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Commemorating International Day of Women



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— Hanako Ikeno, International President of Global Peace Women

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GPF Kenya Promotes Family-Centered Peacebuilding in Nairobi

GPF Kenya, in partnership with Global Peace Women, brought together families, educators, and youth in Nairobi to strengthen family-centered peacebuilding and community cohesion. The initiative emphasized the role of families and women’s leadership in advancing shared values, interfaith understanding, and lasting social harmony.



GPF Nepal Advances Women’s Economic Self-Reliance

GPF Nepal strengthens families and communities by equipping women with practical livelihood skills and leadership development. Through tailoring and food production training, participants gain income-generating abilities, financial literacy, and confidence to launch small businesses, reinforcing women’s role as agents of economic stability and community leadership.

“Women are transformative teachers of peace both in the family and in society.”

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GPF Paraguay Promotes Women’s Health and Breast Cancer Awareness

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Strengthening Families as the Foundation of Peace

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focused on prevention, early detection, and informed decision-making. Through educational webinars, expert guidance, and community outreach, the initiative empowers women with practical knowledge on breast cancer prevention, healthy lifestyles, and the importance of regular screenings, reinforcing a culture of care, leadership, and well-being.

women with practical tools to strengthen communication, leadership, and empathy within the home. Through capacity-building programs focused on family bonds and shared values, the initiative reinforces the role of women and families as the foundation of lasting community harmony.

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Families Leading the Way to Peace as GPF–Kenya and Global Peace Women Celebrate International Day of Peace

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October 29, 2025

Global Peace Foundation (GPF) Kenya, in partnership with [Global Peace Women \(GPW\)](#),

joined families, educators, youth, and community leaders at Kayole South Secondary School in Nairobi to commemorate the International Day of Peace 2025. The celebration, themed “Peace Starts in the Home,” emphasized the family as the foundation of lasting peace and harmony in society.

In her keynote address, Hanako Ikeno, International President of Global Peace Women, emphasized that peace starts with the choices people make within their own homes. “Peace is supposed to begin in the home. Families are a key agent of peacebuilding because the peace we want in our communities, nations, and the world starts at home,” she said.



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which emphasizes strengthening families and communities as the primary agents of moral and social transformation. Speaking at the event, Daniel Juma, Africa Regional Representative of the Global Peace Foundation, reaffirmed GPF’s commitment to investing in families as a pathway to sustainable peace. “When parents nurture values of empathy, honesty, and responsibility, they equip their children to be future leaders,” he said.

The program featured a presentation on “Women as Architects of Peace” by Janet Kwamboka Miyogo, followed by a panel discussion on women’s leadership in advancing social transformation through family values. Youth participants also engaged in an interactive dialogue on empowerment and peacebuilding, emphasizing their role in promoting harmony across generations.

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volunteer testimonials, and family-centered workshops designed to strengthen relationships, resolve conflicts, and promote nonviolence at home. The activities reflected GPF’s belief that peacebuilding must begin with moral and innovative actions that reinforce shared values within families and communities. To symbolize the day’s shared commitment to peace and environmental stewardship, families joined in planting twelve trees on the school grounds. The exercise served as a reminder that, like trees, peace must be intentionally planted, nurtured, and sustained through continuous effort.

The celebration in Kenya was part of GPF’s broader global observance of the International Day of Peace 2025, which was commemorated on September 21, 2025, worldwide under the theme “Actions for Peace: Our Ambition for the Global Goals”. Through initiatives that integrate character education, interfaith collaboration, and community service, GPF continues to advance innovative, values-based peacebuilding models that address the root causes of conflict and inspire cooperation beyond boundaries of religion, culture, and nationality.

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GPF Nepal Empowers Families with Economic Self-Reliance

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Women in Nepal participate in capacity building workshops hosted by Global Peace Foundation.

[Global Peace Foundation \(GPF\) Nepal](#) organized a series of activities through its Capacity-Building of Women project designed to empower women by equipping them with leadership values and essential skills. Recognizing the vital and transformative roles women play within their families and communities, the project focused on building their confidence and leadership skills, enhancing communication and collaboration abilities, and developing practical skills for income generation.

Under this project, two livelihood-focused training programs were conducted: *Tailoring Training*, which enabled women to acquire practical skills in domestic and commercial tailoring; and *Pickle Making Training*, which introduced participants to food preservation and marketing skills, promoting home-based production for economic self-reliance.

