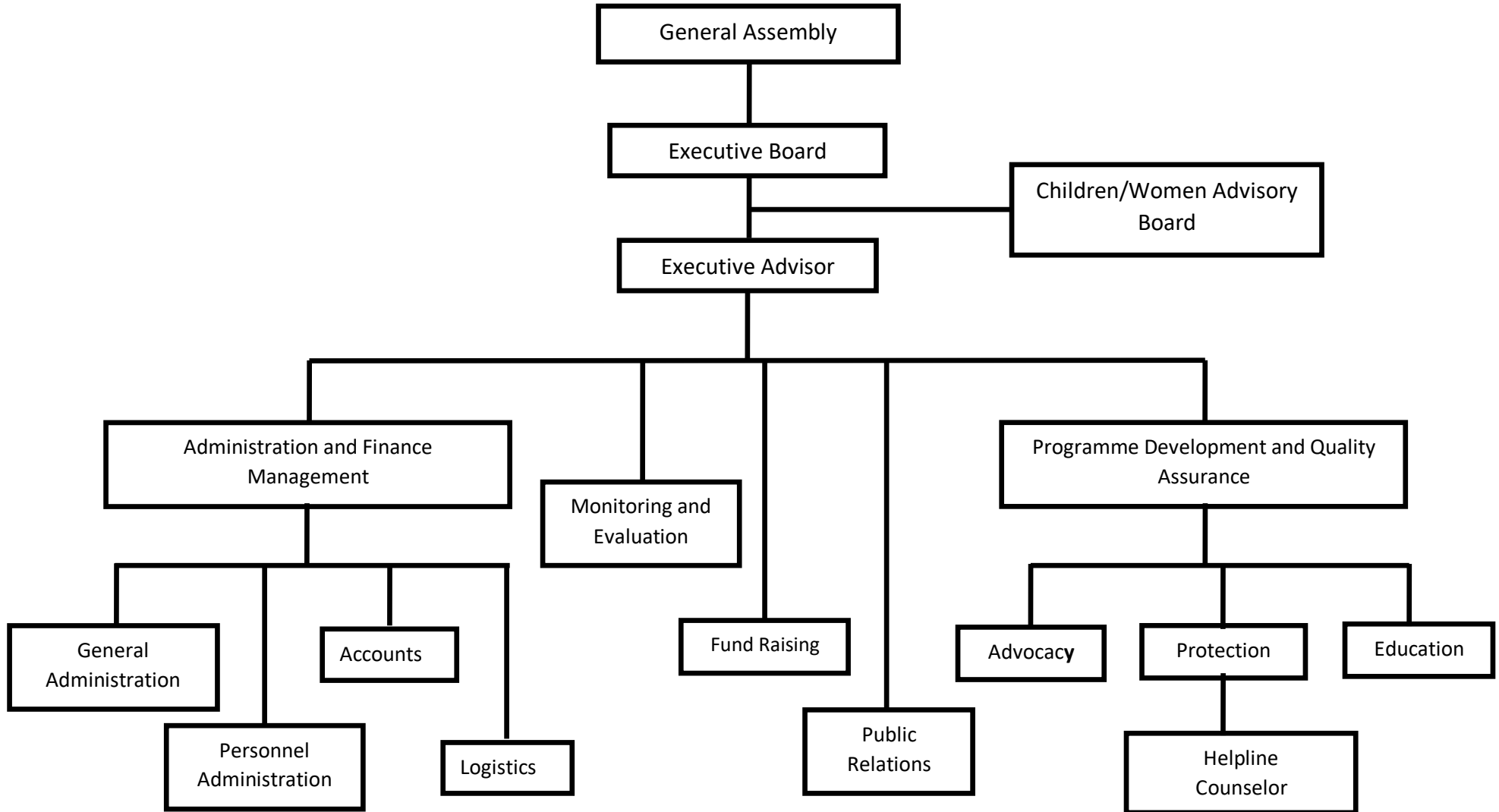


## Children-Women in Social Service and Human Rights (CWISH)

# ANNUAL REPORT 2021



# CWISH ORGANOGRAM



## Message from the Chairperson

I am pleased to present Annual Report 2021 for Children -Women in Social Service and Human Rights (CWISH). This is a summary of the major aspects of CWISH campaigns, interventions and initiatives and also, we have presented its key achievements and finance report. CWISH as a civil society organization advocate and facilitates the campaigns to protect and promote the children's rights in policies of Nepal. Similarly, we are struggling to eradicate child labors in all settings as well as forms and complementing to establish the child friendly governance at local level.



CWISH has established itself as one of the pioneer organizations working for child rights and has contributed greatly in reducing child labor in domestic work sector. The campaigns that were launched for child rights have created an important space in the sector of child protection and child labor. Thus, while working in the field of child rights for more than 25 years, we have reached to thousands of vulnerable children and the children who are at risk of exploitation and violence. We have rescued children and reintegrated them to families. Furthermore, we filed cases in the courts and have been successful in providing justice to the victims. Despite of the hurdles and challenges, we strived converting the problems into opportunities. Similarly, this year too, CWISH has immensely worked in the areas of child protection, right to education and other cross cutting issues.

