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Nepal's Strategic Plan to Eliminate Child Labor in Agriculture in Nepal: A validation Workshop among stakeholder

Swatantrata Abhiyan Nepal (SAN), in coordination with the Ministry of Labour, Employment and Social Security (MoLESS) and with support of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) Nepal, successfully organized a Validation Workshop on the Strategic Action Plan to Eliminate Child Labour in Agriculture in Nepal. The session served as a critical platform to refine the plan's strategies and interventions. Participants focused on ensuring the roadmap is not only inclusive and practical but also seamlessly aligned with Nepal's national priorities and international commitments. The workshop saw high-level participation from the Joint Secretary of MoLESS, officials from MoWCSC and MoALD, Local government as well as representatives from development partners, trade unions, FNCCI, NACG, Civil Society Organizations and Networks and youths. Through collaborative feedback, the attendees officially validated the plan, marking a milestone in the journey toward an exploitation-free agricultural sector.



Sixth International Conference on Elimination of Child Labour: A national Consultation

On October 31, 2025, Swatantrata Abhiyan Nepal (SAN) and the Global March Against Child Labour convened a high-level consultation to strategize for the upcoming 6th Global Conference on the Elimination of Child Labour. The event brought together a diverse coalition of stakeholders, including development partners, trade unions, FNCCI, NACG, youth advocates, and various civil society networks.

The discussion focused on identifying Nepal's key priorities and challenges in the fight against child labour. A significant outcome of the meeting was the formation of a dedicated working committee led by NACG. The committee committed to several landmark initiatives: organizing an Innovation Fair for CSOs, drafting a unified Position Paper, and preparing a comprehensive National Report on child labour. These documents will be submitted to the Government of Nepal and shared with international delegates at the global conference.



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Marking International Children's Day and World Day Against Child Abuse



On 19 November 2025, a coalition of Civil Society Organizations—including Swatantrata Abhiyan Nepal (SAN), the National Child Protection Alliance (NCPA), and CWISH—hosted a national-level event to commemorate the World Day Against Child Abuse and International Children's Day.

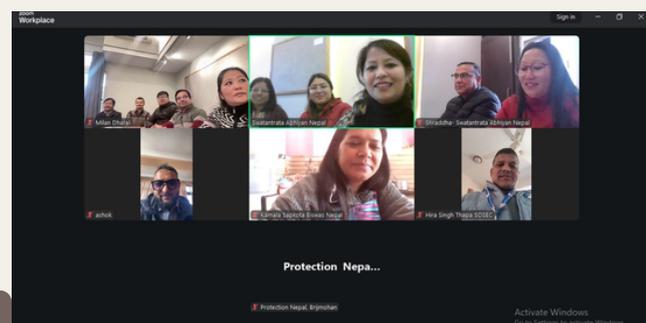
The program featured a diverse range of activities, including an art exhibition centered on ending violence and child-led discussions on case management. A primary focus was preparing for the 6th Global Conference on the Elimination of Child Labour in Morocco. Children engaged in deep-dive discussions on the Durban Call to Action, specifically addressing education, child labor in agriculture, social protection, and survivor perspectives.

The event concluded with children developing a set of formal recommendations for the upcoming Global Conference. Mr. Milan Raj Dharel, South Asia Coordinator of GMACL, committed to presenting these insights on the international stage.



6th Global Conference on the Elimination of Child Labour's Innovation Fair

As a key component of the CSO consultation process for the 6th Global Conference on the Elimination of Child Labour, an Innovation Fair was organized in Nepal. The event brought together 16 organizations from five provinces (Madhesh, Bagmati, Lumbini, Karnali, and Sudurpaschim) to showcase pioneering strategies and best practices for eradicating child labor. Participants presented detailed proposals outlining successful interventions, which were followed by collaborative feedback sessions. These compiled innovations have since been shared with the International Labour Organization (ILO) to inform future global actions.



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Education: For Ending Child Labour



National Child Protection Alliance (NCPA) in collaboration with SAN, Education Watch Group and other CSOs organized a national dialogue titled “Education for Ending Child Labour” was organized with the representation of Federal Government (Ministry of Labour Employment and Social Security, Ministry of Education, Science and Technology, National Child Right Council), NACG, Civil Society Organizations and the children to address the plight of Nepal's 1.1 million child laborers. The consultation highlighted a stark disconnect between high primary enrollment rates (97%) and low secondary retention (76%), identifying poor foundational learning and the "hidden costs" of free education as primary drivers pushing nearly 200,000 children into hazardous work. Key government officials and activists, including Chief Guest Bom Bahadur Baniya and activist Milan Raj Dharel, emphasized that ending child labour requires more than just legal prohibition; it demands a radical harmonization of the Labour Prohibition Act with the Compulsory Education Act to close the gap between the minimum working age and the age of school completion.

SAN's Engagement

From Policy to Protection; Strengthening the voice of Nepal's informal workers

SAN is committed to turning policy into practice for Nepal's care workers. In recent forums hosted by Various Stakeholder's Such as: the Human Rights Film Center, NNSM, and the ILO, we advocated for a shift in how care work is governed and protected. Our focus remains clear: strengthening evidence-based advocacy for migrant workers and securing comprehensive social security for those in the informal sector. Together with our partners, we are building a fairer future for the domestic workers who power our economy.

Stakeholder consultation meeting to discuss road safety actions

Swatantrata Abhiyan Nepal (SAN) participated in a stakeholder consultation meeting organized by the Road Safety Council. The meeting brought together diverse stakeholders to discuss updates on road safety initiatives and to provide recommendations and strategies for enhancing road safety. The discussions focused on creating safer roads for pedestrians and riders, supporting the Council's ongoing efforts to reduce traffic risks and improve road safety across Nepal.

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Advancing the Road Safety Action Plan in Tokha Municipality



Swatantrata Abhiyan Nepal (SAN) recently had a meeting with representatives from Tokha Municipality to review the draft Strategic Plan of Action on Road Safety. The meeting included the Chief Administration Officer, Municipal Police, and SAN officials. Following the consultation, SAN will revise the draft based on the feedback received and resubmit it to the municipality for final endorsement by the Executive Council.

Global Recognition for Nepal's Collaborative Road Safety Initiatives



Nepal's increasing international recognition for its commitment to road safety is a testament to the nation's progress. This milestone reflects the synergistic efforts of local organizations, dedicated advocates, and communities striving to ensure safer roads for every citizen. We express our heartfelt appreciation to the Global Alliance of NGOs for Road Safety for spotlighting Nepal's advancements and for their role in strengthening global partnerships within this vital sector.

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From all of us at the Swatantrata Abhiyan Nepal family, we wish you a very Happy New Year! 🎉



May the coming year be filled with hope, opportunities, and meaningful collaborations. We are grateful for your continued support and engagement in our journey toward positive change. Let's stay connected, share ideas, and work together to make 2026 a year of impact and progress.

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