POLITICS FOR WOMEN MYANMAR

4 Years Journey

2022 - 2026

We, Women, From the Margins to Political Representation

PFWM at a glance

What we achieved together, November 2022 – October 2026

878
people trained

679
of them women

19
training batches

200+
organizations reached

183
PFWM members

800+
alumni

16
journal issues

6
special-series books

9
awareness handbooks

4 + 1
discussion papers + policy paper

2
Women in Politics Forums

5
WPS thematic workshops

“Politics is not something done to women. It is something women do.”

Who we are

Born from the Spring Revolution — for women, by women

Founded on 11 November 2022, PFWM is a feminist organization deeply embedded in the resistance movement. We believe Myanmar’s democratic future hinges on women’s meaningful participation in political decision-making process and that gender justice cannot be separated from justice across ethnicity, class and every other dimension of power.

Our vision

A Myanmar where women’s perspectives, needs and rights are integral to all levels of governance where Indigenous and minority women are heard, and young women see themselves as leaders.

Our mission

To build sustainable peace through a just, equitable and inclusive society by empowering women, especially Indigenous and ethnic minority women, to lead in political processes at all levels.

Our Values

01
Gender Justice

We challenge patriarchal systems and the structural inequalities that limit women's political participation.

02
Inclusivity

We centre all women, especially those excluded on many fronts: ethnicity, class, age, disability, sexuality, location.

03
Democratic Values

Participation, transparency, accountability and power-sharing — in our work and in Myanmar's future.

04
Transitional Justice

Accountability, truth-telling and reparations that centre those most harmed by conflict and dictatorship.

05
Integrity & Ethical Leadership

We act with honesty, accountability and moral clarity in all our actions and relationships.

The problem we face

Women carried the Spring Revolution. Yet decisions about Myanmar's future are still being made without us.

01 Limited political knowledge

Few chances to learn political systems, advocacy and policy work.

02 Structural barriers

Women held in support roles, outside informal decision networks.

03 Cultural & social norms

Stigma, harassment and pressure to put family first.

04 Limited visibility

Under-represented in media and public debate; few role models.

05 Insufficient evidence

Gender-blind analysis dominates; little research on ethnic women.

06 Weak networks

Fragmentation by geography, ethnicity and ideology.

07 Severe resource constraints

Women-led groups forced to focus on survival, not strategy.

08 Security threats

Arrest, torture, sexual violence and online harassment.

"Representation is not given to women. It is built by women, together."

What we do: Four Pillars

Together they move women from political learning to political voice, evidence, solidarity and representation.

1

Empower women leaders

Feminist Indigenous Intersectionality Leadership Program

Introduction to Politics, Community Leadership & skills trainings, WPS workshops and the Indigenous Intersectionality Fellowship.

2

Amplify women's voices

Women's Voice – Women's Might Media Program

Journal, special-series books, papers, handbooks, talk shows and the Intergenerational Feminist Dialogue.

3

Create evidence

Feminist Research Program

Feminist research, policy papers and ongoing political analysis on gender and politics.

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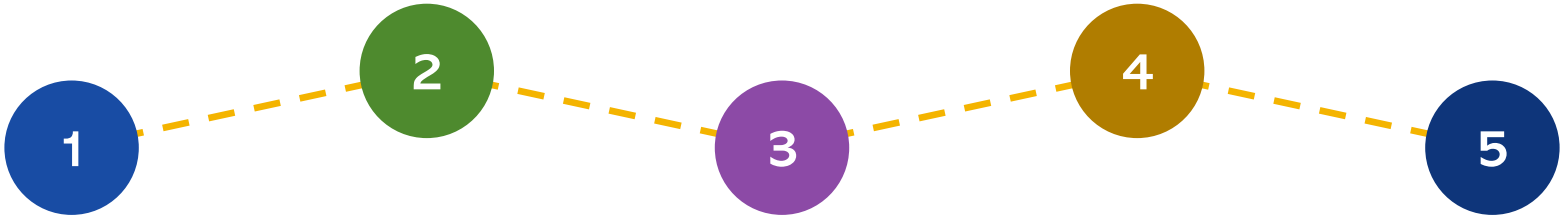
Connect & consolidate

Solidarity Platform Program

Women in Politics Forums, the Feminist Exchange Forum, advocacy and networking.

