

BUILDING A MOVEMENT WITHIN THE MOVEMENT



WLB marks ten years of gender activism

December 2009

WLB's Values

- Mutual respect and non-discrimination
- Opposing all forms of violence against women and protecting women from violence (believing in & respecting women's human rights)
- Upholding the principles of democracy and equality
- Responsibility, accountability and transparency
- Upholding gender equality.
- Peaceful co-existence

Message from WLB



It has been ten years since we began our partnership to work for gender equality. This booklet highlights some of our key achievements along our path of learning and working together. The path has been rough, and our learning curve steep, but the experience has been tremendously rewarding and fulfilling. Seeing how far we have come since the beginning strengthens our commitment to continue towards our goal.

Of course, one of the main structural obstacles to achieving gender equality in Burma, the system of military dictatorship, remains in place. However, we believe that our achievements are broadening and strengthening the movement for political reform. Only with women's equal participation in the movement, can it be inclusive and broad-based, and thus able to achieve our common goal of a peaceful and just society.

We wish to thank all our friends and supporters who have been at our side over the last ten years. Without their efforts, we would not have accomplished so much in such a short time.

We reaffirm our commitment to continue working to oppose any injustice, inequality and exploitation. We firmly believe that our collective efforts will enable us to realize our goal.

WLB

December 2009

FORUM OF WOMEN FROM BURMA

CHIANG MAI

NOVEMBER 25-29, 1998



Women of Burma's movement

Before 1988, there were only four ethnic women's organizations from Burma, namely The Karen Women's Organization (KWO), the Kachin Women's Association (KWA), the Karenni National Women's Organization (KNWO) and the Tavoyan Women's Union (TWU). KWO was founded first in 1949.

Between 1988 to 1999

Women in exile were organizing themselves to form into small groups of their own to respond to needs of health and education and social issues such as trafficking and violence against women. More women's organizations were founded.

November 1998

The First Burmese Women's Forum: Already-existing women's groups from areas of Burma bordering with Bangladesh, India and Thailand met for the first time. It was an important landmark in the process leading to the formation of the WLB.

September 1999

A special meeting of women's organizations, which was also a preparatory meeting for the Second Women's Organizations of Burma Conference. Women from various organizations signed an agreement to form an umbrella organization.

2nd FORUM OF WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS FROM BURMA



Dec 1999: Milestone in the history of Burma

The Second Women's Forum was held. December 9th 1999 was the historic day on which the Women's League of Burma (WLB), the first umbrella organization for women's groups from Burma of different ethnic and political backgrounds, was founded

As an umbrella organization, women are able gain a stronger voice. The role of WLB is to be a platform for women of Burma to push for political change in Burma and work for gender equality in society. Meanwhile the role of the women of Burma can be enhanced locally, nationally and internationally.

By working together, and encouraging each other, the Women's League of Burma hopes to build trust, solidarity and mutual understanding among women of all nationalities in Burma.



Founding members

- All Burma Democratic Lushai Women's Organization (ABDLWO)
- Burmese Women's Union (BWU)
- Chin Women's Organization (CWO)
- Kachin Women's Association Thailand (KWAT)
- Karen Women's Organization (KWO)
- Karenni Women's Organization (KNWO)
- Lahu Women's Organization (LWO)
- Pa-O Women's Union (PWU)
- Rakhaing Women's Union (RWU)
- Shan Women's Action Network (SWAN)
- Tavoyan Women's Union (TWU)
- Women's Rights and Welfare Association of Burma (WRWAB)



WLB values development of trust, friendship, cooperation, solidarity, participation. These values are fostered not only amongst each other, but equally importantly, with all individuals and organizations with whom they interact.

WLB respects that each member organization has its own history, culture, political circumstances, objectives and challenges.

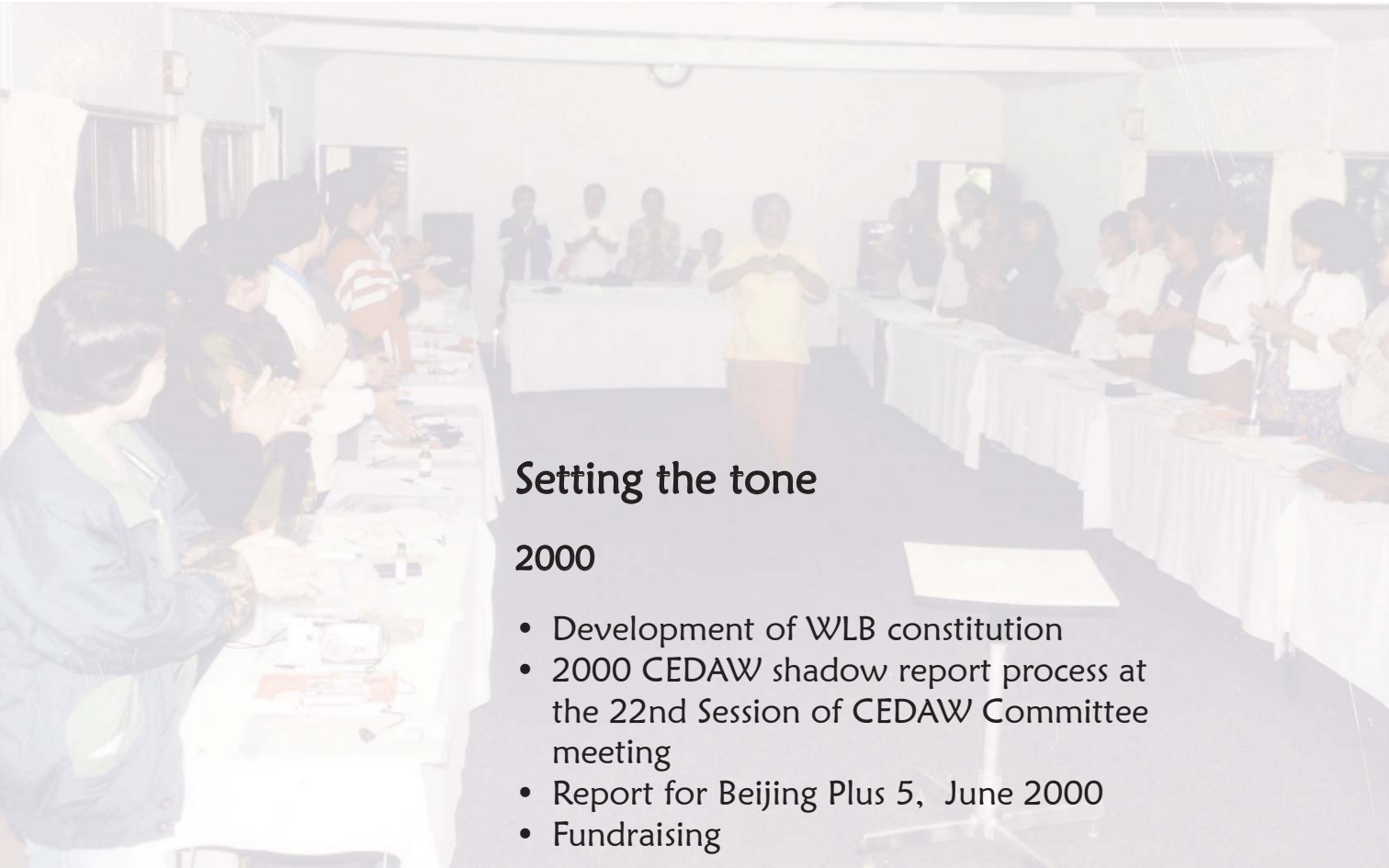
WLB's strong vision for the future of Burma and her peoples:

A society with equality and elimination of all forms of discrimination.

WLB therefore aims to

- Work for the empowerment and advancement of the status of women
- Work for the increased participation of women in all spheres of society, including in politics at the local, national and international levels
- Build mutual understanding among all nationals and participate in the national reconciliation processes at all levels





Setting the tone

2000

- Development of WLB constitution
- 2000 CEDAW shadow report process at the 22nd Session of CEDAW Committee meeting
- Report for Beijing Plus 5, June 2000
- Fundraising

Formalizing women's network

January 2001: The First Congress

- Twenty-eight representatives from 10 member organizations attended the Congress.
- Approved the constitution
- The presidium board made up of one representative from each member organization was formed.
- Secretaries were elected (Pictures)
- Laid down platform for actions
- Prioritized areas for 2001-2002
 - Capacity building
 - International advocacy
 - Peace and reconciliation
 - Refugee affairs.



1st Congress of
the Women's League of Burma
January 22-26-2001







February 2001: The WLB Secretariat office was opened in Chiang Mai

Till – Nov 2002

- Programs designed¹
- Capacity building
- Mobilizing & networking locally and internationally

Establishing strong coalition/alliances among women's groups & pushing women's agenda²

December 2002: The Second Congress

- Attended by 32 women.
- WLB declared itself as a political organization
- Prioritized areas for 2001-2002
 - Peace building towards national reconciliation,
 - Promotion of gender equality
 - Increased participation of women in political leadership.



December 2004: The Third Congress

- Attended by 34 women.
- Adopted the principle of establishing a democratic federal system in Burma in the future, and the WLB's Constitution Study Team was established to ensure the integration of gender perspectives in the drafting of a federal constitution.
- Prioritized areas for 2004-2006
 - Advocacy
 - Capacity Building
 - Peace Building
 - Women Against Violence



January 2007: The Fourth Congress

- Attended by 45 women.
- Reaffirmed WLB's core values of mutual respect, opposition to all forms of violence, gender equality and peaceful coexistence.
- Prioritized areas for 2007-2008
 - Promoting increased women's participation in decision-making processes at every level.
 - Raising awareness of the concept of gender equality in local communities.



WLB 5th Congress

15-17 January, 2009



January 2009: The Fifth Congress

- Attended by 55 women.
- Three main programs of WLB were consolidated: Peace & Reconciliation, Women Against Violence, and Political Empowerment Program
- Prioritized activities: opposing the SPDC's 2008 Constitution

Current members

- Burmese Women's Union (BWU)
- Kachin Women's Association Thailand (KWAT)
- Karen Women's Organization (KWO)
- Karenni National Women's Organization (KNWO)
- Kuki Women's Human Right Organization (KWHRO)
- Lahu Women's Organization (LWO)
- Palaung Women's Organization (PWO)
- Pa-O Women's Union (PWU)
- Rakhaing Women's Union (RWU)
- Shan Women's Action Network (SWAN)
- Tavoyan Women's Union (TWU)
- Women's League of Chinland (WLC)
- Women's Rights and Welfare Association of Burma (WRWAB)

Building a movement within a movement

The role of the WLB Secretariat is key in consolidating our formal women's alliance network and pushing our women's agenda.

Our Secretaries





Secretaries of the Second Congress Term



Secretaries of the Third Congress Term



Secretaries of the Fourth Congress Term

WLB 5th Congress

15-17 January, 2009



Women's League of



WLB strategies

- Capacity Building
- Advocacy

Activities for Capacity Building

- Internship program (at Secretariat and at mother organization through sub-grant project)
- Conducting skills and knowledge trainings, workshops, seminars for women
- Sending women to workshops, trainings, seminars, conferences and internships through networks (local, regional and global)
- Learning and working at the same time on WLB projects/programs/campaigns with fixed time-frame
- Organizational development process (with strategic planning workshops)

Advocacy

WLB advocates on behalf of its member organisations representing women and their families in diverse situations, whether inside Burma, displaced to refugee camps or living as undocumented migrant workers in neighbouring countries. WLB is uniquely positioned to advocate for women and change in Burma because it represents a nexus where grassroots, regional, and international processes meet and connections are made.

