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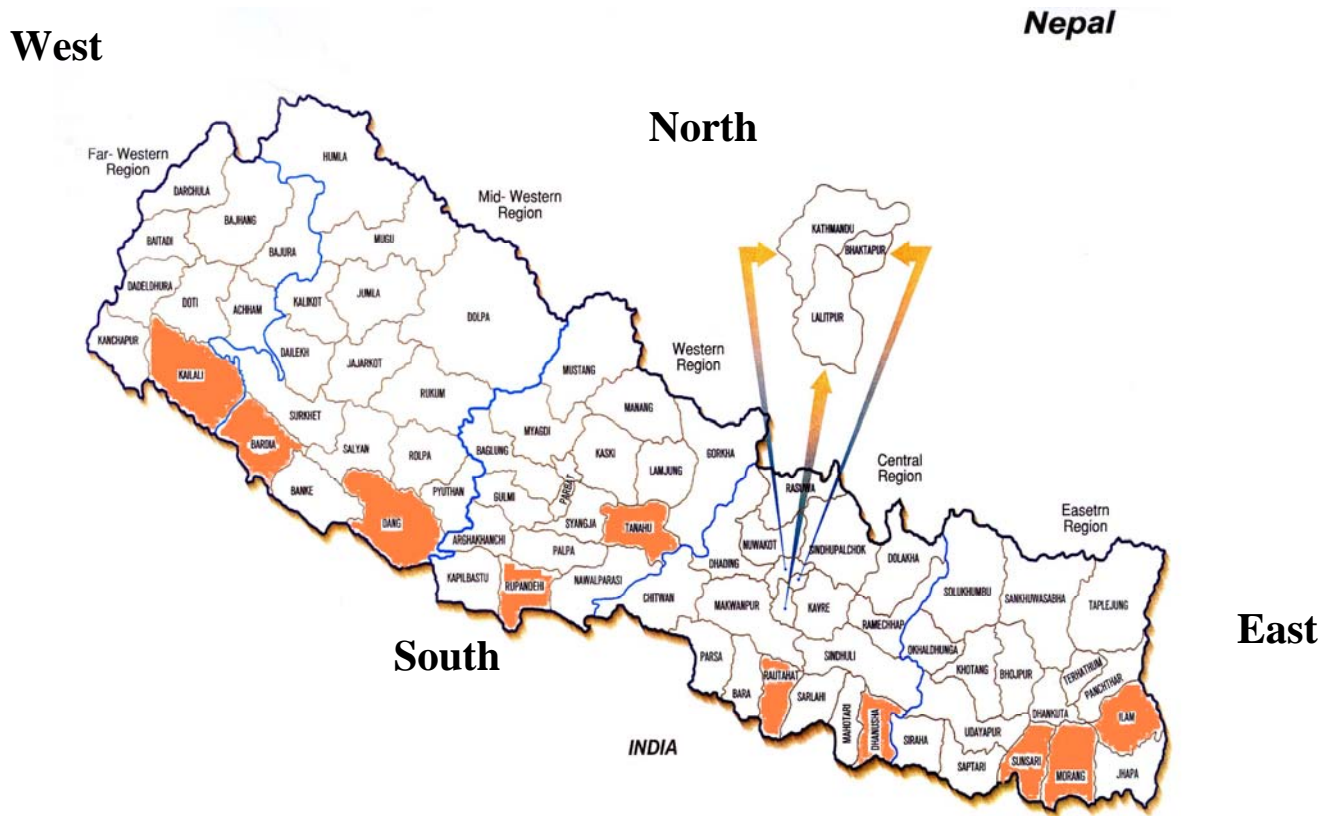
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Map of the Project Districts



* The colored districts in the map are project covered districts.

Executive Summary

The second phase of the Community Dialogue/Public Hearing and Round Table Programs have been completed successfully in the project covered districts (Ilam, Morang, Sunsari, Dhanusha, Rautahat, Tanahu, Rupandehi, Dang, Bardiya and Kailali) of all five development regions. The first round of the program was conducted in August-September, 2009 in the same districts. Different issues were identified in each district consulting with the WCA/Parliament members and some research based works in the respective districts before organizing the first round to the program. Thus, this time the events were conducted on the same topic taking an aim to review the progress/endeavor and recommendation of stakeholders for the future plans.

The main objective of the program was to increase the profile of Women in Politics with the participation of the general public through face to face dialogue programs with WCA/Parliament Members and their communities. Similarly, an additional objective was to increase awareness on the part of the policy makers and planners reviewing the progress/endeavor and future planning to be done on the same issues of the district.

The total numbers of participants of Public Dialogue in all the ten districts were 944. Among them male and female were 696 and 248 respectively. Similarly Janjati, Dalit, Madheshi and Others were 212, 22, 328 and 389 respectively. By percentage, male and female were 74% and 26%, and Janajati, Dalit, Madheshi and others were 22 %, 3 %, 34 % and 41%. The average size of participants in each district in the Community Dialogue meeting was 95.

Similarly, total numbers of participants of Round Table Meeting in all the ten districts were 369. Among them male and female were 293 and 76 respectively. Similarly Janjati, Dalit, Madheshi and Others were 92, 12, 86 and 189 respectively. By percentage, male and female were 79% and 21%, and Janajati, Dalit, Madheshi and others were 24 %, 2 %, 23 % and 51%. The average size of participants in each district in the Community Dialogue meeting was 37.

In this way, the entire ten districts' Public Hearing/Community Dialogue and Round Table Meeting concluded effectively by reviewing on the issues among the people of the respective districts. It helped to review the progress/endeavor performed after completion of first round of the same events on the same topic. It also helped to identify the issues/problems of selected topics of all district to be solved in the days to come.

All the events were broadcasted lively from one local FM station in each district. Similarly, the news of all the events was covered from local FMs and Cable Televisions and local news papers intensively.

The programs ended with an optimism as well as enthusiastic note from all the private, governmental and non- governmental sectors and with the commitment from the WCA/P Members. They all promised to work together in the future to find relevant cordial solutions. All the participants expected and highly recommended for the continuation of this type of programs in the future with the participation of the WCA/P Members.

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1. Background

The second round of the **Public Hearing/Community Dialogue and Round Table Meeting for Women Constituent Assembly/Parliament Members program from different political parties** was conducted successfully in ten project districts during the month of June to July 2010 by Pro Public with the support from National Democratic Institute (NDI).

The first round of the same program in all ten districts (Ilam, Morang, Sunsari, Dhanusha, Rautahat, Tanahu, Dang, Rupandehi, Bardiya and Kailali) was conducted from August to September 2009. The burning issues of various sectors of the districts were selected for the Community Dialogue & Round Table Meeting after intensive discussion with concerned CA members and stakeholders in the first round of the program.

The main objective of the second round program on the same topic was to follow up the implementation and progress status of the issues which were raised in the first round of the Community Dialogue and Round Table Meeting and increase awareness on the part of the policy makers & planners on the community development issues. Similarly enhancing the profile of Women in Politics with the participation of the general public through face to face dialogues was another objective.

2. Preliminary Activities

Pro Public coordinated to all the district teams who had already participated in Round Table Meeting and concluded contract agreement with them with detail Terms of Reference (ToR). Pro Public identified the list of participants for the Public Hearing and Round Table Meeting recruited them and trained in the first phase, for the second round of the Public Hearing and Table Meeting with the close coordination of district teams. Similarly, Pro Public identified the name of experts and others personalities as the guests for Public Hearing and Round Table Meeting. In the same way, Pro Public made contract with each Women Constituent Assembly/Parliament Members (WCA/PM) and fixed their time for the district visit. Each dates of the event were fixed with the close coordination of the National Democratic Institute (NDI). *(Please see Annex 1 for Project Team)*

3. Major Activities

Two major activities were highlighted under the project. Firstly, Public Hearing and secondly Round Table Meeting. In this context, Pro Public organized both events in all ten project covered districts. Basically, this phase was for the follow up of the first round events, where different queries/recommendation were raised by the experts/panelists and participants on the issue.

In this context, the progress status/endeavor and future planning/recommendation on the issues discussed are highlighted in this report. This report covers the reports of all the districts separately.

3.1. Ilam – Progress Status /Endeavour and Future Planning of Tourism Development in Ilam

Public Hearing and Round Table Meeting was organized at City Hall of Ilam and Meeting Hall of Phulgachhi hotel on May 9 & 10, 2010 respectively. WCA/PM Hon. Mrs. Shakuntala Lepcha and Hon. Mrs. Nirmala Parsain had attended both the events along with the tourism Experts/ Panelists

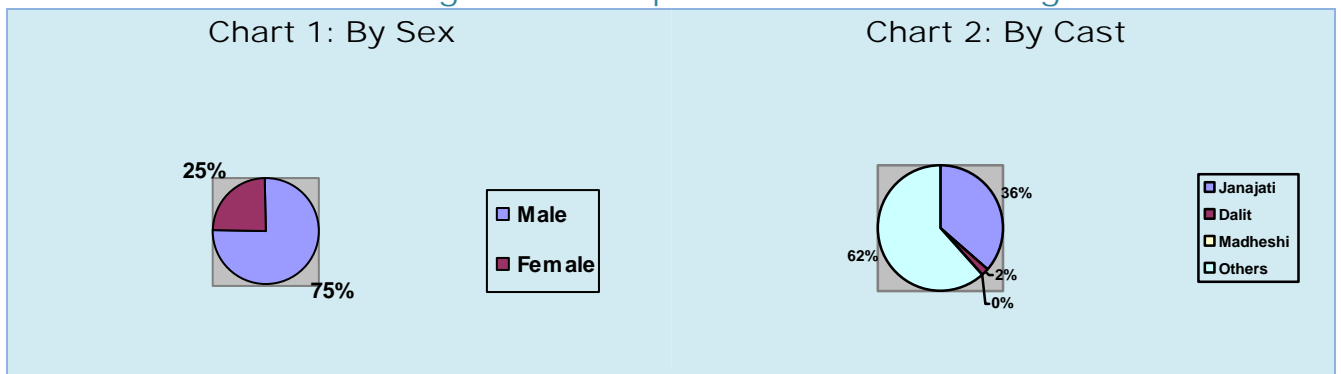
of the issue, Mr. Youddha P. Baidya, Former Campus Chief; Mr. Sita Ram Ghimire, Lecturer; Mrs. Gita Dubis Bhattari, Member of Ilam Tourism Promotion Center; Mr. Bishnu Kafle, Agro-Economist and Mr. Kosh Hari Niraula, Chief District Officer (CDO).

