

**Report of Area 02
District 25
Biennium 2016-2018**

The following were reported during October, 2017 – May, 2018 of **7 clubs** with **260 members** under Area 02. Six clubs fall under Bangladesh and one under Nepal.

1. Participants from Area 02 participated in the District Conference in October, 2017.
2. The following were elected at the district conference for the biennium 2018-2020. They are:
 - Area 02 Director Shreejana Rana of Zonta Club, Katmandu.
 - Area 02 Vice Director Ztn Zareen Dilawar Karim of Zonta Club of Greater Dhaka.
 - Nominating Committee Chairman Ztn Dilruba Ahmed of Zonta Club of Chittagong.
 - Nominating Committee member Ztn Ava Sha of Zonta Club Katmandu.
1. The clubs have formed its respective board and Committees for the biennium 2018-2020. The area director has informed the presidents about the responsibilities of the board members and Committee Chairs.
2. Clubs are looking for more skilled and committed members
3. Majority of the Clubs were visited by the Dist 25 Governor and five by the Area director. The objective was to oversee the activities of the clubs and give suggestions. One club was found not to have an (A) project and thus was requested to drop that project.

Reporting format for area meeting was developed and passed it on to the Club Presidents so that the reports are standardized.
4. The clubs are continuing with their ongoing projects and some have decided to drop the projects that do not fulfill Zonta's theme Empowering Women through Service and Advocacy.

Below are the service & advocacy projects:

Service Projects:

- Improving maternal health & Fistula rehabilitation & Reintegration Program

- Giving education to adolescent girls
- Skill development of urban and rural women which include sewing, computer, horticulture, flower arrangement training etc.
- Rescuing trafficked women
- Rehabilitation & skill training for leprosy treated women
- Rehabilitation & re-integration program of victims of trafficking
- Education Scholarship Programs
- Mobile Toilets under Club III, Club IV & Katmandu are undertaken. Moreover club III with co-operation of Action Aid Bangladesh is supporting the Rohingya by giving dignity kits & installation of 03 toilets & 03 deep tube-wells
- Training on Women's Entitlements to Zontians / Organizations
- Tailoring Training to Women in Central Prison in Katmandu
- Printing of Booklets on Women Laws by Greater Dhaka & Katmandu

Advocacy:

Some clubs have undertaken Advocacy programs on trafficking, stopping child and forced marriage and improving maternal health. All advocacy actions are in line with a strategic plan and issues are selected carefully with a measurable impact. Issues are awareness on the existing laws of the women in the country, equal rights to education, economic resources, inheritance, equal pay and job opportunities. End Violence Against Women (Zonta Says No) will be continuing and it has created a voice through different stake holders like Govt. staff, corporate people, media, shop keepers, beneficiaries of the projects, rickshaw pullers, garments workers etc.

Scholarship Programs:

JMK scholarship & YWPA application forms were processed & sent it to the district.

Z & Golden Z Clubs:

Club III formed Z & Golden Z Club & Katmandu Club formed Z Club in their area.

UN:

All the clubs celebrated International Women's Day & Rose Day. Talk on Sustainable Development Goals especially Goal 5 was discussed and strategies to end violence against women were emphasized.

Second Area II meeting was held on 12th May, 2018.

Focus of the meeting was the orientation of the members with emphasis on the newly elected club board. The orientation was done on the:

- Club Board and mandatory committees (Their roles & responsibilities)
- Succession planning of leaders in the clubs etc. (Leadership development)

During the meeting tips for action on membership, service, advocacy, UN, training of Zontians, Scholarship programs, Z and Golden Z clubs and other administrative issues like following the club manual, bylaws, membership dues, budgeting, fund raising at the local and international etc. were part of the program.

Zonta International will be celebrating its 100 years in 2019. To celebrate the 100 years achievements, Zontians around the globe & Area 02 District – 25 will take part in a two year celebration to honor the past while heralding the future. It is to be noted that Zontians of Bangladesh donated US\$400 & Munira Naim US\$100 to Centennial Anniversary Endowment fund.

Thank you and regards to all.

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