



## Civil Society Alliance on Nutrition in Nepal (CSANN)

### Meeting at Child Health Division (CHD)

CSANN EC members conducted meeting with Nutrition Section Chief on 22 May, 2014 (Jestha 8<sup>th</sup>, 2071) from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm at meeting hall of Child Health Division (CHD). Dr. Uma Koirala, CSANN Chairperson, led the meeting along with CSANN EC members. Mr. Giri Raj Subedi, Sr. Public Health Administrator, Nutrition Section, Child Health Division (CHD) and Mr. Prakash Chandra Joshi, IYCF Coordinator participated in the meeting. The main objective of the meeting was to share about CSANN and explore the areas for joint collaboration and coordination on advocacy and campaigning.



Dr. Uma shared detail process of CSANN establishment and its role on nutrition. She shared about the mapping of CSOs and election of executive members of CSANN, held at Hotel Summit on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2014. One page overview of CSANN has been distributed.

### **Major highlights of discussion**

- There is need to establish district alliance to bring the nutrition issues and advocate at the national level through CSANN if needed, which should be included in the action plan of CSANN. The feedback and suggestion from CSANN on effective implementation of MSNP with bringing the implementation issue is important, for which field visit and monitoring is necessary. In initial stage, it should be piloted in certain districts. The selection criteria may include accessible vs. remote district, MSNP piloting district vs. MSNP not initiated district, high vs. low volume programme districts, CSOs good presence, and networking district.
- CSANN should develop mechanism to have membership with all NGOs/CBOs working on nutrition issue and provide necessary guidance to the future nutrition project, which could be one of the objectives of the CSANN. CSANN can build good networking and coordination with all NGOs working on nutrition at the community level even in small scale, which helps government to be updated with non – governmental organizations' area of intervention on nutrition and to have better coordination with all organizations intervening on nutrition. In addition, those organizations can get platform to share and learn from each other and advocate with common voice. In this process, CSANN could also organize meeting with Social Welfare Council to encourage and suggest the newly registered NGOs to coordinate and function via CSANN.

- **Mr. Giri Rai Subedi. Sr. Public health administrator. Nutrition Section. Child Health Division**

CSANN in line with government strategy will help/advocate the government for improvement of the programs being implemented and what other activities can be carried out for improving the nutritional status of community.

- **Dr. Uma Koirala, CSANN Chairperson**

### List of participants:

SN.	Name	Designation	Organization
1	Nripa Raj Dangaura	Public Health Professional	
2	Sunil Shrestha	Board member	SMNF Nepal
3	Prof. Dr. Uma Koirala	Chairperson	CSANN
4	Dr. Ritu Prasad Gartaula	Consultant	
5	Prativa A.C.	Network support officer	CSANN
6	Anjalina Karki	SUN- Project Coordinator	Save the Children
7	Dhananjaya Paudyal	Secretary	NNF
8	Sichan Shrestha	Program advisor	MaxPro
9	Richa Uprety	Program officer	MaxPro
10	Manisha Katwal	Program assistance	MaxPro
11	Dipak Raj Sharma	Program coordinator	MaxPro
12	Giri Raj Subedi	Nutrition Section Chief	CHD
13	Prakash Chandra Joshi	MIYCF coordinator	CHD