Hereby, I am pleased to present CWISH's Annual report 2021, covering major activities of this year. This report reflects CWISH's project interventions and activities. Their words of wisdom have encouraged CWISH family to work harder and strive further in the field of child rights. In the end, we would like to take this opportunity to thank our donors, partners, and concerned bodies for their continuous support and looks forward to the same in the future. Similarly, I as a chairperson would like to thank whole CWISH team for their great effort over the year in expanding organizational strengths and horizon for the brighter future of our children.

Thank you

Bimala Jnawali

Chairperson, CWISH

## Acknowledgement

CWISH has been working from grass root level to national level to reinforce child protection policies, empower families and create a favorable societal environment to foster proper growth among children. CWISH deeply appreciates the contributions of the following individuals in successful conclusion of the year 2021.

CWISH would like to extend its heartfelt gratitude towards its donor agencies and remains in debt to them for their continuous support and encouragement. Without their support the programs and projects of CWISH would have been stalled. We express our deepest appreciation towards the government authorities, partners, and concerned stakeholders for their coordination and collaboration. It is due to them that CWISH has reached to nooks and corners of the country. Also, we would like to mark the enormous contribution of vendors for their sincere support and assistance to the organization.

We are grateful towards the Advisory Committee, Executive Board Members for their guidance throughout the process of striving towards social justice. In addition, CWISH has been greatly benefited by the collaboration and cooperation from different organizations. The partnership with these organizations has helped CWISH to raise collective voice for the wellbeing of children.

At the end, we would like to express our sincere gratitude to the whole CWISH family. The support and encouragement of the staff members of CWISH were invaluable. Their prominent role has led CWISH to be an established organization working for the rights of children in Nepal.



## Abbreviations/Acronyms

AES	Adult Entertainment Sector
CLARISSA	Child Labour: Action-Research-Innovation in South and South-EasternAsia
CSO	Civil Society Organization
CWISH	Women-Children in Social Service and Human Rights
DoNIDCR	Department of National ID and Civil Registration
ECPS	Enhancing Child Protection System
GCSPF	Global Coalition for Social Protection Floors
IDS	Institute of Development Studies
MLCPC	Municipal Level Child Protection Committees
MoU	Memorandum of Understanding
MoWCSC	Ministry of Women, Children and Senior Citizen
NGO	Non-Government Organization
NHRC	National Human Rights Commission
NPC	National Planning Commission
PRECHISE	Preventing Child Separation
PSA	Public Service Announcement
SCI	Save the Children International
SP&PFM	Social Protection and Public Finance Management
SPCSN	Social Protection Civil Society Network
SWC	Social Welfare Council

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## CWISH Introduction



Children-Women in Social Service and Human Rights (CWISH, Nepal) is a nonprofit organization, established in 1993 with an aim to ensure social justice, protection and promotion of human rights especially the rights of children. In order to achieve this aim, it has been working in three thematic pillars; child protection, right to education and family empowerment. CWISH has been the founder of some child rights related consortium as well as the member of various such national and international consortiums.

During these 27 years of time, CWISH has established partnership with different international donor agencies and accomplished many projects for promotion and protection of rights of children. CWISH has been righteously providing legal services to the victims of child rights violation along with psychosocial counseling and livelihood opportunities. Different IEC materials related to child rights were published and disseminated. Similarly, CWISH has initiated impactful Green Flag Movement to eliminate child labor in Nepal and is successfully expanding the movements in different parts of the country. In recognition of our exemplary work, CWISH has been felicitated with various awards and recognition: International Labor Organization (ILO) awarded CWISH as an outstanding NGO in 2005 for its contribution on child labor elimination and Human Rights Award by Social Welfare Council in 2006. Similarly, CWISH has been felicitated with Global Award on prevention of child abuse by World Women Summit Forum (WWSF) in 2009 and by CWIN in 2016 as the best organization working for protection and promotion of children in Nepal.

On the occasion of 13<sup>th</sup> National Day against Human Trafficking, this Letter of Honor has been extended to CWISH Nepal in recognition of its contribution as a social organization in mass awareness against human trafficking by Ministry of Women, Children and Senior Citizen.

