



Women Deliverance Society (WDS)

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WDS is a wholly women NGO established in 1995, one of the very few in Dadeldhura. There are 42 general members and eleven women on the executive board. Their vision is to create a self-reliant society with gender equality. They work to empower the community through group formation and creating gender awareness. Violence against women is one of their major areas for advocacy, and working against bad cultural practices such as dhane khane and chhaupadi. They have collaborated with several VDCs on integrating gender in the planning process, and with the District Health Office on integrating gender in health services due to the health problems resulting from dhane khane and chhaupadi traditions.

Achievements: On their own initiative, WDS formed community groups to support women facing violence in their homes, and presented several cases to the local authorities for resolution. WDS, with other stakeholders, published a Gender Manifesto for Dadeldhura, and completed a gender audit of 10 Line Agencies and 15 I/NGOs.

CNGO-funded project: The project fostered behavioural change through group mobilization and developing peer facilitators to communicate gender messages to women as they carry on their daily work - at the water tap, etc. WDS is developing a manual for peer facilitators to spread the gender message. The project includes income generating through goat-raising.

Services: Gender training, organizational assessments, violence against women programs, saving and credit mobilization, safe motherhood training, nutrition and sanitation training, women's literacy, training of trainers, networking



Past and current clients:

Organizations	Programs
UNESCO	Data Survey
Helvetas	Soil Conservation & Management
District Education Office	Non-Formal Education Classes for Adults and Gender Training for Teachers
District Health Office	Gender Mainstreaming
Women Development Section (WDS)	Training on Gender
UNICEF	Gender in Sanitation Campaign
Samuhik Abhiyan	Volunteer Program
Cripah	Legal Education on Safe Abortions
Nepal Bar Association	Legal Support
CLP/N	Literacy Class
MGEP	Gender Programming

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