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# Asia Regional Child Labour Programme (ARC)

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## At a glance

### Partners:

- Ministry of Labour, Employment and Social Security (MoLESS)
- Department of Labour (DoL)
- Ministry of Women, Children and Senior Citizens (MoWCSC)
- National Human Rights Commission (NHRC)
- National Child Rights Council (NCRC)
- Workers' and Employers' Organizations
- Media and Civil Society Organizations

### Donor:

Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, UK

### Duration:

May 2019 – September 2023

### Target beneficiaries:

- Child labour and the families with high vulnerability of exploitation particularly in the worst forms of child labour
- Government institutions (federal, provincial and local level) and key stakeholders advocating for child rights/protection

### Ultimate beneficiaries

The communities with high vulnerability to child labour like Dalits, Indigenous groups, dis-advantaged groups from the provinces with low human development indices in Nepal

### Geographical focus:

- Across the country for policy issues at Federal level
- Two local government (municipalities) for direct support to target group/communities and two provinces - Sudurpaschim and Karnali for provincial level policy issues

## Project objectives

The ARC Programme will work with ILO's constituents and other stakeholders towards the following objectives:

- building a credible knowledge base on the causes and drivers of child labour and effective interventions to address them;
- aligning legislation and policies with international conventions on child labour, forced labour and trafficking in persons and enforcing and implementing them; and
- developing and applying a holistic approach to eradicating child labour, particularly its worst forms, in selected regions of each country.

## Project outcomes



- Communication strategies on child labor implemented at national level, with a focus on reaching vulnerable groups
- Key stakeholders informed on child labor advocacy with particular focus on the worst forms
- Policies and/or integrated national action plans and/or legislations are revised and implemented
- Accelerated the coordinated efforts to achieve SDG 8.7 targets
- Labor Inspectors, workers' and employers' organizations and other front-line actors trained in monitoring child labour
- Reliable data and information on child labour produced through statistical surveys and/or other studies
- Livelihood support provided to families and communities that are highly vulnerable to child labour, trafficking and exploitation

## Main activities

- Production and sharing of data/statistics and knowledge on child labour in Nepal;
- ▶ Development of capacity of Central Bureau of Statistics on Child Labour Data production
- ▶ National Child Labour Report from the dataset of the third Nepal Labour Force Survey 2018
- ▶ Qualitative research/study to create and share knowledge on the drivers of child labour in Nepal
- ▶ Working with media and child right advocates for sharing knowledge on causes and effects of child labour;
- ▶ Development of education and communication materials on child labour,
- ▶ Working with journalists/media on advocacy of children's rights
- Review and amendment of laws, policies and action plans to end child labour in line with Nepal's Constitution and International Standards on child labour and child protection;
- ▶ Facilitation of tri-partite plus social dialogue on coherent laws, policies and their effective enforcement
- ▶ Review of social protection system with child labour/participation lens to minimize possible risks in natural calamities and shocks
- ▶ Development of regulations and guidelines for law enforcement at all level
- Capacity enhancement of stakeholders including government and social partners for effective implementation of the second National Master Plan (NMP-II) on Child labour;
- ▶ Technical support to MoLESS Child Labour Cell for the implementation of the National Action Plan on Child Labour – NMP-II
- ▶ Training, education, orientation to provincial and local government on child labour monitoring, rehabilitation and school support
- ▶ Training and education to Trade Unions and Civil Society
- Organizations for bridging the gaps in access to remedies
- ▶ Enhancing collaborative efforts to achieve SDG Alliance 8.7 targets;
- ▶ Collaboration with Alliance 8.7 Coordination Committee for accelerated actions to achieve SDG targets
- ▶ Extending alliance 8.7 network at province and local level
- Contribute to local/community level efforts in monitoring child labour and providing livelihood support to families/communities that are vulnerable to child labour.
- ▶ Livelihood and gainful employment support to vulnerable families/communities/sectors like dalits and disadvantaged groups or workers in brick and/or carpet production
- ▶ School enrollment support to the child labour and school dropout children in selected municipalities
- ▶ Facilitation and support for local level monitoring in child labour free zones.

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