The advocacy strategies designed and implemented by the WLB therefore incorporate working at these multiple levels to simultaneously bring the messages of our member organisations to international attention while garnering education, experience, connective relationships and resources to bring back to their related communities.

General activities

- Lobbying for political change in Burma through broad based social movements inside Burma and through garnering support at the international level.
- Calling for gender sensitivity in all social processes that will lead to equality for all through a future federated Burma.
- Advocating for increased women's political participation at all levels of decision making, the provision of welfare services where possible to war and poverty displaced communities, and the education of women at the grassroots level.



At community level

- Gender education, training and empowerment amongst ourselves and within our communities displaced from Burma and inside Burma
- Raising gender issues through programs along borders and inside Burma
- Community–mobilising activities and events along all Burma’s borders

At international level

- Lobbying governments
- Networking and advocating to get the Burma issue included at regional and international forums and UN conferences (UNCHR, UNHR Council, WCAR)
- Active participation at UN processes on the advancement of women and girls.

Since WLB was founded, WLB has been regularly attending the annual UNCHR (and now UNHRC) and UN CSW (Commission on the Status of Women). From 2006, WLB has been participating in the UNSC Resolution 1325 lobby week, and UNGA lobby trip

- Beyond Beijing Process (Process after the Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing, China in 1995)
- CEDAW shadow reporting process

• Active participation at international women’s forums

- Asia Pacific Women’s Watch’s Asia Pacific NGO Forums for Beijing Process
- Asia Pacific Women’s Networks’ Conferences including Asia Pacific NGO Consultations with UN Special Rapporteurs on thematic issues
- The AWID³ International Conference (every 3 years)



(A PUBLIC HEARING)



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AWID International Forum
Women's Rights and Development
How does
change happen?
October 27-30, 2005
Bangkok, Thailand



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IN THE
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Women activists move movements.
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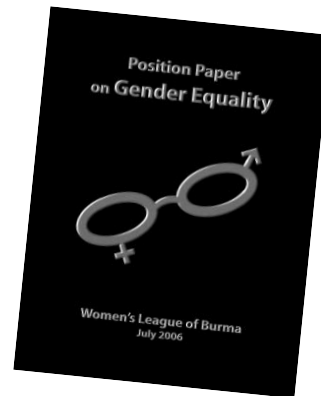
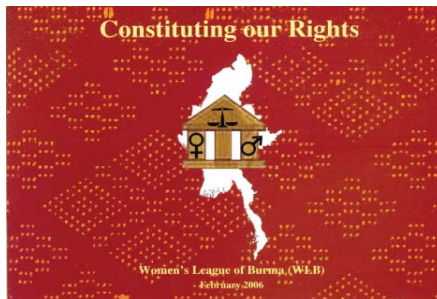
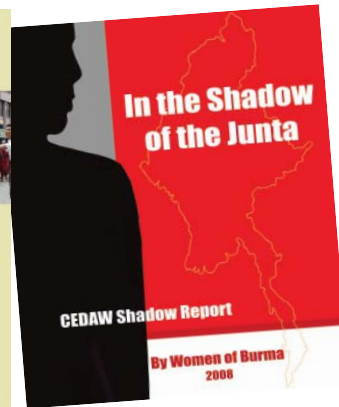
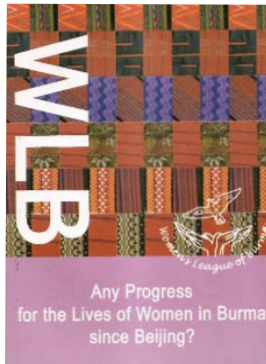
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Using action-oriented research, publications & media productions



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MEN Can STOP
Violence against Women

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Ya' Mi? Ma Hta, Nya' Te Beh' Te Ve Ma' Ga Te Tu,
Haw' Hka' Hui Ga Ga Taw, Ba, La' Hpho, Ye Yo.

STOP
STATE VIOLENCE
AGAINST
WOMEN

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Let us work together to end violence against women

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www.womenofburma.org

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Release all human rights advocates in Burma NOW!



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You are unlawfully detaining Daw Aung San Suu Kyi & other human rights advocates in Burma.

Release all our leaders & colleagues NOW!

Ending Impunity

Women of Burma call for UNSC action on use of Rape as a Weapon of War and Crimes against Humanity in Burma

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June 2009

Using IT: Website & releasing action-oriented statements & press releases



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Women's League of Burma

Women's League of Burma (WLB) is an umbrella organization comprising 12 already-existing women's organizations of different ethnic backgrounds from Burma

HOME	<h2>WLB UPDATE</h2> <p>25 Nov 2009: WLB Press Release: Commit , Act, Demand – we can end violence against women!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Herstory of International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women (Burmese)• Let's Wear White Ribbon (Burmese) <hr/> <h3>The WLB Calls for Criminal Accountability</h3> <p>The Burmese government is committing war crimes and crimes against humanity - and getting away with it. Reasons for an ICC Referral.</p> <p>See here for the WLB Concept Paper calling for the referral of the situation in Burma to the International Criminal Court.</p> <hr/> <p>7 August 2009: It's Time for the United Nations to Take Strong Action on Burma: Women's Groups around the World Call on the UNSC to Prosecute Senior General Than Shwe at International Criminal Court</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Burmese - English  <hr/> <p>Letter to IIN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon and Members of the IIN Security Council</p>
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Working with the media



- Women of Burma on youtube
- WLB on a Campaign
- Women's League of Burma honoured Madeleine K. Albright Grant
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Press release on the Ethnic League
16 January 2007

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WOMEN GROUPS AROUND THE WORLD CALL ON THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL TO PROTECT THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF WOMEN AT THE INTER-NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IN BURMA

Letter to UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon and Members of the UN Security Council
7 August 2009

The international community has a firm obligation to take concrete measures in order to ensure that women's human rights violations cease and that the military regime in Burma, specifically the military's widespread and systematic use of sexual violence. We require you to establish a United Nations Security Council Commission of Inquiry to investigate the use of force and impunity in Burma. The military regime has demonstrated time and time again that it will not voluntarily accept a formal judicial process only to avoid the truth. Accountability for national reconciliation remains essential, as long as the military regime continues to deny its responsibility for the past.

