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Activity Report

The month of May has witnessed some crucial events that seem to be beneficial for the bright future of ICA Bangladesh. A Memorandum of Understanding between the ICA Bangladesh and Associates for Innovative Research and Development was held on May 12th that coincided with the planning of a Leadership and fundraising training with ICA Nepal. ICA Nepal finalized the itinerary for Bangladesh from May 25-30. In a virtual meeting, Training Taskforce Coordinator Tapan Bhattacharjee met with fundraising taskforce members and other taskforce members and decided about the venue and logistics for the upcoming training.

Seven members including the founder of ICA Nepal arrived in Dhaka on 25th afternoon, and Aziz welcomed them at the airport. Later they visited ICA Bangladesh secretariat and had an introduction meeting for the next day's training. AIRD Director and ICA Bangladesh member Abdul Hae Chowdhury welcomed the delegation at AIRD's office. Tatwa P. Timisina and Ishu Subba led the training session on leadership and fundraising at the venue located at Dhanmondi, Dhaka that was offered by Professor Mokerrom Hossain, a guardian and advisor of ICA Bangladesh. ICA Bangladesh is grateful to ICA Nepal for the training support and Dr. Hossain for the venue.

The training program on Leadership, Management and Governance (LMG) with fundraising and project development perspective started with ICA Bangladesh Chairperson Azizur Rahman's opening speech. He emphasized upon the importance of this training and the ICA Bangladesh members' collective role. Ishu Subba focused on 'Development and Orientation on Fundraising' for the core fundraising team of ICA Bangladesh. Tatwa Timsina and Ishu Shuba dhsred with 15 participants about their organizations' vision and mission and the activities (training, facilitation and developmental activities). They elaborated the fundraising project and its operations (capacity building, program design, fundraising and networking, partnership and implementation) and different types of subscription for Fundraising for NGOS. At the end of the training, participants received their training certificates.

ICA members visited Chandpur and Cumilla on May 27. They went to view the Ghoaramara Project area followed by the visit of Hilsa fish collection point, a meeting with Rotary Club members, and lunch. They had a short visit to ICA Bangladesh Chairperson Aziz's house and family members and other ICA Bangladesh members including Abdul Bari, Bilal Hossain and Elias Khan. Aziz and Naimul accompanied them and joined Tapan for a dinner meeting in Cumilla where the ICA Bangladesh and ICA Nepal members discussed the fundraising for NGO initiative. On May 29 following sightseeing in Cumilla, the ICA Nepal team spent some time in Chattogram and then went to the longest sea beach of the world named Cox's Bazar Sea beach. Having a wonderful trip with many memories and offerings, ICA Nepal team left for Nepal on May 30. Naimul, Aziz and Tapan promised to implement the fundraising initiative from June. Other members also expressed thanks to ICA Bangladesh management and expressed strong interest to work together for a vibrant ICA Bangladesh.

Lucky Akter, ICA Bangladesh



THE COURAGE TO LEAD YOUTH PROGRAM

AGES: 13-15 YEARS

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN



A Global Online Course for Youth

Are you between the ages of 13-15, and interested in exploring ideas about leadership and creating positive social change? ICA Canada is excited to offer the second iteration of the Courage to Lead Youth program to support young people like you, along their leadership journey.

The Courage to Lead (CTL), a leadership book written by R. Brian Stanfield, has been shared with both adults and youth for over a decade. CTL creates space for deep conversations on courageous leadership in everyday life. This CTL youth program was designed to meet young people's unique leadership development needs, support them in developing life-long reflective practices in a safe, intentional space, and bolster self-confidence as they explore questions of identity, leadership, and meaning.

The program will run virtually once a week every Tuesday for seven weeks starting **July 12 – August 23, 2022**. | **Time: 11 AM – 12:30 PM Eastern Time**

If you are within the target group (13-15 years), parental/guardian consent will be required. A form will be sent to you after you register.

Please note: You do not need to purchase the Courage to Lead Book. A Course Companion guide has been created for this program, which will be sent to you after the first session.

Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact ICA Canada at ica@icacan.org



Students dressed in their end-of-school-year party outfits

Activity Report

This month's activities focused on the development of the brochure as part of the "Climate Change" project, and awareness and training on oyster mushroom cultivation and pruning in a teak plantation. This brochure will allow us to raise awareness in the villages and visit the bodies and organizations to present to them the results of the project obtained to date.

The objective of the production of this brochure and its distribution in the bodies, organizations, institutions and state structures is to be able to find new partners for the continuation of this important project.

For training at the Sainte Sato Preschool Education Center, the students completed their school year in May. On this occasion, they organized an end-of-year party to allow the children and their parents to sing and dance.

The Directorate of the Ministry of Women, Family and Children of the Gbêkê Region was represented by the Advisor acting for the Regional Director. He took this opportunity to educate parents on the importance of sending children to kindergarten to give them the basics of reading and writing before they enter primary school.

During this beautiful end of year ceremony, we had a communication by video (WhatsApp) with Miss Sumito from ICA Japan who follows the fundraising project for the construction of the fence of this school.

As part of the fight against Climate Change, in terms of agricultural activities, we visited the teak plantation of Mr. KOUAKOU Théodore to show him the maintenance techniques for having a successful plantation with straight wood. We also showed them how to grow oyster mushrooms on dead wood to produce vegetable protein for themselves and in their fields.

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Lutte contre le Changement Climatique par le planting de Teck à Mlankouassikro

Rapport D'Activité

Les activités de ce mois ont porté sur l'élaboration de la brochure dans le cadre du projet « changement climatique », et la sensibilisation et la formation sur la culture de champignon pleurote et l'élagage dans une plantation de Teck. Cette brochure va nous permettre de faire de la sensibilisation dans les villages et de visiter les organismes et organisations pour leur présenter et les résultats du projet obtenu jusqu'à ce jour.

L'objectif de la production de cette brochure et de sa distribution dans les organismes, organisations, institutions et structures étatiques est de pouvoir trouver de nouveaux partenaires pour la poursuite de cet important projet.

Pour la formation au Centre d'Education Préscolaire Sainte Sato les élèves ont achevé leur année scolaire dans ce mois de mai. Ils ont à cette occasion organisé une fête de fin d'année pour permettre aux enfants et à leurs parents de chanter et danser.

La Direction du Ministère de la Femme de la Famille et de l'Enfant de la Région du Gbéké était représentée par le Conseiller assurant l'intérim du Directeur Régional. Il a profité de cette occasion pour sensibiliser les parents sur l'importance d'envoyer les enfants à la maternelle pour leur donner les bases de la lecture et de l'écriture avant leur entrée au primaire.

Au cours de cette belle cérémonie de fin d'année, nous eu une communication par vidéo(WhatsApp) avec Mlle Sumito de ICA Japon qui suit le projet de collecte de fonds pour la construction de la clôture de cette école.

Dans le cadre de la lutte contre le Changement Climatique, au niveau des activités Agricole nous avons effectué une visite dans la plantation de Teck de Monsieur KOUAKOU Théodore pour lui montrer les techniques d'entretiens pour avoir une plantation réussie avec des bois bien droit. Nous lui avons aussi montré comment cultiver des champignons pleurotes sur du bois mort afin de produire de la protéine végétale pour eux-mêmes et dans leurs champs.

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Left to right at Sylvan Pathways: Vijay and Kalpana Lokhande (ICA India), Jennifer Worrells (Grimsley HS), Tim Leisman and Nelson Stover (Emerging Ecology Board), Elaine Stover (Emerging Ecology Advisor), Bernadine Barnes, Steve Barnes and Lou Gordh (Emerging Ecology Board) and Randall Hayes (Emerging Ecology Advisor).

Emerging Ecology Hosts ICA India

During the last week of May 2022, the Board of Directors of Emerging Ecology hosted Vijay and Kalpana Lokhande, Directors of ICA India. The 5-day visit to North Carolina provided an opportunity for personally thanking many of the people who have made financial contributions to help the ongoing programs at Chikhale Ashram Shalla – one of ICA India's two main projects.

