



## 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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## ANALOG FOREST

As part of our Nursery Management Training, WEC conducted a three-day Organic Manure Making Training from September 6–8, 2026, facilitated by Dr. Annada Shova Tamrakar with support from the International Analog Forestry Network (IAFN). The sessions combined theory and practical learning on organic manure, composting, vermicomposting, Effective Microorganisms (EM), organic bio-pesticides, and liquid manure. The second part of the Nursery Management Training began on September 22–23, 2026, focusing on practical knowledge and skills in effective nursery care, plant propagation, and sustainable nursery practices. The training is being facilitated by Sabita Ma'am.

From September 23–25, 2026, WEC welcomed Sharada Ramadass, Asia Coordinator of IAFN, who visited the Analog Forest and nursery to observe ongoing restoration and nursery activities. She also participated in the Nursery Management Training, interacted with participants, and visited Prakriti Resources Centre (PRC), creating an opportunity for learning, field observation, and strengthening collaboration around Analog Forestry.



## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2026

Women Empowerment Centre (WEC) successfully held its 9th Annual General Meeting (AGM) on August 23, 2026, bringing together members to review the organization's activities and achievements over the past year.

The meeting provided an opportunity for members to reflect on the year's progress, share experiences, discuss key priorities, and exchange ideas for the year ahead. It also strengthened collective participation and commitment toward advancing WEC's work in women's empowerment, sustainable livelihoods, and community development.



## PARTICIPATION IN LOCAL PRODUCT MARKETING SUPPORT PROGRAM

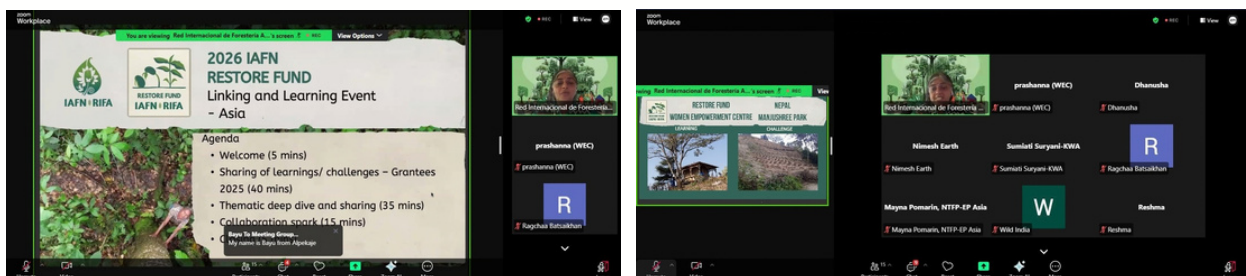
Women Empowerment Centre (WEC) participated in the Local Product Marketing Support Program organized by Kirtipur Municipality on July 3 and 4, 2026. The two-day event provided an opportunity for WEC to showcase and promote locally produced, eco-friendly handmade products developed through its women's livelihood and entrepreneurship initiatives. WEC displayed a range of banana fiber and crochet products, highlighting the creativity, skills, and entrepreneurial efforts of local women. The event also created a valuable platform to connect with customers, introduce sustainable products to a wider audience, and promote the importance of supporting local production and women-led businesses.

The program was held from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM and attracted visitors interested in locally made and environmentally friendly products. WEC extends its appreciation to Kirtipur Municipality for organizing the program and to everyone who visited the stall, showed interest in the products, and supported women entrepreneurs and sustainable local businesses.



## PARTICIPATION IN THE 2026 IAFN RESTORE FUND – LINKING AND LEARNING EVENT

Women Empowerment Centre (WEC) was honored to participate in the 2026 IAFN Restore Fund – Linking and Learning Event (Asia) held virtually via Zoom on July 21, 2026. The event provided a valuable platform for WEC to share its Analog Forest journey, exchange experiences with fellow Restore Fund grantees, and learn from diverse approaches to biodiversity restoration. The virtual gathering also helped strengthen connections and collaboration among organizations working toward biodiversity conservation, ecosystem restoration, and sustainable landscapes. WEC was pleased to share its experiences and learn from fellow participants across Asia.



## PARTICIPATION IN “KON SABHA” PROGRAM

Women Empowerment Centre (WEC) participated in the “Kon Sabha” program organized by the Intergenerational Feminist Forum (IGFF) under the Anupam Campaign at Patan Dhoka, Lalitpur, on July 24, 2026. The program brought together representatives from various organizations and women’s rights activists to share their perspectives, experiences, and commitments on women’s political participation, meaningful leadership, equal representation, and the role of women in building an inclusive and democratic society.

Representative from WEC also shared their views during the program, highlighting the importance of women’s meaningful participation in decision-making and leadership. Through its participation, WEC reaffirmed its commitment to working collectively toward a just, inclusive, and equal society where women can participate meaningfully and lead with confidence.



## VISIT FROM SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OFFICE AND KIRTIPUR MUNICIPALITY

On August 4, 2026, representatives from the Social Development Office and Kirtipur Municipality visited the Women Empowerment Centre (WEC) to observe its ongoing initiatives and engage with stakeholders.

During the visit, the representatives learned about WEC's work in women's entrepreneurship, skill development, sustainable livelihoods, and community development. The visit also provided an opportunity to discuss potential areas for continued collaboration and support to strengthen women-led initiatives and promote sustainable community development. WEC appreciates the representatives for their valuable time, interest, and continued engagement in advancing opportunities for women and communities.



## PRODUCT SHOWCASE AT TEWA

On August 13, 2026, Women Empowerment Centre (WEC) had the opportunity to showcase its eco-friendly and handmade products at a special stall hosted at Tewa. The stall was organized especially for participants from different countries attending a SANGAT program. Around 10 stalls representing Tewa grantee partners participated in the showcase, creating a diverse platform for participants to explore products and initiatives supported by Tewa. WEC presented its banana fiber and crochet products, highlighting women's skills, creativity, and efforts toward sustainable livelihoods. The event provided an opportunity to connect with international participants, share the stories behind WEC's products, and promote women-led enterprises, sustainable production, and locally made alternatives.



## REFLECTION MEETING ON FIVE YEARS OF GENDER-JUST CLIMATE SOLUTIONS

WEC participated in a three-day residential reflection meeting held in Chandragiri from September 20–22, 2026, organized by Prakriti Resources Centre (PRC) as part of the five-year journey of Gender-Just Climate Solutions.

The meeting brought together partner women's groups to reflect on their achievements, challenges, learning, and contributions to local climate action. Discussions highlighted women's leadership, collective action, local knowledge, and meaningful participation in climate decision-making, while also exploring future pathways for strengthening gender-just climate solutions and climate justice.



## UPCOMING PROJECTS

### HERBAL TEA CULTIVATION IN NAWALPARASI:

WEC plans to introduce herbal tea cultivation among women in Nawalparasi, focusing on plants such as lemongrass, chamomile, and other locally suitable herbs. The project will provide women with practical knowledge and skills on cultivation, harvesting, processing, and basic value addition. WEC will also support participants in exploring market opportunities and connecting their products with potential buyers, helping them develop sustainable income-generating opportunities.



### PAPER MAKING FROM BANANA FIBER WASTE:

WEC plans to further utilize the banana fiber waste collected through its existing banana fiber initiative by exploring paper-making techniques. This project will focus on converting previously unused banana fiber residue into useful, eco-friendly paper products. The initiative aims to reduce agricultural waste, promote circular use of local resources, encourage product innovation, and create additional livelihood opportunities for women.

## 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.

