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CRC and OPAC Concluding Observations to Nepal

The UN Committee on the Rights of the Child adopted the concluding observations on CRC and OPAC at its 2132nd meeting held on 3 June 2016. The committee welcomed the submission of 3rd/4th/5th periodic report on CRC and the initial report on OPAC. The committee welcomed the adoption of new constitution and recommended to make the draft Children's Bill comprehensive, integrated and in line with the provisions of the Convention. The committee also recommended to evaluate the previous National Plan of Action. The committee

recommended to increase the budgetary allocation on children's sector, develop a comprehensive and disaggregated data collection system and widely disseminate the CRC provisions in communities. Similarly, thematic recommendations related to non-discrimination, best interests of children, birth registration, nationality, torture, corporal punishment, abuse and neglect, sexual exploitation, gender based violence, harmful practices, issues of inter-sex children etc have been recommended by the Committee.

*Concluding Observations attached with the newsletter

Technical workshop on IEC materials on the provision in new constitution regarding rights

On joint venture of Planete Enfants and Child Nepal a three days Technical workshop on IEC materials (booklet and poster) on the provision in new constitution regarding child rights was conducted at UhyamiGhar, Buddhanagar from 29th June to 1st July 2016. The program was intended to discuss on the provisions of Child Rights in new constitution of Nepal and translate them in child friendly language. The participants of the workshop were Mr. Kapil Aryal, Associate Professor of Kathmandu School of law, Mr. Krishna Subedi, Child Friendly Linguist, Mr. Buddhi Kumar Shrestha, Program Director of Planete Enfants, Program Director of Child Nepal Mr.

Mohan Dangal, Psycho-social counselor Ms. Furba Jangmu Sherpa and Illustrator Mr. Pradeep Rai. The prime objective of the workshop was to translate 10 child rights provisions of the constitution in child friendly version and illustrate relevant cartoon for it. On the first day, major discussion were done on the scope of the

provisions and child friendly translation. The Second day was followed by the further discussion on the same topic and work out on illustration. On the third day the workshop was concluded developing a final draft of child friendly translation of the Child Rights provisions and appropriate illustration of them



Community Counseling and Protection Centers (CCPCs) established

CN established and operated four CCPCs in the four most vulnerable VDCs ie. Lagarche, Bhotenamlang, Thankpalkot, Thankpaldhap, of Sindhupalchok to combat children's trafficking with the support from PLAN International Nepal. The objective of

CCPC is to provide counseling service to the vulnerable children of trafficking and involve in recreational activities. These centers were established in close collaboration and coordination with Village Children Protection Committees

(VCPCs) and Village Committee to Control Human Trafficking (VCCHTs) of the relevant VDCs. CN appointed two facilitators in each CCPC to provide counseling services to the children.

Child Songs CD Album Released



Child Nepal released a child songs CD collection album called "Ghur Ghur Garne Parewa" on 19th June 2016 at its office Gopikrishnanagar, Chabahil. The main purpose of the program was to formally release the album and make the relevant organizations and

individuals known about it. The program started with a short presentation about Child Nepal by program director Mr. Mohan Dangal. The CD was launched by Senior Human Rights Activist and former member of National Human Rights Commission Prof. Kapil

Shrestha. The guests attended in the program were from different organizations. The CD was produced with the support of We World Onlus and it comprised the eight child songs. The program concluded with the closing remarks from CN Chairperson Mr. Krishna Subedi.

CZOPP, NHRC and NGO Coalition for UPR

The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), CZOPP Nepal and NGO Coalition for UPR in cooperation with European Union, UPR Info, Save the Children (CZOPP) and Plan Nepal (CZOPP) organized a 2-day Multi-Stakeholders National Dialogue to foster cooperation for an effective implementation of UPR recommendations, on June 7 and 8, 2016. The objective of the workshop was to organize the government preparatory meeting to bring together the representatives of line ministries in charge of implementation of UPR recommendations and serve as an



opportunity to introduce the UPR process in the context of international relations and international law. Likewise, another objective was to organize CSO preparatory meeting to bring together CSO working on a wide spectrum of human rights issues and served as an opportunity to discuss CSOs' advocacy activities conducted since the December meeting and update CSOs' implementation plans and the action strategies. Child Nepal and CZOPP chairperson Mr. Krishna Subedi made his participation in the

program. He expressed his pleasure for being able to organize such an important event and also highlighted on the fact that even though this was the second cycle of UPR, a lot of stakeholders were not aware on the issue. In addition, he explained about how CZOPP had played an important role in the arena of human rights and mentioned that the solidarity in the event was the result of the same commitment. He opined that UPR was unique in a sense that a state could directly recommend to another. Mr.

Subedi particularly focused on the requirement of National Mechanism in order to implement the recommendations of UPR. He demanded with the government that the representatives of civil society must be included in a task force to turn plan into reality. Further, he said that children were voiceless and it was the duty of adults to be their voice. This was the main reason, which compelled the Child Centric Coalition to send a separate report to the Geneva. At last, he urged the government to plan based on the reality.

