ORGANIZATIONAL PROFILE

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Brief about Us:

The Women's Network for Energy and Environment (WoNEE) is a national platform of grassroots women dedicated to advancing gender equality in Nepal's energy and environment sectors. Guided by its motto of enhancing women's economic status through skill and knowledge transformation, WoNEE focuses on capacity building, enterprise promotion, and technical skill enhancement for women's economic empowerment. It also advocates for gender-responsive policies, programs, and budgets from local to national levels while raising awareness at the community level.

Established as a loose network in 2015 and officially registered as a non-profit organization in July 2018, WoNEE now has over 100 local networks across the country. These municipal-level groups strengthen women's leadership, promote equal participation in decision-making, and advocate for gender-responsive initiatives that support vulnerable women.

WoNEE operates through three main bodies: the General Assembly, the National Executive Committee, and the Secretariat. The General Assembly, its highest authority, includes representatives from all provinces, ensuring diverse and inclusive participation.

WoNEE envisions becoming Nepal's leading women's network, promoting professional growth in the energy and environment sectors. Its mission focuses on empowering women through training, mentorship, advocacy for gender-friendly energy systems, and strengthening their technical and managerial capacities. Key objectives include promoting gender-responsive energy policies and budgets, fostering investment and benefit-sharing opportunities for women, raising awareness on energy safety and efficiency, and encouraging women's employment in energy-related fields.

The main objectives of WoNEE:

- Advocate for gender-responsive energy policies, programs, and budgets.
- Lobby for investment and equitable benefit-sharing opportunities for women.
- Strengthen the capacity of women in energy and environmental sectors.
- Raise awareness about electrical safety, energy efficiency, and productive use of electricity; and
- Encourage women to pursue energy-based skills and employment opportunities.

Through these efforts, WoNEE continues to serve as a driving force in advancing gender equality, economic empowerment, and inclusive development in Nepal's energy transition.

Key Project Partner over the years:

International Partners

USAID FROM THE AMERICAN PEOPLE · APWLD · Hivos people unlimited · endev · ENERGIA International Network on Gender and Sustainable Energy · WWF · JET Engineering (UK) · S&AO Ltd · HSLU Hochschule Luzern · Invest in Green (UK) · Loughborough University · MECS Modern Energy Cooking Services · UKRI Innovate UK · ACHELOUS ENERGY · WEDO

National Partners

AEPC · Nepal Electricity Authority ESTD 1985 · Kathmandu Metropolitan City · Nepal Energy Foundation

WoNEE's Commitment to SDG-17 Goals.