In the starting of the Public Hearing and Round Table Meeting, Mrs. Anamika Rai, Senior Program Manager of National Democratic Institute (NDI) and Mr. Babu Ram Poudel, Central Logistic Coordinator of Pro Public had highlighted the objective of program along with short introduction of both organizations.

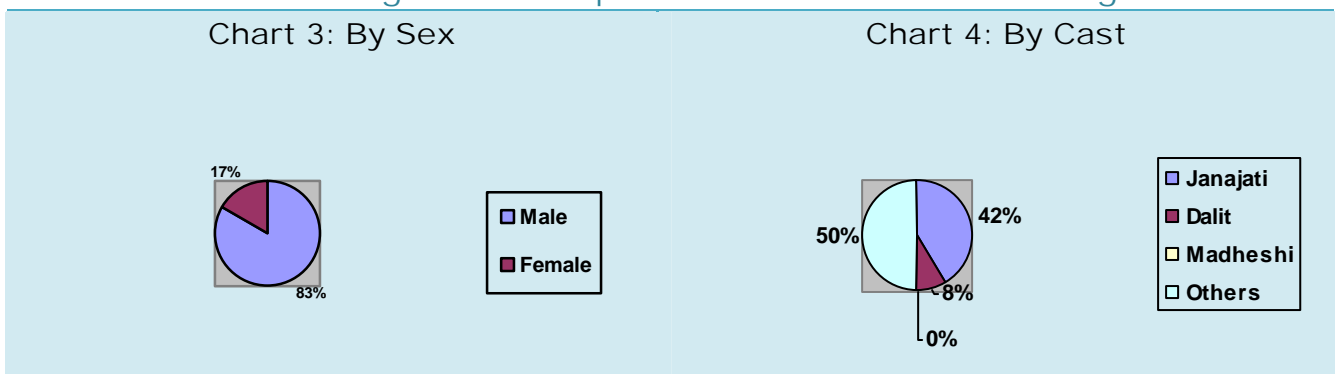
Thereafter the session was started. In the Round Table Meeting, the progress status was reviewed and future planning was discussed between Monitoring Committee members, experts/panelists and WCAP/PM. Similarly, the experts/panelists had shared the progress made after completion of the first round in the Public Hearing Program. In the same way, experts/panelists presented the future planning to address the issues properly. After sharing the progress status and future planning experts/panelists, WCAP/PM presented the efforts they have made to solve the issues which were raised in the first round of the event. Likewise, the participants raised their different questions to their representatives during the events. Both the sessions were conducted interactively.

There were 91 participants in the Public Hearing and 36 participants in Round Table Meeting respectively. Among them, 68 male and 23 female had attended the Public Hearing. Similarly, 30 male and 6 female had attended the Round Table Meeting. In the same way, Janajati, Dalit, Madheshi and others were 33, 2, 0 & 56 in Public Hearing and 15, 3, 0 & 18 in Round Table Meeting respectively.

Percentage of Participants of Public Hearing



Percentage of Participants of Round Table Meeting



3.1.1. Progress Status/Endeavor

In both Public Hearing and Round Table Meeting, monitoring committee, experts/panelists and other participants discussed the progress status of tourism in Ilam. Participants of Public Hearing had raised their queries strongly and repeatedly. Similarly, WCA/PM also told their efforts to solve the issues raised in the first round of the same program. After all the discussions following progress status/endeavor on tourism development has been made so far.

- Land procurement process has been started for the construction of airport at Sukiluma, Ilam;
- Completion of Maipokhari Master Plan;
- Completion of construction of the stone way to Pathivara temple of Liam;
- Construction of Antu Jhil is completed;
- Establishment of Botanical Garden in Maipokhari;
- Enlisted 39 natural ponds and wetland areas and formulated strategic plan for their protection and promotion;
- Constructing Tourism Information Center for promotion of tourism.

3.1.2. Future Planning/Recommendation

In both Public Hearing and Round Table Meeting, concerned stakeholders and participants discussed the future plans to address the problem of the issues. Thus, the following points were discussed as the future planning/recommendations.

- The package of tourism tour should be developed for increment of the number of tourists and their staying time;
- Explore the potentialities of developing some pocket areas of Ilam as the film city of Nepal for cinematography purpose;
- An immigration office should be established in Pashupatinagar to ease visitor;
- Priority should be given for the construction of Sukilumba airport;
- Rural Tourism should be developed with the slogan of "Tourism Development for Poverty Reduction"
- The role of all the actors of the society should be explored for the tourism development.
- Information tools like brochures, booklets hording boards should be published and posted at different locations;
- Marketing strategies should be made effective to increase the flow of tourists;
- Priority should also be given to internal tourism development.

3.1.2. Response of WCA/PM

Hon'ble Mrs. Nirmala Prasai and Hon'able Mrs. Shakuntala Lepcha responded to the different issues raised in both of the events by participants as well as expert/panelists. They also told that they have made their efforts to address the issues in different levels after completion of first round of the programs. They highlighted on the possibility of tourism development in Ilam and for that there are many works to be done in the days to come. Both WCA/PM made their commitment to work on the tourism development of Ilam keeping in mind that the issues raised in the program. They also emphasized that Rs. five million has been apportioned to the development of tourism in Ilam as well as WCA/PM fund has also contributed four hundred thousand rupees to the construction of Sukilumaha airport which is under construction.

3.2. Morang - Progress Status /Endeavour and Future Planning of Irrigation Problem in Morang District

Public Hearing and Round Table Meeting were organized at Hotel Ratna and Meeting hall of Regional Irrigation Office in Biratnagar on May 10 & 11, 2010 respectively. WCA/PM Hon. Mrs. Kabita Kumari Sardar, Hon. Mrs. Yashodha Adhikari and Hon. Mrs. Asha Kumari Sardar attended both of the events along with the irrigation Experts/ Panelists of the issue Er. Madhukar Raj Bhandari, Sunsari-Morang Irrigation Porject, Biratnagar; Er. Shambhu Manandahr, Regional Irrigation Directorate, Biratnagar; Er. Shovakanta Lav, Sunsari-Morang Irrigation Porject, Biratnagar; Er. Ramesh Adhikari, Underground Water Resource Committee, Biratnagar and Er. Taranath Poudel, Eastern Irrigation Division no. 2, Sunsari.

In the starting of the both Public Hearing and Round Table Meeting, Mr. Ram Guragai, Advisor of National Democratic Institute (NDI) and Mr. Prakash Mani Sharma, Executive Director of Pro Public had highlighted the objective of program along with short introduction of both organizations.

Thereafter the session was started. In this Round Table Meeting, the progress status was reviewed between Monitoring Committee members, experts/panelists and WCAP/PM. Similarly, the experts/panelists shared the progress made after completion of the first round in the Public Hearing program. In the same way, experts/panelists presented the future planning to address the issues properly. After sharing the progress status and future planning experts/panelists, WCAP/PM presented the efforts they have made to solve the issues which were raised in the first round of the event. Likewise, the participants raised their different questions to their representatives during the events. Both the sessions were conducted interactively.

Altogether, 91 & 31 participants attended the Public Hearing and Round Table Meeting respectively. Among them, 64 male and 27 female had attended the Public Hearing. Similarly, 27 male and 4 female had attended the Round Table Meeting. In the same way, Janajati, Dalit, Madheshi and others were 12, 1, 27 & 51 in Public Hearing and 9, 1, 7 & 15 in Round Tabel Meeting respectively.

Percentage of Participants of Public Hearing

Chart 5: By Sex

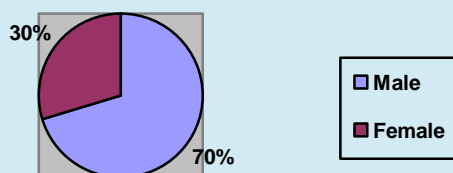
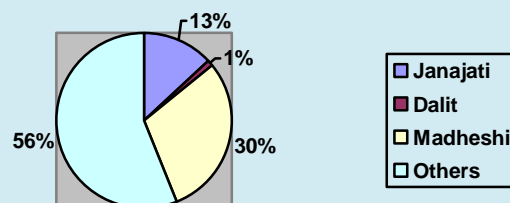


Chart 6: By Cast



Percentage of Participants of Round Table Meeting

Chart 7: By Sex

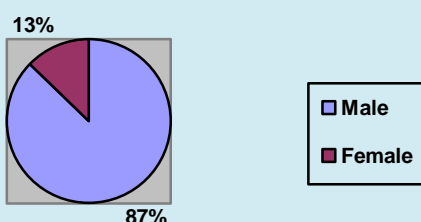
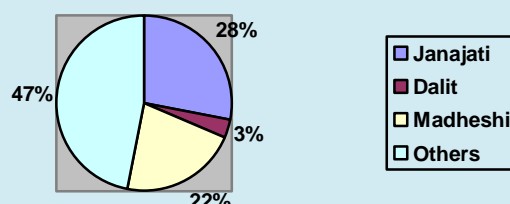


Chart 8: By Cast



3.2.1. Progress Status/Endeavor

In both Public Hearing and Round Table Meeting, monitoring committee, experts/panelists and other participants discussed the progress status on the issue of irrigation. Participants of Public Hearing had raised their queries about the irrigation plans and their implementation strongly and repeatedly. In response to the queries of the participants, WCA/PM also told their efforts made so far to solve the problem raised in the first round of the same program. In this way, the following points were presented as the progress status/endeavor so far.

3.2.2. . Future Planning/Recommendation

In both Public Hearing and Round Table Meeting, concerned stakeholders and participants discussed the future planning to address the problem of the issues. Thus, the following points were discussed as the future planning/recommendations.

- Access of irrigation should be ensured to farmers;
- Transparent mechanism in an irrigation development projects should be developed;

- Participatory selection process should be applied for all the irrigation projects;
- Modern irrigation system should be launched to make irrigation more effective;
- Political interference in the irrigation project/sectors should be totally stopped;
- Access to irrigation facility should be provided in all the VDCs of district;
- Need assessment survey should be conducted to identify the need of irrigation for Morang district;
- Strong monitoring mechanism should be established for the smooth and effective functioning of the irrigation projects.

