



Environment Development Society (EDS)

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EDS was established in 1995, and has 87 general members (33 women and 54 men). The executive board has eleven members with four women and seven men. The organizational vision is to promote the position of marginalized people through capacity building and empowerment.

Achievements: EDS mobilized savings and credit groups that have now formed into a rural cooperative bank, with more than fifteen million rupees in annual transactions. Groups participated in gender training, and they report that the men have changed their behaviour and attitude to cooperate with women in household work.

EDS has provided capacity building services and training on gender to 15 NGOs.

With the District Health Support Project, EDS developed a gender sensitive program modality that was replicated by DHSP in other districts. EDS successfully mediated in a conflict between two of the NGO associations in the district. They collaborated with DDC to mobilize NGOs and publish an NGO directory, and influenced DDC to allocate funds for NGOs to deliver programs. They mainstreamed gender in the Community Sanitation and Drinking Water program. EDS facilitated a planning process workshop of DDC and of the municipality.

CNGO-funded project: EDS is working in three high schools with students, teachers and parents to create a better environment for girls to stay in school. The participants are mobilized to spread the gender equality message in their communities.



Services: Organizational assessment and gender audits, gender integrated organizational capacity building, cooperative management, linkage development training, training of facilitators, training and IEC materials development, volunteer mobilization training, PRA and program planning, NGO/group management training, resource mobilization

Past and current clients:

| Organizations | Programs |
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| Rural Urban Partnership Program | Gender Training |
| Helvetas | Soil Management (SSMP) |
| RRN | Gender Training |
| Women Development Section and District Education Office | Gender Training |
| Women Training Centre | Gender Training |
| District Health Support Project | Gender Mainstreaming |
| ADB Health and Sanitation Program | Gender Sensitive Project Delivery |
| DDC & Municipality | Local Planning Process |
| Cripah | Legal Education on Safe Abortion |
| CLP/N | Community Literacy Program |

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