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# 1. Introduction and context

## 1.1 Country context

Freedom of the Press 2016	Freedom of the Press 2017	Civic Space
54 (partly free)	52 (partly free)	Obstructed

*Freedom of the Press (Freedom House) and Civic Space (Civicus) rating*

Although Nepal has a flourishing tourism industry it is one of the poorest countries in the world. On the Human Development Index Nepal is positioned at the 145th place out of 188 countries and territories (low human development category). The large majority of the 27 million inhabitants are Hindu, and most of the population depends on agriculture and tourism for their subsistence.

Nepal ratified a new constitution on September 20, 2015. Although this constitution is a major step forward for Nepal's stability and democracy, several provisions within the new constitution potentially limit rights such as to freedom of expression. Impunity pertaining to the journalists killed and disappeared during the Nepal Civil War has not been addressed. Many laws are in the process of being adjusted, which offers a window of high opportunity for constructive lobby and advocacy efforts to improve the situation for media organisations, journalist safety and freedom of expression.

For a developing and poor country, Nepal has a surprisingly vibrant media scene, with some very diverse and quality outlets. The geographical landscape (high mountains and many inaccessible regions) and the frequent electricity cuts (sometimes up to 18 hours a day in the dry season) make radio the most popular medium. Nepal has a well developed network of community radio stations which cover almost all the country's regions and broadcast in local languages. As Nepal is home to over 120 dialects, local radio stations broadcasting in local languages are vital sources of information, especially in times of natural disasters like the latest earthquake.

The capacity of media in Nepal, including content, security etc., is quite weak. Media content is often not made with audience demands and expectations in mind, and marginalized communities (women, Dalits and youth) are highly underrepresented. Media outlets lack diversity of formats and that digital content is in general underdeveloped. Furthermore, media are not very well versed in the application of modern digital journalism techniques including data journalism, investigative reporting and social media strategies to increase their audience appeal and the inclusion of citizen agency in their programs. Nevertheless, in Nepal many CSOs work on raising awareness and promote changes regarding these (gender) related issues. Since many CSOs have many resources and data concerning topics such as trafficking, child marriages, position of women, journalists should collaborate with them in order to have more effective impact on society.

Three problem areas have been highlighted specifically in the planning of the programme:

1. **Gender inequality:** Due to strong patriarchal social and cultural norms and widespread poverty, gender inequality remains a significant problem in Nepal, especially in the rural areas. Early marriage remains a significant problem as many girls are married off before the legally allowed age. According to Nepal's Demographic and Health Survey 2011 about 29% of girls between 15-19 years are married off. During the NNIBN baseline conducted in 2016 it became clear that the media landscape does not cater sufficiently for these societal problems and is inapt to operate in a gender-sensitive manner. Women are under-represented and content is not sufficiently addressing women issues.
2. **Lack of professionalism:** Although Nepal has a vibrant media scene and generally offers a broad spectrum of political views, media are not essentially contributing to the quality, plurality and freedom

of expression in Nepal. The media sector in Nepal is known to be associated with political parties and corruption, which is instantly one of the reasons why the high number of media outlets can sustain. The corruption, lack of investigative journalism skills of journalists, lack of knowledge of journalists of Freedom of Expression and Right To Information, and lack to hold power to account, makes the audience rate Nepali media as incredible and untrustworthy (BBC media action, 2017). Media outlets lack diversity of formats, digital content is in general underdeveloped and content is often not tailor-made to meet the audience's demands and expectations.

3. **Violence against journalist:** Although freedom of press is guaranteed by the constitution, it is still undermined in various practices and forms in transition Nepal. Impunity pertaining to the journalists killed and disappeared during the Nepal Civil War has not been addressed. Political parties continue to intimidate against those speaking against the party and its members causing reporters to self-censor and write biased articles. Threats and attacks are common and reported frequently and reporters who are covering protests remains to be violent in Nepal.

## 1.2 Partnership

Free Press Unlimited has worked in Nepal since 2004. During the period under evaluation (2016- 2017), Free Press Unlimited cooperated with three partner organisations in Nepal:

- **Freedom Forum:** Freedom Forum is a civil society organisation focussed on the enabling environment. It has been working for on press freedom, freedom of expression and access to information in Nepal since 2005. The organization is continuously producing periodic media monitoring reports, legal analysis, policy reviews and alerts/statements. It has an in-house media monitoring desk and legal desk to monitor freedom of expression violation incidents and development of relevant laws and policies.
- **NEFEJ:** Nepal Forum of Environmental journalists (NEFEJ) is a non-governmental organization working in the area of policy advocacy, public awareness about environment issues, and capacity building of media in Nepal. It is pioneer in development communications in Nepal. It is constituted by a network of members, consisting of journalists and community radio's.
- **Naya Pusta:** Naya Pusta is formally a part of NEFEJ, but sufficiently distinct that it is considered separately here. Naya Pusta produces and broadcasts a tv show aimed at children, with news and issues facing different groups. It also organises various events with its target audience and has a strong network to gain leads for stories that need to be addressed and to obtain feedback directly from the target audience.

Initially a fourth organisation, Antenna Foundation, was also involved. Cooperation with them was ceased at an earlier stage, however, due to disappointing results and a lack of communication.



Image 1: screening of Naya Pusta in a local school

## 2. Evaluation process

### 2.1 Scope of the evaluation

Free Press Unlimited's progress monitoring system for the NNIBN programme records progress against 9 indicators on a quarterly basis, based on narrative reports from the participating partner organisations. Furthermore, a capacity score was measured on several elements for each partner organisation during a baseline workshop at the start of the programme. This will be repeated for the mid-term evaluation. To capture complex policy processes and changes that the programme is contributing to, as well as lessons learned during the process, Free Press Unlimited decided to undertake an internal mid-term evaluation principally based on Outcome Harvesting, to be carried out in 10 programme countries.

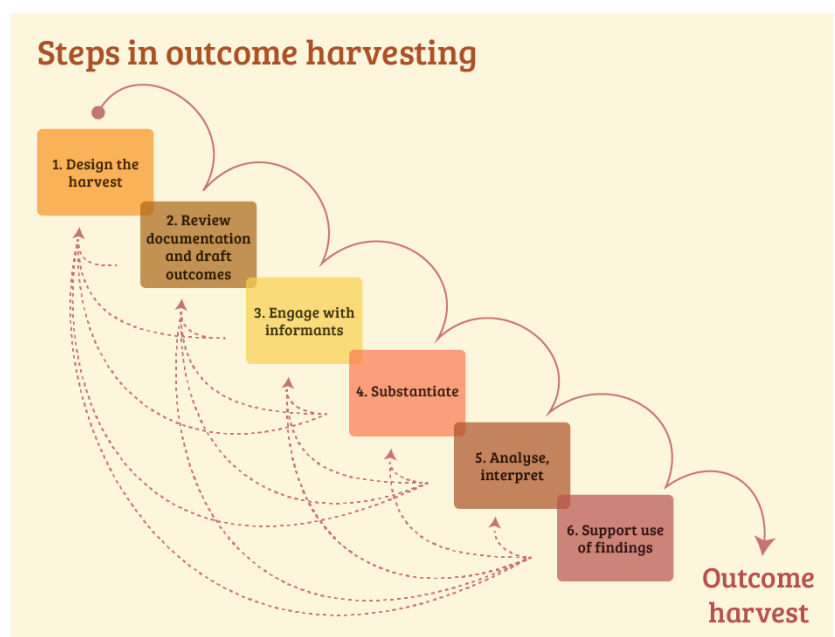
Outcome Harvesting defines 'outcomes' as the changes in behaviour, practices, and relationships of a concrete person or organisation. Each outcome focusses on two actors: the person or organisation whose actions have led to the change (the change agent), and the person or organisation that has changed (the social actor).

Defining an outcome always starts with identifying the social actor, which ensures that (a) the outcome is concrete and distinct (each change is captured separately) and (b) that any relevant change is included, regardless of what was planned or expected to change. Outcome Harvesting is not designed to check whether a plan has been executed or certain targets have been met, but rather first to determine what has changed and then work backwards to see which activities contributed to the change.

Of course, this comes with certain limitations: only those outcomes that the partners are aware of are captured. Starting with the outcomes and working backward depends on the ability to remember and to recall what happened some time ago. Furthermore, not everything that would normally be considered a 'result' is also an outcome under the definition used in Outcome Harvesting: only changes in behaviour by a social actor can be included in the evaluation. Although Outcome Harvesting is rather open in its scope of changes (also including elements that were not foreseen, for instance), it is more rigorous here, which means that any action taken that was directly in the sphere of control of the change agent can not be counted as a 'real change'.

Outcome Harvesting consists of 6 steps:

1. Design
2. Document review
3. Engage with stakeholders
4. Substantiate
5. Analysis and interpretation
6. Use of findings



## 2.2 Description of the process

### 1. Design

We decided that the Outcome Harvest would be used both to reflect on the Theory of Change that is being used as a framework for No News is Bad News as a whole, as well as to look at elements specific to the project in Nepal.

Specifically, the following users and usages were identified for the Outcome Harvest in Nepal:

Programme Staff (Free Press Unlimited)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Monitoring for (internal and external) accountability</li><li>• Explore possibility of adding OH-definitions to reporting format to improve reporting on results</li><li>• Document (intended and unintended) outcomes that were not known yet from reports and improve knowledge of outcomes that were already reported.</li><li>• Find out if and in what way there is interaction between the partners in Nepal and those in other countries of the region.</li></ul>
Knowledge & Quality (Free Press Unlimited)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Provide input to improve Theory of Change</li><li>• Provide input for the Mid Term Review of the No News Is Bad News (NNIBN) programme.</li><li>• Produce report on FPU/ NNIBN activities and results in Nepal that can be shared to inform other actors</li></ul>
Partner Organisations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Strengthen awareness of the results of interventions</li><li>• Map coherence between activities of the different organisations and opportunities for strengthened cooperation</li><li>• Build capacity for Monitoring and Evaluation.</li><li>• Reflection on the process by which change occurs</li></ul>

### 2. Document review, 3. engage with stakeholders and 4. substantiation

First a document review was done, to collect some preliminary outcomes and leads from existing reports. Reports were extensive, and 18 provisional outcomes were already identified, together with the additional information needed to complete them.

A workshop took place from 7- 9 May 2018, in Nepal, with staff members from all organisations involved present, to collect and improve outcomes. Of the participants, two were monitoring and evaluation officers who had both recently started working, at Freedom Forum and NEFEJ respectively. Additional attention was given to both of them, and they were coached to take on the role of 'harvester' (interviewing other participants to collect outcomes) during the second day of the workshop.

Each outcome consists of the following elements:

- Outcome description: a description of the change<sup>1</sup> that has occurred
- Significance description: a description of why this was (a) a real change and (b) relevant to the programme.
- Contribution description: a description of the activities done to achieve the change
- Significance rating: a 1-10 score of the perceived significance of the change

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1 A 'change in the behavior, relationships, actions, activities, policies, or practices of an individual, group, community, organization, or institution.'

- Contribution rating: a percentage score of the perceived importance of the contribution of the organisation in achieving the change, relative to other actors and factors that were also involved.
- Evidence: a source (e.g. the name of a person or a document) where further information can be found on the outcome and through which the outcome can be verified.
- Expected / unexpected: indication whether the outcome was expected or unexpected.

This last element was asked for the purpose of substantiation. See the annex for the full list.

### 5. Analysis and interpretation and 6. Use of findings

Fifty-three outcomes were harvested in total, of which two were rejected after an additional review. This left fifty-one outcomes for analysis.

All outcomes were put into a categorisation table, where they were categorised on several elements (e.g. NNIBN indicator; local / national level; etc.).

The following categories were used for the classification:

Classification field	Category
Change agent	FF, NayaPusta, NEFEJ
Social actor	CSOs, national government, local government, media, public, children, foreign government/ international organisation, victims, educational institution.
NNIBN indicator	1- 9 (nominal)
Intermediate outcome	1- 3 (nominal)
Program focus	Participative with partners
Step in process	Ordinal
Activity type	Inductive
Level	Local/ national

Table 1: classification fields and categories

This has resulted in the findings presented in the next chapter and in feedback discussed directly with the programme coordinator and partner organisations.

Three of these classifications were done in a participative manner. During the afternoon of the third day of the workshop, there was time for some sense-making activities. Participants went through all outcomes together and discussed to which of the three intermediate outcomes of the NNIBN programme each outcome contributed. All outcomes could be classified by intermediate outcome in this way.

For the programme focus, the categories were also generated in a participative manner. Participants studied the outcomes to see if there were groups of outcomes that were working towards or focussing on the same issue (regardless of intermediate outcome). In this process, they were encouraged to look at the outcomes of other organisations as well, with which they were of course less familiar than with their own outcomes, and consider whether there were also groupings which included outcomes from different partner organisations. This resulted in the classification of outcomes on programme focus. Then in a last exercise the participants were asked to look within each group if there was a process with stages, where one outcome would enable or facilitate the next. Where this was the case, they numbered the outcomes to identify them as subsequent steps in a process of achieving further change.

These exercises provided valuable input for the analysis and interpretation of the outcomes, but as a sensemaking activity simultaneously stimulated a use of the findings. Especially the second and the third exercise were designed to stimulate cooperation between partners and to reflect on the process by which change happens. These topics were discussed as needs for the programme beforehand, and the project manager has used the experiences of the workshop as input for a discussion with the partners on how to improve the reporting process.



Image 2: categorisation during the workshop – outcomes with the same colour post-it are related to each other

An additional use of the findings was facilitated for one partner organisation, Freedom Forum. They were coached to use the outcomes to construct a Theory of Change, which shows the coherence among activities and objectives and their relation with the long-term objective. The Theory of Change is based on the harvested outcomes (which form short term outcomes) and then displays how these – according to Freedom Forum and Free Press Unlimited – lead to larger or longer-term changes. This now serves as a planning and strategic tool for Freedom Forum (see chapter 4 for more details and the ToC diagram).

## 3. Findings

### 3.1 Progress on NNIBN Indicators

The outcomes were classified by indicator. It was found that there were one or more outcomes showing progress for each indicator. In addition, there was one outcome could not be linked to an indicator. This is an outcome which describes that the electoral committee used Freedom Forum's findings around the elections for their report.

The table below displays the amount of outcomes related to each NNIBN-indicator, and the total per intermediate outcome.

<b>Indicator</b>	<b># of outcomes</b>	<b>Significance rating</b>
<b><i>Intermediate Outcome 1: An enabling environment for the media is established, conducive to freedom of expression, pluralism and diversity</i></b>	17	Medium: 2 High: 10 Very high: 5
1a: Civil society organisations support and defend the enabling environment for Media as a condition for Lobby and Advocacy	6	High: 3 Very high: 3
2a: Civil society organisation's lobby and advocate actively for journalist safety	8	Medium: 1 High: 5 Very high: 2
3a: Relevant policy makers and legislators establish legal and regulatory frameworks	3	Medium: 1 High: 2
<b><i>Intermediate Outcome 2: Media serve the interests of the public and act as a watchdog on their behalf</i></b>	19	Medium: 2 High: 11 Very high: 6
4a: Media and Civil society organisations relate strategically to achieve common goals in Lobby and Advocacy	1	High: 1
5a: Media hold power-holders to account	4	High: 3 Very high: 1
5b: Media are accountable to their publics and address and investigate relevant themes and topics	11	Medium: 1 High: 6 Very high: 3
6a: Media produce and transmit content that is gender-sensitive, inclusive, reflects social & cultural diversity and facilitates participation	4	Medium: 1 High: 1 Very high: 2
<b><i>Intermediate Outcome 3: Journalists and media actors work professionally and are effective and sustainable</i></b>	13	Medium: 1 High: 8 Very high: 4
7a: Media use the skills to work as change catalysts in Lobby and Advocacy	6	High: 4 Very high: 2
8a: Media operate as efficient and self-sustaining organizations	1	Very high: 1
8b: Media deal effectively with safety and security threats (physical, digital, psycho-social, legal)	2	High: 2
9a: Media implement policies and actions to foster gender equality in their organizations	4	Medium: 1 High: 2 Very high: 1
<b>None</b>	1	Very high: 1

Table 2: amount of outcomes and significance rating per indicator and intermediate outcome

At the indicator level 5b (downwards accountability of media to their public) and to a lesser extent 2 (lobbying for journalist safety) stand out for having relatively many outcomes, but also not extraordinarily more than other indicators. Do note that the amount of outcomes does not directly measure the importance of that indicator. Some indicators can be larger or smaller than others, or have a higher or lower significance. To make this point clear, the outcomes per indicator are also disaggregated by significance rating (low/ medium/ high/ very high).

The following graph displays some patterns regarding the significance of these outcomes by indicator:

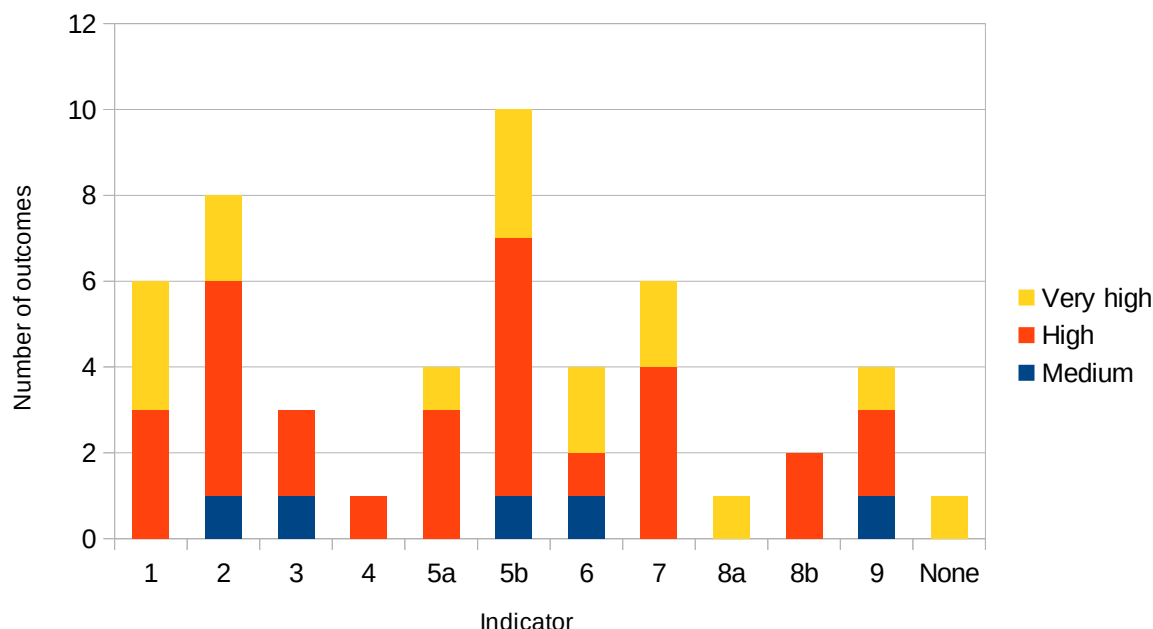


Figure 1: Number of outcomes per indicator, by significance rating

The outcomes related to indicator 3 (establishing beneficial laws and regulations) stand out for being relatively low. This is probably because most of these are still in a relatively early stage: the outcomes related to this indicator represent is still rather tentative change that will hopefully be consolidated in the second half of the programme period. In addition, it is interesting to see that the outcomes related to indicators 7- 9 (intermediate outcome 3) are rated relatively high. These tend to represent the results of capacity building, which are perceived as significant improvements in Nepal.

