

# International Women's Day 2023

"DIGITALL: INNOVATION AND  
TECHNOLOGY FOR GENDER  
EQUALITY"



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## "Digit ALL: Innovation and Technology for Gender Equality,"

OVN focuses on enhancing child protection mechanisms and advocating for the rights of women and girls who work in various sectors of the entertainment industry, such as hotels, restaurants, bars, massage parlors, and similar establishments. The organization strives to promote independent living, social inclusion, and meaningful participation for women and girls who have survived cross-border human trafficking and sexual exploitation.

### POKHARA



On March 8, 2023, International Women's Day was celebrated jointly by the Child protection home and Anti human trafficking project in Pokhara. The event was significant as the speakers shared valuable insights on the theme for 2023,

"Digit ALL: Innovation and Technology for Gender Equality," highlighting various experiences and practical knowledge on the digital world and women's rights to utilize technology for their development. Despite women's numerous contributions to the digital world, the gender gap in digital access prevents them from unlocking the full potential of technology. The event aimed to encourage women and youth to be aware of their rights and speak for themselves.

The event addressed the situation of women of Hemja, particularly the superstitious beliefs that lead them being tortured as witches. The movie "AGNIDHAN" was shown, based on true incidents. There was also a discussion on the situation of women and the call for the sharing of resources. The project youth energized the event through their awareness songs on the positive and negative aspects of womanhood and a drama on the causes of women trafficking. A quiz was conducted on general knowledge about International Women's Day and Opportunity Village, with active participation from the participants.



# KATHMANDU

The 113th International Women's Day was celebrated with the theme #EmbraceEquity and the international slogan "Digit All: Innovation and Technology for Gender Equality," which is part of an ongoing effort to raise awareness about why equal opportunities are no longer enough. The day provided an opportunity to highlight achievements made by women, collaborate, and brainstorm about the path forward.



Opportunity Village Nepal organized a rally in coordination with WOREC Nepal, with the participation of several organizations. The rally started at Bhrikuti Mandap and ended at Basantapur, with the closing ceremony conducted by social activists from WOREC Nepal. Participants chanted energetic slogans throughout the rally.

The awareness program included a drama and song that highlighted issues related to women's rights and the difficulties faced by working women. After the rally, a small session was conducted for youths, where the project officer shared insights on the current state of recognition and celebration of women and girls who are championing transformative technology and digital education.





# RUPANDEHI

In Rupandehi district the team participated in two rallies - one in the morning organized by Siddharthanagar municipality and another in the afternoon organized by Rohini Rural municipality. They also conducted a community-level awareness program at Lumbini Sanskritik Municipality and an in-house activity session at OVN Safe Home in the afternoon.



During the awareness rally at Siddharthanagar municipality, the Mayor Mr. Ishtiyak Ahamad Khan condemned against the violence against women and informed the participants about the facilities and programs introduced by the municipality to promote women's rights. The Deputy Mayor, Uma Adhikari, also spoke about the need to address violence against women, and stated that the municipality is committed to taking appropriate actions to reduce it.

At Lumbini Sanskritik municipality, participants were made aware of the special rights for women stated by the constitution of Nepal, and committed to raising their voices against violence on women in their locality. Additionally, an in-house session was organized for reintegrated survivors, where they were provided with bags, stationery, and other educational materials to continue their studies. The survivors expressed their gratitude.



# SUMMARY

## **Objectives of the program:**

- To spotlight the importance of protecting the rights of women and girls in digital spaces and addressing online and ICT-facilitated gender-based violence.

## **Achievement:**

- Successfully celebrated 113<sup>th</sup> International women's day.
- Coordination with the WOREC Nepal as well as like –minded organization and groups.
- Conducted session regarding accessibility as per gender role of digital technology.
- Educated youths about the merits of technology.
- The youths were able to realize the misuse of technology in their daily life.

## **Learning:**

“Women play a vital role in every aspect of our lives, and their contributions should be acknowledged and celebrated every day. It is only by recognizing their achievements that we can inspire future generations of women to reach their full potential and contribute to building a more equal and just society.

Hence we promote safe digital space for all specially to women to contribute towards Innovation and Technology for Gender Equality,"





# Thank you

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