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# Annual Report

CENTRE FOR GENDER AND POLITICS



Women for Politics (WfP) is  
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# A Message From Us



*We are delighted to present to you our Annual Report for the year 2022. We start by expressing gratitude and heartfelt thanks to each and every volunteer who contributed to building South Asia's first think-tank on gender and politics. The spirit of volunteerism remained at the heart of everything we did throughout the year. As CGAP started its operations during the pandemic, we emerged as a truly remote, volunteer-led team which produced incredible work.*

*In the year 2022, we worked towards building CGAP as a think-tank that contributes to a high-quality scholarship on the intersection of gender, politics and South Asia. Our work is driven by a belief that positive narrative and men's allyship act as enablers for gender equality in political leadership. We believe that gender-inclusive political institutions and mechanisms, be it for voters, candidates, party workers or representatives, foster diversity and inclusion in political leadership, influencing gender inclusivity in society.*

*We are delighted to be recognised and appreciated for our contributions to the field. Through our flagship initiative, Women for Politics (WfP), we strengthened our resolve to promote a positive discourse around women in South Asian politics. At WfP, while 2022 saw a continuation of our Beyond Victims Series and the publication of articles, we took a pause on conducting Worth Asking (WA) interview series. Instead, we focused on converting WA 2020 and 2021 series into a book, and we are happy with the outcome. We also published 2 research studies and held 1 research roundtable. This expanded our engagement with academicians, researchers and nonprofits working across and on South Asia.*

*Some of our personal highlights include:*

- Expanding our Beyond Victims series to an 8-edition series, dedicating each edition to each of the 8 South Asian nations.*
- Our team represented CGAP at in-person meetings across India and Nepal.*
- Our collaborations expanded to over 8 organisations in India, Bangladesh, Nepal and the USA and our work was recognised by 8 media platforms.*
- Receiving tax exemption status as a nonprofit under Indian law.*

*2023 is going to be an exciting year as we keep working towards strengthening our capacities. Lots of learning and gratitude to every collaborator for another excellent year. We look forward to continuing our work towards gender equality in South Asian politics in 2023 with you all.*

*Best wishes*

*Akhil & Sugandha*

*Team - CGAP*

# About CGAP



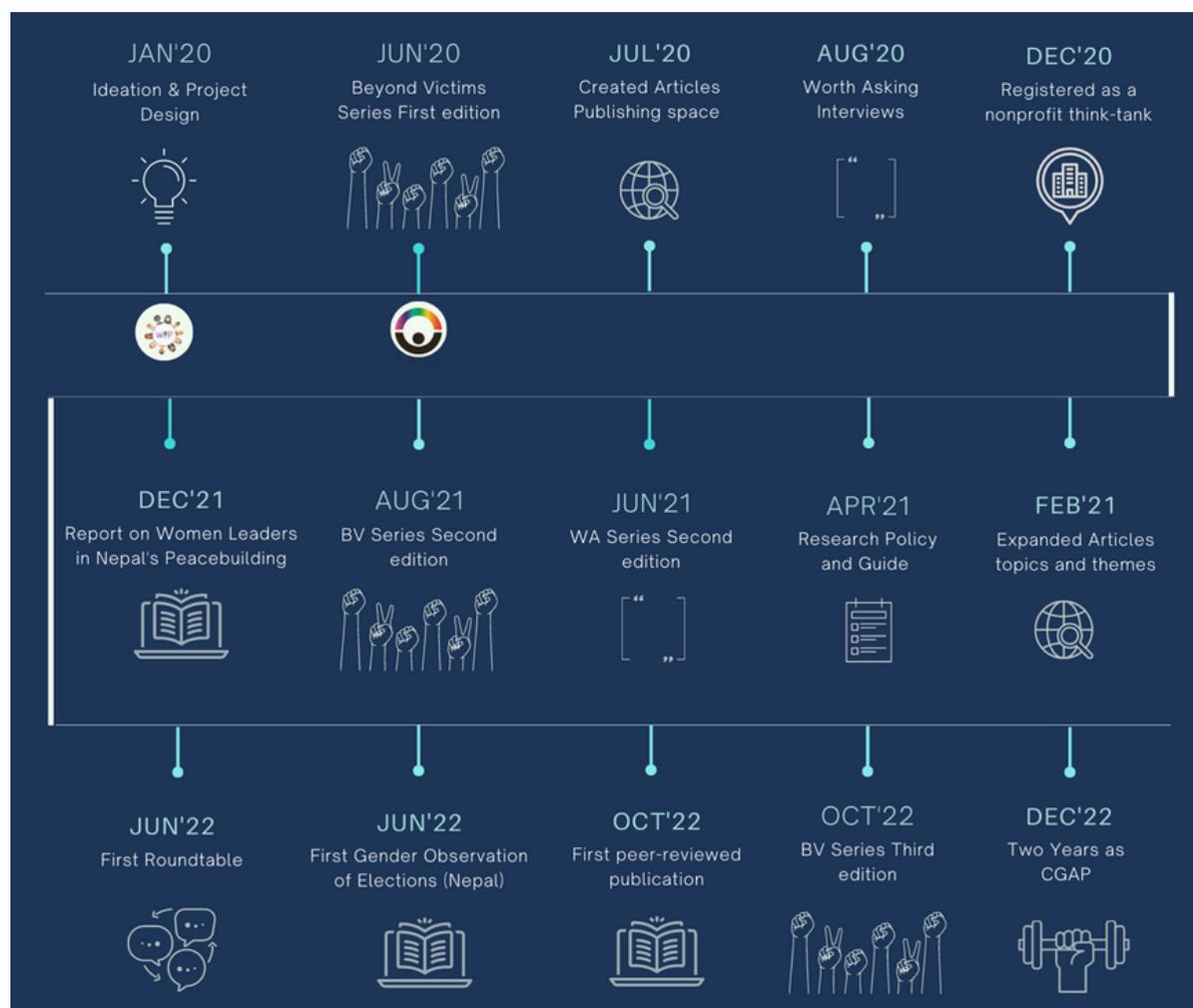
We are a think tank based in India that contributes to a high-quality scholarship on the intersection of gender, politics and South Asia and are a platform for researchers, policymakers and the public to engage in a positive discourse on furthering gender diversity in politics with contextual nuances of South Asia as a focus.