Every step opens the next door

Our programme pipeline — how a woman moves from her first class to political representation



1 Intro to Politics

The front door: 7 batches, 553 registrations

2 Skills & WPS

Community leadership, transitional justice, media, WPS

3 Fellowship

Indigenous Intersectionality Fellowship: 21 fellows, 15 ethnic women

4 Political voice

Writers, speakers and panelists in journals, dialogues, forums

5 Representation

Women leading in a federal democratic Myanmar

PILLAR 1

Indigenous Intersectional Feminist Program

878
people trained

265
WPS registrations

21
first IIF fellows

Political knowledge, skills, confidence and networks — especially for Indigenous and ethnic minority women.

What we delivered

- **Introduction to Politics:** 7 batches, 553 registrations — our front door
- **Skill-building:** Transitional Justice, System Thinking, Media, Community Leadership
- **WPS:** five batches (265 registrations), five thematic workshops, "What is WPS?" handbook
- **Fellowship:** first Indigenous Intersectionality cohort, October 2026

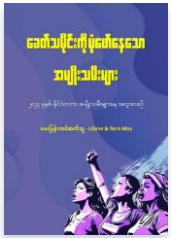
82%
of System Thinking were alumni

79%
of Media Training were alumni

Graduates plan to teach politics to youth, continue non-violent resistance and serve in local transition processes

Women's Voice – Women's Might Media Program

Pillar 2 · Sixteen issues in under three years — click any cover to read it



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Women Shaping the Era



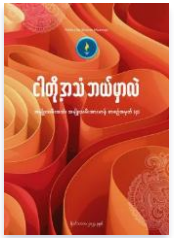
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The Dark Half



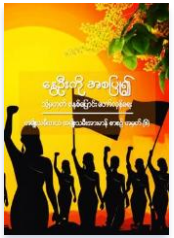
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Where Are Our Voices?



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Women Carrying the Burden



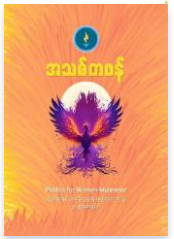
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Beginning with Spring



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Women Workers



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Reborn like a Phoenix



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Women Students



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The Question of Being



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Voices of Resistance



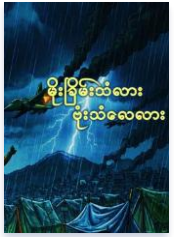
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Is the Country Collapsing?



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Thunder, or Bombs?



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Defying Dictatorship



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Political Knots

Books, handbooks & dialogue

“Every book is a seat at the table that was denied to us.” · Click a cover to read

6 special-series books



Thoughts from the Other Bank



When Hell’s Flowers Bloom



The Broken Half World



Murad Code



The Country Where Lovers Are Separated



Girl

9 awareness handbooks



Campaign guides for 16 Days of Activism, sexual violence in conflict, refugees, widows, CDM Day, harassment, non-binary inclusion, ending violence against women — and “What is WPS?”

Intergenerational dialogue & interviews

9

Intergenerational Feminist Dialogues

27

“Women’s Voice Against Sham Election” interviews

30

Women Human Rights Defender podcasts

Feminist research Program

1 policy paper and 4 discussion papers · click a cover to read



Policy · Jun 2025

Gender-Sensitive Earthquake Response



Discussion · Oct 2025

Myanmar's Exploited Elections



Discussion · Dec 2025

GBV and Rape Culture



Discussion · May 2026

Militarisation & the Cycle of Dictatorship



Discussion · Jun 2026

Understanding Gender Justice

Our policy paper exposes how the military weaponises earthquake aid and proposes a women-led alternative. One verified database of 878 people and 361 organizations is now our baseline for monitoring progress to 2035.

