

15 Oct. 2025

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF RURAL WOMEN

30 years of awarding
500 outstanding Rural Women
& Women's Groups for their
creativity, commitment & compassion
in developing their communities
& families, providing for their basic
needs & well-being.



Rural Women Rise & participate in advancing the
realization of the UN Sustainable Development
Goals Agenda 2030, with a Seat at the Table.



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Honoring SEWA Association
(India - www.sewa.org) grassroots
members for their creativity in
producing and promoting solar
lanterns for rural communities to
provide basic energy needs (lighting)
of rural homes.

WWSF Annual empowerment poster with our message overleaf.



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JOURNÉE INTERNATIONALE DES FEMMES RURALES



Día internacional de la mujer rural
 Internationaler Tag der Landfrauen
 اليوم العالمي للمرأة الريفية
 世界农村妇女日

Theme: Rural Women Rise & Claim their Right to sustainable
development with a seat at the decision-making Table.



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African farmer women by Rafal Cichawski



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2022 Theme: Rural Women Rise and Claim your basic
Right to sustainable development - SDG Agenda 2030



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2021 Theme: Rural Women Rise and Claim your basic
Right to sustainable development - SDG Agenda 2030



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2020 Theme: Celebrating all award winners receiving the
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2019

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2019 Theme: Celebrating all award winners receiving the
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2018 Theme: Claim your right to hold leaders accountable



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Celebrating 10 Prizewinners receiving the
WWSF Prize for women's creativity in rural life
2017 & First Rural Women Movements Award

432 Laureates awarded to-date (1994 - 2017)

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422
Laureates
awarded to-date
(1994-2016)

Celebrating 9 Prizewinners receiving the
**WWSF PRIZE FOR WOMEN'S
CREATIVITY IN RURAL LIFE 2016**



Caroline Owashaba
Uganda



Eva Darare Gonche
Kenya



Anne Pelagie Yotchou Tzudjom
Cameroon



Chinta Bai TREGAM
India



Kesi Bai
India



Tulsi Gyawali
Nepal



Nirmala Devi Tharu Chaudhary
Nepal



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2015

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Celebrating 10 Prizewinners receiving the
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2015 - Giving credit where it's due !

413 Laureates awarded to-date

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15 Oct. 2014

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Theme: Celebrating 20th Anniversary of the
WWSF Prize for women's creativity in rural life
(1994 - 2014)

**403 Laureates awarded to-date create
the power for change !**



2014 Theme: Celebrating 20th anniversary WWSF Prize
for women's creativity in rural life (1994 - 2014)



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2013 Theme: Claim your Right to Dignity & Education



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