Our Solidarity in June 12 program



Slogan:

**End Child
Labour in
Supply Chain**

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It's everyone's
business.**



District level children's convention completed

Child Nepal played an active role to organize the district level children's convention in Sindhupalchok and supported the program both financially and physically. As an active organization on child protection in the district, CN managed to invite children from the remote areas, ensure their participation in the convention and created an environment for them to raise their concerns. The program was organized by Women and Children Office, Sindhupalchok and District Child Club Network on 6th and 7th June, 2016. There was participation of more than 162 representatives from different organizations and agencies in the program.



Three Children rescued from being trafficked

Child Nepal in collaboration with Women and Children Office and Nepal police successfully rescued three children of Lagarche VDC, Sindhupalchok from Dhading from being trafficked. These children- 15 years old Rammaya Bhujel (name changed), 14 years old Sabita Bhujel (name changed) and Gita Bhujel ran away from their houses and were tracked by CN staff in Sindhupalchok. The information about them was collected and the phone number of Ram Maya was traced and made contact with her immediately after the

news on missing children was heard by facilitator of Community Counseling and Protection Centre. It became easier to rescue the children when it has been found that those three children were staying in Salina Sunar's (Rammaya's sister) house in Dhading.

If the case is reviewed properly and look through the fact about the children running away from the house without informing their parents and based on the conversation of Salina Sunar, these children were either about to get sold or were about to be involved in labor.

The representatives of Child Nepal have faced lots of challenges to bring the rescued children in Melamchi from Kathmandu. In addition, with the help of Melamchi police force, Child Nepal has handed over the children to their respective parents. According to those children, the main reason for running away from home was due to the continuous domestic violence they were facing from their brother in the family. CN is in a plan to continue the support program to these rescued children through FACTER project.

Orientation on Referral Mechanism

Child Nepal organized "Strengthening District level Referral Mechanism" refreshment program jointly with Tuki Sang Sunkoshi on 15th June, 2016 in Chautara, Sindhupalchok. The chairperson of the program was Women and Children District officer, Ms. Sandhya Rajeshwori Singh. The total participants in the program were twenty seven from different government and non-government organizations. The program was formally inaugurated by FACTER Project Manager Mr. Toyenath Tiwari of Child Nepal presenting

organization's vision, mission, objectives, approaches, programs and achievements. In addition, Empowering Adolescents Girl in Emergency (EAGE) Project Coordinator Mr. Deepak Nepal of Tuki Sang Sunkoshi highlighted and shared the progress of the project till now. The resource person of the program, Information Management officer of district children and woman office, Mr. Rewati Raman Nepal conducted the session on the referral process which includes top to bottom



approach from local level to district and central level. In addition, he added that unless there is gap in coordination

between NGOs, government bodies and vigilant group, the existing referral mechanism will not work properly. The

program was wrapped up by the closing speech from the chairperson.

Field based activities of research on assessment of children in urban poor settlements in Kathmandu Valley



Child Nepal with the support of Save the Children is conducting study on the situation of children in urban poor settlements in Kathmandu valley. The study aims to do the household survey under quantitative method and Focused Group Discussion under qualitative method of the research. The household survey is completed in fifty settlements of the valley. Likewise, the study targets to conduct 40 Focused Group Discussion (FGDs) with four different groups in ten different settlements. So, till now eight FGDs have been completed and the process is going on in remaining settlements.



CN facilitated to form a media task force to combat children's trafficking in Sindhupalchok amid a program organized in district headquarter in collaboration with Women/Children Office and Federation of Nepalese

Journalists in 27 June 2016. Speaking in a program Women/Children Officer Ms. Sandhya Rajeshori Singh highlighted the key works that need to be done my journalists to prevent children from being trafficked. The

meeting formed a media task force voting unanimously Suresh Kasaju, the staff of Sindhu Sandesh paper, as the coordinator and remaining as the members. The program was supported by Plan International Nepal.



- Child Right Associate Ms. Furba Jangmu Sherpa participated in National ECD conference on 15th June 2016, Naachghar, Jamal organized by UNICEF and Ministry of Education.
- Child Right Associate Ms. Furba Jangmu Sherpa participated in orientation on CFLG from 20th -23rd June organized by Ministry of federal affairs and local development supported by UNICEF.
- Child Nepal Secretary Mr. Ratna Upreti participated in education working group meeting on 13th June, 2016 in District Education Office, Chautara Sindhupalchok.
- Child Nepal Secretary Mr. Ratna Upreti participated in NGO Federation monthly meeting on 19th June, 2016.

The map shows a green line representing the route to Child Nepal (CN). It starts from the bottom left, goes up to Gopikrishna Film Hall (red dot), then continues to Humus Field (red rectangle), Chilli Nepal (green dot), and finally to CN (red dot). Other landmarks include Radhance College and OM Nursing Campus. The map is oriented with a grey line labeled 'Ring Road' running diagonally from the bottom left to the top right.

Location map of CN

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