We are on our way to building CGAP as South Asia's first think-tank on gender and politics. Women for Politics is a CGAP initiative where we are working towards free and fair participation of women in South Asian politics through research, awareness, and advocacy.

In the past 1 year, we worked with 40 volunteers from India, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Maldives and Nepal who contributed/ have been contributing to CGAP's work.

## Our Belief

Gender Inclusion & Diversity  
in Politics = Gender Equal  
Society



OUR JOURNEY

# Our Work in '22



In 2022, we travelled in-depth into the core of gender and politics research in South Asia. We broadened the diversity of subjects we work on and have expanded our reach and collaborations across the region.

CGAP's work in 2022 includes

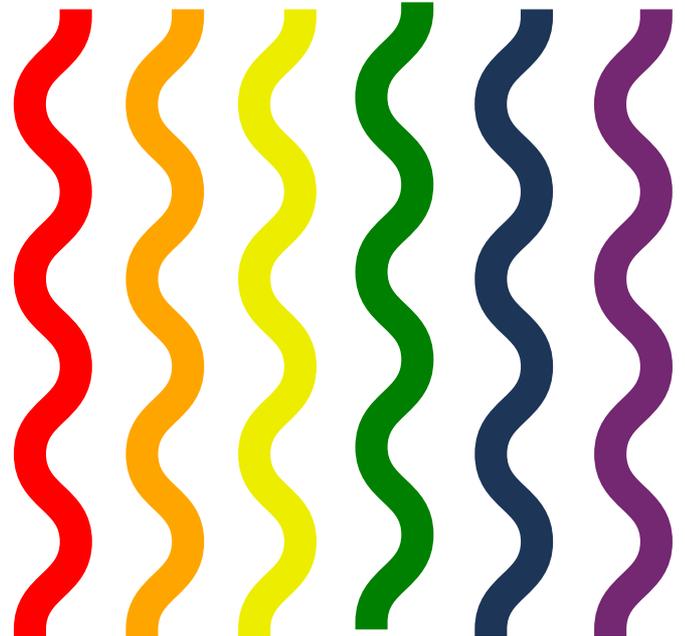
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**EDITIONS OF BEYOND VICTIM SERIES- WOMEN FOR POLITICS**

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**RESEARCH ARTICLES- WOMEN FOR POLITICS**

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**RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS**

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**ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION**

