Factsheet on Women
Nepal, Province 5

12 Districts
26 House of Representative Constituencies
52 Provincial Constituencies
109 Local bodies
983 Wards

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

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**Female headed-households**

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<th>Population</th>
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<td>40,906</td>
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1 Data of Nawalparasi East and West Included
2 Data of Rukum East and West Included

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POLITICAL PARTICIPATION

At least 1,966 women elected as ward members, among whom 983 Dalit women, out of 4,915 ward members.

1 woman mayor elected

EMPLOYMENT

- 59.1% of women aged 15-49 are employed
- 75.2% of employed women aged 15-49 earn less than their husband

- 75.8% employed in agriculture
- 2.5% employed in unskilled manual occupations
- 6.1% employed in skilled manual occupations
- 4.1% employed in professional/technical/managerial occupations
- 1.5% employed in clerical occupations
- 9.8% employed in sales and services

MIGRATION

- 14.8% of women aged 15-49 migrated in the past 10 years
- 82% within Nepal
- 12.6% to India
- 4.9% to others

BANK ACCOUNT

- 38.7% of women aged 15-49 use a bank account

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

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

- 69.7% of women aged 15-49 own a phone
- 20.1% of women aged 15-49 have ever used the internet

ACCESS TO MEDIA

- 40.6% of women aged 15-49 access no media in a week
- 47.3% of women aged 15-49 watch television once a week
- 5.8% of women aged 15-49 read a newspaper once a week
- 26% of women aged 15-49 listen to the radio once a week

OWNERSHIP OF HOUSE AND LAND

- 93.7% of women aged 15-49 do not own a house
- 90% of women aged 15-49 do not own a land
- 5.6% of women 15-49 own a house alone
- 0.3% of women 15-49 own a house jointly
- 9.4% of women 15-49 own land alone
- 0.4% of women 15-49 own land jointly

EDUCATION

- 31% of women aged 15-49 have no education
- 6% of women aged 15-49 completed primary education
- 9.3% of women aged 15-49 completed secondary education
- 12.9% of women aged 15-49 have more than secondary education

Nepal has set a national target of 98% of women aged 15-24 years using the internet by 2030.
**DECISION MAKING IN PRIVATE SPHERE**

- **51.3%** of women aged 15–49 decide on their own health care alone or jointly.
- **47.2%** of women aged 15–49 decide on major household purchases alone or jointly.
- **76.4%** of women aged 15–49 decide on the use of inherited asset alone or jointly.
- **55.4%** of women aged 15–49 decide on the education of their children alone or jointly.

**SPOUSAL SEPARATION**

- **34.2%** of married women have their husband living away.

**SPOUSAL VIOLENCE**

- **27.7%** of women aged 15–49 consider wife-beating justified.
- **14.8%** of married women 15–49 experience emotional violence.
- **8.3%** of married women 15–49 experience sexual violence.
- **24%** of married women 15–49 experience physical violence.

**VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN**

- **22.6%** of women aged 15–49 have experienced physical violence.
- **8.3%** of women aged 15–49 have experienced sexual violence.
- **70.4%** of women aged 15–49 who have ever experienced violence have never sought help nor told anyone.

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

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