To illustrate, here is one example of an outcome related to indicator 7 of which the significance was rated as Very High:

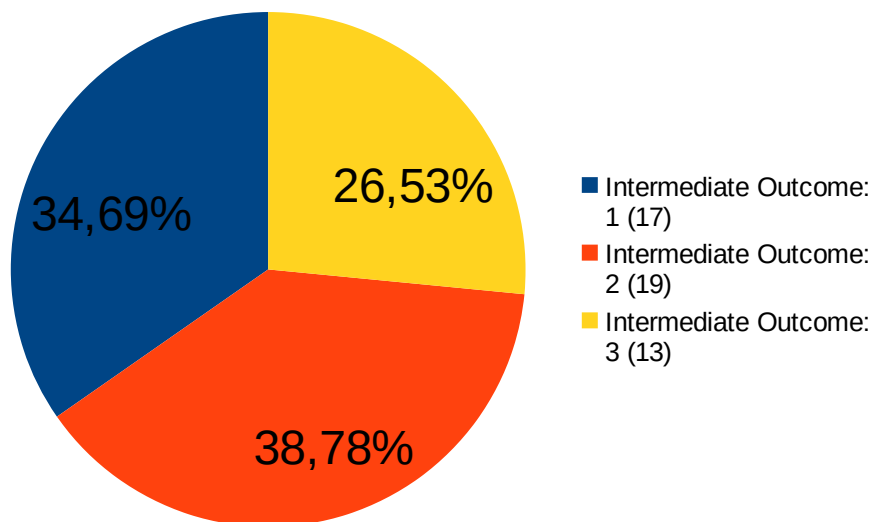
NEFEJ conducted a seminar, inviting the participants from journalist organizations (among others Press Chautari, Press Union and Press Center) and other working journalist from various media.

The chief editor and other journalists from Press Chautari Nepal, a press institute that is affiliated with the political party UML, acknowledge that they should work more professionally and expressed their interest to receive an additional media professionalism training from NEFEJ.

## 3.2 Progress towards Intermediate Outcomes

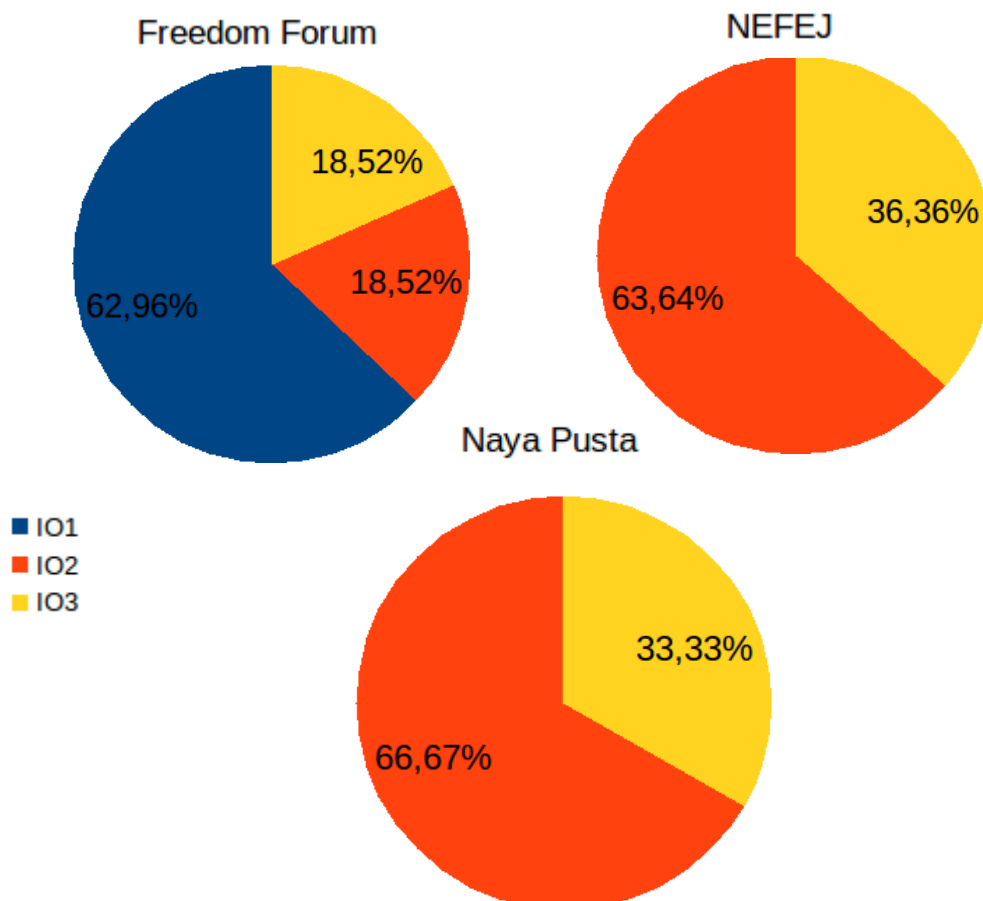
With this evaluation, we want to answer the question if, and in what way the programme has been making progress towards the objectives of the Theory of Change. The first way to look into this is by seeing to what extent the different Intermediate Outcomes have been addressed (for the numbers, see the table in chapter 3.1)

The outcomes are relatively equally divided over the intermediate outcomes, with a few more related to intermediate outcome 2 and some fewer related to intermediate outcome 3.



*Number of outcomes per Intermediate Outcome*

If we look at it per partner, then the distribution is different, however:



*Figure 2: Proportion of outcomes per intermediate outcome per partner*

A clear distinction can be seen in the intermediate outcomes that the different partners contribute to: Freedom Forum, as a civil society organisation, mainly focusses on improving freedom of expression and the enabling environment for media in Nepal. Meanwhile, the other two are similar in that they focus on accountability and on improving the professional capacity of journalists and media.

### 3.3 Social actors

The second way to look into the way in which the programme has made progress is to look at who has been affected. All outcomes describe a change, and describe *someone* who has changed (an organisation or person). We have grouped these into 8 types of actors.

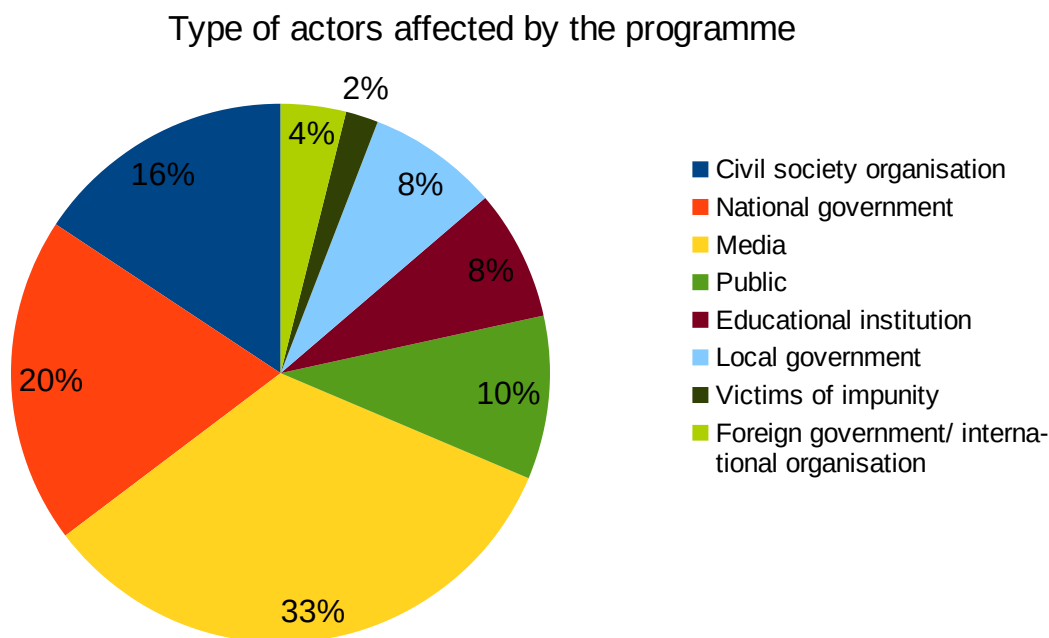


Figure 3: proportion of outcomes affecting social actor

The largest groups are media organisations, the national government and civil society organisations. Media organisations have for instance changed their practices based on training, or on the basis of the Gender Media Monitoring, acknowledging the authorship of female journalists for the stories they write and installing facilities to counteract problems that make it more difficult for female journalists to work in media.

For example:

In one outcome, newspaper 'Republica' implemented a pick-and-drop facility for its female journalists. This means they bring them home if they have worked late at night to ensure their safety. Before, female journalists were hesitant to work at night because of safety risks, which was preventing them from working in mainstream media.

During a meeting between Freedom Forum and the newspaper, one of the female journalists said that it is difficult to report on mainstream issues because then they have to work late night and it is not safe to travel home after work so late. Freedom Forum then gave the recommendation to give a pick-and-drop facility for female journalists in its report.

National governments were mostly influenced through lobby and advocacy efforts, which in the period under evaluation focussed on a draft Mass Communication Bill and on addressing impunity. Civil society

organisations and foreign governments/ international organisations were engaged to become involved with these issues as well.

'Victims of impunity' might be a strange category, because impunity refers to the lack of criminal investigation for cases of journalists who were killed. Victims here therefore refers to their families. Freedom Forum has been publishing reports on impunity and urging authorities to address the issue, and now families have started to contact them directly with their cases.

Again, differences can be seen per partner:

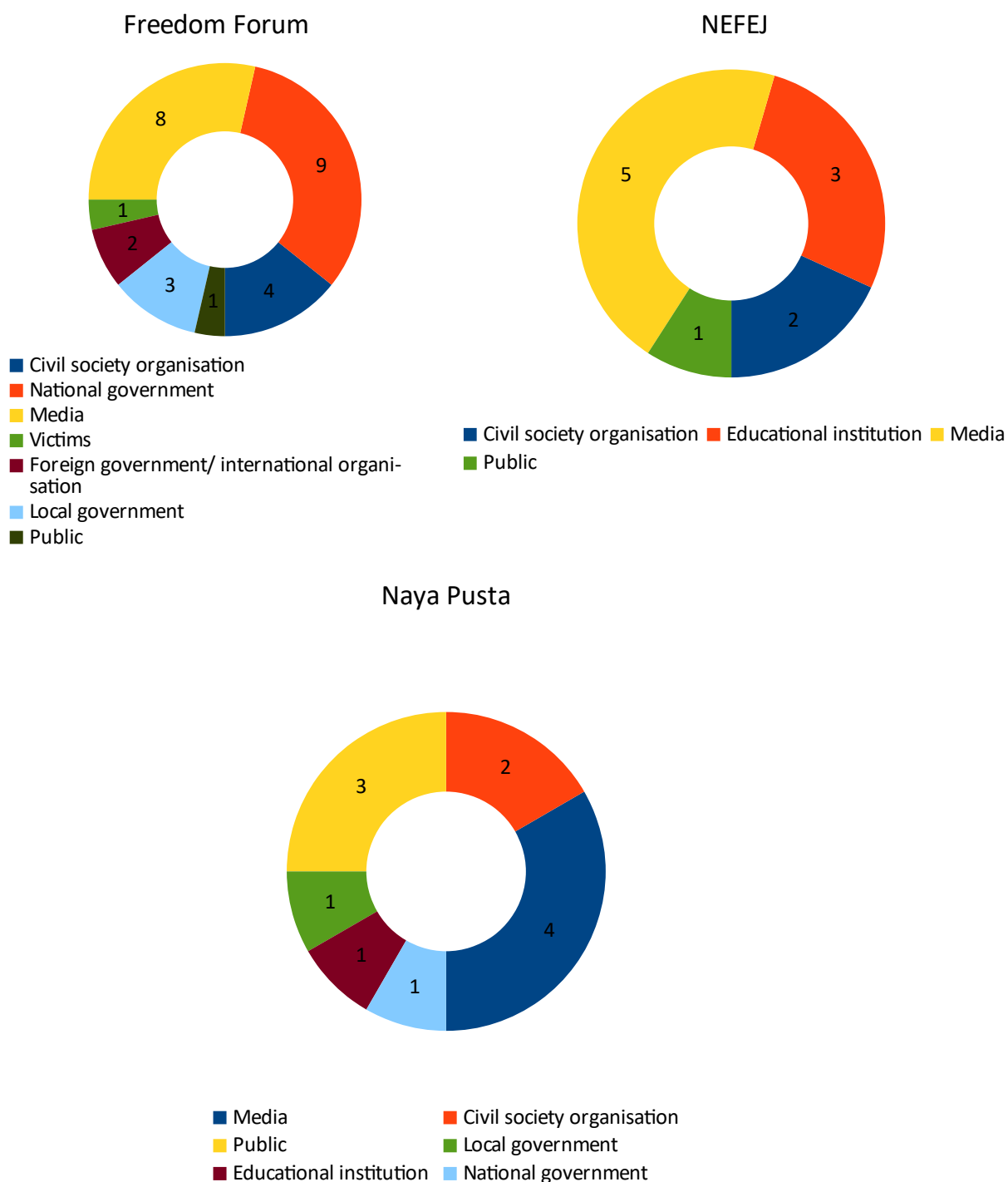


Figure 4: amount of outcomes per social actor, by partner organisation

Media are the largest or almost the largest group for all three partners, just as they were for the total amount. In addition, civil society organisations are also influenced by all organisations. In fact, they are the third social actors by amount of outcomes for all three partners.

Where they differ is that Freedom Forum has had a greater focus on the national government, by far: nine out of the ten outcomes affecting the national government were from Freedom Forum. Meanwhile, NEFEJ has a somewhat greater focus on educational institutions, mostly through outcomes related to media literacy; while Naya Pusta had more outcomes affecting the children and in particular young girls. Both the (media literacy) outcomes of NEFEJ targetting educational institutions, and the outcomes of Naya Pusta which affect the wider public contribute to Intermediate Outcome 2. Although Naya Pusta and NEFEJ were almost identical in the Intermediate Outcomes to which they contribute (see chapter 3.2), looking into the social actors shows that they do so in different ways.

Two examples illustrate how they pursue the same overall objectives through different means:

**Naya Pusta** obtains feedback via the 'child clubs' and 'screenings' it organized. Naya Pusta organized 6 sessions in which a total of 506 children participated. Some of these schools are inside the Kathmandu Valley and some are outside the Valley.

Usually children are not asked for and have no opportunity to give their views about these topics. Now, the children were able to influence what is being broadcasted because they were asked to give their feedback.

**NEFEJ** has visited several schools to discuss media literacy programmes and organized a sharing event for both private and public schools

Since September 2017, public schools have adopted an extra programme about media literacy to educate their students about mass media in addition to their normal curricula.

Both of these outcomes work to further downward accountability of media: making sure that the audience can consider media content critically, form an opinion about it and influence which issues are considered important.

### 3.4 Location

The large majority of outcomes had an impact at the national level: 10 outcomes were at the local level, while 41 had an impact at the national level.

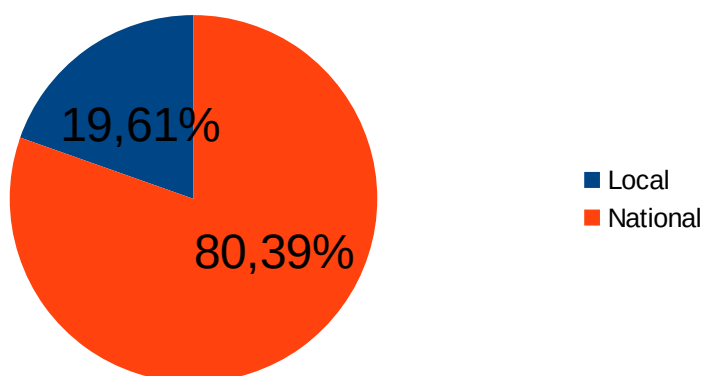


Figure 5: proportion of outcomes at the local/ national level

Clear differences can be seen between the different partner organisations, however. The figure below shows that a little of half of Naya Pusta's outcome's are at the local level, while NEFEJ and Freedom Forum are both (almost) exclusively active at the national level. This is somewhat surprising for NEFEJ, given that they are strongly networked with media outlets at the local level.

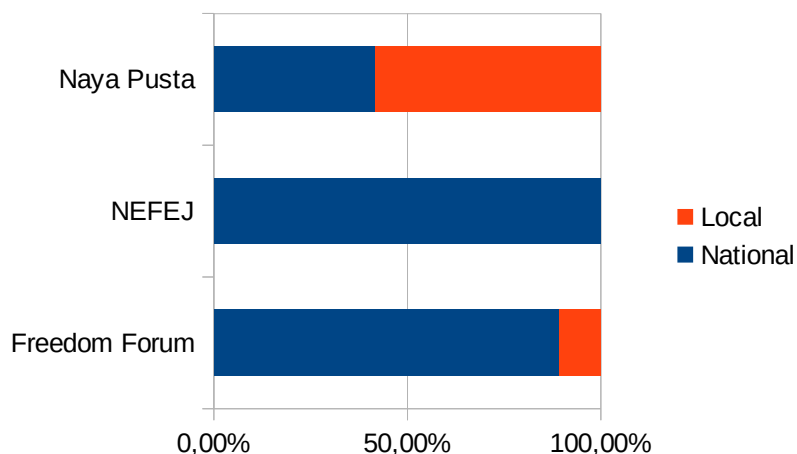


Figure 6: proportion of outcomes at the local/ national level, per partner organisation

For Freedom Forum, their local-level outcomes relate to a provincial network of Press Freedom monitors they have set up, which lead to an improved ability to address problems with local police. For Naya Pusta, their many local outcomes relate to their focus on obtaining input (in the form of issues to address with their stories and feedback on they have already broadcasted) for their show from all over the country and to the (local) impact of their stories.

For example:

After Naya Pusta broadcasted a story on a child who was seriously injured by corporal punishment, the local District Education Office demanded the school to fire the perpetrator. Later, when NayaPusta visited the school to follow up the story, the principal was fired from his job. This is the first time that we know of something like this happened.

