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NEPAL VOTERS
RIGHT FORUM



FOREWORD



Constitution of Nepal 2015 is the significant outcome of decade long conflict and peace process. It has recognized the existence of various forms of discrimination and aims to eliminate those by building an equitable society based on the principle of “proportional inclusion and participation”. The Constitution has focused on redressing individual discrimination and barriers to access benefits is insufficient for enacting transformative changes in the lives of women, Dalits and other marginalized groups. To bring the meaningful change, political inclusion of all the excluded groups is essential.

While the constitution provides for inclusion at 3 levels of the government, its implementation has not been done, leading to a lack of ownership among marginalized groups towards the nation.

The Nepal Voters' Rights Forum (NVRF) is taking strong step to raise a unified voice for promoting inclusive electoral reform and a strengthening democracy. This report reflects NVRF's dedicated efforts in bringing together a diverse group of stakeholders through consultations with action groups, policy dialogues with political leaders, interactions with parliamentarians, lobby visits, consortium meetings, and thematic group discussions. Each engagement has enhanced our understanding of the challenges in Nepal's electoral landscape and strengthened our commitment to advocate for a democratic process that truly reflects the aspiration of the citizens.

These efforts highlight NVRF's commitment to ensure that historically marginalized communities—such as women, Dalits, and other minority groups—have a genuine role in the political process. By encouraging partnerships across civil society, government, and political spheres, NVRF works toward a future where electoral systems are fair, transparent, and representative.

The insights and recommendations presented here serve not only as a guide for future reforms but as a evidence to the power of collaboration in advancing democracy. We extend our sincere gratitude to our partners, participants, and supporters for their invaluable contributions in making this vision a reality.

Thank you

Bhakta Bahadur Bihswakarma
National Chairperson

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List of Acronyms:

ECN:	Election Commission of Nepal
NVRF:	Nepal Voters' Rights Forum
IFES:	International Foundation of Electoral System in Nepal
INGO:	International Non-Government Organization
NGO:	Non-Government Organization
CSOs:	Civil Society Organization
PWDs:	People with Disabilities
AYON:	Association of Youth Organization in Nepal
WHR:	Women for Human Rights
NFDN:	National Federation of Disability Nepal
HoR :	House of Representative
SA:	State Assembly
NEOC:	National Election Observation Committee
GEOC:	General Election Observation Committee
FPTP:	First Past to the Past
NHRIs:	National Human right Institutions
NDC:	National Dalit Commission
NWC:	National women Commission
NHRC:	National Human Right Commission
NDI:	National Democratic Institutions
MC:	Madhesi Commission

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Nepal's Constitution 2015 introduced an inclusive system that aimed at addressing the historical exclusion of marginalized groups, such as women, Dalits, and others. This system is built on the principles of proportional representation, inclusion and participation, with an aim to eliminate all forms of discrimination based on class, caste, region, language, religion, and gender. With the transition to federalism, the constitution recognizes that redressing individual discrimination and overcoming individual barriers alone is not enough to bring about real change. It emphasized the needs for political inclusion to achieve economic equality, social justice, and prosperity for all. The move to federalism also brought changes to the electoral system, ensuring better political representation for women and marginalized groups at all levels of government. However, despite these positive steps, gaps in the legal framework still limit the full realization of the constitutional vision of inclusion.

To address these challenges, the Nepal Voters' Rights Forum (NVRF) has been actively working on the subject envisioning its mission "Proportional Representation of all as their population" (जसको जति जनघनत्व, उसको त्यति प्रतिनिधित्व). To achieve this mission NVRF is initiating law reform initiatives with the objectives of improving the bill that Election

Commission of Nepal has prepared and submitted to the Government. To improve the bill, NVRF has engaged in collaboration with the key political parties and their leaders, Parliamentarians and Parliamentarians committee, National Human right Institutions (NHRIs), NEC, CSO's and raising awareness about the election process in Nepal together with advocating for equal opportunities for everyone to participate in democracy with a close coordination with the Election Commission of Nepal, International IDEA, International Foundation for Electoral Reform (IFES), National Democratic Institution (NDI) and other civil society, youth, women and so on.

