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Delegation Visits to duty bearers focusing Child Rights



Delegation visits were done at National Child Rights Council, National Human Rights Council, Ministry of Labour, Employment and Social Security, Women and Social Affairs Committee by CAB members on August. Delegation letters were handed over to the concerned duty bearers to sensitize duty bearers in issues like timely policy amendment (CL Prohibition and Regulation Act and Children's Act), strengthen the child protection mechanism at local level, increment in the mid-day-meal cost, effective monitoring of child labour and mid day meal, expansion of child helplines (1098 and 104), child-friendly reporting mechanism and urge for immediate action.

Child-led activities on Child Protection and Participation

Based on the action plan, CAB members conducted 4 child-led activities at the school level. These activities included orientation to students regarding the difference between child labour and child work, online child sexual abuse and roles and responsibilities of child club at Mahalaxmi Secondary School, Lubhu and Dhapasi Secondary School, Tokha whereas extra curricular activities like speech and drawing competitions focused on violation of child rights, child labour and child participation were conducted in Ganesh and Prabhat Secondary School, Lalitpur.



Discussion with Project Steering Committee

A meeting of the Steering Committee was held on July to discuss the project progress in detail and update with reference to the project log frame of My Rights My Future before undergoing the evaluation process and seek strategic guidance and recommendations from the Steering Committee for effective project implementation.



Research Findings Dissemination



CWISH, with support from Free the Slaves International (FTS), successfully organized a dissemination event to share the findings of our research “Life as Child Domestic Workers in Kathmandu” on August 13, 2025. The event brought together 40 participants, including representatives from National Planning Commission, National Child Rights Council, Ministry of Education, civil society organizations, child rights networks, school teachers, media,

children, members of CWISH’s Children Advisory Board (CAB), as well as INGOs such as ILO and World Vision, and renowned child rights experts. Discussions focused on the hidden realities of child domestic labor, the pathways that push children into domestic work, and the urgent need for policy and programmatic actions to protect children from exploitation.



Local Representatives with Children

Local Representatives with Children in Sunkoshi-5 was conducted on 5 September 2025. Children have raised several questions during the event regarding CFLG, budget allocation for children, grievance hearing mechanism in school, management of sanitary pads in school, stationery support for economically vulnerable children, conduction of extra-classes in school, plan of local government to enroll out-of-school children to school among others. Vice Chairperson of Sunkoshi RM and Ward Chairperson of Sunkoshi-5 responded to each question and expressed their commitment to coordinating with other organizations to meet their need.



"Let every child enjoy freedom and dignity"

Initiation of Local Child Right Committees (LCRC)

LCRCs have conducted 20 meetings with LCRC members, 13 meetings with community leaders and 17 awareness events. During the meeting, they identified the local child protection issues, discussed those issues, developed an action plan to mitigate them and conducted awareness events to prevent them. Local Child protection issues are school drop-outs, irregularity of students in school, corporal punishment, child abuse, child labor, child marriage, child trafficking, and domestic violence among others. In total, 536 people reached through awareness events, among whom there were 368 females, 168 males, 235 Brahmin/Chhetri, 176 Janajati, 48 Dalit and 77 Marginalized.



Capacity Enhancement of SMC/PTA Members



A total of 6 two-days capacity building training on Child Protection were conducted at Sindhupalchok for 84 SMC members and 64 PTA members of 17 Government Schools focusing on Grievance Hearing Mechanism in school. The training ended with developing action plan for each school which included endorsing child protection policies in school, formation/reformation of grievance hearing committee, installation of grievance box in school among others.

Among 148 participants, 58 were Female, 90 were Male, 64 were Brahmin/Chhetri, 62 were Janajati, 15 were Dalit and 7 were marginalized. Similarly, 24 meetings were conducted to improve the annual school improvement plan (SIP) focusing on the importance of the child protection plan in SIP. A total of 443 participants participated in the meeting, among whom 222 were Female, 221 were Male, 255 were Brahmin/Chhetri, 114 were Janajati, 46 were marginalized, and 28 were Dalit. As a result of the events, 9 schools have formed a Grievance Handling Committee, 11 schools have installed a Grievance Box, and 4 schools have included a child protection plan in SIP.