Both the community radios and Naya Pusta are frequently tipped by local CSOs or citizens to produce a story about a certain topic. In this case a local stringer was tipped about the corporal punishment case at a local school. The story was covered and broadcasted on 17th of February, 2017.

### 3.5 Gender and safety

Gender (in)equality and safety of journalists are the cross-cutting themes of the NNIBN programme. They are both highlighted in the problem analysis of the planning (see chapter 1).

Ten outcomes (10%) of the outcomes deal directly with gender-related issues, six of which focus on the representation of women and men in the media, and four on the conditions of women working in the media. All three organisations work on improving the gender sensitivity of media content, although in different ways: Freedom Forum through Gender Content Monitoring, NEFEJ through its fellowship, and Naya Pusta by publishing gender sensitive content and content addressing issues facing women and girls. The position of women working in the media is a specific focus for Freedom Forum, however. It is addressed in the reports it publishes, which are further discussed with the media houses directly in order to improve the situation.

Safety of journalists is addressed by NEFEJ and Freedom Forum. NEFEJ has given safety training to fourty journalists, which among other things allowed them to be more safe during floods and landslides in Western

and Southern Nepal. Freedom Forum works to improve journalist safety in two additional ways: by assisting journalists against attacks by the police, and by lobbying to have the impunity of violence against journalists addressed. Journalists are assisted through a legal help desk if they face immediate problems, but also through a programme where police, local officials and journalists in various provinces talk together to sensitise the first two of the issues facing journalists.

An example from the legal help desk:

Nepal Police (DSP) initially wanted a news portal, Sushasan News, to disclose the source for a story published on their platform. After receiving a letter from Freedom Forum, the police dropped this demand and handed over the case to the Press Council, which is the proper institution to look after this type of media issues.

### 3.6 Programme focus

Participants were asked to make groups of outcomes that share a similar focus (see chapter 2). At the end of this exercise, twelve outcomes were not included in any group, and 39 were.

The following groups were identified:

• Impact of stories	3 outcomes
• Media literacy	3 outcomes
• Cooperation between media and Civil Society for better accountability	2 outcomes
• Establishing network across regions	4 outcomes
• Promoting Right to Information (RTI)	3 outcomes
• Broadcasting	3 outcomes
• Combatting impunity	5 outcomes
• Policy review	7 outcomes
• Gender content monitoring	7 outcomes
• Legal help to journalists	2 outcomes

Except for the first three, all of these groups contain a number of outcomes that can be seen as steps in a process. This means that the change described by the first outcome made subsequent outcomes possible. This was of particular interest to the evaluation, because it tracks the process through which change is achieved. Not all outcomes in each category were part of such a process, often there is a 'core' of two or more outcomes which follow each other, and one or more that contribute to the same objective but are not causally related.

One example of such a chain, from the policy review category, focusses on a draft Mass Communication bill. First, Freedom Forum submitted a review of the National Mass Communication bill and suggested 24 changes to be made. This review was shared with the Press Council, a regulatory body under the Ministry of Information and Communications, who referred it on to other stakeholder, including officials from the Ministry of Information and Communications. Secondly, Freedom Forum was contacted by several other civil society organisations, who joined in an alliance with Freedom Forum to lobby on the revision of the Mass Communication bill. Thirdly, the Press Council, which has a formal role in advising the Ministry on policy developments, stated publicly that they will incorporate the comments of Freedom Forum in their advise. The fourth and latest outcome was a public statement by the Minister of Information and Communication (Gokul Prasad Baskota) that concerns raised by civil society about the Mass Communication Bill will be addressed as per the recommendations.

## 4. Zooming in: a Theory of Change for Freedom Forum

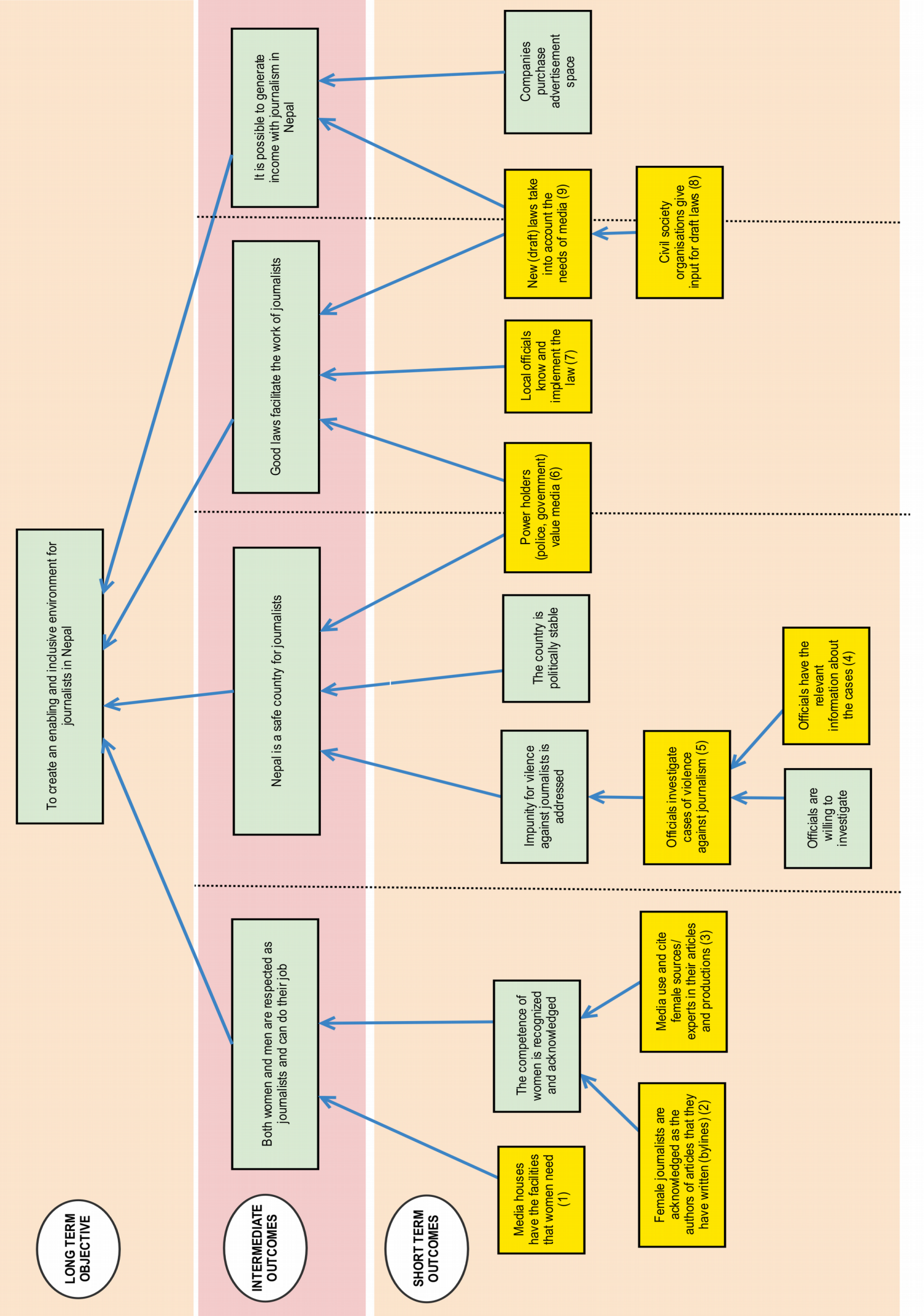
As described in chapter 3.6, the coherence and process by which change is achieved was studied with these outcomes with all organisations during the workshop. Afterwards, we went into more depth with one organisation, Freedom Forum. They were coached to analyse the coherence of all their outcomes as steps towards one overarching goal, using the Theory of Change model. Together with Free Press Unlimited, they used this to construct a ToC – see the next page for the result.

This chapter will zoom in on this work to elaborate on how the findings of the evaluation fit together. This closer look is done for one of the three partners, but serves as an illustration and example. Each ‘box’ represents one objective or intermedia or short-term outcome. Change happens by working on the short term outcomes, shown at the bottom, which together contribute to longer-term outcomes further up.

The yellow outcomes represent outcomes that the programme has contributed to according to the findings of this evaluation. They constitute most of the outcomes at the bottom of each chain, with two exceptions of important conditions that need to be in place but cannot be affected by the partner. These are the short term outcomes on which the programme made progress during the period under consideration (numbers correspond to numbered yellow outcomes in diagram):

1. *Media houses have the facilities that women need:* was furthered for one newspaper, Republica, which organised a drop-off service for women who are working late at night.
2. *Female journalists are acknowledged as the authors of articles that they have written (bylines):* this has increased by 3% overall. Himalayan Times has seen an increase from 0 to 7 female bylines (per 6 month period).
3. *Media use and cite female sources/ experts in their articles and productions:* the editor from Republica, Nayapatrika and Rising Nepal have said that nowadays they assign journalists to search for at least 1 female source.
4. *Officials have the relevant information about the cases* (of violence against journalists): Freedom Forum is obtaining information from the families of victims, and using this to urge the authorities to investigate.
5. *Officials investigate cases of violence against journalism:* Freedom Forum has lobbied the CIEDP (Commission on Investigation of Enforced Disappeared Persons), which is now taking faster action to investigate highlighted cases.
6. *Power holders (police, government) value media:* was furthered by getting police and journalists to meet and talk with each other about the needs of journalists to be safe and not to be censored in three provinces.
7. *Local officials know and implement the law:* is addressed regarding Right to Information legislation, which local officials often know very little about. The Chief Information Commissioner called upon local districts officials to act upon RTI regulations as a result of lobby activities, and Freedom Forum is providing them with information on the relevant procedures and rules through their RTI app.
8. *Civil society organisations give input for draft laws:* has been worked on regarding the Mass Communication bill, which Freedom Forum has provided recommendations on and lobbied together with other organisations to have these implemented.
9. *New (draft) laws take into account the needs of media:* progress was also seen here, as the Minister committed to implementing the recommendations from civil society on the draft law.

As can be seen in the ‘findings’ chapter, Freedom Forum is the only partner in Nepal that addresses (NNIBN) Intermediate Outcome 1. This Theory of Change therefore also illustrates how No News is Bad News approaches IO1, in the case of Nepal (with some additional elements, mainly related to gender, since Freedom Forum does not work exclusively on IO1).



## 5. Conclusions and recommendations

### 5.1 Reflection of findings

The previous section discussed several important patterns in the outcomes found during the harvest. It shows that the programme in Nepal is well-balanced: all Intermediate Outcomes are addressed, as are the cross-cutting themes. This comes at the risk of a lack of specialisation or focus. The outcomes from the early phase of the project (2016), as well as conversations with the stakeholders involved, point in the direction that this was the case in the beginning. However, the findings now show a sense of focus: a sensible specialisation among partners can be seen across intermediate outcomes, social actors. Where they seek to further the same objective, they do this through different activities suited to their specialisation, as described in chapters 3.3. and 3.5.

It is important not to lose coherence, however, which is something the Outcome Harvest has sought to address through the sensemaking activities and support for the use of findings. The network and own experiences of NEFEJ and NayaPusta throughout the different areas in Nepal could serve as input for the lobby work of Freedom Forum, for instance. Furthermore, perhaps Naya Pusta or other content-producing project by NEFEJ could be inspired by findings of Gender Content Monitoring done by Freedom Forum, to fill the gaps left by other media outlets regarding gender sensitivity.

It is noteworthy that the proportion of outcomes at the national level was so much higher than at the local level. All three organisations have networks or are active at the local level. For NEFEJ, this was despite the fact that they have a strong local network. Activities and priorities of the No News Is Bad News programme for NEFEJ did not include plans for the local level in 2016- 2018. It has been agreed that these will be a focus during the next period.

### 5.2 Direct involvement of Free Press Unlimited

Free Press Unlimited is mentioned in the outcomes as contributing directly to seven outcomes. In most of these cases, the contribution is related to joint strategising. Free Press Unlimited helps with developing the strategies and/ or supplies tools to work on focus areas that the partner might otherwise not (be able to) work on, and which lead to results. This was the case for for instance the focus on media literacy; and the cooperation with civil society organisations to offer information and data but also to verify whether what media houses publish is authentic or fake. Furthermore, Free Press Unlimited connected Freedom Forum to an organisation it works with in Bangladesh, SACMID, to exchange methods and tools. Further regional cooperation between partner organisations in South and South-East Asia is planned and welcomed by the partners<sup>2</sup>, so it is recommended to go ahead with this course.

During the Outcome Harvesting workshop, exercises were done to stimulate the organisations involved in the programme to reflect on the process by which (longer-term) change is achieved. This went relatively well, but was thinking in a strategic manner about project activities and results – considering changes as steps in a longer process – was not an intuitive or simple task for all organisations involved. As described in chapter 4, Free Press Unlimited has further supported Freedom Forum not only to look back at outcomes through this lens, but also forward. This will hopefully have a positive impact on future planning and proposal writing.

The capacity and way of working differs between the organisations involved, so it is not necessarily recommended to draft a Theory of Change with NEFEJ and Naya Pusta as well. However, they should be

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<sup>2</sup> Freedom Forum will visit the Indonesian partner organisation PPMN for instance, in order to learn about their progress in setting up a Press Freedom Index.

stimulated further to keep in mind the way we organised their outcomes sequentially, and coached to apply the same logic to planning for the future. NEFEJ and Naya Pusta were the organisations who most often mentioned that Free Press Unlimited had contributed to the outcomes through joint strategising and prioritising. This could be seen as an extension of the current way the cooperation is structured and will likely be welcomed by the respective organisations.

## **5.3 Monitoring and evaluation**

The Outcome Harvesting workshop also served a capacity building purpose for monitoring and evaluation. The partners were trained in the use of Outcome Harvesting, and it was discussed during the programme whether and how the partner organisations would like to use the method in the future to monitor and report on their results. It is recommended that from now on the partners write outcomes according to the Outcome Harvesting definitions and method and add it to their regular reports. As per the discussion, this could replace several elements in the current format, but not all description of progress and results. Free Press Unlimited is in the process of developing a format which can be included in the reports to harvest outcomes. It should finish this and then share it with the partners.

# Annex 1: List of participating organisations

## Partner organisations

- NEFEJ
- NayaPusta
- Freedom Forum

## Harvester:

- Tim Schoot Uiterkamp, Free Press Unlimited

## Annex 2: Agenda of workshop

Day 1		
Time	Topic	Details (does not need to be shared with partners)
10:00- 10:15	Welcome, introduction	Introduce persons and agenda. Bit of interaction.
10:15- 11:30	Presentation: Outcome Harvesting	Basic presentation OH, with questions after each short block. Exercise to formulate each part of the outcome. End with examples from partners.
11:30- 11:45	Discuss: new outcomes	Discuss the new outcomes, answer any remaining questions to make sure that everything is clear.
11:45- 12:00	Break	
12:00- 13:00	Discuss: outcomes from reports	Discuss examples in groups. Aim: illustrate presentation and verify/ correct/ improve outcomes from literature review. Make small adjustments right there; if too much needs to be changed then indicate this for later.
13:00- 14:00	Lunch	
14:10- 15:00	Finding new outcomes 1	Discuss leads, identify as many outcomes as possible. Facilitated by FPU. Elaborate on outcomes, but note down any leads/ identified outcomes that come up in the process. Try to identify as many leads/ new outcomes as possible at this stage, quality will be improved later.
15:10- 16:00	Finding new outcomes 2	Continue
16:00- 16:15	Break	
16:15- 17:30	Improving new outcomes	Stay in same groups, but switch focus to finishing the new outcomes that are most advanced.
18:00	Dinner	

Day 2		
Time	Topic	Details
10:00- 10:30	Introduction and recap	Recap; space to answer questions; ask each organisation to share one new outcome formulated from last afternoon.
10:30- 11:30	Improving outcomes 1	Interview style: participant interviews someone from the other organisation based on leads/ unfinished outcomes in order to finish outcome.
11:30- 11:45	Break	
11:45- 12:30	Improving outcomes 2	Switch partners
12:30- 13:00	Review outcomes	Back per organisation. FPU facilitated, review changes made. Finish formulation and/ or identify new leads and/ or discuss if some outcomes need to be split, merged or are not actually outcomes.
13:00- 14:00	Lunch	
14:15- 15:45	Finding unexpected or negative outcomes	In organisation-groups; FPU facilitated. Ask explicitly about unexpected and/ or negative outcomes. Others that come up also possible of course.
15:45- 16:30	Plenary reflection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How are we doing so far? Any surprises? What about the interviews? Did you learn new things</li> </ul>

		<p>(about the other organisation)?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discuss trends and categories.</li> <li>• Discuss: how much time still needed for outcomes next day.</li> </ul>
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Day 3		
Time	Topic	Details
10:00- 10:15	Introduction and recap	
10:15- 11:15	Improving outcomes 3: contribution, significance and evidence	Per organisation. FPU facilitated: go through outcomes, complete them. Focus especially on contribution and significance (include distinction FPU/ partner/ 3rd parties). Add scores.
11:15- 11:30	Break	
11:30- 13:00	Parking lot <i>We used this time to discuss reporting and the reporting format</i>	Reserve time: either finish what still needs to be done to complete outcomes; address issues that have been parked beforehand or any other unforeseen activity.
13:00- 14:00	Lunch	
14:15- 15:15	Sensemaking 1: patterns and interpretation	Present patterns detected so far, plenary discussion on interpretation
15:15- 15:30	Break	
15:40- 16:40	Sensemaking 2: learning	Focus on certain aspects. Participants discuss what can be learned from method for M&E; and/ or try to use certain focus points from the result to come up with (joint) priorities for 2nd half of NNIBN period.
16:40- 17:00	Evaluation and closing	

# Annex 3: Overview of outcomes harvested

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### "No News is Bad News"

<b>Description of the Outcome:</b>	
<p><i>Who has changed and what have they done differently?</i></p> <p>Government officials from the Ministry of Information and Communications have contacted Freedom Forum to assist them in implementing some recommendations of policy changes that Freedom Forum has suggested in a report, in order to amend the guarantee for freedom of expression in Nepal.</p>	<p><i>When:</i> End of 2016</p> <p><i>Where:</i> a high school in Kathmandu (will look up)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Local</li> <li>- <b>National</b></li> </ul>
<b>Significance of the Outcome:</b>	
<p><i>Why is this change important? Is it the first time that it happened? Is it long-lasting?</i></p> <p>This establishes a constructive relationship between the government officials and Freedom Forum. Due to this outcome, other forms of cooperation with the government were made possible. This is a first step that makes it more likely that the recommendations will be implemented.</p>	<p><b>Significance rating:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Very high</li> <li>- <b>High</b></li> <li>- Medium</li> <li>- Low</li> </ul>
<b>Contributions to the Outcome:</b>	
<p><i>Who were involved and what did they do to make this change happen? (Elaborate especially on what you and/ or FPU did)</i></p> <p>Via a study and follow up discussion-meeting conducted and organized by Freedom Forum, national stakeholders such as policy makers and the Ministry of Information and Communications, have been made aware of the flaws in the new National Mass Communications Policy. These included the officials that later contacted Freedom Forum.</p>	<p><b>Contribution rating:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Very high</li> <li>- <b>High</b></li> <li>- Medium</li> <li>- Low</li> </ul>
<b>Documents/websites/persons for verification of the Outcome:</b>	
Information officer of Ministry <span style="background-color: red; color: black;">name removed, known by FPU</span>	
<b>The Outcome was:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Expected</li> <li>- <b>Unexpected</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Positive</b></li> <li>- Negative</li> </ul>

