Featured Program:

- March 2013
- Dining for Women support: 2013-2014.
- Organization: Teacher Training Innovations Nepal
- Project: Her Turn – Girls’ Education and Empowerment Program
Nepal

Country facts:

- Population: 30 million.
- Area: 147,181 sq km.
- 80% of the population: rural.
- Unemployment rate: 40%.
- Gross national income per capita in 2011: USD 540.
Nepal Teacher Training Innovations

The organization:

- Founded in 2010.
- Mission: to improve the quality of teaching in Nepal and reduce attrition rates, especially among girls.
- Promotes critical and creative thinking in Nepali classrooms and sensitizes schools to unique needs of girl students.
- Works in rural government schools in remote and resource poor areas.
Her Turn Program:

• Mission of the program:

To help girls become educated, empowered and equal.

• Workshops for girls aged 10-14 from rural government schools.
Objectives:

- Increased awareness in girls, schools and communities of:

  Health issues

  - Enhanced confidence, leadership and public speaking skills in girls.

  Safety issues.

  - Start of a dialogue on girl specific issues between girls from different ethnic and caste backgrounds.
  
  - Established Girl Support Committees in schools for girls in the community.
Population served:

- Girls aged 10-14.
- Students of remote rural government schools.
- First generation of women in their families to receive education.
- High drop out rates.
- Many come from marginalized ethnic groups of Yomo, Tamang and some are Dalit (“untouchable” caste).
- Often at risk of child marriage and/or human trafficking.
The workshops:

- Four weeks long.
- Led by local female trainers.
- Observed by female teachers elected by the girls.
- Interactive, child-centered.
- Girls vote and use consensus in decision making.
- Full meals for all participants.
UN Millennium Development Goals

Two Goals:

• The second MDG: achieving universal primary education.
• The third MDG: promoting gender equality and empowering women.