

## ICA Nepal Brief July Activity Report

Nepal has lifted the lockdown after more than 120 days. Local shops, businesses, markets have slowly started and public transportation were also resumed. So far, the total case is 18,240,633 out of which the recovered cases are 11,450,253 (62.9%). The Government has requested to maintain social distancing and urged people to wear masks. ICA Nepal has resumed its activities and actively engaged in community development and facilitation. Nevertheless, we are committed to WHO protocols for preventing the spread of coronavirus at the same time.

### Developing Life Skills in Sindhupalchowk



In coordination with ICA Japan, ICA Nepal and RYPCF is implementing a community development project in Sindhupalchowk districts. Miyuki Tsujii from ICA Japan along with Aatma Ram Timsina, Jhamka Bahadur Mahat, Yunusha Kafle, Sushil Mahato, and Bishal Lama of ICA Nepal conducted an orientation meeting with local people. The

team also met Ward No. 10 President Mr. Bel B. Mahat.

### Parliament Member visits ICA Community Training Centre

Mr. Saresb Nepal, a member of Parliament of Province No. 3 visited ICA Community Training Centre located at Chautara Sangachowkgadi Municipality and attended an interactive meeting with project staffs. Mr. Atma Ram Timsina facilitated the meeting where Mr. Nepal was informed regarding the upcoming activities of ICA Nepal. Mr. Nepal also observed the newly constructed compound wall of the community training center which was built with the financial support



of the Province Government. The meeting was also attended by Dr. Binod Nepal, chairperson of Rural Youth People Concern Forum. Mr. Saresb Nepal appreciated the activities and approach of the community training center and acknowledged ICA Nepal and ICA Japan for the initiatives.



### **Applying Village Earth Model for Sustainable Development**

ICA Nepal is working Hariyali Abhiyan, a Nepal based company working in the sector of natural farming and capacity building of agriculture and livestock raising. Through the application of Village Earth Model for Sustainable Development, ICA Nepal proposes to reach 100 groups of farmers (approximately more than 25000 farmers) of four districts of Nepal namely Jhapa, Illam, Morang, and Dhankuta. Tatwa P. Timsina, founding chairperson for ICA Nepal made a presentation on Village Earth Model for Sustainable

Development and facilitated a session on how Hariyali Abhiyan and ICA Nepal can collaborate in the coming days. ICA Nepal is developing proposals and seeking supports in this regard.

### **Working with Women Group in Changuarayan**

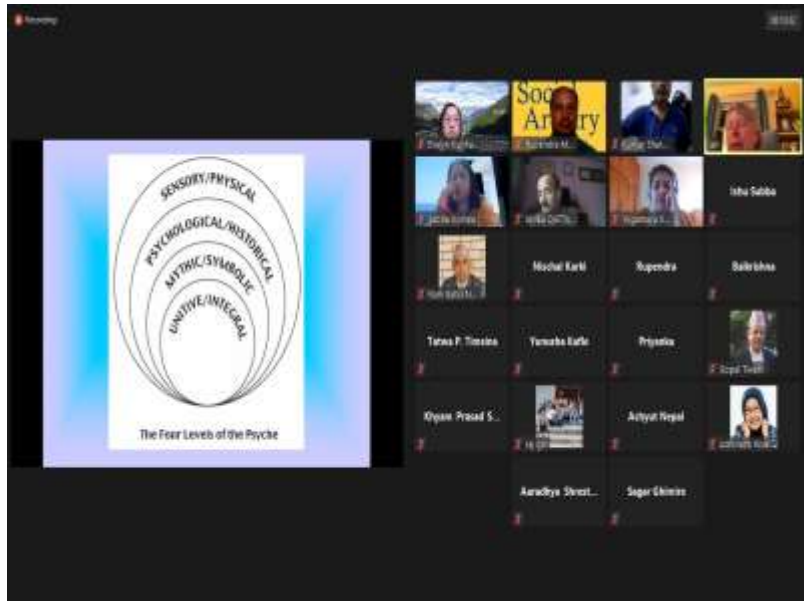
As a part of the regular meeting and sharing with Progressive Women Society, a planning meeting was held where Tatwa P. Timsina, Ishu Subba, Yunusha Kafle from ICA Nepal, and Devaka Shrestha, Sarmila Shrestha and Sushila Tamang from Progressive Women Society attended the meeting. Progressive Women Society is a local NGO formed by a women group which



was initiated by ICA Nepal 18 years ago in Changuarayan Bhaktapur. Progressive Women Society is responsible for the smooth operation of the Women and Children Learning Centre constructed by ICA Nepal in 2002 and renovated in 2015 with the support of ICA Japan. In the coming days, ICA Nepal is facilitating the Progressive Women Society in implementing activities such as effective menstrual hygiene awareness building, local enterprise promotion through disposable and reusable sanitary napkin production and sale, agriculture promotion through vegetable collection and marketing. Though the project funding is over, ICA Nepal willing and regularly supporting its local partner Progressive Women Society in Changuarayan.

## **Social Artistry Teaching and Learning Community**

Social Artistry Initiative is one of the core working areas of ICA Nepal. With the support of the Jean Houston Foundation and Institute of International Social Artistry, ICA Nepal has reached thousands of individuals and facilitated them to explore their inherent capabilities. Hundreds of Social Artistry Practitioners are actively



applying Social Artistry tools, methods in their professional and personal lives. Social Artistry Teaching Learning Community is a platform where social artists used to meet in a certain gap of period (normally in every 15 days) and exchange their learnings, challenges, new insights and possibilities. Due to lockdown, the Teaching Learning Community was also affected. Amba Datta Bhatta, National Coordinator for Social Artistry Initiative of ICA Nepal initiated an online Teaching Learning Community session and reached the Social Artists virtually. Now, we are hosting Teaching Learning Community Online Sessions every 15 days on Friday from 7 am to 8:30 am Nepali Time.

## **Assest Based Community Development (ABCD) Approach**

During the Teaching Learning Community Sessions, Raj B. Giri one of the eldest/oldest participants of Social Artistry Leadership Training made a presentation on Asset Based Community Development Approach and highlighted how social artistry leadership can collaborate with this approach in community development work.

## **Overview of Social Artistry in Nepal**

Similarly, Janet Sanders from Canada and Evelyn Philbrook facilitated a session on Overview of Social Artistry in Nepal on 31 July 2020. The objective of this session was to provide refreshments to old participants and introduce Social Artistry to new possible practitioners who are willing to learn and apply Social Artistry in their lives.

Participation in these sessions is globally. We have participants from the USA, Indonesia, Canada, Taiwan, and Nepal.

**Prof. Tatwa P. Timsina talks about his book in the National Television**

Prof. Tatwa P. Timsina spoke about his book “Sambridhi ko Bigyan”. The book deals with the importance of science, innovation, and technology.

ICA Nepal is celebrating International Youth Day on 22 August. As a member of Nepal Youth Council and CIVICUS, a week-long events from 16 August to 22 August are being organized.

