

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 of the most economically vulnerable nations in South Asia. 1.1 million children are found to be engaged in child labour.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 currently ranks 94th out of 194 countries on the Global Cyber Security Index.³ Cases of online grooming by foreign tourists and live streaming of child sexual abuse material are major risks faced by children.

Stakeholder Reach
2023

CHILDREN
3356

FAMILIES AND
COMMUNITIES
343

CIVIL SOCIETY
REPRESENTATIVES
39

LAW
ENFORCEMENT
AGENTS
90

GOVERNMENT
OFFICIALS
61

PRIVATE
SECTOR STAFF
77

Our Projects

Safety for Children and their Rights OnLine (SCROL)

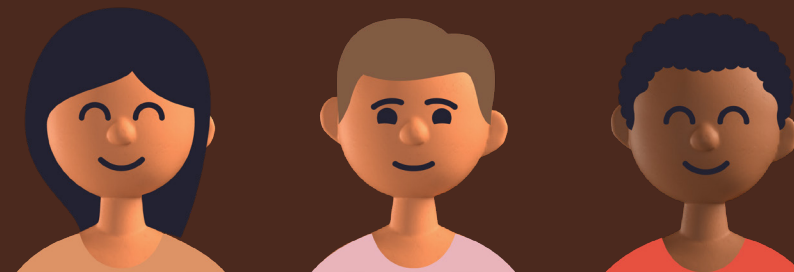
Project locations : Bagmati and Gandaki province

SCROL in Nepal works to protect children and prevent online child sexual exploitation (OCSE) by enabling systemic changes that ensure a safe online environment. The project works with the law enforcement agencies, relevant government departments and the private sector to build their capacities to respond to OCSE and strengthen implementation of laws and facilitate policy changes. Children are empowered to advocate for a safer online environment, with sensitisation through peer support groups.

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

Project location : Kathmandu city

As part of the Down to Zero Alliance,⁴ the SUFASEC project in Nepal works to strengthen systems to protect children from online child sexual exploitation, empower children to access their sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) and enable a safe online environment. The project works with multiple stakeholders such as school teachers, parents, law enforcement agencies and government representatives to create platforms for knowledge sharing, sensitisation and systems strengthening.



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

² Nepal Labour Force Survey, 2017-2018, Central Bureau of Statistics and International Labour Organization

³ The Global Cybersecurity Index (GCI) is a trusted reference of International Telecommunication Union is a specialized agency of the United Nations responsible for related to information and communication technologies

⁴ Down 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.



- “Through a Community Police³ orientation programme by a Terre des Hommes partner, I learnt how concerning the issue of OCSE (Online Child Sexual Exploitation) was. I decided to conduct sensitisation sessions on OCSE in both private and community (public) schools of Ward 31, Kathmandu”

Bina Dahal

Community Police, Nepal

We fight against Child Labour, Sexual Exploitation of Children and Humanitarian Crises.

³ Community Police is a unit of Nepal Police which works on local-level community issues
⁴ Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) and Sexual Exploitation of Children (SEC)

Achievements 2023

1. The Government of Nepal amended a law to establish trial courts for the first time in all the 77 districts of Nepal exclusively to hear cyber crime cases, and a local government unit allocated a budget towards awareness raising on OCSE.
2. The Community Police in Nepal have begun to integrate awareness against online child sexual exploitation (OCSE) into their activities.
3. Children advocated directly with the Minister of Women, Children and Senior citizens in Nepal to include addressing OCSE in the 16th National Action Plan presenting the minister with a memorandum highlighting the need for inclusion online safety learning in the national education curriculum, a special unit for child protection under the Cyber Bureau and 8 other advocacy asks.

Implementing partners : CWIN, WYESHR, CeLRRd

About

Terre des Hommes Netherlands

Terre des Hommes Netherlands is a global child protection 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 tackle issues at the roots by enabling 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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Key Figures

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Children learn about OCSE and know how to report cases.

189

Young people access comprehensive information on SRHR and SEC⁴

38

Child advocates engage at the national, regional and global level

34

Child and youth-led awareness raising sessions

2

policy changes by the government in relation to addressing OCSE