The proportional representation remains important today, as many people are either disengaged or dissatisfied with the political system in Nepal, though the constitution guarantees proportional representation, this is not reflected across the three tiers of the political system. To address these gaps, NVRF collaborates with election-related stakeholders and traditionally marginalized and excluded peoples' organizations including, Dalits, Women, People with disability, Youth, indigenous nationalities, Madhesi and LGBTIQ+, Human right, governance and Media to enhance awareness, promote transparency, good governance and

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democratic accountability through voters' education and to ensure a more inclusive and meaningful electoral process. NVRF believes in collective campaign, therefore it is

promoting joint actions collaborating with multi stakeholders which are working for election reform and strengthening democratic process.

INTRODUCTION OF NVRF

Nepal Voters' Right Forum (NVRF) is a non-partisan, non-governmental, unique and inclusive network having representation of traditional marginalized and excluded people organization, including, Dalits, women, youth, people with disabilities, indigenous nationalities, Madhesi, LGBTIAQ+. It has been registered at District Administration Office, (DAO) Kathmandu under the NGO registration Act of Nepal on February 2017. NVRF works to ensure rights of the voters through election education, good governance, democratic accountability, transparency, awareness raising, capacity development, research, for promoting free, fair, credible elections and election process for strengthening inclusion and accountable democracy in Nepal.

NVRF advocates for the rights of voters to participate in periodic elections and choose their own representatives. It also campaigns for the elected representatives to be responsible and accountable towards the people and works on strengthening the democratic practices, values and systems with meaningful participation of civil society. NVRF promotes proportional representation of all the excluded groups in the three tiers of the government, Therefore NVRF launched a National Campaign titled”, जसको जति जन घनत्व, उसको उच्चि नै प्रतिनिधित्व, (Candidates as per population) which focus on equal representation and participation in the election process.

NVRF held its General Convention on June 19, 2024, which formed new the executive committee consisted of 25 General members working in the field of election, democracy and governance and 15 members formed the executive committee who will be responsible for guiding the forum's initiatives.

To achieve its objectives, NVRF has facilitated national-level discussions, consultations, and lobbying visits to the federal government, along with numerous meetings with civil society organizations.



STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH

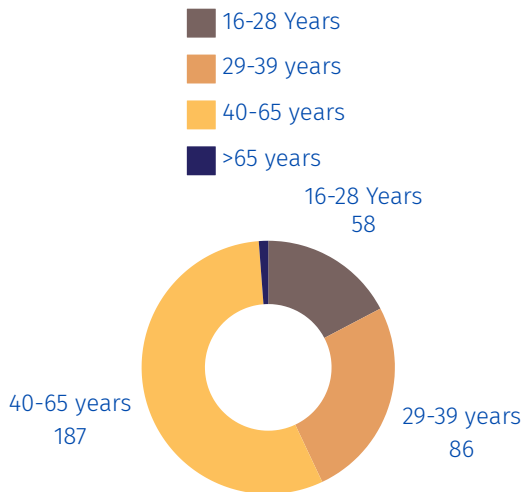
AGE, GENDER AND CASTE OVERVIEW

Direct Outreach
2023-2024

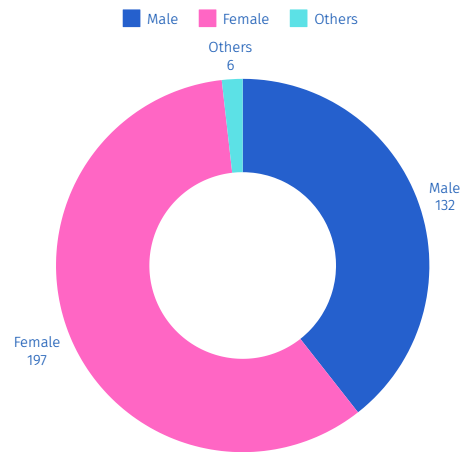
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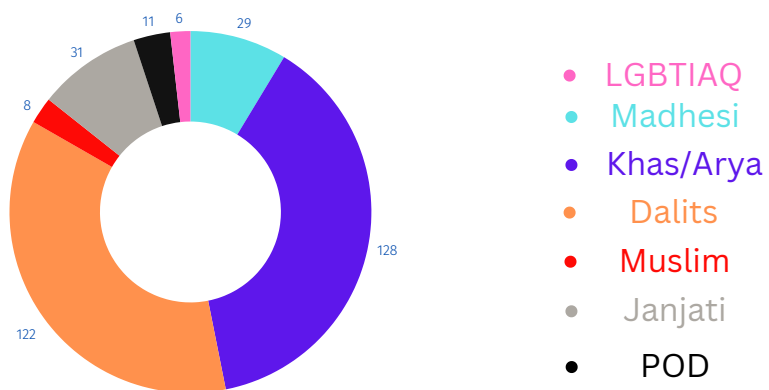
Total Engagements by age



Total Engagement by Gender



Total Engagement by Caste/ethnicity



Vision **Mission** and Goal

Vision

Free, fair, inclusive and credible elections to strengthen and institutionalize participatory, proportionate, and inclusive democracy.



