

Namaste !

CHILDREN – Nepal
Working with families for over 26 years



A prosperous society where children enjoy their rights

<https://www.childrennepal.org.np>

Nepal - two main legal documents

Nepal ratified the Convention on the Rights of the Child in September 1990

In September 2018, the Government of Nepal endorsed a new Children's Act - paving the way to respect, protect and fulfil the rights of children in Nepal.

Our main work is to facilitate bonding and collaboration

- ***Bonding* between family members, so children - the whole family can be safe**
- ***Collaboration* between schools, police, the medical profession, lawyers and families**

Violence in families

Why ?

- Learned behavior - habits passed on by parents, grandparents and community leaders - a continuing culture of violence- from generation to generation
- Weak practice of sharing, listening among family members
- Family breakdown – children on the streets – case of Kopila and Bal bdr

What we do ?

- We start by supporting **a key member of a family** (a child , grandparent , mother , father) to share the families, community's situation. We help them express, put into words their feelings and the effect of abuse & violence has on them, their family & community

- We make the circle bigger - family meetings - supporting our key person to take a lead
 - Sharing and listening
 - Understanding the different roles of each family member & their injuries
 - They Identify the support they need - each member - the family & community (growing solidarity)
- Extend the circle - family groups grow into community Cooperatives
 - Learn from other's situation and support each other
 - Continual learning of non violent skills - workshops/trainings
 - Income generation skill training
 - Family accounting skills
 - Learn how to access services

Violence and youth- Changing times

Why ?

- Many youth have to travel abroad to degrading work situations - Nepal's economy is depend on remittance
- Women empowerment is raising – a negative effect we see is violence from both the man & the woman
- Case of Arjun's family
- Case of child marriage

What we do ?

- Facilitate negotiations' between the couple and both their families (the joint family the child's real protection system) so the best solution can be found for the children where they don't experience violence – it is very difficult to bring children to new marriage situation.

- Acknowledge their economic situation - career guidance - vocational skill training and job placement
- Youth groups - peace education – role models in society
- Learn how to access services
- Family reunion/ regular contact

It is crucial !

CHILDREN- Nepal works with a wide range of sectors - police, school staff, medical / hospital staff, elected peoples representatives etc. in two ways:

1. Collaborating around our program and activities– it is important if the root causes of violence is to be addressed and the development of child protection service are to work all relevant actors have work together.
2. Unfortunately, our services are abusive in themselves – the people who work in them are not aware or concerned about how they treat the users. Therefore CHILDREN- Nepal provides training/ workshops for employees and government officials – “How to stop cultures of Violence”.

Thank you!

Any questions??