

## Case story on Chhaupadi

### Case No. 7: Response from School

School Management team are found silent and passive in managing proper school management for female students. One of the female teacher (in Kalikot) said, "We all know that menstruation is a natural process and it does not affect anybody/thing by touching. But despite of these all facts, we are culturally bounded which make us to follow the tradition and there is some kind of fear of god among us as well." But when the teachers and SMC members were asked about the facilities of separate toilets and sanitary pads, they showed the cause of less budget. In some schools, there are facilities of sanitary pads but only till they get the support from any organization.

In Some cases, teachers directs the menstruating girls not to touch the *pipal* tree as it is symbol of god. There is not more touch/untouched problem between teachers and female students but there is one Nepali teacher from Brahmin caste (in Jumla) who always stay alert with females and hardly touch either female students or teachers and if in case he touched them, at the same time, he puts *sunpani* (gold-water) to become pure. Such misconception and behave from a well-educated and one of the so called change agent of the community, makes this type of wrong practice '*kuriti*' continue and force the females to follow it.