Mission

NVRF mission is to enhance electoral integrity and voters' performance for institutionalizing participatory and inclusive democracy by educating, empowering and engaging voters and the relevant stakeholders.

Goal

Protect and promote voters rights to support for free, fair and credible election, strengthening responsive politics and democratic accountability.



PROGRAM OVERVIEW

NVRF has been actively working on the "**Electoral Reform Initiatives – Support for Inclusion and Democracy**" (ERI-SID) project, with support from European Union and International IDEA aimed to strengthen democracy in Nepal by advocating equal political representation, particularly for women, youth, Dalits, and other historically marginalized groups. The project focuses on amending the Integrated Election Bill for more transparent, fair, and inclusive electoral process.

To achieve this goal, NVRF has organized dialogues, consultations, Interactions and submitted a memorandum to various committees, commissions, and political parties. These activities represent crucial steps toward achieving the project's goals. These efforts involve engaging actively with the Federal, Provincial and Local government. Civil society organizations (CSOs), Action Group, Election-related committees, commissions, and political parties, historically marginalized groups (women, youth, Dalits, etc.).

Through these collaborative efforts, NVRF is working diligently to ensure that the electoral process in Nepal is inclusive and representative of all citizens, particularly those who have been historically underrepresented.

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Activities planned Vs Accomplished

1.1 POLICY DIALOGUE WITH PARLIAMENTARIAN

NVRF has conducted series of interaction and consultation with the Parliamentarians belonging to all major political parties. The aim of this program was to enhance parliamentarians understanding of the Integrated Election Bill concerning women, Dalits, and other marginalized groups and highlight the major gaps and differences on the draft bill that require further amendments and changes. Moreover, NVRF attempted to share the insight obtained from diverse group of stakeholders, emphasizing the need for collective advocacy and ongoing efforts and seek support and solidarity from Federal Parliament members, particularly from those in the State Affairs and Good Governance Committee to seek their support and solidarity specifically to the issue of Women, Dalits, Indigenous, Madhesi, Muslim, people with disabilities, LGBTIQ+ and others in order to address the key issues that require amendments when the bill is presented in the Committee/Parliament.



1.2 INTERACTION WITH NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHT INSTITUTIONS

The Program gathered representatives from the National Human Rights Commission, the National Dalit Commission, the National Women Commission, and the Madhesi Commission, with an aim to update these bodies about the Integrated Election Bill, which was drafted by the Nepal Election Commission, highlighting the major gaps and weaknesses in the draft bill that require further amendments and engaging them in a conversation about its potential effects on marginalized communities such as women, Dalits, and minorities.

The NHRIs acknowledge the importance of the issues raised by the Nepal Voters Right Forum and pledge to advocate for the necessary changes. The event highlighted the important role of the NHRIs in advocating for electoral reforms that promote transparency, inclusivity and fairness in the electoral process.



1.3 CONSULTATION AND POLICY DIALOGUE

NVRF conducted the policy dialogue with political leaders. NVRF at the beginning list out the key influencing leaders and organized a consultation with sisters' wings to highlight the key issues of the draft Integrated Election bill and the loopholes that need to be fulfilled and let them know that it could be possible only with their active support and participation. With thorough discussion on the bill with sisters' wings, NVRF gathered the suggestions for amending the election bill. The meeting concluded with a plan among the parties to conduct rapport building meeting with the Chairperson of Sisters wings in the 2nd Half of the Project. On September 26, 2024, the event was conducted by NVRF, and it served as a platform to sensitize all the political leaders on electoral reform, and they showed a strong commitment to address the representation of marginalized communities, particularly women, Dalits and other excluded groups. There was a support from majority for updating and amending the bill to ensure inclusivity in the electoral process and emphasized the need for collaborative efforts from all parties. There were participants from all the major political parties i.e. Nepali Congress-UML and CPN Maoist Center.



