

# Women and Peace

A listing of organizations  
working for  
women's rights *and* peace  
in Nepal  
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## **WOMEN AND PEACE: AN INCOMPLETE SOUTH ASIAN DIRECTORY**

This project originated in a quest to identify potential partners for peace-related projects. That quest shifted shape, but we kept the kernel of the work and expanded its scope to include all SAARC member countries.

We started with the question, “Which women’s organizations work on peace?” But given that feminists define peace as far more than the cessation of conflict and hostilities, the term was hardly a filter. After all, peace is also empowerment, engaged citizenship, good governance, sustainable development and a free flow of information and expression. As we identified organizations across a spectrum of activities, we began to tag them with ‘keywords’:

- Peace and conflict transformation
- Women’s rights and empowerment
- Capacity building and community mobilization
- Governance and policy advocacy
- Gender, welfare, relief and sustainable development
- Information and communication

The keywords are simply intended to help in our search to identify resources and partners, not to narrowly define an organization’s work in any way.

The directory is the product of a desk-based Internet search. We invite you to email us with names and website addresses for organizations you think should be included. Email us at [prajnyatrust@gmail.com](mailto:prajnyatrust@gmail.com).

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### **About Prajnya**

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NAME	LOCATION	KEYWORDS	CONTACT PERSON/EMAIL	PAGE
ALLIANCE FOR PEACE (AFP)	Kathmandu	Peace and conflict transformation; Women's rights and empowerment; Capacity building and community mobilization; Gender, welfare, relief and sustainable development	info@afpnepal.org	8
ASIAN ACADEMY FOR PEACE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (AAP (R&D))	Kathmandu	Peace and conflict transformation; Women's rights and empowerment; Capacity building and community mobilization; Gender, welfare, relief and sustainable development	info@asianpeaceacademy.org	9
CARE & DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION (CDO)	Kathmandu	Women's rights and empowerment; Capacity building and community mobilization; Gender, welfare, relief and sustainable development	cdo@caredevelopment.org	10
CARITAS	Kathmandu	Peace and conflict transformation; Women's rights and empowerment; Capacity building and community mobilization; Gender, welfare, relief and sustainable development	canitasnepal@mail.com.np	11
CENTRE FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT (CESOD)	Kathmandu	Peace and conflict transformation; Women's rights and empowerment; Capacity building and community mobilization; Gender, welfare, relief and sustainable development	info@cesod.org.np, cesod@ntc.net.up	12
COLLECTIVE CAMPAIGN FOR PEACE (COCAP)	Kathmandu	Peace and conflict transformation; Women's rights and empowerment; Capacity building and community mobilization; Gender, welfare, relief and sustainable development	info@cocap.org.np	13

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CONFLICT VICTIMS' COMMITTEE (CVC)	Bheri	Peace and conflict transformation; Women's rights and empowerment; Capacity building and community mobilization	bhagiram_chaudhari@gmail.com	14
DIDIBAHINI	Kathmandu	Peace and conflict transformation; Women's rights and empowerment; Capacity building and community mobilization; Gender, welfare, relief and sustainable development	info@didibahini.org, didibahini@wlink.com.np	15
DRISTI NEPAL	Kathmandu	Peace and conflict transformation; Women's rights and empowerment; Capacity building and community mobilization; Gender, welfare, relief and sustainable development	info@dristinepal.org	16
FEMINIST DALIT ORGANIZATION (FEDO)	Kathmandu	Women's rights and empowerment; Capacity building and community mobilization; Gender, welfare, relief and sustainable development	dms@fedo.wlink.com.np	17
FRIENDS FOR PEACE (FFP)	Kathmandu	Peace and conflict transformation; Capacity building and community mobilization; Governance and policy advocacy	info@ffp.org.np	18
KAKANI CENTRE FOR DEVELOPMENT OF COMMUNITY (KCDC)	Nuwakot	Peace and conflict transformation; Women's rights and empowerment; Capacity building and community mobilization; Gender, welfare, relief and sustainable development	info_kcdc@yahoo.com	19
LASKAR NEPAL (LK)	Bhaktapur	Women's rights and building and community mobilization; Gender, welfare, relief and sustainable development	info@laskar.org.np	20

