

# Sharmila Karki



Sharmila Karki is currently working as the Vice-President of Nepal Red Cross Society (ESTD. 1963) as a nominated appointee by the Cabinet of Nepal Government.

Simultaneously, Karki also serves as a central committee member of All Nepal Women's Association (ANWA). ANWA is an association of over 10 lakh Nepali women; which lobbies to formulate and implement progressive women friendly policies, develops programs to capacitate women from the rural grassroots to the national level and advocates for women's economic, cultural and political rights.

From 2011 to 2016, Karki served as the president of NGO Federation of Nepal; a nationwide federation of over 7000 NGOs. She was the first ever woman to be elected as the president of the federation which is a big milestone in the civil society movement of Nepal. During her time as the president, she played the role of an apex civil society leader for issues concerning development, human rights, institutionalization of democracy and advocacy of people's agendas amongst the top leaders of Nepal, different political parties and all the other concerned Bilateral and Multilateral organizations. Furthermore, during her tenure NGO Federation of Nepal, for the first time produced a nationwide development report that covered all development and human right issues, lead the historic 2014 People's SAARC and continuously built awareness about MDGs from the grassroots levels to United Nations until the declaration of SDGs.

Karki is also the founding president of Jagaran Nepal; an NGO that mainly advocates for women's participation in politics. Her work through Jagaran Nepal and other alliances that lobby for women's participation made an historic achievement by ensuring a minimum of 33% women participation in all levels of state mechanism as promulgated in the constitution of Nepal. During her tenure at Jagaran Nepal, Karki helped capacitate over 10,000 women political leaders from different political parties.

Throughout her professional career, Karki has had the privilege of serving as nominated member in different government committees formed by the cabinet of Nepal government. She was recognized as one of the 100 most influential international human rights activist by the Synergos Foundation and a transformative leader in the sector of women political participation by the Feminist Tax Force.

Karki is currently pursuing her PhD in "Impact of Culture in Women Leadership" from Tribhuvan University.