We stand with the women of Burma who continuously act with courage in the face of this long history of oppression. At all times the military regime seeks to obstruct any attempt to bring about a just and lasting settlement. We urge you to take immediate steps to ensure that the military regime is held accountable for its actions. We urge you to take immediate steps to ensure that the military regime is held accountable for its actions.

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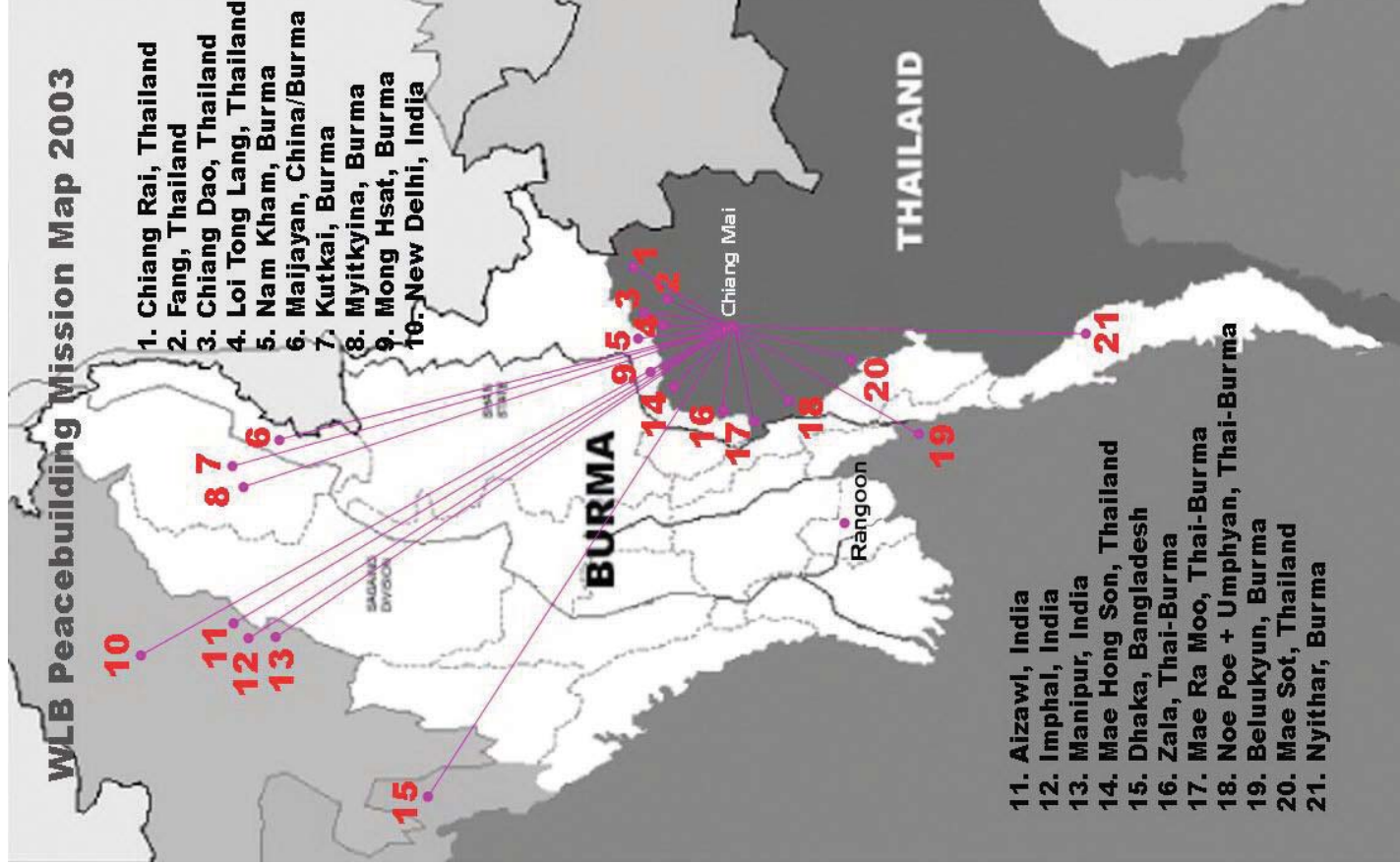
WLB programmes are based on the principle of working together to enhance cooperation, mutual understanding and trust among the women of Burma, and across ethnic divisions to promote genuine national reconciliation.

- Peace and Reconciliation
- Women Against Violence
- Political Empowerment

(Further information can be viewed at www.womenofburma.org)



