



## Nepal Muslim Women Welfare Society

# Capacity Statement

### Introduction

Nepal Muslim Women Welfare Society (NMWWS) is a non-government organization established in 2006. NMWWS works for the poor, marginalized, and disadvantaged Muslim and Madhesi women with a focus on promoting gender equity, participation and inclusion in Nepal's development efforts through holistic socio-economic empowerment initiatives. NMWWS develop the capacity of Muslim and Madhesi women and children through access to quality education and leadership skills, facilitate government-civic engagement, advocates for equality and rights, empower communities to demand democratic inclusion and participation, mobilize youth and women's group to discourage the harmful socio-cultural practice, early marriages and violence against women, and render livelihoods opportunities to ensure economic independence of Muslim and Madhesi women in Nepal.

### Thematic expertise

NMWWS has successfully implemented a variety of projects in **Minority Representation, Empowerment, and Participation** themes, such as:

- **Economic Empowerment** of Muslim and Madhesi women by providing livelihood opportunities that help create profitable and sustainable businesses and employment.
- **Gender Equality and Human Rights** initiative aims to promote and protect women's rights, ensure women's inclusion and participation in democratic reform, and eliminate discrimination and violence against women in society.
- **Elimination of All Forms of Violence against Women** is the core initiative of NMWWS that discourages gender-based violence and discrimination, ranging from child marriage, dowry, sex-selective abortion, domestic and spousal violence, sexual exploitation and abuse, trafficking, elder abuse, traditional harmful practices and disparity to access to food, education, health care and socio-

economic opportunities for marginalized Muslim and Madhesi women and girls in Nepal.

- **Religious Toleration and Peace** initiative aim to establish peace, tolerance, and harmony among diverse religious, cultural, ethnic, and regional communities.
- **Leadership Development** initiative aims to provide a platform for marginalized youth groups to discuss, cross-learn, and lead gender equality, human rights, democracy, political participation, peace and harmony, environmental protection, and climate change issues and to find a local solution to identified local problems collectively.
- **Quality Education** in madrasas and schools for marginalized Muslim and Madhesi communities is integral to community development. Therefore, NMWWS advocates increasing school enrollment, improving quality education, and ensuring all marginalized children and young people access safe, inclusive, healthy learning environments.

### Impact of our work

NMWWS works in 20 districts, including the Kathmandu, Rautahat, Bara, Kapilvastu, Sarlahi, Saptari, and Mahottari districts of Nepal.



**70 marginalized women and girls benefitted from skill-based training (e.g., organic commercial vegetable farming, tika and bangle making)**



**55 marginalized women representing village-level Muslim Women Alliances (VMWA) capacitated on leadership skills, women's rights and policy dialogue with local government**



**150 people received COVID-19 response and recovery packages**

**880 community people received psycho-social support to cope with the COVID-19 pandemic**



**6 VMWAs formed and mobilized to educate Muslim women about their rights**



**29 madrasas supported financial management skills**

**School management committees, child clubs and parents' teacher associations supported to increase in school enrollment and access to quality education**



**Over 500 marginalized women and girls are capacitated on human rights, good governance, gender auditing, legal rights and literacy, peace and social justice, sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV), mass media, preventing child or early marriage, climate change etc.**



**Ward-level community women advocacy groups (CMAGs) formed, capacitated and mobilized to promote women's participation and inclusion**

## Our development approaches

NMWWS collaborates with donors, INGOs, and beneficiaries to design, implement and monitor its development projects collectively. NMWWS works particularly with Muslim and Madhesi women and girls, who are socially marginalized while implementing Minority Representation, Empowerment, and Participation initiative to contribute towards achieving national development goals and Sustainable Development Goals.

### Development approaches are:

- Economic empowerment initiatives are delivered through diverse skill-based training (e.g., TVET), mobilizing trained girls and young women with government and

cooperatives-supported small to medium business enterprises to create better livelihood options and local jobs.

- Leadership and advocacy skill development, Gender Equity and Male Engagement, legal literacy, and civic-government engagement, collaborating with marginalized men and women, boys and girls, local government authorities, and civil society organizations.
- Promoting Gender Equality and Human Rights and Elimination of All Forms of Violence against Women is delivered through raising community awareness, organizing advocacy campaigns, facilitating government-civic engagement, and ensuring access to quality education to discourage all forms of gender-based violence and discrimination against marginalized Muslim and Madhesi women and girls in Nepal.
- Key cross-cutting and development issues integration are discussed through diverse thematic events on harmful socio-cultural norms, socio-political exclusion, illiteracy, climate-induced disasters, and the COVID-19 pandemic exacerbated socio-economic deprivation and prevented violence against women and girls (VAWG).
- Religious Toleration and Peace are promoted through inter-religious dialogues, interactions on religious diversity and the importance of co-existence by facilitating joint cultural celebrations among different faith groups and raising awareness on various socio-cultural issues involving religious leaders and community.
- Advocate for equitable access to affordable and quality education, from primary level to university, including scholarship support and Technical and Vocational Education Training (TVET). It also promotes child-and-girl-friendly madrasas and schools, enhances teachers' capacity, facilitates community-school engagement in increasing school enrollment and improves access to quality education for marginalized Muslim and Madhesi women and girls.

## Our fundraising strategies

Raising donations and public funds is integral to NMWWS, including cash and in-kind contributions. The funds raised are being utilized in capacity-building, education, social enterprise development, campaigns and advocacy initiatives for marginalized Muslim and Madhesi women and girls in Nepal—to ensure their Representation, Empowerment, and Participation in national development efforts. NMWWS aim to raise funds through our long-term projects to continue our support for marginalized Muslim and Madhesi women and girls by employing various fundraising strategies:

- Endorsing a long-term strategic plan to realize our strategic mission, vision and objectives;
- Sharing our success and impact stories with donors, stakeholders and beneficiaries;
- Cultivating existing donor relationships and exploring new funding opportunities globally;
- Organizing crowdfunding and fundraising events and exploring corporate social responsibility (CSR) initiatives of private corporate sectors



 We value your support to fight injustice and drive change so that marginalized Muslim and Madhesi women and girls enjoy equal rights, opportunities and participation in Nepal's development efforts.

## Our partners

European Commission, Canadian Fund for Local Initiatives, Turkish Coordination and Cooperation Agency, Czech Republic, Global Fund for Women, Women's Fund Asia, The Asia Foundation, Voluntary Service Overseas (VSO) Nepal, the Centre for International Studies and Cooperation (CECI) Nepal, Australian Embassy, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), Tewa Nepal, and Beyond the Beijing Committee. In addition, NMWWS collaborates with NGOs and INGOs in Nepal, exploring ways to fund core activities and achieve institutional financial sustainability with innovative project interventions. We are open to any potential and strategic partnerships with organizations globally.



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