# Annual Report Gan Research and Learning Resource Center

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#### 1. Introduction of the Centre

Gan Research and Learning Resource Centre was established at a challenging time in Nepal when about a third of the national population was affected by the 2015 earthquakes and the beginning of the era of sustainable development goals as outlined by the United Nations.

However, initially, it has started its journey by engaging itself in disaster relief response particularly in rural local communities; it then broadened its arena and redefined itself as a resourceful sustainable mechanism as a learning laboratory and resource hub for all imagining future scenarios directly linked with the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

The centre focus on Intergenerational learning, promotes indigenous knowledge, work for skills and innovative technologies, the building of global citizens and valuing lifelong and life-wide learning for the 21st century.

#### 2. Mission of the center

The mission of the center is – establishment of a learning laboratory for innovative ideas, develop service and learning centers and community learning hubs as a sustainable mechanism to support marginalized groups of people.

## 3. Activity updates

## 3.1 Operated as the learning center

Gan center is utilizing its property by providing its services to different individuals and organizations for carrying their educational, social and economical developments. Along with it, carrying different researchers and sharing with the local communities and supporting them as per their needs are also carrying through the center.

Similarly, the center is also supporting the community learning centers being established in the urban areas, support them in their capacity developments on other activities as per their needs. With the activities for the community, it is developing itself as the facilitator organization for the community learning centers. Also it is linking the community learning centers to the community based handicraft owners and agri products which ultimately support in increasing the living standards of community people.

### 3.2 Collaborative Initiatives

## **Teacher Training**

Continuing its practices as of previous years, the organization supported the teacher training being organized by HELP Nepal. The training was organized for 21 days and helped to develop 15 Peer subject teachers for subjects on Maths and English. The trained teachers will later deployed to the community schools.

The project is continuously supporting the schools based in rural areas to fulfill the gap of recruiting quality teachers from grade 1-5. This year, HELP Nepal coordinated with Tripura Sundary RM and supported 5 schools with the trained teachers. It believes that, for proper

teaching learning, the teachers should behave their learners as the friends. The training was focused on child friendly aspect and fulfilling the teaching requirements of 21st century.

# 3.3 Visioning Workshop of Model School Development

Gan Center with support from Budhanilkantha Municipality organized and carried out existing situation analysis exercise and visioning workshop. Participatory methods were used to acquire accurate information of the schools as far as possible and to find the actual situation of the school. With the information gathered, with in the two days with participation from all of the school staff and teachers, vision of Ganesh Secondary School was developed. The visioning workshop was carried out with an objective to develop the school as the model school so that best practices can be replicated in other schools of the municipality.

During the workshop, representatives of Budhanilkantha Municipality and along with the representatives from education section were actively participated in the workshop.

# 3.4 Program on Youth Exchange and Youth Conference

Gan Center hosted and managed 9 day long Youth Exchange (Youth Innovate) and Youth Conference organized by Associatia Young Europe Society ((Erasmus+Project: Art of Social Innovators). The program was organized utilizing its both training halls. So, its fesiable to organize youth exchange and seminar parallelly. Through this program, it supported youths from different countries to exchange their education system and along with different cultures and religions of their respective countries.

Erasmus supports youths to become active citizens linking with different projects, developing their and long with enhancing learning through non formal approaches. In the program, 42 youths representing Italy, Nepal, South Korea, Thailand and Romania participated actively.

### 3.5 Training on Geographic Information System (GIS) management and its proper usage

The center had provided GIS management and operation training in previous year with support from Budhanilkantha Municipality. Inline with that training, this year along with Budhanilkanta Municipality, Gan Center organized teacher training on the effective use of ICT for the selective 18 teachers from its school

The teachers were selected through a round of selection process being organized by the municipality. With screening process, it supported in identifying the teachers which can also support teachers from their adjoining schools and do possess basic knowledge on IT.

The major sessions covered during the training were as follows:

- zoom
- Organizing the virtual online class
- Power-point presentation
- Padlet
- Google Jamboard
- Mentimeter
- Google accessories for classroom teaching
- E-Safety

# 3.6 Construction of training hall

Continuing to the construction of training hall, this year as well Gan center had carried it as well. This year, construction of ground floor of training hall was completed. As the very first program in this hall after its completion, along with local youth groups, Gan center organizaed a felicitation program for the newly elected local governments. During the felicitation program, Mayor Ward Chair 22 along with Ward members were present. Speaking in the program, they shared their commitment to support in the programs related to skill development of youths and women and preserving cultures and religions of the local community.



Gan Learning Centre team posing photos with Chiri Babu Maharjan Mayor Metropolitan city Lalitpur