



National Monitoring on Gender...



WHR engaged throughout the **2nd Constitutional Election** as a core committee member of the "Gender Monitoring Team" to make sure that men, women and transgender were treated with equality, and also to make sure that no individuals have to face threats due to their gender. The core objective was to enhance meaningful participation of women in the election process.

Global Summit to end Sexual Violence...

In June 2014, the global meeting took place to **end sexual violence** with the goal of **generating irreversible momentum** against sexual violence in conflict with practical action to impact individuals on the ground.



Lily Thapa, Nisha Swar, and Durga Neupane from WHR attended the summit. There were over 175 public events in London, and an 84-hour global relay of events around the world. **Nisha** of WHR (Working as a full time staff at Chhahari) *shared her story as a conflict-affected single woman at the event.*

Awards and Recognition...



On 18 February 2015, WHR's Founder **Lily Thapa** was awarded the **Women Leadership Achievement Award** at the 2nd World Women Leadership Congress and Award banquet. This award is presented to, "*outstanding women professionals who have the vision, flair, acumen and professionalism to demonstrate excellent leadership and management skills in an organization, making changes and achieving results.*" The award ceremony was held in Mumbai, India.



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16 Days of Activism...



Like every year, WHR participated in the international campaign “**16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence: Let’s Challenge Militarism and End Violence Against Women,**” on 8 December 2014. WHR extended solidarity with the international community and to raise awareness among younger generations about gender-based violence.

Training & Workshop Highlights...

On 3 November 2014, WHR organized an interaction program with local stakeholders on the issue of Single Women in Nuwakot District with Honorable C.A. member **Mr. Arjun Narsingh K.C.** from Nepali Congress as the chief guest of the program.



Various other political leaders, Government Officials, media persons, women activists and different VDC and municipality single women group members also attended the program.

A three-day workshop was conducted on **Political Participation and Empowerment** by WHR with support from GIZ.



There were total of 30 participants from Doti, Surkhet and Dhanusha. The main goal of the workshop was to encourage single women to be part of political activities at all levels, from the local government to the central government.



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Cooperative Highlights...

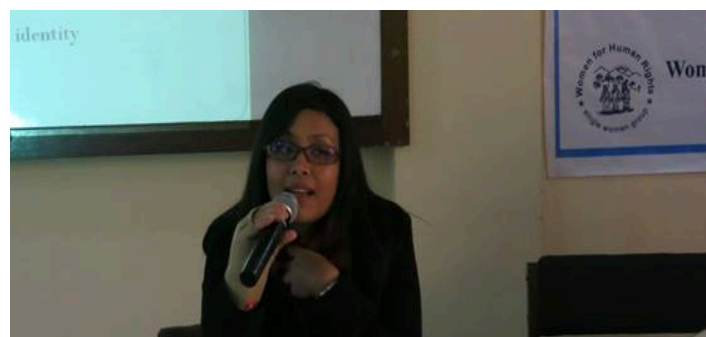


Hamro Aadhar Saving and Credit Cooperative organized its 5th Annual General Meeting on 14 November 2014. Members of Aadhar, the media, and both WHR and Chhahari staff members participated.

During the meeting, Aadhar announced new Board Members for the next three years.

Also, Aadhar contributed Rs. 13,968 from their net profit to the **Opportunity Fund** to provide single women and their children scholarships.

SAARC Highlights...



On 22 November 2014, during People's SAARC, the discussion titled, "**Conflict led Challenges and Way Towards Sustainable Peace for Women of South Asia: Discussing Women's ESCE**" was organized by WHR, SAFA for ESCE, and PWESCR. **Sumeera Shrestha**, SPM WHR, made a presentation and was integral in leading discussions. Similarly, **Rajin Rayamajhi**, Legal Officer WHR, made a presentation on 23 November 2014 titled, "**Women and Social Security voices from South Asian Countries.**"

Interaction Program Highlights...



On 4 September 2014, WHR organized an **interaction program** with stakeholders of Chapagaun VDC of Lalitpur district on the issues of single women. There were **80 participants**, mostly senior single women, in the group. A VDC secretary, a principal of a local boarding school, political leaders, a youth organization member and VDC health post members, all committed to support the single women of Chapagaun VDC. They also *encouraged single women to mobilize* for different Income generating activities.



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Fundraising Highlights...



