



NCE Nepal is a civil society movement whose mandate is to ensure quality education for all. The key role of the movement is therefore to raise the voice of the voiceless so as to guarantee quality education in an equitable basis and to every child. Currently, it has 286 members ranging from International and National non-government organizations, federation, education journalists, teachers' organizations to grassroots institutions working in the field of education and child rights. NCE Nepal is therefore a platform for sharing experiences and learning among the members who have common issues of concern. Being a national chapter of GCE, the NCE Nepal also acts locally, regionally and internationally.

Global Action Week is one of the major focus areas for the education movement. A worldwide education campaign, GAW is celebrated in more than 100 countries each year and led by Global Campaign for Education (GCE); NCE Nepal has been celebrating the campaign since 2003. This year's worldwide campaign GAW aim to support Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) Goal 4: "Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote life-long learning opportunities for all" for positive changes on the right to education and for collective commitments of education campaigners on particular issue of education. Besides, the campaign was also focused on raising awareness of stakeholders and advocating on the issues of public financing for quality education with the theme Education Financing and slogan "Fund the Future: Education Rights Now".

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Education Financing: Key to Sustainable & Quality Education

Quality education provides all learners with capabilities they require to become economically productive, develop sustainable livelihoods, contribute to peaceful and democratic societies and enhance individual well-being. A good education financing system generates an adequate level of funding while promoting efficiency and equity aimed at optimizing the distribution of education quality and its benefits among the members of society.



Realizing the importance of Education Financing, Global Campaign for Education (GCE) declared Education Financing as the theme of 'Global Action Week-2016' with the prime objective of raising the stakeholders and advocating on the issues of public financing for quality education. Worldwide campaign GAW aim is to make efforts for positive changes on the right to education and for collective commitments of education campaigners on particular issue of education.

With the thought "think globally and act locally", National Campaign for Education Nepal (NCE Nepal) as a national member of Global Campaign for Education (GCE) successfully celebrated GAW with its prime motive to demand public financing for quality public education through increasing internal resource mobilization. Since 2003 NCE Nepal has been celebrating GAW to unite the key education stakeholders for the collective commitments to ensure quality and equitable education for all.

Education 2030 is the global movement that stressed education is rights but not commodity and it is the state responsibility to provide education to all people in inclusive and equitable manner. NCE Nepal's strong position is to allocate education budget 20% from the national total budget and 6% from the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and its effective utilization from the national to grassroots level.

Major Highlights

- *NCE Nepal in Capacity Development*
- *NCE Nepal in Sensitization and Awareness raising*
- *NCE Nepal in Advocacy*
- *NCE Nepal in Media Mobilization*

NCE Nepal initiation

NCE Nepal in Capacity Development

NCE Nepal's Capacity development workshop on Education Financing became an important medium to generate the knowledge and skills in scrutiny of the budget along with generating the ideas to engage in the education financing at local and national level as a basis for campaign linking with tax. The workshop aimed to build the capacity of local campaigners in advocacy for education financing for securing fund for education through the mobilization of local resources to ensuring the quality education. The workshop contributed to figure out the slogans and message to be disseminated from local to national level during GAW. Besides, it came up with the plan of action of GAW and pointed out the actions of districts coalitions. It also contributed for the empowerment of the coalition members and coalition coordinators with clear conceptual framework on GAW 2016 theme.



The workshop was facilitated by the international facilitators; Mr. Rene Raya and Ms. Cecilia Thea Soriano from ASPBAE and Dr. Hari Lamsal, Joint Secretary and Spoke person from Ministry of Education, Mr. Tanvir Muntasim and Mr. Shubhendra Man Shrestha from ActionAid International Nepal and Ram Gaire and Raj Kumar Gandharba from NCE Nepal. The workshop came up with the conclusion to decrease the dependency foreign aid in education, mobilization of the domestic resources should increase and invest for free and compulsory education up to secondary education.

