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Dalit Empowerment Bill: Drafting for Inclusive Institutionalized Transformation

On 15–16 August, FEDO organized a two-day discussion program on the Draft Bill 2082 concerning the rights and development of the Dalit community from a women/gender perspective. The program brought together Members of Parliament, leaders from various political parties, and experts for intensive consultations on the draft law under Article 40 of the Constitution regarding fundamental rights. Following in-depth discussions and meetings between the government and stakeholders, the conclusion was reached to move forward promptly.

The discussions centered on a coordinated, multi-actor strategy to ensure the bill's passage through political consensus and sustained public engagement. Participants called for a participatory drafting process, involving Dalit leadership networks and

grassroots organizations to build legitimacy and momentum. A proposal was made to establish a permanent Dalit Development Authority to oversee implementation and ensure accountability. It was noted that marginalized status should not be conflated with minority status, and that the bill must guarantee explicit inclusion across all sectors. Strategic engagement with diplomatic bodies was proposed to elevate the issue as a shared national agenda.

A clear timeline was outlined, with a three-year target for passing the bill and a ten-year framework for monitoring its impact. FEDO reaffirmed its commitment to sustained advocacy, coalition-building, and amplifying the voices of Dalit communities in Nepal's legislative process.

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Leadership in Action: Capacity Building for Elected Dalit Women Representatives

In a powerful step toward inclusive governance, FEDO, in collaboration with Ilam Municipality's Ward No. 7, organized a two-day capacity-building training for elected women representatives. The municipality's decision to allocate a dedicated budget for this initiative reflects a growing institutional commitment to gender equity and Dalit empowerment. The training focused on enhancing leadership, governance, and advocacy skills. Participants engaged in sessions on political participation, rights-based frameworks, and strategic communication. The event culminated in the formation of the Dalit Women Elected Representatives Network at both district and municipal levels a landmark achievement that promises stronger collective representation and sustained policy engagement.

Common Forum for Dalit Women Representatives



FEDO facilitated a district-level Common Forum in Morang, bringing together elected Dalit women representatives to share experiences, challenges, and strategies for inclusive governance. The forum served as a safe space for solidarity, peer learning, and collective visioning.



CEDAW Concluding Observations: Interaction and Way Forward

FEDO, in collaboration with the National Women Commission and consortium partners Access Planet, BWAN, Pahichan Nepal, DDAN, NIDWAN, and FWDN, successfully organized an interaction and sharing program on the concluding observations of Nepal's seventh periodic report to the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW). The focus was on the rights and realities of Dalit and disabled women and adolescents, and the strategic steps needed for implementation.

The event brought together a diverse group of stakeholders, including representatives from UN agencies, INGOs, NGOs, ministries, and commissions.

Presidents and GEDSI Officers from Kathmandu and Lalitpur Metropolitan Cities also participated, underscoring the collective commitment to inclusive policy action and intersectional justice.

Discussions highlighted the urgency of translating CEDAW's recommendations into concrete measures, with emphasis on representation, access to services, and accountability mechanisms tailored to the lived experiences of Dalit and disabled women.

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31 years of Resiliency and Advocacy

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YEARS OF JOURNEY
JUSTICE, EQUALITY AND DIGNITY



FEDO marked 31 years of commitment to justice, equality, and dignity for Dalit women and marginalized communities. The celebration was held at our central office, where team members, supporters, and long-time allies gathered to reflect on our journey, honor the voices that shaped our movement, and renew our dedication to building an inclusive society.

Team members, long-time supporters, and allies joined us to share memories, express solidarity, and look ahead to the work that remains. From grassroots organizing to national and international advocacy, FEDO's path has been built through collective strength and persistent action.

We extend heartfelt thanks to everyone who has stood with us over the years. Your support continues to inspire and empower our mission. As we move forward, we remain committed to amplifying Dalit women's voices and building a more just and equitable Nepal.



FEDO Bhaktapur Restructures District Committee and Launches Elected Women's Forum

FEDO Bhaktapur successfully restructured its District Executive Committee into a 7-member body during a program held at the Bhaktapur District Coordination Committee Office. The reformation aims to strengthen local leadership and ensure more effective coordination in advancing Dalit women's rights.

On the same occasion, a District-Level Elected Women's Common Forum was formed to bring together elected women representatives across the district. The forum is envisioned as a platform to amplify collective voices, foster collaboration, and promote inclusive governance at the local level.





Business Development and Financial Literacy Training in Doti

FEDO Doti, in partnership with K.I. Singh Rural Municipality, conducted a three-day training on business development and financial literacy for 25 Dalit women. The sessions covered business planning, market strategies, and policy awareness. Local officials emphasized the importance of women's economic empowerment, while participants shared that the training boosted their confidence and entrepreneurial mindset.

UN Rapporteur Dr. Ashwini K. P. Visits FEDO



Dr. Ashwini K. P., UN Special Rapporteur on racism, visited FEDO and met with Dalit activists and civil society representatives. She emphasized the importance of grassroots voices in global advocacy and assured that concerns on caste-based violence, justice, and representation would inform her UN work. Her visit also marked a personal reconnection, recalling her earlier engagement with FEDO as a student.



FEDO at Theory of Change Workshop and Partners Platform

FEDO Nepal participated in the Theory of Change (ToC) Workshop and Partners Platform Meeting 2025 organized by DCA Nepal. The two-day program brought together consortium partners to reflect on progress, review change pathways, and discuss strategic priorities.

