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Freedom from Slavery

Campaign against Child labor

Policy Dialogue to End Child Labor



On the occasion of World Day against Child Labor, National Child Protection Alliance (NCPA), Consortium, DUCOM, National Coalition for Girls Right, Child Friendly Local Governance and Children as Zone of Peace National Campaign (CZOP) organized virtual 'Provincial Dialogue to End Child Labor' in seven provinces of Nepal. The objective of the event was to influence provincial governments' action on prevention and elimination of child labor. 500 participants including Civil Society Networks, Representative from Labor Office, Ministry of Social Development, Local Government, NGOs, INGOs, Child Rights Network leaders, development organizations along with peer educators, adolescents' child club member, teachers, parents and journalists reached through the events. There was presentation on provincial status of child labor, provincial and local

level sharing by NGOs working on child labor and migration, experience sharing of former child labor, local government initiatives to end child labor, role and initiatives of INGOs on child labor issue. In provincial dialogue there was solidarity of UNICEF, ILO, World Vision through their presence and presentation in province dialogue. The Program was supported by Global March.



The way forward of the events are develop Policy to eliminate child labor in province and respective local governments, Prevention actions such as availability of education, health, income generation

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program for parents, Mapping of child labor is child labor and data base, Monitoring and

prosecution of employers having child labor against law, implementation of National Plan of Action for eliminating Child labor, Capacity building of Child Right Officer, Child Welfare Officer and Labor Inspectors, Program and Budget allocation. For this, the civil society along with child rights network must have continuous collaboration and coordination with government of Nepal.

Policy Analysis Workshop to end Child Labor



SAN in support of World Education conducted 2 days Policy Analysis Workshop to end child labor. The workshop of Bagmati Province, and Province 2 was conducted physically at Hotel Marigold, Nagarkot whereas the workshop of Lumbini Province was conducted virtually via Zoom application. 45 participants from 15 PNGOs of Province 2, Bagmati Province & Lumbini Province broadened their knowledge in

Child labor policy of Nepal. There was presentation on State structure and law making process and Nepal's Policy process in Federal and Provincial level along with methodology of policy Analysis research respectively. The Participants of PNGOs are planning to conduct policy analysis on Policy provisions related to child health care, Policy provisions for the rescue and protection of child labor, Policy provision at the local level for the fulfillment of the rights of migrant child laborers, Policy provisions related to education of child laborers, Policy provisions regarding the education of migrant (Indian) child laborers, Policy provisions regarding occupational health safety of child laborers working in brick kilns.

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Community Based Action Research and Case Study Refresher Training on Child Labor

Swatantrata Abhiyan Nepal in support of World Education conducted 2 days CBAR and Case Study Refresher training on child Labor in the month of July 2021. The training to the PNGOs of Bagmati Province and Province 2 was conducted at Hotel Marigold, Nagarkot whereas the training to the PNGOs of Lumbini Province was conducted at Hotel Sneha, Nepalgunj. A total of 45 participants from 15 PNGOs got



refresher training on Community Based Action Research data cleaning and Case Study Research on child labor. During the training, SAN team and 15 PNGOs had discussion on the experience and challenges during first stage of Case Study research on child labor. The discussion and group activities helped to find mitigating measures for the challenges and identify second topic for research study on child labor. The PNGOs committed to develop research questions and conduct case study research of child laborers on Brick kiln, Zari and Carpet industry.

Freedom from Fear

Provincial Dialogue on Child Protection and Child Case Management at Health Institution in Emergency Situation



Soon after the province level discussion and

lobby meeting with Central COVID Management Committee" The Government of Nepal has announced to develop a children hospital in each province and 10 % allocation of Bed for children in COVID -19 Dedicated Hospitals."

National Child Protection Alliance (NCPA) together with Nepal Pediatric Association

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(NEPAS), Swatantrata Abhiyan Nepal (SAN) and Pediatric Nursing Association of Nepal (PNAN) jointly organized virtual event “Provincial Dialogue on Child Protection and Child Case Management at Health Institution in Emergency Situation” in seven provinces of Nepal via Zoom application in seven provinces of Nepal to



explore the current scenario of child rights situation and to educate the health care practitioners and child Rights activists on child protection and child care management in Health Institution in emergency situation. 1000 participants including Honorable Ministers Usha Kala Rai, Ministry of Social Development-Province 1, Nar Devi Pun, Ministry of Social Development- Gandaki Province, Dharma Bahadur Shriwastab, Ministry of Social Development and Hon. Minister Kalpana Pandey, Lumbini Province, Ragu Ram Bista, Ministry of Social