Launched on February 1, 2025, in Dhadingbesi, Nilkantha Municipality, the 3-month training equipped 21 women with both basic and advanced tailoring skills, including pattern making. Aside from the tailoring training, the women also received sessions on Self-Confidence, Effective

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Communication, Cervical Cancer Awareness, and Leadership Values. In addition to the 21 women enrolled in the tailoring training, five more women participated in these sessions.



One of the trainees, Kopila Sitaula, shared, “Before taking part in this training, I used to stay at home and didn’t have any specific skills. I had no prior knowledge of tailoring, but through this training, I developed tailoring skills and, more importantly, gained self-confidence. Instead of just staying at home, I got the opportunity to learn something meaningful and practical. I now hope to share what I’ve learned with others in my community. In addition to tailoring, I also improved my communication skills, and I sincerely thank GPF Nepal for giving me this valuable opportunity.”

Some of the trainees have begun working as seamstresses in local boutique shops, while others continue to enhance their tailoring skills by sewing basic items and aspire to open their own tailoring businesses in the future.

Another training session on pickle making was held in Thulo Kharibot, Kathmandu, aimed at empowering women through practical training in preparing food alongside leadership development.

The training commenced on July 22, 2025, with a session titled “Self-Confidence for Women Entrepreneurs,” which focused on mental well-being, self-worth, and building an entrepreneurial mindset. Participants engaged in interactive exercises and group discussions that fostered confidence and readiness for business ventures.



Over the following four days, participants received hands-on training in preparing seven varieties of

hands-on training in preparing seven varieties of pickles under the guidance of trainer Ms. Mira Kumari Bajgain. The women learned both the practical and theoretical aspects of pickle production, with an emphasis on hygiene, ingredient handling, storage techniques, and packaging. To help participants begin income-generating activities, they were also taught the basics of marketing, shelf-life management, and small-scale business strategies.

The women have demonstrated remarkable enthusiasm and commitment to learning. Even on days when no formal training was scheduled, they took the initiative to gather independently, purchase their own ingredients, and practice making pickles at home. The following day, they proudly presented their homemade pickles to the trainer and requested feedback on the taste and quality. In another impressive display of ownership, the women collectively contributed their own money to buy 20kg of chicken for the last day of training. This level of motivation reflects their eagerness to apply what they've learned and take real steps toward self-reliance.

Moreover, on July 31, 2025, a leadership session was conducted for the same women enhancing their understanding of the role of women in leadership within families and communities, guided by the Global Peace Values Framework. Through interactive discussions and activities, the women explored how the values of living for the greater good, dreaming big, ownership, and teamwork can be applied in their everyday lives, families, and leadership.



Nepalese women join a leadership session hosted by Global Peace Foundation.

With increased confidence and a deeper understanding of the vital role women play in society, they are inspired to take on leadership roles with a service-oriented mindset. As an initial step, the women organized a cleaning drive at a local temple the following day. The collective effort not only helped in maintaining the hygiene of the place but also demonstrated service, teamwork, and ownership towards their community.

On the final day of the program, on August 7, 2025, the women were educated on Financial Literacy, facilitated by Mr. Kuber Niroula. Kuber focused on practical aspects of financial management, including saving habits, budgeting, and financial

literacy. The women are extremely motivated and

planning. The session strengthened women's financial knowledge and enhanced their ability to make informed financial decisions.

Rupa Devi Barma, one of the trainees, expressed her gratitude to GPF Nepal for organizing the training. "I found this training to be both meaningful and practical. The sessions were designed in a way that allowed us to learn by doing. It gave me fresh ideas for income generation and economic independence, especially for women. Seeing participants confidently engage in group discussions, exploring their creativity, and even talking about starting small businesses inspired me. This training has created a great example of how skill-based workshops can uplift communities and promote self-reliance. I hope similar programs will be regularly conducted, especially at the community level, so that more women can benefit from impactful training like this one."

Four participants have begun earning money by selling homemade pickles to neighbors and acquaintances, while others continue refining their skills by making pickles for family consumption and promoting their products through free distribution to gather feedback.

The project concluded with self-evaluations and certificate distribution, during which participants reported increased confidence, enhanced practical skills, and a sense of self. This initiative not only fostered individual growth but also strengthened the participants' capacity to generate income and contribute meaningfully to their families and communities.

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Pink October Campaign Uplifts Women in Paraguay and Beyond

Robin McDonough
November 17, 2025



GPF Paraguay hands out flowers, spreading awareness for women’s health.

women in Paraguay. Joining the international #PinkOctober movement, the Global Peace Foundation (GPF) Women’s Area team in Paraguay led a national campaign in October 2025 with a theme of “Inform, Prevent, Heal.”

