

Who are we?

We are a regional network of home-based worker organisations spread across Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka. Founded in 2000, we spearhead initiatives to empower home-based workers (especially women) by amplifying their collective voice, advocating for their rights and helping facilitate improved lives and livelihoods.

BANGLADESH

Training on organising skills for empowering Home-based workers

22-23 February, 2023 | Sylhet

We were proud to support this initiative by Labor at Informal Economy, as they spearheaded the formation of a women's association for home-based workers and proceeded to register as a cooperative group in Sylhet.



35 home based workers registered as "Swanirvar Karmajibi Nari Unnayan Somiti"

Following a training for empowering home-based workers, these women formed a cooperative under the Department of Women and Children Affairs Ministry in Sylhet.



The story of Shashinur

Shashinur, a Karchupi embroidery worker living in a low land area of Dhaka city, shares her realities as a wheelchair-bound home-based worker. Read more to know about the infrastructure and resource shortages that many like Shashinur face.

[Read the article](#)

Sharbojonin Unnayan Shangstha and their efforts in Khulna

Kudos to this voluntary non-profit organisation that has been working in the Khulna region since 2012 to spread health and safety awareness, conduct social sensitivity sessions, offer training in skills like tailoring, block and batik art, hand stitching, hand painting, computer courses and more.

BHUTAN

SABAH Bhutan's Small Action Fund Project was awarded a 10500 CHF grant from the Embassy of Switzerland

This project aims to support home-based workers, especially weavers, following the impact of the pandemic. Funded by the grant, it will enhance the economic empowerment of women and vulnerable groups through livelihood skills training, awareness and knowledge building and more.



INDIA

Stakeholders Meeting And Home Based workers Photography Exhibition

20.07.2023 | Hotel Gayathri & Hotel Ramanaas, Tirupur

We hosted a multi-stakeholder meeting for unorganised knitwear workers, in association with SAVE and Transform Trade. The event saw important discussions about welfare opportunities for women and girls, the need for legal assistance and training, as well as the various government schemes available.



Unlocking The Transformative Power Of Technology For Women In The Informal Economy

Digital inclusion of home-based workers can spark new opportunities in terms of trainings, payment systems, business growth and more. Read this article to know about the current scenario, potential opportunities, available programs and support and more.

[Read the article](#)

NEPAL

Violence and Harassment Convention study circle

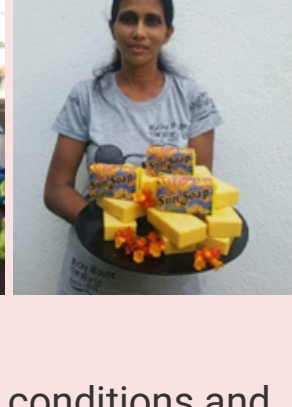
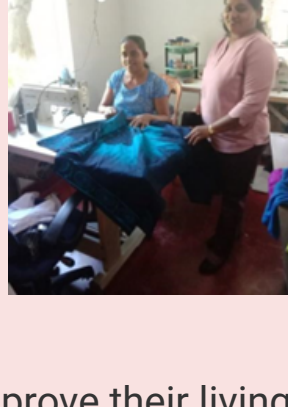
Organised by CLASS Nepal, this series of events consisted of five sessions, with offline and online segments led by ten Home-Based Worker (HBW) organisations and trade union representatives. The sessions touched upon various issues faced by HBWs like violence or harassment, discussed upon Nepal's policies, and included discussions around addressing these issues.



SRI LANKA

A selling point for home-based workers is being built in Matara city

After becoming a member of HNSA and HNI, and attending the conference in Kathmandu, the Institute for Development of Community Strengths (INDECOS) identified over 100 HBWs to help improve their living conditions and create better opportunities. Building this selling point is just one of the many actions they have taken.



INDECOS launched a home gardening program for home-based workers

This initiative was taken to empower women to embrace farming and grow nutritious vegetables from their own garden plots. Home gardening training programs were held in different villages, and 11 programs have been completed, impacting over 200 women. Seeds, plants and compost fertiliser were provided to empower these women.



HomeNet South Asia

Country-wise policy papers were created to address violence against women HBWs

We created 3 country-level papers to analyse existing policies and laws protecting women workers against violence in Bangladesh, India and Nepal. These papers are designed to identify gaps in the policies and identify potential ways ahead.

[Read the papers here](#)