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## Highlights

- Memorandum Handover to Women, Children and Senior Citizen Ministry and NHRC
- Online meeting with LGBTI elders advisory members on IFA Conference learning
- Monitoring & Evaluation of MNFLI



## Memorandum Handover to Women, Children and Senior Citizen Ministry

On July 13, 2023, Mitini Nepal submitted a memorandum to the Hon'ble Minister for Women, Children, and Senior Citizens, Surendra Raj Acharya in Bagmati Province, Kathmandu. The objective of the memorandum handover was to bring attention to the current situation and need of LBTQ women. Memorandum demand on the inclusion, participation, equality, plans and programs for the multigenerational and intersectionality of LBTQ women.

“Honorable Minister Surendra Raj Acharya acknowledged the significance of the Ministry of Women, Children and Senior Citizen as the focal point for sexual and gender minority communities, but also highlighted the equal responsibility of the Ministry of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs.”



The memorandum was jointly submitted to by Mitini Nepal's President, Laxmi Ghalan, Treasurer, Meera Bajracharya, staffs.

## Memorandum handover to National Human Right Commission

On the same day, Mitini Nepal's President, Laxmi Ghalan, Executive Director, Sarita K.C., along with Program Officer, Nilam Dhungana, and Social Mobilizer, Jesika Gautam and the LGBTQ community member jointly handed over the memorandum to the Honorable commissioner of the National Human Rights Commission, Tap Bahadur Magar.

“President Tap Bahadur Magar, while receiving the memorandum, expressed his commitment to working for the welfare of sexual and gender minority communities. He assured that the National Human Rights Commission would thoroughly examine the various issues faced by women, senior citizens, and disabled people within the community and present a comprehensive report to the government.”



## Memorandum handover to NHRC cont.....

During the program, Biswal Neupane and Samyog K.C. shared stories of couples within the community who have been living together for years but are deprived of marriage equality rights, including property rights, child adoption rights, and citizenship recognition based on their gender identity and sexuality. They urged the NHRC to take proactive steps to protect and uphold the human rights of the community. The memorandum handover witnessed the participation of 21 individuals, including NHRC Chairperson, Honorable Members Mihir Thakur and Manoj Duwadi, Secretary Murari Prasad Kharel, and Joint Secretary Navaraj Sapkota, all showing solidarity and concern for the issues raised by Mitini Nepal and the sexual and gender minority communities.

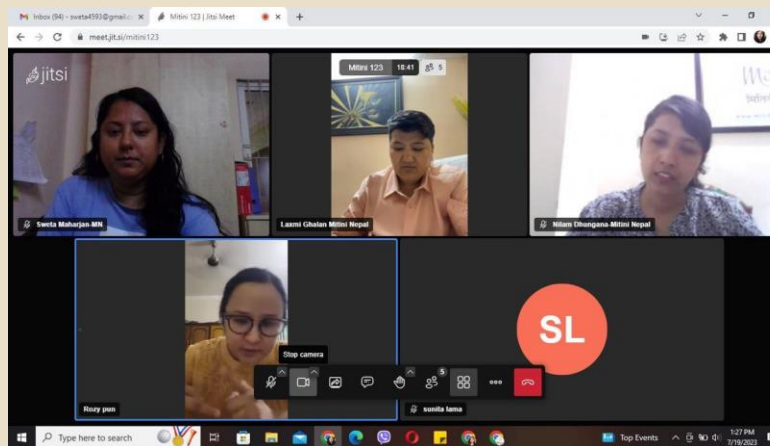
## Online sharing meeting with LGBTI Elders Advisory Committee on IFA conference

On July 13, 2023, "Online sharing meeting with LGBTI Elders Advisory Committee on IFA conference" through virtual means. The main purpose of the meeting was to share the learning achievements of the 16<sup>th</sup> Global Conference on Senior Citizens held in Bangkok, Thailand from June 27 to 30. In the meeting, program officer, Bimala Gurung and advisor committee member Sudan Chaudhary shared about their experience of the global conference regarding where they share the current situation and challenges of the senior citizens and personal testimony during the conference.



## Monitoring and Evaluation of MNFLI Project

On the 15<sup>th</sup> of July 2023, the monitoring and evaluation work for the "Awareness and Inclusion Project" was successfully concluded by Sahara Society. The project, supported by Mitini Nepal through the Mitini Nepal Fund for Local Initiatives (MNFLI), aimed to promote awareness and inclusion in the community. The evaluation process involved a question-and-answer session with the project employees and the organization by the presence of Mr. Laxmi Ghalan, the President of Mitini Nepal, and Ms. Sarita K.C., the Executive Director of Mitini Nepal. The evaluator, gathered essential information about the project's budget and programs from the Sahara Samaj's program manager.



Similarly, the virtual M&E meeting for the MNFLI was held on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2023, with Mayako Sansar and Samantaka Lagi Aawaj, the two othe selected Community-Based Organizations for LGBTQ community. Led by Nilam Dhungana, the Program Officer of Mitini Nepal, the meeting focused on assessing project performance, challenges, learning experiences, and achieved outcomes related to LGBTI support. The meeting aimed to evaluate the impact on both organizations and beneficiaries.

Laxmi Ghalan, President of Mitini Nepal, facilitate the session provided a platform for engaging discussions, gathering valuable insights to enhance the MNFLI project's effectiveness in supporting the LGBTI movement.

# Appreciation to TRUECARE PHARMACY & Beauty Store

Mitini Nepal would like to acknowledge the initiatives of the DONATE & WIN pride campaign by Trucare pharmacy. During the pride month the campaign was launched to support the LGBTQ movement.

We are deeply touched by the support and the contribution will enable us to continue our efforts in advocating for the rights and well-being of the LGBTI community. Together, we are making a positive difference in the lives of many, and we cherish the opportunity to collaborate with compassionate allies like Trucare Pharmacy & Beauty Store. The pharmacy committed to Mitini to continue their support for the community by providing job placement to the LGBTQ community.

We thank for your unwavering dedication to the cause and for creating a more inclusive and accepting society. We definitely hope for the possibility of future collaborations to further empower and uplift the LGBTQ community.



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