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<b>Description of the Outcome:</b>	
<p><i>Who has changed and what have they done differently?</i></p> <p>The US Department of State used Freedom Forum's media freedom report in their Nepal 2016 Human Rights Report. About impunity and violence against journalists.</p>	<p><i>When:</i> December 2016</p> <hr/> <p><i>Where:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Local</li> <li>- <b>National</b></li> </ul>
<b>Significance of the Outcome:</b>	
<p><i>Why is this change important? Is it the first time that it happened? Is it long-lasting?</i></p> <p>This means that important actors think that the report is important and reliable. It increases the impact of the report.</p>	<p><b>Significance rating:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Very high</li> <li>- <b>High</b></li> <li>- Medium</li> <li>- Low</li> </ul>
<b>Contributions to the Outcome:</b>	
<p><i>Who were involved and what did they do to make this change happen? (Elaborate especially on what you and/ or FPU did)</i></p> <p>Freedom Forum conducted various studies and subsequently organized discussion meetings to debate results of the reports that made relevant stakeholders aware of the current environment for media practitioners.</p>	<p><b>Contribution rating:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Very high</li> <li>- <b>High</b></li> <li>- Medium</li> <li>- Low</li> </ul>
<b>Documents/websites/persons for verification of the Outcome:</b>	
US State department report Nepal 2016	
<b>The Outcome was:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Expected</li> <li>- <b>Unexpected</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Positive</b></li> <li>- Negative</li> </ul>

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<b>Description of the Outcome:</b>	
<p><i>Who has changed and what have they done differently?</i></p> <p>The Chief Information Commissioner from National Information Commission (NIC) called upon local districts officials to act upon RTI regulations.</p>	<p><i>When:</i> Mid-2017</p> <hr/> <p><i>Where:</i> ...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Local</li> <li>- <b>National</b></li> </ul>
<b>Significance of the Outcome:</b>	
<p><i>Why is this change important? Is it the first time that it happened? Is it long-lasting?</i></p> <p>The NIC did not make this call before. They have influence on the local district officials. This makes it more likely that other actors, the local district officials, will also change their behaviour and make it easier for journalists to use RTI.</p>	<p><b>Significance rating:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Very high</li> <li>- <b>High</b></li> <li>- Medium</li> <li>- Low</li> </ul>
<b>Contributions to the Outcome:</b>	
<p><i>Who were involved and what did they do to make this change happen? (Elaborate especially on what you and/ or FPU did)</i></p> <p>Freedom Forum conducted advocacy activities. Besides approaching the NIC, they approached all the local districts (753 local levels) asking about appointment of information officers, along with other details.</p>	<p><b>Contribution rating:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Very high</li> <li>- <b>High</b></li> <li>- Medium</li> <li>- Low</li> </ul>
<b>Documents/websites/persons for verification of the Outcome:</b>	
<p>Chief Information Commissioner Nepal (contacting is okay): <span style="background-color: red; color: black;">name removed, known by FPU</span></p>	
<b>The Outcome was:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Expected</li> <li>- <b>Unexpected</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Positive</b></li> <li>- Negative</li> </ul>

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<b>Description of the Outcome:</b>	
<p><i>Who has changed and what have they done differently?</i></p> <p>The Deputy Attorney General Sanjib Regmi has urged to bring cases of impunity from 1996- 2016 to the court.</p>	<p><i>When:</i> End of 2016</p>
	<p><i>Where:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Local</li> <li>- <b>National</b></li> </ul>
<b>Significance of the Outcome:</b>	
<p><i>Why is this change important? Is it the first time that it happened? Is it long-lasting?</i></p> <p>The Deputy Attorney General is a powerful actor. Him speaking out on the issues that Freedom Forum is advocating for can have an influence on others. He has influence to get pending cases to higher courts faster.</p>	<p><b>Significance rating:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Very high</li> <li>- <b>High</b></li> <li>- Medium</li> <li>- Low</li> </ul>
<b>Contributions to the Outcome:</b>	
<p><i>Who were involved and what did they do to make this change happen? (Elaborate especially on what you and/ or FPU did)</i></p> <p>FF published a report on journalists killed during 1996-2016. Many of these have disappeared.</p> <p>Freedom Forum is actively lobbying and advocating to get the government to address these issues: they organized a discussion-meeting to raise attention for these cases. Both activities received a lot of media coverage (a.o. The Himalya Times and E Herald Post).</p>	<p><b>Contribution rating:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Very high</li> <li>- High</li> <li>- <b>Medium</b></li> <li>- Low</li> </ul>
<b>Documents/websites/persons for verification of the Outcome:</b>	
<p>Researcher and senior journalist, RTI expert: <span style="background-color: red; color: black;">name removed, known by FPU</span></p>	
<b>The Outcome was:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Expected</li> <li>- <b>Unexpected</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Positive</b></li> <li>- Negative</li> </ul>

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<b>Description of the Outcome:</b>	
<p><i>Who has changed and what have they done differently?</i></p> <p>The police released journalists (+/- 15), who were accused of an anti-election campaign, from custody. Other journalists were arrested while reporting on vote counting. Other reason were personal or defamation claims, or organising strikes.</p>	<p><i>When:</i> Throughout 2017</p> <hr/> <p><i>Where:</i> Kathmandu, Kanchanpar, Gorkha, Dang, Pyuthen, Burwal - <b>Local</b> - National</p>
<b>Significance of the Outcome:</b>	
<p><i>Why is this change important? Is it the first time that it happened? Is it long-lasting?</i></p> <p>If this had not happened, then the journalists would be in prison for a much longer time.</p>	<p><b>Significance rating:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Very high</b></li> <li>- High</li> <li>- Medium</li> <li>- Low</li> </ul>
<b>Contributions to the Outcome:</b>	
<p><i>Who were involved and what did they do to make this change happen? (Elaborate especially on what you and/ or FPU did)</i></p> <p>Freedom Forums published a study regarding the actual reasons of currently detained journalists in Kathmandu, Kanchanpur and Gorkha.</p> <p>They kept up a constant query over phone, and conducted visits (if it is possible) and awareness-raising regarding FoE violations to police stations. This influences the police to release them.</p> <p>The new provincial network makes it easier to approach police in further away districts.</p>	<p><b>Contribution rating:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Very high</b></li> <li>- High</li> <li>- Medium</li> <li>- Low</li> </ul>
<b>Documents/websites/persons for verification of the Outcome:</b>	
<p>Journalists and stringer for province nr. 5: <span style="background-color: red; color: black;">name removed, known by FPU</span></p>	
<b>The Outcome was:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Expected</b></li> <li>- Unexpected</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Positive</b></li> <li>- Negative</li> </ul>

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<b>Description of the Outcome:</b>	
<p><i>Who has changed and what have they done differently?</i></p> <p>The draft of a potential Public Service Broadcaster (PSB) system was shared by the Ministry of Information with several expert organisations (among them Freedom Forum).</p>	<p><i>When:</i> August 6 2017</p>
	<p><i>Where:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Local</li> <li>- <b>National</b></li> </ul>
<b>Significance of the Outcome:</b>	
<p><i>Why is this change important? Is it the first time that it happened? Is it long-lasting?</i></p> <p>It means that the Ministry takes Freedom Forum seriously, it gives Freedom Forum more influence to try to make positive changes to the bill.</p> <p>A PSB is important because the amount of broadcasters has increased. Common standards are important to monitor ethics, media ownerships and possible conflict of interest and to ensure distribution of frequencies. Also to ensure that what they broadcast is related to their target group.</p>	<p><b>Significance rating:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Very high</b></li> <li>- High</li> <li>- Medium</li> <li>- Low</li> </ul>
<b>Contributions to the Outcome:</b>	
<p><i>Who were involved and what did they do to make this change happen? (Elaborate especially on what you and/ or FPU did)</i></p> <p>Freedom Forums conducted an active lobby for improvement of the National Broadcasting Law <i>and</i> the creation of a Public Service Broadcaster (PSB) system and law: FF commented on the PSB bill before. FF organised discussion program on the relevance of public broadcasting authority and laws with consitutional exerts, journalists, media experts.</p>	<p><b>Contribution rating:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Very high</b></li> <li>- High</li> <li>- Medium</li> <li>- Low</li> </ul>
<b>Documents/websites/persons for verification of the Outcome:</b>	
<p>Constitutional expert (consultant): <span style="background-color: red; color: black;">name removed, known by FPU</span></p>	
<b>The Outcome was:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Expected</li> <li>- <b>Unexpected</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Positive</b></li> <li>- Negative</li> </ul>

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<b>Description of the Outcome:</b>	
<p><i>Who has changed and what have they done differently?</i></p> <p>Media houses are adjusting their content: the number of reports with female bylines and the number of references to female sources have increased by 3%.</p>	<p><i>When:</i> From the October 2016-March 2017 period compared with the 6 month after</p> <hr/> <p><i>Where:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Local</li> <li>- <b>National</b></li> </ul>
<b>Significance of the Outcome:</b>	
<p><i>Why is this change important? Is it the first time that it happened? Is it long-lasting?</i></p> <p>The number of reports that are produced by female reporters and the number of references to female sources were very low. This is a change away from that, which improves the position of female journalists in Nepal.</p>	<p><b>Significance rating:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Very high</li> <li>- <b>High</b></li> <li>- Medium</li> <li>- Low</li> </ul>
<b>Contributions to the Outcome:</b>	
<p><i>Who were involved and what did they do to make this change happen? (Elaborate especially on what you and/ or FPU did)</i></p> <p>Freedom Forum has raised awareness at the media houses and other relevant stakeholders, by monitoring these facts and discuss these with the media houses. They have stimulated the concerning media houses to evaluate their own practices.</p>	<p><b>Contribution rating:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Very high</b></li> <li>- High</li> <li>- Medium</li> <li>- Low</li> </ul>
<b>Documents/websites/persons for verification of the Outcome:</b>	
<p>Reports can be read from FF website</p>	
<b>The Outcome was:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Expected</li> <li>- <b>Unexpected</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Positive</b></li> <li>- Negative</li> </ul>

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<b>Description of the Outcome:</b>	
<p><i>Who has changed and what have they done differently?</i></p> <p>A provincial network was established in which 7 media representatives from 7 different provinces (all provinces) will monitor freedom of expression violations in their province and report them to Freedom Forum</p>	<p><i>When:</i> October 2016</p>
	<p><i>Where:</i> All provinces</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Local</b></li> <li>- National</li> </ul>
<b>Significance of the Outcome:</b>	
<p><i>Why is this change important? Is it the first time that it happened? Is it long-lasting?</i></p> <p>Before it was monitored only from the central office, not from the regions. FF could not reach out to the victims at that moment. Now there are better local connections, which result in better follow-up.</p>	<p><b>Significance rating:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Very high</b></li> <li>- High</li> <li>- Medium</li> <li>- Low</li> </ul>
<b>Contributions to the Outcome:</b>	
<p><i>Who were involved and what did they do to make this change happen? (Elaborate especially on what you and/ or FPU did)</i></p> <p>Freedom Forum organized a provincial orientation programme on monitoring freedom of expression issues, in which 7 media representatives of 7 different provinces attended. In this orientation session, legal provisions and policies relating FoE and how the political and economical environment could influence the FoE atmosphere were studied to make the participants more aware of the existing regulations. Through cases-studies, the participants learned how they could identify when FoE is violated.</p>	<p><b>Contribution rating:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Very high</b></li> <li>- High</li> <li>- Medium</li> <li>- Low</li> </ul>
<b>Documents/websites/persons for verification of the Outcome:</b>	
<p>Journalists and stringer for province nr. 5: <span style="background-color: red; color: black;">name removed, known by FPU</span></p>	
<b>The Outcome was:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Expected</b></li> <li>- Unexpected</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Positive</b></li> <li>- Negative</li> </ul>

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<b>Description of the Outcome:</b>	
<p><i>Who has changed and what have they done differently?</i></p> <p>The National Planning Commission (NPC) agreed that Freedom Forum can establish and set up a baseline- and M&amp;E framework together to measure and monitor the progress of Sustainable Development Goals 16.10.1 and 16.10.2.</p>	<p><i>When:</i> Oct. 11 2016</p>
	<p><i>Where:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Local</li> <li>- <b>National</b></li> </ul>
<b>Significance of the Outcome:</b>	
<p><i>Why is this change important? Is it the first time that it happened? Is it long-lasting?</i></p> <p>These goals relate to public access to information and protect fundamental freedoms, in accordance with national legislation and international agreements. Adhering to them better would improve media freedom in Nepal.</p>	<p><b>Significance rating:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Very high</li> <li>- <b>High</b></li> <li>- Medium</li> <li>- Low</li> </ul>
<b>Contributions to the Outcome:</b>	
<p><i>Who were involved and what did they do to make this change happen? (Elaborate especially on what you and/ or FPU did)</i></p> <p>Freedom Forum conducted continuous lobby towards the National Planning Commission via among others organizing discussion meetings, and sending letters. In the program, officials from the department of information and the NIC, M of information and communication participated and indicated that the issues of safety of journalists and access of information have been ignored while developing the national baselines on targets on SDG 16.10 1+2</p> <p>Freedom Forum proposed that a baseline is necessary.</p>	<p><b>Contribution rating:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Very high</b></li> <li>- High</li> <li>- Medium</li> <li>- Low</li> </ul>
<b>Documents/websites/persons for verification of the Outcome:</b>	
<p>NPC member secretary (can be contacted): <span style="background-color: red; color: black;">name removed, known by FPU</span></p>	
<b>The Outcome was:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Expected</b></li> <li>- Unexpected</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Positive</b></li> <li>- Negative</li> </ul>

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<b>Description of the Outcome:</b>	
<p><i>Who has changed and what have they done differently?</i></p> <p>The Press Council referred Freedom Forums review of National Mass Communication bill to other stakeholders (such as officials from the Ministry of Information)</p>	<p><i>When:</i> Since December 2017</p>
	<p><i>Where:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Local</li> <li>- <b>National</b></li> </ul>
<b>Significance of the Outcome:</b>	
<p><i>Why is this change important? Is it the first time that it happened? Is it long-lasting?</i></p> <p>Since the National mass communication act is in the drafting phase such review is the first of this kind.</p> <p>The bill will have a large effect on the situation of Press Freedom in Nepal. It is thought of as an umbrella act. Freedom Forum identified elements in the draft that could be detrimental to Press Freedom and this review focuses attention on these points.</p>	<p><b>Significance rating:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Very high</li> <li>- <b>High</b></li> <li>- Medium</li> <li>- Low</li> </ul>
<b>Contributions to the Outcome:</b>	
<p><i>Who were involved and what did they do to make this change happen? (Elaborate especially on what you and/ or FPU did)</i></p> <p>Freedom Forum reviewed the National mass communication bill and suggested changes to be made on 24 points. The review was shared with the Press Council</p>	<p><b>Contribution rating:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Very high</li> <li>- <b>High</b></li> <li>- Medium</li> <li>- Low</li> </ul>
<b>Documents/websites/persons for verification of the Outcome:</b>	
Press Council Nepal President: <span style="background-color: red; color: black;">name removed, known by FPU</span>	
<b>The Outcome was:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Expected</b></li> <li>- Unexpected</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Positive</b></li> <li>- Negative</li> </ul>

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<b>Description of the Outcome:</b>	
<p><i>Who has changed and what have they done differently?</i></p> <p>CIEDP (Commission on Investigation of Enforced Disappeared Persons) took faster action to investigate the case of Journalist Dhan Bahadur Rokaya Magar: they send a letter to the family to ask for more information.</p>	<p><i>When:</i> September 2017</p> <hr/> <p><i>Where:</i> ...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Local</li> <li>- <b>National</b></li> </ul>
<b>Significance of the Outcome:</b>	
<p><i>Why is this change important? Is it the first time that it happened? Is it long-lasting?</i></p> <p>The impunity issue related to a crime against a journalist was neglected before, and it is somehow addressed now</p>	<p><b>Significance rating:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Very high</li> <li>- High</li> <li>- <b>Medium</b></li> <li>- Low</li> </ul>
<b>Contributions to the Outcome:</b>	
<p><i>Who were involved and what did they do to make this change happen? (Elaborate especially on what you and/ or FPU did)</i></p> <p>Freedom Forum published a report on impunity cases. It is now searching the status of the slain and disappeared journalists cases which are included in this report, including the case of Dhan Bahadur Rokaya Magar</p>	<p><b>Contribution rating:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Very high</b></li> <li>- High</li> <li>- Medium</li> <li>- Low</li> </ul>
<b>Documents/websites/persons for verification of the Outcome:</b>	
<p>Section officer of CIEDP <span style="background-color: red; color: black;">name removed, known by FPU</span></p>	
<b>The Outcome was:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Expected</li> <li>- <b>Unexpected</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Positive</b></li> <li>- Negative</li> </ul>

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<b>Description of the Outcome:</b>	
<p><i>Who has changed and what have they done differently?</i></p> <p>Republica implemented a pick-and-drop facility for its female journalists: this means they bring them home if they have worked late at night to ensure their safety.</p>	<p><i>When:</i></p> <p>Second half 2017</p>
	<p><i>Where:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Local</li> <li>- <b>National</b></li> </ul>
<b>Significance of the Outcome:</b>	
<p><i>Why is this change important? Is it the first time that it happened? Is it long-lasting?</i></p> <p>...</p> <p>Female journalists were hesitant to work at night because of safety risks, which was blocking them from working in mainstream media. The Freedom Forum report is taken seriously at editorial level.</p>	<p><b>Significance rating:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Very high</b></li> <li>- High</li> <li>- Medium</li> <li>- Low</li> </ul>
<b>Contributions to the Outcome:</b>	
<p><i>Who were involved and what did they do to make this change happen? (Elaborate especially on what you and/ or FPU did)</i></p> <p>...</p> <p>During the interface meeting with Freedom Forum and the newspaper, one of the female journalists said that it is difficult to report on mainstream issues because then they have to work late night and it is not safe to travel home after work so late. Freedom Forum gave the recommendation to give a pick-and-drop facility for female journalists in its report.</p>	<p><b>Contribution rating:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Very high</b></li> <li>- High</li> <li>- Medium</li> <li>- Low</li> </ul>
<b>Documents/websites/persons for verification of the Outcome:</b>	
Associate editor at Republica <span style="background-color: red; color: black;">name removed, known by FPU</span>	
<b>The Outcome was:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Expected</b></li> <li>- Unexpected</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Positive</b></li> <li>- Negative</li> </ul>