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MAITI NEPAL	Kathmandu	Women's rights and empowerment; Capacity building and community mobilization; Information and communication	info@maitinepal.org, program@maitinepal.org	21
MUKTI NEPAL	Siraha	Women's rights and empowerment; Capacity building and community mobilization; Gender, welfare, relief and sustainable development	soneesah@gmail.com	22
RAKSHA NEPAL (RN)	Lainchaur Bagmati	Women's rights and empowerment; Capacity building and community mobilization; Gender, welfare, relief and sustainable development; Information and communication	info@rakshanepal.org	23
SAATHI	Lalitpur	Women's rights and empowerment; Capacity building and community mobilization; Gender, welfare, relief and sustainable development; Information and communication		24
SAHAMATI	Nawalparasi District	Peace and conflict transformation; Women's rights and empowerment; Capacity building and community mobilization	sahamati@wlink.com.np	25
SAMJHAUTA	Lalitpur	Peace and conflict transformation; Women's rights and empowerment; Capacity building and community mobilization; Information and communication	info@samjhautanepal.org.np	26

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SANKALPA	Kathmandu	Peace and conflict transformation; Women's rights and empowerment; Capacity building and community mobilization; Governance and policy advocacy		27
SUPPORT NEPAL	snpktn@wlink.com.np, info@supportnepal.org	Peace and conflict transformation; Capacity building and community mobilization; Information and communication	snpktn@wlink.com.np, info@supportnepal.org	28
TEWA	Lalitpur	Peace and conflict transformation; Women's rights and empowerment; Capacity building and community mobilization; Gender, welfare, relief and sustainable development	info@tewa.org.np	29
SOCIETY FOR HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT AND WOMEN'S DEVELOPMENT (SHEWD)	Kathmandu	Women's rights and empowerment; Capacity building and community mobilization	shewd2001@yahoo.com, shewd@hipknt.com, info@shewd.org	30
WOMEN ENVIRONMENT PRESERVATION COMMITTEE (WEPCO)	Bagmati	Women's rights and empowerment; Capacity building and community mobilization; Gender, welfare, relief and sustainable development	epco@ntc.net.np	31
WOMEN FOR PEACE AND DEMOCRACY (WPD)	Kathmandu	Peace and conflict transformation; Women's rights and empowerment; Capacity building and community mobilization; Gender, welfare, relief and sustainable development	info@wpdnepal.org.np, shresthashobha@gmail.com	32

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WOMEN IN GOOD GOVERNANCE (WIGG)	Kathmandu	Peace and conflict transformation; Women's rights and empowerment; Capacity building and community mobilization; Gender, welfare, relief and sustainable development	wigg.nepal@gmail.com	33
WOMEN LEAD NEPAL	Kathmandu	Women's rights and empowerment; Capacity building and community mobilization; Gender, welfare, relief and sustainable development	info@women-lead.org, cnaylor@women-lead.org	34
WOMEN'S FOUNDATION NEPAL (WFN)	Kathmandu	Women's rights and empowerment; Capacity building and community mobilization; Gender, welfare, relief and sustainable development	office@womenepal.org	35
WOMEN'S REHABILITATION CENTER (WOREC NEPAL)	Kathmandu	Peace and conflict transformation; Women's rights and empowerment; Capacity building and community mobilization; Gender, welfare, relief and sustainable development	ics@worecnepal.org	36

**ALLIANCE FOR PEACE (AFP)**

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**Factfile**

- AFP Nepal, established in 2002, focuses on human rights, strengthening democracy, peace building, conflict transformation and gender equality.
- President: Mr. Dipendra Tamang

**Areas of activity**

AFP's conflict transformation and peace building activities include:

- Research, documentation and publication of information on peace building to disseminate to the public;
- Programs to promote conflict resolution through teaching negotiation skills;
- Leadership training for selected girls, enhancing their decision making and implementation skills;
- Facilitating dialogues with policymakers to advocate for youth empowerment policies;
- Youth Engagement program to assist students in acquiring the skills and resources to be self-sustaining.



## **ASIAN ACADEMY FOR PEACE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (AAP (R&D))**

<http://www.asianpeaceacademy.org/>

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### **Factfile**

- AAP (R&D), established in 2010, promotes peace building and women's empowerment.
- AAP (R&D) currently conducts research on a range of issues relevant to peace in Nepal.
- Founder: Mr. Ramji Bhattarai.

