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CHILDREN WITH PRIME MINISTER ON WORLD DAY AGAINST CHILD LABOUR 2025



On World Day Against Child Labour 2025, a special interaction with Honorable Prime Minister KP Sharma Oli organized by NCPA, CSOs Forum and CWISH. Prime Minister KP Sharma Oli and First Lady Radhika Shakya joined child rights advocates and children from across Nepal to raise awareness and advocate for stronger protection. The Prime Minister pledged to end child labour and support street children through national campaigns and reforms. Nineteen children shared their experiences and submitted a collective letter demanding education, protection, and accountability. The event highlighted the importance of child participation and multi-stakeholder collaboration for a child labour-free Nepal.

PROVINCIAL STRATEGY TO ELIMINATE CHILD LABOUR - BAGMATI PROVINCE



With the technical support of Swatantrata Abhiyan Nepal, NCPA and CSOs Forum on SDG 8.7 Provincial Strategy Plan for the Elimination of Child Labour in Bagmati Province was carried out by the formally presented to Honorable Minister Prem Bhakta Maharjan of the Ministry of Labour, Employment, and Transport, and Honorable Dipendra Shrestha, Member of the Provincial Planning Commission. This milestone event represents a significant advancement in Bagmati Province's commitment to eradicating child labour and upholding the rights and protection of children across the region.

JOINT ADVOCACY ON THE ELIMINATION OF CHILD LABOR

On 5th June 2025, Swatantrata Abhiyan Nepal (SAN), in collaboration with the CSOs Forum on SDG 8.7, held a high-level delegation meeting with Mr. Pradip Kumar Koirala, Joint Secretary at the Ministry of Labour, Employment and Social Security (MoLESS). Mr. Koirala is set to represent Nepal at the 113th International Labour Conference (ILC) in Geneva. During the meeting, Ms. Pratiksha K.C. from SAN presented the key recommendations, with a strong focus on the urgent need to eliminate child labour and forced labour in Nepal. The discussion highlighted the critical role of national representation in voicing grassroots realities and reinforcing Nepal commitment to international labour standards.



Kageshwori Manohara Declared Child Labour-Free: A Milestone in Child Rights Protection



From May 20 to 23, 2025, a joint monitoring mission was carried out in Ward No. 5 of Kageshwori Manohara Municipality to assess the prevalence of child labour. The mission team included representatives from the Ward Child Rights Committee, the Women and Children Section, Employment Section, Municipal Police, and SAN and other CSOs. During the monitoring, child labourers under the age of 13 were identified working in the carpet sector. In response, the municipality, in collaboration with civil society organizations, led successful rescue and rehabilitation efforts. Following these decisive actions, on June 12, 2025, Ward No. 5 was officially declared child labour-free—marking a significant achievement in safeguarding children's rights and setting an inspiring precedent for other communities.

TOT ON OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH FOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS



Swatantrata Abhiyan Nepal, with support from FAO and in collaboration with MoLESS, organized a three-day Training of Trainers (ToT) on Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) from May 20–22, 2025, at AITC, Lalitpur. The training aimed to develop Master Trainers among government officials to promote safer agricultural practices, reduce exposure to hazards like pesticide use, and align with international labour standards. Nineteen participants from key agencies—including the Department of Labour & Occupational Safety, NCRC, PQPMC, CFOCC, AITC, Kalimati Market, and several municipalities—took part in this capacity-building initiative.

Orientation on Child Labour in Agriculture Highlights the Importance of Community Action



An orientation on child labour was organized by the Ministry of Labour, Employment and Social Security (MoLESS), the Madhesh Provincial Government, and FAO Nepal. It included participants from MoLESS, MoLAD, MOLET, and the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development. The program focused on raising awareness about child labour, especially in agriculture, and discussed the way forward through promoting Child Labour Free Municipality (CLFM) models.

MITHILA MUNICIPALITY COMMITS TO CHILD LABOUR-FREE WARDS



On 13th June 2025, the Ministry of Labour, Employment and Social Security (MoLESS), in collaboration with FAO Nepal and Swatantrata Abhiyan Nepal, organized a dynamic interaction program in Mithila Municipality. The event brought together the Deputy Mayor, ward chairpersons, and municipal officials to discuss the implementation of the Child Labour-Free Municipality Procedure 2077 and strategies to end child labour in agriculture. Participants expressed concern over the growing trend of labor migration, which leaves behind children and elderly populations—making children more vulnerable to exploitative labour. Alarming incidents, such as children being injured by agricultural machinery, were highlighted. Inspired by the dialogue, ward chairpersons committed to launching localized campaigns, starting with their own wards, to build a child labour-free Mithila.