PILLAR 3

Create evidence–based knowledge

64

women leaders mapped

156

first-hand testimonies

361

organizations in one verified database

Solidarity platform Program

Pillar 4 · Connect, collaborate and consolidate women's movements

183
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Women in Politics Forums

1 of 10
Feminist Exchange organisers



Women in Politics Forums

2024 with the NUG Ministry of Women, Youths and Children Affairs — 111 registrations from NUG, NUCC, CRPH, ethnic and civil society bodies. 2025 in Mae Sot — 65 registrations.

Feminist Exchange Forum

One of ten organisers. 2025 in Mae Sot with 150–200 participants and a joint 2026 action plan; co-organised again in 2026.

Campaigns

16 Days of Activism 2024 & 2025 · Solidarity Beyond the Sham Election — 230 people from 58 organizations · Rohingya genocide anniversary statement 2026.

Who we reached

The clearest change in four years is who is in the room.

20+
ethnic identities

14/14
states & regions of origin

72%
under 35

29
LGBTQ+ participants

Ta'ang, Karenni, Karen, Kachin, Chin, Mon, Kayan, Danu, Rakhine, PaO, Shan, Kayaw, Intha, Rohingya, Yaw and Bamar women — most living in conflict-affected Magway, Sagaing, Shan and Karenni, others organising from the Thai–Myanmar border.

We care: Feminist Youth Leadership

Young women are not only the leaders of tomorrow — they are leading the revolution today.

72% of participants under 35

28% aged 18–24

36 youth & student groups

How we support young feminists

- A first step into politics for women with no prior training — many of them CDM students
- Learning across generations on the same stage as experienced leaders
- Youth voices in print — journal No. 9 was written by and for women students
- Care as leadership: flexible online learning and peer support

Next steps

- Mentorship circles with experienced women leaders
- Youth tracks at the Women in Politics and Feminist Exchange forums
- A pathway from activism to representation by 2035

What we learned

1. **Representation starts with inclusion by design.**
   Ethnic nationalities rose to 59% in the year we launched the fellowship and WPS series.

2. **Start with the basics, then go deeper.**
   Introduction to Politics builds confidence; graduates fill our advanced courses.

3. **Voice needs platforms.**
   Books, handbooks and dialogues turn participants into public political voices.

4. **Safety makes participation possible.**
   Online and hybrid learning lets women in conflict areas join without risky travel.

5. **Count honestly.**
   One verified database gives smaller but true numbers partners can trust.

Looking ahead 2027–2035

One question for everything we do: does it bring women closer to seats, roles and decisions?

2027–2029

Build the pipeline

Identify, train and mentor women ready to stand for office; grow the fellowship; start mentorship circles.

2030–2032

Open the doors

Advocate for women's seats in constitutions, interim arrangements and party rules.

2033–2035

Hold and share power

Support women in office; a cross-ethnic network of leaders; report representation yearly.

Our 2027 programme

150 women leaders trained

9 journal issues

30 dialogue episodes

Our 2035 targets

2,000+ women trained

60%+ Indigenous & ethnic participants

3,000+ women in the network

Our call to Partners

We are not asking for sympathy. We are asking for Representation, resources and solidarity.

1. **Federal institutions**
   Guarantee women representation at every table; write representation into charters and party rules.

2. **Donors & international partners**
   Fund long-term, flexible to feminist political and women-led organizations specially youth led organizations. Value on self determination and local politics of communities.

3. **Women's & ethnic organizations**
   Nominate and mentor women for leadership; join a shared representation agenda.

4. **Media & researchers**
   Quote women as political analysts; publish gender-disaggregated data on power.

5. **Everyone who stands with us**
   Create communities of Freedom, Equality and Justice for sustainable peaceful society. Stand together with oppressed and marginalized able to protect fundamental human rights.

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