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**Promoting  
Gender Equality  
and  
Empowering Women  
through ICTs**

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# Sub-Themes

- Reproductive Health Rights and Choices
- Women's Access and Control over Resources for Livelihood
- Right to Political Participation

# Issues

- Patriarchal norms
- Socio-cultural history of discrimination
- Low awareness of rights & services
- Violence against women

# Issues:

- Lack of
  - Informed reproductive health choices
  - Sensitive & Sex disaggregated) data
  - Gender sensitive policy implementation
  - Participation in decision making
  - Access to resources and services

# Strategies

- Gender sensitisation of men and women in communities, legal, educational, health, political institutions
- Institution of Gender Policies/Sexual Harassment Policies in organisations

## Strategies (contd.)

- Integration of gender component in IEC materials
- Documenting best practices for generating region specific solutions
- Creating support groups and systems for women in community (community groups, women groups, helplines)

## Strategies (contd.)

- Regional exchanges of women groups (successful models of organizations, trainings, exposure, experience sharing.

# Use of ICTs

- Right based education through effective ICT tools
- Prepare, update and make village level database of all available resources and services
- Preparing database of stakeholders
- Sharing knowledge resources
- Peer-to-peer experience sharing

# Ideas for Future Action

- Develop gender justice educators through ICT training modules
- Develop health education, and sexual and reproductive health resources
- Establishment of women's resource centre which caters to women's information and knowledge needs
- Development of women's multimedia centres

# Role of OWSA

- Educational material in radio and video format
- Training to develop materials in radio and video format
- Support in expanding networks and creating partnerships
- Support in developing Village Information centres