Through the screening of **Born Again**, WHR-Youth Wing 1st Batch, collected Rs. 3700 from Department of Conflict Peace and development Studies and Rs. 11,710 from Ullens School to Build Chhahari- a safe Space.

Teej Mela Highlights...



WHR celebrated **Teej Mela** to break the social and cultural barriers of restriction on the color **red** among single women and to raise funds for the **Opportunity Fund**. The Teej Mela was a very successful event—everyone smiled—especially those single women who had a stalls for their goods constructed under the project, **Home Based Worker**.

Advocacy Highlights...



SANKALPA and **WHR** organized the **National Workshop on Conflict Affected Women (CAW): A Journey Towards Empowerment and Justice**, to address the major issues related to conflict and its adverse effects on women and children. The workshop was scheduled for 3 days and discussed the following themes:

1. Issues and challenges faced by **displaced women** due to conflict in Nepal
2. Challenges faced by **women with disabilities** and the **wives of disabled husbands** due to conflict
3. Consequences of **sexual gender-based violence** on women
4. Victims of **torture** during conflict
5. **Missing families** and the issue of disappearance
6. **Unwanted choices** of ex-female combatants
7. **Born-again** as conflict widows (both sides)
8. Impacts of women of **Madhesh Andolan**.

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Advocacy Highlights (continued)...



The proper legal system of Nepal (Marriage act 2028) did not stop the child marriage custom in the Terai region. The legal system is one reason there has been an increase in Child Widows. To end this malpractice in Nepali society, **Lily Thapa**, founder of WHR, and **Advocate, Kabita Pandey of WHR**, filed a case against the child marriage custom in 2066 B.S. Pausa 16, in the Supreme Court with the demands that strong actions be taken against those people who facilitate the child marriage custom.

Afterwards, the Supreme Court declared that child marriage/child widows are a cultural malpractice. In 2069 B.S. Jetha 3, the Supreme Court mandated that Nepal research the number of child widows/ child marriages and their conditions. The court also recommended that social awareness programs be implemented for the social and cultural wellbeing of children and to end this custom.

To remove the legal policy *banning a family member from acquiring the property of a missing person for 12 years*, **WHR** and **SANKALPA** filed a petition at the Supreme Court.

The removal of this policy is much needed in post-conflict Nepal, especially for the *wives and children of missing persons who are living in poor conditions*. WHR has been focused on this issue for several years and has been constantly working for the **rights of families with disappeared members**.



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WHR Regional Elections Held...

Elections for the **WHR Regional Offices** were held in all five of the Development Regions:

- **Deepa Acharya** leads a 13-member team in the *Eastern Development Region*;
- **Manamaya Shakya** leads a 9-member team in the *Center Development Region*;
- **Meena Panthi** leads an 11-member team in the *Western Development Region*;
- **Shova B.C.** leads an 11-member team in the *Mid-Western Development Region*; and
- **Tikeshwori Hamal**, leads a 9-member team in the *Far-Western Development Region*.

To work smoothly at the region and district levels, all five of these WHR positions will be filled through elections in 2017 A.D. on the same general timeline as the government.



Senior Citizen and Home-Based Worker Updates...



It is believed that with aging, people slow down and become less active, relying on others more for their social and economic wellbeing. To counter this argument, **WHR** and **HelpAge International** worked on a project to *improve the economic capacity of senior citizens*. Senior citizens of Jhapa have been economically active through the project, under which they chose agriculture for their economic needs and to improve their quality of life.



WHR participated in many trade fairs and *haat bazar* to **promote products produced and sold by single women** and home-based workers from different parts of Nepal.



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Institutional Development Through Staff Exposure...



WHR Staff attending CSW Session 58th (1)

Sumeera Shrestha, SPM WHR, attending a program of CREA. She also presented the paper at Asia Pacific thematic session for Asia, Europe People's Forum on Peace and Security" organized by Peace and Development Foundation, Hanoi, Vietnam. (2)

Upasana Rana, Program Coordinator of WHR, attended the "2014 Vocational Women Development Program." (6)

WHR Board Member and Staff attended the program organized by **UN Women South Asia** with the title "Empowerment of Widows and their Coalitions" (5)

Reshma Thapa, Program Officer, presenting a paper at the **Conference on Ageing**. (4)

Rajin Rayamajhi, Legal Officer of WHR, attending the workshop on "Women Peace and Security Training" in Istanbul, Turkey and the "Project Management for Peace Work - Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation" in Germany. (3, 8)