3.2.3. Response of WCA/PM

Hon'ble Hon. Mrs. Kabita Kumari Sardar, Hon. Mrs. Yashodha Adhikari and Hon. Mrs. Asha Kumari Sardar responded to the different queries raised in both of the events by participants as well as expert/panelists. They also told that they have made their efforts to address the issues in different levels after completion of first round of the programs. All WCA/PM made their commitment to work on the irrigation development of Morang. They emphasized that the consumer should be more aware to demand the new project and more responsible to proper and sustainable use. Mainly, the state should be more honest with full of willingness to develop the irrigation system. For this, they committed that they will make enough pressure in the respective authorities and bodies of the state in the days to come.

3.3. Sunsari - Progress Status/Endeavour and Future Planning on Flood Management and Relief in Sunsari

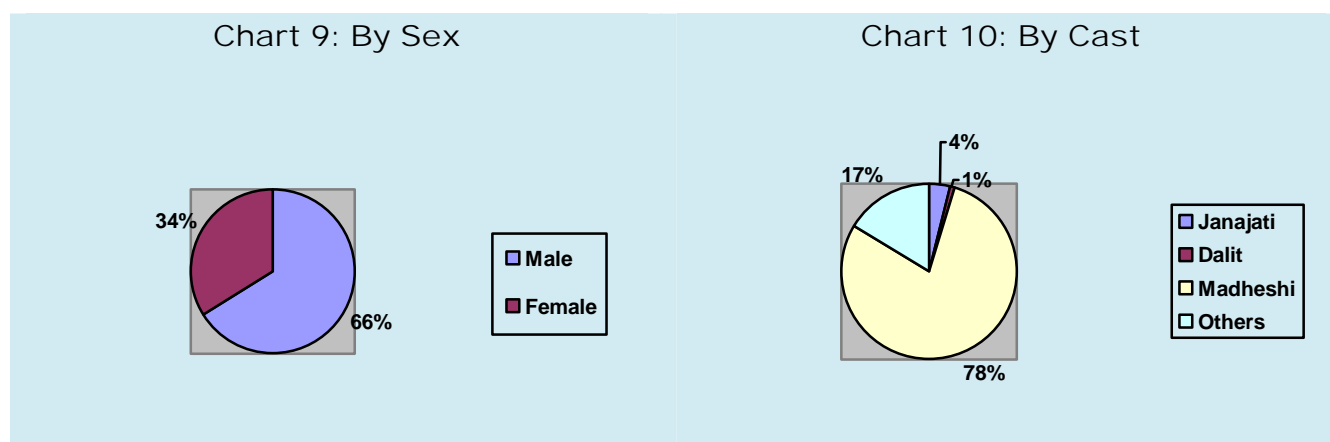
Public Hearing and Round Table Meeting were organized at Phulbari hotel in Inaruwa on May 11, 2010. WCA/PM Hon. Mrs. Navodita Chaudhary, and Hon. Mrs. Sabita Yadav were attended both of the events along with the irrigation Experts/Panelists of the issue Er. Dhurba Sherestha, Chief, Water Induced Disaster Prevention Division Office, Biratnagar; Mr. Purshotam Ghimire, President, Civil Society, Sunsari; Mr. Dipak Yadav BPKIHS, Dharan and Mr. Prem Pd. Bhattari Local Development Officer (LDO) of Sunsari.

In the starting of the Public Hearing and Round Table Meeting, Mrs. Lalita Pradhan Program Officer of NDI and Mr. Prakash Mani Sharma, Executive Director of Pro Public had highlighted the objective of program along with short introduction of both organizations.

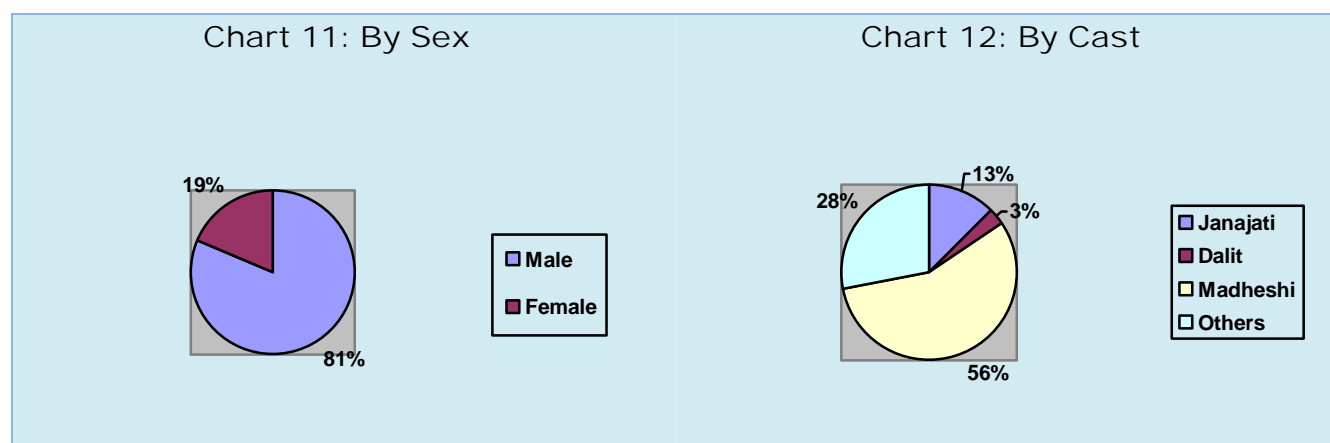
Thereafter the session was started. In the Round Table Meeting, the progress status was reviewed between Monitoring Committee members, experts/panelists and WCAP/PM. Similarly, the experts/panelists had shared the progress made after completion of the first round in the Public Hearing program. In the same way, experts/panelists presented the future planning to address the issues properly. After sharing the progress status and future planning experts/panelists, WCAP/PM presented their efforts they have made so far to solve the issues raised in the first round of the event. Likewise, the participants raised their different questions to their representatives during the events. Both of the sessions were conducted interactively.

Altogether, 103 & 32 participants were attended the Public Hearing and Round Table Meeting respectively. Among them, 68 male and 35 female had attended the Public Hearing. Similarly, 26 male and 6 female had attended the Round Table Meeting. In the same way, Janajati, Dalit, Madheshi and others were 4, 1, 81 & 17 in Public Hearing and 4, 1, 18 & 9 in Round Table Meeting respectively.

Percentage of Participants of Public Hearing



Percentage of Participants of Round Table Meeting



3.3.1. Progress Status/Endeavour

In both Public Hearing and Round Table Meeting, monitoring committee, experts/panelists and other participants discussed the progress status made on the issue. Participants of Public Hearing had raised their queries strongly and repeatedly. Similarly, WCA/PM also told their efforts to solve the issues raised in the first round of the same program. In this way, the following points were presented as the progress status/endeavor so far.

- The victims are called in each of the meetings and the goods are distributed making more responsible themselves;
- The meetings between Chief District Officer (CDO) and Flood Victims are held on monthly basis;
- The victims are well treated for their basic rights these days compared to before.

3.3.2. Future Planning/Recommendation

In both Public Hearing and Round Table Meeting, concerned stakeholders and participants discussed the future planning to address the problem of the issues. Thus, the following points were discussed as the future planning/recommendations.

- Natural Disaster Committee (NDC) should be empowered;
- The construction work of Kaku river's dam should be started;
- Proper precaution mechanism to control the flood should be developed;
- The dam of Saptakoshi should be regularly maintained;
- National dialogue should be conducted for construction of Saptakoshi high dam;
- The technical and diplomatic capacity of Nepal should be empowered.

3.3.3. Response of WCA/PM

Hon'ble Mrs. Navodita Chaudhary and Hon'able Mrs. Sabita Yadav responded the different issues raised in both of the events by participants as well as expert/panelists. They also told that their efforts to address the issues in the different level of the state during the period. They said ahead that there are so many works to be done to solve problem of flooding in Sunsari. Both WCA/PM made their commitment to work to solve the flooding problem in Sunsari. They also emphasized that the state must implement the suggestions provided by Water Resource Committee for the long-lasting solution of the problem.

3.4. Dhanusha – Progress Status /Endeavour and Future Planning of Tourism Promotion and its Infrastructures development in Dhanusha

Public Hearing and Round Table Meeting were organized at meeting hall of Nepal Bar Association and Rama hotel in Jahakpurdham respectively on July 14, 2010. WCA/PM Hon. Mrs. Krishna Thakur, Hon. Mrs. Kashi Devi Jha, Hon. Mrs. Mikchhi Jha & Hon. Mrs. Sarswati Chaudhary attended both the events along with the Experts/Panelists of the issue Mr. Ratneshwor Goit Yadav, Coordinator, Bideha Mithila Tourism Promotion Committee, Janakpurdham; Mr. Rajeshwor Nepali, Senior Journalist Janakpur Daily, Janakpurdham; Mr. Digambar Raya, President Overall Janakpur Area Development Council, Janakpurdham; Mr. Jaya Chandra Mishra, Janakpur Municipality; Dr. Kamlesh Pd. Shingha, Chief District Officer (CDO) of Dhanusha.

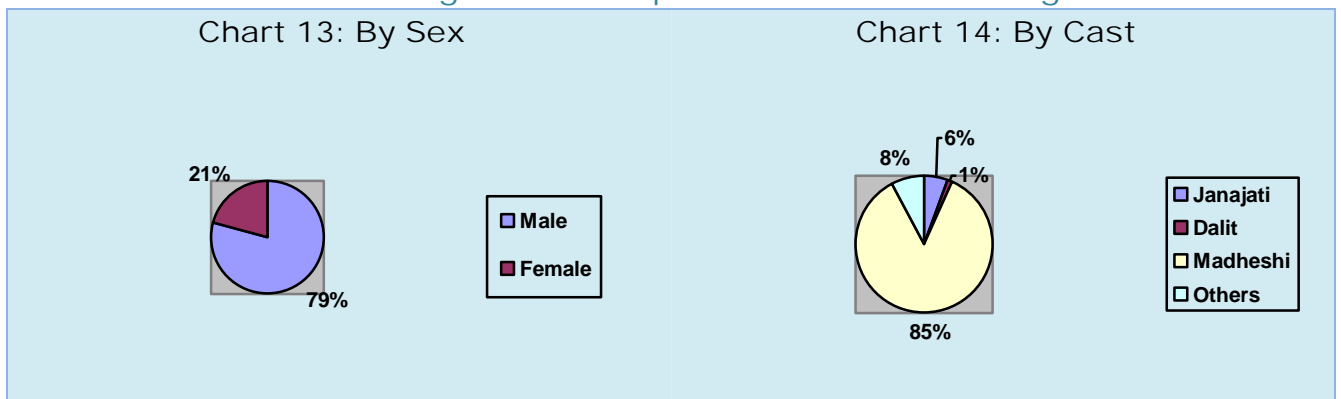
In the starting of Public Hearing and Round Table Meeting, Mr. Ram Guragai, Advisor, NDI and Mr. Prakash Mani Sharma, Executive Director of Pro Public had highlighted the objective of program along with welcome note and short introduction of both organizations.

