

From Nepal to the Global Stage: Driving Innovation for the 6th Global Conference in Morocco

In December 2025, Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) from five provinces came together under the leadership of CSOs Forum Nepal to participate in a National Innovative Fair. The event served as a platform to highlight Nepal's collective action and localized initiatives aimed at ending child labour.

Following the fair, a comprehensive proposal reflecting Nepal's innovative approaches and community-based efforts was developed and submitted for international consideration. The proposal was formally adopted by **the Conference Coordination Committee of the 6th Global Conference on the Elimination of Child Labour, held in Morocco from February 11–13, 2026.**



This significant achievement demonstrates the strength of civil society collaboration in influencing global policy discussions. It also positioned Nepal's grassroots initiatives as a valuable model for the international community in advancing the elimination of child labour.

Bakaiya Rural Municipality Advances Towards Child Labour-Free Declaration

On January 4, 2026, Bakaiya Rural Municipality hosted a high-level Interaction Program on **the Elimination of Child Labour**. The program was chaired by Vice-Chair Bhakta Bahadur Khatri and honoured by Chief Guest and Chairperson Dharmaraj Lamichhane, along with municipal officials and civil society representatives.

The initiative was organized in **collaboration with civil society partners, including Child Welfare Society (CWS) and Swatantrata Abhiyan Nepal (SAN)**. SAN and CWS supported the municipality in analyzing the Child Labour Survey Report, which provided important data on children engaged in labour sectors within the municipality.



The interaction program also contributed to the development of a strategic action plan aimed at achieving a child labour-free municipality. At the conclusion of the event, the Rural Municipality and partnering organizations jointly reaffirmed their commitment to working toward a formal Child Labour-Free Municipality Declaration.

This initiative positions Bakaiya Rural Municipality as a strong example of promoting children's rights and ensuring a safer and more just future for coming generations.

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Empowering Domestic Workers: Highlights from the Recent Interaction Program

Swatantrata Abhiyan Nepal and Domestic Workers Forum jointly organized an interaction program on “Domestic Labour and Care Work” on January 11, 2026, in Kathmandu.

The program brought together domestic workers, representatives from the National Inclusion Commission, and officials from the International Labour Organization (ILO). The event created an important platform for dialogue, experience-sharing, and discussion on the challenges and contributions of domestic workers and care workers.



Participants shared testimonials and raised key issues related to recognition, dignity, working conditions, and the economic value of domestic and care work. The discussions emphasized the need to ensure greater respect and protection for workers in this sector.

The program concluded with clear recommendations and a way forward, including stronger social acceptance of domestic work as legitimate work, fair and equitable wages, development of directives related to domestic work and workers, and access to social security for domestic workers.

This interaction program marked an important step toward promoting labour rights, inclusion, and dignity for domestic workers in Nepal.

Advocating Political Commitment for Road Safety in Nepal

Swatantrata Abhiyan Nepal and NASA Foundation led a joint delegation to engage major political parties in Nepal and advocate for stronger political commitment toward road safety.

The delegation met with representatives from Nepali Congress, Communist Party of Nepal (UML), Rastriya Swatantra Party, Nepal Communist Party, Rastriya Prajatantra Party, Ujyalo Nepal Party, Pragatishil Loktantrik Party, and Loktantrik Samajbaadi Party.

This collective initiative aimed to strengthen the unified voice of civil society and encourage political commitment to making roads safer for all citizens. The advocacy emphasized the right to fearless travel and the right to health as essential foundations for building a prosperous, civilized, and modern Nepal.

Key recommendations included ensuring safe, organized, and regular public transportation services, aligning national road safety policies with relevant United Nations conventions, and resolving pending laws, regulations, and programs related to transport management and public safety.

The delegation also highlighted the urgent need for the implementation of the Road Safety Act, establishment of a Road Safety Council, and facilitation of International Driving Permits.

This mission represented an important step toward placing road safety higher on the national political agenda and advancing safer mobility across Nepal.

