

## About the Women's Collective Forum (WCF)

The Women's Collective Forum (WCF) is a Private Limited, non-government company committed to advancing **gender equality, equity**, and addressing critical challenges in **public health, education**, and **economic empowerment**. At its core, WCF is dedicated to fostering inclusive development through innovative, scalable solutions that empower marginalized communities and address systemic inequities.

WCF's work is anchored by the strategic vision of its **eminent advisory board**, comprising luminaries such as **Ms. Smriti Zubin Irani, Mr. Vikram Sood, Ms. Anita Bhatia, Professor Yaniv Konchitchki**, and **Ms. Tessy Thomas**. Their unparalleled expertise and leadership ensure that every initiative undertaken by WCF is purposefully aligned with its mission to create transformative impact. Complementing this guidance is a team of **seasoned professionals** with expertise in **policy, and project management**. Together, they ensure that WCF's programs effectively connect policy innovation with impactful grassroots implementation.

Collaboration lies at the core of WCF's work. By engaging with government bodies, leading academic institutions, civil society organizations, and global thought leaders, WCF seamlessly connects innovation with impact. From shaping policies to delivering scalable interventions, the Forum is a trusted partner in addressing systemic challenges with actionable solutions.

## Key Initiatives of WCF

One of the cornerstone programs of the Women's Collective Forum (WCF) is the **Advancing Health Outcomes in India: Comprehensive Dialogues Initiative**. Supported by the **Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation**, this initiative tackles some of the most critical public health challenges in India. With the endorsement of the **Ministry of Health and Family Welfare** and the **Indian Council for Medical Research**, it aligns seamlessly with national and state-level (Uttar Pradesh and Bihar) health priorities and exemplifies a solutions-oriented approach to public health.

The initiative is powered by partnerships with premier institutions, including the **National Institute for Research in Tuberculosis, IIM Bodhgaya**, and the **National Disease Modelling Consortium at IIT Bombay**, alongside 15 other esteemed organizations and global collaborators such as **The Union**. This program transcends being a mere response to health challenges; it serves as a strategic

blueprint for advancing equity in healthcare delivery and improving health outcomes across diverse communities.

Equally pivotal is WCF's work on **women's safety and empowerment**. In collaboration with **National Law University (NLU), Delhi**, WCF is conducting a **comprehensive study on women's safety** across four locations: **NLU Odisha, NLU Assam, RRU Gandhinagar, and NLU Delhi**. While the report is being finalized, it has already begun to inform national conversations and policy frameworks, laying the foundation for impactful interventions to address systemic barriers.

WCF's focus on empowerment extends to economic inclusion, underscored by its **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Loomba Foundation**. This initiative is skilling 100,000 widows, equipping them with sustainable livelihood opportunities and creating pathways for self-reliance. It reflects WCF's broader vision of enabling vulnerable women to achieve economic independence and dignity.

### **Driving Global Impact**

In its commitment to addressing **maternal health disparities**, WCF has deployed **postpartum hemorrhage (PPH) drapes** across critical states such as **Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, and Chhattisgarh**, and extended these life-saving interventions to **regions in Africa**. These cost-effective measures address one of the leading causes of maternal mortality, bridging healthcare gaps across the **Global South** and ensuring that interventions transcend borders to serve vulnerable populations. Supported by local healthcare providers and global partners, these efforts are setting benchmarks for scalable, equitable healthcare solutions.

WCF's global vision is exemplified by its active participation in the **Global Gender Alliance** at the **World Economic Forum (WEF)**. As a contributor to this prestigious platform, WCF is amplifying the voices of the **Global South**, ensuring that the unique challenges and opportunities of these regions remain central to global conversations.

By addressing issues such as gender equity, economic inclusion, and systemic change, WCF is shaping international policies while showcasing the Global South as a key player in driving equitable and inclusive development. Its engagement at the WEF highlights WCF's leadership in shaping conversations that connect local realities with global frameworks.

## **Innovating Through Culture and Collaboration**

Recognizing the power of arts and culture to inspire change, WCF launched the “**Violins(ence) for Women**” initiative in collaboration with **Akashvani**. This program uses music as a medium to amplify messages of gender equality and spark meaningful dialogue on a national scale. Through such creative collaborations, WCF demonstrates its commitment to advancing societal change by engaging diverse audiences.

## **Building Grassroots Networks**

WCF's initiatives are amplified by a robust network of over **250 civil society organizations (CSOs)** and partnerships with the **Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT)**, which provides access to a vast network of **80 million small traders**. These partnerships enable WCF to drive impactful, community-rooted solutions, ensuring its programs are both scalable and inclusive.

## **A Commitment to Transformative Change**

The Women's Collective Forum is not just an organization—it is a movement for equity, inclusion, and systemic transformation. Every initiative, whether focused on public health, education, or empowerment, reflects WCF's unwavering dedication to creating pathways for a more equitable and inclusive future. By integrating **global expertise**, **academic rigor**, and **grassroots collaboration**, WCF continues to deliver innovative solutions that empower individuals, strengthen communities, and redefine possibilities.