SDG 5- GENDER EQUALITY

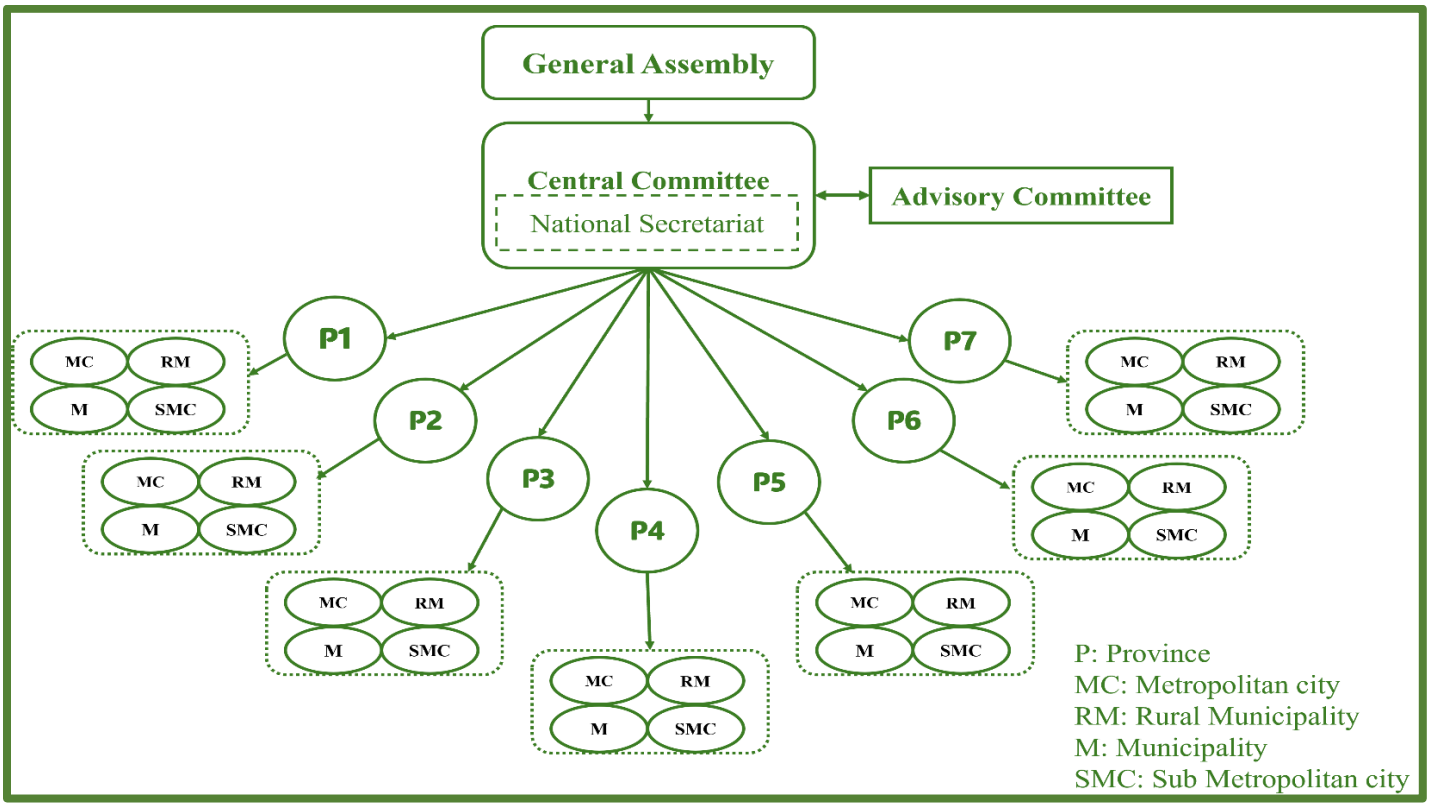
SDG-7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY

SDG-10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES

SDG-11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES

SDG 13 CLIMATE ACTION

Organizational Structure:



Organizational Values



Quality



Transparency



Accountability



Result oriented



Inclusiveness



Partnership

Implemented Projects

S.N.	Projects Name	Duration	Partner / Funded by	Project Activity
1	Gender Just Climate Solution	January 2025-September 2025	Women's Environment & Development Organization (WEDO, USA)	This will focus on the intersection of gender and climate justice to ensure WoNEE's objectives are met through targeted actions addressing energy access, energy justice, and climate resilience. A province-specific needs assessment will identify unique gender and climate challenges across Nepal, recognizing that local issues vary based on climate risks, energy needs, and social dynamics.
2	Women-focused awareness for rapid adaptation of electric cooking in Nepal	August 2023-August 2024	USAID Urja Nepal	The main objective of the project is to design and conduct a women-focused and women led e-cooking awareness program to demonstrate the viability in Nepalese context and increase acceptance of e-cooking. Similarly Initiate and drive behavioral change and facilitate the replacement of traditional and imported fuels with electricity as cooking fuel.
3	Women's Economic Empowerment through knowledge and skill transfer on e-cooking Technology	September 2021-August 2022	Humanist Institute for Co-operation with Developing Countries (Hivos)	The overall objective of the project is to build innovation capacity and to bring innovation and learning to a wider group of partners within the energy sector and with a special focus on ensuring women's involvement through repair and maintenance training of E-cooking appliances.

