

CRPP Forum 2026 - Spotlight 2

Strengthening women's Access to Human and Financial Capital for Climate-Resilient Livelihoods



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Main barriers for women in securing climate resilient livelihoods

- Not enough income source for food throughout the year
- Most women farmers do not have own land
- Reduction in agricultural land due to rapid urbanization
- Insufficient institutional support
- Lack of access to information and training
- Health impact of climate risks and low health awareness



Community Women Forum (CWF)

CWF is a national umbrella organization dedicated to uniting and strengthening grassroots, women-led savings and credit cooperatives across Nepal since 2010.

Detail of Cooperative	Total
Provinces	5
Total No. of District covered	9
Total No. of Cooperatives	34
Total No. of Groups	1,447
Total No. of Members	38,654
Total Capital of CWF	\$ 1,179,310



Cooperative	CRF given by Cooperatives	Women Participants
CWF	1,043,080	115
Thankot Cooperative	1,429,942	135
Bishnudevi Cooperative	1,186,250	77
Panga Cooperative	1,921,893	161
Hranglanchu Cooperative	1,804,570	148
Total (NPR):	7,385,735	636
In USD	\$50,936	

Climate-Resilient Livelihood Practices

- Financial literacy and digital literacy program to 16,372 members of 15 Cooperatives
- Organized Innovative Organic Farming training for food system, climate resilient and sustainable agriculture to 119 leaders of Kathmandu, Lalitpur and Kalaiya.
- Provide entrepreneurship development training to the groups to scale up the business and also loan flow through Cooperatives to sustain the organic farming and livelihood to 186 leaders of different cooperative and community people.
- Waste segregation and recycling which makes environment friendly impacts through 3R principle of Waste Management. (Reduce, Reuse, Recycling) engaging more than 300 members
- Engaging in value change activities like making incense which helps in climate resilient
- As same training had done on leaf plates making and sale which is biodegradable waste
- Exhibition (Fair Trade Business) of Home-made packing of Agri-production by the community women for the linkage with the market and online business to raise their income.
- According to year plan, organized health camp in community to aware about their health condition and find out their unseen disease.

Climate-Resilient Livelihood Practices

Showcasing Progress Tools



Organic fertilizer



Liquid Fertilizer and pesticide

Learnings:

- 38,654 grassroots women are participating in Saving and willing to have different capacity building training from Cooperative.
- Women group registered into cooperative to legalization and secure the savings.
- 186 leaders of different community leaders' capacity build up to know their own problem and find out the solution
- Able to raise the voice against human right
- Community women are capable to participate in local government, provinces, decision making in national level and also able to participate in international level programs.
- More than 70% participants understood about organic fertilizer and could make in their individual field

Challenges:

- Government policy, rule and regulation is not aware by the community women.
- Hardly access the government budget by the grassroots women.
- Government do not provide the budget to the Cooperatives so must have to register another group like agriculture group etc.
- Not enough follow up training and advocacy to the community.

Way forward:

Grassroots women of Asia as global experts, planners and advocates for adaptation and sustainable livelihoods

Scale grassroots women-led adaptation programs in others areas in partnership with governments and private institutions