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<b>Description of the Outcome:</b>	
<p><i>Who has changed and what have they done differently?</i></p> <p>The families of journalists who disappeared or were killed during the 1996-2016 period, are now approaching Freedom Forum to give more information about the victim and to contact TRC (truth and reconciliation commission) or CIEDP together to ask about the status of the victim.</p>	<p><i>When:</i> Since April 2017</p> <hr/> <p><i>Where:</i> ...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Local</li> <li>- <b>National</b></li> </ul>
<b>Significance of the Outcome:</b>	
<p><i>Why is this change important? Is it the first time that it happened? Is it long-lasting?</i></p> <p>First Freedom Forum contacted the TRC directly, but they were not willing to share the status because Freedom Forum is not a direct stakeholder. They can share this with the families, so it is important to have them involved.</p>	<p><b>Significance rating:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Very high</li> <li>- <b>High</b></li> <li>- Medium</li> <li>- Low</li> </ul>
<b>Contributions to the Outcome:</b>	
<p><i>Who were involved and what did they do to make this change happen? (Elaborate especially on what you and/ or FPU did)</i></p> <p>Freedom Forum has been visiting families to establish a connection. Some of them then follow up and contact Freedom Forum to approach the TRC together.</p>	<p><b>Contribution rating:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Very high</b></li> <li>- High</li> <li>- Medium</li> <li>- Low</li> </ul>
<b>Documents/websites/persons for verification of the Outcome:</b>	
<p>Father of slain journalist <span style="background-color: red; color: black;">name removed, known by FPU</span></p>	
<b>The Outcome was:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Expected</b></li> <li>- Unexpected</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Positive</b></li> <li>- Negative</li> </ul>

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<b>Description of the Outcome:</b>	
<p><i>Who has changed and what have they done differently?</i></p> <p>The Press Council has stated publicly that they will discuss the draft act on National Mass Media with Freedom Forum and that they will incorporate the comments of Freedom Forum.</p>	<p><i>When:</i> Early 2018</p>
	<p><i>Where:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Local</li> <li>- <b>National</b></li> </ul>
<b>Significance of the Outcome:</b>	
<p><i>Why is this change important? Is it the first time that it happened? Is it long-lasting?</i></p> <p>The effect will be long lasting if the comments are incorporated in the National Mass Communication Act. Press Council has influence on the Ministry of Information.  This increases the influence of Freedom Forum to make the draft bill better</p>	<p><b>Significance rating:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Very high</b></li> <li>- High</li> <li>- Medium</li> <li>- Low</li> </ul>
<b>Contributions to the Outcome:</b>	
<p><i>Who were involved and what did they do to make this change happen? (Elaborate especially on what you and/ or FPU did)</i></p> <p>...</p> <p>Freedom Forum reviewed the National mass communication bill and shared it with many stakeholders, including the Press Council.</p> <p>Together with other organizations FF lobbied with the government to address the recommendation provided by FF.</p>	<p><b>Contribution rating:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Very high</li> <li>- <b>High</b></li> <li>- Medium</li> <li>- Low</li> </ul>
<b>Documents/websites/persons for verification of the Outcome:</b>	
<p>Press Council Nepal President: <span style="background-color: red; color: black;">name removed, known by FPU</span></p>	
<b>The Outcome was:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Expected</li> <li>- <b>Unexpected</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Positive</b></li> <li>- Negative</li> </ul>

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<b>Description of the Outcome:</b>	
<p><i>Who has changed and what have they done differently?</i></p> <p>Several newspapers and online news portals (Setopati Online, My Republica.com, Himalayan Times) promoted the RTI app.</p>	<p><i>When:</i> Dec. 2017</p>
	<p><i>Where:</i> ...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Local</li> <li>- <b>National</b></li> </ul>
<b>Significance of the Outcome:</b>	
<p><i>Why is this change important? Is it the first time that it happened? Is it long-lasting?</i></p> <p>As a result of the promotion from news papers and online news portal, many people would know about the app. It is important because the users need to know about RTI and the app serves as a package of information about RTI.</p>	<p><b>Significance rating:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Very high</li> <li>- <b>High</b></li> <li>- Medium</li> <li>- Low</li> </ul>
<b>Contributions to the Outcome:</b>	
<p><i>Who were involved and what did they do to make this change happen? (Elaborate especially on what you and/ or FPU did)</i></p> <p>Freedom Forum developed an interactive RTI Nepal android application and made it available for all the public.</p>	<p><b>Contribution rating:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Very high</li> <li>- <b>High</b></li> <li>- Medium</li> <li>- Low</li> </ul>
<b>Documents/websites/persons for verification of the Outcome:</b>	
<p>List of links is in annual report 2017</p>	
<b>The Outcome was:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Expected</li> <li>- <b>Unexpected</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Positive</b></li> <li>- Negative</li> </ul>

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Description of the Outcome:	
<p><i>Who has changed and what have they done differently?</i></p> <p>GEOC (General election observation committee) used the findings of Freedom Forum observers for parts of their report on the election.</p>	<p><i>When:</i> Throughout 2017 (multiple elections throughout the year)</p> <hr/> <p><i>Where:</i> ...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Local</li> <li>- <b>National</b></li> </ul>
Significance of the Outcome:	
<p><i>Why is this change important? Is it the first time that it happened? Is it long-lasting?</i></p> <p>It is significant because FF got recognized and acknowledged for their work in the field of FOE in Nepal. This gives them wider respect.</p>	<p><b>Significance rating:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Very high</b></li> <li>- High</li> <li>- Medium</li> <li>- Low</li> </ul>
Contributions to the Outcome:	
<p><i>Who were involved and what did they do to make this change happen? (Elaborate especially on what you and/ or FPU did)</i></p> <p>FF by its Freedom of Expression monitoring has build trust among other like minded organizations.</p> <p>GEOC contacted FF during both round of election because they know and trust FF work.</p>	<p><b>Contribution rating:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Very high</b></li> <li>- High</li> <li>- Medium</li> <li>- Low</li> </ul>
Documents/websites/persons for verification of the Outcome:	
<p>GEOC report, published April 2018. Copy available from Freedom Forum.</p>	
The Outcome was:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Expected</li> <li>- <b>Unexpected</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Positive</b></li> <li>- Negative</li> </ul>

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<b>Description of the Outcome:</b>	
<p><i>Who has changed and what have they done differently?</i></p> <p>SACMIC approached Freedom Forum to request documents about Freedom Forums gender content monitoring methodology.</p>	<p><i>When:</i> Jan. 2018</p>
	<p><i>Where:</i> ...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Local</li> <li>- <b>National</b></li> </ul>
<b>Significance of the Outcome:</b>	
<p><i>Why is this change important? Is it the first time that it happened? Is it long-lasting?</i></p> <p>Freedom Forum got recognized by the work on gender content monitoring they have been doing.</p> <p>Transferring knowledge to other organizations enhances their capacities through inspiring our expertise.</p> <p>It is important to share knowledge with other like minded organizations.</p>	<p><b>Significance rating:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Very high</li> <li>- <b>High</b></li> <li>- Medium</li> <li>- Low</li> </ul>
<b>Contributions to the Outcome:</b>	
<p><i>Who were involved and what did they do to make this change happen? (Elaborate especially on what you and/ or FPU did)</i></p> <p>FPU brought SACMID and Freedom Forum in contact initially through exchanging mail address and later meeting in person in Sri Lanka. They facilitated the sharing of knowledge.</p>	<p><b>Contribution rating:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Very high</li> <li>- <b>High</b></li> <li>- Medium</li> <li>- Low</li> </ul>
<b>Documents/websites/persons for verification of the Outcome:</b>	
SACMID	
<b>The Outcome was:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Expected</li> <li>- <b>Unexpected</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Positive</b></li> <li>- Negative</li> </ul>

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<b>Description of the Outcome:</b>	
<p><i>Who has changed and what have they done differently?</i></p> <p>Himalayan Times had 0 female bylines in 2016 (October)- 2017 (March); 6 months later this was increased from 0 to 7.</p>	<p><i>When:</i> Throughout 2017</p>
	<p><i>Where:</i> ...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Local</li> <li>- <b>National</b></li> </ul>
<b>Significance of the Outcome:</b>	
<p><i>Why is this change important? Is it the first time that it happened? Is it long-lasting?</i></p> <p>This is important as it increased female journalists visibility in the media contents of the daily which hesitated to provide their bylines before.</p>	<p><b>Significance rating:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Very high</li> <li>- <b>High</b></li> <li>- Medium</li> <li>- Low</li> </ul>
<b>Contributions to the Outcome:</b>	
<p><i>Who were involved and what did they do to make this change happen? (Elaborate especially on what you and/ or FPU did)</i></p> <p>FF continues to monitor the media contents and publish the reports based on the findings. The reports are also emailed to the editors. FF meets with journalists from THT and talks about its reports and its significance on bringing changes in the news contents.</p>	<p><b>Contribution rating:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Very high</li> <li>- <b>High</b></li> <li>- Medium</li> <li>- Low</li> </ul>
<b>Documents/websites/persons for verification of the Outcome:</b>	
Report gender media monitoring	
<b>The Outcome was:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Expected</b></li> <li>- Unexpected</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Positive</b></li> <li>- Negative</li> </ul>

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<b>Description of the Outcome:</b>	
<p><i>Who has changed and what have they done differently?</i></p> <p>Editor from Republica, Nayapatrika and Rising Nepal has said that nowadays editors assign journalists to search for at least 1 female source.</p>	<p><i>When:</i> Early 2018</p>
	<p><i>Where:</i> ...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Local</li> <li>- <b>National</b></li> </ul>
<b>Significance of the Outcome:</b>	
<p><i>Why is this change important? Is it the first time that it happened? Is it long-lasting?</i></p> <p>This is important because this will motivate journalist to search for the women as news source and there is high chance of recording more women as news sources while monitoring.</p>	<p><b>Significance rating:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Very high</b></li> <li>- High</li> <li>- Medium</li> <li>- Low</li> </ul>
<b>Contributions to the Outcome:</b>	
<p><i>Who were involved and what did they do to make this change happen? (Elaborate especially on what you and/ or FPU did)</i></p> <p>FF sent its report to the media editors and discuss it during the interface with them. Due to our action and recommendation editor realized their role on making the media content gender balanced.</p>	<p><b>Contribution rating:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Very high</b></li> <li>- High</li> <li>- Medium</li> <li>- Low</li> </ul>
<b>Documents/websites/persons for verification of the Outcome:</b>	
<p>Associate editor at Republica <span style="background-color: red; color: black;">name removed, known by FPU</span></p>	
<b>The Outcome was:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Expected</b></li> <li>- Unexpected</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Positive</b></li> <li>- Negative</li> </ul>

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<b>Description of the Outcome:</b>	
<p><i>Who has changed and what have they done differently?</i> Minister of State for Communication and Information Technology Gokul Prasad Baskota, made public statement (In National Daily, The Himalayan Times) to commit that the concerns regarding the National Mass communication Draft bill will be addressed as per the recommendation made by civil society organisation among others.</p>	<p><i>When:</i> 7<sup>th</sup> May 2018</p>
	<p><i>Where:</i> ...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Local</li> <li>- <b>National</b></li> </ul>
<b>Significance of the Outcome:</b>	
<p><i>Why is this change important? Is it the first time that it happened? Is it long-lasting?</i> The change is important because pre consultation will bring forward the issues identified by the CSO's that was not mentioned before in the bill. If the issue is addressed as per the suggestion, it would be long-lasting.</p>	<p><b>Significance rating:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Very high</li> <li>- High</li> <li>- <b>Medium</b></li> <li>- Low</li> </ul>
<b>Contributions to the Outcome:</b>	
<p><i>Who were involved and what did they do to make this change happen? (Elaborate especially on what you and/ or FPU did)</i> Shared report with other organizations who organized events such as press freedom day to bring attention of the concerned authority. Chief Executive of FF has been building pressure in various events, has written article in National Daily (Kantipur) informally by stating that the ministry should revised the bill and involve FF in the revision.</p>	<p><b>Contribution rating:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Very high</b></li> <li>- High</li> <li>- Medium</li> <li>- Low</li> </ul>
<b>Documents/websites/persons for verification of the Outcome:</b>	
<p>National Daily, The Himalayan Times; edition of 7<sup>th</sup> of May 2018 “Mass Communication Bill will address concerns of all: Minister”</p>	
<b>The Outcome was:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Expected</li> <li>- <b>Unexpected</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Positive</b></li> <li>- Negative</li> </ul>

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<b>Description of the Outcome:</b>	
<p><i>Who has changed and what have they done differently?</i></p> <p>Other media related organization such as Press Council Nepal, Media Advocacy Group (MAG), Janata Television, Federation of Nepalese Journalist (FNJ) jointly made an alliance with FF to lobby about Mass Communication Bill revision.</p>	<p><i>When:</i> Since January 2018</p>
	<p><i>Where:</i> ...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Local</li> <li>- <b>National</b></li> </ul>
<b>Significance of the Outcome:</b>	
<p><i>Why is this change important? Is it the first time that it happened? Is it long-lasting?</i></p> <p>Its makes the lobby more effective and build more pressure to the government. Building alliance would bring more effective change than FF doing it alone.</p>	<p><b>Significance rating:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Very high</li> <li>- <b>High</b></li> <li>- Medium</li> <li>- Low</li> </ul>
<b>Contributions to the Outcome:</b>	
<p><i>Who were involved and what did they do to make this change happen? (Elaborate especially on what you and/ or FPU did)</i></p> <p>Those organisations were contacted by FF to lobby upon the cause. FF shared the review report, press release, attention letter, wrote article on Mass communication bill in National daily. The article got attention from CEO of Janata TV and he presented his paper being based on the article.</p>	<p><b>Contribution rating:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Very high</li> <li>- <b>High</b></li> <li>- Medium</li> <li>- Low</li> </ul>
<b>Documents/websites/persons for verification of the Outcome:</b>	
<p>MAG chairperson: <span style="background-color: red; color: black;">name removed, known by FPU</span></p>	
<b>The Outcome was:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Expected</b></li> <li>- Unexpected</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Positive</b></li> <li>- Negative</li> </ul>

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<b>Description of the Outcome:</b>	
<p><i>Who has changed and what have they done differently?</i></p> <p>A national daily The Himalayan Times (THT) send a letter via mail to FF, cc-ing the email also to NIC, FPU, stating that data in the report was incorrect and editor personally got offended. This happened after FF conducted first round of media monitoring in print media content and disseminated it in the media houses.</p>	<p><i>When:</i> February 2017</p>
	<p><i>Where:</i> ...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Local</b></li> <li>- National</li> </ul>
<b>Significance of the Outcome:</b>	
<p><i>Why is this change important? Is it the first time that it happened? Is it long-lasting?</i></p> <p>We thought our study is important and the media house took it seriously as they had read the letter and pointed on the data one- by one. This was positive. Editor in chief response also threatened the future cooperation of FF with media house. This is negative.</p>	<p><b>Significance rating:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Very high</li> <li>- High</li> <li>- <b>Medium</b></li> <li>- Low</li> </ul>
<b>Contributions to the Outcome:</b>	
<p><i>Who were involved and what did they do to make this change happen? (Elaborate especially on what you and/ or FPU did)</i></p> <p>Freedom Forum sent three months gender content monitoring report to the media house mentioning its news contents contained 0 female bylines. The Editor-In-Chief misinterpreted the report as if it said about actual female participation in his media house.</p>	<p><b>Contribution rating:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Very high</li> <li>- <b>High</b></li> <li>- Medium</li> <li>- Low</li> </ul>
<b>Documents/websites/persons for verification of the Outcome:</b>	
<p>Freedom Forum has the letter in hardcopy.</p>	
<b>The Outcome was:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Expected</li> <li>- <b>Unexpected</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Positive</b></li> <li>- <b>Negative</b></li> </ul>

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Description of the Outcome:	
<p><i>Who has changed and what have they done differently?</i></p> <p>A blogger from Civil society working on SDG 5.0 posted an article based on Gender content monitoring report of FF on September, 2017.</p>	<p><i>When:</i> September, 2017</p>
	<p><i>Where:</i> ...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Local</li> <li>- <b>National</b></li> </ul>
Significance of the Outcome:	
<p><i>Why is this change important? Is it the first time that it happened? Is it long-lasting?</i></p> <p>The information of the report is reaching other CSOs working on gender equality and rights of women.</p>	<p><b>Significance rating:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Very high</li> <li>- High</li> <li>- <b>Medium</b></li> <li>- Low</li> </ul>
Contributions to the Outcome:	
<p><i>Who were involved and what did they do to make this change happen? (Elaborate especially on what you and/ or FPU did)</i></p> <p>FF produces and disseminates its report every three months through its websites, social media pages where bloggers, researchers can openly access through the report.</p>	<p><b>Contribution rating:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Very high</li> <li>- <b>High</b></li> <li>- Medium</li> <li>- Low</li> </ul>
Documents/websites/persons for verification of the Outcome:	
<p>Link to blog: <a href="http://pragyalamsal.wordpress.com">pragyalamsal.wordpress.com</a> (sep 05 2017: "#Nepal: Few Female Bylines in Major Newspapers")</p>	
The Outcome was:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Expected</li> <li>- <b>Unexpected</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Positive</b></li> <li>- Negative</li> </ul>

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<b>Description of the Outcome:</b>	
<p>Who has changed and what have they done differently?</p> <p>Freedom Forum started doing gender content monitoring and will continue to do it,</p>	<p>When: Since October 2018</p> <hr/> <p>Where: ...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Local</li> <li>- <b>National</b></li> </ul>
<b>Significance of the Outcome:</b>	
<p>Why is this change important? Is it the first time that it happened? Is it long-lasting?</p> <p>It is a sustainable activity: Freedom Forum continued with it also during the months when it was not part of the NNIBN programme. Before FF was only monitoring violations of press freedom and Fol and impunity, this is a new element.</p>	<p><b>Significance rating:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Very high</li> <li>- High</li> <li>- Medium</li> <li>- Low</li> </ul>
<b>Contributions to the Outcome:</b>	
<p>Who were involved and what did they do to make this change happen? (Elaborate especially on what you and/ or FPU did)</p> <p>Dessi from FPU gave workshops in Nepal. After that FF decided to add this activity to the project for a pilot in 2016.</p> <p>FPU shared tools and methodology for Gender Content Monitoring.</p> <p>FF revised the methodology for the Nepal context.</p>	<p><b>Contribution rating:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Very high</b></li> <li>- High</li> <li>- Medium</li> <li>- Low</li> </ul>
<b>Documents/websites/persons for verification of the Outcome:</b>	
<p>Every report is part of the evidence. Also e-mails between FPU and FF.</p>	
<b>The Outcome was:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Expected</li> <li>- <b>Unexpected</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Positive</b></li> <li>- Negative</li> </ul>