During their stay, the Lokhandes also visited with faculty from Grimsley High School in Greensboro. For several years, students at Grimsley have communicated with the 11th Standard Science students at the Chikhale School as a part of the Emerging Ecology's Global Classroom Project. The face-to-face conversations during their visit provided opportunities for discussing options for the coming year and reflecting on past accomplishments. Additional information about the Global Classroom and the Chikhale School is available at www.EmergingEcology.org/GlobalClassroom.

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"This is about humanity's future. This is about making sure that the world right now is livable."

Elizabeth Wathuti, Climate Activist

Who We Are

ICA Kenya is registered as an NGO with the National Coordination Board in the Office of the President. ICA Kenya is a statutory member of ICA International, a global community of non-profit organizations advancing human development worldwide. With over 40 years of experience in global development, both rural and urban, the ICAI has built partnerships with governments, private sector and non-profit organizations. It has been funded by the Ford Foundation, national governments, the European Union governments, UNDP, FAO and UNICEF. It has Special Consultative Status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).

Climate Change Initiative

The number one global issue is our environment, and it is time for robust climate risk conversation and action. Communities must be strong and bold to take radical steps to protect our Earth.

ICA Kenya supports communities as they adapt and build resilience in the face of climate change by promoting a healthy biodiverse ecosystem and a sustainable green approach to development.

ICA Kenya advances tangible solutions for environmental challenges and models and implements initiatives that promote green buildings and infrastructure, waste reduction, sustainable transportation and renewable energy. ICA Kenya supports efforts to enhance bio diversity and resiliency by cultivating and maintaining local natural ecosystems, especially through forest protection and the planting of trees for wood and fruit.

In order to accelerate the momentum for climate change adaptation and mitigation, ICA is developing international partnerships with learning institutions, community-based organizations, self-help groups, faith-based organizations, private sector, nonprofits and the government to launch a climate preparedness village movement in Kenya and across the African region.



Climate Change Awareness and Training

ICA's comprehensive community training and awareness activities include:

- Climate change and its causes
- Effects and adaptability of climate change *Mitigating the effects of climate change
- Caring for the environment
- Leading the community in a resilient response

Pilot Projects

In the Rural Sector

Makueni County

- Kitandi Fruits Value Chain Self-help Group (32 members) planted 1300 assorted fruit trees.
- Nalgene Jiu Self-help Group (60 members) planted 1,500 fruit trees and constructed four sand dams for environmental conservation funded by Sandam Kenya.

Kajiado County

- Ebenezer Self-help Group (32 members) established eight tree nursery seedbeds and installed a solar water system.

In the Informal Sector

Kibera in Nairobi County

- Takanipato Self-help Group (22 members) collects and sorts garbage from households and sells it to recyclers.
- Walakolo Self-help Group (28 members) collects and recycles plastic.
- Green Card Mtaani Self-help Group (30 members) advocates tree planting for conservation.
- Peter Cole Self-help Group (21 members) plants trees and carries out routine environmental clean-ups within Kibera.
- Nairobi Dam Recyclers Self-help Group (30 members) recycles plastic.

Kawangware in Nairobi County

- Shepherd Self-help Group (18 members) collects and reuses plastic bags.
- Nairobi Recyclers Self-help Group (60 members) advocates for waste pickers through policy formulation with government decision makers.
- Wazalendo Self-help Group (72 members) manages waste.

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Activity Report

Social Artistry Leadership

As mentioned in earlier reports, ICA Nepal launched a Certificate Course on Social Artistry in August 2021 in the memorial of the Late Richard Sims. After the completion of Social Artistry Leadership Training in early April, ICA Nepal along with Kalpa Academy conducted a one-day physical session with all the participants with the main agenda of sharing their respective updates on the Spark Project. The session was attended by all the participants along with the facilitators as Mr. Amba Datta Bhatta, Ms. Ishu Subba, Ms. Pramila KC, and Er. Ravi Khanal. The third session on Social Artistry Leadership was participated by 35 youths from diverse geography and background. Every participant shared their remarkable start off and efforts as well as their desire to sustain the project.

