



Regular Local Child Rights Committee (LCRC) Meetings (ward and Palika Level)

Regular LCRC meetings were conducted at Tokha and Mahalaxmi Municipality to discuss the issues of child protection and participation. Ward level LCRC meetings were conducted at Tokha-10 and Mahalaxmi-08 on Jan 28 and Feb 25, 2026, respectively and the municipal level LCRC meeting was conducted at Tokha Municipality on Jan 21, 2026. The meeting was focused on reviewing the previous decisions, implementing the planned initiatives and discussing the child protection issues and seeking immediate solutions at the respective local levels.



Public Hearing on child rights issues



Public hearing events "Local Representatives with Children" were conducted on Feb 23 and March 18, 2026, at the Tokha Municipality. This year, the ward-level public hearing has been replicated at the municipal level as well, where child club members were provided a suitable platform to express their queries among government representatives. The event facilitated direct Q&A sessions with representatives from the ward and municipality, where the accountable officials addressed the queries of children accordingly. This platform provided an opportunity for the local level to directly interact with children and include their voices in the upcoming planning process.

Delegation Visits to political parties focusing on Child Rights

Delegation visits were conducted before the federal election among 7 political parties, initiated by CAB Members to draw attention towards the issues of children. The visit was conducted among the Ujyalo Nepal Party, Rastriya Swatantra Party, Rastriya Prajatantra Party, CPN-UML, Nepal Communist Party (CPN), Nepali Congress and Janamat Party respectively from Feb 9-11, 2026. During the delegation visit, key recommendations focusing on timely policy amendment and contextualization of Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act 2000, and Children's Act, 2018, zero tolerance policy



towards child abuse and violence, implementation of General Comment-26 in line to ensure child protection, effective implementation to end child marriage, child participation in decision-making and child-responsive social protection schemes were suggested to all the political parties to be included as an agenda in their political manifesto contributing to increase investment and build secure future for all children.

Orientation regarding Child Friendly Local Governance (CFLG) to LCRC and CFLG Coordination Committee

An orientation session was organized by Tokha Municipality on Feb 6, 2026, in support of CWISH at the meeting hall of the municipality, aimed to orient the LCRC and CFLG coordination committee members regarding the fundamentals of CFLG and prepare the action plan of the individual ward for the declaration of CFLG. The event witnessed the participation of 45 key personnel from the ward and municipality, including the ward and municipal child networks of Tokha. As the municipality is planning to declare CFLG on Mangshir 16, 2083, all the wards were made committed to the campaign and were facilitated to prepare an action plan to accelerate the campaign accordingly, considering the date as the final deadline.



Youth Exchange Visit



An exchange visit was organized at the Nepal Academy of Science and Technology (NAST), Khumaltar, Lalitpur, with the objective of strengthening youth awareness in research and innovation. The visit particularly focused on biodiesel production from waste cooking oil, waste

to energy technology and the role of the Space Research Center in environmental conservation and disaster management. A total of 30 active youth participants from Chitwan, Makawanpur, Dhading, Kathmandu, Kavre, Ramechhap, participated in the exchange visit. The visit provides an opportunity to youth in learning various ongoing research projects at NAST, production of biodiesel from waste cooking oil, basics of artificial intelligence with its safe use, insights about the Satellite and Space Research Center at NAST.



"Youth are the active catalysts leading change in climate governance."

CASE STUDY



From leading school-based activities to national campaigns

Puspa Magar is 16 years old, originally from Gaighat, Udaypur. She is the eldest daughter in her family. She lives with her father and younger brother in Bhaktapur, as she was born there. Puspa is currently studying in Grade 10 at Ganesh Secondary School, Suryabinayak. She belongs to a low-income family background as her father is currently engaged in labour work. Her younger brother is 14 years old and studies in class 9. Her mother left the family during her childhood, so she didn't remember her mother and her father took the responsibilities of raising both children.

