



Equality Development Centre (EDC)

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Formed in 1996, EDC has 94 general members (40 women and 54 men) and an executive board of three women and eight men. The membership comprises Dalit and disadvantaged communities. Their vision is an equitable society, with a focus on Dalit and women.

Achievements: EDC provided gender services to a variety of clients, targeting community groups and grassroots level staff. Working with MS Nepal and Helvetas, gender packages were developed, piloted, and implemented in the EDC working areas. Using a gender lens, EDC mainstreamed gender into their programs. EDC mediates in cases of inter-caste marriage, domestic violence and caste discrimination.

EDC is working with their communities for empowerment and to improve services. In the community groups, women are demonstrating equality and leadership. EDC leads a Dalit movement, and successfully advocated for the Dalit right to worship at Shaileshwori Temple. More than ten local NGOs have benefited from EDC technical support on gender. Three national level NGOs have received gender and PRA training.

Dalit network and NGO networks have been established; EDC is a regional member of the Dalit network and EDC serves as Secretary of the NGO network.

CNGO-funded project: EDC is facilitating the empowerment and capacity-building of Dalit women's saving and credit groups to tackle domestic violence in their community and achieve economic self-reliance through income generating activities.



Services: Baseline surveys, gender training and organizational development, gender-integrated program delivery, training curriculum and IEC materials, facilitation of local planning process, publicity campaigns and radio program, network formation, advocacy

Past and current clients:

Organizations	Programs
GTZ Child Labour Program	Gender Integration in the Project
Helvetas	Soil Management (SSMP), Dalit Awareness (LLINK), Water Resource Management (WAM-P)
MS Nepal	Dalit Empowerment
Lutheran World Service	Gender & Leadership Training
ECARDS, VDRC, LISP (Palpa)	Gender Training
10 Local NGOs	Gender Training
Municipality	Facilitation in Planning Process
District Agriculture Office	Gender Training and Gender Lens in Programs
DDC	Facilitation in Local Planning Process
CRT	Smokeless Stove
Samuhik Abhiyan	Volunteer Program
CCO	Community Empowerment Program
CARE/Nepal	Community Empowerment Program
Cripah	Legal Education on Safe Abortion

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