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Advocating for Rights: Shaping Political Commitments for a Safer Nepal

Swatantrata Abhiyan Nepal (SAN) led a strategic advocacy delegation in collaboration with the National Coalition for Girls' Rights (NCGR) and the National Child Protection Alliance (NCPA) to engage major political parties in Nepal ahead of the electoral process.

The delegation met with key political parties, including Rastriya Swatantra Party, Communist Party of Nepal (UML), Nepali Congress, Rastriya Prajatantra Party, and Nepal Communist Party. During these engagements, comprehensive recommendations were submitted for inclusion in party election manifestos, focusing on child protection, child labour, child marriage, and road safety.

Key recommendations included ensuring universal birth registration through coordination with the Department of National ID and Civil Registration, strengthening monitoring systems for child helplines and care centres, ratifying International Labour Organization (ILO) Convention No. 29 on forced labour, and formal registration of informal sector workers such as domestic and agricultural labourers.

The agenda also addressed urgent concerns raised in the 2082 BS National State of Children Report, emphasizing the survival rights of girls and proposing safety measures such as Safe Safari initiatives and CCTV surveillance to prevent sexual harassment.

Furthermore, the manifesto recommendations called for district-level rehabilitation and legal aid services for survivors of violence, along with the integration of scientific Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE) into school curricula, with a focus on consent, safety, and healthy relationships.

This advocacy mission marked an important step in shaping policy commitments for a safer, more inclusive, and child-friendly Nepal.



This collective initiative aimed to strengthen the unified voice of civil society and secure stronger political commitments for the protection and promotion of children's rights in Nepal.

SAN Joins Global Call to Action Against Inequality

Swatantrata Abhiyan Nepal (SAN) took part in a strategic discussion organized by NGO Federation Nepal on January 8, 2026, to unify civil society voices ahead of Davos Week 2026.

The meeting addressed key issues such as artificial intelligence in poverty reduction, climate justice, sustainable farming, and misuse of climate funds, while emphasizing Nepal-specific recommendations and strong women's participation.

SAN also joined a public demonstration in Lalitpur on January 21 in support of the Davos Week Call to Action, advocating for economic justice, inclusion, and accountability. This reflects SAN's commitment to ensuring local realities are represented in global policy discussions.

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SAN Joins National Validation Workshop on Child Trafficking and Forced Labour

Swatantrata Abhiyan Nepal (SAN) participated in a high-level national validation workshop organized by Shakti Samuha in collaboration with The Asia Foundation (TAF) and New ERA. The workshop reviewed a major study on child trafficking and forced labour in Nepal, based on a decade-long literature review, a survey of 654 participants, and 160 in-depth interviews.

The study explored exploitation in the adult entertainment sector, domestic labour, and cross-border trafficking. It identified economic vulnerability and social discrimination as key drivers, while also revealing that workplace abuse remains widespread and cross-border trafficking often involves severe exploitation, including excessively long working hours.

In response, SAN recommended stronger inter-ministerial coordination and greater engagement with parliamentarians under the proposed 4P Framework: Prevention, Protection, Prosecution, and Partnership. These recommendations aim to turn research findings into stronger laws, effective implementation, and adequate budget commitments across all levels of government in Nepal.

SAN Joins World Social Work Day Celebration

To mark World Social Work Day 2026, Kathmandu Model College organized a panel discussion titled “Policy Dialogue on Unity and Diversity” on March 17, 2026, with Swatantrata Abhiyan Nepal (SAN) as a key collaborator. Held under the global theme “Co-Building Hope and Harmony: A Harambee Call to Unite a Divided Society,” the event focused on promoting inclusion, justice, and social cohesion in Nepal.

During the discussion, panelist Writu Bhatta Rai noted that Nepal’s diversity is often used for political interests and stressed that genuine unity requires intergenerational dialogue, stronger accountability, and meaningful local engagement. Participants also discussed the importance of economic justice, freedom of expression, and ending impunity.

While acknowledging Nepal’s strong constitutional and policy framework, panelists identified implementation gaps caused by corruption, structural inequality, and limited local awareness. Through this collaboration, SAN reaffirmed the need for continued advocacy to bridge the gap between policy and practice and help build a more inclusive and harmonious society.

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