ONE DAY INTERACTION PROGRAMME

ON UNSCR NO 1325/1820 AND Nepal National Action Plan for sustainable peace.

The 16-day campaign of WILPF took place in Nepal on 10th December. Many conflict-hit women from three districts of Nepal which were : Kathmandu, Lalitpur and Bhaktapur gathered along with resource persons, female political leaders, female parliamentary members, journalists, WILPF members, etc. The programme kicked off at 8:30 am sharp with the slogan "From peace in the home to peace in the world: Let's challenge *patriarchy* and end violence against women". The program was focused on what rights are provided in 1325 UN resolution, what are Nepal's responsibilities and plans, etc. Also, what benefits are being taken by conflict-hit women from the government, political parties etc. were also discussed. Also women's participation in decision-making level, justice for women and punishment to criminal in reality and about relief and compensation to women etc. was discussed. The main purpose of the program was to pressurize the government to implement all of this. Then, Neelam K.C., President of WILPF, Nepal delivered her speech on WILPF and its future programmes. Some of the parliamentary members as well as political leaders also delivered their speech on the topic. Nirmala Sitoula, IB Member of WILPF, Nepal was the announcer of the programme.

Two resource persons presented their papers on UNSCR NO 1325/1820(by Sabin Shrestha) and Nepal National Action Plan for sustainable peace (by Sabitra Gautam)

Conflict-hit women participants were excited and actively participated in the interaction programme. They also have requested to conduct such programmes in remote areas and conflict-hit places so that the conflict-hit women may get awared about the 1325 resolution and National Action Plan (NAP). WILPF, Nepal has also planned to conduct similar programmes in 10 different conflict-hit areas of the country and publicise the activities in monthly magazines. (Women's Voice)

The 10-year armed conflict between 1992 to 2006 deeply affected the country. Women and girls still bear the brunt of the armed conflict. Many have been victims of many forms of gender based violence. The government of Nepal is committed to implementation of the UNSCR 1325&1820 as a mechanism for strengthening women's participation and involvement in the promotion of peace and security within the context of conflict prevention and resolution. In Nepal's context, the resolution 1325 and1820 adopted by UNSCR has great significance. It is with this realization, that the government of Nepal prepared this National Action Plan. For the implementation of NAP, the government also formed a Steering Committee with the Minister for foreign affairs as Chair for the implementation of these proposals. In this context, our 1-day seminar was effective.

In the seminar, the following members took participation:

- 20 conflict-hit victims (women)
- 2 resource persons
- 1 National Untouchable commission
- 1 Non-discriminatory committee
- 13 women political leaders
- 3 women law makers
- 3 Journalists
- 6 Wilpf members

For the expenses,

- Meal = \$550
- Transportation= \$265
- Stationary= \$115
- Resource persons = \$120
- Miscellaneous = \$17 Grand Total = \$1067

The expense-related information is available along with signatures of each participant.

Photos of the Programme:







Nirmala Sitoula IB Member, WILPF Nepal Section.





Neelam K.C. President, WILPF Nepal Section.