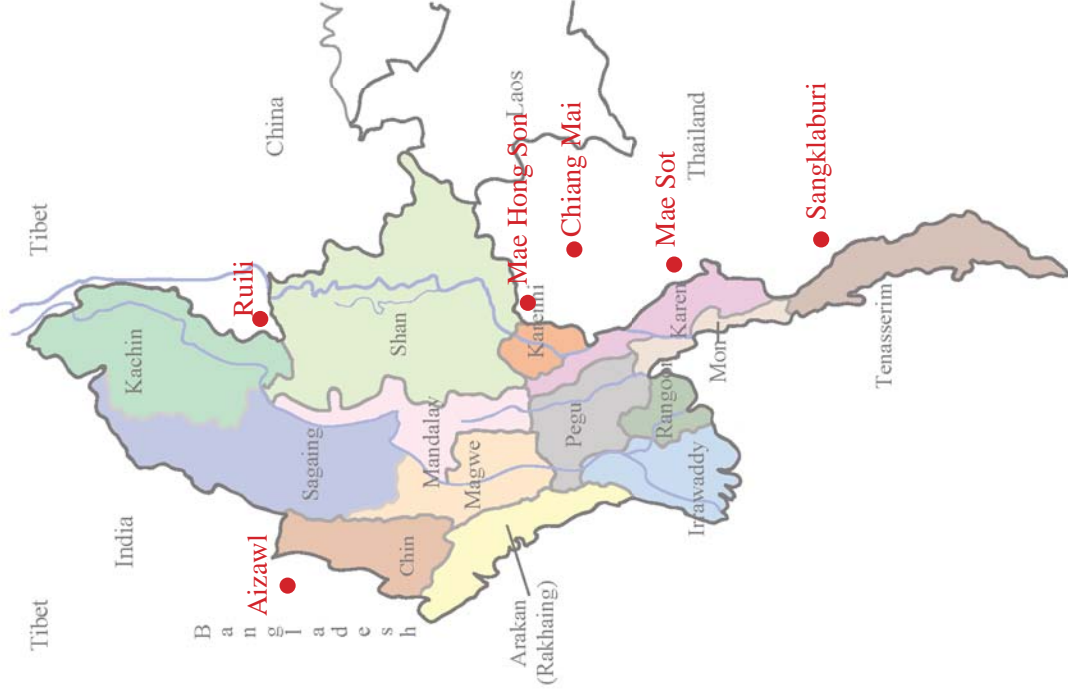
WLB Peacebuilding Mission Map 2003



1. Chiang Rai, Thailand
2. Fang, Thailand
3. Chiang Dao, Thailand
4. Loi Tong Lang, Thailand
5. Nam Kham, Burma
6. Maijayan, China/Burma
7. Kutkai, Burma
8. Myitkyina, Burma
9. Mong Hsat, Burma
10. New Delhi, India

11. Aizawl, India
12. Imphal, India
13. Manipur, India
14. Mae Hong Son, Thailand
15. Dhaka, Bangladesh
16. Zala, Thai-Burma
17. Mae Ra Moo, Thai-Burma
18. Noe Poe + Umphyan, Thai-Burma
19. Beluukyun, Burma
20. Mae Sot, Thailand
21. Nyithar, Burma

MAP of project areas for Women Against Violence Programme



* WAV Working Team is also in Delhi, India.



Part II: Achievements of WLB in the past 10 years

I. Within WLB

Institution building & Capacity building

February 2001 March 2001	The WLB Secretariat office was opened in Chiang Mai WLB six-month intern program begins ⁴
2002	Set up Women as Peacebuilders team under Peace and Reconciliation Program
2003	Setting up WLB website through consultations
2005 2005	Established the Women Against Violence Program ⁵ Established Sub-grant Project for member organizations ⁶
Jan –April 2006	WLB external evaluation ⁷
May 2006	Established Political Empowerment Program
Jan 2007–Aug 2007	Drew up WLB Operational guidelines through Organizational Development process with series of workshops
June 2008 – to date	Emerging Women Leaders Course ⁸

II. Within Burma's male-dominated democracy movement

- Dec 2001 & Dec 2002 WLB representatives were included in constitution study tours and seminars in Germany and Belgium
- Feb 2002 WLB representatives were included in the MPU's Electoral System fact-finding mission in Sweden⁹
- Jan 2004 - May 2005 A process was carried out to draw up a WLB position paper on Gender Equality by the Constitution Study Team made up of 3 young women¹⁰
- 2006 - 2007 30% quota for women included in legislature of the FCDCC federal constitution
- 2007 - to date WLB has been increasingly recognised as a political organisation, not just a women's organization. WLB has been invited to "Strategic Coordinating Meetings" for the movement to make political decisions, and also requested to send representatives to join various political processes. WLB's voice and concerns have started to be acknowledged, for example in the democratic opposition's Road Map, and in broad-based alliance building.

ခုတိယကြိမ်မြောက်

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General Constitution Seminar
(FCDCC)





"THE INTERNATIONAL DAY
FOR THE ELIMINATION OF
VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN"
Women's League of Burma (WLB)
Dhaka, Bangladesh 25 2005

A Symbol of
International
Women's Day

STOP!
Violence
Against Women
In Rohingya State

STOP VIOLENCE
AGAINST WOMEN
IN ROHINGYA STATE

III. In the community (through mobilising activities)

From 2001 – date: Organizing trips by WLB¹¹

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| From 2001 | WLB has been organizing the following commemoration days in six areas in Bangladesh, India and Thailand on International Women’s Day on 8 March, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi’s Birthday on 19 June, and the 8888 anniversary on August 8th. |
| Jul – Aug 2001 | WLB organized WCAR signature campaign ¹² (collected more than 50,000 signatures from all Burma’s border areas) |
| 25 Nov 2001 & 2002 | Awareness campaign materials production on the occasion of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women |
| From 2004 | The Peace Builder team under Peace and Reconciliation Program has been organizing peace activities on the International Day of Peace in communities along all borders. ¹³ |
| From 2005 | The Women Against Violence Program has been organizing Stop VAW Day & 16 Days activism (25 Nov- 10 Dec) through its regional working teams in Bangladesh, China, India and Thailand |
| 8 August 2004 | Signature campaign to urge the leaders of the EU and ASEAN to reevaluate their “constructive engagement” policy towards the military regime in Burma. ¹⁴ |

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

နိုင်ငံတကာအမျိုးသမီးနေ့

8.3.06



Solidarity Conference

Voices from India for freedom of Aung San Suu Kyi

27th May 2009

New Delhi



A man can not
practice Non-violence
be a coward at the
same time"
Mahatma Gandhi

Peace =
Equality

er =
quality

Building Means:
Acting to
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Peace Building Means
Opposing
Discrimination

Peace Prevail in
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Peace
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Peace Build
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Peace =
Equality



INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE
SEPTEMBER 21, 2005
NEW DELHI
May peace prevail in Burma
May peace prevail on Earth
WLB Peacebuilders Team

Jun 2005 & 2006	Yellow Campaign for Daw Aung San Suu Kyi
Jun 2007	Postcard Campaign for Daw Aung San Suu Kyi
2007 - 2008	Women human rights defenders campaign ¹⁵
2008	Vote No Campaign against the SPDC Constitution referendum
2008	ICC campaign (Burma case referral to ICC)

