

International Home-based Workers' Day

Women for Human Rights, Single
Women Group (WHR)



Shanti Maharjan
35 years
Garment Worker

“I am Shanti Maharjan. I am 35 years old. I am a home-based worker. I am a single mother and live in Kathmandu with my daughter. I am a garment worker and work on piece rate. I receive orders for stitching bags, clothes for babies, shirts and aprons from different contractors. The amount I earn is never constant and depends on the whim of the contractors. I have to constantly bargain for higher piece rate.

I want the Government of Nepal to establish minimum wages for home-based workers.”



Gunkeshasri Desar
35 years
Garment Worker

“I am Gunkeshasri Desar. I am 35 years old. I am a home-based worker and do knitting work. I receive orders from Kritipur, Khaksi. I spend a lot of time traveling and waiting to receive orders. It takes nearly 15 days to complete one order and I have to finish 5 to 6 set of orders within a month. Though it is challenging but I have to do it for the income. The rate varies as per the contractor. I have to bargain with the contractor for higher rates.

“On the occasion of the International Home based Workers’ day I demand the government of Nepal to identify the home-based workers and fix the uniform piece rate according to different category of work.”



Rampyari Maharjan
41 years
Beadwork

“I am Rampyari Maharjan. I am 41 years old. I am a home-based worker living in Machchhegau. As a home-based worker I do beadwork. We don't receive regular order for beadwork and have to look for the market ourselves. I sell some of my products in the local market, but there are very few buyers. If I want to earn then I may have to learn a different skill.”

“On the occasion of International Home-Based Workers' day, I have a local demand for our issues, as home-based workers to be heard by the government.”



Saru Manandhar
36 years
Doll Maker

“I am Saru Manandhar. I am 36 years old. I am a home-based worker from Machchheghau. I make dolls and crystal beads. When I started making crystal beads, I used receive many orders from the local women and the nearby market. But, the demand for it has reduced. I do make dolls, which fetch better pay. Though doll making is a tedious job which gives me a constant backache.”

“As a home-based worker I would like the Nepal Government to provide us with identity card with a proof of residence through which we can avail government benefits.”



Pramila Rokka
Pig Farming

“My name is Pramila Rokka. I have been rearing two pigs in the compound of my house in Macchyagau. This is my work and I work from home, so I consider myself to be a home-based worker too. I don’t knit or stitch. My daily activities include collecting leftover from kitchens to feed pigs and search market to sell piglets. Normally I earn 5- 6 thousand rupees for 1 piglet.”

“As a home based worker I demand for a proper market allocation where I can sell my pigs at an appropriate amount.”