The financial condition of Puspa is low as her father works at a brick kiln which is seasonal work. Puspa was also somehow engaged in assisting her father at an early age while preparing bricks. Unknowingly, she was into child labour, but she didn't realize that helping parents is acceptable in our society. She was in grade 8 when she was first introduced to CWISH. At that time, she was the President of the child club at Ganesh. Being President of the child club, Puspa was approached by teachers to be a part of CAB as CWISH was reforming CAB and Ganesh was one of the working areas of the project. Puspa was nominated as secretary of CAB and then her journey started being CAB member of CWISH. Remembering her initial days being associated with CWISH, she expressed, "I didn't know about child rights and child protection. I was not so confident at that time and could not express myself freely in front of others. My focal teacher motivated me to be the secretary of CAB at that time."

Puspa has been regularly engaged with CWISH where she learned about child rights, child protection and participation. She has also attended capacity building trainings and exposure at national-level events. Due to continuous support and guidance, Puspa has now started raising concerns and highlighting the issue of child labour at local, national and regional platforms. She can confidently express herself in front of the public and speak for the rights of children. She has also chaired policy dialogue events and interacted with Parliament members, raising voices for the children like her. She has recently participated in Reginal Consultation organized by SAIEVAC representing child participation from Nepal where she shared the challenges of labour children, existing laws and future recommendations for contributing to the regional action plan to reduce CL along with other participants from Bangladesh and India. When asked about the memorable event associated with CWISH, Puspa remembers "The memorable moment for me was handing the letters of labour children to the Prime Minister and sharing the challenges and aspirations for CL reduction". Along with Puspa, 18 other labour children wrote a letter to the Prime Minister where they reflected their struggles and aspirations. Puspa was the only one who recited her letter in front of the Prime Minister and handed it over to him. She cherishes this particular moment for the rest of her life.

Since then, she has gained positive energy for becoming voices of children and making them heard. Various delegation visits have been conducted in the leadership of Puspa at the concerned ministries, NCRC and NHRC for raising concerns of children and drawing their attention. Meanwhile, Puspa is equally active at the local level as well. Currently, Puspa is also the Secretary of the Ward child club network at Suryabinayak-08 after the reformation. She is now educating other club members and is committed to conducting activities for the protection of the children. Asking about the future plans, Puspa replied, "After the completion of SEE, I want to study Law and contribute for strong policy formulation to protect the rights of children. Being the secretary of the child network, I will monitor the status of child labour in our area and support for their education by coordinating with the ward and Palika".

With involvement with CWISH, Puspa gained knowledge regarding child rights, especially focused on protection and participation. She said that the travel expense during her involvement with CWISH was utilized for her urgent stationery needs which she bought to support her education. Currently, Puspa is the Coordinator of CAB and a member of the steering committee. She has been supporting other members to plan and conduct activities regarding child protection and participation and contributing for effective implementation of project activities from the perspective of a child.

"Justice for Children, No excuses for excuses."

Youth Connect Workshop



Youth Connect Workshop on "Youth Cross Learning: A Step Toward a Resilient Community" was carried with the objective in strengthening knowledge and skills of youth for community resilience and building youth networking with inclusive youth engagement for community resilience. A total of 40 youth participants from Chitwan, Makawanpur, Dhading, Kathmandu,

Kavre, Ramechhap, Dolakha, Baglung, Surkhet, Kalikot, Bajura and Jumla participated the workshop. Workshop was patterned into session on mutual learning, ask-learn-encourage and cultivating art of connection. On mutual learning session, youth participants shared the best youth led actions within the community. The session depicting ask-listen-encourage was divided into sessions on youth sensitivity in disability and connecting youth to mental well-being. Session portraying the cultivation of the art of connection outlines the youth photography exchange. A workshop enables in enhancing knowledge of youth on disability, mental well-being, and photography along with cross-sharing experiences among youth on environmental action at the local and national level.



Framing Youth Structure



Youth Advisory Board was framed at the national level consisting 15 youth members based on the ToR of Youth Advisory Board. The selection process of the members was fully democratic. Mr. Himlal Chaulagain from Kathmandu as Coordinator and Ms. Ashlesha Mainali from Makawanpur as

Secretary was selected, and the remaining members were from Baglung, Kalikot, Jumla, Surkhet, Chitwan, Kavre, Ramechhap, Dhading, and Kathmandu. A youth advisory board opens the door in building a national youth network for collaborative efforts towards environmental initiatives and developing youth capacity for team work.

