

Partnership between the Nepal Stutters Association and the Association for Stutterers in Denmark

2003 – 2011
...and beyond...

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Nepal



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Denmark



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Introduction

- Government supported funding for Danish organisations of disabled people
- Chanelled through DPOD to FSD + other organisations

AIMS

- Organisational capacity building
- Awareness raising
- Advocacy
- Equality of all human beings

(Please see an explanation of the abbreviations in the commentary section "behind" this slide)

The NSA premises



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To consider before starting

- Dedicated association members
- Long term obligation – 10+ years
- Easy start up conditions - DPOD
- Help from our colleagues who were highly experienced

First trip to Nepal

- 2002 – planning together with our colleagues
- Contact to speech therapists in Nepal – finding pws
- 2003, April: Trip to Nepal
- Formation of a group of Nepali pws
- 2003, July: NSA established

Long Term Considerations

- A decade or more
- Sustainability

Need for an International Forum addressing the needs of associations in developing countries

- Networking
- Financing
- Counselling

Over to Torben...

The work in Denmark

- Meetings with DPOD/Danida
- Information work towards our members
- Reporting project monitoring
- Financial Reports

Hermann in front of the NSA premises lying upstairs



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Visits to Nepal

- Pilot study
- Project monitoring
- Ambassador Workshop
- Annual General Meeting

Ambassador Project

- The **overall objective** of the project is to bring sustainable and affirmative change in the lives of the stutters by creating an environment ensuring their rights and providing opportunity for their holistic development

Ambassador Project

- **Immediate objectives are**
- Identify and develop the capacity of 20 stutters as “***Ambassadors***” to reach to the community in an institutionalise (SHG) way in selected districts of the country
- Create awareness in the society relating to stuttering through the use of various mediums in the society

Partnership Agreement (2008)

- Capacities of the partnering parties
- Purpose and Scope of the Partnership
- Expectations towards the partnership
- Relationship
- Roles and Responsibilities
- Mutual accountabilities and transparency
- Communication routines
- Monitoring of the partnership relationship
- Order of Precedence
- Amendments
- Conflict resolution and dissolution of partnership

Capacity Building projects

- The Overall development objectives are:
- To improve the lives of stutterers through organizational strengthening, awareness raising, and capacity building at various levels.
- The Immediate Objectives are:
- Organisational Strengthening of NSA in 17 districts and enhance the communication capacity of stutterers.
- Creating awareness about stuttering in the society.

Planning



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Egmont Højskole (disability folk high school in Denmark)

- A so called folk high school, specifically for people with different kinds of disabilities.
- Among its courses is the Global Line, a 19-weeks course for students from partner countries
- Objective: To provide the individual student (from partnership associations around the Globe) with tools for improving the organizational work in his/her home organisation for people with disabilities on a local or district level.

The future

- Time horizon 10-15 years
- Sustainability is a key word

Over to Sanjay...



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Establishing the NSA

- The Danish stuttering association (FSD) and Nepal stutters association (NSA) started the collaboration in 2003 when members of Danish team (Hermann, Torben, Bente & Hanne) made a workshop visit to Nepal which led to the establishment of NSA and first mini program project.

Establishing.....

- NSA established In 2003, (Registered in 2003 with the District Administration Office, Kathmandu) and associated with the social welfare council, Nepal.

Working towards recognition of stuttering as a disability

- Due to strong lobby and advocacy of NSA both in central and district level towards the government of Nepal during the revision of National definition and classification of disability, stuttering has been categorized as a speech disability in 2007.

The political and economical situation in Nepal

(Political)

- After a decade long political conflict, in which more than 11,300 people lost their lives, Nepal is making a successful transition to peace. The causes of the decade-long conflict and the Maoist People's War are varied, but there is a general consensus that the government failed to provide good governance, and failed to be inclusive.

The political and economical.....

- Elections for the Constituent Assembly were held in April 2008, and the assembly is expected to draft a new constitution, restructure the state, and design a new republican federal structure in the next two years. A key challenge is to reconstruct more than US \$ 80 million worth of infrastructures, and to reintegrate people displaced by conflict.

The political and economical.....