Slogans used for GAW celebration

मैले तिर्ने कर: शिक्षामा लगाउने रहर

शिक्षामा लगानी गरौं, विकासमा अधि बढौं

छोराछोरी बराबरी, स्कूल पठाऔं सरासरी

हाम्रा सन्ततिको गरौं भर, शिक्षाका लागि तिरौं कर

कर छल्ने नबनाऔं बहाना, शिक्षामा लगानी हाम्रो चाहना

करको भाग शिक्षामा , दक्ष जनशक्ति राष्ट्रमा



Coalition empowerment through District Mobilization

NCE Nepal endeavors its mission all over the nation using its members and coalition networks. Therefore, during Global Action Week 2016 district coalition were mobilize to generate the discourse of education financing from the local level. Hence, GAW was celebrated by NCE Nepal's member organizations in different districts by organizing various events and activities radio program, TV talk show, Rally, interaction program with related stakeholders to sensitize the district level stakeholders as well as the grassroots level people on education financing especially demanding for the increment of the education budget and progressive tax system for strengthening public education. Member organizations in the district conducted events using slogans which were prepared during the education

If opportunity doesn't knock, let's build a door

financing workshop. The activities conducted were in coordination with District Education office (DEO), Civil Society Organization and other organizations related to Education.



District Mobilization: Celebration of GAW in districts

NCE Nepal in Sensitization and Awareness Raising

Coordination for Celebration



Standing itself as a leading civil society organization in right to education campaign, NCE Nepal brought together all the education related stakeholders in one platform for a coordination meeting to celebrate the GAW aimed with “Education Financing issues, effectively and proficiently. Representatives from different government and non government organizations; Department of Education (DoE) and other related stakeholders like NGOs/ INGOs, national level networks actively participated in the meeting.

The program succeeded to finalize the slogans and messages which were developed from the education financing workshop. **“Maile Tirne Kar Sikshya Ma Lagaune Rahar”**. Solidarity and

commitment for successful execution of GAW 2016 was obtained and subsequent formation of the task force was also boosted.

Illustrative Posters to dessiminate the message of GAW

NCE Nepal has been focusing for visual communication as an effective strategy of advocacy since its inception. With the view of sensitizing the general public regarding the education financing, four different illustrative posters, in the joint effort of Action Aid International Nepal, and Voluntary Services Overseas (VSO), were published and distributed to the general public including 286 coalition members. The poster produced was on the four different topics, Disability and Gender friendly school infrastructure, trained and quality ECD facilitators and education as human rights not as commodity. This strategy of advocacy has become more effective to inform or educate or sensitize the action agendas to the concerned stakeholders.



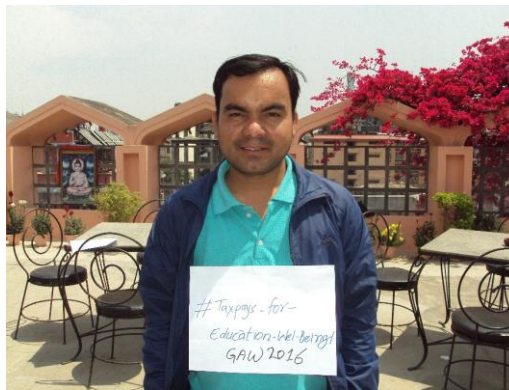
The whole purpose of education is to turn mirrors into window

Advocacy via Demonstration and Photo Action

The common voice of various civil society organizations, education rights stakeholders, political parties' representatives for education friendly budget through the common slogan ***"Fund the Future: Education Rights now"*** was reflected in the demonstration through the display of placards and banner by more than 500 participants. The demonstration was aimed to sensitize the public as well as government for the education friendly policy and budget. It displayed a positive message for increasing budget in educational sector, progressive tax in education budget and checks and balance mechanism to stop the tax evasion mechanism by the large corporate houses.



During the demonstration, the photo action (#TaxPayForPublicEducation) was conducted to attract the public attention on public education financing and to encourage the people on those issues.



In addition to this, the signature campaign was conducted for the public solidarity in education budget in Nepal.





