



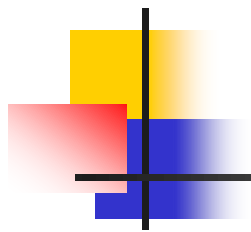
Empowerment of Rural Women & Girls in Nepal through Policies & Measures

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2015 The Herstoric Year for Nepal



**FIRST FEMALE
PRESIDENT**

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First Female Speaker, Parliament



First Female Chief Justice,
Supreme Court



**Today
Nepal 's
Federal, Provincial Parliaments
and Local Assemblies constitute 33%
Women**



Promulgation of Nepal 's Constitution 2015
Federal Democratic Republic



Election Commission Act, 2017
**Electoral Roll Act, 2017; Election (Offence and
Punishment) Act, 2017**
Political Party Registration Act;
Local Level Election



Factors Contributed in Bringing Change Progress

- **People's Movement I for Democracy** - Ended absolute monarchy - party less democracy in 1990
- **Maoists movement for republican state** 1996 to 2006 (an armed conflict) 1996 to 2006 resulting Comprehensive Peace Accord
- **People's Movement II for democratic republic state**



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- Promulgation of the Interim Constitution of Nepal in January 15, 2007.
- Women's movement
- Promulgation of the Constitution 2015 of FDR Nepal

Interim Constitution of Nepal 2007



- Enshrine the principle of inclusiveness
- Ensured proportional representation
- Adoption of the First past the Post and Proportional Representation election system

In CA there were 197 women (almost 32.8 %)



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- The Constituent Assembly Member Election Act, 2007 divided the seats under PR within
 - Madhesi (31.2%),
 - Dalits (13%),
 - Indigenous (37.8),
 - backward regions (4%), and
 - others (30.2%).

(women must be 50 percent from all groups)
- Constitution Assembly Election in 2008

A Glimpse: Women's Movement against draft Constitution



Relay Hunger Strike



Mass rally and sit -in the way to Parliamentary Building

Salient Features: The Constitution 2015 – FDR of Nepal

- Ensured minimum 33% women at Local, Provincial and Federal
- Reserved 40% seats (Including 1 Dalit) at Ward Committee
- Rural Municipality Chair and Vice-Chair must be a woman
- Municipality Chief and Deputy-chief must be a woman
- Either the president or vice-president must be a woman.
- Speaker or deputy speaker of the parliament must be a woman

Affect of Constitutional Provision in Recent Local Level Election 2017 *

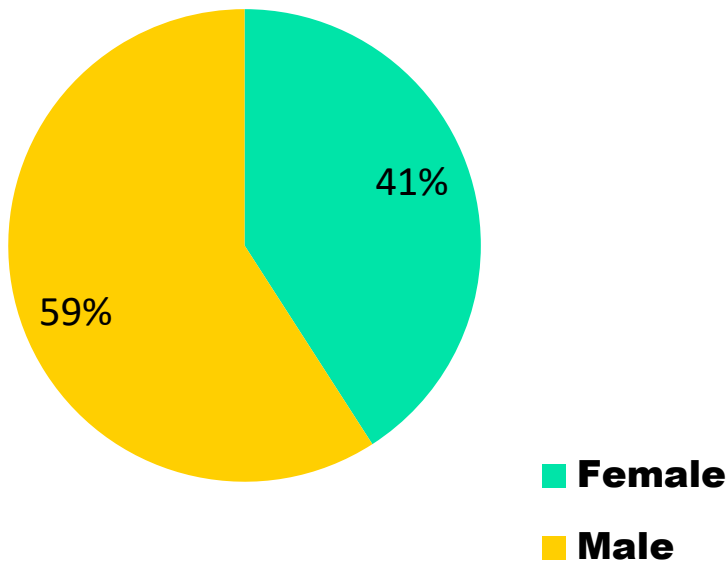
Local Level : Local Government	♀	♂	Total	% of ♀
Ward Member (Woman)	6734	NA	6734	100
Ward Member (Dalit woman)	6529	NA	6529	100
Ward Members	265	13207	13472	1.96
Ward Chairperson	62	6677	6739	1
Rural Municipality Chairperson	11	449	460	2
Rural Municipality Vice - Chairperson	424	36	460	92.6
Municipality Mayor	7	286	293	2
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* With Quota

