

# Sixth Replenishment of the Global Fund: German Embassy, Kathmandu

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Participants who attended the meeting:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Description of work</b>
Andrea Arslan	German Embassy	Deputy Head of Mission, vocal person for the Human Rights
Christine	German Embassy	Head of Visa Application
BishnuFueal Sharma	Recovering Nepal: National Federation of PUD & Drug Service Organizations	Chair/ Executive Directive: to combat HIV and drugs
Rishi Raj Ohja	Nepal Health Society Youth Power HIV alliance	Director
Nisha Dhaubhadel	National Federation of women living with HIV & AIDS (NFWLHA)	Director: She works with women, children and young people who live with HIV and AIDS.
ParinaSubha Limbu	Dristi Nepal	She works with female drug users and prevent them from contracting HIV and AIDS
Manisha Dhakal	Blue Diamond Society	Executive Director: She works for the LGBTI community in Nepal
Umesh Shrestha	Blue Diamond Society	Program Officer: He works for the LGBTI community in Nepal
Sanjay Sharma	Blue Diamond Society	Assistant Program Director: He works for the LGBTI community in Nepal
Shreya Reddy	Blue Diamond Society Humsafar Trust	Transgender Activist: She works for the transgender community in India and India
Simran Surchan	Federation of Sexual and Gender Minority Nepal (FSGMN)	She works for the sexual and gender minorities in Nepal
Femke Wonnink	Blue Diamond Society	Trainee: She works for the LGBTI community in Nepal

## Meeting with the German Embassy



Today the network representatives of Nepal gathered together for the sixth replenishment of the Global Fund at the German Embassy in Kathmandu. The reason for the gathering is to address the issue regarding AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria around the world. The ultimate goal is to scale up the funding to the end of these three epidemics.

Andrea Arslan, Deputy Head of Mission and vocal person for the Human Rights of the German Embassy, welcomed us and gave a brief introduction about her work within the Embassy. This was followed by a table round where all the participants of the network representatives presented themselves. After the greetings and introduction, Manisha Dhakal addressed the challenges the different network representatives are facing.

Parina Subha Limbu started by explaining about the difficulties for the women at Dristi Nepal. She talked about the marginalization and the challenges of women who are using drugs and the women who are living with HIV and hepatitis B. She addressed the lack of facilities focused on women. At the moment there are only two drug rehabilitation centers for women in Nepal. Furthermore these women, who are often young mothers, do not have a legal citizenship which puts them in a more dangerous position in society. Bishnu Fueal Sharma followed by explaining the issues within Recovering Nepal (National Federation of PUD & Drug Service Organizations). He started by thanking the German Embassy for their previous support. However, he pointed out the current shortage of resources to achieve the goal to combat HIV and drugs, because without the resources they are not able to do the work properly. After this Nisha Dhaubhadel shared the challenges within the National Federation of women living with HIV & AIDS. She stated that there is a big stigma for women living with HIV. They are not empowered and are dealing with discrimination faced by the society on a daily base. Therefore, she is asking for more support of the government. Next Shreya Reddy talked about the issues regarding the transgender community within Nepal and India. She emphasizes the diversity within this community, but that they are still faced with a widespread negative stereotyping by the society. She addressed the discrimination they face within the education and employment

sector, which can lead them towards dangerous forms of work like begging and sex work. They are not able to live in dignity. In addition she mentioned the lack of knowledge regarding health and sex related issues and this leads to a higher number of transgenders living with HIV. Manisha Dhakal ended by describing the lack of implementation by the Nepali government regarding LGBTI issues. The LGBTI community is included within the Constitution, however this is only limited. For instance they are not mentioned within the employment and education sector but this is the area where LGBTI people faces the most discrimination.

After addressing the different challenges, ParinaSubha Limbu read a love letter for the German Embassy on the occasion on Valentine's Day which emphasized the importance of Global funding in order to combat the epidemics of HIV, malaria and tuberculosis. Andrea Arslan answered by stating that she will carry the message forward for this campaign and support accordingly to scale up of funding from Germany.