

Pledge by Nepal

Ratified the Convention on the Rights of the Child on 14 September 1990

Ratified the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict on 3 January 2007

Ratified the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children child prostitution and child pornography on 20 January 2006



Pledges

1. Birth registration of all children under the age of 5 shall be ensured.
2. Care and protection of double orphan children shall be ensured.
3. Care and protection of children living in the street shall be ensured by initiating "Street children free city campaign".
4. The percentage of children aged between 1 and 14, who experienced psycho-logical or corporal punishment shall be reduced to 40.
5. The proportion of children working under hazardous conditions shall be reduced to 16.
6. Rights of children with disabilities to inclusive education shall be ensured.
7. Alternative care of needy children shall be well managed leading to deinstitutionalization of children residing in institutional care.
8. The Ministry of Women, Children and Senior Citizens and the then Central Child Welfare Board (it has been transformed to National Child Rights Council) have been celebrating National Child Rights Day on September 14 (Nepal ratified the UNCRC on 14th September 1990) as well as International Child Rights Day on November 20. The Ministry and the Council will celebrate 30th anniversary of the Convention on 20th November of this year with special focus. The event will be organized in one of the public places in Kathmandu.

30th Anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child Nepal's Commitments and Initiatives

1. In light of the commitments we have made under the convention on the Rights of the Child and its Optional Protocols, as applicable, we have undertaken the following to highlight our commitment

to the promotion, Protection and realization of the rights of the child in celebration of the 30th anniversary of the convention:

Child protection:

What	Why	How	By when	Who
Birth registration of all children under the age of 5 shall be ensured.	Currently, 58 percent of children under the age of five have their birth registration.	By revising legal provisions and policies; continuing incentive to children of 'Dalit' families; raising awareness and campaigning in all 6743 wards of local level.	Universal birth registration by fiscal year 2023/024.	Department of National Identity Card and Civil Registration in collaboration with local government
Care and protection of double orphan children shall be ensured.	Among the children of 0 - 17 years, about 23,132 (0.2%) children's both parents are died, of which, some requires care and protection from the state mechanism.	The government will enforce legal provisions, and adopt a policy of taking guardianship of needy orphan children, and provide care and protection support systematically.	Ensure by fiscal year 2023/024.	Ministry of Women, Children and Senior Citizens (MoWCSC) and National Child Rights Council (NCRC) in collaboration with local government & development partners
Care and protection of children living in the street shall be ensured by initiating "Street children free city campaign".	There are many problems of children living in the street of larger cities.	The government in collaboration with development partners has already started a campaign to manage street children in the Kathmandu Valley and will expand to other larger cities.	Complete by fiscal year 2023/024.	MoWCSC and NCRC in collaboration with federal & local government and development partners
The percentage of children aged between 1 and 14, who experienced psycho-logical or corporal punishment shall be reduced to 40.	About 82 percent of children of this age group has experienced such punishment, it has to be reduced to protect rights of children.	The legislative measures shall be enforced through awareness raising among parents, family, teachers and communities; and provide training to teachers, and take actions against any of such cases.	By fiscal year 2023/024.	MoWCSC and NCRC in collaboration with Ministry of Education, local government and development partners
The proportion of children working under hazardous conditions shall be reduced to 16.	About 30 percent of children who are in child labour situations are working under hazardous conditions.	Second National Master Plan of Action of Child Laour is in implementation, and will speed up in collaboration with local government and development partners.	Eradicate by fiscal year 2023/024.	MoLE in collaboration with NCRC, local government and Nepal police.

Child Promotion:

Rights of children with disabilities to inclusive education shall be ensured.	Of the total, 1.94 % children has any types of disabilities, and only 1.02 % is enrolled in schools.	Initiate free and compulsory education provisions, and children with disabilities will be provided with required incentives, and inclusive education policy will be effectively implemented.	Ensure by fiscal year 2024/025.	Ministry of Education in collaboration with local government.
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Alternative care of needy children shall be well managed leading to deinstitutionalization of children residing in institutional care.	Out of children residing in child care homes about 80 % children is reported having their biological parents.	Existing guidelines will be reviewed, and alternative care provisions will be implemented effectively.	Ensure by fiscal year 2023/024.	NCRC in collaboration with local government and development partners
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2. We have made the following plans to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the convention:

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3. Key Initiatives Taken towards Promoting the Rights of Children in Nepal

Committing to the rights of children as enshrined in the UN CRC, the Government of Nepal has focused on the following critical areas of concerns after ratification on the Convention on 14th September 1990:

1. **The Constitution, Laws and Rights of Children:** Constitution of Nepal, 2015 provisioned the rights of children as fundamental rights, which includes 10 sub-articles mentioning key issues of child rights to survival, protection, development and participation. In addition, other 17 articles (16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 24, 27, 28, 29, 31, 35, 40, 42, 43 and 51) also spell out issues related to children. Children's Act 2018, Education Act 2017, Labour Act 2017 and over 40 Laws and By-laws that are concerned to children, which cover wide ranged child rights and protection issues.
2. **Policies, Plans and Rights of Children:** National Child Policy, 2012, National Strategy to end Child Marriage in Nepal, 2016 and National Master Plan for Eradication of Child Labour, 2018 - 2028 are under implementation.
3. **Institutional Measures:** Institutions for child related service delivery and case management are in place at the federal, provincial and local level including Juvenile Bench in District Courts, National Centre for Children at-Risk (Toll Free Telephone No. – 104), Child Helpline (Toll Free Telephone No. – 1098), and over 23,600 child clubs in schools and communities, where about 435,000 children are associated.
4. **Child Related Information Management:** National census, national surveys like living standard survey, labor force survey, demographic health survey, multiple indicator cluster survey (MICS) include child related macro-level information, whereas specific national studies are also conducted to find out specific situation of children. Sectoral ministries and Central Child Welfare Board (transformed into National Child Rights Council) manages child related information.
5. **Child Related Program Initiatives:** There are various programs and services for children run by different sectoral ministries and government organizations that include mainly - free child education and textbooks, various scholarships and incentives; inclusive education for children

with disabilities; technical and vocational education; day meal program; child health & nutrition, immunization, Vitamin supplement, golden 1000 days program, social health security program; social security schemes; eradication of child labor and child marriage; anti-trafficking, violence, sexual, abuse and exploitation; airlifting of critical delivery cases from remote areas; child friendly local governance; emergency child rescue and protection; street children rescue and management.

6. **Immediate Child Case Management:** The Government of Nepal operates National Centre for Children at-Risk (Toll Free No. 104) to address the issues of lost, found and abducted children. A total of 240 Women and Children Cells of Nepal Police deal with the immediate cases of children. The government also operates Child Help Line (Toll Free No. 1098) in collaboration with non-government organizations. Case management training is ongoing.
7. **Child Marriage:** The government as well as development partners have been doing anti-child marriage interventions; however, 24.5 percent of children are reported married; therefore, the government has developed National Strategy to End Child Marriage by 2030, and it is under implementation and will further speed up intervention like, awareness raising, prosecution against child marriage.
8. **Welcome to School Program:** Till first half of 2010 decade, more than 25 percent of school age children were out of school. Therefore, the government initiated welcome to school program. UNICEF supported to this initiative. Eventually, primary school net enrollment rate has reached to 97.2 percent.
9. **Child Nutrition Grant Program:** The Child grant introduced in 2009/10 provides cash support for better nutrition to children under five years of age in the Karnali region (5 districts) and under five children of '*Dalit*' communities across the country. In the previous fiscal year, a little over 521,500 children under this category were benefitted.
10. **Multi-sector Nutrition Program:** Considering malnutrition problem among children, Nepal began national nutrition strategy back in 1978 that was followed by series of strategy and plans. Based on the determinants of malnutrition and under-nutrition, Nepal developed Multi-Sector Nutrition Plan (MSNP-I) and implemented accordingly. With its positive results in reducing child malnutrition, Multi-sector Nutrition Plan II (2018-2022) is in implementation. In addition, "Golden 1000 Days" program has been going on to improve practices that contribute to reduce under-nutrition of women of reproductive age and children under the age of two and to provide emergency nutrition and sanitation response to vulnerable populations since 2012.
11. **Children Affected by Armed Conflict:** The government has conducted various programs (e.g., scholarship, residential schools, counselling, humanitarian support, etc.) for the children affected by armed conflict.
12. **Anti-trafficking, sexual exploitation and abuse and child pornography:** The government as well as development partners have been effortful to work against child anti-trafficking, sexual exploitation and abuse and child pornography.

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