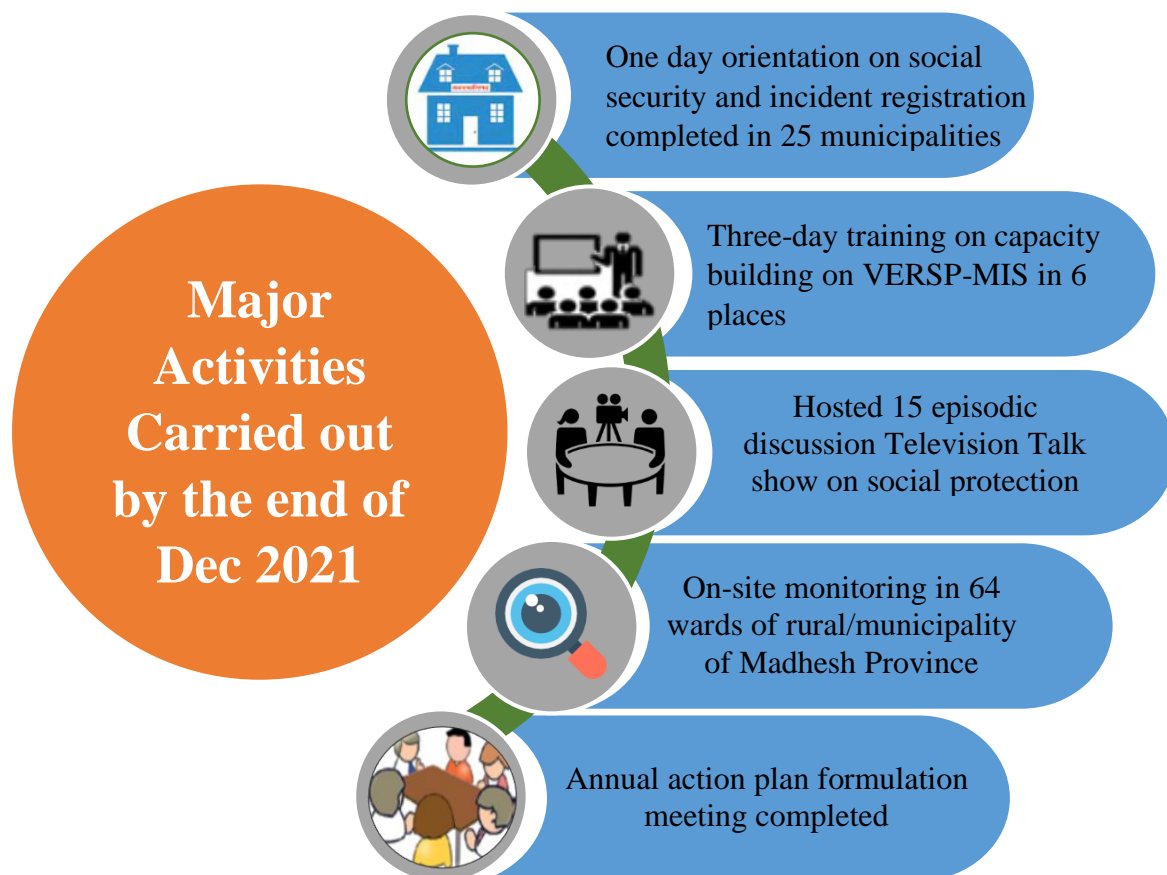
# Programmatic Achievements

## Advancing Social Protection Programme Implementation System in Nepal (ASPRO)

According to different studies carried out in Nepal, there has been an issue of coverage gap in general (TU-CEDA, 2017) and particularly high exclusion error in the case of Child Grant and People with Disability allowance (OPM, 2019). The study on social protection system by TU-CEDA (ibid) in which the researchers have interviewed both beneficiaries and service providers, highlights that there are areas of improvements in the whole social protection programme implementation system. In addition to these facts, there have been limited discourses at national level among the social protection actors which seems necessary at the present context.

From the experiences during social protection programme implementation, Save the Children proposed with UNICEF to jointly design and implement the project for advancing social protection program implementation system in Nepal including robust debates at national level which shall guide for the specific actions for improvement. As an outcome, CWISH has started a project called Advancing Social Protection Programme Implementation System in Nepal (ASPRO) in partnership with Save the Children. The coverage areas of the project are 104 wards in 29 Palika's of 17 districts.

The main objective of the project is to conduct social security program and main event registration program in a systematic manner in the coverage area. Capacitate local government to strengthen civil registration and social protection program implementation system. Design and test an innovative model for People with Disability screening and registering to Social Protection programs. Promote online birth registration system linking birthing center and ward offices. Support Social Protection Civil Society Network to advocate for social protection issues at the national level.





## The main achievements of the project

- During the one-day orientation of 25 villages / municipalities, 845 local stakeholders participated. After the one-day orientation, the ward chairpersons and ward secretaries were relieved to work. One-day orientation has helped to solve the problem of birth registration
- After the three-day training, it helped to solve the technical problems that arose in the online incident registration process. After three days of training, 50 wards in the field are working online. The three-day training was attended by 134 people from 17 villages / municipalities of Province No. 2.
- The Social Security Debate television program discussed how to make social security allowances easily available to the citizens and how to make the social security program effective. Post reach in total was 786K and Audience reach were 66% male and 34% female, 27,566 views and 16,780 engagements.
- After the coordination meeting held at the local level and on-site monitoring, preliminary information was received for the projects of village / municipality such as data, equipment, hall, data, ward staff, participatory status and so on.

