

Country Profile Nepal



STOP CHILD EXPLOITATION!

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40% of Nepal's population is under the age of 18.¹ The country is one among the economically vulnerable nations in South Asia. 222,000 children are found to be engaged in child labour in hazardous conditions.² Children in Nepal are extremely vulnerable to sexual exploitation arising out of prevalent unsafe migration, trafficking, child marriage and online sexual abuse and exploitation. Nepal is a tier-3 country under Global Cyber Security Index 2024,³ reflecting a relatively unsafe online environment. Cases of online grooming by foreign tourists and live streaming of child sexual abuse material are major risks faced by children.

¹ Demographic Changes of Nepal: Trends and policy implications, 2017, National Planning Commission

² Nepal Child Labour Report 2021, International Labour Organization, National Planning Commission, Government of Nepal

³ A trusted reference of International Telecommunication Union is a specialized agency of the United Nations responsible for related to information and communication technologies

Stakeholder Reach
2024

CHILDREN
3638

FAMILY AND
COMMUNITY
MEMBERS
751

CIVIL SOCIETY
REPRESENTATIVES
46

LAW
ENFORCEMENT
AGENTS
32

GOVERNMENT
OFFICIALS
53

PRIVATE
SECTOR STAFF
77

Our Projects

Safety for Children and their Rights OnLine (SCROL)

Project locations : Bagmati and Gandaki province

The SCROL project works to protect children from online sexual exploitation by driving systemic change towards a safer digital environment. It strengthens the capacity of government, law enforcement, and the private sector to enforce laws and shape policies, while empowering children through peer groups to advocate, raise awareness, and promote stronger online protection.

Step Up the Fight Against Sexual Exploitation of Children (SUFASEC)

Project location : Kathmandu city

The SUFASEC project under the Down to Zero Alliance protects children from online sexual exploitation by strengthening systems and promoting their sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR). Working with teachers, parents, law enforcement, and government, it creates platforms for sensitisation, knowledge sharing, and collective action.

⁴Down to Zero (DtZ) alliance is a global initiative of a group of INGOs (Terre des Hommes Netherlands, Plan International Netherlands, Defence for Children- ECPAT, Free a Girl, CRC Asia and Conexión) to address sexual exploitation of children.



Children led a research in Nepal to understand online trends and risks, to draft solutions that address gaps in online safety mechanisms.

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**We've learnt to prioritise
our children's safety
online through open
communication.**”

Deepa

A parent of two children who enrolled in a parents' group under our SCROL project. Here, she gained knowledge on online child protection and is now actively raising awareness among fellow parents.

Key Figures 2024



41

Child and youth led awareness raising sessions organised

37

National and local government officials trained in prevention and response to online child sexual exploitation.

3268

Children learn how to prevent online child sexual exploitation and how to report cases

46

Cases of online sexual exploitation reported receive referral support

686

Young people learn about sexual and reproductive health

Our Achievements

Online safety literacy is now integrated into the computer science curriculum of grade 9 after advocacy efforts with the Curriculum Development Centre (CDC).



With our support, the Internet Service Provider Association (ISPAN) has instituted Standard Operating Procedures for Internet Service Providers to adhere to online safety standards.



Our efforts have contributed to the National Association of Travel & Tour Agents (NATT), Gandaki adopting a Child Protection Policy for tour and travel agencies.



Through active lobbying, local municipalities have allocated budgets for awareness and sensitisation efforts on online safety and protection.



Children and youth take the lead in preventing online child sexual exploitation through peer-to-peer awareness sessions.



Implementing Partners

Child Workers in Nepal (CWIN), Women Youth in Social Service and Human Rights (WYSHER), Center for Legal Research and Resource Development (CeLRRD)

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About

Terre des Hommes Netherlands

Terre des Hommes Netherlands is a global child rights organisation that works in Asia, Africa, the Middle East and Europe. We prevent and stop child exploitation, and empower children to make their voices count. We catalyse systemic change with the support of grassroots-level implementing partners. We ensure that children are at the centre of our initiatives.

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