



Rural Women Upliftment Association (RWUA)

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RWUA formed in 1993, and currently has 70 women and 12 men general members, and eleven women and two men on the executive board. They work with the poor and disadvantaged in the community to advocate for positive changes and to eliminate bad practices in the society. Formed mainly by women, they are a vision-led and transparent NGO.

Achievements: While implementing the World Neighbours program, RWUA innovated by involving men in the women's health program and raising men's awareness, thereby ensuring their cooperation. RWUA is expanding its advocacy program on social issues such as witchcraft and violence against women. Collaborating with the VDC (which supplied the land), and with labour provided by a Dalit community, RWUA used their own funds for materials and organized construction of a Dalit community school. They delivered gender training to government agencies and NGOs, and accounts training to enhance the capacity of NGO Coordination Committee members. RWUA facilitates a saving and credit program with women, mixed, Dalit and children's groups.

RWUA is a member of the NGO Federation and the NGO Forum, and serves as treasurer of the NGO Coordination Committee.

CNGO-funded project: RWUA conducted gender awareness training and health education with the Dalit community, and non-formal education classes. Community groups were trained in vegetable growing and goat-raising to give them an income generating opportunity.



Services: Saving and credit groups, reproductive health, non-formal education classes including Dalit children, Dalit awareness program, income-generating and skill development for women, gender-integrated capacity building, network formation, training, services for the disabled

Past and current clients:

Organizations	Programs
SAP Nepal	SCOPE, Gender Training
World Neighbours	Reproductive Health, School Education
Small and Cottage Industries Dept	Training
Prerana	Training, Survey
DDC	Dalit Development
Sarlahi High School	Curriculum Development
Women Development Section (WDS)	Gender Training, Organization Development
District Education Office	Child Literacy
DDC	Village Development Program
DDC/ VDC	Dalit School Construction
Handicap International	Research Program on Handicaps

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