Then the session was started. In the Round Table Meeting, the progress status was reviewed between Monitoring Committee members, experts/panelists and WCAP/PM. Similarly, the experts/panelists had shared the progress made after completion of the first round in the Public Hearing program. In the same way, experts/panelists presented the future planning to address the issues properly. After sharing the progress status and future planning experts/panelists,

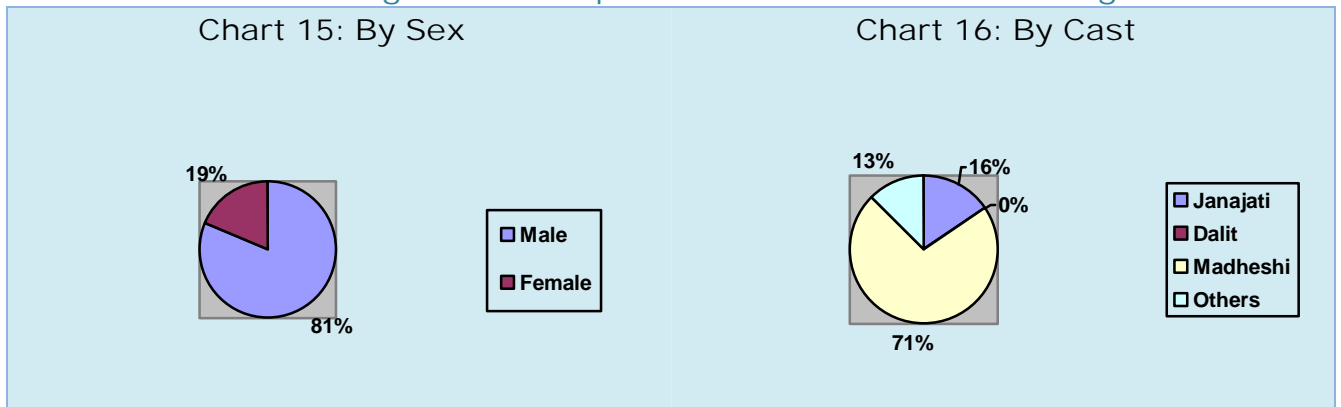
WCAP/PM presented in the efforts they have made to promote tourism which was raised in the first round of the event. Likewise, the participants raised their different questions to their representatives during the events. Both of the sessions were conducted interactively.

Altogether 91 & 32 participants were attended the Public Hearing and Round Table Meeting respectively. Among them, 72 male and 19 female had attended the Public Hearing. Similarly, 26 male and 6 female had attended the Round Table Meeting. In the same way, Janajati, Dalit, Madheshi and others were 5, 1, 77 & 7 in Public Hearing and 5, 0, 23 & 4 in Round Table Meeting respectively.

Percentage of Participants of Public Hearing



Percentage of Participants of Round Table Meeting



3.4.1. Progress Status/Endeavour

In both Public Hearing and Round Table Meeting, monitoring committee, experts/panelists and other participants discussed the progress status of tourism in Dhanusha. Participants of Public Hearing had raised their queries strongly and repeatedly. Similarly, WCA/PM also told their efforts to solve the issues raised in the first round of the same program. In this way, the following points were presented as the progress status/endeavor so far.

- The continued efforts are made for cleaning the premises of Janaki temple and removing of unmanaged shops;
- The road of Janaki temple premises are being made wide;

- Cleaning of Gangasagar & Dhanush Sagar ponds of Janakpurdham;
- Construction & maintenance of sewerage of Janakpurdham.

3.4.2. Future Planning/Recommendation

In both Public Hearing and Round Table Meeting, concerned stakeholders and participants discussed the future planning to address the problem of the issues. Thus, the following points were discussed as the future plans/recommendations.

- The foot-path shops and garbage of Janakpur municipality should be removed for the promotion of tourism in Janakpur
- Different temples and ponds of Janakpurdham should be protected and beautified;
- Outer ring road should be constructed by keeping the temples inside;
- The railway service of Janakpurdham should be reconstructed and conducted;
- Possibilities of International Airport should be developed in Janakpurdham;
- Other tourism package should be explored and enlisted;
- All the information of Janakpurdham should be kept in website and conducted marketing package in and out of country;

3.4.3. Response of WCA/PM

Hon. Mrs. Krishna Thakur, Hon. Mrs. Kashi Devi Jha, Hon. Mrs. Mikchhi Jha & Hon. Mrs. Sarswati Chaudhary responded the different issues raised in both of the events by participants as well as expert/panelists. They also told that their efforts to address the issues in the different level of the state during the period. They said ahead that there are so many works to be done for the development of tourism in Janakpur. All WCA/PM made their commitment to work on the tourism development of Janakpurdham. They emphasized for the development of some infrastructure for the promotion of tourism along with proper protection of its historical assets.

3.5. Rautahat – Progress Status/Endeavour and Future Planning on Health Related Service Delivery

Public Hearing and Round Table Meeting were organized at Meeting Hall of Karmachari Milan Kendra on May 16, 2010. WCA/PM Hon. Mrs. Sarala Yadav, Hon. Mrs. Chandan Sah and Hon. Mrs. Rambha Devi Yadav were attended both of the events along with the health Experts/Panelists of the issue Mr. Akhileshwor Chaudhary, Mr. Shailendra Gupta, Mr. Yegedra Jha of Rautahat.

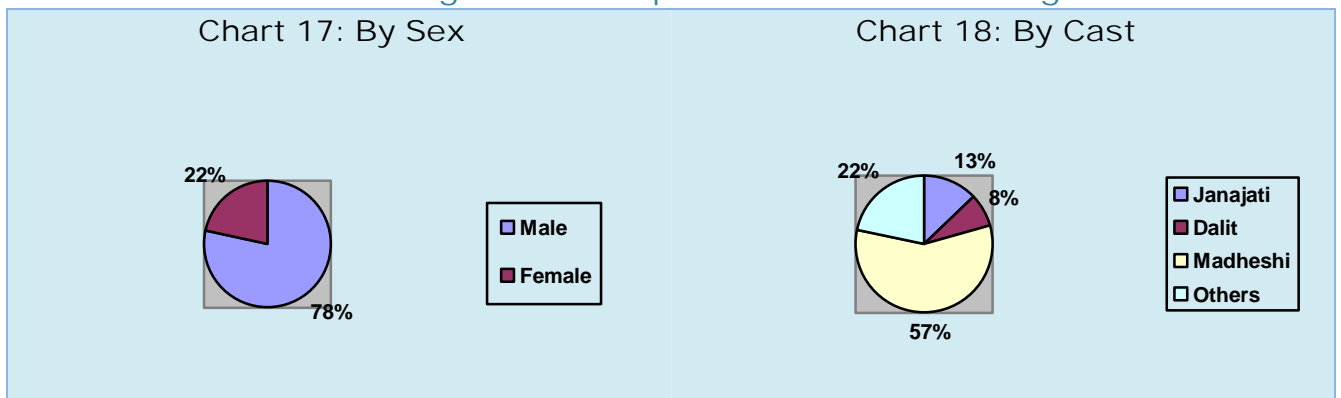
In the starting of Public Hearing and Round Table Meeting, Mrs. Anamika Rai, Seniro Porgram Manager of National Democratic Institute (NDI) and Mr. Dinesh Tripathi, Advocate of Pro Public had highlighted the objective of program along with short welcome speech and introduction of both organizations.

Thereafter the session was started. In the Round Table Meeting the progress status was reviewed between Monitoring Committee members, experts/panelists and WCAP/PM. Similarly, the experts/panelists had shared the progress made after completion of the first round in the Public

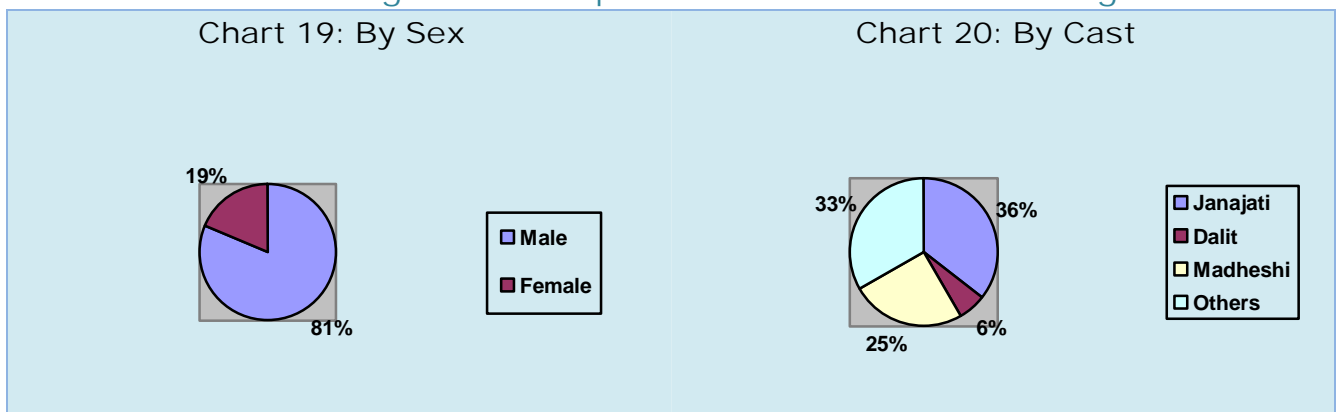
Hearing program. In the same way, experts/panelists presented the future planning to address the issues properly. After sharing the progress status and future planning experts/panelists, WCAP/PM presented in the efforts they have made to solve the issues which were raised in the first round of the event. Likewise, the participants raised their different questions to their representatives during the events. Both of the sessions were conducted interactively.

