



Women Association for Marginalized Women (WAM)

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WAM is a women's NGO with 78 general members, established in 1997. Eleven women form the executive board. They work for social justice and empowerment, and collaborate with other stakeholders in the district for positive community change for gender equality.

Achievements: WAM advocates for women experiencing domestic violence and formed pressure groups to monitor and intervene in violence cases. They handle about 5 cases a month, with counselling and advocacy, and have had successes in stopping the violence. WAM operates 27 saving and credit groups. These women's groups know their legal rights and are leaders in their community. WAM organized training for VDC members and formed 18 ward level committees in two VDCs to stop violence, with DDC funding. Their vision is violence-free VDCs. WAM delivered training to ten NGOs on domestic violence. They also work with high school students and teachers to spread the gender message in the community. WAM facilitated two VDCs and the municipality in the planning process.

WAM, with EDS, formed gender allies in Surkhet. The gender allies conducted organizational gender audits and support the victims of violence. With WAM's support, six women who had experienced violence presented their case in a public forum to bring out these hidden social problems and shape public opinion against domestic violence.

WAM facilitated the formation of the Gender Equality Committee of DDC, which has the mandate to monitor gender implementation in government agencies programs.



WAM was successful in lobbying to retain the alcohol-free status of Surkhet.

CNGO-funded project: WAM is mobilizing ward level committees to combat domestic violence, continuing the project funded by the DDC.

Services: Organizational capacity building, violence against women - legal measures, gender mainstreaming, health and sanitation, research and baseline surveys, program planning and delivery, curriculum development and training, gender integrated IEC, action learning

Past and current clients:

Organizations	Programs
DDC	Violence Against Women Campaign
VDC	Local Planning Process
UNICEF/SAC	Meena Communication
District Education Office	Gender Training for Teachers and Students
NGOs	Training on Domestic Violence
Women Development Section	Gender Training

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