- We have multiparty government headed by UML-CPN and we are in the political transition period
- These days we have 14 hrs. power cut and it increases up to 17 hrs. in July

The political and economical.....

(Economical)

According to Nepal Living Standards Survey 2004/05, during the last eight years, the absolute poverty line has fallen to 31 % from 42 %. The reasons behind this poverty reduction are increase in the wage rate in both agricultural and non-agricultural sector; increase in urbanization; increase in the proportion of active human resources in the population; and a huge amount of remittance.

The political and economical...

- According to the Human Development Index (HDI), 2006, Nepal's HDI has increased to 0.527 from 0.513 in one year. However, Nepal still remains to be the country with least HDI in South Asia. Nepal is placed at the 138th position in the Global Human Development.

The political and economical...

64.7 % of Nepal's reel under multi-dimensional poverty with intensity of deprivation at 54.1 %. Additional 15.6 % population is at risk of multidimensional poverty. When compared at purchasing power parity of US\$ 1.25 a day, population below income poverty stands at 55.1 percent.

The political and economical...

- During the current three-year interim plan period (2007/8-2010/11), the government is expecting to bear 20.7 percent of the total capital investment (about US \$2.2 billion) through foreign assistance.

Working in the districts

- NSA is working in overall Nepal (Mainly project implemented in 17 Districts out of 75 districts.)

Awareness raising

- Awareness increased in the society
- Stutters are willing to form SHG (Self help group).
- Stutters are getting the disability card and also entitled to receive the government benefits and social security what so ever provided to this category, job reservation quota, trainings etc.

Ambassadors



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Ambassadors

- NSA has 18 ambassadors in 8 districts and 2 coordinators
- Main works of ambassadors; to increase awareness, lobby and advocacy with local government, to unite the stutters.
- They work as volunteers.

Results so far

- NSA established and registered in 2003 with the District Administration Office, Kathmandu and affiliated with the Social Welfare Council (SWC).
- Obtained membership of the NFDN (National Federation of Disabled Nepal)
- Membership of ISA (International stuttering Association), has participated in ISA congresses in Australia, Croatia and Argentina.

Results so far.....

- In Nepal, during the revision of National definition and classification of disability stuttering has been categorized as speech disability.
- 4 members of NSA participated in Global Line training (Capacity development training) in Egmont High School, Denmark

Results so far.....

- NSA have, around 500 members all over the country and 19 District committee / SHG (Self help group)
- Members are getting the opportunity as disabled group from the Nepal government.
- NSA has the long term partnership agreement with FSD/ DPOD.

The partnership

- NSA has the partnership with FSD/ DPOD since 2003.
- FSD/ DPOD have secured financial support for a number of projects.
- FSD/ DPOD supported participation in ISA congress in 2004, 2007, and 2011
- FSD/ DPOD provided global line training in Denmark for 4 members of NSA

The future work – new projects and focus areas

- NSA is hoping to run a new project with support from FSD/ DPOD for 2012-2014
- 3 days work shop in Nepal planned for August 2011 with FSD for preparing a new project.
- The focus areas: Awareness in Society, lobby and advocacy with government in central and local level, UNCRPD, strengthen the NSA etc.

The NSA, its strengths, weaknesses & opportunities

(NSA- Strengths)

- Registered organization.
- It's own office.
- Support from FSD/ DPOD
- Member of NFDN (National federation of Disabled Nepal)
- Member of ISA (International Stuttering Association)

The NSA, its strengths, weaknesses & opportunities

- 11 district committee and 9 Self help groups in Districts.
- More than 500 members.
- Coordination with many DPOs (Disabled people organizations)
- Stuttering recognized as a speech disability

Weaknesses.

- Single donor (Only FSD/ DPOD)
- Lack of time with members
- Difficulty to work as a volunteer
- Still need more lobby and advocacy with government.
- Not using local resources
- Project covered only in 17 district out of 75 districts.

Weaknesses.....

- Not providing the services to members (speech therapy training)
- Not providing income generating programs for members.

Opportunities

- Being member of ISA
- To get financial support from Nepal government.
- To use local resources.
- Stuttering defined as a disability category
- Rectification of UNCRPD

Thank you!

Any questions or comments?



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