The Foundation held a variety of events throughout Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October. Recognizing the critical need for prevention and early detection, it shared informative and inspiring messages on its social media that encouraged women to practice self-care. The campaign’s main

According to 2022 data from the World Health Organization’s International Agency for Research on Cancer, breast cancer is the most frequent form of cancer diagnosed in

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event was an online webinar, “Breast Cancer: The Importance of Prevention, Treatment, and How to Promote a Lifestyle that Reduces Risks,” streamed live on YouTube on October 23. The online event attracted a total of 170 registered participants, including 60 via Zoom and 68 via YouTube, from eight countries: Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Guatemala, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, and Uruguay.

María Ester Jiménez, president of the Women’s Area of GPF Paraguay and a breast cancer survivor, moderated the session. Dr. Cinthia Viviana Gauna Colás, a medical oncologist with over 20 years’ experience at Paraguay’s National Cancer Institute and a member of the Paraguayan Society of Medical Oncology, was the main speaker.

“Taking care of yourself isn’t fear – it’s an act of self-love.” (Dr. Gauna)

Dr. Gauna spoke on several topics related to breast cancer. She opened her presentation addressing “Why do we have Pink October?” which she noted is to “raise awareness” and “seek prevention.” This includes early detection and reducing the number of risk factors associated with the disease through primary and secondary prevention. Dr. Gauna stressed the importance of women getting routine checkups and mammograms, stating, “Early detection of breast cancer linked to timely and appropriate treatment can significantly reduce mortality associated with this disease.”

Next, Dr. Gauna identified the leading causes of breast cancer in women and discussed the modifiable risk factors, including diet, physical activity, limiting alcohol consumption, and not smoking. Additionally, she discussed the different types of diagnostic tools available and the four subtypes of breast cancer. Dr. Gauna advised that the results of these tests provide the information needed for a multidisciplinary medical team to deliver personalized medicine tailored to each patient, including surgery, radiotherapy, systemic treatment (such as chemotherapy and immunotherapy), and palliative care.



Volunteers with Area Mujer participate in Pink October campaign.

Stressing the urgency behind early detection of breast cancer and the healing process, Dr. Gauna made the webinar’s participants aware of Law 60211/18, which stipulates two days of paid leave for women employed in the private and public sectors to get a mammogram and a pap smear.

Following her presentation, Dr. Gauna addressed questions regarding an increase in young women getting breast cancer, immunotherapy, tumor marker blood tests, mammogram results, and the psychological aspects of cancer and treatment for the patient and family. The webinar concluded with a group photo of the virtual participants.

The GPF Women’s Area of Paraguay team closed its month-long breast cancer awareness campaign on October 27 with a symbolic delivery of floral postcards to women in downtown Asunción. Each card offered a reminder of the importance of self-care: *“Each time you take care of yourself, you’re writing another chapter of your story. Don’t leave it to chance — your appointment with the future begins today.”*

The Pink October 2025 Campaign completed a full circle, engaging women through digital space to in-person encounters. Focusing on breast cancer awareness, prevention, and healing, it reaffirmed the Foundation’s and GPF’s commitment to women’s health, leadership, and the culture of peace.

“Taking care of yourself is also an act of love and peace.” (Global Peace Foundation Women’s Area, Paraguay)

[View the full recording of the webinar.](#)

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Strengthening Families as the Foundation for Peacebuilding

Wairimu Mwangi
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Through discussions and activities participants learned about the five love languages.

“Peace does not mean an absence of conflicts; differences will always be there. Peace means

solving these differences through peaceful means, through dialogue, education, knowledge, and through humane ways.” These words by the Dalai Lama capture a profound truth about peace: it begins in the way we relate to one another. Before peace can exist between nations or within communities, it must first exist in our homes. Families are where individuals learn to love, to listen, and to resolve conflicts with understanding. When families are strong and relationships are healthy, they become the foundation for peaceful societies.

The Global Peace Foundation (GPF) has long emphasized that women and families are at the heart of peacebuilding. GPF’s approach is rooted in the belief that families are the first schools of love, character, and service. Within families, values such as love, empathy, forgiveness, respect, and responsibility are cultivated. These values shape how people interact with others in their communities and beyond. When a family learns to communicate with love and mutual respect, peace radiates outward, strengthening social harmony and stability.