Development, Sudurpaschim Province, government officials Mr. Binod Kumar, Secretary from Ministry of Health, Gandaki Province, Mr. Babi Chamling Khotang, Head of District Committee Province 1, Mr. Sagar Parsai, Ministry of Social Development Province 1, Dr. ShreeKrishna Shrestha, Chief Consultant Pediatrician, Dean, Pokhara Academy of Health and Science, representatives from Tulsipur Sub metropolitan City, Dhullu Municipality, health personnel, pediatricians and child right activist participated in virtual events. The presentation from Nepal government representative and international health personnel showed the current scenario of COVID 19 crisis and the activities performed by national/international governments to counter the pandemic. The way forward of the events were Federal Government and Provincial Government must have policy and budget to develop at least Provincial level hospitals focusing children, provide health services for long term diseases in covid situation; vaccine is essential for saving life of children and boost their immunity; Train Health professional to diagnosis and treatment of child abuse cases in the health institutions, provide free COVID treatment in the private hospitals for children, allocation of bed for children in COVID dedicated hospitals, availability of child friendly equipment and treatment materials, trained accordingly.

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Campaign against Human Trafficking

Stakeholders Discussion on revisiting Foreign Employment Act and Bilateral Agreement in line with Palermo Protocol



On 19 August 2021, SAN with support of Winrock International/Hamro Samman project conducted “Stakeholders Discussion on Revisiting Foreign Employment Act and Bilateral Agreement in line with Palermo Protocol” at Basera Boutique Hotel, Babarmahal, Kathmandu. A total of 22 participants including government officials, parliamentarians and Civil Society Organizations who are working in campaign against human trafficking participated in the event. The objective of the event was to develop joint recommendations on amendment in Foreign Employment Act (FEA) and other Bilateral Agreement in line with Palermo Protocol and submit to relevant line ministries in coordination with Civil Society Alliance. There was

presentation on status of foreign employment in Nepal, gaps in line with Palermo protocol & gaps in MoU and Bilateral agreements, how law regulates foreign employment and recommendations. Mr. Dipak Kaphle, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Labor Employment and Social Security presented the laws, acts of Nepal on Foreign Employment and government’s initiation for the citizen who go for foreign employment. The participants raised concern regarding inclusion of undocumented migrant workers and protection provision in FEA, the punishment to the perpetrators need to be amended, access to justice regarding wage theft should be addressed, amend ban to women in golf countries, proper definition to returnee migrants, trafficking survivors and people of family dysfunction. As a way forward of the event, SAN will develop joint recommendations on amendment in Foreign Employment Act and other Bilateral Agreement in line with Palermo Protocol and submit to relevant line ministries in coordination with Civil Society Alliance.

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Alliance 8.7 on Child Labor and Labor Trafficking in Nepal



Swatantrata Abhiyan Nepal (SAN) in collaboration with National Child Protection Alliance (NCPA), Forced Labor elimination Action Group (FLaAG), SDGs National Network Nepal and Shakti Samuha organized a virtual program entitled “Discussion on Alliance 8.7 on Child Labor and Labor Trafficking in Nepal.” A total of 50 participants from Civil Society Organizations participated in the event. The objective of the discussion was to discuss on the current issues on child labor and role of Alliance 8.7 in eliminating child labor in Nepal and to discuss on Labor trafficking issues in Nepal and develop a way forward to combat labor trafficking. The presenters

presented the key achievements of Alliance 8.7 in Nepal such as formation of high level coordination Alliance 8.7 committee in federal level, an Asia Regional Alliance 8.7 Conference, National level social dialogue event to mark the International Year for the Elimination of Child Labour. Monitoring visit, rescue with support of Nepal government, rehabilitation, legal support, education support, vocational training IG support (to family to strengthen the family protection mechanism and continue the education of the child), and reintegration by CSOs. As a way forward, Civil Society Organizations committed to continue advocacy for amendment in Human Trafficking and Transportation Control Act and Child Labor Prohibition and Regulation Act and coordination with National Child Rights Council and Child Rights committees for rescue and repatriation of child labors and support government in child labor free municipal campaign.