Altogether 102 & 48 participants attended the Public Hearing and Round Table Meeting respectively. Among them, 80 male and 22 female had attended the Public Hearing. Similarly, 39 male and 9 female had attended the Round Table Meeting. In the same way, Janajati, Dalit, Madheshi and others were 13, 8, 59 & 22 in Public Hearing and 17, 3, 12 & 16 in Round Table Meeting respectively.

Percentage of Participants of Public Hearing



Percentage of Participants of Round Table Meeting



3.5.1. Progress Status/Endeavour

In both Public Hearing and Round Table Meeting, monitoring committee, experts/panelists and other participants discussed the progress status on the issue. Participants of Public Hearing had raised their queries strongly and repeatedly. Similarly, WCA/PM also told their efforts to solve the issues raised in the first round of the same program. In this way, the following points were presented as the progress status/endeavor so far.

- Provided free medical service in health post;
- Placed X-ray, Video X-ray and ECG machine;
- Establishment of health post in Garuda VDC;

- Organized different awareness programs on health related issues;
- Conducted health camps time to time;
- Increment of patients coming in hospital to take the health service;

3.5.2. Future Planning/Recommendation

In both Public Hearing and Round Table Meeting, concerned stakeholders and participants discussed the future planning to address the problem of the issues. Thus, the following points were discussed as the future planning/recommendations.

- Different program should be organized to increase the access of women in health;
- X-ray, Video X-ray and ECG machine should be used properly so the people could get the good service within the district;
- Doctors and Nurses should be appointed as required and should be monitored for their continuity in the hospital;
- Enough medicine with good quality should be provided to the people,
- Specific medical package should be launched for women related diseases;
- The construction of hospital should be completed soon and expansion of more facilities within the district.

3.5.3. Response of WCA/PM

Hon. Mrs. Sarala Yadav, Hon. Mrs. Chandan Sah and Hon. Mrs. Rambha Devi Yadav responded the different issues discussed in both of the events by participants as well as expert/panelists. They also told that their efforts to address the issues in the different level of the state after completion of first round program. They said ahead that there are so many works to be done for the development of Health sectors in the districts. Both WCA/PM made their commitment to work on the promotion of health of the people. They emphasized that they will make proper follow up to complete the construction of the hospital which is under construction.

6. Tanahu – Progress Status/Endeavour Status and Future Planning of tourism Development in Tanahu

Public Hearing and Round Table Meeting were organized at Meeting Hall Hotel Culture Villeg and Federation of Commerce and Industries, Damuli on May 17, 2010. WCA/PM Hon. Mrs. Hasina Miya Begam, Hon. Mrs. Urmila Thapa were attended both of the events along with the Experts/Panelists of the issue Mr. Shailendra Gupta, DFO, Tanahu; Mr. Hari Shingh Gurung, President, Tanahu Tourism Development Committee, Tanahu; Mr. Hari Pd. Dahal, LDO, Tanahu and Kashi Nath Neupane, President Tanahu Literary Forum, Tanahu.

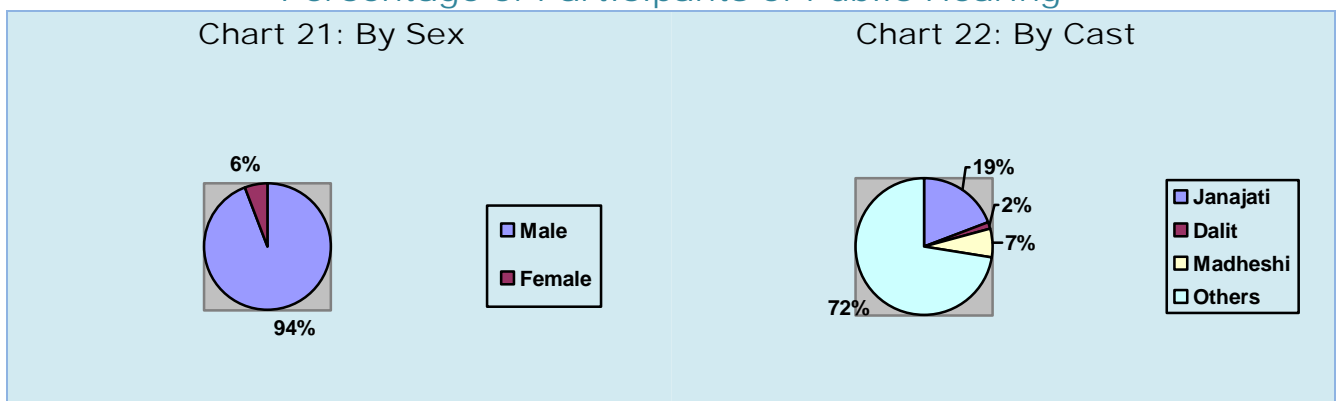
In the starting of the both Public Hearing and Round Table Meeting, Mr. Jaya Nishant Chaudhary, Deputy Director of NDI and Mr. Prakash Mani Sharma of Pro Public had highlighted the objective of program along with short welcome speech and introduction of both organizations as well.

Thereafter the session was started. In the Round Table Meeting, the progress status was reviewed between Monitoring Committee members, experts/panelists and WCAP/PM. Similarly, the

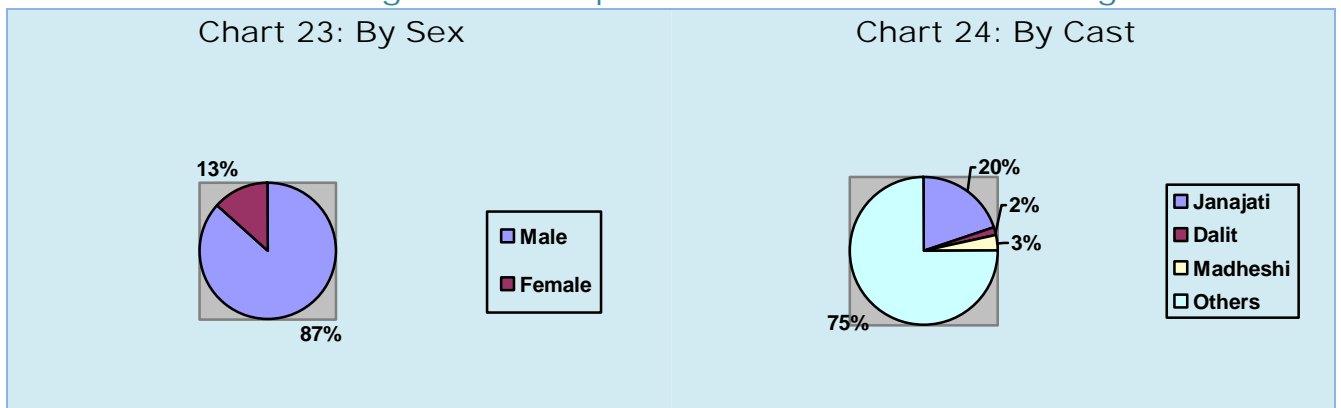
experts/panelists had shared the progress made after completion of the first round in the Public Hearing program. In the same way, experts/panelists presented the future planning to address the issues properly. After sharing the progress status and future planning experts/panelists, WCAP/PM presented the efforts they have made to solve the issues which were raised in the first round of the event. Likewise, the participants raised their different questions to their representatives during the events. Both of the sessions were conducted interactively.

Altogether 105 & 60 participants attended the Public Hearing and Round Table Meeting respectively. Among them, 99 male and 6 female had attended the Public Hearing. Similarly, 52 male and 8 female had attended the Round Table Meeting. In the same way, Janajati, Dalit, Madheshi and others were 20, 2, 7 & 76 in Public Hearing and 12, 1, 2 & 45 in Round Table Meeting respectively.

Percentage of Participants of Public Hearing



Percentage of Participants of Round Table Meeting



3.6.1. Progress Status/Endeavour

In both Public Hearing and Round Table Meetings, monitoring committee, experts/panelists and other participants discussed the progress status on the issue. Participants of Public Hearing had raised their queries strongly and repeatedly. Similarly, WCA/PM also told their efforts to solve the issues raised in the first round of the same program. In this way, the following points were presented as the progress status/endeavor so far.

- Started to explore and identify the potential tourism areas within the district;

- Enlisted potential tourism area of the district;
- Increased awareness level of local residents toward tourism;
- Prepared overall strategy of district and planed to submit it to Nepal Tourism Board (NTB) and National Planning Commission (NPC).

3.6.2. Future Planning/Recommendation

In both Public Hearing and Round Table Meeting, concerned stakeholders and participants discussed the future planning to address the problem of the issues. Thus, the following points were discussed as the future planning/recommendations.

- Monitoring mechanism of Tanahu Tourism Committee should be strengthened for proper monitoring of the tourism activities in Tanahu district.
- Infrastructure should be developed in different potential tourism areas of Tanahu
- Indigenous culture and arts should be protected for the tourism development.
- Marketing policy and strategy should be developed to increase the number of tourists
- Internal tourism should be encouraged.

3.6.3. Response of WCA/PM

Hon. Mrs. Hasina Begam and Hon. Mrs. Urmila Thapa responded the different issues interacted in both of the events by participants as well as expert/panelists. They also told that their efforts to address the issues in the different level of the state during the period although, they said ahead that there are so many works to be done for the proper development of tourism in Tanahu district. Both WCA/PM made their commitment to work on the tourism development of Tanahu. They stressed to develop infrastructure and identification of new tourism location in the district. For this, "we will perform our best" they added.

7. Rupandehi – Progress Status /Endeavour and Future Planning of Tourism Development in Lumbini

Public Hearing and Round Table Meeting were organized at Meeting Hall of Lumbini Nirman Bebasai Sangh on June 27, 2010. WCA/PM Hon. Mrs. Radha Gywali, Hon. Mrs. Sabitri Shingh and Hon. Mrs. Babita Devi Dhobi were attended both of the events along with the tourism Experts/Panelists of the issue Mr. Dipak Chhetri, Professional, Tourism & Hotel, Mr. Tara Bahadur Karki, Local Development Officer; Mr. Hari Dhowj Rai, Communication Officer, Lumbini Development Trust.