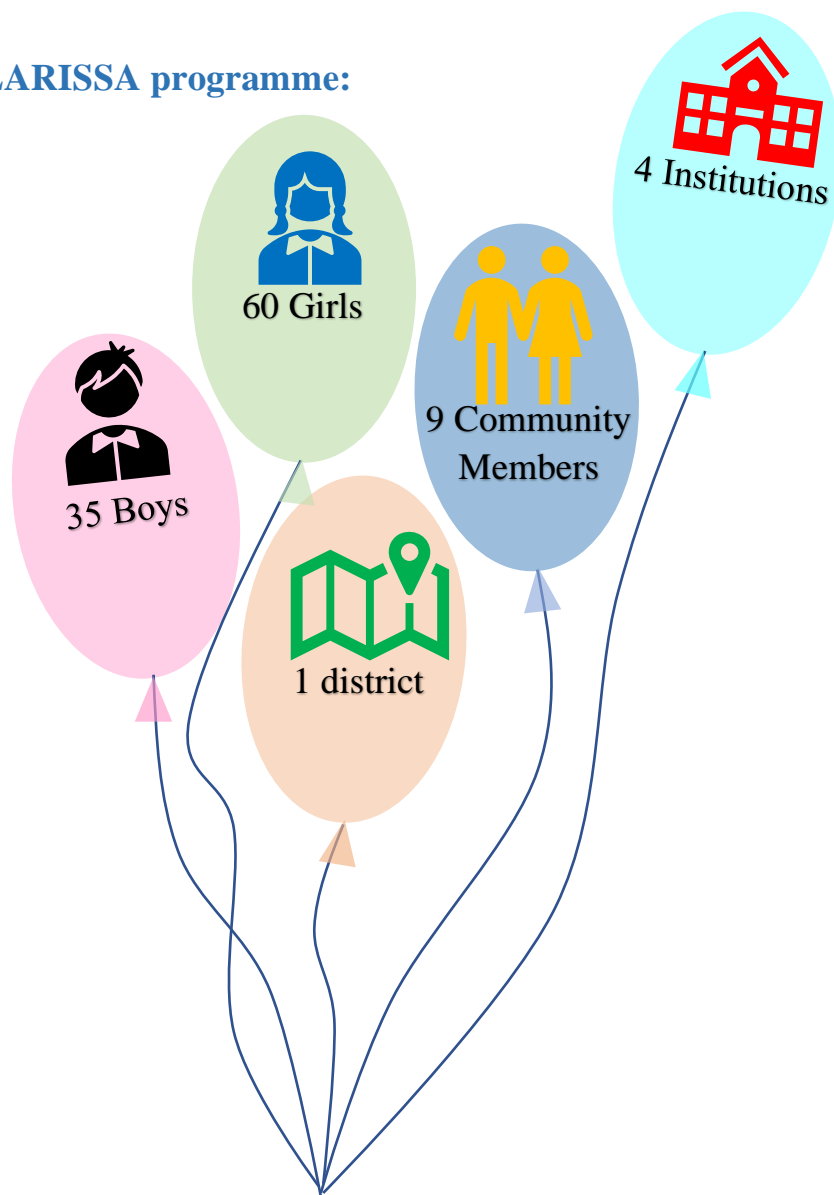


## Child Labour: Action-Research-Innovation in South and South-Eastern Asia (CLARISSA)



CLARISSA is a newly established programme, delivered by a consortium of organisations and led by the Institute of Development Studies (IDS), to generate a strong evidence base on, and innovative solutions to, the worst forms of child labour (WFCL) in Bangladesh and Nepal. The programme is designed to build on the strengths of all consortium partners to work towards a decrease in the number of children in the WFCL in the programme countries. Its focus is on surfacing key drivers of the worst forms of child labour and developing interventions to counteract them. The primary beneficiaries of the programme are children in the worst forms of child labour and those who are vulnerable to being drawn into it. The families of these children will benefit from greater resilience to shocks, better options for their children's safe and healthy future and less intra-family stress and conflict.

### Total Reach in CLARISSA programme:





## Major programme activities in CLARISSA:

- Collective Narrative analysis workshop:** Between August 2020 and May 2021, 400 life stories were collected from children in the worst forms of child labour (WFCL) in Nepal. These stories were then collectively analysed by 61 children and young people in a series of four workshops, in order to provide co-produced evidence to identify the core themes for the action research groups. This collective analysis allowed participants to identify, discuss and prioritise the main issues to focus on for the action research stage of the project.
- Action Research Groups:** Eight participatory action research groups (four related to the AES and four related to AES neighbourhoods) are formed in four different clusters. These action research groups include 12 to 18 children and young people in each group. Sets of issues were allocated to each cluster based on what was most relevant to each particular cluster.
- Children Advocacy group:** CLARISSA envisions the formation of Children Advocacy Group (CAG) with the vision to work directly with the children in Worst Form of Child Labour (WFCL) to advocate on the issues of their concern. Before they are able to raise their voice, CLARISSA is empowering 16 children to be vocal on the issues that affect them directly with the concerned stakeholders based on the evidence generated from the CLARISSA programme.
- Children Research Group:** Aimed to implement child-led research with an objective to engage young and adolescent children to conduct research on Worst form of Child Labour (WFCL). The initiative has been taken considering the fact that children have an important role in leading research processes, from advising research methodologies, research issues, analysing and dissemination of research activities. They have a meaningful role in shaping research activities and bringing out issues they want to raise which can sometimes be overlooked by adults. The Children Research Group is formed with 18 children with the aim of mobilizing them in conducting qualitative research.