IV. With the international community

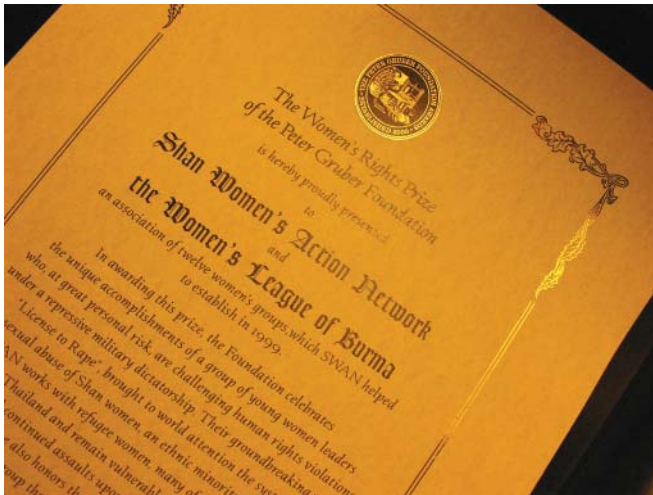
Oct 1999- Jan 2000	CEDAW shadow report process for the 22nd Session of the CEDAW in New York when Burma's country report was reviewed ¹⁶
Feb 2000- Jun 2000	WLB's Beijing Plus Five reporting process
Jan – 7 Sep 2001	WLB process on WCAR and parallel NGO forum in Durban, South Africa ¹⁷
Nov 2003 – Mar 2005	Beijing Plus Ten Process ¹⁸
Nov 2007	International campaign to free women human rights defenders in Burma ¹⁹
Sept 2007 – Aug 2009	2008 CEDAW shadow report process & follow up ²⁰

V. International recognition

2005 Peter Gruber's Women Rights Prize together with our member organization, Shan Women's Action Network (SWAN)²¹

2008 Jeane J. Kirkpatrick Award from International Republican Institute (IRI)²²

2008 Madeline K Albright Award from National Democratic Institute (NDI)²³







Overall Achievements

- Young women who have assumed leadership roles within the WLB have gained experience and have more confidence to speak out and actively participate in meetings/conferences/seminars.
- WLB's participation within the movement has become more visible as WLB is playing a key role in political decision-making processes
- WLB and its member organizations have developed closer connections through program activities (e.g. the Vote No campaign, and CEDAW shadow report process)
- Increased empowerment and capacity of young women from member organizations through the sub-grant project as well as the Emerging Women Leaders School project.
- Members of WLB member organizations have gained increased knowledge of relevant international resolutions and processes such as UNSCR 1325 and the ICC system through WLB training programs.
- WLB has been able to maintain its regional and international links with women's networks and gain support for different activities, as the WLB has established itself as a significant change agent in the women's movement.
- WLB has been able to extend its "inland" project with the aim of mobilizing communities prior to SPDC's upcoming 2010 election.

APPENDIX I: WLB Team for each term

1. The First Congress (2001 -2002 Term)

Presidium Board Members

Organization	Name
ABDLWO	Zothang Sangpuii
BWU	Mi Sue Pwint
CWO	Kyi Kyi
KWAT	Shirley Seng
KWO	Naw Zipporah Sein
LWO	Aye Aye Myint
PWU	Nang Aein
RWU	Saw Mra Raza Linn
SWAN	Hseng Nounng
TWU	Tin Tin Khaing
WRWAB	Daw Mya Mya Aye

Secretariat

General Secretary	Nang Yain	BWU
Joint General Secretary 1	Monica	KWAT
Joint General Secretary 2	Naw Myaing Phoe	KWO
Office Manager	Yin Mon Thu (Lynn Lynn)	BWU
Accountant	Kham Owng	SWAN
Office Assistant	Sam	

2. The Second Congress (2003 -2004 Term)

Presidium Board Members

Organization	Name
BWU	Khin Ohmar
KWAT	Shirley Seng
KWO	Naw Zipporah Sein
KWHRO	Chi Chin (became member in August 2003)
LWO	Aye Aye Myint
PWO	Lway Aye nang (became member in August 2003)
PWU	Nang Aein
RWU	Saw Mra Raza Linn
SWAN	Nang Lao Laing Won (Tay Tay)
TWU	Tin Tin Khaing
WRWAB	Daw Molly

Secretariat

General Secretary	Hseng NOUNG	SWAN
Joint General Secretary 1	Thin Thin Aung	WRWAB
Joint General Secretary 2	Linda	KWAT
Office Manager	Ying Harn Fah	SWAN
Treasurer	Monica	KWAT
Accountant	Kham Owng/ Saw Nwe Nwe Oo	SWAN/RWU
Office Assistant	Sam	
Information Documentation & Research Department	Yuwadee	SWAN

Beijing Plus Ten Process & IDR Department	Nang Lao Liang Won (Tay Tay)	SWAN
	Naw Paw Hset Hser	KWO
Programmes		
Peace & Reconciliation	Khin Ohmar	BWU
	Myint Myint San	BWU

3. The Third Congress (2005 -2006 Term)

Presidium Board Members

Organization	Name
BWU	Mi Suu Pwint
KWAT	Shirley Seng
KWO	Naw Khaing Mar Kyaw Zaw
KNWO	Naw Bwe Paw
KWHRO	Chi Chin
LWO	Aye Aye Myint
PWO	Lway Nway Noug
PWU	Nang Yin Twe
RWU	Saw Mra Raza Linn
SWAN	Hseng Noug
TWU	Tin Tin Khaing
WRWAB	Thin Thin Aung

