



ABOUT US

Founded in 2017, the Women Empowerment Centre (WEC) in Kirtipur, Nepal, is a non-profit organization dedicated to transforming the lives of marginalized women, girls, and gender-diverse individuals. By fostering economic independence, social inclusion, and environmental stewardship, WEC empowers communities to challenge systemic inequalities and create sustainable futures.

Through innovative programs like vocational training in eco-friendly crafts, leadership development, and advocacy for gender justice, WEC equips participants with the skills and confidence to lead and thrive. A cornerstone of its efforts is the pioneering Analog Forestry initiative, which restores degraded land while centering women as leaders in ecological conservation and climate resilience.

WEC's holistic approach addresses economic disparity, gender-based discrimination, and climate justice. It serves marginalized women from low-income and Indigenous communities, youth, and gender-diverse individuals, providing opportunities to achieve financial independence, advocate for their rights, and lead in environmental stewardship.

With partnerships spanning local and international organizations, WEC envisions a just and inclusive society where empowered women lead sustainable development and climate solutions in Nepal and beyond.

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COMPLETION OF THREE-MONTH MOTHER AND BABY DRESS TRAINING

The three-month Mother and Baby Dress Training was successfully completed on April 18 with the active participation of 9 women trainees. Throughout the training, participants gained practical skills in designing and stitching various clothing line, including baby dress sets, mother's gowns, and cholo. The program aimed to enhance participants' tailoring skills and create opportunities for income generation through entrepreneurship and self-employment. The successful completion of the training marks an important step toward women's economic empowerment and skill development.



INSPIRING VISIT AND EXCHANGE AT WEC

On April 9, 2026, the Women Empowerment Centre was pleased to welcome Priti Thapa and Dr. Eva Wieneers from **Spark Up Initiative**. During their visit, they explored the WEC office and the Analog Forest, engaging in meaningful discussions and sharing valuable insights on our ongoing initiatives. Their encouragement and thoughtful conversations provided inspiration and strengthened our commitment to advancing women's empowerment and sustainable community development.



CLOSING OF THE THREE-MONTH WOMEN ENTREPRENEURSHIP FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

The three-month-long Women Entrepreneurship Fellowship Program, which began on January 18, successfully concluded with a closing and networking event held on June 5 at Krishna Catering. The event ran from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM, featuring a stall exhibition by the participants, where they showcased their products and entrepreneurial progress. The formal closing session took place from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM in the presence of the Honorable Mr. Pukar Maharjan, the chief whip of Bagmati Province; the deputy mayor of Kirtipur, Ms. Shubhalaxmi Shakya; along with other distinguished guests. 20 participants received their certificate of completion. Around 300 visitors attended the exhibition, making the event a vibrant platform for networking, business promotion, and celebrating the achievements of women entrepreneurs.



WOMEN EMPOWERMENT CENTRE SELECTED FOR THE VV VISIONARIES PROGRAM

The Women Empowerment Centre is honored to share its selection as one of the participants in the VV Visionaries Program, an initiative by Vital Voices Global Partnership and the Estée Lauder Emerging Leaders Fund. The program brings together 50 women visionaries from around the world who are creating meaningful change in their communities. This recognition marks an important milestone for our organization and strengthens our commitment to advancing women's empowerment, climate justice, and sustainable community development in Kirtipur.

We extend our sincere gratitude to Vital Voices, the Estée Lauder Emerging Leaders Fund, and all our supporters and partners. This recognition belongs to every woman and community that has been part of our journey. We remain committed to creating opportunities, amplifying women's voices, and building a more sustainable and inclusive future.



RECOGNITION AT THE IAFN 2026 PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

The Women Empowerment Centre is proud to share that our submission to the IAFN 2026 Photography Contest was selected as one of the prize winners, sharing the second and third positions alongside La Floreana from Ecuador. This recognition highlights the inspiring work being carried out through Analog Forestry at Manjushree Park and our commitment to environmental restoration, biodiversity conservation, and community resilience. As part of this achievement, the Centre has been awarded a Short Story Grant to support professional visual storytelling on our analog forestry initiatives. This opportunity will help us further document and share the important role of rural women, sustainable land practices, and climate resilience through creative communication materials.



STRENGTHENING IMPACT THROUGH SUPPORT AND MONITORING

On May 8, the Women Empowerment Centre was honored to welcome representatives from the Social Welfare Council and Tewa - Women's Fund of Nepal during their monitoring visit to our banana fiber projects and women's empowerment programs. The visit provided an important opportunity to showcase our ongoing initiatives, share progress, and discuss the impact of our work in promoting sustainable livelihoods and economic empowerment for women. Their encouragement and support continue to strengthen our commitment to creating meaningful change in the community.



UPDATE ON THE ANALOG FOREST

The Analog Forest at Manjushree Park continues to show positive progress as part of the Women Empowerment Centre's commitment to ecological restoration and sustainable community development. Regular maintenance, plant care, and biodiversity monitoring are being carried out to strengthen the forest ecosystem. The site has become an important learning space for community members, especially women, to engage in sustainable land management, climate resilience practices, and environmental conservation. Ongoing activities such as nursery development, composting, and educational visits are further enhancing the impact of the Analog Forest in promoting greener and more resilient communities.



UPDATE ON THE BANANA FIBER EXTRACTION

The production of banana fiber is continuing steadily, with thread manufacturing now taking place alongside fiber extraction. We are also planning for paper making, while the development of other banana fiber-based products is currently in the experimentation stage. This ongoing process is creating new possibilities for sustainable production, innovation, and women-led livelihood opportunities.



UPCOMING PROJECTS

FILMING AND VISUAL STORYTELLING OF THE ANALOG FOREST

As part of the recognition received through the IAFN 2026 Photography Contest and the Short Story Grant, the Women Empowerment Centre is preparing for an upcoming filming and documentation project at the Analog Forest in Manjushree Park. This initiative will focus on capturing the impact of analog forestry practices, highlighting biodiversity conservation, sustainable land use, and the important contributions of rural women in environmental stewardship. Through professional visual storytelling, the project aims to amplify local voices, share climate resilience strategies, and inspire wider awareness of community-led ecological restoration.

TRAINING ON NURSERY MANAGEMENT, ORGANIC FERTILIZER MAKING AND COMPOSTING TRAINING

The Women Empowerment Centre will be conducting upcoming training sessions on nursery management, organic fertilizer making, and composting training at the Analog Forest in Manjushree Park. These trainings aim to strengthen participants' knowledge and practical skills in plant propagation, nursery care, and sustainable compost production. The sessions will support community members, especially women, in adopting eco-friendly practices that contribute to environmental conservation, sustainable agriculture, and climate resilience.



TAKE ACTION. EMPOWER WOMEN. CREATE CHANGE.

Your support can transform lives. By supporting the Women Empowerment Centre (WEC), you help women gain practical skills, confidence, and opportunities for financial independence. Through skill-based trainings and entrepreneurship support, WEC enables women to build sustainable livelihoods and stronger futures for themselves and their families. Every contribution supports training materials, skilled instructors, and continued guidance that helps women turn skills into income. When women are empowered, communities thrive. Stand with WEC today support women, strengthen communities, and create lasting impact.