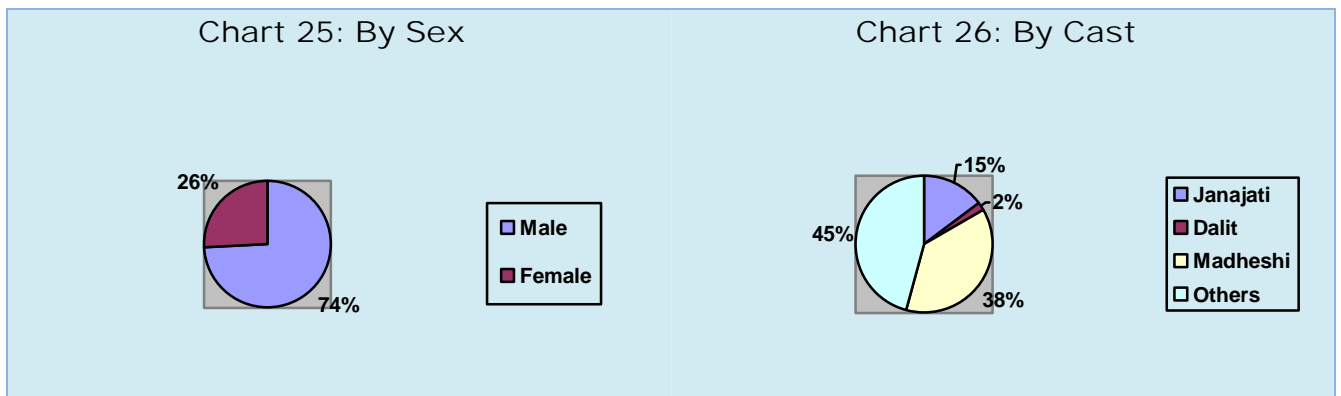
In the starting of the both Public Hearing and Round Table Meeting, Mrs. Shusmita Subba Program Manager of NDI and Mr. Dinesh Tripathi, Advocate of Pro Public had highlighted the objective of program along with short welcome speech and introduction of both organizations as well.

Thereafter the session was started. In the Round Table Meeting, the progress status was reviewed between Monitoring Committee members, experts/panelists and WCAP/PM. Similarly, the experts/panelists had shared the progress made after completion of the first round in the Public

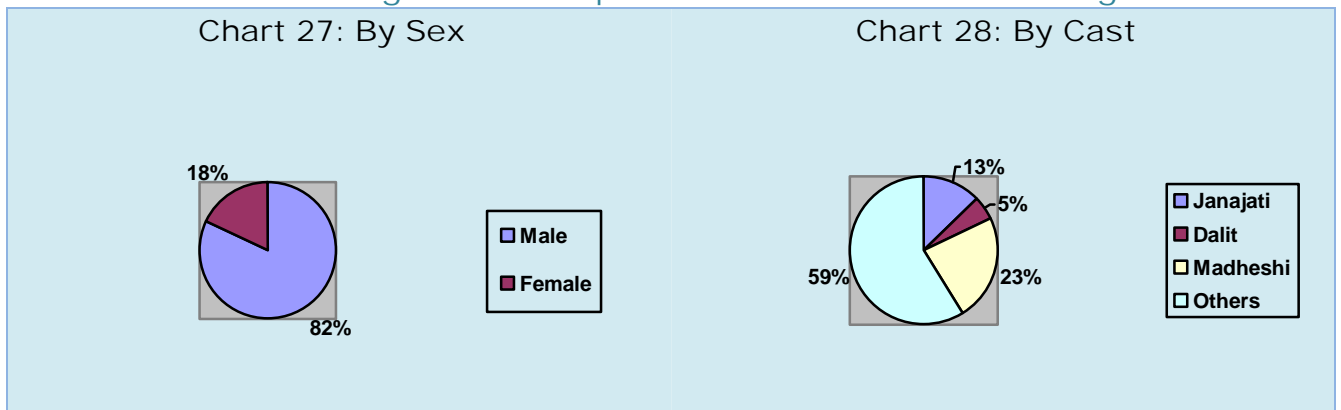
Hearing program. In the same way, experts/panelists presented the future planning to address the issues properly. After sharing the progress status and future planning experts/panelists, WCAP/PM presented in the efforts they have made to solve the issues which were raised in the first round of the event. Likewise, the participants raised their different questions to their representatives during the events. Both of the sessions were conducted interactively.

Altogether 97 & 39 participants attended the Public Hearing and Round Table Meeting respectively. Among them, 72 male and 25 female had attended the Public Hearing. Similarly, 32 male and 7 female had attended the Round Table Meeting. In the same way, Janajati, Dalit, Madheshi and others were 14, 2, 36 & 44 in Public Hearing and 5, 2, 9 & 23 in Round Table Meeting respectively.

Percentage of Participants of Public Hearing



Percentage of Participants of Round Table Meeting



3.7.1. Progress Status/Endeavour

In both Public Hearing and Round Table Meeting, monitoring committee, experts/panelists and other participants discussed the progress status on the issue. Participants of Public Hearing had raised their queries strongly and repeatedly. Similarly, WCA/PM also told their efforts to solve the issues raised in the first round of the same program. In this way, the following points were presented as the progress status/endeavor so far.

- Industries directly polluting the environment are banned to be established around the 15 Km. area of the Lumbini;

- Lumbini Development Trust has decided to expand the Bhairawaha- Lumbini road;
- Security status of Lumbini area has been made tight;
- Information center of Lumbini Development Trust has been made effective;
- Managed Route for the pilgrimages has been made;
- Code of Conduct for the smooth operation of Lumbini Development Trust has been endorsed;
- Public Concern about the development of Lumbini has comparatively increased;
- Effective Marketing Policies have been made to increase the economic condition of the local people.

3.7.2. Future Planning/Recommendation

In both Public Hearing and Round Table Meeting, concerned stakeholders and participants discussed the future planning to address the problem of the issues. Thus, the following points were discussed as the future planning/recommendations.

- Activeness should be increased among local residents, Steering Committee Members of Lumbini Development Fund, bureaucrats, Constituent Assembly Members, administration, security force for overall development and promotion of Lumbini;
- Enough budget should be allocated;
- An International airport should be constructed in Lumbini;
- The road of Lumbini from Bhairahawa should be expanded
- The industrial area should be shifted to next alternative area to save the local environment for long-lasting tourism development in Lumbini;
- To make successful of tourism year 2011, the Lumbinin should be marketed globally as International Peace Center and Birth Place of Lord Buddha.

3.7.3. Response of WCA/PM

Hon. Mrs. Radha Gywali, Hon. Mrs. Sabitri Shingh and Hon. Mrs. Babita Devi Dhobi responded the different issues raised in both of the events by participants as well as expert/panelists. They told that their efforts to address the issues in the different level of the state after completion of first round of the meeting. They said ahead that there are so many works to be done for the development of tourism in Rupandehi in the days ahead. Both WCA/PM made their commitment to work on the tourism development of Rupandehi. They emphasized that the Lumbini should be marketed globally as the birth place of Lord Buddha to attract the tourists from the different parts of the world.

8. Dang - Progress Status/ Endeavour and Future Planning of Kamlari Traditions in Dang

Public Hearing and Round Table Meeting were organized at Meeting Hall of Municipality of Dang and Hotel Rapti on June 25, 2010. WCA/PM Hon. Mrs. Bimala Nepali, Hon. Mrs. Rukmani

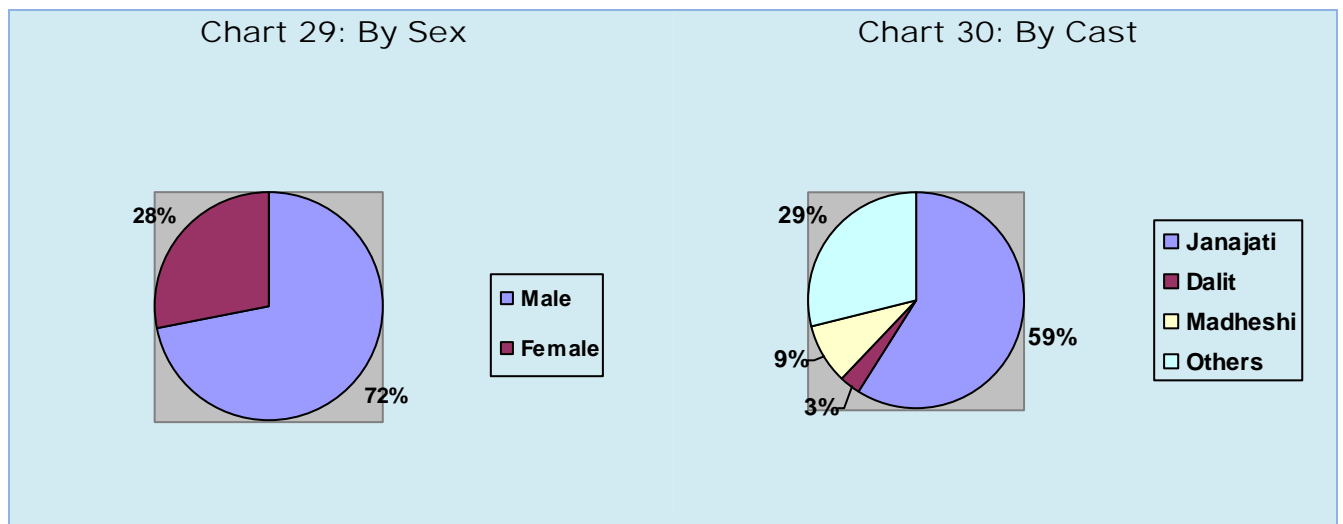
Chaudhary and Hon. Mrs. Shanta Chaudhary attended both of the events along with Experts/Panelists of the issue Mr. Rishi Ram Dhakal, Chief District Officer; Mr. Surya Kanta Jha, Local Development Officer; Rashmi Pandey, Child Protection Officer; OM Prakash Neupane, Representative, District Education Office and Mr. Bhagiram Chaudhary, Coordinator of SWAN.

In the starting of Public Hearing and Round Table Meeting, Mrs. Shyama Karki, Program Associate of NDI and Mr. Babu Ram Poudel, Central Logistic Coordinator of Pro Public had highlighted the objectives of program along with short welcome speech and introduction of both organizations.