1.4 REVITALIZATION, FORMATION AND MOBILIZATION

NVRF planned to strengthen Civil Society Organizations to initiate election reform initiatives. It decided to take actions on law reform campaign focusing on Integrated Election Bill-2080, proposed by Election Commission of Nepal. To begin the task NVRF identified 31 CSOs consortium from diverse thematic areas for revitalization and organized a consultation meeting to collectively build pressure for electoral reform in collaboration with these civil society organizations. This consultation is seen as a cornerstone for fostering collaborative efforts to advance democratic processes in Nepal. The event provided a platform for CSOs and leaders to engage in discussions on electoral reform and helped establish a cohesive action group to drive meaningful change. Out of the 21-member group, a call for forming the action group was made during the meeting, and 11 organizations joined the group with the aim of creating a proactive group to build pressure for electoral reform through dialogues, National level consultation, Interaction and Lobby Visit and other event for stake to push for electoral reforms. (Check again)

In close coordination with the action group representatives, the Nepal Voters Right Forum identified the key stakeholder for further engagement through dialogues and other means. Additionally, the Action group developed a Terms of Reference (ToR) and outlined future activities, ensuring their active participation and support. The action group played crucial role on the memorandum and continue involvement in all programs. After continuous support from Action Group NVRF shared the memorandum with big consortium focusing more on reviewing inputs and refine and update the Memorandum so it can be used in upcoming event as an Attention letter.



1.5 COLLABORATIVE DISCUSSION WITH THEMATIC GROUP

NVRF conducted three consecutive discussions with different groups to discuss on electoral reform initiatives for meaningful changes. The groups were: -

- Thematic Group (People with Disabilities, Madhesi, Muslim and LGBTIQ+)
- Women
- Dalit Sisters Wings

The session provided the opportunity to the group to discuss on Integrated Election Bill, proposed by Election Commission of Nepal. To clarify the contents of the draft bill and to explain the reason behind the proposed integrated election law, NVRF organized a session for discussion with three separate groups. The main objective of the discussion was to pinpoint key gaps and weaknesses in the draft bill. NVRF aimed to collect insights and feedback from these groups to form a unified position for advocating electoral law reform. Special attention was given to the aspects where the bill addressed their concerns and identify its loophole. By involving these communities, NVRF sought to create collective pressure for more inclusive and comprehensive electoral legislation.



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LOBBY VISIT

One of the important components for improving the proposed election bill is conducting a lobby visit to directly engage decision-makers, advocating for specific changes or considerations. The Nepal Voters' Right Forum, in collaboration with representatives from various Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), the Action Group and Consortium partner conducted a lobby visit at the Committee of State Affairs and Good Governance in the House of Representatives. This visit aimed to engage directly with decision-makers to advocate for the inclusion of marginalized communities in the electoral reform process, ensuring their voices and needs in the upcoming legislation.

During the visit, NVRF along with various CSOs presented a memorandum on the draft Integrated Election Bill. The memorandum contained a comprehensive range of suggestion and concerns regarding the draft Bill. It emphasized the key issues such as proportional representation, accessibility for all voters, and measures to prevent discrimination, advocated by Consortium partners and Action group. With the acceptance of the memorandum by the committee, they committed to conduct a thorough and extensive discussion of the proposed amendments when the election-related bill will be reviewed. Through, this engagement, the forum aims to strengthen democratic processes and promote accountability, ultimately fostering an environment where free and fair elections can thrive. In addition to that, NVRF is constantly engaged in other campaigns related to election, election observation, mis-disinformation and election reform initiatives. These initiatives were undertaken with the coordination of National Democratic Institute (NDI), and other CSOs.



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CONSORTIUM MEETING

NVRF has created an important platform through its active engagement in Consortium meeting with other Consortium partners, Action Group and Board member twice this year. The primary objective of these meetings was to connect with CSOs partners to provide updates on each consortium partner's progress and share achievements and challenges encountered during program implementation. In addition, these meeting aims to promote collaboration among CSO partners and Action Groups to work collectively to achieve the project goal.

NVRF views these gathering not merely as a project meeting but as an organizational meeting to share its broader achievements and address challenges. The board members of NVRF actively participated in these meeting and provided support and valuable feedback to guide Consortium activities. This platform has become essential for all consortium members to share organizational updates and growth, allowing each to learn from one another's experiences.



