



YoSHAN

Youth Led SRHR Advocacy Nepal

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Youth Champions Gathering



YoSHAN is the Youth Champions Country Advocacy Network of Asia Safe Abortion Partnership. YoSHAN is a young feminist led network working on spreading awareness on reproductive and abortion rights in the country.

We at YoSHAN envision a world where all young people are rightfully exercising their rights to accurate information and quality services when it comes to their sexual and reproductive health.

"SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH RIGHTS ARE HUMAN RIGHTS"

YoSHAN in collaboration with Menstrual Hygiene Day (MHD) organized a social media campaign on 28 May 2019. We had requested youth champions and YoSHAN social media fans to participate in #ibleedirule campaign expressing their views on menstrual health & hygiene.

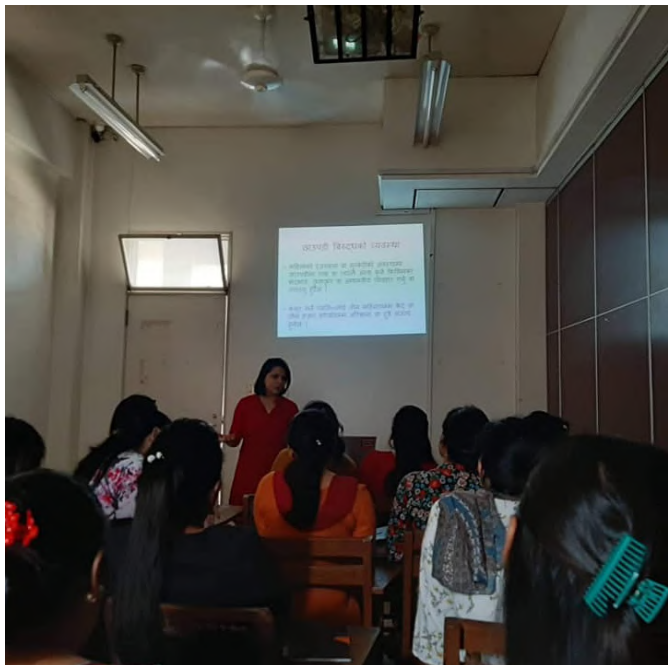
We received 35+ entries for the campaign where young people shared their opinions on educating girls & women, ensuring access to hygienic products, adequate women friendly public toilets, water, etc will help girls to manage their period.

Enable girls to stay in school by ensuring access to hygienic menstrual products, adequate toilets, water and disposal options.

#IBLEEDIRULE #MHD2019

Akanksha Dahal, Youth Champion

02 Advocacy



On the occasion of International day of action for women's health, 28 May our Youth Champion Durga Sapkota had organized a discussion session at her university to Advance Nursing students regarding safe motherhood and reproductive health right act 2019 which has been recently enacted on 18 September 2018.

The students also collaborated with YoSHAN and participated in social media campaign #ibleedrule.

"WOMEN & GIRLS SHOULD BE ABLE TO ACCESS STIGMAFREE SRH SERVICES"

Our Youth Champion Durga Sapkota had attended the South Asian Reproductive Justice Accountability Initiative (SARJAI) workshop 2019 in Kathmandu. Durga also presented on issues regarding SRHR in South Asia with particular focus on adolescents.

Durga says, "Being lawyer as well as Women's Health Development Scholar, I am sure I am the one who benefited most out of it in terms of future investment."



03 Participation



Our Youth Champion Anjila Thapa represented participated at World Health Assembly (WHA) from 14-28 May 2018 in Geneva, Switzerland. Anjila was a part of the International Federation of Medical Students' Associations delegation which had over 60 members from different National Medical Organizations in the WHA, advocating for Meaningful Youth Participation, and Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights (SRHR) in UHC with their member states as well as at side events conducted by key stakeholders.

"WE BELIEVE IN THE POWER OF MEANINGFUL PARTICIPATION"

Four of our Youth Champions represented YoSHAN in Women Deliver Conference 2019 at Vancouver, Canada.

Over 8000 delegates all over the world: young leaders, activists, feminists, scholars, researchers, human right defenders, advocates, organizers, I/NGOs, CSOs and many more at Women Deliver to make biggest commitments towards #genderequality #WD2019 #collectivepower. YoSHAN team was there to celebrate and cherish the moment with more than 1400 young leaders.



04 Nomination



Our Youth Champion and Co-Founder of our partner organization SOCHAI- Youth For Nutrition, Bonita Sharma and team had been awarded 50000\$ from a UK based organization-One Young World among 1200 applicants from 100+ counties. They are awarded for their work in health and nutrition sector.

YoSHAN congratulates Bonita and her team for empowering girls and women in the communities improving their health and nutrition status. Educating a girl can change the world!

"HEALTH CARE SHOULD BE NON-JUDGMENTAL AND STIGMAFREE"

Our Youth Champion Shreejana Bajracharya has been nominated for 120 under 40 The Next Generation of Family Planning Leaders.

Ms. Bajracharya is advocating for family planning use among LGBTIQ+ community and young people living with disabilities. She has projected her strong voice on young people access to safe abortion.

Kindly support her and recognize her as the next generation of leaders making a difference in reproductive health worldwide.



05 Conferences & Meetings



ADVANCING YOUTH SRHR:

Rights Can't Wait is one day conference organized by Right Here Right Now (RHRN) Nepal platform, which is hosted by YUWA. The conference aspires to bring together stakeholders, government officials, multilateral agencies, Civil Society Organizations, and activists. The conference aimed to sensitize youth and accelerate partnerships to ensure young people's rights to Sexual and Reproductive Health and create an enabling environment to celebrate and exercise their rights.

"NEPAL IS A PROGRESSIVE COUNTRY AMONG SOUTHASIA WHEN IT COMES TO SRHR."

Attended the discussion program on, Safe motherhood and Reproductive Health Act 2075 and its implementation part.

Its been 9 months already the act was endorsed but the regulations has not been formulated yet. Representative from Health Ministry, Hon.Secretary Dr. Puspha Chaudhary committed in the forum that regulations will be endorsed within month of July.

Program was very insightful and enlightened the various aspect of Act.



06 Celebration



Nepal is celebrating its Queer / MOGAI Pride Parade on June 29. Not just beyond "LGBT" only, but also a youth led pride parade on the International Pride Month, YoSHAN joined hands with people around the world to gather in the capital of Nepal to celebrate Nepal's first Pride Parade.

This marked the presence of LGBT and people beyond LGBT, encompassing diverse gender and sexual identities. This pride parade is multi-lingual.

"LGBTI RIGHTS ARE HUMAN RIGHTS."

ICPD was a revolutionary agreement opened the door to empowerment of women and girls. It's 25 years after Nepal being signatory of ICPD preventing maternal deaths, access to modern contraceptives and young people are availing of Comprehensive Sexuality Education. Nepal's ICPD scorecard is improving, but key challenges remain.

Our Youth Champion Pusha Joshi was one of the youth panelists who unfolded the unfinished business of ICPD and questioned authority where diverse group of young people stand and what are steps forward for gender equality and access to SRHR.



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