



Women for  
Human Rights,  
single women  
group (WHR)

# Newsletter

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VENUE

The Lakeside Retreat  
Resort

Date

18-19 January 2021

## OBJECTIVE

The core objective of the meeting was to dwell on the achievements of WHR so far and affiliated single women groups across the country and to identify the existing challenges, loopholes and opportunities.



## Staff and Board Residential Meeting and Retreat

WHR has held a Staff and Board Residential Meeting and Retreat from 18<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> of January 2021 at The Lakeside Retreat Resort, Pokhara.

The two-day event successfully concluded by forging a definitive future plan in terms of strengthening WHR's initiatives and interventions on policy advocacy pertaining to the rights and welfare of single women across the country, expanding and further consolidating the organization and single women groups and ensuring the organization's financial sustainability to ensure its and single women groups' hassle-free operation and contribution in the long run.



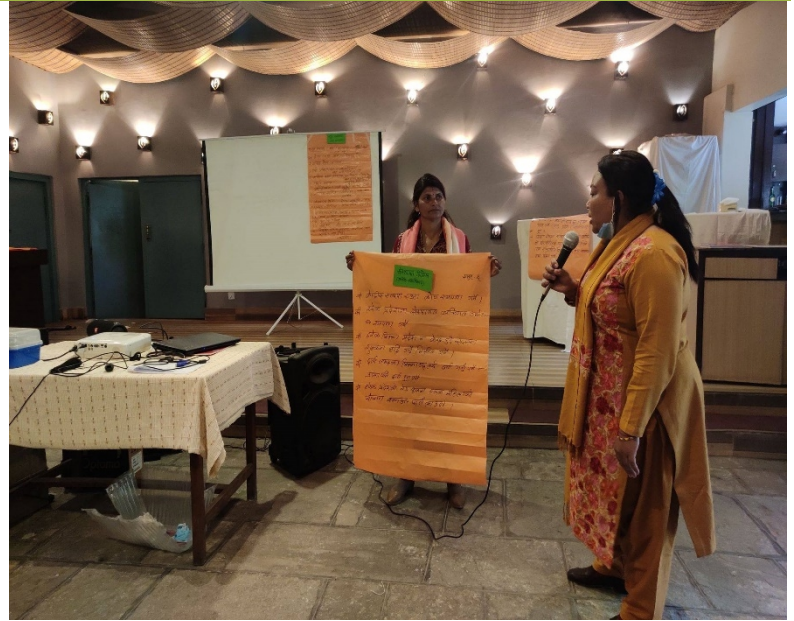
The meeting determined three key areas (Policy Advocacy, Expanding and Strengthening the Organization and Establishment of Single Women's Trust) on which the WHR representatives vowed to focus on in the year ahead. Till date, the WHR central office has made a significant contribution (and has continued to do so) in echoing and strengthening the voices and suggestions from its regional and district offices along with the single women groups. The participants stressed on the need of Policy Advocacy to ensure the provision of reservation for single women.



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*“The government or the state authorities have finally started listening to the single women, which can be attributed to the WHR’s endeavors in terms of organizing hundreds of thousands of single women across the country. The participants pledged for group expansion and mobilization at the district, provincial and the central levels, taking into account that it’s important to expand and beef up the organization.”*

An important step in this regard is to make the membership fees mandatory and regular, as the only intention of collecting the membership fees is to help out the single women members themselves in socioeconomic aspects. The participants determined that sharing the financial progress details with the central office can help keep track of the progresses and areas to improve.



Another aspect identified by the WHR representatives in the Staff and Board Residential Meeting is the need of the organization’s sustainability. The idea is to ensure WHR’s and single women groups’ independence in the long run in terms of money, capacity and resources, which can be done by establishing a Single Women Trust. The participants agreed that such a financial sustainability could be attained by further improving coordination between the central and the regional offices along with the single women groups in districts.

The two-day event also included different recreational activities for the staff and participants including the tour to Pokhara’s lakeside tourist areas.



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