Children with Local Representatives

Children with Local Representatives was conducted at Thumpakhar, Sunkoshi RM in Sindhupalchok on 30th March 2026 in which 52 children participated and had dialogues with the Ward Chairperson and other representatives. Children have several queries that include the plan and budget allocated by the Ward Office for CFLG, insufficient game materials and a lack of playground for small children, need for quality sanitary pads in schools.

"Break the chains, end child labor pains."

Then the Ward Chairperson responded to their queries one by one and asked them to work in groups and provide them with important activities for children that need to be included in the upcoming fiscal year plan. They included activities like scholarships for students with low economic background, educational material support, capacity development training, Separate sports equipment for girls, child-friendly infrastructures in schools, etc.



Capacity Development Workshop with Women Representatives



A refresher capacity development workshop was conducted with 24 Women Representatives of Balephi and Sunkoshi RMs on 23 & 24 March 2025. During the review of previous workshops, they shared that the workshop had developed their understanding of their role and responsibilities towards children & women.

As of their learning, they had claimed their positions in various committees, started monitoring, participated in planning with their agenda, and become vocal to allocate budget for women and children. The workshop additionally enhanced their capacities on monitoring, features of good team, and ways of developing and communicating their agenda forward.

Engagement with Girls Advocacy Group

A total of 334 girls have engaged themselves, facilitating 25 REFLECT sessions in schools with 684 students of Balephi & Sunkoshi Rural Municipalities, in which they have identified several child protection issues at the local level, their causes and impacts and then developed an advocacy plan with students to address the causes so that further issues can be prevented. And based on the advocacy plan developed in REFLECT Sessions,



Girls Advocacy Groups have facilitated 39 awareness events on several child protection issues reaching 1128 community people. Similarly, for planning and reflection of these events, they have conducted 64 meetings where they have also shared changes in themselves and their parents as a result of the program.

Ward Child Right Committees initiatives



Ward Child Right Committees (WCRCs) of Balephi & Sunkoshi conducted 20 Meeting where they identified child protection issues, and planned actions to mitigate them. As per the planned actions, WCRCs organized 20 awareness events and 6 community meetings to prevent such issues in communities. A total of 755 parents and community leaders participated in these

events and expressed their commitment to child protection.

Municipal and Ward-Level Inception Meetings



An initial introduction meeting for the ECOC Project implementation was successfully conducted at both the municipal and ward levels in Helambu Rural Municipality. The municipal-level meeting was held at Helambu Rural Municipality-2 in Kiul, with a total of 38 participants in attendance. This group included the chairperson of Helambu

Rural Municipality, department heads, and ward chairpersons. The meeting focused on introducing the project's key activities and implementation approach. Similarly, a ward-level meeting took place in Ward No. 7, Mahankal, and was attended by 19 participants. This group included ward representatives, School Management Committee members, principals, Female Community Health Volunteers, and representatives from disability networks. This meeting facilitated discussions on local coordination and collaboration for the effective implementation of the project.



Mobilization and Capacity Building of SMC Members and Parents



To enhance community engagement in education, the ECOC Project has been actively mobilizing and building the capacity of School Management Committee (SMC) members and parents across eight schools in Helambu Rural Municipality. Field staff have been regularly interacting with parents to encourage their active participation and leadership within the School Management Committees and Parent Committees. Additionally,

ongoing meetings and coordination with SMC members and Teacher-Parent Associations are being conducted to improve their knowledge, roles, and capacities, thereby promoting more effective and inclusive school governance.

Reformation and Capacity Building Meeting of the Local Child Rights Committee

In accordance with the Child Protection and Promotion Policy 2081 of Helambu Rural Municipality, the Local Child Rights Committee was reformed to address the inactivity of some members and to enhance its effective functioning. Following this reconstitution, a successful capacity-building meeting was conducted to strengthen the committee's roles, responsibilities, and coordination mechanisms. The meeting took place at in Helambu Rural Municipality-2 Kiul, with the participation of 19 members.



