

ACTIONS AGAINST CHILD LABOR

Initiatives on Child Labor Free Municipalities



SAN along with DHRWC, RUSUF Nepal, TWUC, HURAC, Loo Ni Va, FAYA Nepal, CWS, CSN, YAV Nepal, YCN, DWF organized 27 local level consultations at Sudurpaschim, Lumbini and Bagmati Province. Around 900 participants that includes Mayors, Deputy Mayors, Executive members, Government Officials, Trade Unions, CSOs, Child Representatives and Media from 27 municipalities discussed and articulate plan of action to eliminate child labor in Local Governments. Local Governments has planned to make child labor free municipality; policies addressing child labor, program and budget; capacity building of children and youth; coordination with business community; formation of Local Child Right Committee. The articulated plan of action is reflected in local level policies and programs of the respective municipality of FY 2080/81.



Parliamentary initiatives to End Child Labor

To have a parliamentary action to end child labor, CSO forum on SDG 8.7 along with Swatantrata Abhiyan Nepal held an interaction with parliament members at Federal and Provincial Level. SAN collaborated with Industry, Commerce and Labor and Consumer Welfare Committee in Federal level and with MoSD in Provincial level in Sudurpachim and Lumbini Province to discuss on the need of amendment of child labor prohibition and regulation act 2056 and necessary initiatives by the federal and provincial government for the elimination of child labor and to achieve SDG goal 8.7 as committed by Government of Nepal. The parliamentarians and government officials committed to raise the issues of child labor in the house of representatives and make it one of their agenda in the committee meetings.



Interaction with children/adult/ youth for advocacy to end child labor

To identify and document the needs, priorities, best practices, and best ways for children/adult youth to participate and engage with relevant stakeholders and interview children/adult youth, members of parliament, government officials, local government, and CSOs Swatantrata Abhiyan Nepal organized a interaction program with children and youths in Kathmandu. The meeting was organized to brainstorm and determine strategic ways to include the voice of children/adult youth in the lobby and advocacy efforts on child labor.



Meeting with US Department of Labor (USDOL) Representatives

USDOL team of Ms. Holly L. Christofferson & Ms. Angie Peltzer visited Nepal and interacted with CSOs under Catalyst Project on local, provincial, and federal child labor activities. There was the representation of Assman Nepal, YAV Nepal, FAYA Nepal Loo Niva, and Rusuf- Nepal. CSOs shared about their working areas such as effect of climate change and natural calamities on child labor and migration. The team along with SAN visited Banepa Municipality where the municipality shared about their actions to make a child-labor-free and child-friendly municipality.

Research on interconnection between Child Domestic Work and Child Marriage

SAN in collaboration with Anti-Slavery International and in support of CWISH, Biswas Nepal, Shakti Samuha and Domestic worker's Forum conducted research on the interconnectedness between child domestic work and child marriage. The research is multi-country research simultaneously being carried out in Nepal and Tanzania. During research, SAN carried out extended interviews (EIs) and focused group discussions (FGDs) with Child domestic workers, children in marriage situations, adult child domestic workers and adults in child marriage situation. KIIs were conducted with experts working in the field of child domestic work and child marriage.

The research traced out some common similarities among the two issue which included common causes like economic constraints, family conflict, aspirations of better educational opportunities and secured life and discriminatory social values. The research also found out some similarities in the experiences and treatments of child domestic workers and child marriage that involved violence, Abuse and Degrading treatment, controlled life and restricted mobility, long working hours and heavy work load. A draft research report has been developed and is in the process of finalization of global report.



Provincial Master Plan on Elimination of Child Labor (2080-2084)

SAN in coordination with Ministry of Social Development (MoSD), Sudurpashchim Province drafted the provincial master plan on elimination of child labor (2080-2084) for Sudurpashchim Province. The provincial master plan has been developed in line with national master plan and child labor situation in Sudurpashchim Province. The objective of the master plan is to reduce child labor practices in country as prohibited by national laws and create a child friendly Sudurpachim Province. The drafted master plan is under the review of Ministry of Social Development. MoSD has planned to finalize and endorse the master plan by the end of FY 2080/81.



Formation of CSOs forum on SDG 8.7 at federal and province level

Swatantrata Abhiyan Nepal in support of CSOs forum on SDG 8.7 has formed the sub-committee of the CSOs forum in Sudurpaschim and Lumbini Province. The objective of the formation of CSOs forum sub-committee in provinces is expansion of forum to support the alliance 8.7 mechanism at province level. The sub-committees included the members from various CSOs, networks, trade unions, NGO Federations. It was decided that a call of action will be developed for CSOs to continue working towards achieving SDG 8.7 and collaborate and share best practices and common commitment to work together to eliminate child labor and achieve SDG 8.7. The forum has decided to develop the manifesto of forum for the smooth functioning and work together with government for the elimination of child labor.

Regular Meeting of CSOs Forum on SDG 8.7

The CSOs forum on SDG 8.7 meeting at federal level was conducted on 20th June and 1st August in Kathmandu. There was representation of Trade Unions, CSOs & Networks working on CL and development partners and shared the Position Paper to end Child Labor and published it. In the second meeting there was discussion on area-based approach on child labor. On 2nd August, CSOs forum on SDG 8.7 sub-committee meeting at Sudurpaschim Province was conducted and discussed about the child labor and forced labour scenario of Sudurpaschim Province. As per the discussion, the forum decided to develop manifesto of CSOs and working together with provincial and local government to end child labor.