### **Area of Activity**

The core activities of AAP (R&D) in peace building include:

- Employment and soft skills training workshops for women;
- Training and workshops on peace for youth under Peace Programming for Nepal;
- Research on the incidence and causes of violence in Nepal through regular surveys;
- Networking with a range of institutions, practitioners and scholars working on conflict resolution;
- Disseminating information on peace-building research through weekly journals and radio programs.

## **CARE & DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION (CDO)**

<http://www.caredevelopment.org/>

**Keywords: Women's rights and empowerment; Capacity building and community mobilization; Gender, welfare, relief and sustainable development**

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### **Factfile**

- CDO, founded in 2005 to support and rehabilitate people displaced by the Nepalese Civil War, works on outreach programs to rural people and brick factories workers around Kathmandu.
- CDO focuses specifically on empowering women employed in brick factories.
- Founder and Director: Ms. Arati Basnet
- Founder and Program Officer: Mr. Pradeep Singh

### **Areas of activity**

CDO's activities empowering the rural women include:

- Remote Villages Outreach program, providing free health and education to rural women;
- School Outreach program, providing educational scholarships and healthcare for underprivileged children;
- Skill-development programs, such as manufacturing handicrafts, for widows and single women;
- Micro-finance for women through the Women Empowerment program, allowing them to start small-scale businesses;
- Fundraising for relief materials for people affected by natural disasters under the Disaster Relief program.

**CARITAS**

<http://www.caritasnepal.org/>

**Keywords: Peace and conflict transformation; Women's rights and empowerment; Capacity building and community mobilization; Gender, welfare, relief and sustainable development**

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**Factfile:**

- Caritas Nepal, established in 1990, works on gender equality and peace building.
- Caritas also works on sustainable development by promoting environmental protection through sustainable agriculture, livestock and community forestry.
- President: Mr. A. Sharma

**Areas of Activities:**

Caritas' projects on gender equality and conflict resolution involve:

- Women's and Children's Rights program, focusing especially on campaigns against sexual exploitation and trafficking of women and children;
- Peace building through providing education on peaceful negotiation to people in conflict-affected areas;
- Leadership workshops providing social and economic empowerment training for women;
- Disaster Relief, Preparedness and Rehabilitation project to provide relief materials to communities affected by disaster;
- Bhutanese Refugee Children's Education Program to provide free schooling for children displaced by disaster;
- Awareness raising on gender issues through radio.

## **CENTRE FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT (CESOD)**

<http://www.cesod.org.np>

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### **Factfile**

- CESOD, established in 2006, works on human rights protection, conflict transformation, peace building and democratization in Nepal.
- CESOD aims to enable communities involved in conflicts to constructively and peacefully handle disputes.
- Chairperson: Dr. Pradeepmani Dixit

### **Areas of activity**

CESOD's projects on conflict transformation and human rights include:

- Peace building in conflict-hit regions by initiating dialogue between major political parties;
- Training students in schools and colleges on constructive conflict management;
- Working with both political parties and youth unions on preventing human rights violations;
- Strengthen the public-state relationship through developing forums for sharing ideas and problem solving;
- Developing democracy by enhancing the capacity of political actors in negotiating disputes and conflicts.

## **COLLECTIVE CAMPAIGN FOR PEACE (COCAP)**

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### **Factfile**

- COCAP, established in June 2001, is a network of organizations working for peace and human rights.
- COCAP aims to provide a common space for its member organizations, volunteers and friends to collectively engage in the pursuit of peace.
- COCAP currently includes 44 member organizations.
- Chairperson: Ms. Usha Baruwal

### **Areas of activity**

COCAP activities on peace, human rights and conflict transformation include:

- Future Nepal: Citizens' Initiative, a policy advocacy campaign that focuses on peace building and other issues critical to Nepal;
- Nationwide Collective Campaign for the Elimination of Caste Based Discrimination and Untouchability;
- Conflict Victim Women and Access to Justice: National Conference, highlighting the difficulties facing women victims of violence in seeking justice;
- Trainings on non-violent conflict transformation and peace building to its member organizations' representatives and staffs;
- Assisting member organizations in documentation, writing grant proposals and preparing reports, brochures and organizational profiles.