Discussions focused on safeguarding, accountability, visibility, and sustainability. FEDO contributed to joint planning on fundraising, government compliance, and policy review. The event provided a space for shared learning and collaboration to strengthen collective impact.

Leadership and Governance Program in Janakpur

FEDO organized a two-day program in Janakpur to strengthen Dalit women's leadership and promote inclusive governance. The event included capacity-building sessions and stakeholder discussions on policy implementation in Madhesh Province. A follow-up training for elected women representatives from all eight districts was also held, with participation from the Provincial Planning Commission.



Dialogue with Chief Minister on Dalit Empowerment Act

FEDO held a discussion with the Honorable Chief Minister of Madhesh Province on the effective implementation of the Dalit Empowerment Act. The meeting concluded on a positive note, with shared commitment to advancing inclusive policies and addressing barriers faced by Dalit communities. The dialogue opened space for continued engagement and collaboration in the days ahead.



Welcoming Elected Women Leaders in Kapilvastu



FEDO welcomed new members of the Elected Women Common Forum from Yasodhara Rural Municipality and Kapilvastu Municipality, Kapilvastu District. The forum brings together committed women leaders working to foster coordination among ward members, municipal representatives, and local authorities. Their collective efforts aim to strengthen social coherence and advance inclusive community development.



Frontline Leaders Formation and Orientation in Kapilvastu

FEDO organized a Frontline Leaders Formation and Orientation Programme in Kapilvastu, forming a group of 25 young leaders committed to advancing the rights of Dalit women and girls.

The two-day program focused on strengthening leadership, advocacy, and lobbying skills at the local level. Participants expressed their commitment to mobilizing communities and promoting inclusive governance through sustained grassroots engagement.





Frontline Leaders & Elected Women Forum – Lumbini Province

A group of dynamic young leaders was formed in Rupandehi through the Frontline Leaders Formation and Orientation Programme, committed to advancing the rights of Dalit women and girls through local advocacy and leadership.

Alongside, FEDO welcomed members of the Elected Women Common Forum from Sainamaina, Tilotama, and Butwal. These committed women leaders are working to build synergy among ward members, municipal representatives, and local authorities fostering social harmony and inclusive development.

Together, these initiatives mark a vital step in amplifying Dalit women's voices and strengthening leadership in Lumbini Province.



CASE STORIES



Binita
Bishwakarma
BALLB Student,
Pokhara

Binita Bishwakarma, from Sindhupalchowk, is currently pursuing her BALLB degree in Pokhara. Her journey hasn't been easy but with support from FEDO and FJS, she's turning challenges into purpose.

Binita dreams of becoming a lawyer not just for herself, but for her community. She's determined to use her legal education to stand up for justice, challenge discrimination, and amplify the voices of Dalit women and girls. Her story is one of quiet strength, resilience, and hope.

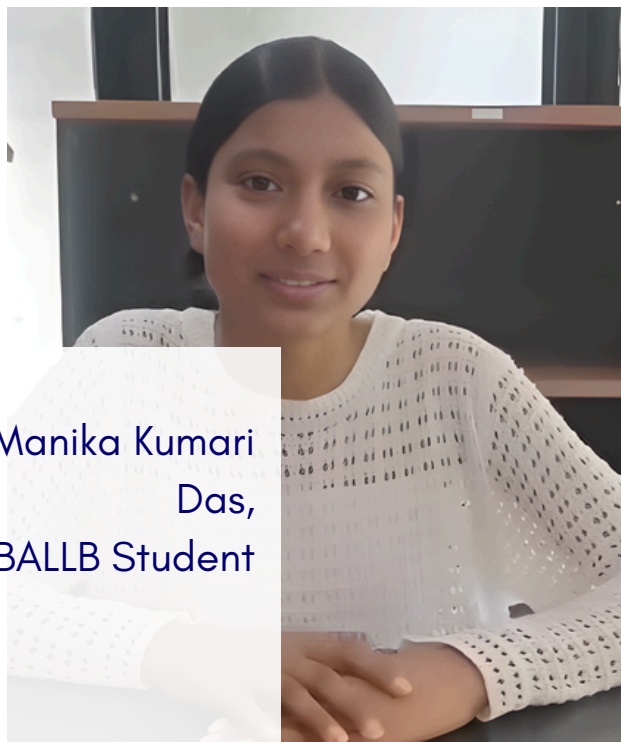
Bhakta Kumari Bishwakarma from Udaypur is growing more than vegetables—she's growing confidence, independence, and hope. With support from FEDO and KIOS, she received hands-on training and seed money to start her own vegetable farm. Today, her thriving farm is a source of income and pride. Bhakta Kumari's journey shows how access to opportunity can lead to lasting empowerment. When we invest in women like her, we invest in stronger families, resilient communities, and a better future.



Bhakta
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Udaypur

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Manika Kumari
Das,
BALLB Student

Manika Kumari Das, a young Dalit woman from Madhesh Province, is pursuing her BALLB degree with support from FEDO and FJS. Her decision to study law comes from a deep desire to challenge injustice and stand up for her community.

Inspired by the realities around her, Manika is using education as a tool for change. With every step, her voice is growing stronger—along with her commitment to justice, equity, and empowerment.

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FEDO emphasized on equal participation of dalit women in policy-making



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