

Declaration

According to Nepal government, Central Bureau of Statistics of 2008 while female contribute 39.7 percent on unpaid care work, the male contribute mere 4.6 percent. The government however is aloof in the matter hence severely affecting the female empowerment and rights they behold. The issue is not limited being a women's issue but is an issue interlinked with human rights, social justice and sustainable development.

With the hue of the issue on rise of unpaid care work and its overall impact on women, there was a discussion on the government or state level of all the seven provinces on 1st and 2nd of December 2017 (15th and 16th of Mangsir 2074). The participants were representing 35 plus districts that comprised members from Women Activists, Local level female leaders, social leaders, media persons, academicians and resource persons; the discussion was thus presented via declaration paper including:

1. The unpaid care work issue as addressed in CEDAW, 1979, Sustainable Development Goal, Beijing Declaration and Constitution of Nepal must be thoroughly substantiate the contribution of women and further incorporate in National Plan.
2. The demand for counting the unpaid care work via proper National Accounting System henceforth including in the National Economic System.
3. The guarantee of social security schemes as health insurance, elderly citizen care, unemployment fund for the women contributing in unpaid care work.
4. The women are slayer of unequal division of work labor thus spending more time on child care which deprive them of

various rights as leisure hours, employment opportunities, social, communal, political involvement and resourceful hours. Hence, we urge state to construct community child care centre in national level as it would guarantee the working hours of women on employment opportunities and pave more of them with sufficient working environment.

5. The state must identify the contribution of unpaid care work by women and provide suitable environment to minimize their work load; henceforth assure investment on social security, infrastructure and technology.
6. The unpaid care work by women must be recognized, reduced and redistributed. We recommend the central, provincial and local government to introduce strong provision to empower women through leadership, policy, program and financial plan.
7. There must be equal payment policy that will instigate women on productive labor and provide more employment opportunities and participation of women in labor market.

We provide our solidarity towards unpaid care work as a social issue to be addressed strongly on national and international level and call for unity of entire women right activists.