## **CONFLICT VICTIMS' COMMITTEE (CVC)**

<http://www.insightonconflict.org/conflicts/nepal/peacebuilding-organizations/conflict-victims-committee-cvc/>

**Keywords: Peace and conflict transformation; Women's rights and empowerment; Capacity building and community mobilization**

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### **Factfile**

- The Conflict Victims' Committee (CVC), established in 2006, aims to support conflict victims through skills development and income generation trainings.
- Chairman: Mr. Bhagiram Chaudhari

### **Areas of activity**

CVC's activities on rehabilitating victims of conflicts involve:

- Educating people about options for legal recourse in disappearance cases, including compensation;
- Coordinating relevant national and international organizations publicizing disappearances;
- Providing economic and free legal support to victims of conflict and their families;
- Working with national and international organizations to document incidents of violence.

**DIDIBAHINI**

<http://www.didibahini.org/>

**Keywords: Peace and conflict transformation; Women’s rights and empowerment; Capacity building and community mobilization; Gender, welfare, relief and sustainable development**

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**Factfile**

- DidiBahini, established in 1992. works primarily on gender equality, aiming to facilitate gender mainstreaming into the development process.
- “DidiBahini” in Nepali means “Sisters”.
- Executive Chairman: Ms. Rekha Tulachan

**Areas of activity**

Didibahini’s activities on gender equality include:

- Women Forums to develop women leadership at the grassroots level, and to improve women’s access to and control of local resources;
- Peace Enabling Awareness and Conflict Transformation Enterprise (PEACE) project, working to identify causes of internal and external conflict in society;
- Workshops and meetings with district- and national-level governmental bodies to promote mainstreaming of gender in politics;
- Educational scholarships for children of refugees;
- Resource and learning centers to enable researchers and development workers to gather information and research gender development.

**DRISTI NEPAL**

<http://www.dristinepal.org/>

**Keywords: Peace and conflict transformation; Women's rights and empowerment; Capacity building and community mobilization; Gender, welfare, relief and sustainable development**

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**Factfile**

- Dristi Nepal, founded in 2006 by a group of female ex-drug users, works to rehabilitate female drug users.
- Dristi Nepal provides gender-sensitive services, including HIV prevention, to address the many issues facing women who use drugs.
- Founder: Subba Limbu

**Areas of activity**

Dristi Nepal's gender-sensitive services include:

- Sensitization in schools & colleges on issues of drug use and HIV/AIDS;
- Fundraising through musical concerts for its rehabilitation activities;
- Providing skill development activities to empower women to generate income;
- Drop-In Center (DIC) to support female drug users;
- Organizing awareness camps in rural areas to educate the public on the ill-effects of drug use and prevention of violence against women.



## **FEMINIST DALIT ORGANIZATION (FEDO)**

<http://www.fedonepal.org/>

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### **Factfile**

- FEDO, founded in 1994 by a group of Dalit women, works for Dalit women's rights and their empowerment in different spheres.
- FEDO envisions a 'just and equitable society' where Dalit women have equal rights, opportunities, access to development and political participation.
- Founder: Ms. Durga Sob.

### **Areas of activity**

FEDO's activities to empower Dalit women include:

- Raising public awareness to engage policy makers and development practitioners in Dalit women's problems and concerns;
- Initiating dialogue with politicians to ensure Dalit's and women's rights are included in the new constitution;
- Micro-finance and economic activities to uplift the economic status of Dalit women and their families;
- Providing health education and primary health services to Dalit women and children;
- Providing formal and non-formal education for Dalit women.

**FRIENDS FOR PEACE (FFP)**

<http://www.insightonconflict.org/conflicts/nepal/peacebuilding-organizations/friends-for-peace-ffp/>

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**Factfile**

- FFP, established, in 2004 aims to increase the capacity of Nepalese researchers in undertaking research on conflict resolution and peace building.
- Founder: Professor Dr. Mathura Prasad Shrestha

**Areas of activity**

FFP's peace building initiatives include:

- Organizing interactions among civil society leaders, politicians, media personnel and others in order to better understand and address conflict-related issues;
- Seminars, conferences, public forums, informal discussion and international exchanges on peaceful dialogue and negotiation;
- Networking with national and international organizations to facilitate relevant research;
- Disseminating information on peace building through the publication of books, periodicals, magazines, journals and newspapers.

