

## Support Session to develop Charter Right from Male Supporting Groups to support women and girls in accessing Sexual and Reproductive Health Right in Jumla

AWON in partnership with Safe Abortion Action Fund (SAAF) is working in raising awareness of women and girls in Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights (SRHR) in Jumla from 2014. Unsafe abortion practice is one of the major causing factors to increase maternal mortality rate in those areas. A training for male supporting groups on male role to support women and girls on SRHR



Men working in groups to draft group charter right

was organized where male supporting groups made their own charter rights and committed to implement at individual level. 21 male supporting groups from Kudari, Lamra, and Sunnigaun VDCs of Jumla were actively participated all together there were 225 participants. The male members were brought together in small groups and reflected with the local community issues focusing on SRHR, GBV and women mobility to bring up with the conclusion and their

commitment at individual and community level.

After the group work they came up with the various commitments which was drafted and named as "Charter Right to support women and girls in their community".



The chartered right is more focused on creating awareness among male

regarding women rights, safe abortion and creating a safe and enabling environment by male in home and community to ensure women rights. In brief, this group discussion and training was very inspiring to know various perception of male leaders regarding women rights.

Each participant no matter whether they educated or not, new or old presented their experiences and views according to their turn in group while drafting Charter right. Male engagement for women's right in the local level is becoming the matter of high interest which has bring a very unique and new ideas in the community. Men were very happy to get the opportunities to be enrolled in this program and also few shared that AWON was the first organization who came to approach making male supporting groups and aware men from the community about women's right, sexual and reproductive health rights.

## Charter Right from Male Supporting Groups to Support Women and Girls in Jumla

1. Commit to get information regarding women rights, sexual and reproductive health right (SRHR).
2. Commit to help and support in daily households works to wife, mother and sister in home (fetching water, cooking food, taking care of baby, bringing firewood's and fodder, carrying manure and working in farm etc.)
3. Commit to avoid gender based violence in home as well as in community.
4. Commit to provide support, help and take proper care of women during their menstruation period and pregnancy. And also help and support in their sanitation and hygiene.
5. Commit to increase the participation of women in decision making process of house as well as community.
6. Support and help women for education and treat equally to both son and daughter.
7. Commit to provide opportunities to daughters and daughter- in-laws for higher education and capacity building trainings.
8. Committed to get their children (daughter and son) married after the age of 20 and commit to end and make aware about child marriage for other community members and end child marriage.
9. Help and support women in family to take decision on family planning contraceptive methods and if necessary taking safe abortion services.
10. Commit to take family planning methods and take SRH counselling support if needed.
11. Help and support female members of house for regular checkup during their pregnancy period and taking them to health posts, birthing centers for institutional delivery.
12. Encourage and support women to participate in group meetings, community program and trainings.
13. Commit to create awareness regarding women's right in the community and society.
14. Commit to be a role model man at house as well as in community.
15. Commit to involve and make participation of women and girls in social development activities, groups, and committee and decision making process with position.