


Fund for Gender Equality

GENERAL PROGRAMME INFORMATION				
Project Information				Nepal
Project Name	Promoting Gender Equality In And Through Community Radio of Nepal			Programme Type: Catalytic
Lead Org	Association of Community Radio Broadcasters Nepal			Grant ID: 2492
Co-lead Org				
Thematic Area(s)	Political Empowerment			
Thematic Sub Area(s)	Gender Awareness			
Grant Amount	\$394,000	Grant Start Date	December 18, 2009	
Additional Gov't Funding		Grant End Date	December 31, 2011	
Total Budget	\$394,000			

Partner Agencies	
Government	Slightly involved: Ministry for Information and Communication; Local government structures; members of Constituent Assembly and of Fundamental Rights and Directive Principles Committee of the Constitution Building
Civil Society	ACORAB Gender and Social Inclusion Sub-Committee and 164 community Radio Stations; Women's Rights CSOs

Programme Summary
Recognizing the transformative power and broad reach of radio broadcasting in Nepal, and accepting the social responsibility of such influence, the programme aims to strengthen awareness of women's rights through institutionalizing a gender-sensitive policy in all 164 member community radio stations and the production and broadcasting of special radio programmes.

DETAILED PROGRAMME INFORMATION				
Contribution to Law(s)				
Name of Law	Law Type	Year Implemented	Type of Contribution	Expected Level of Contribution (High or Low)
Gender Policy Framework for Community Radios	Policy	2011	Implementation	Low

General Programme Goal
By 2020, women in Nepal are able to understand and exercise their economic and political rights as articulated in national policies and programmes.

Expected Programme Outcomes
Outcome 1: CR Stations in Nepal play a key role in advocating for implementation of Gender Equality commitments of the Government of Nepal.

Main Achievements
<p>The programme is working towards making Community Radio advocates for implementation of Gender Equality commitments in Nepal.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The programme completed an assessment study of 164 community radio stations to measure perceptions of gender equality and social inclusion principles in order to identify gaps related to women's rights in Community Radio Stations human resource policies. The Programme used research findings as the basis for the development of the 2011 Gender Policy and Social Inclusion Framework for Community Radios. The programme developed a Gender Policy and Social Inclusion Framework for Community Radios - a key advocacy and planning tool for implementation of gender equality commitment in Community Radios. CR recognized the need for the development of a gender-friendly communication system to enhance gender justice, and the need for targeted programmes for marginalized groups of women in order to educate the general public. The Annual General Meeting of ACORAB issued the Pokhara Declaration, expressing a strong institutional commitment for implementing the Gender Policy Framework for Community Radios and established a Gender and Social Inclusion Subcommittee to

mainstream gender issues in both ACORAB and in member community radios. First results are evident in the training of 40 community radio personnel (50% of female from ethnic and marginalized communities) on gender equality, networking and lobbying techniques to implement gender equality principles in work places.

- The programme has developed an Advocacy and Communication Strategy with the objective of designing CR advocacy campaigns to increase community awareness of gender equality, and influence policy makers to effectively implement Nepal's commitment to gender equality.
- The Network established with representatives of all CR, women's human rights organizations and national and local government structures is exploring synergies among CR's initiatives and has started to advocate for women's rights in the country.
- Community radios have noticeably increased their coverage on gender issues especially in their daily news bulletins which focus on education and health. In 2010, 137 community radio stations have broadcast 52 episodes of weekly radio programmes over all of the 75 Nepalese districts.

Key Highlights