## **KAKANI CENTRE FOR DEVELOPMENT OF COMMUNITY (KCDC)**

<http://www.kcdc.org.np/>

**Keywords: Peace and conflict transformation; Women's rights and empowerment; Capacity building and community mobilization; Gender, welfare, relief and sustainable development**

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### **Factfile**

- KCDC, established in 1993, works on women's empowerment, child development and human rights.
- President and CEO: Mr. Tanka Lama

### **Areas of activity**

KCDC's work on women's empowerment and community development includes:

- Peaceful conflict resolution workshops for women;
- Workshops and seminars to raise awareness on women rights and gender equality;
- Social service programs and rallies to prevent and eliminate violence against women;
- Educating farmers on sustainable methods of agriculture like organic farming and reforestation;
- Networking with international organizations working on women's empowerment to share expertise and experience;
- Formation of cooperatives of women groups, which collect savings and invest in credit for micro-entrepreneurship.

**LASKAR NEPAL (LK)**

<http://laskar.org.np>

**Keywords: Women's rights and building and community mobilization; Gender, welfare, relief and sustainable development**

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**Factfile**

- Laskar, established in 2008, works on promotion and protection of livelihood, women's advancement, health, environment, social justice and development.
- "Laskar" is a Nepali word which means a caravan of women.
- The organization consists of a group of professional women from social work, teaching and journalism.

**Areas of activity**

LK's work on women empowerment involves:

- Providing marginalized women with vocational skills and micro-credit to start businesses;
- Basic health facility to improve women's health;
- Providing education to women;
- Installing biogas facilities in villages in order to maintain sustainable development;
- Establishing clean drinking water facilities by setting up tube wells in rural areas;
- Workshops and training sessions in villages to raise awareness on gender issues.

**MAITI NEPAL**

<http://www.maitinepal.org/>

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**Factfile**

- Maiti, established in 1993, is committed to combating gender violence, primarily through preventing trafficking of girls and rehabilitating the rescued girls.
- Maiti is one of Nepal's most prominent institutions working primarily against trafficking.
- Founder: Ms. Anuradha Koirala, a well-known Nepali activist

**Areas of activity**

Maiti's efforts to combat girls' trafficking include:

- Women's rehabilitation centers in various districts of Nepal to provide food, shelter and medical facilities to rescued women;
- Reaching out to the community, particularly adolescent girls, students and teachers, on the issue of gender violence as a prevention strategy;
- A prevention home to select girls at high risk of being trafficked and provide training to empower them to pursue different livelihoods;
- Legal support for survivors of trafficking through its Legal Aid Section in the Central Office at Kathmandu;
- Information and resource centre, providing research materials on gender violence and publishing a newsletter.

**MUKTI NEPAL**

<http://www.insightonconflict.org/conflicts/nepal/peacebuilding-organizations/mukti-nepal/>

**Keywords: Women's rights and empowerment; Capacity building and community mobilization; Gender, welfare, relief and sustainable development**

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**Factfile**

- Mukti Nepal, established in 2010, is a women-led organization working to promote equality, justice and women's empowerment.
- Mukti aims primarily to combat violence against women and promote human rights.
- Founder: Ms. Shyam Kumari Sah

**Areas of activity**

Mukti Nepal's activities on combating gender violence include:

- Campaign for Peace and Constitution, organising rallies and meetings to raise awareness on gender violence.
- Advocating women-friendly policies through dialogue and meetings with politicians, police, and government officials;
- Women Access to Justice program, offering medical and legal aid to women affected by violence;
- 16-Day Campaign for Violence against Women in partnership with other women's rights organization.

**RAKSHA NEPAL (RN)**

<http://www.rakshanepal.org/>

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**Factfile**

- RN, established in 2004, is run by women and girls who have been victims of violence.
- RN works to make women aware of how to protect themselves from violence, and to build their capacity to identify alternative livelihood opportunities.
- Chairperson: Ms. Menuka Thapa

**Areas of activity**

RN's activities on preventing gender violence include:

- Conducting surveys and research on the incidence of gender violence in Nepal;
- Organizing medical camps to build awareness about women's health issues;
- Rescue and rehabilitation of women who have been victims of violence;
- Women's empowerment through skill development training;
- Raising awareness on gender violence through media channels;
- Free psycho-socio counseling and legal aid to women affected by violence.

**SAATHI**

<http://www.saathi.org.np/>

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- Saathi, established in 1992, aims to eliminate injustice and violence against women in Nepal.
- Founder: Dr. Madhuri R Singh
- President: Ms. Bandana Rana.

**Areas of activity**

Saathi's initiatives to reduce gender violence in Nepal include:

- Research and data collection on social issues affecting rural and urban women in Nepal;
- Capacity building through awareness raising and skill training for women;
- Lobbying and political advocacy to pressure authorities to pursue policies and practices that advance women's and children's interests;
- Annual 16 Days Campaign to address gender violence in Nepal.



