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International Support

Our facilitators have been trained by inmedio berlin on behalf of GIZ, the German Development Cooperation. The coordination of the group and its activities was implemented by Pro Public from 2012 to 2014.

Since 2015 our activities are supported by inmedio berlin and Culture for Peace, two international organizations specialized in mediation, dialogue and conflict transformation through media/arts, both based in Berlin, Germany – financially supported by ifa (Institut für Auslandsbeziehungen) with funds from German Foreign Office.

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www.inmedio.de/peace
www.culture-for-peace.org

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Projects and activities

Among the activities conducted so far, we have **established 32 dialogue groups** and conducted **5 large-scale dialogue camps in four districts** (Chitwan, Kailali, Surkhet, Saptari) since 2013. All activities involved ex-combatants and longstanding community members from **25 VDCs**.



DFs performing a play at a dialogue camp

Furthermore, we facilitated dialogue and resolved some **100 local disputes**, e.g. disputes between the families of ex-People Liberation Army members and longstanding community members. The topics of these disputes varied from ancestral inheritance on assets, natural resources, domestic violence, physical assault, family dispute between husband and wife, inter-caste marriage to drunken brawl. In Chitwan and Kailali our facilitators were able to make a contribution to the prevention/reduction of election-related violence in November 2013. With regards to peace-building various activities like street drama for peace, eye camp for peace, football competitions and quiz contents, screenings of documentary on peace and mediation etc. were organized. In a project implemented by ProPublic with funding from Nepal Peace Development Fund, the group members had played the role of dialogue facilitators and mediation trainers and conducted training.



Ex-PLA sharing his story

Numbers in 2015

250 participants hosted, 20 VDCs in 4 districts covered, 17 new Dialogue Facilitators trained, 40 local disputes resolved.

Starting in March 2015, the Sha:re Centers currently implement the German supported and funded project “From shared truths to joint responsibility – Supporting community based reconciliation, resilience and dialogue”.

**Bring back trust to the communities!
Create a joint vision for the future!**

Further information:

- **Documentary** (24min):
www.youtube.com/watch?v=TolluDMbiMw
- **Articles:**
www.nepalitimes.com/article/nation/Telling,351
www.inmedio.de/en/publik/medallg.php

The Sha:re Centers for Dialogue Facilitation and Mediation “From shared truths to joint responsibility”



“Dialogue is like weaving flowers into a beautiful garland” (Bikram Sundras, Dialogue Facilitator, former PLA company commander)



Group of Dialogue Facilitators

About

The Sha:re Centers in Chitwan, Kailali, Surkhet and Saptari are registered NGOs for mediation and dialogue. Together with local, national and international partners, the Sha:re Centers (From **shared** truths to joint **responsibility**) contribute to Nepal's peace process by engaging in dialogue facilitation at community level and by mediating local conflicts. Our goal is that potential political, social, ethnic and communal disputes are resolved peacefully and that harmony is maintained in our society.

We support:

- Dealing with the past, truth telling and healing
- Reintegration of former combatants
- Local dispute resolution
- Mitigating ethnic tensions
- Arts-based conflict transformation
- Training of dialogue facilitators and mediators
- Transitional justice mechanisms through facilitating local reconciliation

Mediation is a method to resolve disputes and conflicts with the help of neutral persons who support the conflict parties to agree on a solution that suits both sides.

Dialogue is a way to reduce tensions and regain trust in situations of tensions between groups, be they political, ideological or ethnic groups.

The Sha:re Approach to dialogue (From shared truths to joint responsibility) is a way to combine dialogue with truth telling. Trust between opposing groups after a violent past can only be regained, and the wounds of the past will only heal, when people listen to the individual stories of grief and victimization of the the other side. Reconciliation is possible when people share their painful memories and compassion.

Vision

A peaceful and prosperous Nepal where mechanisms are in place to resolve all kinds of disputes through dialogue and mediation before they turn violent. Interpersonal dialogue between war-affected persons from all sides makes a meaningful contribution to healing the wounds of the war, promoting readiness for reconciliation and overcoming the past. Ethnic tensions and inter-community conflicts are mitigated by dialogue.



Joint singing



Former LPC chair lights candle at dialogue camp

Background

Trained extensively since 2012 by an international network, our members represent various castes, religions, classes, genders and backgrounds. Being a precedent in Nepalese civil society, the Sha:re Centers consist of ex-combatants and representatives of local and national NGOs that work in the field of dialogue and mediation as well as of renowned community mediators. Ex-combatants and longstanding community members work together in teams. They are thus balanced and trustworthy as mediators for all sides, particularly for inter-group conflicts that involve former combatants as well as longstanding community members. This supports the process of reintegration.



Dialogue Camp

Notwithstanding that, **our mediators provide mediation for all types of community-conflicts including ethnic tensions.**

Furthermore, we conduct dialogue groups, designed to promote trust in the communities that are challenged by the reintegration of former combatants or other political and social tensions. Facilitating a deep and compassionate exchange about personal painful experiences, related to the tensions at hand, is an essential part of our approach to dialogue.