Women play an especially vital role in this process. As mothers, caregivers, mentors, and community leaders, they hold a unique position to influence attitudes and foster environments of

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to influence attitudes and foster environments of compassion and cooperation. Recognizing this, GPF and its women’s division, Global Peace Women (GPW), have continued to implement programs that strengthen families and empower women as peacebuilders. One such inspiring initiative recently took place in Nepal, demonstrating how understanding and love within families can ripple out to create harmony in communities.

On
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Nepal, in
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“Strengthening Family Bonds through Love Languages” at Chandragiri Municipality Ward No. 1. The session brought together fourteen incredible women from Milijuli Aama Samuha, a mothers’ group dedicated to promoting family well-being and unity. This event was part of the Capacity Building of Women Project, a series of trainings designed to equip local women with practical knowledge and leadership skills to foster peace at home and in their communities.

The session focused on the concept of the five love languages, which include words of affirmation, acts of service, receiving gifts, quality time, and physical touch. Through guided discussions and a love language test, participants explored how each person gives and receives love differently. They discovered their primary love languages and reflected on how these insights could improve communication and understanding in their families.

Many of the women expressed excitement about sharing the love language test with their loved ones. They recognized that misunderstandings often stem from not knowing how others prefer to express or receive affection. Through laughter, stories, and deep reflection, the participants came to see that recognizing different ways of expressing love helps build empathy and patience. They agreed that learning about love languages was not only about romantic or family relationships but also about creating stronger communities based on mutual understanding and care. The room was filled with warmth and connection, as the women shared personal experiences and supported one another’s journeys of growth.



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n of the workshop and the celebration of the women’s commitment to strengthening their families. It also marked the end of the Capacity Building of Women Project, which over the past weeks has empowered women in the community through a variety of training and awareness sessions on family leadership, communication, and peacebuilding.

Global Peace Women continues to advance this mission globally by uplifting women as moral and innovative leaders in their homes and societies. Through its programs, GPW encourages women to build nurturing families, model strong values, and engage in service that strengthens communities. GPW believes that the home is the smallest yet most powerful unit of peacebuilding; the place where future leaders learn the habits of heart and mind that create a peaceful world.

When families communicate with compassion and women are empowered to lead with purpose, they build communities that stand on the solid ground of peace. Strengthening families is, therefore, not just a social goal; it is the heart of peacebuilding itself.

Learn more about [Global Peace Foundation’s approach to Women and Families in Peacebuilding](#).

Explore how [Global Peace Women](#) advances peace by building values-driven models that empower women and families as peacebuilders in communities, nations, and the world.

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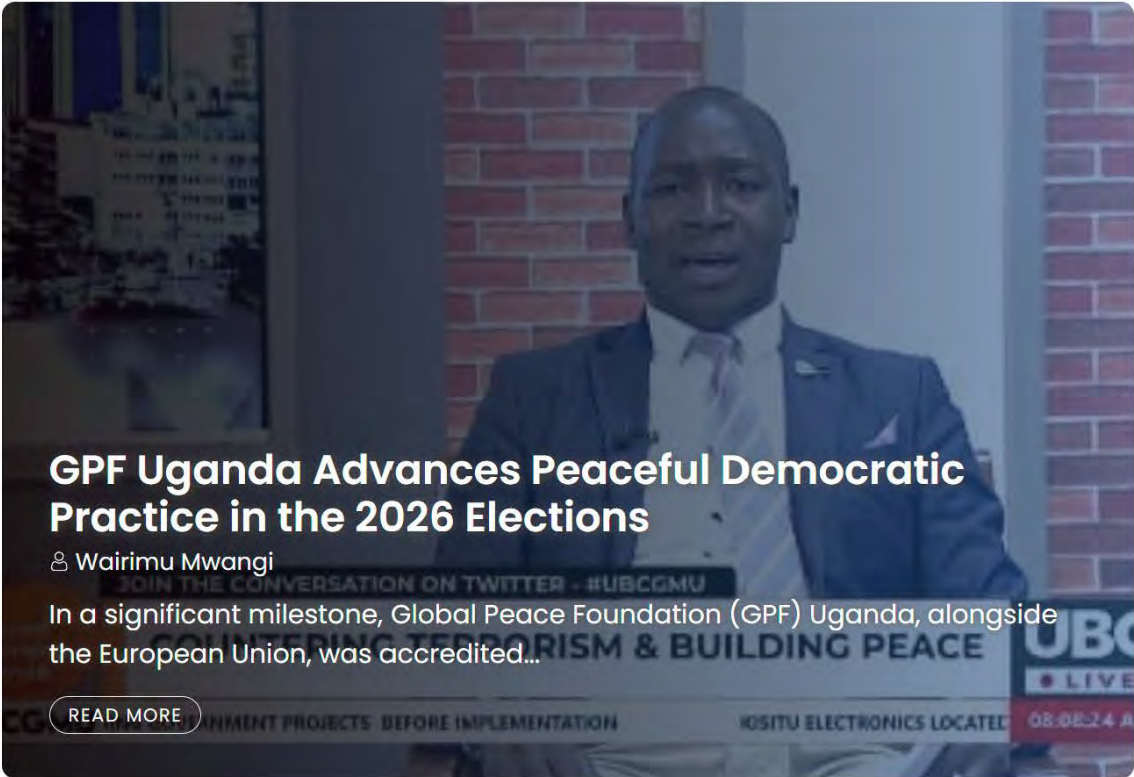
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A Year of Interfaith Harmony in Action: GPF’s Journey Toward Peace

