Promoting Good Governance, Transparency, and Accountability in Regulatory Bodies and Civil society Organizations' in line with UN Convention against Corruption Compliance (UNCAC). The event organized by Centre for Media Freedom, mainly highlighted on UNCAC and Role of Regulatory Bodies and Non- Government organizations in prevention of corruption. Mr. Madhab Prasad Paudel, Chairperson of Nepal Law Commission and Mr.

Dorendra Niraoula, Under Secretary of Ministry of Women Children and Social Welfare and Phanindra Gautam, Joint Secretary of OPMCM were the key speakers of the event. Nirmala Sharma shared AIN's concern over the operational hurdles and long procedures for GA & PA process at SWC and the conflict of interest caused during the monitoring & evaluation process where INGOs themselves pay for their own evaluation. *(Presentations attached with the mail)*

22 December: Role of State and Non-Sector in Effective Implementation of SDG Goal 3 Health:

AIN SC Member Nirmala Sharma and Reshma Shrestha attended the National Consultation organized by RECPHEC. National Planning Commission and Ministry of Health highlighted on the role of the government in line with National Policy and Constitutional provisions, achievement and key challenges in terms of reaching the unreached. Nirmala Sharma made a presentation on "The Role of AIN in addressing SDGs in Nepal" which highlighted on the AIN Member's efforts, areas of contribution in terms of geographic regions, key components and challenges in effective implementation for achieving SDG 3 in Nepal.

22 December: Dissemination of DRRM Act: DPNet-Nepal jointly with FSCN and Dan Church Aid had organized an event on dissemination of Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act. Former AIN Chairperson Dr Prabin Manandhar had attended the event as a panelist and provided inputs based on INGO's experience in the earthquake and flood response. Mr. Chakra Paani Pandey, Under Secretary, MoHA had made a presentation on provisions and highlights of the Act. Other panelists included Joint secretaries of MoHA, MoFALD, MoUD, representative of UNDP and DPNet-Nepal. The program went live on air through 100 FM's of Janata Media Network and telecasted through Image channel.

28 December: WASH DP meeting: The key agenda discussed was the proposed Sector Stakeholder meeting to be held by the Ministry in January (date to be confirmed). The SSG will be a useful forum to coordinate with all actors working on WASH and collectively envision a road map in the new federal structure. The SSG will also help shape the focus of the Joint Sector Review which is tentatively shared by the Ministry to be held in March 2018. Another important area being consulted is the WASH Act for which consultations are ongoing. The DP group also coordinated a light touch consolidated mapping of development actors and international organizations contributing to WASH. WaterAid Nepal (WAN) coordinated consolidation of information from AIN members. WAN will continue to be a focal point for coordination with AIN members working on WASH to consolidate and share timely information both ways. SC Member Tripti Rai, CD WaterAid Nepal has been regularly attending the WASH DP meetings. *(Attached is the preliminary mapping matrix which is work in progress, and will continue to be updated by the DP group).*

28 & 29 December: Disability Inclusive Development Training: AIN members along with Communication Officer Amit Pyakurel participated in the two day training program organized by NFDN. The basic objective of the training was to sensitize the participants about best possible ways to ensure inclusion of disabled people during development process and entire cycle of development project.