Secretariat

General Secretary	Nang Yin	BWU
Joint General Secretary 1	Lway Aye Nang	PWO
Joint General Secretary 2	Naw Sandar Waie	KWO
Office Manager	Linda	KWAT
Assitant Office Manager	Muay Ngern	SWAN
Office Assistant	Sam	
Treasurer	Monica	KWAT
Accountant	Yee Yee Win	
Beijing Plus Ten Process & IDR	Nang Lao Liang Won (Tay Tay)	SWAN
	Paw Hset Hser	KWO
Sub-grant Project	Ja Seng Awng	KWAT
Programmes		
Peace & Reconciliation	Khin Ohmar	BWU
Women Against Violence	Nang Lao Liang Won (Tay Tay)	SWAN
	Naw Paw Hset Hser	KWO
	L. Dwelling	KWAT
Political Empowerment	Thin Thin Aung	WRWAB
	Ying Lao	SWAN

4. The Fourth Congress (2007 -2008 Term)

Presidium Board Members

Organization	Name
BWU	Tin Tin Nyo
KWAT	Mary Labang
KWO	Nan Dah Eh Kler
KNWO	Naw Bwe Paw
KWHRO	Neng Boi / Kim Boi
LWO	Na Helly
PWO	Lway Aye Nang
PWU	Nang Yin Twe
RWU	Saw San Nyrein Thu
SWAN	Hseng Noung
TWU	Thu Htike San
WRWAB	Nin Zi

Secretariat

General Secretary	Nang Yain	BWU
Joint General Secretary 1	Naw Paw Hset Hser	KWO
Joint General Secretary 2	L. Dwelling	KWAT
Office Manager	Linda	KWAT
Assitant Office Manager	Muay Ngern	SWAN
Office Assistant	Montree/Saw Eh	
Treasurer	Nuon Hseng	SWAN
Accountant	Yee Yee Win/Thazin Ni	TWU
Accountant	Roinu/Seng Shadan	KWAT
IDR Department	Nang Lao Liang Won (Tay Tay)	SWAN
	Ying Tzarm	SWAN
Sub-grant Project	Ja Seng Awng/ Nang Kham Thi Htun	KWAT/BWU
CEDAW Shadow Reporting Process	Naw Htoo Paw	KWO
	Thwel Zin Toe	BWU
Programmes		
Peace & Reconciliation	Na Law Bo	LWO
Women Against Violence	Nang Lao Liang Won (Tay Tay)	SWAN
	Kham Mai	SWAN
Political Empowerment	Thin Thin Aung	WRWAB
	Saw Kay Thwe Aung	RWU

5. The Fifth Congress (2009 -2010 Term)

Presidium Board Members

Organization	Name
BWU	Tin Tin Nyo
KWAT	Mary Labang (Shirley Seng)
KWO	Nan Dah Eh Kler
KNWO	Tho Myar Mi Nyo
KWHRO	Ngan Ngai
LWO	Na Vebon
PWO	Lway Moe Kham
PWU	Nang Phu Phu
RWU	Saw Mra Raza Lin
SWAN	Nang Lao Liang Won (Tay Tay)
TWU	Htay Htay Win
WRWAB	Thin Thin Aung

Secretariat

General Secretary	Lway Aye Nang	PWO
Joint General Secretary 1	Tin Tin Nwe	BWU
Joint General Secretary 2	Saw San Nyrein Thu	KWAT
Office Manager	Linda	KWAT
Assitant Office Manager	Nang Kaw Kham	SWAN
Office Assistant	Saw Eh	
Treasurer	Nuon Hseng	SWAN
Accountant	Thazin Ni	
Accountant	Seng Shadan	KWAT
IDR Department	Ying Tzarm	SWAN
Sub-grant Project	Nang Kham Thi Htun (until March)	BWU
Mock Trial Project	Naw Htoo Paw	KWO
Programmes		
Peace & Reconciliation	Na Law Bo	LWO
	Kham Yard	SWAN
Women Against Violence	Nang Kham Thi Htun	BWU
	Muay Ngern	SWAN
Political Empowerment		
	Saw Kay Thwe Aung	RWU

APPENDIX II: List of interns from 2001 – Dec 2009

Year	Organization	Name	Where they are
2001	Tavoy Women's Union	Ei Ei Chaw	
2001	Rakhaing Women's Union	Saw Khet Khet Wai	
2002	Kachin Women's Association Thailand	Seng Shadan	WLB Accountant
2003	Pa-O Women's Union	Nang Yin Twe	PWU Trainer
2003	Lahu Women's Organization	Na Dawsha	Trainer
2004	Palaung Women's Organization	Lway Hnin Moe	Staff at WLB –Branch Office
2004	Karen Women's Organization	Naw Daisy Min	KWO documentation
2005	Shan Women's Action Network	Mo Soi Leng	SWAN Office Manager
2005	Burmese Women's Union	Zin Mar Phyo	In charge of BWU's Dove Magazine
2006	Rakhaing Women's Union	Saw Mi Mi Than	RWU Office
2006	Kuki Women's Human Rights Organization	Kim Boi	KWHRO office
2006	Women's Rights Welfare Association of Burma	San Te	WRWAB library
2007	Tavoy Women's Union	Thazin Ni	WLB Accountant
2007	Karen Women's Organization	Naw Ceilia Paw	KWO documentation
2007	Kuki Women's Human Rights Organization	Ling Boi	KWHRO office
2008	Shan Women's Action Network	Ying Hom	SWAN's Empowerment Program Assistant

Year	Organization	Name	Where they are
2008	Lahu Women's Organization	Na Haw Ve	LWO Office
2008	Pa-O Women's Union	Nang Phu Phu	PWU Trainer
2008	Palaung Women's Organization	Lway De Dyat	PWO Office
2008	Rakhaing Women's Union	Saw Ah thein	RWU Office
2009	Palaung Women's Organization	Lway Poe Boe	PWO Office
2009	Kachin Women's Association Thailand	Lu Lu	KWAT documentation
	TOTAL	23	

