

Annual General Meeting Report

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The 17th Annual General Meeting of the World Vision Advocacy Forum (WVAF), was held on 20th January 2024 at the WVAF office, Raniban, Nagarjun. The meeting commenced with welcoming remarks from Mr. Navaraj Adhikari, the Executive Director of the World Vision Advocacy Forum (WVAF) by acknowledging the presence of respected president senior advocate Mr. Dinesh Tripathi and all the members. He highlights the significance of the gathering and touches upon key achievements, agendas, further planning, and challenges faced by the organization.



Mr. Karma Maharjan finance officer of WVAF gave a detailed presentation of the financial status of WVAF. He covered important aspects such as budget allocation, income sources, expenditure patterns, and any financial challenges or successes. Following the presentation, there was a discussion, allowing members to seek clarifications, propose adjustments, or express opinions on the financial health of the organization.

Mrs. Manju Singh Rana, general secretary of WVAF presented the report provides an overview of the organization's activities, achievements, and challenges during a specified period. Emphasizing the evolving landscape of the country's structural framework,

Mrs. Rana highlighted that donor agencies are increasingly inclined towards establishing partnerships with local-level organizations. Consequently, she underscored the imperative for our organization to strategically align with this trend. Specifically, she emphasized the need to fortify the initiatives of WVAF in the Doti district, where our organization is registered. This entails crafting projects that are tailored to address the unique needs of the local community.



One of the main objectives of the 17th AGM was to also conduct an election process to bring new executive members into WVAF. The process involved the nomination of candidates and a voting process. The newly elected executive members of 2024- 2027 are:

SN.	Name	Position
1	Senior Advocate Dinesh Tripathi	Chairperson
2	Satyaraj Bhandari	Vice-Chairperson
3	Manju Singh Rana	General Secretary
4	Man Kumari Gurung	Treasurer
5	Mahendra Bikram Shah	Member
6	Subarna Newar	Member
7	Bal Krishna Sharma	Member
8	Kopila Rijal	Member
9	Anita Bishankha	Member



These initial segments of the meeting aim to establish a foundation for productive discussions, ensuring transparency in financial matters, keeping members informed about organizational developments, and actively involving members in decision-making processes.

Agenda Outcome:

A. Meeting with Nagarjun Municipality:

- **Strategic Planning for Project Development:** Discuss how WVAF can strategically plan and execute projects in collaboration with local government, including a discussion on the recent LPAC meeting held at Nagarjuna municipality on 19th Jan 2024. Mr. Navaraj Adhikari has proposed how we can align project goals with the municipality's development plans and ensure effective utilization of resources.

Purposed planning:

- how we can collaborate with local government and local social sector i.e. women empowerment organizations, children development, etc.
- Collaboration with the municipality in the autism care sector, and the possibility of building an autism care center/school by using the resources from the municipality

B. Budget Allocation:

- **Allocation of Funds for Upcoming Projects:** Deliberating on how WVAF can allocate its budget to various projects, especially in the far western region.

Purposed planning:

- Focus on “need basic” in the community
- Support for women survivors/victims, and their aftermath process after the incident

C. Collaboration with Local Entities:

- **Engaging with Women's Empowerment Organizations, Children Development Initiatives, etc.:** Exploring avenues for collaboration with local entities working in areas like women empowerment and children development. This involves identifying synergies and opportunities for joint initiatives to maximize impact.

Purposed planning:

- Getting membership from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Women and Children Development Ministry

D. Networking, Representation, and Recognition:

- **Establishing Visibility on National and International Platforms:** Strategizing on how WVAF can enhance its visibility on both national and international platforms. This involves showcasing the organization's work, building networks, and gaining recognition for its contributions to advocacy and development.

Purposed planning:

- Strengthening WVAF's Representation in Networking Platforms and Government Bodies, Especially the "Women and Children Ministry": Discussing ways to enhance WVAF's representation in key networking platforms and government bodies, particularly in the "Women and Children Ministry."
- Activities involve active participation, advocacy, and collaboration to influence policies related to women and children.

F. Focus on Issue-Based Learning:

- **Focusing on Learning Practices Centered Around Key Social Issues:** Emphasizing a learning approach that centers around key social issues. This involves continuous education and training for WVAF members, ensuring they stay informed and equipped to address the evolving challenges in the communities they serve.

Purposed planning:

- Mostly Focus on Karnali, especially to conduct a need assessment to recognize the problematic area;
- Target topics are "education", "early marriage", and "cast system". "Gender disparity", and "unemployment" sector, which is deeply rooted in Karnali province

These key discussion areas reflect WVAF's commitment to strategic planning, effective resource allocation, collaboration with local entities, maximizing organizational expertise, gaining visibility, continuous learning, and strengthening representation in critical sectors. Each area contributes to the overall mission of WVAF in advocating for positive change and development in the communities it serves.

Moving forward:

The WVAF organization is poised to enhance its impact through several key initiatives. Firstly, we need to actively engage in the CSE registration process to ensure our compliance with regulatory requirements, underscoring our commitment to transparency and accountability. Simultaneously, our strategic focus includes establishing collaborative frameworks with municipalities and local governments. To amplify our outreach and effectiveness, the meeting recognizes the importance of concentrating our efforts in municipalities where we already have established partnerships. Notably, locations such as Pokhara, Chitwan, and Baglung hold significance as they house our partner organizations, forming a nexus that streamlines communication and resource distribution. In pursuit of our commitment to inclusivity, we are actively engaged in a brainstorming session aimed at establishing an autism daycare center. Leveraging our existing expertise, we aim to make this center not only a symbol of support for individuals with autism but also a model of effectiveness. By pooling our collective knowledge and experience, we aspire to create an environment that fosters holistic development and well-being for individuals on the autism spectrum. This initiative aligns with our overarching mission to create positive and lasting change within the communities we serve.