Training for CSO Hub Members

Swatantrata Abhiyan Nepal with support of Winrock International/Hamro Samman project conducted 4 days virtual training entitled “Follow up Training and Review workshop on Joint Advocacy Plan for CSO Partners” on 14-17 July 2021 via zoom application. The aim of the event was to

review the implementation status of Joint Advocacy Action Plan of CSO’s and identification of emerging issues on Human Trafficking and to update on the government initiatives and provincial policies, budget and plan of actions. A total of 27 participants including government officials

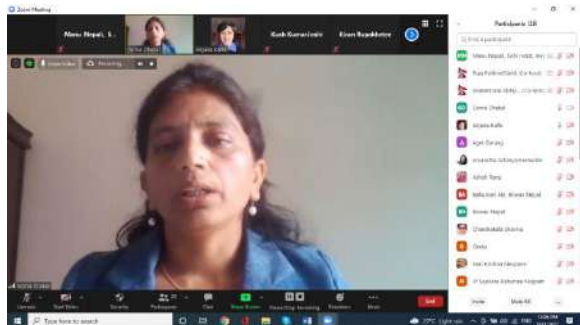
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from federal and province level as well as Hamro Samman partner organizations participated in the program. There were presentations from HS partners and government officials regarding the activities conducted to combat human trafficking. Through the group works the key advocacy issues identified by the civil society organizations are awareness and capacity building of law enforcement agencies representatives, necessity of risk assessment with family by local government and

concern stakeholders before reintegration, media mobilization to address the issue of trafficking survivors, engagement of private sector and effective coordination and collaboration among Federal, Provincial, Local Government and CSO for rescue, repatriation and rehabilitation of trafficking survivors. The provincial government officials shared the policies, programs to combat human trafficking and the government official from federal level shared the mandate and jurisdiction of three tier government and policy making process to counter human trafficking. As a way forward, SAN develop the joint advocacy actions identified through discussion and work on the actions jointly.

Panel Discussion on Access to Government Various Funds for Human Trafficking Victims, Survivors and Vulnerable Population



SAN in support of WI/HS conducted virtual panel discussion on “Access to Government Various Fund for Human Trafficking Victims, Survivors and Vulnerable Population” via zoom application. The

objective of the event was to discuss on government programs and services available for victims, survivors and marginalized group who are vulnerable to human trafficking and listing programs, activities based on the discussion and orient survivors and organizations working on human trafficking.

A total of 43 participants including panelists from National Youth Council, National Business Initiatives, Foreign Employment Board, NMB Bank, Ministry of Women

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Children and Senior Citizen (NCCHT and Department of Child Safety Development), Micro entrepreneurs and Youth Self - Employment Fund, National Planning Commission and representing trade unions, returnee migrants and various NGOs who are working on human trafficking issues participated the virtual event.

The panelists shared the schemes and



programs of Nepal Government as well as the initiatives taken by private sector, National Youth Council and Micro Entrepreneurs and Youth Self -Employment Fund for the access of returnee migrants and human trafficking victims, survivors and at risk population. The panelists committed to support and aware returnee migrants, human trafficking victims, survivors and at risk population through various programs and schemes such as providing skill based training, creating job opportunities and providing subsidiary loan. As a way forward, SAN will develop a pocket book of all the government's various funds including mandate, responsible ministries or department to support/aware returnee migrants, human trafficking victims and at risk population and disseminate among the concerned stakeholders.

Child Injuries

Children's Own Views: Insight into how children perceive injuries risk and preventive measures

Swatantrata Abhiyan Nepal conducted Focused Group Discussion with children from 11-14 years from seven provinces of Nepal via Zoom application to collect views on how children perceive injuries risk and preventive measures in the context of Nepal. Children viewed un-intentional injury such as falls, cuts, fractures, road accidents, electric shocks, as injury. A major concern of rural children was fall and concern of urban children was road crash as most common forms of injuries. The high risk groups are children below 5 years, children with disability, children in sports and mischievous children. Negligence of parents and children themselves; absence of safe infrastructures were perceived to be the causes if injuries. Children perceived injuries as minor and do not consider that such injuries could have severe effects on their health. Injuries could lead to physical pain and economic loss. There is an urgent need to address child injury from the micro level to the macro level. Parental supervision together with implementation of safety legislations could prevent injury. There is need of further study on prevalence, risk mapping and first response services.

Upcoming Events

- Human Trafficking Watch Report : Civil Society Perspective
- Working with Provincial Government to develop Integrated Data System on Human Trafficking
- Youth engagement to Combat Human Trafficking
- Research on Right Violation of Citizen during Pandemic
- National Symposium on Child Labor and Forced Labor in Nepal

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- Capacity Building CSOs on Research and Policy Advocacy on Child Labor Elimination, Human Trafficking, Children on Move, Child Protection, Rights of Informal Women Workers
- Action of Women in Sports
- Engagement with Federal, Province and local Government for developing and implementation of policy on SAN working Thematic Issues.