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<b>Description of the Outcome:</b>	
<p><i>Who has changed and what have they done differently?</i></p> <p>The UNESCO director-general wrote a letter to Nepal government, in which they referred to the impunity report prepared by Freedom Forum. They requested the government to immediately address the impunity from the report.</p>	<p><i>When:</i> June 2017</p>
	<p><i>Where:</i> ...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Local</li> <li>- <b>National</b></li> </ul>
<b>Significance of the Outcome:</b>	
<p><i>Why is this change important? Is it the first time that it happened? Is it long-lasting?</i></p> <p>It was important to prod Prime Minister and President of Nepal to immediately address the cases of impunity against journalists and provide justice to their families.</p>	<p><b>Significance rating:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Very high</li> <li>- <b>High</b></li> <li>- Medium</li> <li>- Low</li> </ul>
<b>Contributions to the Outcome:</b>	
<p><i>Who were involved and what did they do to make this change happen? (Elaborate especially on what you and/ or FPU did)</i></p> <p>Freedom Forum wrote the impunity report and disseminated it to the concerned stakeholders including UNESCO and also reminded Nepal Government about the letter by UNESCO DG.</p>	<p><b>Contribution rating:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Very high</b></li> <li>- High</li> <li>- Medium</li> <li>- Low</li> </ul>
<b>Documents/websites/persons for verification of the Outcome:</b>	
Freedom Forum has hard copy of letter. Letter is on FF website and UNESCO website.	
<b>The Outcome was:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Expected</li> <li>- <b>Unexpected</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Positive</b></li> <li>- Negative</li> </ul>

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<b>Description of the Outcome:</b>	
<p><i>Who has changed and what have they done differently?</i></p> <p>Journalists, officials, and the general public discuss how to file RTI, what the deadlines are, etc. with each other using an RTI app.</p>	<p><i>When:</i> Since Jan. 2018</p> <hr/> <p><i>Where:</i> ...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Local</li> <li>- <b>National</b></li> </ul>
<b>Significance of the Outcome:</b>	
<p><i>Why is this change important? Is it the first time that it happened? Is it long-lasting?</i></p> <p>The change i.e. mobile application is useful because the technology has now shifted to phone and Internet. People use phone and Internet rather than text books. This application consists all the necessary information related to RTI which is easily accessible by the users.</p>	<p><b>Significance rating:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Very high</li> <li>- <b>High</b></li> <li>- Medium</li> <li>- Low</li> </ul>
<b>Contributions to the Outcome:</b>	
<p><i>Who were involved and what did they do to make this change happen? (Elaborate especially on what you and/ or FPU did)</i></p> <p>Freedom Forum developed an interactive RTI Nepal android application and made it available for all the public. Now this application has been downloaded 750 times..</p>	<p><b>Contribution rating:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Very high</b></li> <li>- High</li> <li>- Medium</li> <li>- Low</li> </ul>
<b>Documents/websites/persons for verification of the Outcome:</b>	
<p>Discussion can be found within the RTI Nepal app. Can be downloaded from playstore supported by android.</p>	
<b>The Outcome was:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Expected</b></li> <li>- Unexpected</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Positive</b></li> <li>- Negative</li> </ul>

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<b>Description of the Outcome:</b>	
<p><i>Who has changed and what have they done differently?</i></p> <p>Journalists and local officials in province 7; 2; and 1 talked with each other (during fact-finding missions). They discussed the needs of journalists to be safe and not to be censored.</p>	<p><i>When:</i>  June 2017  (province 7)  September 2017  (province 2)  December 2017  (province 1)</p> <p><i>Where:</i>  - Local  - <b>National</b></p>
<b>Significance of the Outcome:</b>	
<p><i>Why is this change important? Is it the first time that it happened? Is it long-lasting?</i></p> <p>It is significant because journalist should be safe and should not be afraid to any kind of threat in order to provide right information and practice professional journalism.</p> <p>In Nepal police and media usually have an antagonistic relationship: they don't talk with each other about their concerns normally.</p>	<p><b>Significance rating:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Very high</li> <li>- <b>High</b></li> <li>- Medium</li> <li>- Low</li> </ul>
<b>Contributions to the Outcome:</b>	
<p><i>Who were involved and what did they do to make this change happen? (Elaborate especially on what you and/ or FPU did)</i></p> <p>Freedom Forum conducted the interaction program.  Local journalists and Federal level officials (Security officials) participated in the program.</p>	<p><b>Contribution rating:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Very high</li> <li>- <b>High</b></li> <li>- Medium</li> <li>- Low</li> </ul>
<b>Documents/websites/persons for verification of the Outcome:</b>	
Meeting notes (including participant names) available on FF website (in fact finding reports 1; 2; 3)	
<b>The Outcome was:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Expected</b></li> <li>- Unexpected</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Positive</b></li> <li>- Negative</li> </ul>

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<b>Description of the Outcome:</b>	
<p>Who has changed and what have they done differently?</p> <p>NEFEJ and Antenna approached Freedom Forum to improve their media monitoring skills. NEFEJ is now monitoring climate change news using the skills and methodology taught by FF.</p>	<p>When: Early 2018</p>
	<p>Where: Kathmandu</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Local</li> <li>- <b>National</b></li> </ul>
<b>Significance of the Outcome:</b>	
<p>Why is this change important? Is it the first time that it happened? Is it long-lasting?</p> <p>Transferring knowledge to other organizations enhances their capacities through inspiring our expertise. It is important to share knowledge with other like minded organizations. We hope that they would now do better monitoring.</p>	<p><b>Significance rating:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Very high</li> <li>- <b>High</b></li> <li>- Medium</li> <li>- Low</li> </ul>
<b>Contributions to the Outcome:</b>	
<p>Who were involved and what did they do to make this change happen? (Elaborate especially on what you and/ or FPU did)</p> <p>FPU invited all organisations to the same workshop. They suggested to NEFEJ and Antenna that they could learn from Freedom Forum's methodology.</p> <p>NEFEJ and Antenna approached Freedom Forum to improve their media monitoring skills.</p> <p>Freedom Forum shared the gender media monitoring reports and experience.</p>	<p><b>Contribution rating:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Very high</b></li> <li>- High</li> <li>- Medium</li> <li>- Low</li> </ul>
<b>Documents/websites/persons for verification of the Outcome:</b>	
NEFEJ or Antenna	
<b>The Outcome was:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Expected</li> <li>- <b>Unexpected</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Positive</b></li> <li>- Negative</li> </ul>

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<b>Description of the Outcome:</b>	
<p><i>Who has changed and what have they done differently?</i></p> <p>The editor of Sushasan News online portal contacted Freedom Forum about actions by the police against them, asking for assistance.</p>	<p><i>When:</i> January 2018</p>
	<p><i>Where:</i> ...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Local</li> <li>- <b>National</b></li> </ul>
<b>Significance of the Outcome:</b>	
<p><i>Why is this change important? Is it the first time that it happened? Is it long-lasting?</i></p> <p>The change is important because media houses needing the legal support themselves contacted the FF legal desk.</p> <p>This way they can get the help they need.</p>	<p><b>Significance rating:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Very high</li> <li>- High</li> <li>- Medium</li> <li>- Low</li> </ul>
<b>Contributions to the Outcome:</b>	
<p><i>Who were involved and what did they do to make this change happen? (Elaborate especially on what you and/ or FPU did)</i></p> <p>FF setup the legal help desk from April 2017</p> <p>Representative from Province 3 interviewed the editors of sushasannews.com and we had published a press release about the nepal police action to disclose the news source which was published in nepalpressfreedom website.</p> <p>After the interview and the news that we published they contacted us for the legal help they need.</p>	<p><b>Contribution rating:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Very high</li> <li>- High</li> <li>- Medium</li> <li>- Low</li> </ul>
<b>Documents/websites/persons for verification of the Outcome:</b>	
Freedom Forum has a copy of the letter of Sushasan News Online	
<b>The Outcome was:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Expected</li> <li>- <b>Unexpected</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Positive</b></li> <li>- Negative</li> </ul>

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<b>Description of the Outcome:</b>	
<p><i>Who has changed and what have they done differently?</i></p> <p>Nepal Police (DSP) initially wanted a news portal, Sushasan News, to disclose a news source of a story published on their portal. They did not do this, but handed over the case to the Press Council after receiving a letter from Freedom Forum.</p>	<p><i>When:</i> January 2018</p>
	<p><i>Where:</i> Kathmandu</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Local</b></li> <li>- National</li> </ul>
<b>Significance of the Outcome:</b>	
<p><i>Why is this change important? Is it the first time that it happened? Is it long-lasting?</i></p> <p>The Press Council is the proper institution to look after this type of media issues. Nepal Police does not have jurisdiction in this issue. It is important that they did not overstep this boundary, because media should not be forced to disclose their sources.</p>	<p><b>Significance rating:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Very high</b></li> <li>- High</li> <li>- Medium</li> <li>- Low</li> </ul>
<b>Contributions to the Outcome:</b>	
<p><i>Who were involved and what did they do to make this change happen? (Elaborate especially on what you and/ or FPU did)</i></p> <p>Freedom Forum set up a legal help desk. Freedom Forum send a letter to DSP after hearing about the case.</p>	<p><b>Contribution rating:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Very high</b></li> <li>- High</li> <li>- Medium</li> <li>- Low</li> </ul>
<b>Documents/websites/persons for verification of the Outcome:</b>	
<p>Freedom has available in hard copy: Letter submitted to Nepal Police. Letter by Nepal Police to Press council Nepal about delivering the case to them. Letter by Press Council Nepal mentioning that they would look after the case.</p>	
<b>The Outcome was:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Expected</b></li> <li>- Unexpected</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Positive</b></li> <li>- Negative</li> </ul>

## NEFEJ

<b>Description of the Outcome 1:</b>	
<p><i>Who has changed and what have they done differently?</i></p> <p>Both CSO members (including from the LGBTI community, disabilities, dalit, domestic violence, elderly, reproductive health), as well as media workers (daily newspaper journalists, national news agency, online news, radio and television reporters) now contact each other to work together in either writing reports or covering events.</p>	<p><i>When:</i> September 2017</p> <p><i>Where:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Local</b></li> <li>- National</li> </ul>
<b>Significance of the Outcome:</b>	
<p><i>Why is this change important? Is it the first time that it happened? Is it long-lasting?</i></p> <p>CSOs and media do not cooperate (are in conflict) well normally in Nepal. CSOs usually have hard time trusting the medias work. Cooperation strengthens both media and CSOs to constitute a strong civil society and act as watchdogs.</p>	<p><b>Significance rating:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Very high</li> <li>- <b>High</b></li> <li>- <b>significan</b></li> <li>- <b>ce</b></li> <li>- Medium</li> <li>- Low impact</li> </ul>
<b>Contributions to the Outcome:</b>	
<p><i>Who were involved and what did they do to make this change happen?</i> (Elaborate especially on what you and/ or FPU did)</p> <p>NEFEJ organised sharing events on role and expectations between media and civil society. The conflict between the cso and media was addressed Since FPU encouraged to work media literacy and through various debates with FPU it was decided its also important to make the more media literate The media perspective towards CSOs and CSOs perspectives towards the media were discussed. NEFEJ alarmed and convinced both CSOs and media workers that they should complement each other and cooperate effectively in order to better society.</p>	<p><b>Contribution rating:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Very high</li> <li>- <b>High</b></li> <li>- Medium</li> <li>- Low</li> </ul>
<b>Documents/websites/persons for verification of the Outcome:</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. NGO federation (umbrella organisation of all NGOs)</li> <li>2. Editor <b>name removed, known by FPU</b> Himalayan Times</li> </ol>	
<b>The Outcome was:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Expected</b></li> <li>- Unexpected</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Positive</b></li> <li>- Negative</li> </ul>

<b>Description of the Outcome 2:</b>	
<i>Who has changed and what have they done differently?</i> Since 2017 The M.Phil. program of Media Studies by the Department of Mass Communication under Tribhuvan University in Kathmandu (the first university of the country) introduced a course of media literacy into its curricula.	<i>When:</i> Since 2017
	<i>Where:</i> ... - Local - <b>National</b>
<b>Significance of the Outcome:</b>	
<i>Why is this change important? Is it the first time that it happened? Is it long-lasting?</i>  This first formal media literacy curriculum programme in Nepal. Before the sharing event of NEFEJ no university in Nepal has that curriculum. This is the first time such a programme was introduced in the university, Its long lasting	<b>Significance rating:</b> - Very high - <b>High</b> - Medium - Low
<b>Contributions to the Outcome:</b>	
<i>Who were involved and what did they do to make this change happen?</i> <i>(Elaborate especially on what you and/ or FPU did)</i>  NEFEJ organized sharing event on school curriculum for private, public school and university in which the professor of the Tribhuvan University was participating.  FPU encouraged NEFEJ to work on media literacy	<b>Contribution rating:</b> - Very high - <u>High</u> - Medium - Low
<b>Documents/websites/persons for verification of the Outcome:</b>	
Professor <span style="background-color: red; color: black;">name removed, known by FPU</span> . Head of the department of Journalism and Mass communication Tribhuwn University	
<b>The Outcome was:</b>	
- Expected - <b>Unexpected</b>	- <b>Positive</b> - Negative

Description of the Outcome 3:	
<p>Since September 2017, public schools adopted an extra programme about media literacy (use school annual magazine - 'schoolnewspapers' - ) to educate their students about mass media besides their normal curricula.</p>	<p><i>When:</i> Since September 2017</p>
	<p><i>Where:</i> ...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Local</li> <li>- National</li> </ul>
Significance of the Outcome :	
<p><i>Why is this change important? Is it the first time that it happened? Is it long-lasting?</i></p> <p>Before they did not have any idea about such a programme.</p>	<p><b>Significance rating:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Very high</li> <li>- <b>High</b></li> <li>- Medium</li> <li>- Low</li> </ul>
Contributions to the Outcome:	
<p><i>Who were involved and what did they do to make this change happen?</i> (Elaborate especially on what you and/ or FPU did)</p> <p>1. NEFEJ has visited several schools to discuss media literacy programmes</p> <p>2. NEFEJ organized a sharing event for both private and public schools</p> <p>3. FPU encouraged NEFEJ to introduce media literacy which was ignored before.</p>	<p><b>Contribution rating:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Very high</b></li> <li>- High</li> <li>- Medium</li> <li>- Low</li> </ul>
Documents/websites/persons for verification of the Outcome:	
<p>Principle of Gyanodaya School, Bafal</p> <p>Institutional School Teacher's Union Nepal (ISTU-Nepal), an umbrella organisation of school teachers in institutional schools</p>	
The Outcome was:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Expected</b></li> <li>- Unexpected</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Positive</b></li> <li>- Negative</li> </ul>

Description of the Outcome 4:	
<p>Since September 2017, private schools changed their already existed media curricula (on how media work, how do they collect information, what is the role – the classical media history - ), to a more analytical and critical approach in which also authenticity, perspectives, fact checking are included.</p>	<p><i>When:</i> Since September 2017</p>
	<p><i>Where:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Local</b></li> <li>- <b>National</b></li> </ul>
Significance of the Outcome:	
<p><i>Why is this change important? Is it the first time that it happened? Is it long-lasting?</i></p> <p>Before the credibility of media was never questioned by the students, now they learn to filter information and to be more analytical, critical</p>	<p><b>Significance rating:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Very high</b></li> <li>- <b>High</b></li> <li>- <b>Medium</b></li> <li>- <b>Low</b></li> </ul>
Contributions to the Outcome:	
<p><i>Who were involved and what did they do to make this change happen? (Elaborate especially on what you and/ or FPU did)</i></p> <p>NEFEJ organized the media literacy in school curriculum for public and private schools in which they addressed media literacy and stressed that it is important to hold media to account and to be incorporated into the curriculum. President of Curriculum Board was also present in the program who recommended that school should incorporate media literacy into their curriculum on their own. Local school are provided privilege to add their required contents.</p> <p>FPU encouraged NEFEJ to work on media literacy.</p>	<p><b>Contribution rating:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Very high</b></li> <li>- <b>High</b></li> <li>- <b>Medium</b></li> <li>- <b>Low</b></li> </ul>
Documents/websites/persons for verification of the Outcome:	
<p>Pabson (umbrella organization of private schools ) – participated in the programme in the training.</p> <p>Doctor <b>name removed, known by FPU</b> (Director of Curriculum development Commission) <b>phone number removed, known by FPU</b></p>	
The Outcome was:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Expected</b></li> <li>- <b>Unexpected</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Positive</b></li> <li>- <b>Negative</b></li> </ul>

Description of the Outcome 5:	
<p><i>Who has changed and what have they done differently?</i></p> <p>...</p> <p>In 2017, Chief staff and journalists from FNJ (Federation of Nepalese Journalist) Pokhara and Avenues TV invited NEFEJ to conduct the seminar on "Professionalism in Journalism" in their organization/ and to its staff so that they can work more professional.</p>	<p><i>When:</i></p> <p>2017</p> <hr/> <p><i>Where:</i></p> <p>...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Local</b></li> <li>- <b>National</b></li> </ul>
Significance of the Outcome:	
<p><i>Why is this change important? Is it the first time that it happened? Is it long-lasting?</i></p> <p>...</p> <p>Overall media journalists from influential media organizations did not really care about professionalism in the journalist profession and about the code of conduct.</p>	<p><b>Significance rating:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Very high</b></li> <li>- <b>High</b></li> <li>- <b>Medium</b></li> <li>- <b>Low</b></li> </ul>
Contributions to the Outcome:	
<p><i>Who were involved and what did they do to make this change happen?</i></p> <p><i>(Elaborate especially on what you and/ or FPU did)</i></p> <p>...</p> <p>NEFEJ conducted a seminar, inviting the participants from journalist organization (Press Chautari, Press Union and Press Center) and other working journalist from various media.</p> <p>NEFEJ core staff, Raghu Mainali discussed the possibilities in train Avenues' and FNJs staff on media professionalism.</p> <p>Dessi from FPU encouraged NEFEJ to conduct the seminar.</p>	<p><b>Contribution rating:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Very high</b></li> <li>- <b>High</b></li> <li>- <b>Medium</b></li> <li>- <b>Low</b></li> </ul>
Documents/websites/persons for verification of the Outcome:	
<p>name removed, known by FPU (Chain person Avenues TV)</p> <p>name removed, known by FPU President FNJ Pokhara</p>	
The Outcome was:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Expected</b></li> <li>- <b>Unexpected</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Positive</b></li> <li>- <b>Negative</b></li> </ul>

