

Stories and Demands of HBW members
of
Centre for Labour and Social Studies



Jayanti Chhetri
28 years
Garment Worker

“I am Jayanti Chhetri. I am 28 years old and live in Mulpani area of Kathmandu. I migrated from Sindhupalchowk to Kathmandu in search of work. I migrated post the earthquake, as everything in my village was devastated. I have worked as a piece rate garment worker since the age of 23 years. I do not get work regularly. Infact, when I do get work, the contractor always finds a loophole in my work and decreases the rate.

“On the occasion of Home-Based Workers’ Day, I demand the Nepal Government to provide home-based workers with regular work, with wages equivalent to that of factory workers.”



Chandika Bhandari
33 years
Tailor

“My name is Chandika Bhandari. I am 33 years old. I am live in Jorpati Baudha area. I have worked as a home-based worker since my childhood. Tailoring is my main occupation. I make Nepali dress, cap and other traditional clothes. Though I don’t get regular work. Suppliers always find mistakes in my finished products to delay the payment. Though I am dependent on these contractors for work, hence avoid arguing with him.”

“On the occasion of Home-Based Workers’ Day, I demand from the Government of Nepal to provide us with skills upgradation programmes. I also demand for regular work.”



Sujata Dahal

25 years

Doll Maker

“I am Sujata Dahal. I am 25 years old. I live in Kathmandu. Though my native place is Terathum. I used to work on our small farm. Though income from agriculture was miniscule and therefore, I moved to Kathmandu in search of work. I took training and started to make dolls of different fabric from home. Though I don't get regular orders. Also, it is not a profitable work, as the raw material is very expensive.”

“My demand as a home-based worker is from the government to provide us with skills training, link us with the market and remove the middlemen.”