

# IWD 2023

'Digit ALL: Innovation and Technology for gender equality'



**Opportunity Village Nepal** implements an Anti-human trafficking project in different districts of Nepal Such as Kaski, Kathmandu and Rupandehi celebrated the International Women's Day celebration remarkably It was a significant event that brought the community together to celebrate the achievements and contributions of women in society. Women play a vital role in every aspect of our lives, and their contributions are highly acknowledgeable. By recognizing their achievements, we can inspire future generations of women to reach their full potential and contribute to building a more equal and just society.

IWD is a special occasion celebrated globally on the 8th of March every year to recognize the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women and to raise awareness about gender inequality. OVN, a non-profit and non-governmental organization working towards the empowerment of women and girls and children had the following objectives to spotlight the importance of protecting the rights of women and girls in digital spaces and addressing online and ICT-facilitated gender-based violence

## Future-Proofing

Strengthening child protection mechanisms and advocating for the rights of women and girls who work in various sectors of the entertainment industry, such as hotels, restaurants, bars, massage parlors, and similar establishments are our prime focus to better their condition. Our every effort is towards future-proofing independent living, social inclusion, and meaningful participation for women and girls who have survived cross-border /internal human trafficking and sexual exploitation.



## Superstition Is The Belief Of Weak Minds

In Pokhara, the event aimed to encourage women and youth to be aware of their rights and speak for themselves and addressed the situation of women of Hemja, particularly the superstitious beliefs that lead them to be tortured as witches. The movie "AGNIDHAN" was shown, based on true incidents. There was also a discussion on the situation of women and the call for the sharing of resources. The project youth energized the event through their awareness songs on the positive and negative aspects

of womanhood and a drama on the causes of women trafficking. A quiz was conducted on general knowledge about International Women's Day.

### Rally: A Call To Action

In Kathmandu a rally in coordination with several organizations started at Bhrikuti Mandap and ended at Basantapur, shouting slogans like women's rights are human rights, End violence against women etc. The rally concluded with a drama and a song that highlighted issues related to women's rights and the difficulties faced by working women. Following at the office, all the male staff cooked food and served the women staff and made them feel happy as a mark of acknowledging their contribution towards the organization. It was a wonderful gesture extended by the male staff in OVN.



### Support Women's Rights



In Rupendehi a rally was organized at 2 different municipalities and a community awareness program and in-house activity at OVN Safe Home were also conducted to mark this event. In the afternoon the Mayor Mr Ishtiyak Ahamad informed the participants about the facilities and programs introduced by the municipality to promote women's rights. The Deputy Mayor, Uma Adhikari, also spoke about the need to address violence against women and stated that the municipality is committed to taking appropriate actions to reduce it.

### New Horizon

The International Women's Day 2023 celebrations created awareness about the role of women in the digital world, promoting gender equality and empowering women through various innovative strategies. The participants were committed to raising their voices against violence against women and being aware of their rights. The celebrations were a step forward towards achieving women's economic and social justice and OVN hopes to continue its efforts towards empowering women and girls in the future.



***A total of 86 participants inclusive of women, youth and children participated from three different locations of OVN to mark the special occasion.***

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