**SAHAMATI**

<http://sahamati.org/>

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**Factfile**

- SAHAMATI, established in 2001, works with women, children, marginalized people, seniors and youth to establish their rights and improve their living standards.
- President: Mr. Ratna Prasad Sapkota

**Areas of activity**

SAHAMATI's projects on women's empowerment and community developments include:

- SAHAMATI Learning Center (SLC) for organizing workshops, training, symposium and seminars for women;
- Programs to educate members on peace building and conflict resolution;
- Parivartan Program, specifically focusing on peace building and sociocultural values education for school children;
- Organizing medical aid and community health awareness camps with the SAHAJ hospital.
- Peace library, providing study materials on conflict resolution in multiple languages and a study space.

## **SAMJHAUTA**

<http://www.samjhautanepal.org.np/>

**Keywords: Peace and conflict transformation; Women's rights and empowerment; Capacity building and community mobilization; Information and communication**

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### **Factfile**

- Samjhauta Nepal, established in 2001, works on peace building, conflict resolution and women's empowerment.
- Its main aim is to create opportunities for women, youth and children to develop the skills and resources needed to achieve social, economic, civil, environmental and political justice.
- President: Ms. Radika Shrestha
- Chief Executive Officer: Dr. Usha Jha

### **Areas of activity**

Samjhauta Nepal's activities on peace building and women's empowerment involve:

- Peace building and conflict resolution program, conducting workshops, seminars and music concerts as an outreach to promote peace;
- Literacy, Women Economic Empowerment and Livelihood program, providing literacy and employment training to women;
- Community Housing program, setting up accommodation for single women;
- Leadership training for selected women;
- SAMVAD Kendra, providing educational scholarships to empower adolescent girls;
- Disseminating information through publications and radio programs.

**SANKALPA**

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- Sankalpa, established in June 2011, is an alliance of women's organizations working to achieve a peaceful, just, equitable and democratic Nepal where women play a decisive role in governance.
- Chairperson: Ms. Durga Sob

**Areas of activity**

Sankalpa's activities for peace, justice, democracy and women's empowerment include:

- Leadership training to increase women's representation in the government and political parties, to ensure that conflict-affected women have access to social justice;
- Lobbying for women's rights and transitional justice using UN resolution 1325;
- Capacity building of women through skill development workshops;
- Hamro Sankalpa, a radio program on gender issues.

## **SOCIETY FOR HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT AND WOMEN'S DEVELOPMENT (SHEWD)**

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- SHEWD, established in 1998, works in the rural Lalitpur district of Nepal.
- SHEWD's main focus areas are women's empowerment, environmental protection and rural healthcare.
- Leader, SHEWD Nepal: Mr. Shree Krishna Maharjan

### **Areas of activity**

SHEWD's social and gender development activities include:

- Providing basic healthcare facilities in rural areas to improve women's health;
- Environmental program, raising awareness among villagers on environment protection through mass rallies and workshops;
- Micro-credit project, empowering rural women to start small-scale businesses;
- Technical training and computer education for Nepalese youth.

**SUPPORT NEPAL**

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- SUPPORT, established in 1996 works on conflict, peace and minorities' rights.

**Areas of activity**

SUPPORT's activities focusing on conflict, peace and minorities include:

- Identifying issues affecting conflict victims and addressing causes of tension;
- Facilitating increased participation minorities in peace-building efforts at local, regional and national levels;
- Engagement of stakeholders in conflict issues through peace education, peace journalism and conflict sensitive program planning;
- Immediate Impact Micro Projects (IIMPs), rebuilding conflict-affected areas;
- Development of effective communication strategies and media mobilization to raise mass awareness on peace and gender issues.

**TEWA**

<http://www.tewa.org.np/>

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- Tewa, founded in 1996, works for equitable justice and peace, and aims explicitly to break down established hierarchies of gender, class, caste, ethnicity, age and geography.
- Founder: Ms. Rita Thapa
- President: Ms. Nirmala K.C.

**Areas of activity**

TEWA's work on gender equality includes:

- Sampanna Campaign, raising funds for various women's empowerment projects;
- Grant making program, providing financial support to empower women's groups in Nepal;
- Volunteer programs to train volunteers in fundraising and leadership;
- The Tewa Center, with residential and conference facilities to accommodate women activists;
- Publication of reports and newsletters on women's empowerment.