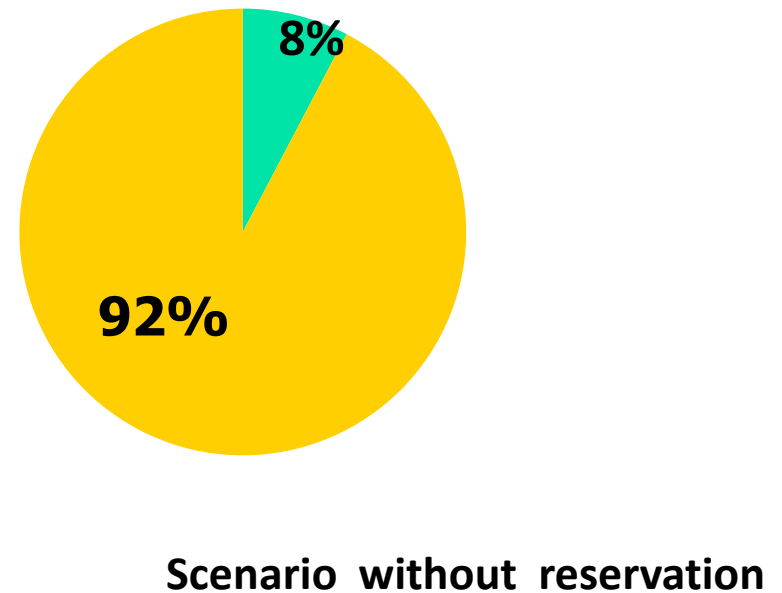
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Women in Local Government

With 2 seats reservation for Women ward members



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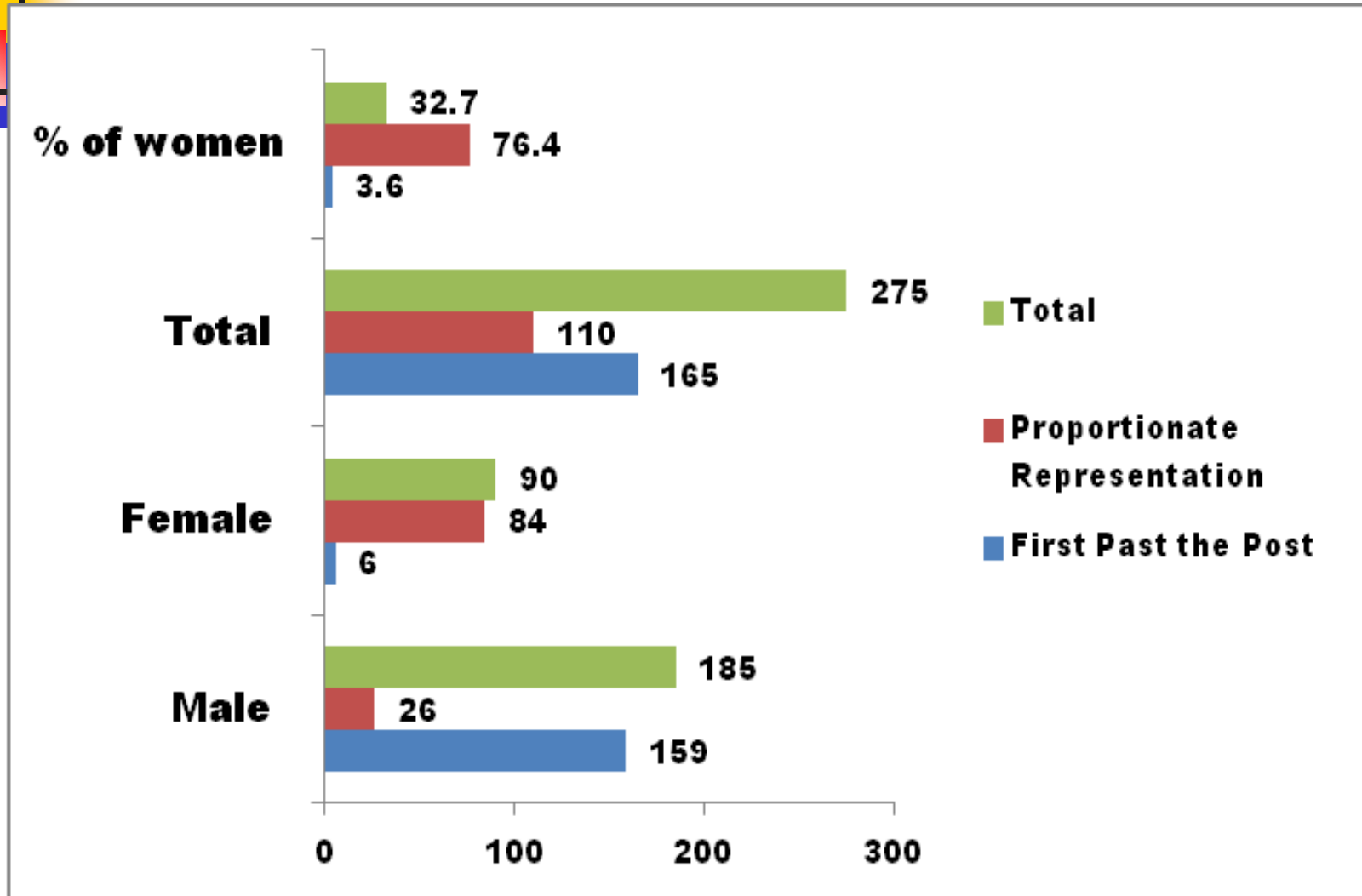