- Consultation Workshop with Civil Society Organisations “Tackling Worst Form of Child Labour through Joint Advocacy”:** CLARISSA programme organized a consultation workshop with 11 civil society organizations to highlight the importance of collective efforts and actions to tackle the worst form of child labour. During the workshop how

continuous efforts of civil society organizations have brought changes in the area of child labour was also discussed. All the participants were requested to take the issue of worst form of child labour forward in mutual coordination to identify the problems, to reach to the target stakeholders and focus on advocacy to address those issues. It also agreed by everyone to promote what each of the participants (organisation) has been doing from their area to bring forward the strength and work together in the issue of child labour.

## Dialogue Works:

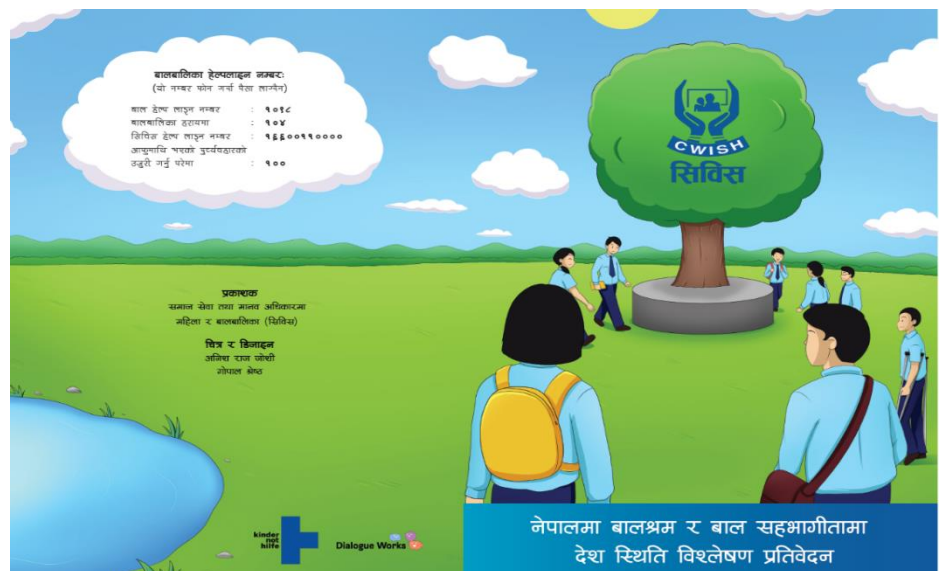
The global campaign “Dialogue Works” is initiated by child-rights organizations Kindernothilfe and Terre des Hommes Germany in October 2020 and is co-funded by the German Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development. The campaign aims to open spaces for working children to participate in local to global debates and events to express their individual experiences, life situations and recommendations to political stakeholders. The goal is to enable and empower working children to have their views heard and considered. The working children will be organized in “Children Advisory Committees” (CAC) in 12 countries worldwide including Nepal. Additionally, to regular meetings within the Committees the working children are encouraged to implement an annual advocacy dialogue on a self-chosen topic and identified stakeholders (local to national). The development of project is based on the enormously positive outcomes of the previous campaign called “It’s Time to Talk!” (2016-2020) on working children themselves as well as on organizational level.



## Major Project activities

### Country Situation Analysis to understand the gaps in child labour and child participation policies in Nepal:

CWISH, with the technical and financial support of the global Campaign Dialogue Works (steered by Kindernothilfe (KNH) and Tdh Germany), organized a study on Child Labour and Child Participation during March-April 2021, to increase understanding and analysis of the ground-level situation faced by the working children in Nepal.



### Formation of Child Advisory Committee (CACs) and regular meeting support:

For promoting child participation spaces and child led advocacy and dialogue works, total of two CACs has been formed one each in Kathmandu and Lalitpur districts. The committee has been formed with the children who have been working as domestic child labour or had experience of any forms of child labour. The committee comprises of 12 to 15 children in each CAC.

## Child led advocacy initiatives:

Child led advocacy programme has been initiated to aware and sensitize the concerned stakeholders and duty bearers to promote effective implementation of child labour and child participation policies. One of such initiatives was carried out at Buddhanilkantha Municipality of Kathmandu district where the local level representatives were sensitized regarding the child labour issues in their wards and municipality. The programme was initiated by the CAC members from Budhanilkantha Secondary School.





# Enhancing Child Protection System (ECPS)- Helpline

With the aim of making the government service providing agencies accountable to ensure rights of child at local and provincial level, enhancing child protection System project has been designed and implemented by CWISH with the financial support of **Interpedia, Finland** since **2017**. Through the project CWISH has been actively working to monitor and report the situation of right of the children. Similarly, we have also been working through different alliances and government stakeholders in order to make the government agencies more accountable towards the children. In addition to that CWISH has also been providing counseling and legal support and have been supporting the children living in hostel and other such places during COVID-19 pandemic.

## Expected Results of the Project



Helpline department will ensure Child Rights Violation cases are responded and managed by government service providing agencies



Reports are utilized as reference by government officials and stakeholders for plan of action at central, federal and local level.

