Factsheet on Women
Nepal, Province 2

Female headed-households

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% of female population with disability

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% of female population aged 5 and above illiterate

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Source: Ministry of Federal Affairs and General Administration, Election Commission of Nepal
POLITICAL PARTICIPATION

At least 2,542 women elected as ward members, among whom 1,271 Dalit women, out of 5,084 ward members.

1 woman mayor elected

EMPLOYMENT

38.5% of women aged 15-49 are employed

84.1% of employed women aged 15-49 earn less than their husband

78.7% are employed in agriculture

3.9% are employed in unskilled manual occupations

7% are employed in skilled manual occupations

3.8% are employed in professional/technical-managerial occupations

1.1% are employed in clerical occupations

5.6% are employed in sales and services

MIGRATION

20.2% of women aged 15-49 migrated in the past 10 years

83% within Nepal

16.3% to India

0.8% to others

BANK ACCOUNT

28.7% of women aged 15-49 use a bank account

Nepal has set a national target of 42% women in local bodies by 2030.

5 These numbers are based on the quota positions and do not include the 62 ward chairs or the 264 women elected to non-quota ward seats.
### ACCESS TO TECHNOLOGY

- **62.2%** of women aged 15-49 own a phone.
- **10.7%** of women aged 15-49 have ever used the internet.

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### ACCESS TO MEDIA

- **46.8%** of women aged 15-49 access no media in a week.
- **47.1%** of women aged 15-49 watch television once a week.
- **2.6%** of women aged 15-49 read a newspaper once a week.
- **18.6%** of women aged 15-49 listen to the radio once a week.

### OWNERSHIP OF HOUSE AND LAND

- **93%** of women aged 15-49 do not own a house.
- **87.7%** of women aged 15-49 do not own a land.

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Violence Against Women

- 34.2% of women aged 15-49 have experienced physical violence
- 6.1% of women aged 15-49 have experienced sexual violence
- 76.4% of women aged 15-49 who have ever experienced violence have never sought help nor told anyone

Spousal Separation

- 38.7% of married women have their husband living away

Spousal Violence

- 32.6% of women aged 15-49 consider wife-beating justified
- 13.5% of married women 15-49 experience emotional violence
- 6.6% of married women 15-49 experience sexual violence
- 34.7% of married women 15-49 experience physical violence

Decision Making in Private Sphere

- 52.8% of women aged 15-49 decide on their own health care alone or jointly
- 44.9% of women aged 15-49 decide on major household purchases alone or jointly
- 70.5% of women aged 15-49 decide on the use of inherited asset alone or jointly
- 57.3% of women aged 15-49 decide on the education of their children alone or jointly


Nepal has set a national target of 6.5% of women aged 15-49 experiencing physical/sexual violence by 2030.