"Youth are the real climate advocates to inspire climate actions."



Awareness on Climate Change

Chauri Deurali, a small village in Kavre, was once very beautiful and full of greenery. The people here lived in harmony with nature. Everything changes with time, but no one imagined that the weather could become this erratic.

I am a 22-year-old local young student. During my childhood, I had seen beautiful weather days when it rained on time, winter was cold and farming was good. But in the last few years, the weather has taken a surprising turn. There was no rain in the rainy season, but after the end of the rainy season, there was heavy rain. In March, the crops were damaged by hailstorms. Seeing the damaged crops, farmers were disappointed.

One day Children Women in Social Service and Human Rights (CWISH) stepped in our municipality. Through this organization, we got a chance to know about climate change and how carbon dioxide, plastic pollution, deforestation, etc., are increasing the temperature of the earth. I began to understand that this change was happening not only in our village, but all over the world.

After getting involved in the project "Local to Global" of CWISH, I started the "Hariyali Campaign" with friends from the youth network formed within the Project. We started planting trees in the village and collecting plastic while teaching the community to manage the waste. The garden, which no one had noticed before in the village, began to be cleaned and people started managing the waste. The local government office also saw our campaign and started supporting it. We can't control the weather, but we can keep the earth in balance by improving how we behave. All this happened because of the consciousness and willpower of some youth who changed our village again.

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| 1. Dialogues with Parliamentary Committee & Federal Parliament Secretariat |
| 2. Dialogues between the National Child Rights Council (NCRC) & Child Welfare Authorities |
| 3. Media Interaction on child labor and child sexual exploitation |
| 4. Day's Celebration (June 12) |
| 5. Workshop with Local Representatives on CFLG |
| 6. Policy and Program Analysis with RM Representatives |
| 7. Workshop on Monitoring and Action Plan Development with RM Representatives |
| 8. Positive Parenting Workshops |
| 9. Workshop on School Improvement Plan |
| 10. Capacity Enhancement Workshops with Girls Advocacy Group |
| 11. Youth Training on Online Sexual Exploitation Against Youth |
| 12. Youth Conclave "Mutual Cooperation for Opportunities of Youth Engagement" |
| 13. Dialogue Works 2.0 Kick-Off Meeting |
| 14. Provide coordination and facilitation support for the formation of Ward Child Rights Committees |
| 15. Facilitate and support school enrollment campaigns |
| 16. Facilitate School Management Committee (SMC) meetings and provide capacity-building workshops |
| 17. Conduct capacity-building workshops for Child Protection Focal Teachers and carry out regular follow-ups |
| 18. Continue regular school visits, providing support and advocacy |

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Support for the Local Child Rights Committee in Case Management



Under the ECOC Project, ongoing support has been provided to the Local Child Rights Committee in Helambu Rural Municipality to enhance case management. Information regarding incidents of child marriage within the project areas has been identified and shared with the committee, leading to coordinated efforts in addressing and managing these cases. Additionally, updated data on children at risk throughout the municipality has been systematically compiled and submitted to the committee, aimed at strengthening response mechanisms and facilitating informed decision-making.

Home Visits and Needs Assessment of Children with Disabilities



As part of the ECOC Project, home visits were conducted to children with disabilities in Helambu Rural Municipality to assess their living conditions and identify specific needs, with the collected data submitted to relevant authorities for further action. Based on recommendations from the Local Child Rights Committee and respective wards, arrangements are currently underway to provide necessary support through the CBC approach for eight highly vulnerable children, ensuring targeted assistance and improved well-being.



Regular Presence in Focal Schools



As part of the ECOC Project, field staff have maintained regular presence in three focal schools—Pating, Mahendra, and Rishankhumane—in Helambu Rural Municipality, providing ongoing support to key school activities. Their engagement has focused on facilitating parental involvement, assisting teachers in enhancing teaching and learning practices, and contributing to the strengthening of overall school governance.