Appendix III: Former interns' current work

Organization	Intern's name	What they are doing now
KWAT	Noh Noh	Accountant at KWAT
	Seng Zin	Office Manager at KWAT
	Ah Hkawn	KWAT Capacity building Program Staff
	Ah Pri	KWAT Documentation & Research Staff
	Bawn Ze	KWAT Capacity building Program Staff
	Noh Noh	Accountant at KWAT
KWO	Naw San San	Assistant & Office Manager of Mae La Camp
	Naw Juliet	Office Staff at KWO
	Naw Gay Nay Sae	Assistant to Special Education Coordinator at KWO
	Naw Shee Shee	Office Manager
	Naw Moo Hsar	Secretary of Mae La Oo Camp
KNWO	Naw Htoo Gay	General Office Staff
KWHRO	Kim Boi	Joint Secretary of KWHRO
	Ling Boi	Community Organizer & Accountant
LWO	Naw Dorah	Office Staff at LWO
PWO	Lway Poe Ngeal	PWO's Joint General Secretary 2
	Lway Poe Myiam	Joint Coordinator of Political Empowerment Program of PWO
	Lway Poe Taung	PWO's Joint - Office manager
	Lway Poe Heing	Internship Coordinator of PWO

Organization	Intern's name	What they are doing now
	Lway Poe Boe	Office Manager
	Lway Kee Chee	Treasurer/Documentation Department Staff of PWO
PWU	Zun Moe	Trainer for PWU
	San Myat	Attending Foreign Affairs Training
	Nang Phu Phu	Trainer/ conducting political Empowerment training at PWU
RWU	Ah Thein	Office Assistant
	Saw Sanda Khaing	Radio Free Asia's Rakhaing Program News Reader
	Saw Hla Prayit San	Head of RWU's Mae Sot Branch
	Saw Mar Mar Kyaw Zaw	Secretary of RWU
TWU	Hlwin Hlwin Hlaing	Internship Coordinator at TWU
	Htay Htay Win	Presidium Board Member of WLB
	Nu Nu Hlaing	Internship Assistant Coordinator at TWU
	Khin May	Income-generation Coordinator at TWU
WRWAB	San Te	Librarian
	Nin Zi	Former Presidium Board Member of WLB

End Note

1. 5 women, the representatives from KW/O, BWU (2), KWAT, and SWAN, were appointed by the Congress as the Program design team.
2. WLB team for each term can be seen in Appendix 1.
3. The Association for Women's Rights in Development (www.awid.org)
4. Since the program began, WLB Secretariat has trained 23 women from member organizations. Details can be viewed at Appendix 2.
5. The WLB's Third Congress decided to have a separate program to address VAW issues from the local to global level(Details can be viewed at www.womenofburma.org)
6. 10 member organizations except BWU & SWAN have been supported. Most organizations run their internship program with this support since 2005. 34 women completed the program are now working force of WLB & member organizations for h (Details can be seen in Appendix 3)
7. The evaluation identified the achievements and weaknesses of the WLB and gave recommendations for a more effective strategic planning process for the future
8. A 6 month course commenced in 2008 and 14 young women completed the course. 16 young women are currently in a further training, which started November 2009
9. 5 women went to Sweden with MPU for the mission and also attended "Seminar on Parliamentary Democracy and Management of Parliament"
10. Conducted at least 30 consultation meetings among communities along Burma's borders
11. WLB organizing trips aim at updating community/political leaders about WLB activities and lobbying them
12. WLB collected 51,487 signatures from various communities to get support for the WLB's "Country Specific Situation and Recommendation on Burma" to the WCAR (Government Forum). On September 7, the WLB representatives submitted all the 51,487 signatures to the UNHR Commissioner, Mary Robinson's office in Durban, South Africa.

13. Details at www.womenofburma.org
14. More than 42,000 people from Asia and Europe signed the WLB's petition
15. E.g. Release of Nilar Thein and other political prisoners campaign
16. 5 women from Burma attended & lobbied the Committee
17. Details at www.womenofburma.org
18. Details at www.womenofburma.org
19. Released a report "Courage to Resist" to use as advocacy tool (www.womenofburma.org)
20. Nine women attended the session and lobbied the Committee (See Reflections on CEDAW 2008)
21. http://www.gruberprizes.org/GruberPrizes/WomensRights_LaureateOverview.php?id=23&awardid=17
22. <http://www.iri.org/newsreleases/Program%20for%20Jeane%20J.%20Kirkpatrick%20%283.6.08%29.pdf>
23. <http://www.ndi.org/node/15140>

Acronyms

FCDDC	Federal Constitution Drafting Committee
ICC	International Criminal Court
MPU	Member of Parliament Union
SPDC	State Peace and Development Council
UNCHR	United Nations Commission on Human Rights
UNHRC	United Nations Human Rights Council
UNSCR	United Nations Security Council Resolution
WCAR	World Conference Against Racism



Women's League of Burma

The Women's League of Burma (WLB) is an umbrella organisation comprising 12 women's organisations of different ethnic backgrounds from Burma. WLB was founded on 9th December, 1999. Its mission is to work for women's empowerment and advancement of the status of women, and to work for the increased participation of women in all spheres of society in the democracy movement, and in peace and national reconciliation processes through capacity building, advocacy, research and documentation.

Aims

- To work for the empowerment and advancement of the status of women
- To work for the rights of women and gender equality
- To work for the Elimination of all forms of discrimination and violence against women
- To work for the increased participation of women in every level of decision making in all spheres of society
- To participate effectively in the movement for peace, democracy and national reconciliation

WLB's Member Organizations



Burmese Women's Union (BWU)



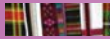
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Karen Women's Organization (KWO)



Karenni National Women's Organization (KNWO)



Kuki Women's Human Right Organization (KWHRO)



Lahu Women's Organization (LWO)



Palaung Women's Organization (PWO)



Pa-O Women's Union (PWU)



Rakhaing Women's Union (RWU)



Shan Women's Action Network (SWAN)



Tavoyan Women's Union (TWU)



Women's League of Chinland (WLC)



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