Engagement with Girls Advocacy Group (GAG)



A total of 71 regular meetings were conducted with GAG members of 31 Schools in Sindhupalchok. During such meetings, they discussed local child protection issues, and plan and/or review awareness events or REFLECT sessions. As per the planning in the GAG meeting, they have conducted 36 REFLECT Sessions and 45 awareness events reaching respectively to 938 students and 1495 community people. GAG members facilitated REFLECT sessions identifying local issues like Child Marriage, Bullying, Domestic Violence, Child Abuse, Caste Discrimination, Online abuse, and school Drop-Out/Irregularities where they analyze the root causes

and impacts of these issues on children and then developed an advocacy plan together with REFLECT participants to deal with the root causes of issues. In order to enhance their advocacy skill, 2 Workshop was conducted with GAG members of 4 schools of Balephi RM.



Advocacy at the National and Local Level



Advocacy at the National Level with parliamentarian was carried in Kathmandu on “Green Economy and Policy Framework” in the participation of 37 youths (54% female) representing from Kathmandu, Dhading, Chitwan, Makawanpur, Ramechhap, Kavre and Dolakha and 22 parliamentarian (73% female) with an aim to sensitize the policy makers on the principles of green economy and build strong

partnership between parliamentarians, government, youth and civil society organizations, thereby promoting policy coherence in the formation and implementation of green economy. The concern raised by youth were submitted electronically to the respective government authorities at Federal level. Advocacy at the local level was carried through interactions with government authorities and agencies on August in Dhading focusing on strengthening the coordination among local government, youth, communities and civil society organizations on environment conservation at the local level where the total participants were 78. Local government and stakeholder have committed in ensuring meaningful participation of youth in community level action and governance at the local level was the change driven by advocacy effort.

Youth on Nature-Based Solutions

Out of the 7 green start-up ideas from youth entrepreneur group, income generated during July to September by youth entrepreneur from Anti Carbon Footprint Pencil of Kathmandu was NPR 17200, Cloth Bag of Chitwan was NPR 45000, Eco-friendly Fabric Bag of Makawanpur was NPR 4000 and Bio-Degradable Disposable Plate of Dhading was NPR 1500, Vegetable farming of Dolakha was NPR 5000.

“From awareness to action- youth lead the way”.

Social Action

Social Action carried were “No-Judgement Talk” program in Kathmandu, “Door to Door Awareness” program on water supply, sanitation and hygiene in Ramechhap, “Youth Led Public Hearing on Developmental Works at the local level” in Kavre and “Youth to Youth Discussion Program on Meaningful and Active Youth Participation in Formulation of Plan at the Local Level” in Dolakha. Youth participants mentioned that sharing their feelings have helped in reducing the sense of isolation and anxiety after no-judgement talk program in Kathmandu.



Similarly, communities of Ramechhap were motivated to adopt simple, cost-effective and practical measures to prevent waterborne diseases at the household level and found adopting safe water practices such as use of boiled water for drinking purpose, use of filter for purifying drinking water along with maintaining personal cleanliness, handwashing, maintaining hygiene at home.

Moreover, in Kavre local representatives committed to prioritize youth participation in planning, monitoring and implementation of developmental works at the local level in the days ahead.

Furthermore, discussion program in Dolakha fostered mutual trust and cooperation among youths, enhanced their confidence and skills in leadership, communication and planning process.

28th Annual General Meeting

The 28th Annual General Meeting of CWISH was successfully conducted on September 23, 2025. The organizational annual progress was presented by General Secretary Ms. Anita Pandey, while the audited financial progress was presented by Treasurer Ms. Ramila Thapa. The overall yearly programmatic achievements, challenges, lessons learned and future plannings were shared by Team Leader Ms. Ruja Pokhrel. Furthermore, the agendas to be discussed were highlighted, where the board and general members had an in-depth discussion on the agendas and were endorsed accordingly through the AGM.