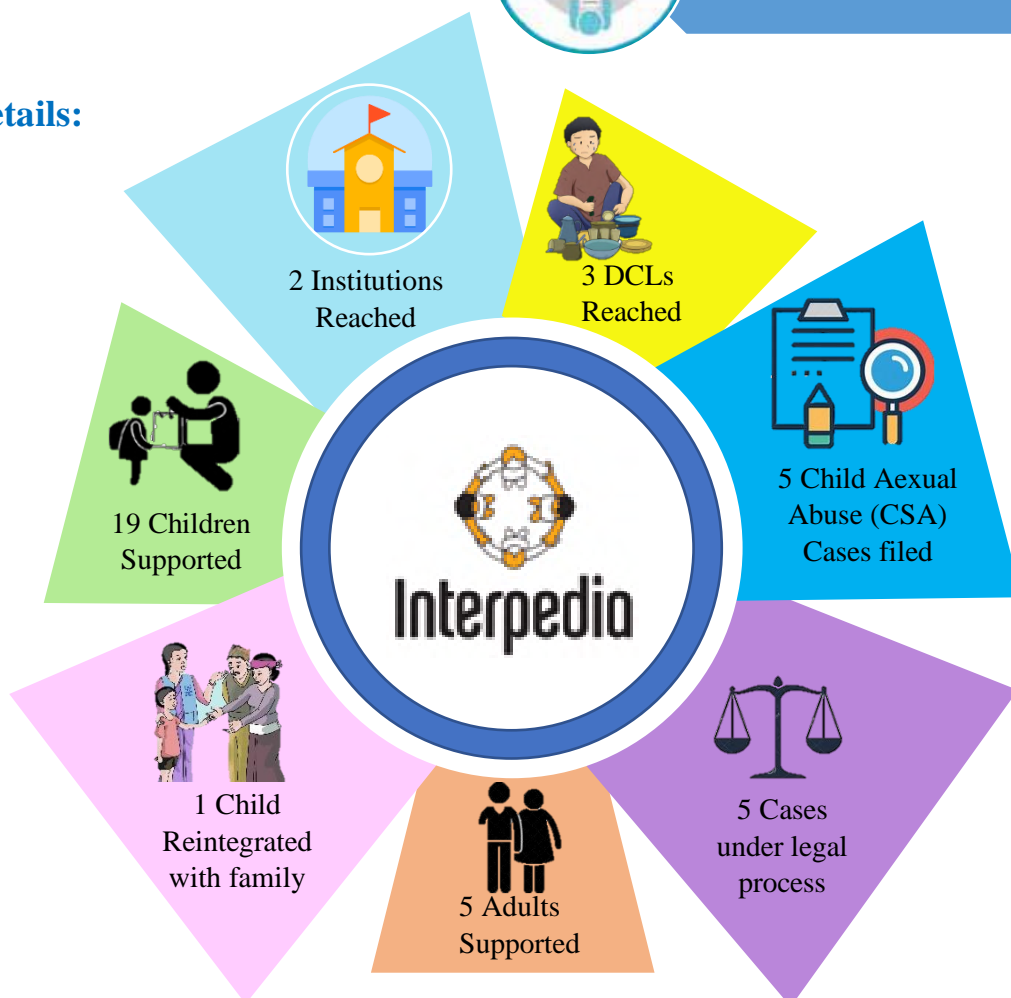


Status of the child right is reflected to the UN committee on Right of the Children in 2021.



Child right report is disseminated and consulted among government agencies and stakeholders.

## Support Details:



## Early Grade Quality Learning in CSSP (PAHUNCH)

PAHUNCH is a five years' project being implemented in Kavre and Mahottari districts of Nepal. To improve the access of the marginalized and vulnerable groups into social protection schemes, this project brings positive changes in the society. There are many schemes that come under social protection for different categories and various disadvantageous groups. Since the gap is realized in accessing social protection schemes that left the vulnerable population behind mainly the children. Save the Children International (SCI) has designed this project to CWISH as a resource organization to improve access to social protection schemes and give to the overall wellbeing of the children in the project areas. In this context, SCI is working with local organizations to carry out the project. Similarly, CWISH is also supporting as a resource organization to capacitate different stakeholders to realize child rights and child protection systems.

As a resource organization, CWISH can bring issues that are enabling in the field and develop agendas for policy advocacy. In this regard, CWISH also looks after strengthening the capacity of the partner by mainstreaming issue-based advocacy, orientations and campaigns to improve child protection systems i.e. case handholding support. In this period, CWISH conducted numerous activities and suggested alternative solutions to realize psychosocial problems in children which were informed by the local governments in the project areas. Local governments also supported CWISH to achieve the project goal by organizing formal and non-formal initiatives for cordial changes. As a continual process, CWISH contributes to the project outcomes as a resource organization. With a secretariat body, CWISH is running a loose network, Social Protection Civil Society Network (SPCSN), to enhance social protection issues where it has shown the capacity to promote on various occasions.



