

Report of the National Assembly of Women Human Rights Defenders, 1 December, 2007

On 1 December, the Women Human Rights Defenders(WHRDs) in Nepal witnessed their first national assembly that was a package of the first democratically elected national committee of Women Human Rights Defenders, passing of WHRD statute and launch of WHRDs logo.

1. The election of the national committee of WHRDs;

This election procedure was conducted by two election commissioners. This election was attended and participated by members of WHRDs districts network.

Process:

- The election commissioners asked the participants on their ' preference' of voting for their representatives to become new members of the national committee;
- The participants decided that there should be regional representation of members in the national committee for which nominations were registered;
- It was then expressed and decided that from within the regions, there should be zonal representations from all the 14 regions within the national committee;
- The names of the 14 representations were nominated and then approved by the WHRDs facilitated by the election commissioners;
- It was also decided that there should be representatives of WHRDs from various movement that addresses specific issues and 9 representatives were chosen and approved;
- The final national WHRD committee consists of 14 WHRDs as zonal representatives and 9 WHRDs from various movement;
- It was decided that Women's Rehabilitation Centre will be the Secretariat for the campaign and the national committee

National Committee of WHRDs

Regional Representation

S.N	Names of the Person	Zonal Representation
1.	-	Mechi
2.	Shivamaya Tumbahamphey	Koshi
3.	Dev Kumari Mahara	Sagarmatha
4.	Samundri Sah	Janakpur
5.	Sabitri Bastola	Narayani
6.	Saraswoti Pariyar	Gandaki
7.	Sita Shrestha	Lumbini
8.	Mamata Pun Santyal	Dhaulagiri
9.	Laxmi Acharya	Rapti
10.	Rama Pyakurel	Bheri
11.	Jiwanti Poudel	Seti

12.	Rangmati Shahi	Karnali
13.	Poonam Palpali	Mahakali

Representation from various movements

	Names of the Person	Movement
14.	Ram Rati Ram	Land Rights
15.	Harimaya Adhikari	Rights of Rural Women
16.	Bimala Tamang	Housing Rights
17.	Tika Dahal	Women with Disabilities
18.	Laxmi Ghalan	Sexual Minorities
19.	Ganga Khakurel	Informal Sector (Entertainment)
20.	Uma Devi Badi	Badi Rights (Dalit Right)
21.	Sajida Siddhiqui	Rights of Muslim Women
22.	Dr. Renu Rajbhandari	Women's Movement

Secretariat:

- Chairperson - Dr. Renu Rajbhandari, Women's Rehabilitation Centre
 Secretary- Tika Dahal, Nepal Disabled Women's Association
 Treasurer - Bimala Tamang , Nepal Mahila Ekata Samaj
 Member - Poonam Palpali, Far West Region
 Member - Laxmi Acharya, Mid West Region
 Member - Samundri Sah, Central Region
 Member - Shivamaya Tumbahamphey, Eastern Region

Secretariat: Women's Rehabilitation Centre, Kathmandu

2. WHRD statute

The WHRD statute was disseminated to the WHRDs from various districts and decided to incorporate comments from the WHRDs within one month before it is finalized and then circulated.

3. Launch of WHRDs logo

The WHRDs logo was launched by the national committee that will now be put on the WHRDs letterhead.

Materials prepared:

1. WHRDs letterhead;
2. WHRDs membership forms;
3. WHRDs identity cards

The final day of the 3 days concluded with celebrations, songs of women's movement and a huge farewell welcoming a strong united movement of WHRDs and continuous support and solidarity.