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ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

NVRF is an inclusive network with representation from traditionally marginalized and excluded groups and have been working proactively in promoting free, fair, credible election and election process. And it is not possible without the support from the members of the organization. Members of the organization are actively supporting in the project implementation for high level achievement. For close coordination and actual participation of the member, NVRF conduct regular general meeting. In the year 2023- 2024, it had conducted 5 meetings. Moreover, it believes that members are the assets of the organization, and it is necessary that the organizational members and staff are well equipped and capacitated for the efficiency of the performance to be achieved. It is possible through capacity development of organization's members, staff and concerned stakeholders. NVRF organized regular capacity building training, skill enhancement training and training for advocacy.

Moreover, NVRF engaged its members in the project related trainings actively and included them in the capacity development program/training conducted by the partners organization with an aim to provide practical knowledge and information for making members sharp and sound with the knowledge of ongoing project and latest update. NVRF staff and its members have participated in a training of research, session on federalism and Nepali Federal system and have participated in research work with the Consortium partners. Moreover, NVRF has engaged its member on the monthly Consortium meeting of Consortium partners lead by International IDEA to make its member familiar and to keep them up to date about the project and latest news. NVRF, involves its members, not based on the project but it considers it as a wholistic development of its members.



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LEARNINGS AND CHALLENGES

The challenges and learning outcomes encountered by NVRF reflect a comprehensive understanding of the complexities involved in electoral reform initiatives. While the organization has made significant progress in advocating for marginalized communities, a number of works appeared to overcome challenges and maintain progress towards inclusive democracy in Nepal

Collaborative approach

The collaboration with a diverse range of organization such as, Dalits, Women, Indigenous group, Muslim etc.is an important step towards advocating for inclusion and participation.The forum has strengthened its advocacy and outreach by pooling resources and knowledge from these organizations.

Importance of coordination

Frequent coordination with member organizations, Board members and Donor organization helped us stay updated on new issues. This collaboration ensured that we are always aligned with the latest development and challenges in the field.

Effective engagement Plan

Interacting with key stakeholders, such as parliament members, voters, elected representatives and commissions, shows the necessity of adjusting the communication to suit each audience. By adjusting the message to match with the interests of various groups, NVRF helped them better understand and support efforts to strengthen the democratic process.

Project Understanding

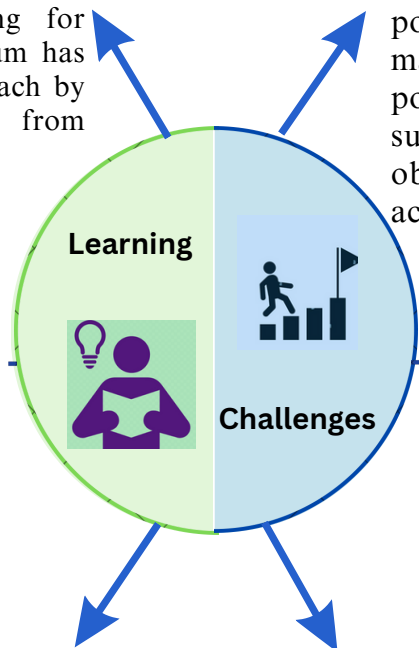
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Scheduling Conflict

Organizing meetings and events that fits everyone's varying schedules was quite a challenge. It often proved difficult and led to delays in decision-making because finding a time that worked for everyone was hard.

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Audit report

Nepal Voters' Rights Forum (NVRF)
Kathmandu Metropolitan City-11, Babarmahal, Kathmandu
Statement of Income & Expenditure
For the FY 2080/81

Particulars	Notes	FY 2080/81	FY 2079/80
Income			
Fund Received during the year	6	1,272,947.50	3,691,958.73
Total		1,272,947.50	3,691,958.73
Expenditure			
Advocacy and Policy Dialogues	7	100,258.00	-
Engagement with CSOs	7	28,577.00	-
Mentors Deployment	7	507,738.00	-
Travel & Monitoring Cost	7	48,400.00	-
Programme Cost		-	2,296,489.00
General Management & Administrative Expenses	9	265,195.00	250,439.00
Staff / Human Resource Cost	8	261,692.00	1,133,015.00
Org Refreshment Cost (adj. figure)		61,651.63	-
Fixed Assets Cost		-	-
Total		1,273,511.63	3,679,943.00
Excess Income/(Expenditure)		-	12,015.73

Notes to accounts

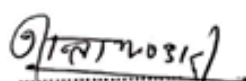
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Subas B.K.
Finance Assistant


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Nanda Rai
Treasurer


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Krishna Mani Adhikary
Registered Auditor
Krishna & Co.
Date: 2081/06/11