DAY CELEBRATION

International Youth Day 2025

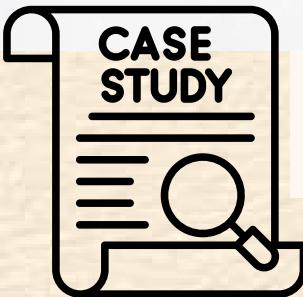
Youth from Kathmandu, Dhading, Chitwan, Makawanpur, Ramechhap, Kavre and Dolakha commemorate International Youth Day on August 12 by engaging in talk program, youth dialogue, interaction program, awareness program, discussion and public hearing.



National Child Participation Day

A discussion was organized with Hon. Health Minister of Bagmati Province Mr. Kiran Thapa Magar, jointly with Consortium Nepal on August 10, 2025 at Bhaktapur to celebrate National Child Participation Day. Representative children from the Child Advisory Board of CWISH, the National Child Advocacy Council of Consortium Nepal and Municipal Child Network of Suryabinayak Municipality discussed the various areas of education, health, protection and participation and requested for assurance of meaningful child participation of children in every sector.





Capacity Enhancement Training Leads to the Formation of Grievance Hearing Mechanism

"Grievance Hearing Committees have been formed in schools, along with the installation of Grievance Boxes for students to submit their concerns. As a result, students no longer have to remain silent or fearful about raising their issues." This was expressed by Ms. Juna Pariyar, Ward Member of Balephi-2. Similarly, Mr. Karna Bahadur Tamang, the Head Teacher of Shree Satkanya Basic School, stated that "The formation of Grievance Hearing Committee in school has made students feel safer". Ms. Alisha Bhandari, a Student of Shree Laxmidevi Secondary School shared, "We verbally report some of our problems to teachers. But we can't express everything, and not all students can speak up. Having a Grievance Box in the school has made it easier for us".

Within this year, Grievance Hearing Committees were formed in 14 schools of Balephi Rural Municipality. Under the Power Girls project, CWISH has conducted two days' capacity enhancement training with School Management Committees (SMCs) and Parent-Teacher Associations (PTAs) of each project implementation school on child protection with special focus on the Grievance Handling Mechanism in the school. At the end of the training, each school had developed child protection action plans, which also included the formation of a Grievance Hearing Committee. These plans have now been implemented.

Similarly, discussions on Grievance Hearing Procedures in schools were held during the capacity-building workshops with women representatives on 15-18 February, 2025. As a result, women representatives have been discussing with school Head

Teachers about the formation of the committee during their monitoring visit to schools. As a result of the capacity enhancement training for SMC/PTA members and persistence of women representatives for the Grievance Hearing Mechanism in schools, the committee was established in 14 schools. The discussion of Grievance Hearing Procedure in the LCRC meeting also led to the installation of Grievance Boxes in all 4 schools of Balephi-8 with the support of the Ward Office. It even includes a private school named Shree Greenland Secondary School.

In Sunkoshi Rural Municipality, though Grievance Committees were already established in earlier years, it was found that the committee was not formed as per the Grievance Hearing Procedure. So, during the training, schools have committed to reforming Grievance Hearing Committees as per the Procedure. Women representatives have also insisted on the reformation of the committee following proper procedures. As a result, the SMC meeting of Shree Koldung Devi Secondary School of Sunkoshi-6 made a decision to reform the Grievance Hearing Committee as per the Procedure.

This initiative is an example of how persistent efforts and discussions from various fronts can bring positive results. Grievance Hearing committees have been formed and Grievance Boxes have been installed in schools. However, for its functionality and effective implementation, we need to have continuous coordination with the school.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- 1. National Campaigns (19 days Activism for Prevention of Child Abuse and Violence, Celebration of Global Action Month)**
- 2. Dialogue between NCRC and CWA on child protection issues**
- 3. Advocacy engagement with local government on child protection**
- 4. Discussion with Private Sector among Police and CSOs**
- 5. Local Elected Representatives with Children**
- 6. Training to Teachers on Grievance Handling**
- 7. Capacity Enhancement Training of SMC/PTA Members**
- 8. Advocacy Meeting with RM Representatives**



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