## Major Project Achievements:

- SPCSN/CWISH organized the provincial level interaction in Bagmati Province and Province 2 to inform and ensure the roles of provincial governments to raise awareness and issues relevant to social protection programs.
- SPCSN submitted an appeal letter by demanding a child nutrition grant during the pandemic from the 753 local units to ensure that child nutrition is covered by social protection schemes. As result, some local units have taken these issues into budget consideration. In the fiscal year budget for 2021/22, the government has increased the amount from NPR 400 to NPR 532 a month and expanded 11 districts that reach now 25 districts.
- Submitted 37 bullets of the recommendations on the 10-year strategic plan of action for the Children to the NCRC and most suggestions relating to social protection provisions for children have been incorporated.
- Accomplished weekly issue-based discussion of social protection on national television. 15 episodic talk show were organised among rights holders, duty bearers, and policymakers on social protection that became a landmark in the history of the country being hosted by CSOs of Nepal. Generated 15 subtitles in the English language so that hard of hearing and foreigners can easily understand the debate.
- Submitted 20 demand letters to the federal, 7 provincial, and 753 local units that demand consist the right to social protection for children, single women, and the marginalized population of the country. Key messages included the mandatory provisions for internet safety protocols, extra childcare support during the pandemic, local-level support to raise funds for children during the post-pandemic, etc.
- Organized joint interaction with the Ministry of Social Development, Bagmati province, and SPCSN highlighting the status of the child endowment fund and orphaned child allowance stimulating gaps, and key concerns of local units of Dolakaha, Sindhupalchok, and Kavre districts. The key policymakers of Province Policy and Planning Commission, Ministry of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Internal Affairs and Law, Ministry of Policy and Planning actively participated in policy in the event by assigning SPCSN to draft a working procedure on child endowment fund and submitting to the ministry for the secretarial-level discussion for policy endorsement.
- SPCSN is a resource center, more than 350 pieces of publicly available kinds of literature are uploaded that include journals, articles, books, and research papers.



## Major activities carried out:





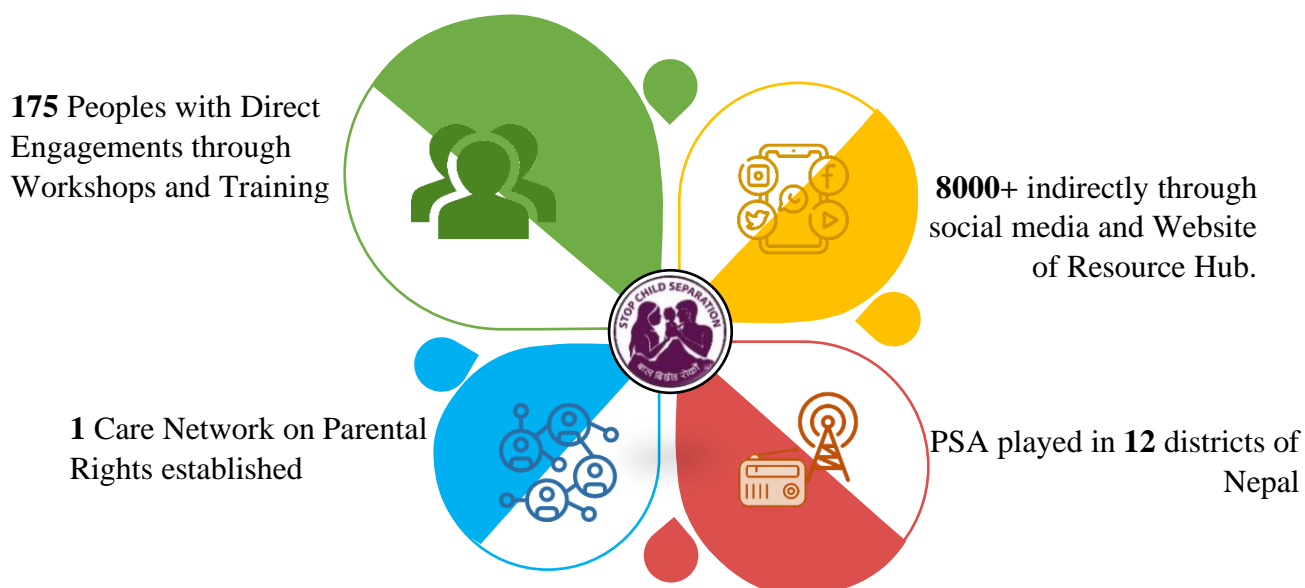
## Preventing Child Separation (PRECHISE)

It is estimated that over two million children up to the age of 15 live away from home. Of these an increasing number of children are institutionalized, and a large majority of them have parents. The above figures do not include children at boarding schools, religious schools and children with employees. In Nepal residential care sites are dominantly run by unqualified staff in uncontrolled and un-protective environments, housing children from the poorest and most vulnerable segments of society. Over 80 years of research demonstrates that growing up in an institution harms the physical, emotional, mental health and well-being of children and missing the opportunity to be an engaged citizen in their adulthoods contributing in different areas of society.

CWISH and ATOS have a well-established partnership. Their last intervention, 'Promoting Children's Right to Parental Care', finished in 2018. The project successfully achieved all of its set objectives highlighting the gap in trained human resources at the community level, sustenance of trained practitioners and institutional knowledge on children's right to parental care. This project is built on the foundation of the last project and designed to work in partnership with Kadambari Memorial College (KMC), the Social Work academic and training collaborator as a project, Preventing Child Separation, (PRECHISE) from February 2020 to July 2021. But due to the Covid-19 situation, the project has been extended to April 2022 with an amendment to its second objective.

