

# Baseline Study on Inheritance Right of Women

When the society have the following beliefs that reflects derogatory attitude towards girl child/women

- ***Dhilo paye, Chhora paye*** ("Let it be late, but let it be a son");
- ***Chhora paye swarga jaane*** ("The birth of a son paves the way to heaven");
- ***Chhori ko janma hare ko karma*** ("A daughter is born with a doomed fate");
- ***Chhora paye khasi, Chhori paye Pharsi*** ("If a son is born, it is celebrated by sacrificing a goat, if it's daughter, a pumpkin is enough");
- ***Chhora bhaye sansar ujyalo, Chhori bhaye bhanchha ujyalo*** ("Son brightens the whole world, whereas a daughter brightens only the kitchen");
- ***Kanya Daan*** ("a daughter should be given away as a gift");
- ***Mare paap, pale punya*** ("It's a sin if the groom kills the bride, charity if nurtured");
- ***Srimati bhaneko paitalako dhulo ho*** ("Wife is the dust of the foot");
- ***Chhori mari, thulo ghar pari*** ("If a daughter dies, we can say she has been married into a rich home");
- ***Pothi base ghar mahscha*** ("A woman ruled house is sure to be destroyed"); and
- ***Swasni mancheko buddhi pachhadi*** ("Women are always shortsighted").

And when the state made law with regard to property itself is discriminating against women in the following ways, further validating the lower status of women in comparison to men:

- a. A daughter is denied from equal inheritance rights
- b. Daughter is denied the right to maintenance
- c. Discrimination in the line of succession
- d. Discrimination on dolaji property
- e. Discrimination against Married Women to get the Property
- f. Divorcee Woman without Property Right (only conditional maintenance right)
- g. Unfaithfulness looses the right in the husband's property
- h. A victim of rape is considered as ex wife by the law
- i. Discriminatory Property Right of a Widow
- j. Discrimination on tenancy right
- k. Discrimination on Transaction
- l. Consent needed to dispose off immovable property

FWLD has conducted the **Baseline Study on Inheritance Right of Women** as a part of South Asian Monitoring Project on Facilitating the Fulfillment of the State Obligation Towards Women's Equality coordinated by the International Women's Rights Action Watch, Asia Pacific. This study has been done on the basis of data collected from interviews and surveys. The analyses are based on the findings of the interviews, the surveys, reviews of judgments, statistics, articles and published reports. The objectives of the study was as below:

- i. To assess the present situation of Nepalese women in relation to inheritance right.
- ii. To identify prevalent evidence of disparity /disadvantages and causes and barriers for equal inheritance right.