<b>Description of the Outcome 6:</b>	
<p><i>Who has changed and what have they done differently?</i></p> <p>Since 2017, the chief editor and other journalists from Press Chautari Nepal, an press institute that is affiliated with the political party UML acknowledge that they should work professionally and expressed their interest to receive an additional media professionalism training from NEFEJ.</p>	<p><i>When:</i></p> <p>2017</p>
	<p><i>Where:</i></p> <p>...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Local</li> <li>- <b>National</b></li> </ul>
<b>Significance of the Outcome:</b>	
<p><i>Why is this change important? Is it the first time that it happened? Is it long-lasting?</i></p> <p>Before the seminar, the journalists of Press Chautari used to be mouth piece of political party and use to write manipulative news in favor of that political party. But after the seminar, they are more inclined towards practicing professional journalism.</p>	<p><b>Significance rating:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Very high</li> <li>- <b>High</b></li> <li>- Medium</li> <li>- Low</li> </ul>
<b>Contributions to the Outcome:</b>	
<p><i>Who were involved and what did they do to make this change happen?</i> (Elaborate especially on what you and/ or FPU did)</p> <p>...</p> <p>During writing the proposal in 2017, Dessi and Annelies from FPU encouraged NEFEJ to focus on bringing CSOs and journalists together in order to improve the collaboration in future.</p> <p>NEFEJ conducted a seminar, inviting the participants from journalist organizations (among others Press Chautari, Press Union and Press Center) and other working journalist from various media.</p>	<p><b>Contribution rating:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Very high</b></li> <li>- High</li> <li>- Medium</li> <li>- Low</li> </ul>
<b>Documents/websites/persons for verification of the Outcome:</b>	
<p>name removed, known by FPU Chair Person of Press Chautari</p>	
<b>The Outcome was:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Expected</li> <li>- <b>Unexpected</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Positive</b></li> <li>- Negative</li> </ul>

Description of the Outcome 7:	
In December 2017, media outlets Nagarik, Rajdhani and Annapurna Post (National Dailies) published 4 in-depth reports about violence against women and girls, of which two stories were written by 2 males.	When: Nov-Dec 2017
	Where: <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National
Significance of the Outcome:	
<p><i>Why is this change important? Is it the first time that it happened? Is it long-lasting?</i></p> <p>In Nepali media a full page allocated for depth report in the newspaper is uncommon. Most articles are short and not in-depth. In addition, it is the first time that an indepth report addressing malpractices on VAWG has been published in 4 national dailies. In addition, if a news article treats malpractices against women, it is mostly written by female reporters, not by men.</p>	<p>Significance rating:</p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Very high <input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Medium <input type="checkbox"/> Low
Contributions to the Outcome:	
<p><i>Who were involved and what did they do to make this change happen?</i>  <i>(Elaborate especially on what you and/ or FPU did)</i></p> <p>Victims women, police, NGOs, teachers, experts and policy makers equally contributed to provided information to the journalists who got the fellowship.          Journalists were provided grants, training and provided with mentors for their reporting by NEFEJ.</p> <p>FPU provided feedback and ideas on assigning male journalists to report in the issues related to female.</p>	<p>Contribution rating:</p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Very high <input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Medium <input type="checkbox"/> Low
Documents/websites/persons for verification of the Outcome:	
<p>Mentors: names removed, known by FPU          Fellows: names removed, known by FPU          Editors in chief media outlets: names removed, known by FPU (Himal Magazine) (Annapurna Post) (Nagarik Daily) (Rajdhani Daily)</p>	
The Outcome was:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Expected <input type="checkbox"/> Unexpected	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Positive <input type="checkbox"/> Negative

<b>Description of the Outcome 8:</b>	
<p><i>Who has changed and what have they done differently?</i></p> <p>...</p> <p>Journalists from all over the Nepal were able to take effective safety and security measures during the floods and landslides in Western and South Nepal and border of Nepal while performing there job.</p>	<p><i>When:</i></p> <p>...</p>
	<p><i>Where:</i></p> <p>Western and South Nepal</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Local</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>National</b></p>
<b>Significance of the Outcome:</b>	
<p><i>Why is this change important? Is it the first time that it happened? Is it long-lasting?</i></p> <p>For the first time, journalists from the geographical and cross-border risk zone were participated the the safety training.</p>	<p><b>Significance rating:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Very high</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> High</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Medium</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Low</p>
<b>Contributions to the Outcome:</b>	
<p><i>Who were involved and what did they do to make this change happen? (Elaborate especially on what you and/ or FPU did)</i></p> <p>NEFEJ has provided safety training for 40 journalists of community radio, print, television, online medias as regards to psychical (and digital) threats for journalists.</p> <p>Through baseline workshop and indicator 2/8 of FPU NEFEJ was exposed to importance of safety and security of journalists in the field</p>	<p><b>Contribution rating:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Very high</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>High</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Medium</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Low</p>
<b>Documents/websites/persons for verification of the Outcome:</b>	
<p><b>names removed, known by FPU</b> – community radio Tikapur          ( Janakpur) – local newspaper          ( Birgunj) Radio Birgunj          – Kathmandu - (Naya Pusta)          – Kathmandu - (Naya pusta)</p>	
<b>The Outcome was:</b>	
<p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Expected</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Unexpected</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Positive</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Negative</p>

Description of the Outcome 9:	
<p>Since 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2018 Nepali people can now access a multimedia news portal specially dedicated to issues of environment and development in Nepal.</p>	<p>When: Since 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2018</p>
	<p>Where:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Local</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> National</p>
Significance of the Outcome:	
<p><i>Why is this change important? Is it the first time that it happened? Is it long-lasting?</i></p> <p>The issue of environment and development is less prioritized by media outlets, policy makers, however the problems caused by environment degradation and its effect on the people is increasing.</p> <p>Now the established portal provides a platform for researchers, experts, journalists, professors, colleges to refer regarding environmental subjects and they can post their articles and researches as well.</p>	<p>Significance rating:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Very high</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> High</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Medium</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Low</p>
Contributions to the Outcome:	
<p><i>Who were involved and what did they do to make this change happen?</i> (Elaborate especially on what you and/ or FPU did)</p> <p>FPU encouraged NEFEJ to focus on their core strategy and in line with to become a sustainable entity.</p> <p>To achieve this, and to increase outreach to the public, NEFEJ changed its print production Hakahaki into electronic form and established online portal due to the changing scenario of media, online news portal was developed as open platform both in English and Nepali.</p>	<p>Contribution rating:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Very high</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> High</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Medium</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Low</p>
Documents/websites/persons for verification of the Outcome:	
<p><a href="http://www.hakahaki.org">www.hakahaki.org</a> name removed, known by FPU – communication officer (USAID/Paani)</p>	
The Outcome was:	
<p><input type="checkbox"/> Expected</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Unexpected</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Positive</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Negative</p>

<b>Description of the Outcome 10:</b>	
<p>Since May, 2017, CSO and I/NGO workers and journalists cooperate with each other and together approach local media houses to offer information and data, but also to check whether they published is authentic or fake.</p>	<p>When:</p> <p><b>May 2017</b></p>
	<p>Where:</p> <p>...</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Local</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>National</b></p>
<b>Significance of the Outcome:</b>	
<p><i>Why is this change important? Is it the first time that it happened? Is it long-lasting?</i></p> <p>Before, local big media houses manipulate their content (its biased and censored),and CSOs/INGOs were not actively approaching and checking them. Actually CSOs were scared the big media houses (because they are affiliated with political parties).</p> <p>After the sharing event in which rights, responsibility and the roles of journalists and cso's in checking the big media houses became more clear and participants felt secure to due their duty.</p> <p>It may not be long lasting, NEFEJ is unable to follow up further.</p>	<p><b>Significance rating:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Very high</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>High</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Medium</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Low</b></p>
<b>Contributions to the Outcome:</b>	
<p><i>Who were involved and what did they do to make this change happen? (Elaborate especially on what you and/ or FPU did)</i></p> <p>NEFEJ organized the media literacy training for CSOs and journalists to improve knowledge about RTI and the Bordeaux code of conduct, fake news, manipulation and malpractices of the news content (partly due to affiliation political parties, corporate enterprises, big business, bureaucracy).</p>	<p><b>Contribution rating:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Very high</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>High</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Medium</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Low</b></p>
<b>Documents/websites/persons for verification of the Outcome:</b>	
<p>Contact persons from CSOs and journalists that worked together</p>	
<b>The Outcome was:</b>	
<p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Expected</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Unexpected</b></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Positive</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Negative</b></p>

<b>Description of the Outcome 11:</b>	
<p>Since 2017, the importance that media houses should become more professional and accountable to its code of conduct and therefore towards the public, was promoted on Radio Nagarik (big corporate house) for the first time.</p>	<p>When: 2017</p>
	<p>Where: ...</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Local <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>National</b></p>
<b>Significance of the Outcome:</b>	
<p><i>Why is this change important? Is it the first time that it happened? Is it long-lasting?</i></p> <p>Since it was not discussed or noticed as an issue before (publicly), it is important that the issue was acknowledged on big commercial radio. Not long lasting. It brought some changes during the period but later due to lack of follow up, not sure about.</p>	<p><b>Significance rating:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Very high <input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Medium <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Low</b></p>
<b>Contributions to the Outcome:</b>	
<p><i>Who were involved and what did they do to make this change happen? (Elaborate especially on what you and/ or FPU did)</i></p> <p>...</p> <p>NEFEJ organized the training on media literacy for cso's and journalists.</p> <p>Durga shared the information, objective of the media literacy training with the journalists of radio Nagarik.</p> <p>Radio Nagarik interviewed the trainer (resource person) of the media literacy training for their radio programme.</p>	<p><b>Contribution rating:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Very high <input type="checkbox"/> High <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Medium</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Low</p>
<b>Documents/websites/persons for verification of the Outcome:</b>	
Nagarik journalists	
<b>The Outcome was:</b>	
<p><input type="checkbox"/> Expected <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Unexpected</b></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Positive</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Negative</p>

# Naya Pusta

## NayaPusta

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### "No News is Bad News"

<b>Description of the Outcome:</b>	
<p><i>Who has changed and what have they done differently?</i></p> <p>Local organizations helped a 9 year old girl who was compelled to look after her three siblings and her sick mother by herself , after they viewed her story on NayaPusta.</p>	<p><i>When:</i> 2017 AUGUST</p> <hr/> <p><i>Where:</i> Outside the valley</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Local</b></li> <li>- National</li> </ul>
<b>Significance of the Outcome:</b>	
<p><i>Why is this change important? Is it the first time that it happened? Is it long-lasting?</i></p> <p>Without NayaPusta, Local organizations wouldn't have known about the situation of the family and would not have been able to help the family.</p>	<p><b>Significance rating:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Very high</li> <li>- <b>High</b></li> <li>- Medium</li> <li>- Low</li> </ul>
<b>Contributions to the Outcome:</b>	
<p><i>Who were involved and what did they do to make this change happen? (Elaborate especially on what you and/ or FPU did)</i></p> <p>The story reported by local stringer of a 9 year old girl was broadcasted on NayaPusta. Her father had committed suicide and her mother was sick and she had to take care of her 3 siblings.</p> <p>Then it was broadcasted and after that some organizations including Rasaily Pariwar Ekata Samaaj came forward to help the family. And we knew about this positive change after a local stringer followed up and reported in Naya Pusta about the improved status of family. A member of the organization "Rasaily Pariwar Ekata Samaaj", Srijana Rasaily told us that she came to know about the situation of the family after watching it through NayaPusta.</p>	<p><b>Contribution rating:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Very high</b></li> <li>- High</li> <li>- Medium</li> <li>- Low</li> </ul>
<b>Documents/websites/persons for verification of the Outcome:</b>	
2 <sup>nd</sup> quarterly report 31.08.2017	
<b>The Outcome was:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Expected</b></li> <li>- Unexpected</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Positive</b></li> <li>- Negative</li> </ul>

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<b>Description of the Outcome:</b>	
<p><i>Who has changed and what have they done differently?</i></p> <p>The government has banned the tradition of <i>Chhaupadi</i> which was prevalent in the western part of the country.</p>	<p><i>When:</i> december 2017 it was forbidden</p>
	<p><i>Where:</i> the whole of Nepal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Local</li> <li>- <b>National</b></li> </ul>
<b>Significance of the Outcome:</b>	
<p><i>Why is this change important? Is it the first time that it happened? Is it long-lasting?</i></p> <p>It is important because this is one of a social malpractices against girls and women, coming from religious beliefs. This a strong action against this malpractice by the government.</p>	<p><b>Significance rating:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Very high</b></li> <li>- High</li> <li>- Medium</li> <li>- Low</li> </ul>
<b>Contributions to the Outcome:</b>	
<p><i>Who were involved and what did they do to make this change happen? (Elaborate especially on what you and/ or FPU did)</i></p> <p>...</p> <p>NayaPusta reported about <i>Chhaupadi</i> again and again. This is a hindu practice in which the women have to stay in a hut during menstruation. They cannot enter their homes or public spaces and the hut is very hot. So apart from discrimination this is also physical abuse. NayaPusta pointed out that this is a malpractice. Because NayaPusta and other media outlets have been raising this issue, in the end the government made a national law that forbids the practice.</p>	<p><b>Contribution rating:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Very high</li> <li>- High</li> <li>- Medium</li> <li>- <b>Low</b></li> </ul>
<b>Documents/websites/persons for verification of the Outcome:</b>	
<p>NayaPusta made several reports about the practice in 2017.</p>	
<b>The Outcome was:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Expected</b></li> <li>- Unexpected</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Positive</b></li> <li>- Negative</li> </ul>

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## "No News is Bad News"

Description of the Outcome:	
<p><i>Who has changed and what have they done differently?</i></p> <p>Schools and organizations are now reaching out to NayaPusta when they have an interesting topic for them to use in news reports, where before NayaPusta had to do a lot of research themselves to find topics.</p>	<p><i>When:</i> Since 3 years</p> <hr/> <p><i>Where:</i> ...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Local</b></li> <li>- National</li> </ul>
Significance of the Outcome:	
<p><i>Why is this change important? Is it the first time that it happened? Is it long-lasting?</i></p> <p>Thanks to the communication network that has been build up, it's easier to get stories from different places. Now schools and organizations now about NayaPusta en reach out to them.</p>	<p><b>Significance rating:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Very high</li> <li>- <b>High</b></li> <li>- Medium</li> <li>- Low</li> </ul>
Contributions to the Outcome:	
<p><i>Who were involved and what did they do to make this change happen? (Elaborate especially on what you and/ or FPU did)</i></p> <p>NayaPusta has now more interaction with ecoclubs, organizers of summer camps and organizations etc. Especially when they were involved in a topic of NayaPusta before. This is how they've build their network. And thanks to the network</p>	<p><b>Contribution rating:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Very high</li> <li>- <b>High</b></li> <li>- Medium</li> <li>- Low</li> </ul>
Documents/websites/persons for verification of the Outcome:	
<p>name removed, known by FPU, Chief Editor (is working for NayaPusta since the start 5 years ago)</p>	
The Outcome was:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Expected</b></li> <li>- Unexpected</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Positive</b></li> <li>- Negative</li> </ul>

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<b>Description of the Outcome:</b>	
<p><i>Who has changed and what have they done differently?</i></p> <p>The local District Education Office demanded the school to fire a perpetrator of corporal punishment after finding out how seriously the student was injured and the principal of the school was removed from his job. It's the first time that we know of something like this happened after a news story of NayaPusta was broadcasted.</p>	<p><i>When:</i> 17 February 2017 (day of broadcasting)</p> <hr/> <p><i>Where:</i> kathmandu</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Local</b></li> <li>- National</li> </ul>
<b>Significance of the Outcome:</b>	
<p><i>Why is this change important? Is it the first time that it happened? Is it long-lasting?</i></p> <p>A local authority takes action to address social malpractices, which is a focus point of the NNIBN programme.</p> <p>That he got fired would not have happened without the efforts of Naya Pusta.</p>	<p><b>Significance rating:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Very high</li> <li>- <b>High</b></li> <li>- Medium</li> <li>- Low</li> </ul>
<b>Contributions to the Outcome:</b>	
<p><i>Who were involved and what did they do to make this change happen? (Elaborate especially on what you and/ or FPU did)</i></p> <p>Both the community radios and Naya Pusta are frequently tipped by local CSOs or citizens to produce a story about a certain topic. In this case a local stringer was tipped about the corporal punishment case at a local school.</p> <p>The story was covered and broadcasted on 17th of February, 2017. The story was covered by many media which eventually caused that the District Education Office asked the school to take action. Later, when NayaPusta visited the school to follow up the story, the principal was fired from his job.</p>	<p><b>Contribution rating:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Very high</b></li> <li>- High</li> <li>- Medium</li> <li>- Low</li> </ul>
<b>Documents/websites/persons for verification of the Outcome:</b>	
<p>name removed, known by FPU of NayaPusta reported about the incident and visited the school after it was broadcasted, to find out the principal was fired.</p>	
<b>The Outcome was:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Expected</b></li> <li>- Unexpected</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Positive</b></li> <li>- Negative</li> </ul>

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<b>Description of the Outcome:</b>	
<p><i>Who has changed and what have they done differently?</i></p> <p>A community leader organized a fundraising campaign for a 13 year old girl in his community who is part of his own ethnicity. She was forced to take care of her siblings after left alone by both parents.</p>	<p><i>When:</i> 4<sup>th</sup> of April 2017 it was broadcasted</p> <p><i>Where:</i> Besisahar, Lamjung</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Local</b></li> <li>- National</li> </ul>
<b>Significance of the Outcome:</b>	
<p>It shows news items creating change by providing information: the situation was already like this for some time, but action was only taken after NayaPusta reported on it.</p> <p>If the community leader didn't know about it he would not have taken that action and the girl's situation might have been the same.</p>	<p><b>Significance rating:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Very high</li> <li>- High</li> <li>- <b>Medium</b></li> <li>- Low</li> </ul>
<b>Contributions to the Outcome:</b>	
<p><i>Who were involved and what did they do to make this change happen?</i> <i>(Elaborate especially on what you and/ or FPU did)</i></p> <p>A stringer that is located in the same area of the girl informed NayaPusta about the fact that this girl was taking care of her siblings on her own, while she actually should receive help from her community. NayaPusta made a news topic out of it and broadcasted it. The community leader watched the programme and took action because he cares for his community. Because the stringer went back after broadcasting, he discovered about the fundraising for this girl.</p>	<p><b>Contribution rating:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Very high</b></li> <li>- High</li> <li>- Medium</li> <li>- Low</li> </ul>
<b>Documents/websites/persons for verification of the Outcome:</b>	
<p>name removed, known by FPU, Chief Editor of NayaPusta can confirm the story. The stringer name removed, known by FPU had reported about this incident and also made a follow up report about it.</p>	
<b>The Outcome was:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Expected</b></li> <li>- Unexpected</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Positive</b></li> <li>- Negative</li> </ul>

