

Annual Report

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1. Introduction

The fifth Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Non-Resident Nepali Association, National Coordination Council (NRNA-NCC Finland) was held on 3 June 2017. The AGM approved the name of newly elected Chairperson, ICC Representative and 14 board members as declared by election committee. The first board meeting, which was held on 05.06.2017, passed the Code of Conduct for the future board meeting. Similarly, the 1st board meeting nominated NRNA Finland's advisors, Media Coordinator and Deputy Youth Coordinator.



2. Activity report

2.1 Support to FC-FIN-NEP to participate a football tournament in Norway

NRNA-Finland helped to get sponsor for FC-FIN-NEP to participate the football tournament in Norway. The tournament was held on 23 June 2018 in Oslo.



2.2 Summer fun for children

The summer fun for children event was organised by the Women Forum of NRNA-Finland on 11 August 2018. There were various fun activities for kids and prizes were distributed to the winners of the games.



2.3 Run for Nepal

Run For Nepal has been an annual flagship event of NRNA Finland. It started in 2012 with name as 'Run for Health' to spread the awareness of being healthy while running for noble causes. The Run for Nepal event was organised on 19 August 2018 around the Malmi airport. There were about 30 runners participating for the event. The collected fund is being used for guardianship program in Mahottari where a total of 60 students have been studying.



2.4 Guardianship program

NRNA-Finland has been supporting a total of 60 children of Ramgopalpur Municipality in Mahottari to pursue their school education. The funds collected from RFN is being used. Below are the major steps about how the funds collected from RFN is being used to support school children in Nepal.



- i) The collected funds will be first transferred to Non-Resident Nepali Association Finland's (NRNA) following account in Nepal
Account name: NRNA FINLAND CHARITY FUND
Account number: 0240000054801
Bank: Sanima
Swift Code : SNMANPKA
- ii) The NRNA's central office in Nepal will then transferred the funds to the following account number of Municipality Education Committee (MEC) of Ramgopalpur Municipality in Mahottari district:
A/c name: NAGAR SHIKSHA SAMITI RAMGOPALPUR
A/c no. 02315127746
Bank: Siddhartha bank
- iii) The MEC will then buy required school dresses, school bags, stationaries, basic hygiene stuff (e.g. soaps, toothbrush, toothpaste) and distribute them to the students once in a year.
- iv) To make the program effective, the best guardians who send their children to schools regularly throughout the year will be awarded with some prizes.
- v) The MEC submits original bills/receipts of the expenses to NRNA Finland. If all the money collected from the RFN is not used, it will be saved for next year and distribute the materials to the student in the beginning of their annual session. NRNA Finland conducts annual audits of its activities here in Finland.

- vi) This initiative encourages students from the age between 5-12 years who have not been to school due to various reasons (e.g. poverty, illiteracy) to join schools.
- vii) This initiative is in line with the Government of Nepal's ambition to send all children to school within next one year. NRNA Finland collaborates with the Ministry of Education, Ramgopalpur Municipality and respective schools.

2.5 Support to storm victims in Terai

NRNA-Finland supported the storm victims of Bara and Parsa through NRNA central. We contributed NRP 1,02,866.40 to the support fund.

2.6 Participation at regional/global meeting

The 11th European Regional Meeting (ERM) was held in Luxemburg on 30 and 31 July 2018. A total of five members from NRNA Finland participated the meeting. A presentation was delivered on behalf of the NRNA-Finland.

2.7 Nepali New Year event

NRNA Finland has been organizing cultural programs in every Nepali New year. A cultural program was organized on the occasion of Nepali New Year 2076, on 14th of April 2019. One of the most popular singers Mr. Pramod Kharel was invited from Nepal. In addition, local artists got opportunities to show their talent during the event.



2.8 Dance class and dress arrangement

There is a growing number of second-generation Nepalese in Finland mainly in Helsinki. With the aim to preserve and promote Nepalese culture and music among the next generation NRNA Women forum Finland organised a dance classes to Nepalese children. Considering the importance of cultural dresses in flourishing Nepalese culture in Finland we bought from Nepal. The trained children have been participating different cultural events e.g. Nepalese new year program, world village festival, INAS dance competition, women's day program etc.

2.9 International Women's Day

The Women Forum of NRNA organised the International Women's Day event on 24 March 2019. The program included various activities including guest sessions related to domestic violence, social integration, immigrants right etc.



2.10 Pikku Joulu

Pikku Joulu was held 16 December 2018 in Kontula nuorisotalo. Pikku Joulu is celebrated every year by the board. This event is celebrated with the current board members and ex board members with their families. Lots of fun games were organized. Everyone prepared some delicious food for the event. Through the secret santa game, everyone got their gifts from Santa of the evening.

2.11 Discussion with the new Finnish Ambassador to Nepal

NRNA-Finland and the Finnish Ambassador to Nepal Mr. Pertti Anttinen had a meeting on 9 August 2018 in Helsinki. We briefed him about our ongoing and future activities here in Finland and in Nepal. The Ambassador briefed about his new portfolio to Nepal. Both parties agreed to explore collaboration opportunities in the future.

2.12 Participation at World Village Festival

The World Village festival was held on May 25-26, 2019. NRNA-Finland got an hour time slot to perform on 26 May but due to heavy raining it was not possible to perform any dance activities.



2.13 Discussion with the senior staffs of Nepal Embassy and consular service

NRNA-Finland coordinate a discussion session between the embassy staffs and Nepalese community on 13 July 2019 in Helsinki.

The embassy provided consular service (e.g. collection of passport application) during the program)



2.14 Picnic and summer fun for children

NRNA-Finland together with it's women forum organised the picnic and summer fun activities on 28 August 2019. Different games and fun activities especially focusing Nepalese children were organised.

Similarly, delicious food items were prepared and shared during the event.



2.15 Participation at 12th European Regional Meeting.

Mr. Bal Krishna Shrestha and Mr. J.P. Koirala participated ERM from 3-4 August 2019 in Rome, Italy . A presentation was delivered on behalf of the NRNA Finland during the meeting.

3. Tentative Activity Plan for 2019-2020

Activity Plan	2019				2020							
Activity	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	July	Aug
Membership drive												
Dashain/Tihar Celebration												
NRNA Global Conference												
Pikku Joulu												
Literature event												
International Women's Day												
Nepali New Year Celebration												
EU level volleyball												
Summer picnic/fun activities												
Guardianship program												
Collaboration with different organisations												
Biannual General Meeting												
European Regional Meeting												
Run For Nepal												
Visit Nepal 2020 promotion												