## **WOMEN ENVIRONMENT PRESERVATION COMMITTEE (WEPCO)**

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- WEPCO, founded in 1992, is dedicated to cleaning and conserving the urban environment in the Kathmandu Valley.
- WEPCO also works to educate young women on environmental issues.
- President: Ms. Bishnu Thakali

### **Areas of activity**

WEPCO initiatives on environmental protection and women's empowerment include:

- Interactive workshops to develop community knowledge and skills for solid waste management;
- Empowering women to manage solid waste issues in their localities;
- Working with local community leaders to create a clean and hygienic urban environment;
- Educating school children on environmental protection through Eco-clubs;
- Equipping villages and communities with biogas plants.

## **WOMEN FOR PEACE AND DEMOCRACY (WPD)**

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### **Factfile**

- WPD, established in 2011, works on gender equity, equality-based development and peace building.
- Executive Chairman: Ms. Shobha Pradhan Shrestha

### **Areas of activity**

WPD's activities on women's empowerment and peace building include:

- Socioeconomic Empowerment Program for Women and Marginalized (SEWAM) livelihood project, training women in income generation and involving them in community development programs;
- Capacity building of women leaders, training selected women leaders and politicians as peace builders;
- Control Arms Campaign, raising awareness about the illegal possession and trade of small arms, a major source of violence in the region;
- Promoting awareness of women's rights and issues through workshops and public rallies;
- Conducting case studies on gender issues in Nepal.



## **WOMEN IN GOOD GOVERNANCE (WIGG)**

<http://www.insightonconflict.org/conflicts/nepal/peacebuilding-organizations/women-in-good-governance/>

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### **Factfile**

- WIGG aims to strengthen the democratic peace process, particularly through activities aimed at women.
- WIGG works across 75 districts in Nepal.

### **Areas of activity**

WIGG’s women empowerment initiatives include:

- Rights-Based Political Advocacy for Female Leaders Project, aimed at training female political leaders;
- Intensive workshops on gender issues conducted by professionals in law, activism, political science and human rights advocacy;
- Public campaigns to educate women on their rights and responsibilities.

## **WOMEN LEAD NEPAL**

<http://women-lead.org/>

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- Women LEAD Nepal, established in 2011, aims to address gender inequality in Nepal.
- Women LEAD Nepal focuses primarily on empowering adolescent girls to be leaders.
- Founders: Claire Naylor (Nepal) and Claire Charnac (US)
- President, Nepal Board: Sonu Bajracharya

### **Areas of activity**

Women LEAD's initiatives on women's leadership development involve:

- Providing young women in Nepal with the skills, support and opportunities to become leaders and change-makers in their schools and communities;
- Investing in a selective group of young women over time, ensuring permanent and sustainable change;
- LEAD program. empowering 30 high school students every year through a deep-dive into youth leadership and civic activism;
- Meetings with ambassadors and policymakers to expand employment and leadership opportunities for young women.

## **WOMEN'S FOUNDATION NEPAL (WFN)**

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### **Factfile**

- WFN, established in 1988, aims to help women and children in Nepal who are victims of violence and poverty.
- Co-founder and President: Ms. Renu Sharma

### **Areas of activity**

WFN activities to support women victims of violence include:

- Shelter Homes for housing women victims of violence;
- Non-violent schools, providing peace education to over 450 children;
- Micro-credit to empower women entrepreneurs;
- Vocational training for Nepalese rural women on handicrafts and organic farming;
- Free legal assistance for women victims of violence;
- Educational scholarships for selected girls.

## **WOMEN'S REHABILITATION CENTER (WOREC NEPAL)**

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- WOREC, established in 1991, aims to combat human trafficking and gender violence.
- WOREC works to ensure women's economic, social and cultural rights; minimize violence against women; and promote women's empowerment.
- Chairperson: Ms. Saraj Gurung

### **Areas of activity**

WOREC's main activities in combating VAW include:

- Medical and legal support for women survivors of violence;
- Campaign for Sustainable Peace, advocating for peace and social justice through the promotion of human rights;
- Annual 16 Days Campaign to raise awareness on gender violence;
- Building leadership capacity among women rights activists and targeted groups;
- Coordinating with other women's empowerment institutions and organizations to exchange ideas and resources.