Discussion on CSOs strategy document

Swatantrata Abhiyan Nepal drafted a CSOs strategy document highlights the status of child labor, current government efforts and possibilities of civil society, private sector and trade union engagement to end child labor in Nepal. The strategy also defines the actions and outcomes of three levels of government. SAN consulted the draft strategy among the CSOs of National, Provincial and Local level: NCPA, YAV Nepal, Youth Club-Narayangadh, Tharu Women Upliftment Center, RUSUF Nepal, Dalit Human Right Watch Committee, FAYA Nepal, Loo-NIVA, HURAC, AASMAN Nepal and NGO federation and developed action plan with roles and responsibilities of CSOs to eliminate child labor. To know the progress of the action plan and shared the learnings and challenges, monthly meetings among the CSOs was conducted virtually.





NHRIs Initiatives to end Child Labor, Forced Labor and Human Trafficking

To provide a platform for stakeholders to discuss and assess the progress made in implementing recommendations related to child labor, forced labor, and human trafficking, based on international commitments, a joint dialogue was conducted among National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs) and Civil Society Organizations (CSOs).

The event was attended by Hon'ble members of NHRC, representatives from Muslim Commission, Dalit Commission, Women Commission, and Human Rights Commissions, NHRC officials along with CSOs working on issues of child labor, forced labor, and human trafficking. The event brought out the commitments of NHRIs role as watchdogs and emphasized the importance of avoiding politicization of the issue; the importance of collaboration between NGOs, INGOs, media, and the government was stressed, along with the promotion of research and academic endeavors and called for a consolidated approach in reporting and urged everyone to move forward collectively.

Draft Integrated Policy on Forced Labor

To share the draft bill among the stakeholders and collect feedback to better incorporate missing issues on the drafted Integrated Policy on Forced Labor, a discussion program was organized by Ministry of Labor Employment and Social Security (MoLESS). There was representation from different concerned Ministries, Non-Government organizations, FLeAG, IOM, Dalit Samaj Uthan Committee, and civil society organizations. The draft bill incorporated three issues: Child Labor, Forced Labor and Human Trafficking. Feedbacks in policy included about changing the title of the bill, including about actors involved in supply chain, clearly presenting the issues of Haruwa Charuwa, collaboration with other stakeholders and so on. The Ministry committed to incorporate the feedbacks in the draft policy



International Day Celebration

With the theme "Social Justice for all to End Child Labor", a national event was celebrated to mark the world day against child labor in Panauti Municipality. There was presence of Mayor Ram Sharan Bhandari, Deputy Mayor Gita Banjara, Director Mr. Numan Ozcan, ILO Office Nepal, Ms. Writu Bhatta Rai, SAN, representatives from government, Trade Unions, CSO forum, international organizations. On this occasion, Panauti Municipality declared to be child labor free municipality by the end of 2082 B.S. Participants showed their solidarity by signing the commitment.

Social Media Campaign was done by Swatantrata Abhiyan Nepal on the occasion of International Domestic Worker's Day and posted on the official facebook page of Domestic Worker's Forum and Swatantrata Abhiyan Nepal.

“नवीनता र प्राविधिक परिवर्तन, र तैज्ञिक समानता प्राप्त गर्न र सबै महिला र किशोरीहरूको सशक्तिकरणको लागि डिजिटल युगमा शिक्षा”

अन्तर्राष्ट्रिय घरेलु श्रमिक दिवस
को अवसरमा सम्पूर्ण श्रमजीवीलाई
हार्दिक शुभकामना
१६ जुन



Expansion and Orientation to DWF members

With the objective of informing new and existing domestic workers on the roles and responsibilities of Domestic Workers Forum (DWF) an orientation program was conducted by DWF in collaboration with SAN, on 28th Jan, 2023. The program revolve around different topics like identity of Domestic Workers, rights and registration of domestic workers. There was the participation of 30 members from domestic workers forum.

DWF has been working on advocacy and campaigning for the rights of Domestic Worker's Forum. With monthly expansion of members of Domestic Worker's Forum, there are a around 500 members existing in this forum.



Capacity development on improving Civil Registration in Nepal

Department of National ID and Civil Registration in collaboration with Swatantrata Abhiyan Nepal and in support of UNICEF organized capacity development training to ward officials and MIS operators of Madhesh Province, Sudurpachim Province and Baglung Municipality. There were a total of 280 ward representatives in the training. The training facilitators were from DoNIDCR, Mr. Naba Raj Jaisi, Director, Ms. Devi Pandey, Director, Mr. Nirmal Kumar Sharma, MIS Team Leader, Mr. Ujjwal Mishra, System Analyst and Mr. Sameer Bhandari, Section Officer of DoNIDCR. The aim of the training was to enhance the capacity of ward secretaries and MIS operators to strengthen the online civil registration of events in the respective municipality.

Road Accident Risk Reduction Initiatives

To discuss on the road safety mechanisms in Lalitpur Metropolitan City, a meeting was organized by the District Coordination Committee, Lalitpur; Health Department. CDO of Lalitpur Jayanarayan Adhikari, representative from district police council, Nepal Army, Armed Police, Traffic Office, Department of Transport Management, Red Cross, Metropolitan City Police chief, LMC,DCC officials along with head of health section from local level of Lalitpur metropolitan city were present at the meeting. SAN presented on the current status of road accidents in Nepal and shared about the 5 pillars of road safety which included road accident management, road infrastructure, safe vehicles, safe road conducts and response mechanisms along with what is being done to mitigate the risk and what could be done.

30 km/h streets for Children and Youth.
I demand streets for life!



Swatantrata Abhiyan Nepal

Machindra Marga, Jawalakhel Lalitpur, Nepal

Tel: +977-1-554676, GPO Box: 8975 EPC 1456

Email: info@swatantrataabhiyan.org / swatantrataabhiyan@gmail.com