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**COLLABORATIONS**



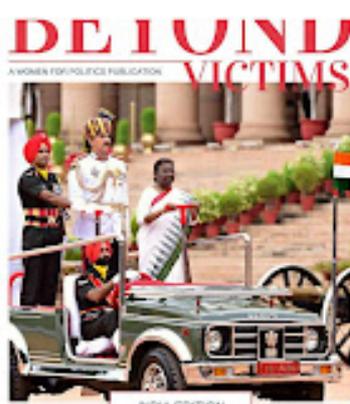
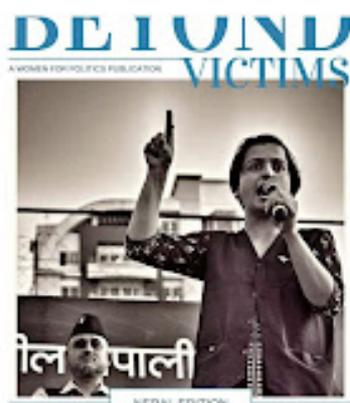
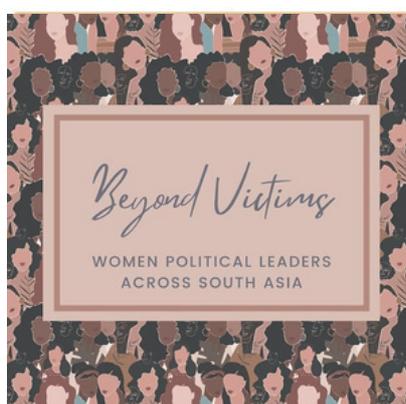
The work at CGAP is strongly tied to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), with a special focus on **Goal 5**, i.e., Gender Equality

# Beyond Victim Series



At CGAP, we began writing and researching about political participation and representation of women in South Asia with a firm belief that women are not merely victims in need of prevention and protection; women need space and respect to be leaders and change-makers.

In 2022, we expanded the Beyond Victims Series as a part of Women for Politics, bringing a total of 40 stories covered in 8 editions, representing every South Asian country. This is our first time having country-specific editions for all countries in the region.



# Research Publications



At CGAP, our research policy is based on a deep belief in research ethics following integrity, originality, and confidentiality. To maintain this, we have a rigorous research policy, a sensitivity reader and editors.

We conducted a pilot study and published a peer-reviewed article on the role of self-help group memberships on women's political participation.

For this publication, we would like to sincerely thank

Urmy Shukla (*Director- Monitoring, Evaluation Research, Trickle Up*)

Sushmita Mukherjee (*Director- Gender and Adolescent Girls, Project Concern International India*)

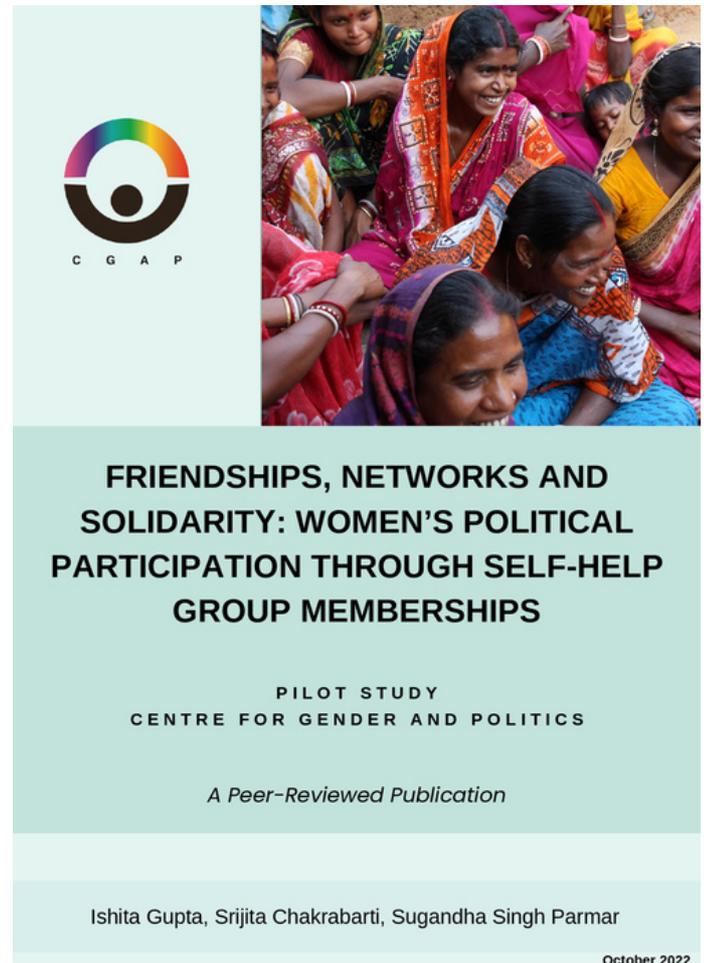
Soledad Artiz Prillaman (*Assistant Professor of Political Science, Stanford University*)

Poonam Kakoti Borah (*Assistant Professor of Women's Studies, Gauhati University Sensitivity Reader, CGAP*)

Abdul Matin (*Assistant Professor of International Relations, Jadavpur University*)

for providing critical inputs and feedback.

We published gender analysis of local elections held in Nepal in May 2022. For this, we looked at legal framework, voters, candidates, winners, gendered barriers, notable campaigns led by women and men's allyship. Our use of the gender lens in the publication generated great interest among the media, think-tanks and INGOs, earning CGAP an invitation to Nepal's leading think-tank for presenting our report.