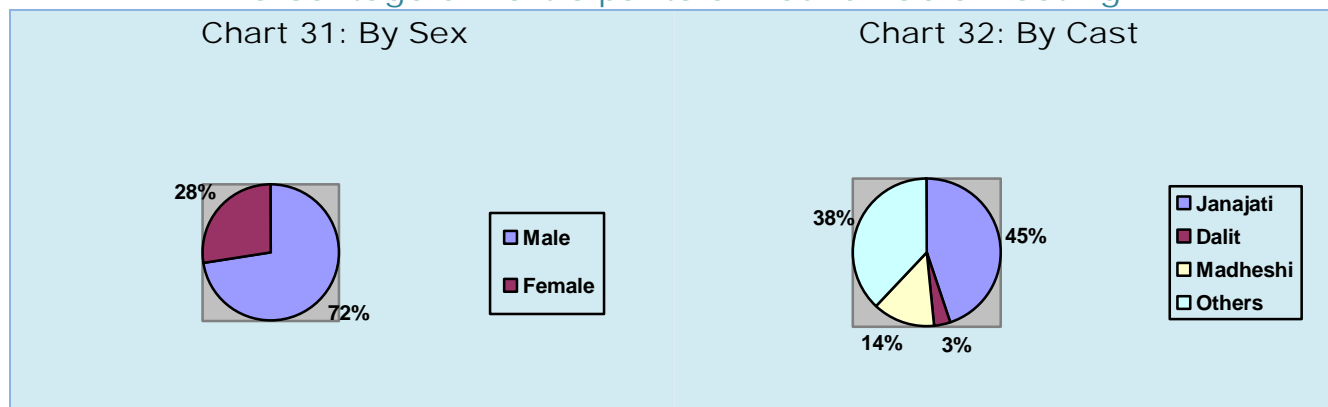
Thereafter the session was started. In the Round Table Meeting, the progress status was reviewed between Monitoring Committee members, experts/panelists and WCAP/PM. Similarly, the experts/panelists had shared the progress made after completion of the first round in the Public Hearing program. In the same way, experts/panelists presented the future planning to address the issues properly. After sharing the progress status and future planning experts/panelists, WCAP/PM presented in the efforts they have made to solve the issues which were raised in the first round of the event. Likewise, the participants raised their different questions to their representatives during the events. Both of the sessions were conducted interactively.

Altogether 100 & 29 participants were attended the Public Hearing and Round Table Meeting respectively. Among them 65 male and 25 female had attended the Public Hearing. Similarly, 21 male and 8 female had attended the Round Table Meeting. In the same way, Janajati, Dalit, Madheshi and others were 59, 3, 9 & 29 in Public Hearing and 13, 1, 4 & 11 in Round Table Meeting respectively.

Percentage of Participants of Public Hearing



Percentage of Participants of Round Table Meeting



3.8.1. Progress Status/Endeavour

In both Public Hearing and Round Table Meeting, monitoring committee, experts/panelists and other participants discussed the progress status on the issue of Kamlari Traditions. Participants of Public Hearing had raised their queries strongly and repeatedly. Similarly, WCA/PM also told their efforts to solve the issues raised in the first round of the same program. In this way, the following points were presented as the progress status/endeavor so far.

- Freed 80 Kamlari within a year;
- Provided Rs. 1000.00 for primary level, 1500.00 for lower secondary level and 1700.00 for secondary level Kamlari students yearly;
- Strict rules are followed to stop Kamlari tradition by house monitoring;
- Released Rs. 9.6 million for the different package of Kamalaris.

3.8.2. Future Planning/Recommendation

In both Public Hearing and Round Table Meeting, concerned stakeholders and participants discussed the future planning to address the problem of the issues. Thus, the following points were discussed as the future planning/recommendations.

- Enough rehabilitation center should be established;
- Identity Card should be distributed for their identity;
- Enough budget should be allocated for their education and other development package;
- Monitoring mechanism should be strengthened;
- Supporting package to the family should be established;
- Awareness package regarding the Kamlari tradition should be conducted;

3.8.3. Response of WCA/PM

Hon. Mrs. Bimala Nepali, Hon. Mrs. Rukmani Chaudhary and Hon. Mrs. Shanta Chaudhary responded the different issues raised in both of the events by participants as well as expert/panelists. They also told that their efforts to address the issues in the different level of the

state during the period. They said ahead that there are many works to be done for the development of Kamlari. All WCA/PM made their commitment to work in the policy level to abolish the Kamlari tradition from the country by giving the due attention to their education as well as economic aspects of their family.

9. Bardiya – Progress Status /Endeavour Status and Future Planning River Land Cutting in Bardiya and its sustainable solutions

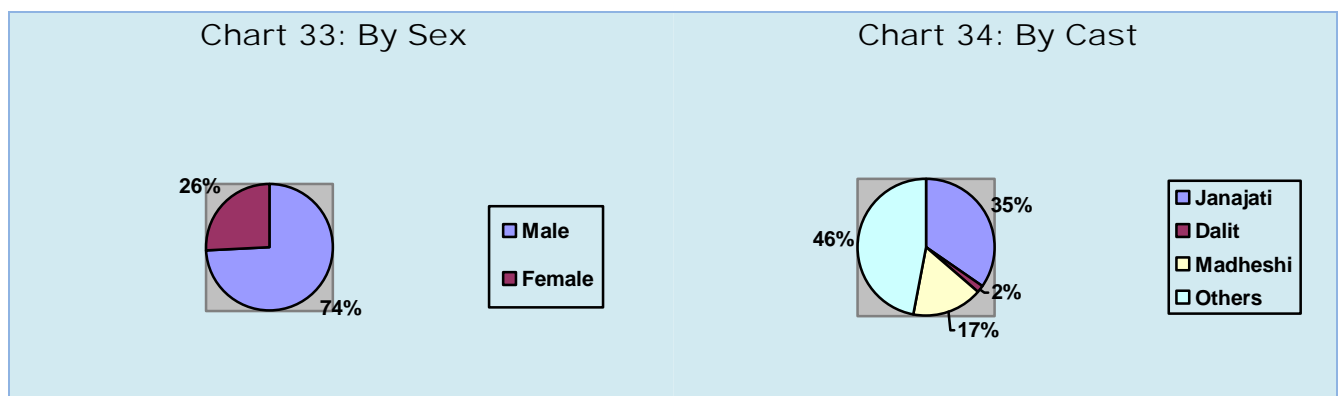
Public Hearing and Round Table Meeting were organized at Meeting Hall of District Development Office of Gulariya, Bardiya on July 25, 2010. WCA/PM Hon. Mrs. Prativa Rana and Hon. Mrs. Bina Gywali had attended both the events along with the river cutting Experts/Panelists of the issue Mr. Bhilananada Yadav, Chief, Water Induced Disaster Prevention, Nepalganj, Banke.

In the starting of Public Hearing and Round Table Meeting, Mrs. Shusmita Subba, Program Manager of NDI and Mr. Dinesh Tripathi, Central Logistic Coordinator of Pro Public had highlighted the objective of program along with short introduction of both organizations.

Thereafter the session was started. In the Round Table Meeting, the progress status was reviewed between Monitoring Committee members, experts/panelists and WCAP/PM. Similarly, the experts/panelists had shared the progress made after completion of the first round in the Public Hearing program. In the same way, experts/panelists presented the future planning to address the issues properly. After sharing the progress status and future planning experts/panelists, WCAP/PM presented their efforts they have made to solve the issues which were raised in the first round of the event. Likewise, the participants raised their different questions to their representatives during the events. Both of the sessions were conducted interactively.

Altogether 66 & 31 participants had participated the Public Hearing and Round Table Meeting respectively. Among them, 49 male and 17 female had attended the Public Hearing. Similarly, 22 male and 9 female had attended the Round Table Meeting. In the same way, Janajati, Dalit, Madheshi and others were 23, 1, 11 & 31 in Public Hearing and 3, 0, 9 & 19 in Round Table Meeting respectively.

Percentage of Participants of Public Hearing



Percentage of Participants of Round Table Meeting

Chart 35: By Sex

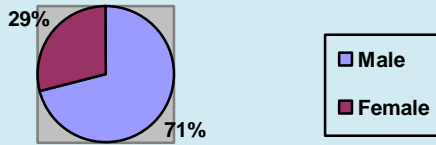
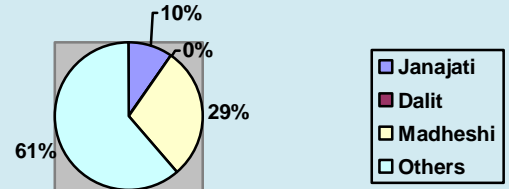


Chart 36: By Cast



3.9.1. Progress Status/Endeavour

In both Public Hearing and Round Table Meeting, monitoring committee, experts/panelists and other participants discussed the progress status on the issue. Participants of Public Hearing had raised their queries strongly and repeatedly. Similarly, WCA/PM also told their efforts to solve the issues raised in the first round of the same program. In this way, the following points were presented as the progress status/endeavor so far.

- Control mechanism of flooding is being developed in Vadaghat along with the construction of new bridge,
- The construction of bridge to the way of Gulariya to Rajput is started,
- The surveys are completed for the construction of some Swing bridge;
- The dames are constructed in Kusumghat, Budaghat and Thapuwa to save Gulariya from flooding.

3.9.2. Future Planning/Recommendation

In both Public Hearing and Round Table Meeting, concerned stakeholders and participants discussed the future planning to address the problem of the issues. Thus, the following points were discussed as the future planning/recommendations.

- Master Plan of Babai prepared by JICA should be followed for effective implementation on time;
- The office of the Water Control Division should be shifted to Gulariya to ease its activities;
- Expansion of the Babai Irrigation Project,
- The water of Veri river should be diverted into the Babai river for expansion of irrigation and producing an electricity;
- Proper attention should be given for construction of bridge in Koghiyaghat as well as control of river cutting in the same area;

- CA members should be more serious to address the problems in the effective way.

3.9.3. Response of WCA/PM

Hon. Mrs. Prativa Rana and Hon. Mrs. Bina Gywali responded the different issues raised in both of the events by participants as well as expert/panelists. They also told that their efforts to address the issues in the different level of the state after completion of first round of the program. They said ahead that there are so many works to be done for the control of river cutting and its impact in Bardiya district. Both WCA/PM made their commitment to work towards the solution of river cutting problem. During the both of the session, both of WCA/PM interacted in the various problems occurred by the river cutting.