Training on Occupational Health and Safety and Child Labour Elimination in Agriculture



The Ministry of Labour, Employment and Social Security (MoLESS), in collaboration with FAO Nepal and Swatantrata Abhiyan Nepal, organized a training program for government officials from the agriculture department from 18 municipalities of Dhanusha District. The training focused on strengthening understanding and capacity around Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) and the elimination of child labour in the agricultural sector. This initiative aimed to equip local authorities with the knowledge and tools necessary to create safer, child labour-free agricultural environments at the municipal level.

Follow Up meeting on 4th Ministerial Meeting on Road Safety

A follow-up meeting on road safety was successfully held at the Ministry of Physical Infrastructure and Transport (MOPIT), Kathmandu, with active participation from Hon. Keshab Sharma, Secretary of MOPIT. The meeting brought together key stakeholders to share experiences and discuss collaborative strategies to improve road safety across Nepal. The discussion emphasized the need for coordinated efforts, evidence-based policies, and community engagement to reduce road traffic injuries. A key concern raised during the session was the enforcement and promotion of helmet use to ensure safer mobility.



STAR RATING ASSESSMENT AT CHANDESWORI SECONDARY SCHOOL, TOKHA



SAN conducted an impactful assessment at Chandeswori Secondary School to evaluate students' knowledge and perceptions of road safety. Engaging students from grades 8 to 10 through interactive activities, the initiative sought to understand how young learners perceive and practice safety on the roads surrounding their school. The valuable insights gathered are instrumental in shaping more targeted and effective road safety awareness programs aimed at fostering safer behaviors among youth in the community.

ENSURING SAFE LABOUR MIGRATION



A discussion was organized by NNSM to understand how children in Nepal are affected when their parents go abroad for work. Ms. Writu Bhatta, executive secretary of Swatantrata Abhiyan Nepal, shared findings showing that these children often face emotional stress, school dropout, and lack of care especially when left with elderly guardians. Participants from civil society highlighted issues like increased risk of abuse, "parentification" (children taking adult roles), and the need for mental health support. The group recommended community-based care, support for female-headed households, and stronger policies to protect and reunite families. The event ended with a call for better programs and policies to support children left behind due to labour migration.

CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOP



April 8 to 9, 2025, SAN conducted capacity building workshop, bringing team members together for a two-day session focused on reflection, learning, and strategic planning. The workshop served as a valuable opportunity to enhance the team's collective capacity, Trauma Approaches, and the self care approached to advance SAN's work. Through interactive discussions and skill-building activities, the event fostered collaboration, strengthened team dynamics, and reinforced a shared commitment to impactful and rights-based work.

MARKING INTERNATIONAL DOMESTIC WORKER'S DAY 2025



On the occasion of International Domestic Workers Day 2025, Swatantrata Abhiyan Nepal organized a delegation visit to the Industry, Commerce, Labor, and Consumer Welfare Committee to advocate for the rights, dignity, and recognition of domestic workers. The delegation presented key demands, including the legal recognition and local-level registration of domestic workers, ratification of ILO Convention 189, adoption of a dedicated domestic work procedure, inclusion in the Social Security Fund, protection of child domestic workers, enforcement of minimum wage and written contracts, and the upliftment of Dalit domestic workers facing caste and labor-based discrimination. The meeting highlighted the urgent need for policy action to ensure fair treatment, decent working conditions, and social justice for all domestic workers in Nepal.

POLICY DIALOGUE ON DOMESTIC WORKERS' RIGHTS AND ENGAGING THEM IN SOCIAL SECURITY FUND

On June 26, 2025, Swatantrata Abhiyan Nepal (SAN), in collaboration with the Domestic Workers Forum and the National Youth Council, organized a policy dialogue focused on the rights of domestic workers, with a particular emphasis on their inclusion in the Social Security Fund. The event brought together policymakers, stakeholders, and domestic worker representatives to discuss the urgent need for legal and institutional reforms. The dialogue highlighted the ongoing challenges faced by domestic workers especially in registration of the domestic worker's in the local level government, the lack of access to health insurance, accident benefits, and retirement security and strongly advocated for their formal recognition and inclusion in Nepal's Social Security Fund.



Congratulations

Congratulations, Goma Bhandari!

We're thrilled to congratulate Ms. Goma Bhandari, our Executive Committee Member, on her achievement as Chairperson of the National Youth Council Domestic Workers Network.

We're confident her experience and leadership will greatly benefit youth and workers. Wishing her a highly successful tenure!