Menstruation Hygiene Day

On the 27th of May 2022, ICA Nepal was pleased to attend and participate in the national celebration of Menstruation Hygiene Day. As World Menstrual Hygiene Day is celebrated on 28th May every year, the national event was hosted by the Ministry of Education in collaboration with MHM Partners' Alliance (MHM PA). The national slogan of this year's celebration is dedicated to the national initiatives around education in schools and thus the slogan is '#WeAreCommitted: Dignified Menstruation in Schools'. Likewise, internationally the theme for World Menstrual Hygiene Day was 'Making Menstruation A Normal Fact of Life by 2030'.

The key objectives of the MH Day celebration were to raise awareness, break the silence, launch policy dialogue, share national and global knowledge, increase the responsibilities of the duty bearers, and trigger advocacy around menstruation.

As Nepal is a Hindu ethnic country where the majority of people regard menstruation as a curse and impurity, the awareness session played a huge role in the society. Almost 100 people were present at the session mostly ranging from the age group 20 to 45. The equal participation from both male and female participants made the session very interesting and knowledgeable.

First, the event took off by setting up beautiful stalls by different organizations based on Menstrual Hygiene. Everyone seemed very ecstatic to have been able to attend the session and expand their network well. ICA Nepal placed stalls featuring the Sanitary Napkins made from Changunarayan, Sindhupalchowk, and Parbat, along with some awareness-raising brochures, pamphlets, and posters. Other organizations showcased their Sanitary Napkins, Reusable pads, Calendar, Period Tracker bracelets, and some important research on Sanitary Napkins that are available locally.

The session included two panel discussions, a live concert, a screening of documentaries, and an exhibition. The panel discussions were on the topics "Formal education on menstruation", and "Quality, availability, affordability, and disposal (QAAD) of menstrual products." The event also included a fair and exhibition, where MHMPA member organizations showcased their work on menstrual health. Furthermore, there was a film screening hall, where members of the alliance screened various audio-visual contributions, demonstrating the reality of life during menstruation for girls and women in Nepal in all its dimensions.

The event ended with relevant dramas and storytelling based on our Hindu society. Some of the women, both elderly and young, shared their experiences regarding the notion and how they have been fighting battles every month. Some of the boys shared their experiences about what they do when their sisters, mothers, or other women around them are menstruating and how the proper education on menstruation has enabled them to help their close ones.



Learning Session

ICA Nepal in collaboration with Digital Media Group has been organizing different Classified Talk shows from experts on diverse topics such as Fundraising and Development, Ph.D., Imagine Nepal, and ISO Certification. Due to the local election, a session on Talk on Implementation of ISO Standards in Nepal was held, which was facilitated by Ms. Enusha Khadka and Ms. Ishu Subba.

Attendees have warmly appreciated the learning program and the number of participants is growing each week. More and more audiences are attending this free webinar and improving their skills each Saturday with ICA from all around Nepal. The experts and facilitators provide excellent insights to the participants.

