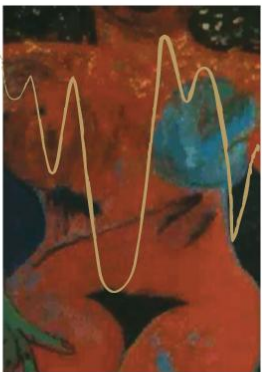




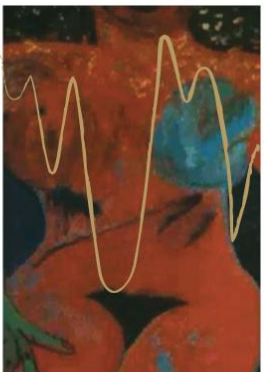
## *Voices for Justice:*

Linking Women's Multimedia Stories to  
Public Policy for Ending Gender-Based  
Violence in Nepal



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- Political instability and civil war overshadowed gender-based violence for many years.
- Nearly 81% of rural women in Nepal report domestic violence by husbands or in-laws.
- Nepal's Domestic Violence and Punishment Act was passed in 2009, after a decade of advocacy by women's rights groups.



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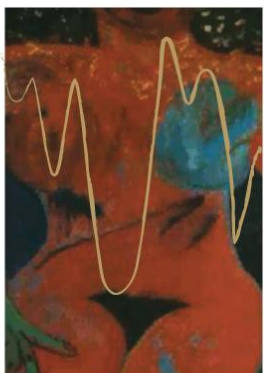
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- Rationale: public education and advocacy for enforcement are necessary for the new law to have a real impact.
- Methodology: digital storytelling as a tool for *healing* and for bringing *real women's voices* into training and awareness-raising activities.
- Partners: SAATHI Nepal and Silence Speaks, an international initiative of the Center for Digital Storytelling.

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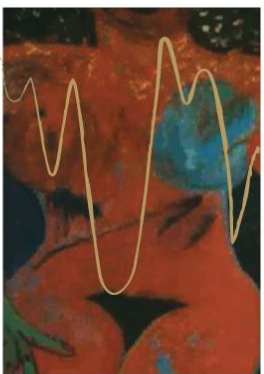


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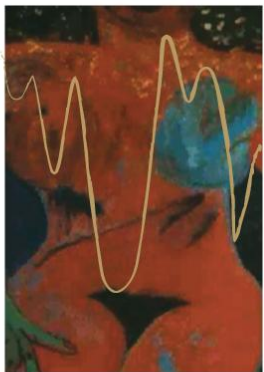
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- Introduce digital storytelling with samples and discussion (“Seven Steps of Digital Storytelling”);
- Story Circle and script development;
- Image collection: archival; Photovoice; art making; photography/video onsite; online resources;
- Voiceover recording;
- Editing: hands-on or through storyboard consultation;
  - Story screening and workshop evaluation.



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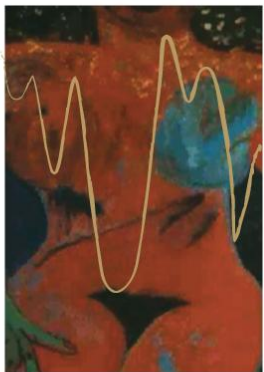
Silence Speaks workshop overview



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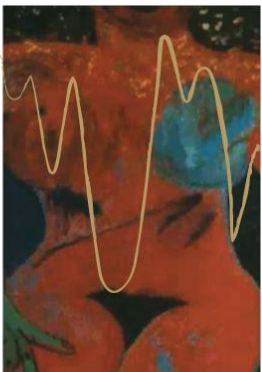
- In the shelter setting, during support groups or individual counseling sessions.
- During training for health providers, legal aid organizations, law enforcement agencies.
- On Nepalese community television and radio, to raise awareness among the general public.
- In local community settings, to mobilize civic action against gender-based violence.



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sharing the *Voices for Justice* stories



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