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Efforts in Collaboration



IN SOLIDARITY WITH NEPAL

As Nepal faces the devastating impact of recent floods, HNSA stands in solidarity with the communities affected by loss, displacement, and uncertainty. Our thoughts are with the home-based workers, women, families, and communities whose lives and livelihoods have been disrupted.

Through our networks and affiliates in Nepal, we remain connected to the realities of communities on the ground. We reaffirm our commitment to solidarity, dignity and support as affected communities work towards recovery and rebuilding



WANT TO SUPPORT?

If your organization, network, or community would like to contribute to relief and recovery efforts in Nepal or explore ways to support affected home-based workers and communities, please reach out to HNSA at communication@hnsatrust.org. We welcome opportunities to connect, coordinate, and amplify support where it is most needed.

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AI Training for 30+ participants from 7 countries

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Human Stories



After losing her factory job due to a work-related injury, **Hosnara** turned to garment work from home, facing irregular orders and delayed payments. Leadership training supported by the BLF helped her recognize the strength of collective action. She now leads a group of HBWs, securing regular work and advocating for better opportunities.

Bangladesh Labour Foundation (BLF)

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At 22, **Anika Akter** transformed discarded materials into a thriving wooden jewelry business, building financial independence through creativity and determination. With support from Nari Maitree's YES Project, she strengthened her entrepreneurship skills, expanded her network, and established a youth club for community action. Today, she inspires other young women to pursue livelihoods and leadership

Nari Maitree

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Nazneen Akhtar combines home-based work with community leadership to support her family and her daughters' education. As a lehenga cutter, she earns around BDT 4,000–4,500 monthly while leading a 10-member women's group. Through PDAP and Breaking the Silence, she also helps women and children address harassment, digital abuse, and community concerns.

Participatory Development Action Program (PDAP)

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Social Awareness and Voluntary Education (SAVE)

On International Labour Day, home-based workers came together to demand recognition as workers, social security, fair treatment, and equal opportunities for women.

Later, on World Day Against Child Labour, communities highlighted the importance of education and safe childhoods, while stressing that decent work and fair wages for adults are key to preventing child labour.

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Across the region, women home-based workers are turning difficult circumstances into opportunities to lead, organize and build stronger livelihoods.

► CAPACITY BUILDING

CLASS Nepal engaged home-based workers through study circles on multiple topics. Nine facilitators are now taking these discussions into their communities, reaching 82 participants. HBWs also joined a workers' participation workshop, which strengthened networks and rights awareness. [Read More](#)



► VOICES FROM THE GROUND

FROM SKILLS TO COLLECTIVE POWER

Development Wheel (DEW), in collaboration with ECOTA Fair Trade Forum and its member organisations, is advancing gender equality across Bangladesh's Fair Trade artisan sector. Through gender equity awareness training reaching over 900 people, the initiative has strengthened understanding of women's rights, challenged discriminatory attitudes, and encouraged organisations to adopt stronger gender-sensitive policies and workplace practices. [Read More](#)

"Fair Trade can provide women with markets and livelihoods. Gender equality can help ensure that they also have voice, rights, dignity and power" - DEW



Development Wheel (DEW)



Unnayan Sangha

► CAPACITY BUILDING

With support from HNSA and in collaboration with Labour at Informal Economy, Unnayan Sangha organized advocacy and community organizing training for 30 home-based workers in Jamalpur. The training strengthened leadership and communication skills, while participants established a seven-member Home-Based Workers Network committee to advance fair prices, social protection, safer work, and workers' dignity.

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ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT & OPPORTUNITY

Sahana Social Development Alliance supported around 453 home-based workers across Galle and Matara through finance, skills training, and community awareness. Under its interest-free “Diviyata Sawayak” scheme, 24 women received financial assistance to start home-based enterprises. [Read More](#)



► ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

Opening Doors to Finance

HomeNet Pakistan and the State Bank of Pakistan brought women micro-entrepreneurs and financial-sector stakeholders together to address barriers to formal finance. Discussions focused on financial literacy. The initiative sought to connect women, including those running informal businesses, with affordable financial services that can strengthen their livelihoods and enterprises.

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► ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

Building Stronger Livelihoods



SABAH Bhutan supported women home-based workers through financial literacy and product development training. Twenty-two women gained skills in budgeting, pricing, record-keeping, digital financial security, and savings, while four master weavers strengthened their kit-making and design skills. Together, these initiatives help women manage incomes, adapt to markets, and build more sustainable livelihoods.

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► VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

When Communities Stand Together

IASEW highlights how timely, safe intervention can help women facing gender-based violence. When Jyotsana Ben, a home-based worker and sole family earner, was repeatedly locked out of her home by her husband, community leader Madhu Ben stepped in. Her trained bystander intervention helped end the immediate harassment and strengthened community solidarity against violence.

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Indian Academy for Self Employed Women (IASEW)



Women for Human Rights (WHR)

► RIGHTS, SAFETY & DIGNITY

Knowing Rights, Building Voice

Women for Human Rights (WHR) Nepal supported home-based and single women through community awareness sessions, rights education, and local advocacy. Across Chandragiri and Lalitpur, participants strengthened their understanding of labour rights, violence, and discrimination, while building confidence to organize and engage local government. Events also highlighted women's economic empowerment, leadership and access to legal and social support.

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► ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

A Friday Market for Home-Based Workers

Every Friday, SABAH Nepal's premises transform into a vibrant local market, bringing together products from home-based workers, local producers, and SABAH's own network. The weekly market creates opportunities for sales, visibility, networking, and meaningful engagement with the local community.

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"We have the whole community come and support us"
– Binita Maharjan, Sabah Nepal



SABAH Nepal

► STRENGTHENING THE NETWORK

From Recognition to Rights



SEWA Bharat

In Bihar, SEWA's Mohalla Meetings and Shakti Kendra centres are helping home-based workers access Artisan Cards, opening pathways to social protection, skills and markets. Meanwhile, exposure to legal institutions is enabling women leaders to seek support directly from government services. Together, these efforts are strengthening women workers' recognition, confidence and ability to claim their rights. again.

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LEARNING FROM THE FIELD

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Five Master Trainers from Sewa Bharat are helping home-based women workers understand labour rights, gender-based violence, and workplace challenges through community discussions. Adapting sessions to workers' limited time and needs, they have also organized health camps and encouraged women to speak openly about violence, rights, and the recognition of their work.

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Networking



SuSambad
Bivisha
(Associate)
attended a panel discussion exploring Nepal's creative industry, craft, sustainability, and artisan-led innovation.



SARLP Visit
A Nepal visit fostered shared learning, solidarity, and stronger regional partnerships among HBWs from India and Nepal.

Upcoming Events

SEP

CRB APAC Forum

HNSA regional coordinator, Dr. Janvi Kanakia, will be speaking as a panelist at the Sustainable Global Value Chain Forum (Decent Work) - APA

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Charcha

Members of HNSA Team will be attending Charcha, India's largest collaborative convening.

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Bangladesh Visit

HNSA field visit to Bangladesh

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