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Religious and traditional leaders reconnect, exchange pleasantries, and embrace one another with smiles and warmth, celebrating fellowship and renewed commitment to peace after a long time apart.

In commemoration of World Interfaith Harmony Week this February, we are highlighting the work of

the Global Peace Foundation (GPF) over the past year. World Interfaith Harmony Week is a week designated by the United Nations to promote understanding, cooperation, and harmony among people of different faiths and beliefs.

In 2025, GPF embodied the spirit of the World Interfaith Harmony Week through its interfaith peacebuilding initiatives, especially in Nigeria. Through its efforts in interfaith dialogues, service projects, and community engagement, GPF projects served as a testament that peace, human connection, and social cohesion can be fostered despite differences through dialogue, shared values, and mutual respect.

At the very heart of GPF’s interfaith work is the conviction that faith leaders are essential partners to peacebuilding. This was evident in Nigeria, where in [December 2025](#), 41 different faith leaders: Christian and Muslim leaders, traditional rulers, and influencers came together for interaction and dialogue. With the theme of Building Bridges of Home: Strengthening Religious Solidarity to End Targeted Violence in Nigeria, these faith leaders, including GPF directors and staff, convened to engage in

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meaningful dialogue on religious freedom and human security. The program emphasized collaboration over division and highlighted the moral responsibility of faith leaders to guide communities toward coexistence and mutual respect. Harmony begins when diverse leaders commit to dialogue and joint action, and with the program, GPF Nigeria helped lay the foundation for sustainable cooperation and understanding rooted in universal principles and values.

Likewise, in September 2026, GPF Nigeria conducted a program, [‘Community Peace Forum](#)



Abdul Ahmed, the senior program manager of GPF Nigeria, representing the Rev. John Joseph Hayab, the country director of GPF Nigeria, declared the Cemetery cleaning work open

[and Interfaith Service Project’ in Hayin Banki](#), where community members from different faith backgrounds came together to address the local needs while engaging in dialogues centered on dignity, unity, and reconciliation. The program linked interfaith dialogue with collective action and service, demonstrating that when people work side by side, differences disappear and harmony arises. As Rev. Bulus Edon reflected, “For the first time, Muslims and Christians have come together not just to talk about peace but to act it out.”

GPF Nigeria exemplified how [sustained interfaith relationships](#) contribute to community resilience. Regular engagement among faith leaders and community members strengthened communities’ capacity to navigate challenges together rather than fragment along religious lines. Through consistent dialogue sessions and interfaith activities, the Nigerian chapter created spaces for Muslims and Christians to meet, exchange perspectives, and rediscover their shared humanity.



Diverse religious leaders gather for an interfaith conclave hosted by GPF India.

In GPF India’s [Interfaith Conclave](#) 2025, leaders, experts, dignitaries, and delegates came

together to explore unity through shared values. Centered on the idea of oneness, the event was three days and explored topics on social cohesion, shared values, and compassion-driven leadership. The conclave highlighted how principles, service, and care for the community

principles, service, and care for the community transcend religious differences and encouraged the cultivation of an environment of mutual learning and collaboration. It not only reinforced interfaith unity and strengthened interfaith collaboration but also encouraged youth-led interfaith initiatives through education, policy, and community engagement for impactful action.

As we reflect on GPF’s interfaith peacebuilding work in 2025, it is a reaffirmation of GPF’s values of shared identity as human beings and our commitment to community-driven peacebuilding. It truly was a year of interfaith harmony in action and as we move forward for 2026 and while commemorating the World Interfaith Harmony Week, GPF commits to continue its work in interfaith leadership, community engagement, and inclusive participation, advancing a vision of peace grounded in our shared humanity, one that extends far beyond a single week and shapes the future we build together.

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