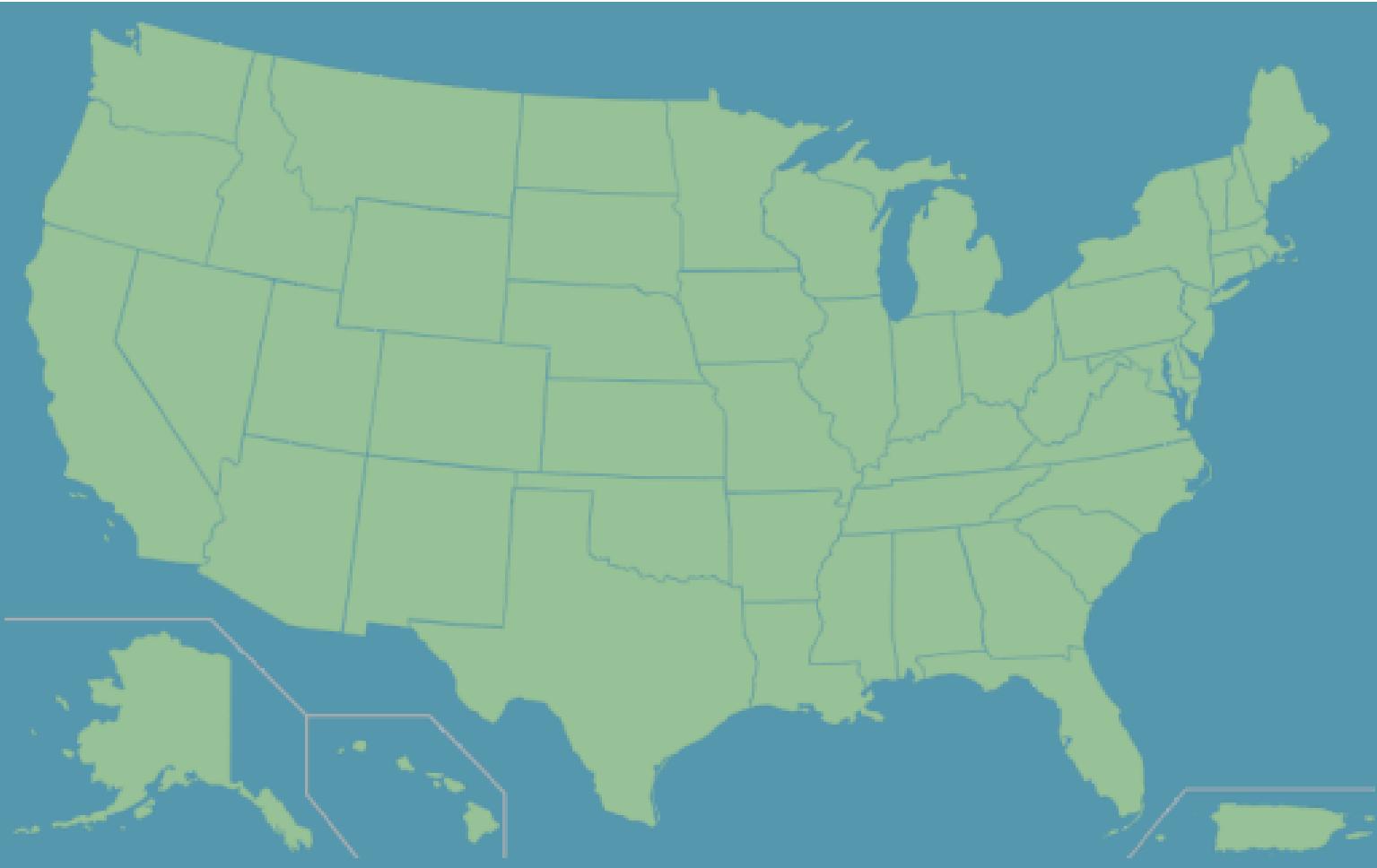
In late June, a webinar session on Participatory Strategic Planning (PSP) (With a Focus on Fundraising) will be held by ICA Nepal in partnership with ICA India.).

Peer to Peer Meeting

ICA Nepal team went to Bangladesh to facilitate Fundraising for NGOs - Enabling Organizations in a Fundraising initiative to the team of ICA Bangladesh.

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Activity Report

ICA USA was inspired by the 2021 Annual Report that ICA Nepal shared by email with other ICAs earlier this year. Thank you Nepal colleagues!

As a result, we began remembering the events and highlights that ICA USA has participated in during the past two years. Surprisingly many events had almost been forgotten in the midst of global/local virus happenings.

After compiling our stories, on May 31st we posted our Annual Report on the **ICA USA website** at: www.ica-usa.org

Enjoy!

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Global Schedule of Events

To see four types of events: studies, significant conversations, training and impactful global events visit the Global Schedule at:
<https://icaglobalarchives.org/social-research-center-events/>

Remember, YOU are invited to:

- 1- Offer a presentation you are interested in giving;
- 2- Recommend other people to present;
- 3- Participate in any of the events and encourage your friends to attend; and
- 4- Give feedback by emailing: icaglobalschedule@gmail.com

The vision for the Global Schedule of Events is to make this easily accessible and globally friendly to all no matter where and what!

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