We thank Martin Chautari and Democracy Resource Centre for inviting us to present the report to a larger audience interested in research. We would like to thank Mr. Simone Galimberti, Co-founder at Engage, a non-profit based in Kathmandu for his help with the relevant resources and for featuring our work in the Nepalese media.



# Research Roundtable



Naila Kabeer  
@N\_Kabeer

Looks like a very valuable resource for scholars researching South Asia.



Shradha Chatterjee  
@shadyoetricks

Thanks to @WfPSAsia for organizing this. Our panel discussed the status of gender & sexuality in South Asia; the mobilization of 'South Asia' as a concept; the lack of data on women & sexual minorities; cross-border feminist networks & transnational activists; & more. Do read!

## Discussants:

*Afiya Zia, Visiting Assistant Professor, Wesleyan University, USA*

*Chulani Kodikara, Visiting Lecturer, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka*

*Irma Clots-Figueras, Professor of Economics, University of Kent, UK*

*Poonam Kakoti Borah, Assistant Professor, Gauhati University, India & Sensitivity Reader at CGAP*

*Proma Ray Chaudhury, PhD, Dublin City University, Ireland*

*Shandana Khan Mohmand, Research Fellow, Institute of Development Studies (IDS), UK & Associate Fellow, Institute of Development and Economic Alternatives (IDEAS) Pakistan*

*Shradha Chatterjee, PhD Candidate, Gender, Feminist & Women's Studies, York University, Canada*

*Moderated by Sakshi Hallan, Technical Advisory Unit, CGAP. Contributions from Sugandha Parmar, Akhil Neelam and Ishita Gupta.*

CGAP organised its first roundtable on 19th June 2022 on Gender And Electoral Politics Research in South Asia. This was our first step towards creating a platform for early career researchers and tenured researchers to bring their expertise together to work towards research on gender diversity, inclusion and the participation of all genders in politics in and across South Asia.

With Academics and researchers across fields bringing forth their field and research experience in gender and politics, the roundtable discussed challenges in researching across different approaches, navigating through these challenges and the future scope for researchers.

For the benefit of early career researchers, the proceedings were published. The proceedings capture key insights from the roundtable and reflections of discussants with respect to their individual experiences, challenges in research and the future scope.

# Research Articles - Women for Politics



**Our Aim**  
Provide a platform to share knowledge in the field of gender and politics with an open access

From the challenges and opportunities presented to the representation of women politicians in Maldives, the intersectionality in women's political leadership in Bangladesh, to understanding the political representation of women in India's 75 years of independence, under Women for Politics, we delved deep into the themes for our 3 research articles.

Our research articles give precedence to academic rigour and gender sensitivity for publication, with strict guidelines and double-checking by our editorial team.

# Onwards and Upwards



In 2023, we aim to keep strengthening our capacities by expanding the Technical Advisory Unit (TAU) and onboarding mentors to guide organisational development.

We will be joined by a full-time Program Manager, our new and founding hire to scale our organisation and collaborations to new heights.

## Our Commitment

Bridging the research gap on gender and politics in South Asia, and making this research accessible.

2023 is an exciting year for CGAP as our book, "Worth Asking: Conversations with Political Leaders about Women's Careers and Men's Allyship in Indian Politics", edited by Sugandha and Akhil, is being published.

2023 would also include planning our way into creating and executing the CGAP Journal.

We would be thrilled if you could join us by volunteering your time, contributing to our projects, collaborating with us and, donating to our organisation, helping us meet necessary organisational expenses, aiding in our growth.



# Support Us



At CGAP, we are actively exploring ways to raise monetary resources in the form of donations to sustain and scale our work. We acquired relevant income tax approvals to receive donations that are exempted from tax under Indian law. Indian citizens can now donate and support our work and claim tax exemption on their charity.

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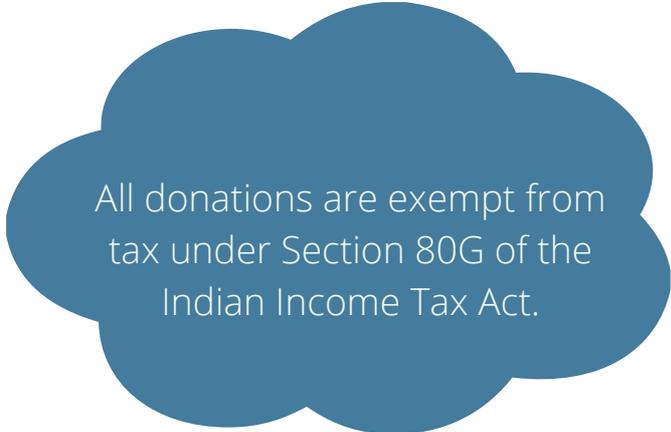
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