

Art-based Dialogue in Peacebuilding

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What we do





Generate

Create





Empower

Strengthen

Our Working Areas

Governance and Democracy

Civic space and
Civic
Engagement

Labour Rights and Migration

Conflict
Transformation
and
Peacebuilding



Art-based Dialogue

Project 'Sadbhaav'

Strengthen social cohesion

Build trust

Among diverse youth groups



Conception

- Comprehensive Peace Agreement signed in 2006
- Hope for a multicultural just and peaceful nation
- Post-conflict recovery and long-lasting peace is a complex process
- Social barriers and inequalities based on caste, ethnicity, language, class and region
- Aggravated by unstable and polarized politics

Conception

- Created social and cultural cracks in the society
- Increase bias and prejudices and segregate communities
- Undermine a community's ability to collaborate on problem-solving opportunities
- Prevent social / economic progresses by hindering collective efforts

Youth groups

- Perceived volatile nature
- Often left out from peace and security talks
- Undermined potential to contribute to peace-building discourses
- Youth's disinterest and distrust towards government
- Declining values of ethics and justice
- Build a sense of trust and support among themselves and the government
- Strengthen their role as positive agents of change in sustainable peace- building and good governance

Process



Research



Workshop with artists



Artworks and art-based educational materials



Art-based dialogue manual



20 dialogue facilitators trained



Art-based dialogue conducted

Reach

32 high school dialogues

3000+ youths

• Art is an invitation to have conversation



• Open-up about complex issues of society and create deeper levels of conversation





Artworks





• Discovery of shared meanings/ collective understandings







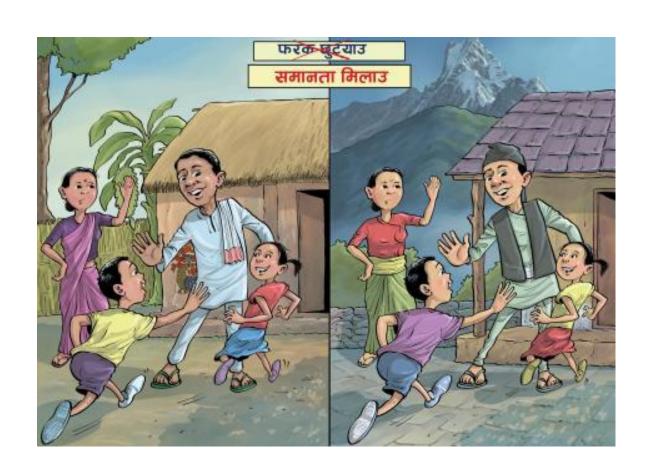
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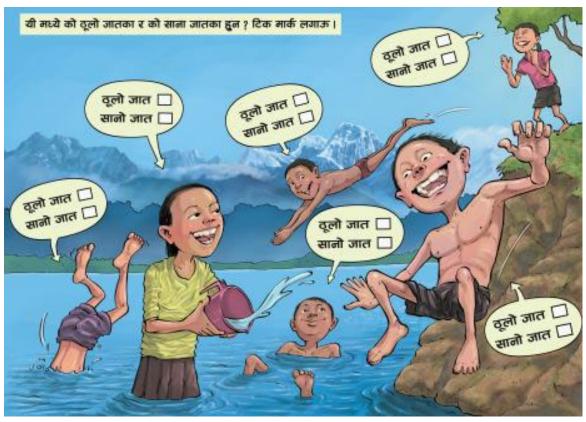
• Use of art to build a cohesive understanding of different viewpoints





Artworks





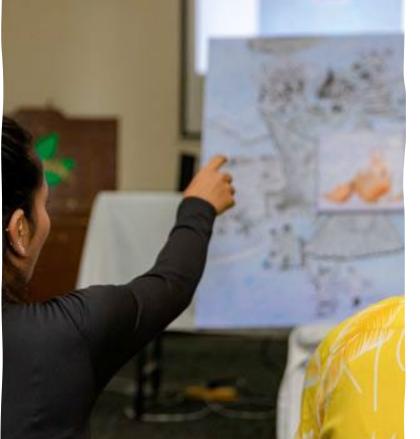
• Create avenues for resolutions





• Practice of creative and critical thinking







Audio-video materials - Animated series







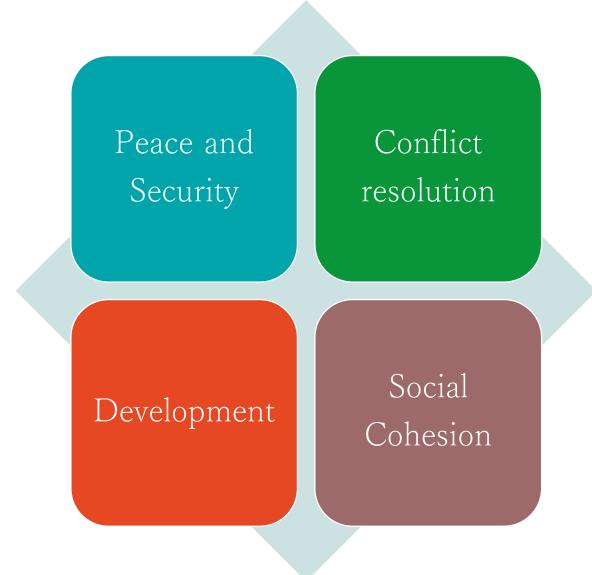




Audio- video materials

- Informal sector workers
- Returnee women migrant workers
- Cyber bullying
- Messages on social cohesion

Art-based dialogue as a powerful tool



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