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Shanta Bhandari
General Secretary


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Bhakta Bishwakarma
Chairperson

ANNEX: II

Board Members



Mr. Bhakta Biswakarka
Chairperson



Ms. Nirmala Dhungana
Vice Chairperson



Ms. Shanta Bhandari
General Secretary



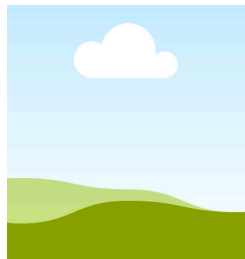
Mr. Krishna K Sah
Secretary



Ms. Nanda K Rai
Treasurer



Ms. Seema Khan
Member



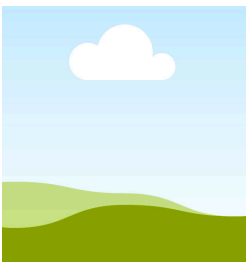
Ms. Sushil B K
Member



Ms. Kalika Khadka
Member



Ms. Meena Paudel
Member



Ms. Santa Neupane
Member



Mr. Ganga B Gautam
Member



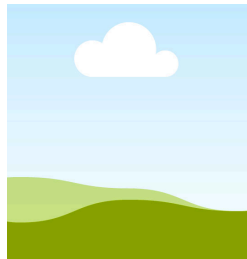
Mr. Biru Nepali
Member



Ms. Simran Sherchan
Member



Mr. Khimananda Sapkota
Member



ANNEX: III

Management Team



Mrs. Devi Sunar

Project Manager



Mr. Utsav Mahara

Mentor



Mr. Subhas B.K

Admin and Finance Assistance

ANNEX: IV

List of Member Organizations

- Asmita-Nepal
- Association of Youth Organization (AYON)-Nepal
- Blue Diamond Society (BDS)
- Dalit NGO Federation (DNF)
- Dalit Human Right Organization (DHR-Nepal)
- Dignity Initiative
- Equity Society Nepal
- Nepal National Dalit Social Welfare Organization (NNDSWO)
- Federation of Community Forestry Users Nepal (FECOFUN)
- Federation of Nepalese Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FNCCI)
- Human Right Journalist Association (HURJA)
- Jagaran Media Centre (JMC)
- Muslim Mahila Samaj
- Nepal Disable Women Association (NDWA)
- National Federation of the disabled Nepal (NFDN)
- NGO Federation of Nepalese Indigenous Nationalities (NGO-FONIN)
- Nepal Law Society (NLS)
- Nepal Madhesh Foundation (NEMAF)
- Sancharika Samuha
- Working Women Journalist (WWJ)
- Women for Human Rights – Single Women Group (WHR)
- Youth Initiative (YI)

ANNEX: IV

Donors and Partner Organizations

NVRF have closely worked with and working with in collaboration with the various other INGOs and NGOs to achieve its mission. Through this collaboration, NVRF focus on strengthening democracy, promoting accountability, social responsibility, advocates for marginalized people through voters education, electoral reform efforts and election observation



Media Coverage

निर्वाचन विधेयक थप अध्ययन गर्न जरुरी छ : अध्यक्ष मगर



काठमाडौं, १२ भदौ: राष्ट्रिय मानवअधिकार आयोगका अध्यक्ष तपबहादुर मगरले निर्वाचनसम्बन्धी कानूनलाई संशोधन र एकीकरण गर्न बनेको विधेयकमाथि थप छलफल र अध्ययन गर्न जरुरी भएको बताउनुभएको छ ।

नेपाल मतदाता अधिकार मञ्चद्वारा आज आयोजना गरेको 'एकीकृत निर्वाचन विधेयकमाथि नीतिगत संवाद' विषयक अन्तरक्रियामा उहाँले निर्वाचन आयोगले पठाएको मस्यौदाको विस्तृत रूपमा जानकारी नभएको हुनाले त्यहाँ राखिएका विषयमा थप अध्ययन र छलफल गर्न जरुरी भएको बताउनुभयो ।