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4	Strengthening Electric Cooking Supply Chain in Nepal	December 2022-June 2023	Morden Energy Cooking Services	The project aims to promote induction of cook stoves in the communities of Lalitpur, Banke, Bardiya, Kailali and Kanchanpur district by establishing a sustainable supply chain.
5	Potential for Enterprise level E-cooking in Nepal	2022-2023	Morden Energy Cooking Services	This study was focused on identifying the availability of the commercial e cooking technology in the market, entrepreneur's perceptions, possibility and willingness regarding the switching of existing cooking fuel . The study was conducted in the Kathmandu, Lalitpur and Bhaktapur
6	Hydrogen-empowered Hydro-Electric Grids (HyHEG)	Ongoing	Innovate UK	The main objective of the project is to solve this predicament by implementing hydrogen-based energy storage for direct utilization as cooking fuel gas. With Nepal's readily available running water, this is a perfect match. The Hydrogen generator, supplied with both electric energy and water from the respective river, continuously
7	Floating Instream Tidal and Solar (FITS) Power Plant: Nepal Pilot Project	Ongoing	Innovate UK	The main objective of the pilot project to generate the electricity from Karnali River of Mohanyal rural municipality ward 7 and electrification to the Jyamire community which is very backward community. Similarly, this project aims to empower the community socially and economically through the access

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8	Feminist Participatory Action Research (FPAR) under "Feminist Fossil Fuel Free Futures for NDC Monitoring and Gender Equity in Nepal	September 2019-June 2021	Asia Pacific forums on women Law and Development (APWLD)	The aim of the project is to enhance the capacity of women of vulnerable and marginalized section of the community about climate change and policies influencing for climate justices.
9	Induction Cook Stoves Repair and Maintenance Training for Women	March 2021-April 2021	Nepali Canadian Women's Society of BC	The objective of the training to train women for their skill enhancement in new technology.
10	Assisting to the research project development on" Actors for sustainability: voluntary and municipal agents in the health, energy, water and food nexus in newly	July 2018- June 2019	University of Durham UK	The objective of the project was to bring changes in the institutional landscape and communities of practice involved in the sustainability nexus of energy, health, water and food.

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11	Gender Monitoring on Green Climate Fund (GCF) in Nepal under Climate Justice Program	August 2019-December 2019	APWLD	The objective of the project was climate justice and equitable, inclusive, accountable and right-based climate financing through the Green Climate Fund (GCF) for safeguarding the environment and women's human right
12	Awareness and interaction program on electrical safety	September 2019-December 2019	Kathmandu Metropolitan City and Nepal Electricity Authority	The program was focused on creating awareness and sensitization about the role of stakeholders and communities to reduce electrical hazards and safe and efficient use of electrical appliance
13	Develop and Broad casting a Folk song "Bidhutiya Surakshaya Sandesh".	June 2019-December 2019	WoNEE	The aim of the program is to mobilize social media (local FM Radio/ YouTube, face book) for electrical safety awareness for saving the life and wealth.
14	Basic Electricity Training to Women	September 2019-December 2019	Kathmandu Metropolitan City	The aim of the training was to train the women on safe and efficient use of electricity and electrical appliances
15	Advocacy on energy policy and electricity bill 2076	January 2019	WoNEE	Organizing various meeting, roundtables, workshop, and position paper submission to Energy minister for gender responsive upcoming electricity bill as well as other energy policies

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16	Workshops on "Role of Women in Household Energy Efficiency “	July 2018	CES and NEF.	The aim of the workshop is to share the role of women in house hold energy efficiencies through using of efficient technology .
17	International Workshop on "Gender and Energy Electricity Access and the Changing Social Position of Women in Nepal"	March 2018	Teri-India.	This international workshop was hosted by WoNEE. The aim of the project was to analysis the access of electricity in changing social position of women.
18	Capacity Building Training on "Renewable Energy and women"	May 2018-July 2018	AEPC/NEF	The aim of the project is to enhance the capacity of women in renewable energy as well as role and opportunity of women.