### Objectives of the project:

1. Sustain and enhance the capacity of key advocates of parental rights and de-institutionalization in Nepal.
2. Enhance the understanding and application of the UNGA Resolution on the Right of the Child and the Alternative Care Guideline.
3. Stimulate reflection and public debate and political understanding of the value of providing good child care and the harms of institutionalization of children,
4. Enhance disaster preparedness for effective protective responses to children at risk of separation or trafficking.



## Major Project Achievements:

The project has completed 75 % of its activities reaching out directly to 175 people among whom two policy level key actors (Ministry of Children, women and welfare, National child rights commission, Nepal) and significant numbers of representatives including the Mayor and Vice Mayor of two local level government. The diverse engagements of the project through media campaign activities and training workshops have positively contributed to establishing the need for multisectoral engagement in the promotion of children's right to parental care in Nepal. The discussions on the UN Alternative care guideline and the 2019 UN resolution have been significant in knowledge transfer amongst the NGOs. Apart from direct engagement, there are more than 8000 people reading and reacting to the resources and posts in digital media and thousands of audiences listening to the PSA on preventing child separation in 12 districts of Nepal. This project has also brought the NGOs of Nepal that are funded by CISU, Denmark in preparing disaster-resilient organisations in their respective field of work.



## Major project activities:

- 1 **Sustain and enhance the capacity of key advocates of parental rights and de-institutionalization**
  - 1.1 Develop training packages: Two training manuals, management and community level workers are ready with review from reviewers (ATOS and CWISH). The community level workers' manual has been restructured from five days to two days as per the comment from the reviewers while the management training manual has been developed for a day.
  - 1.2 Development of online and hard copy resource Hub: The online resource hub, [www.stopchildseparation.org](http://www.stopchildseparation.org) has been completed and regularly updated by KMC. A new category of training has been created by the designer and is ready for upload of the two training manuals after their launch. The site has reached 7000 visits for 178 posts. A hard copy section on children's right to parental care has been established in the KMC library with 45 hard copies of resource materials.
- 2 **Establish the Care Network on Parental Rights and Enhance the understanding and application of UNGA resolution on the Rights of Child and the alternative Care Guideline:** A six-member Working Group on Children's Right to Parental Care has been formed and three webinars were designed starting from April 2022. Stimulate reflection and public debate and political understanding of the value of providing good child care and the harms of institutionalization of children: Twenty new articles were published in two nationals daily as a media campaign activity. Two PSA was broadcasted on Radio Sagarmatha for 10 months, five forum theatre were conducted in five locations in Kathmandu and Lalitpur district.
- 3 **Objective 4: Enhance disaster preparedness for effective response under crises:** Two training workshops as disaster preparedness training" Preparing Civil Society Organizations in Responding Post Traumatic Institutional Stress during Disaster" completed and the meetings with the disaster response network were held in leadership with Just Nepal Foundation.

## Promoting Social Protection Floors in Nepal- better coverage for more people (PROSOP):

The Social Protection and Public Finance Management (SP&PFM) project has been undertaken to collaborate within the framework of the EU Action Programme ‘Synergies in Social Protection and Public Finance Management’ of which WSM is the lead for Nepal on behalf of the Global Coalition for Social Protection Floors (GCSPF). The goal of this programme is to strengthen national social protection systems through technical support, explorative research, and capacity development, focusing on public financial management systems, budgeting, and financing of social protection.



This project is implemented by WSM through two local partners, the Social Protection Civil Society Network (SPCSN)/CWISH and the International Trade Union Confederation - Nepal Affiliated Council (ITUC-NAC). Both partners have explicitly agreed to collaborate, involve, and be involved in all activities of the action. While leads have been determined for certain activities between the ITUC-NAC and SPCSN/CWISH, the action very much remains a joint undertaking and responsibility, fostering better understanding and collaboration between trade unions and civil society.





## Major Project Achievements:

### Improved gender equality in social protection coverage

Many awareness activities have reached more than 50% of women, some advocacy focused on social protection coverage for single women (COVID), appeal letters were sent to the Ministry of Women, contacts exist with the National Women Commission, CSO Declaration included women related topics, etc. However, regarding some coordination meetings and women's participation in steering committees, efforts are visible but still need to be strengthened.



### Improved social protection coverage for informal economy workers

Unions are advocating for the government and policymakers to amend obstacle provisions in social security and labor law. Government is ready to amend the social security scheme operation procedure and has included in its policies and programs that workers including those working in informal sectors, self-employed and foreign migrant workers will be included in the contribution-based social security. Informal workers are one of the main objectives related to the awareness, training, and advocacy activities of the two national partners in this program.



### Strategic partnerships with other development partners

The SP&PCM program already includes a long list of partners, networks, and stakeholders, and the GCSPF is a network of CSO's. We have had the practice of collaborating with Save the Children for similar activities and started implementing the activities jointly for better social protection floors. Some additional development partners could always be identified if the key and realistic challenges appear.



## CWISH with Donors and Partners in 2021:



## CWISH with CSO Network:





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