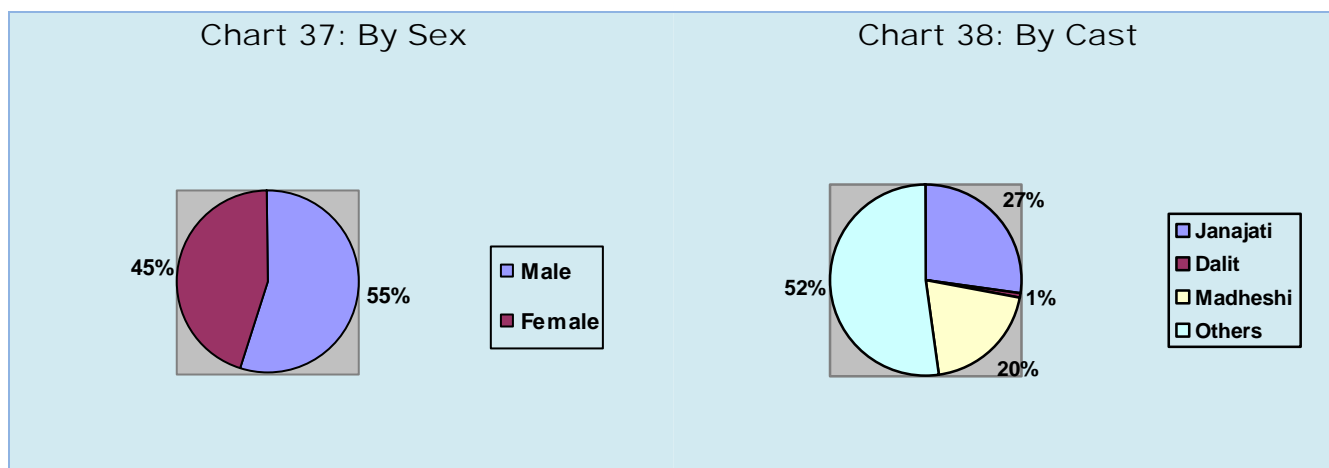
10. Kailali – Progress Status /Endeavour of Domestic Violence and its Challenges

Public Hearing and Round Table Meeting were organized at Meeting Hall of Bidya Hotel, Dhangadhi on June 22, 2010. WCA/PM Hon. Mrs. Ishwori Neupane and Hon. Mrs. Malamati Rana had attended both the events along with the Experts/Panelists Chief District Officer, Kailali; Mr. Dipendra Shingh DSP, District Police Office, Kailali; Mrs. Indira Jaishi, Teacher; Mrs. Hari Priya Bam, Women Development Officer, Kailali

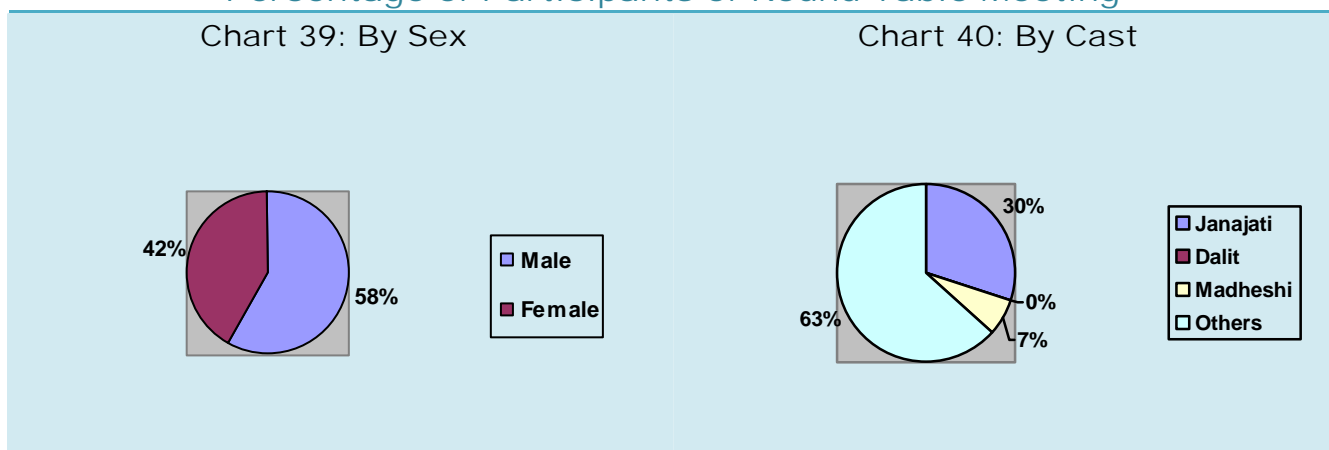
In the starting of Public Hearing and Round Table Meeting, Mrs. Anamika Rai, Seniro Porgram Manager of National Democratic Institute (NDI) and Mr. Babu Ram Poudel, Central Logistic Coordinator of Pro Public had highlighted the objectives of program along with short introduction of both organizations as well.

Thereafter the session was started. In the Round Table Meeting, the progress status was reviewed between Monitoring Committee members, experts/panelists and WCAP/PM. Similarly, the experts/panelists had shared the progress made after completion of the first round in the Public Hearing program. In the same way, experts/panelists presented the future planning to address the issues properly. After sharing the progress status and future planning experts/panelists, WCAP/PM presented their efforts they have made to solve the issues which were raised in the first round of the event. Likewise, the participants raised their different questions to their representatives during the events. Both the sessions were conducted interactively.

Altogether 108 & 31 participants had attended the Public Hearing and Round Table Meeting respectively. Among them, 59 male and 49 female had attended the Public Hearing. Similarly, 18 male and 13 female had attended the Round Table Meeting. In the same way, Janajati, Dalit, Madheshi and others were 29, 1, 21 & 56 in Public Hearing and 9, 0, 2 & 19 in Round Tabel Meeting respectively.



Percentage of Participants of Round Table Meeting



3.10.1. Progress Status/Endeavour

In both Public Hearing and Round Table Meeting, monitoring committee, experts/panelists and other participants discussed the progress status on the issue. Participants of Public Hearing had raised their queries strongly and repeatedly. Similarly, WCA/PM also told their efforts to solve the issues raised in the first round of the same program. In this way, the following points were presented as the progress status/endeavor so far.

- One hundred thousand rupees is provided to each of six different organizations and one local FM to conduct the awareness program of domestic violence;
- Awareness level on domestic violence has increased among the stakeholders comparatively.

3.10.2. Future Planning/Recommendation

In both Public Hearing and Round Table Meeting, concerned stakeholders and participants discussed the future planning to address the problem of the issues. Thus, the following points were discussed as the future planning/recommendations.

- Cases under Domestic Violence Act should be recognized as the case of government;
- Employment opportunities and alternative shelter for victims should be provided as they cannot stay with family;
- Victims and dependents of victims should be cared by state;
- Domestic violence is a crime and serious social problem. So, concrete policy should be launched in this regard;
- Psycho-social counseling programs should be conducted for the victims;
- Topics of domestic violence should be incorporated in the school level curriculum;
- Cooperation among like-minded organizations to fight against domestic violence should be collaborated;
- Clear mechanism should be developed to receive complaints and listen to the case.
- Women's ownership to property should be encouraged.

3.10.3. Response of WCA/PM

Hon. Mrs. Ishwori Neupane and Hon. Mrs. Malamati Rana responded the different issues discussed in both of the events by participants as well as expert/panelists. They also told that their efforts to address the issues in the different level of the state after completion of the first round events. Both WCA/PM made their commitment to work on the issue and solve the domestic violence problem in the effective way in the days to come. They stressed regarding the clarity of the domestic violence Act and its regulation. They strongly said ahead that the political protection on domestic violence should be abolished and the Act should be strongly implemented.

4. Monitoring of the Events

Monitoring is one of the major tools to maintain the quality of the activities. In this context, Pro Public monitored all the events along with the managerial part for the smooth functioning of the activities. Executive Director of Pro Public, Central Logistic Coordinator of Project, Advocates and Logistic Officer of Pro Public were mobilized to monitor and provide proper managerial guidance to district teams during the events to ensure the quality of the activities as well as meet the objective of the project.

Thus, Executive Director of Pro Public, Mr. Prakash Mani Sharma visited to Morang, Sunsari, Dhanusha and Tanahu district and monitored and provided guidance to district team to conduct the events in the effective manner. Similarly, Central Logistic Coordinator, Mr. Babu Ram Poudel visited to Ilam, Rautahat & Dang for the same propose. In the same way, Mr. Dinesh Tripathi, Advocate of Pro Public visited Rautahat, Rupandehi and Bardiya and Mr. Ramesh Parajuli visited Kailai for the same.

Pro Public district team of Morang and Dhanusha contributed to managerial part of the events along with specific district team of those districts. Similarly, Mr. Jhabindra Pd. Adhikari, Logistic Officer of Pro Public also visited Tanahu and Rupandehi districts to provide the managerial support for the smooth implementation of the program. In the same manner, Mr. Khimananda Aryal, was mobilized in Bardiya and Kalali to provide managerial support as well as financial obligation.

5. Conclusion

All the events of the entire districts have been completed successfully. The programs ended with an optimism as well as enthusiastic note from all the private, governmental and non-governmental sectors and with the commitment from the WCA/P Members. They all promised to work together in the future.

The total numbers of participants of Public Dialogue in all the ten districts were 944. Among them male and female were 696 and 248 respectively. Similarly Janjati, Dalit, Madheshi and Others were 212, 22, 328 and 389 respectively. By percentage, male and female were 74% and 26%, and Janajati, Dalit, Madheshi and others were 22 %, 3 %, 34 % and 41%. The average size of participants in each district in the Community Dialogue meeting was 95.

Similarly, total numbers of participants of Round Table Meeting in all the ten districts were 369. Among them male and female were 293 and 76 respectively. Similarly Janjati, Dalit, Madheshi and Others were 92, 12, 86 and 189 respectively. By percentage, male and female were 79% and 21%, and Janajati, Dalit, Madheshi and others were 24 %, 2 %, 23 % and 51%. The average size of participants in each district in the Community Dialogue meeting was 37.

All the participants have recommended for the continuation of this type of programs in the future with the participation of the WCA/P Members in the different types of burning issues of their districts. WCA/PMs have also suggested to organize these types of face to face programs with the people frequently.

In this way, the Public Hearing & Round Table Meeting has been very much popular among the local people in the district where the events were conducted. So, these types of program are recommended to be launched in the other district too.