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<b>Description of the Outcome:</b>	
<p><i>Who has changed and what have they done differently?</i></p> <p>Girls in Nepal can speak more openly about sensitive topics and taboos such as sex, exploitation / children's labour, menstruation and gender after NayaPusta focused more on girl's issues in their programme.</p>	<p>When:</p> <p><b>Since 2017</b></p> <p>Where:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Local</li> <li>- <b>National</b></li> </ul>
<b>Significance of the Outcome:</b>	
<p><i>Why is this change important? Is it the first time that it happened? Is it long-lasting?</i></p> <p>It's important because it's very difficult to speak about these topics openly. Hearing other girls speak about these topics makes it more easy for the viewers to follow that example. So because of the focus on girl's issues a new space for expression and discussion is established.</p>	<p><b>Significance rating:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Very high</b></li> <li>- High</li> <li>- Medium</li> <li>- Low</li> </ul>
<b>Contributions to the Outcome:</b>	
<p><i>Who were involved and what did they do to make this change happen?</i> <i>(Elaborate especially on what you and/ or FPU did)</i></p> <p>FPU suggested to focus more on gender in the media. So in 2017 out of 512 children interviewed by the reporters, 323 of them were girls. Because these girls now talked about sensitive topics and taboos openly, that made it more easy for the female viewers of NayaPusta to follow that example.</p> <p>This was possible because the reporters first talked to the girls and sometimes also the family without camera and put time and effort in it to make them feel comfortable. Only after that the interviews were recorded.</p>	<p><b>Contribution rating:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Very high</b></li> <li>- High</li> <li>- Medium</li> <li>- Low</li> </ul>
<b>Documents/websites/persons for verification of the Outcome:</b>	
Final Report 2017	
<b>The Outcome was:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Expected</b></li> <li>- Unexpected</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Positive</b></li> <li>- Negative</li> </ul>

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<b>Description of the Outcome:</b>	
<p><i>Who has changed and what have they done differently?</i></p> <p>506 children were able to influence what is being broadcasted by NayaPusta because they were asked to give their feedback during Narrowcasting (school screenings).</p>	<p><i>When:</i> First screening was on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2017</p> <hr/> <p><i>Where:</i> schools in and outside the Kathmandu Valley.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Local</b></li> <li>- <b>National</b></li> </ul>
<b>Significance of the Outcome:</b>	
<p><i>Why is this change important? Is it the first time that it happened? Is it long-lasting?</i></p> <p>Usually children are not asked for and have no opportunity to give their views about these topics. Now NayaPusta became a platform for these kids to interact with and make sure the topics that are important to them are broadcasted.</p>	<p><b>Significance rating:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Very high</li> <li>- <b>High</b></li> <li>- Medium</li> <li>- Low</li> </ul>
<b>Contributions to the Outcome:</b>	
<p><i>Who were involved and what did they do to make this change happen? (Elaborate especially on what you and/ or FPU did)</i></p> <p>Naya Pusta tried to measure its reach and obtain feedback via the ‘child clubs’ and ‘screenings’ it organized. Naya Pusta organized 6 sessions in which a total of 506 children participated. Some of these schools are inside the Kathmandu Valley and some are outside the Valley.</p>	<p><b>Contribution rating:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Very high</b></li> <li>- High</li> <li>- Medium</li> <li>- Low</li> </ul>
<b>Documents/websites/persons for verification of the Outcome:</b>	
<p>NayaPusta episode 294, it's also in a report that was sent to <span style="background-color: red; color: black;">name removed, known by FPU</span>.</p>	
<b>The Outcome was:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Expected</b></li> <li>- Unexpected</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Positive</b></li> <li>- Negative</li> </ul>

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<b>Description of the Outcome:</b>	
<p><i>Who has changed and what have they done differently?</i></p> <p>Eleven local television stations outside the Kathmandu valley are now broadcasting NayaPusta.</p>	<p><i>When:</i> 2013 till date</p>
	<p><i>Where:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Local</b></li> <li>- National</li> </ul>
<b>Significance of the Outcome:</b>	
<p><i>Why is this change important? Is it the first time that it happened? Is it long-lasting?</i></p> <p>This change is important as NayaPusta now reaches more children in different districts of Nepal. So now also these local children will be brought into contact with topics that matter to them.</p>	<p><b>Significance rating:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Very high</b></li> <li>- High</li> <li>- Medium</li> <li>- Low</li> </ul>
<b>Contributions to the Outcome:</b>	
<p><i>Who were involved and what did they do to make this change happen? (Elaborate especially on what you and/ or FPU did)</i></p> <p>The local TV stations approached NayaPusta so that they could air the news program through their television stations. This was a gradual process and it happened over the years when NayaPusta was being broadcasted. This was possible because NayaPusta has been broadcasting its content for five years already, so more and more stations know the programme.</p> <p>Because the wider reach is so important, NayaPusta does not charge the local television stations for broadcasting their reports.</p>	<p><b>Contribution rating:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Very high</li> <li>- High</li> <li>- <b>Medium</b></li> <li>- Low</li> </ul>
<b>Documents/websites/persons for verification of the Outcome:</b>	
<p>name removed, known by FPU</p>	
<b>The Outcome was:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Expected</li> <li>- <b>Unexpected</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Positive</b></li> <li>- Negative</li> </ul>

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<b>Description of the Outcome:</b>	
<p><i>Who has changed and what have they done differently?</i></p> <p>Avenues TV has stopped charging money to NayaPusta for braodcasting its content.</p>	<p><i>When:</i></p> <p>Jan 2018</p>
	<p><i>Where:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Local</li> <li>- <b>National</b></li> </ul>
<b>Significance of the Outcome:</b>	
<p><i>Why is this change important? Is it the first time that it happened? Is it long-lasting?</i></p> <p>The money that is saved, is used to prepare other reports and do more research. It's also a sign that the programme is watched by many people since it's broadcasted by Avenues.</p>	<p><b>Significance rating:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Very high</b></li> <li>- High</li> <li>- Medium</li> <li>- Low</li> </ul>
<b>Contributions to the Outcome:</b>	
<p><i>Who were involved and what did they do to make this change happen? (Elaborate especially on what you and/ or FPU did)</i></p> <p>Since the NayaPusta program has gained more and more audience, Avenues has decided to stop charging for the air time. This is because they gain enough money with the advertisement around the programme, because it has so many viewers.</p> <p>FPU has been lobbying Avenues TV to convince them to stop charging for a long time.</p>	<p><b>Contribution rating:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Very high</li> <li>- <b>High</b></li> <li>- Medium</li> <li>- Low</li> </ul>
<b>Documents/websites/persons for verification of the Outcome:</b>	
<p>name removed, known by FPU, Chief Editor, NayaPusta</p>	
<b>The Outcome was:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Expected</li> <li>- <b>Unexpected</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Positive</b></li> <li>- Negative</li> </ul>

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<b>Description of the Outcome:</b>	
<p><i>Who has changed and what have they done differently?</i></p> <p>The popular channel Avenues TV approached NayaPusta and is now broadcasting the programme, while before they didn't.</p>	<p><i>When:</i> Beginning of 2017</p>
	<p><i>Where:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Local</li> <li>- <b>National</b></li> </ul>
<b>Significance of the Outcome:</b>	
<p><i>Why is this change important? Is it the first time that it happened? Is it long-lasting?</i></p> <p>Now that more children watch the program, they can be aware of the topics that are important to them as well as about the issues surrounding them. Because Avenues broadcasts it just after the national news, lots of parents will watch it and they will become more aware of the issues that might be important to their children. Without NayaPusta there is no other news programme that highlights issues from a children's perspective.</p>	<p><b>Significance rating:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Very high</b></li> <li>- High</li> <li>- Medium</li> <li>- Low</li> </ul>
<b>Contributions to the Outcome:</b>	
<p><i>Who were involved and what did they do to make this change happen? (Elaborate especially on what you and/ or FPU did)</i></p> <p>Avenues TV, who also broadcasts the national news for adults, approached NayaPusta so that they could air the content through their own TV station. This happened because the program was already being aired through NTV Plus for three years and the program had caught their attention.</p>	<p><b>Contribution rating:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Very high</li> <li>- High</li> <li>- <b>Medium</b></li> <li>- Low</li> </ul>
<b>Documents/websites/persons for verification of the Outcome:</b>	
<p>name removed, known by FPU, Chief Editor of NayaPusta and Avenues TV.</p>	
<b>The Outcome was:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Expected</li> <li>- <b>Unexpected</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Positive</b></li> <li>- Negative</li> </ul>

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<b>Description of the Outcome:</b>	
<p><i>Who has changed and what have they done differently?</i></p> <p>More local journalists from different districts of the country are actively sending news reports to NayaPusta on a regular basis. And NayaPusta has been broadcasting these reports on national TV.</p>	<p><i>When:</i> 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Jan 2018</p> <hr/> <p><i>Where:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Local</li> <li>- <b>National</b></li> </ul>
<b>Significance of the Outcome:</b>	
<p><i>Why is this change important? Is it the first time that it happened? Is it long-lasting?</i></p> <p>Its important because the children's issues from different districts of Nepal are being raised and the local children now can express their opinions freely through the programme. Before only a few districts had stringers to do this.</p>	<p><b>Significance rating:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Very high</li> <li>- <b>High</b></li> <li>- Medium</li> <li>- Low</li> </ul>
<b>Contributions to the Outcome:</b>	
<p><i>Who were involved and what did they do to make this change happen? (Elaborate especially on what you and/ or FPU did)</i></p> <p>...</p> <p>In 2017 NayaPusta organized a capacity building training for local journalists who have now become stringers for the programme. A total of 20 journalists from different districts were provided trainings and now we can see more news reports about children's topics, whether happy or sad, from outside the valley.</p>	<p><b>Contribution rating:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Very high</li> <li>- <b>High</b></li> <li>- Medium</li> <li>- Low</li> </ul>
<b>Documents/websites/persons for verification of the Outcome:</b>	
<p>The people that gave the training and/or received the reports from them later are: <b>name removed, known by FPU</b></p>	
<b>The Outcome was:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Expected</b></li> <li>- Unexpected</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Positive</b></li> <li>- Negative</li> </ul>

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<b>Description of the Outcome:</b>	
<p><i>Who has changed and what have they done differently?</i></p> <p>Federation of Nepali Journalists (FNJ) and Center for Child Welfare Board Nepal awarded three reporters from NayaPusta, under the Category TV. The award is a first of its kind in Nepal.</p>	<p><i>When:</i> July 2017</p>
	<p><i>Where:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Local</li> <li>- <b>National</b></li> </ul>
<b>Significance of the Outcome:</b>	
<p><i>Why is this change important? Is it the first time that it happened? Is it long-lasting?</i></p> <p>It is very important because the FNJ and Center for Child Welfare Board Nepal acknowledged the contribution of NayaPusta to carry out child sensitive journalism. It's also positive for the reputation of NayaPusta in Nepal.</p>	<p><b>Significance rating:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Very high</li> <li>- <b>High</b></li> <li>- Medium</li> <li>- Low</li> </ul>
<b>Contributions to the Outcome:</b>	
<p><i>Who were involved and what did they do to make this change happen? (Elaborate especially on what you and/ or FPU did)</i></p> <p>Because NayaPusta is very sensitive to the safety of the children they report about, they stood out for FNJ and the Center for Child Welfare Board. The journalists that got awarded are: Sanskriti Chalise and Salina Upreti are NayaPusta Reporters and also the stringer Krishna Adhikari from Nepalgunj was awarded with the prestigious awards.</p>	<p><b>Contribution rating:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Very high</b></li> <li>- High</li> <li>- Medium</li> <li>- Low</li> </ul>
<b>Documents/websites/persons for verification of the Outcome:</b>	
<p>2<sup>nd</sup> quarterly report 31.08.2017 and the coverage of the award ceremony in the Nepali media.</p>	
<b>The Outcome was:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Expected</li> <li>- <b>Unexpected</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Positive</b></li> <li>- Negative</li> </ul>

# Annex 4: Analysis table

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	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
	OUTCOME	Change Agent		SIGNIFICANCE	CONTRIBUTION	EXPECTED	NMIEN indicator	IO	Multi-outcome process	Stage	Local/national	FPU mentioned	Contact partners other countries?
1	GEOC uses FF findings for election report	Freedom Forum	Civil society organisation	4	4	4	07	1	1	1	national		
2	NPC agreed to SDG baseline by FF	Freedom Forum	National government	3	4	4	1	1	1	1	national		
3	11 local television stations broadcast NayaPusta	Naya Pusta	Media	4	2	05b	05b	2	Broadcasting NayaPusta	2	local		
4	Local organisations helped 9 year old girl	Naya Pusta	Civil society organisation	3	4	05b	05b	2	Impact of stories	3	local		
5	FNU awarded NP reporters	Naya Pusta	Civil society organisation	3	4	0	7	3	Impact of stories	3	National		
6	Children gave feedback to NP screenings	Naya Pusta	Public	3	4	15b	15b	2	Impact of stories	2	local		
7	Community leader helped girl	Naya Pusta	Public	2	4	05b	05b	2	Impact of stories	2	local		
8	District Education Office fired teacher practicing corporal punishment	Naya Pusta	Local government	3	4	05a	05a	3	Impact of stories	3	local		
9	Nezali people use environmental news portal	NEFEJ	Public	3	4	1	1	7	Impact of stories	7	national	FPU	
10	Radio Ngani promoted proper code of conduct for media houses	NEFEJ	Media	3	3	15b	15b	2	2	2	national		
11	National media outlets publish in-depth reports on violence against women	NEFEJ	Media	4	3	1	1	6	2	2	national		
12	Schools reach out to Naya Pusta	Naya Pusta	Educational institution	3	3	15b	15b	2	2	2	local		
13	Girls talk more openly	Naya Pusta	Public	4	4	15b	15b	2	2	2	national	FPU	
14	Media studies includes media literacy	NEFEJ	Educational institution	3	3	15b	15b	2	2	2	national	FPU	
15	FNU Puhara and Avenues TV invite NEFEJ to do training	NEFEJ	Media	3	3	1	1	7	3	3	national	FPU	
16	Press Christiati Nepal asked for training	NEFEJ	Media	4	3	1	1	7	3	3	national	FPU	
17	Journalists safe during natural disaster	NEFEJ	Media	3	3	08b	08b	3	3	3	national	FPU	
18	CSOs and media contact each other	NEFEJ	Civil society organisation	3	3	0	0	4	2	2	national	FPU	
19	Local network of FF monitors active in all provinces	NEFEJ	Civil society organisation	4	3	05b	05b	4	2	2	national	FPU	
20	CSOs check if what media houses publish is true	NEFEJ	Civil society organisation	4	3	0	0	4	2	2	national	FPU	
21	Provincial network of FF monitors active in all provinces	NEFEJ	Civil society organisation	4	4	0	0	7	3	3	local		
22	Local journalists send reports to NP who broadcasts them on national tv	Freedom Forum	Media	3	3	0	0	7	3	3	local		
23	Newspapers promote RTI using app	Freedom Forum	Media	3	3	0	0	7	3	3	local		
24	Public discusses RTI using app	Freedom Forum	Public	3	3	15a	15a	3	2	2	national		
25	NIC called upon local officials to follow RTI regulations	Freedom Forum	National government	3	3	05a	05a	3	2	2	national		
26	Avenues TV broadcasts NayaPusta	Naya Pusta	Media	4	4	1	1	3	1	1	national		
27	Avenues stopped charging money to NayaPusta	Naya Pusta	Media	4	4	18a	18a	3	3	3	national		
28	Deputy attorney urged to bring impunity cases to court	Freedom Forum	National government	3	2	1	1	2	1	1	national		
29	CIEDP investigated case of impunity	Freedom Forum	National government	2	4	0	0	2	1	1	national		
30	Families of victims are now approaching FF to take up case	Freedom Forum	Victims	3	4	0	0	2	1	1	national		
31	US State used FF report on impunity	Freedom Forum	Foreign government/ interna*	3	3	1	1	2	1	1	national		
32	UNESCO referred FF to help implement suggestions	Freedom Forum	Foreign government/ interna*	3	3	1	1	3	1	1	national		
33	Officials asked FF to help implement suggestions	Freedom Forum	National government	3	3	05a	05a	3	2	2	national		
34	Government has banned Chikagad practice	Naya Pusta	Civil society organisation	3	3	0	0	1	1	1	national		
35	Media CSOs joined alliance with FF on mass comm bill	Freedom Forum	Civil society organisation	3	3	0	0	1	1	1	national		
36	Draft mass comm bill was shared with FF and others	Freedom Forum	National government	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	national		
37	Press Council referred FF review of mass comm bill to ministry	Freedom Forum	National government	3	3	0	0	1	1	1	national		
38	Press Council stated they will discuss draft bill with FF and incorporate comments	Freedom Forum	National government	4	3	1	1	1	1	1	national		
39	Minister stated publicly he will address concerns about draft mass comm bill	Freedom Forum	National government	2	4	1	1	3	1	1	national		
40	Himalayan Times sent angry email about report on Gender Content Monitoring	Freedom Forum	Media	2	3	1	1	9	3	3	national		
41	Himalayan Times improved amount of female bylines	Freedom Forum	Media	3	3	0	0	9	3	3	national		
42	Republica implemented facility for female journalists	Freedom Forum	Media	4	4	0	0	9	3	3	national		
43	Blogger from CSO referenced FF GCM report	Freedom Forum	Civil society organisation	2	3	1	1	6	2	2	national		
44	SACMID approached FF to request document about GCM methodology	Freedom Forum	Civil society organisation	3	3	1	1	6	2	2	national		
45	Media houses have more female bylines on average	Freedom Forum	Media	3	4	0	0	9	3	3	national		
46	Several newspapers search for female sources for articles	Freedom Forum	Media	4	4	0	0	2	1	1	national		
47	Local officials and journalists talked about safety issues	Freedom Forum	Local government	3	3	0	0	2	1	1	local		
48	15 journalists were released from detention	Freedom Forum	Local government	4	4	0	0	2	1	1	national		
49	Online portal contacted FF for help against police	Freedom Forum	Media	3	3	18b	18b	3	3	3	national		
50	Police ceased actions against online portal	Freedom Forum	Local government	4	3	0	0	2	1	1	national		
51	Private schools made existing media curriculum more critical	NEFEJ	Educational institution	3	3	05b	05b	2	2	2	national		
52	Public school adopted media literacy curriculum	NEFEJ	Educational institution	3	3	05b	05b	2	2	2	national		

Image 3: analysis table