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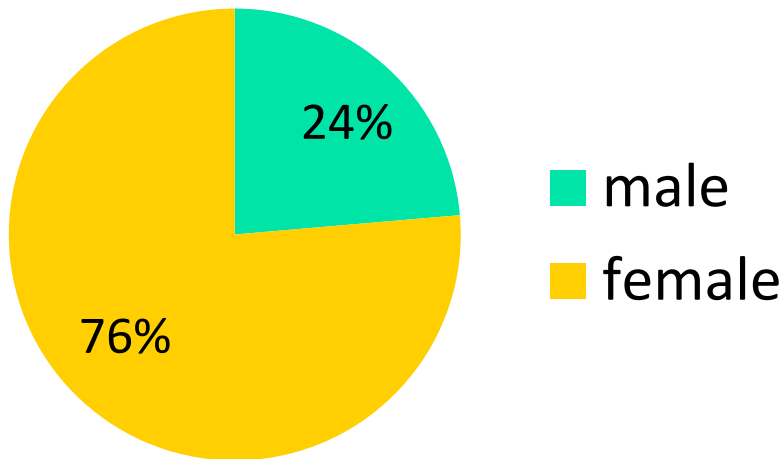
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Affect of Constitutional Provision in Election for the House of Representative 2017

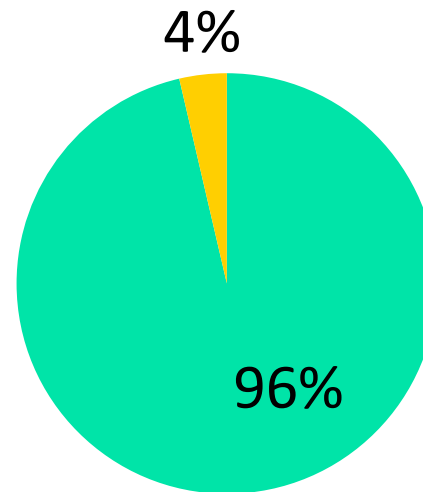


Women Elected for House of Representative


Women Elected for House of Representative from PR



Women Elected for House of Representative



Male
Female



We have come
a long way

but

there is much to
achieve.





Thank You ALL