As a representative of civil society organizations, NCE Nepal has been raising the views and perspective of CSOs in multiple phases of the programs or planning in the policy formulation through public dialogue and discourse. The public dialogue on Education Financing highlighted gaps for quality education and need to increase public financing in public education. It also highlighted the trends of budget on education sectors as well as availability and reality of school education budget with facts and

figures. In addition to this, it was focused on status of education financing, allocation of education budget, need of the education financing for teachers, students, school regulating cost, school staffs cost, early childhood centre, curriculum etc. Commenting on the Paper Prof. Dr. Mana Prasad Wagle, Advisor NCE Nepal highlighted that investment should be sustainable to achieve the educational related sustainable goal. In addition to this, he stressed that only Gross Domestic Product is not sufficient to ensure the education sector budget in line with state's commitment.



Policy Advocacy Via Memorandum Submission

NCE Nepal submitted memorandum regarding Fiscal Year 2072/73 budget to 601 legislative parliamentarians and Education Minister Mr. Giriraj Mani Pokharel incorporating the civil society demands for the education friendly budget, increment of the budget in education, progressive tax system which were collected through the discourse on education financing on the occasion of Global Action Week) GAW-2016 celebration. During the submission, Education Minister committed for support in allocating the fund for the education sector.



NCE Nepal in Media Mobilization



disseminated to draw the attention of different stakeholders to achieve the common education goals. Besides, it contributed to amplify the discourse on Education Financing and disseminate the pertinent educational issues to the public and at the policy level.

GAW special TV Talk show

GAW special television show focusing on Education Financing with the theme "*Fund the Future, Education Rights now*" was broadcasted through Avenues TV which was disseminated through the YouTube also. In the discourse, the government's preparedness on education budget of 2016/17 and CSO's perspectives on education financing were discussed. Dr. Hari Prasad Lamsal, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Education as government and Mr. Raj Kumar Gandarbha, President, NCE Nepal, as CSO representative took part in the talk show.

Wider circulation through social media

The extension of NCE's information outreach was also ensured through the wide circulation of the activities via social media such as facebook, e-mails, You tubes etc. during GAW. Social media became very good medium to circulate the information during the GAW celebration.

Information dissemination via online media and radio

Online news regarding NCE's initiation and concern for the educational issues were covered by the online medias and also were published in national level newspapers. This empowered the spirit of NCE for the advocacy in the concern of educational rights.

The other effective means of information dissemination became the radio. The information regarding GAW theme, education financing was aired through the radio in some districts.

NCE Nepal believes on accelerating the advocacy issues related to education which can create pressure to policy makers, in which media plays crucial role. NCE Nepal's media mobilization during GAW helped to alert the target group, general public and policy level people about the specific advocacy issues. It became very good medium for the wider dissemination of information from grassroots level to the national level. . Through this, the medium of collection of views or opinions was through television, radio, internet and newspapers were

Hike budget for education sector: Experts

Himalayan News Service
Kathmandu, April 28

Education experts today stressed on increasing budget allocated for the education sector to improve the quality of education in schools across the country.

Speaking at an interaction organised by National Campaign for Education Nepal on the occasion of Global Action Week, Dr Mana Prasad Wagle, educationist said the government should spend Rs 25,000 on each student, as the current spending was not adequate.

"For this the government needs to increase the budget allocated for the education sector," he said. At present, the government is spending Rs 1,873 per child as part of early child development campaign, Rs 7,614 per student at the primary level, Rs 6,526 per student at the lower secondary level, Rs 9,079 per student at the secondary level and Rs 6,662 per student at the higher secondary level.

Wagle said a country should spend five per cent of the national GDP on basic education and 10 per cent on secondary education. He also suggested to the government to control overspending on unnecessary sectors.

A paper presented by Hari Lamsal, joint-secretary and spokesperson, Ministry of Education, also argued that the budget allocated for the education sector was inadequate. "Due to low investment in school education, the quality of education has been affected largely," read the paper presented by Lamsal.



An investment in education pays the best interest

Glimpses: Global Action Week (GAW)-2016 in Nepal