"विदेशमा बस्ने नेपालीलाई भोट हाल्न दिने विषय पनि जटिल छ", अध्यक्ष मगरले भने, "विदेशमा बस्ने नेपालीलाई भोट हाल्न दिने कि नदिने दोहोरो नागरिक कसरी पहिचान गर्ने " अध्यक्ष मगरले निर्वाचन आयोगले बनाएर पठाएको मस्यौदा सबैले हेर्न नपाएको हुँदा सबैले त्यो अध्ययन गरेर निष्कर्ष निकाल्नुपर्ने उल्लेख गर्दै त्यसका लागि आयोगले निर्वाचन आयोगसँग बसेर थप छलफल गरी आयोगको धारणा प्रस्तुत गर्ने बताए ।

राष्ट्रिय महिला आयोगका अध्यक्ष कमलाकुमारी पराजुलीले स्थानीयस्तरमा न्यायिक सुशासन कायम गर्न सर्वसवीकार्य र निष्पक्ष व्यक्तिलाई चयन गर्नुपर्ने बताए ।

"स्थानीय सरकार जनताको आँगनमा छ, न्यायसम्पादको कुरामा राजनीतिक कारण हुँदा पीडितले विश्वास गर्ने आधार नभएर प्रहरीका उजुरी गरेका देखिन्छ", अध्यक्ष पराजुलीले भने, "कुनै पार्टीको नभइकन स्वतन्त्र व्यक्ति भएको भए पीडितलाई विश्वास हुने थियो, स्थानीय विवाद त्यही समाधान हुने थियो ।" उनले विधेयकमा भएका व्यवस्थालाई थप अध्ययन गरी आयोगले आफ्नो राय दिने बताए ।

राष्ट्रिय दलित आयोगका अध्यक्ष देवराज विश्वकर्माले दलित समुदायको बसोबास भएका स्थानहरूमा पनि दलितको प्रतिनिधित्व नगराएको पाइएको र आफूहरूले बुझ्दाबुझ्दा गरी राजनीतिक दलहरूले टिकट नै नदिएको पाइएको बताए

महिला, दलित र सीमान्तकृतलाई समानुपातिक समावेशीमा सुनिश्चित गर्न जोड

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काठमाडौं, १० असोज: प्रस्तावित एकीकृत निर्वाचन ऐनमा महिला, दलित र अन्य सीमान्तकृत समुदायको समानुपातिक प्रतिनिधित्व सङ्घीय संरचना अनुरूप तिनै तहमा सुनिश्चित गरिनुपर्नेमा जोड दिइएको छ ।

नेपाल मतदाता अधिकार मञ्चले आज आयोजना गरेको 'एकीकृत निर्वाचन ऐनको मस्यौदा' विषयक अन्तर्क्रियामा राजनीतिक दलका केन्द्रीय नेतृत्व एवं तिनका महिला तथा दलित जनवर्गीय सङ्गठन, नागरिक समाजका प्रतिनिधिहरूले समानुपातिक प्रतिनिधित्व हुनुपर्नेमा जोड दिएका हुन् ।

प्रस्तावित एकीकृत निर्वाचन ऐनमा समेटिएका नवीनतम र सरकारात्मक विषयका अलावा महिला, दलित र अन्य सीमान्तकृत समुदायको सङ्घ, प्रदेश र स्थानीय तहमा समानुपातिक प्रतिनिधित्व सुनिश्चित गर्ने विषयमा मञ्चका अध्यक्ष भक्त विश्वकर्माको कार्यपत्र प्रस्तुत गर्नुभएको थियो ।

नेपाली कार्यसूचक प्रवक्ता डा प्रकाशशरण महतले नेपालको संविधानले व्यवस्था गरेअनुसार महिला, दलित, भूमालेका हिंसाबले पछाडि परेका, सीमान्तकृत समुदायलाई अघि बढाउने विषयमा पार्टी गम्भीर रहेको बताउनुभयो ।

नेकपा (एमाले)कोतर्फबाट पोलिटब्युरो सदस्य विशाल भट्टराईले एमालेले महिला, दलित र पछाडि परेका समुदायलाई विशेष ध्यानमा राखेर उम्मेदवार बनाउने काम गरेको र सबैलाई समेटेर लैजाउनुपर्छ भन्ने पार्टीको धारणा रहेको उल्लेख गर्नुभयो ।

एकीकृत निर्वाचन विधेयक सम्बन्धमा राजनीतिक दलसँग अन्तरक्रिया कार्यक्रम



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नागरीक समाज तथा संघ सस्थाहरूले दलित, महिला, जनजाति, मधेसी अपांगता तथा अल्पसंख्यक सीमान्तकृत समुदायको जनसंख्याको अनुपातमा पूर्ण समानुपातिक प्रतिनिधित्व गराउन जोड दिँदै उक्त विधेयक उपर छलफल सुरु गरेका छन् ।

