

GLOBAL CONFERENCE ON HOMEBASED WORKERS

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REGIONAL PRESENTAION

SOUTH ASIA

Overview of HBWs in the region:

- 50 million homebased workers in South Asia, 80% women,
- 2 million HBW in Bangladesh (2009-10)
- 37.4 million HBW in India (2011-12)
- 0.92 million HBW in Nepal (2008)
- 1.43 million HBW in Pakistan (2008-09)

Women Homebased Workers:

	Women urban HBWs	Total urban HBWs	Women, as percentage of total urban HBWs
Bangladesh (2009-10)	156836	454529	34
India (2010-11)	734000	16950000	43
Nepal (2010-11)	120,000	230000	52
Pakistan (2010-11)	424000	545000	77
Total	8040836	1817959	44

Type of Homebased Work:

- **Piece Rate and Own Account workers:**
- **Handicrafts-** embroidery, weaving, stitching, knitting,
- **Food Processing-**
- **Assembling & packaging-**

Extent of organizing HBWs and type of organizations of HBWs in your region-

- **HomeNet South Asia** – Regional network of homebased worker organisations,
- **Country-** Bhutan, Bangladesh, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka,
- **Mapped organisations-** *508- Bangladesh, 39 -India, 135-Nepal, and 307 in Pakistan, Sri Lanka-147-(Trade Unions, Cooperatives, Association, NGOs, Community Based Organisations (CBOs) self help groups,)*
- **Type of homebased workers-** *own account workers-most found in rural, piece rate workers-most found in urban,*



Homebased Worker
from Bangladesh



Homebased Worker from Nepal



Embroidery worker from
Pakistan

Role of Organisations: Organising HBWs

- Survey to identify homebased workers,
- Organising groups around various issues- wages, marketing, social security, civic amenities
- Capacity building of groups- *leadership quality, strategic organising*, group management, collective bargaining,
- Building Membership Based Organisation,
- Linkages to various schemes and program
- Raise voice of homebased workers through dialogues with policy makers

Capacity building



Region Progress:

- Identification of Organisation through mapping exercise;-
- Identified homebased workers in 5 countries (Bhutan, Nepal, Maldives, Sri Lanka and Pakistan- 38582 hbws)
- Organising and formalizing of hbws in groups-
- Homebased Workers Company- SABAH (SAARC Business Associate of Homebased Workers- 7 countries (Except India), skills enhancement, marketing,
- Draft National Policy on homebased workers- India, Nepal and Pakistan;

Region Progress:

- Dialogues with city Authorities for access of civic amenities for homebased workers, (Adoption of Asian Cities Declaration)
- Awareness amongst homebased workers on Social security programme
- Sensitization of policy makers,
- Representation of hbws in local ward committee,
- Regional network- HomeNet South Asia- 49 member organisations

Next Five years:

- Campaign to **register and Recognize the HBW**.
- Incorporating data on hbws **in CENSUS and LFS**,
- Improve the **health and safety condition of HBWs** by related programs/activities
- **Network formation of HBW groups** organized by different organization;
- Representation of hbws at ward level,

Thank you

SABAH Bhutan, Bhutan

REN, Sri Lanka

Janthakshan, Sri Lanka

SAATHI, Nepal

Women Human Rights- Nepal

Class Nepal, Nepal

HomeNet Pakistan, Pakistan

Women HomeBased Workers Federation, Pakistan