एकीकृत निर्वाचन विधेयक सम्बन्धमा राजनीतिक दलसँगको अन्तरक्रियामा नेपाल मताधिकार मञ्चका अध्यक्ष भक्त विश्वकर्माको मस्यौदामाथी विश्लेषणात्मक कार्यपत्र प्रस्तुत गर्नुभएको थियो ।

समानुपातिक सिटमा नाता र दातालाई ल्याउन हुन्न : सभापति खतिवडा

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काठमाडौं — प्रतिनिधिसभाअन्तर्गतको राज्यव्यवस्था समितिका सभापति रामहरि खतिवडाले समानुपातिक तथा समावेशी सिद्धान्तको मर्म र भावना विपरित भएका अभ्यासमा सुधारको खाँचो रहेको बताएका छन् ।

नेपाल मतदाता अधिकार मञ्चले निर्वाचनसम्बन्धी कानूनलाई संशोधन र एकीकरण गर्न बनेको प्रस्तावित विधेयकमाथि सुझावसहितको ध्यानाकर्षण पत्र ग्रहण गर्दै सभापति खतिवडाले समानुपातिक निर्वाचन प्रणाली नेताको विवेकमा नभइ नीति र पद्धतिमा चल्ने प्रणाली स्थापित गर्नु आजको आवश्यकता भएको बताए ।

'समानुपातिक र समावेशीसम्बन्धी विषय अब नेपालबाट टाढा जान सक्दैन । जान पनि हुन्न । राजनीतिलाई स्थिरता दिएर देशलाई बलियो बनाउनेतर्फ लाग्नुपर्छ', सभापति खतिवडाले भने, 'राज्यको मूलधारबाट पछि परेकालाई समेट्नुपर्ने सिटमा नाता र दातालाई ल्याउने काम बन्द गरिनुपर्छ ।'

संविधानले परिकल्पना गरेअनुरूप महिला, पिछडिएका वर्ग र समुदायलाई राज्यको मूल प्रवाहमा ल्याउनुपर्नेमा जोड दिँदै सभापति खतिवडाले पहुँच र प्रभावका आधारमा एउटै व्यक्तिलाई धेरै पटक समानुपातिक प्रणालीमा ल्याउँदा त्यही समुदायको अर्को व्यक्ति मारमा पर्ने पक्षलाई हेक्का राख्न जरुरी रहेको बताए ।

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NVRF's Guiding Principles

- 1. Voters' issues and rights at the center of work:** NVRF and its members are committed to protect and promote rights of voters of all religions, gender, caste, class, regions, and age. All the efforts of NVRF, in general, will focus on voters' issues and the promotion of their rights, specifically the rights of women, persons with disabilities, minorities and marginalized groups.
- 2. Democratic and inclusive:** NVRF and all its members will be guided by democratic values and inclusivity in its functioning and in implementing its programs and activities.
- 3. Transparency and accountability:** The entire work of NVRF will be transparent to all its member organizations, and to the voters. NVRF will take full accountability of its actions and the outcome of those actions.
- 4. Fairness and impartiality:** NVRF and its members will work according to what is morally, ethically, and legally right and fair. It will demonstrate impartial behavior to all its members, stakeholders, voters and candidates. Full impartiality will be maintained to all political parties keeping personal political and ideological inclination.
- 5. Professional competence, volunteerism, commitment and credibility:** All members will demonstrate their voluntary commitment towards the vision, mission, and goals and in all decisions of NVRF. The credibility will be demonstrated through its competent and trustful actions. The forum will maintain professional integrity and competency with full commitment and compliance to the fundamental principles and values of democratic elections.
- 6. Courtesy, principle of equality and respectful behavior:** All members will demonstrate courteous, equal and respectful behavior among each other and with stakeholders, voters and leaders. Each member will demonstrate high morality behaving with cordiality and using respectful language in day-to-day action.
- 7. Respecting diversity:** Diversity of members, voters, stakeholders and leaders in terms of ideology, political differences, gender, class, region, physical disabilities and all sort of marginalization will be recognized and respected. Special priority will be given to protect human rights and voting rights of underprivileged and marginalized people and communities.
- 8. Mutual cooperation and coordination:** NVRF will extend mutual cooperation and coordination with individuals and organizations working in the field of voting rights, election, human rights, democracy and governance.



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