



PROJECT INFORMATION SHEET / JTIP 2020-2023

“Together for Protection” A child-focused anti-trafficking in persons project:

Reinforcement of government mechanisms and structures at provincial and local levels in Nepal that ensure comprehensive services to victims of trafficking, particularly for children.

COUNTRY	Nepal
CONTEXT	In Nepal, child institutionalization and trafficking in persons come under the jurisdiction of two separate entities - the National Childs Rights Council (NCRC) and the National Committee for Controlling Human Trafficking (NCCHT) - and all responses related to the two issues, such as this project, are coordinated with both entities. The country is currently undergoing a vast political reorganization, and the federal system makes provisions for the creation of provincial, district and local level Child Protection (CP)/Trafficking in Persons (TIP) bodies whose mandates will cover child institutionalization and human trafficking problems at these levels. While the creation of such bodies is still an ongoing process, service providers observe that officials in those already formed are not aware of CP/TIP policies, laws, acts and interventions. Moreover, the National Human Rights Commission’s TIP Report (2018: 164) underlines the absence of an integrated mechanism that includes local and provincial governments to counter TIP. It is thus crucial, and the timing appropriate, to reinforce both CP (through the NCRC) and TIP (through the NCCHT) mechanisms so that regulatory bodies are strengthened to effectively address the compounding vulnerabilities of child institutionalization and human trafficking.
PROJECT GOAL	Reinforce government mechanisms and structures at provincial and local levels in Nepal ¹ that ensure comprehensive services to victims of trafficking, particularly for children.
PROJECT OBJECTIVE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Policy frameworks and protection mechanisms to improve TIP responses, particularly for children in institutional care, updated, developed and strengthened. - Capacity of targeted federal, provincial and local authorities and service providers to provide survivor-informed services to TIP victims, particularly children, enhanced through trainings and

¹ All 7 provinces will be reached by policy strengthening and prevention activities. Direct interventions will however focus on 3 specific provinces (3,4 and 6) where the highest number of children’s homes are located according to NCRC data (2018).

	<p>awareness raising on child institutionalization, TIP and voluntourism.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - TIP victims in children’s homes, receive adequate protection and appropriate assistance.
PROJECT AREA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 3 specific provinces (3,4 and 6) where the highest number of children’s homes are located - Twenty local governments (LG) units in 9 districts (Makhwanpur, Kathmandu Valley, Kavre, Rasuwa, Dhading, Chitwan, Gorkha, Kaski, and Surkhet)
OPERATIONAL PARTNER	<p>Shakti Samuha : created and led exclusively by TIP survivors and works to protect and empower victims. Shakti’s phenomenal work against TIP is globally recognized, including by the US Department of State’s TIP Office. It currently manages 12 anti-TIP projects across 3 provinces of Nepal with international partners such as DFID (Child Hope), The Freedom Fund, Plan International and WINROCK International. Shakti Samuha will primarily manage victim assistance, prevention (awareness raising) and survivor-engaged accountability and advocacy interventions for this project.</p> <p>CeLRRd (Centre for Legal Research and Resource Development) : has decades of experience on TIP response and human rights. It has implemented about 20 anti-TIP projects across Nepal with international partners including The Asia Foundation, UN agencies, USAID, and WINROCK. CeLRRd’s extensive experience and competency in Nepal’s policy making processes, the technical support it has been providing to the three tier government along with consultative services for the creation of anti-TIP and child protection mechanisms at the federal, provincial and local level is crucial for this project. CeLRRd has also closely worked with the National Child Rights Council (NCRC) and ministries relevant to the project. It will facilitate policy dialogue and revisions at the provincial and local level, as well as provide legal assistance to victims in coordination with Shakti Samuha and ECPAT Luxembourg.</p>
LOCAL PARTNERS	<p>The project will be executed in close collaboration with the NCCHT under the Ministry of Women, Children and Senior Citizen and the NCRC at the federal level; the Ministry of Federal Affairs and Social Development at the provincial level; judicial and law enforcement authorities, including TIP Bureau officials, Nepal Police Women’s Cell, Criminal Investigation Bureau, frontline workers, tourism agencies, children and families at the local level.</p>
PROJECT PERIOD	October 2020 to September 2023 (3 years)
BUDGET	1.5 million USD
BENEFICIARIES	

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Children, identified and potential TIP victims, in children’s homes. 2. Government structures (public services and personnel that are responsible for child protection and preventing TIP) ensuring services to children victims or vulnerable to TIP. 3. Tourism agencies, children’s homes, including orphanages.
STRATEGIES (Intervention focus)	<p>Update, develop and strengthen policy frameworks and protection mechanisms to improve TIP responses</p> <p>Enhance capacity of targeted federal, provincial and local authorities and service providers to provide survivor-informed services to TIP victims, particularly children trainings and awareness raising on child institutionalization, TIP and voluntourism</p> <p>Ensure adequate protection and appropriate assistance to TIP victims in children’s homes</p>
OUTCOMES	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Regulatory <u>frameworks (guidelines, directives, etc.)</u> developed and institutionalized at province and LG level 2. Survivor-civic engaged accountability mechanisms developed Coordination and collaboration mechanisms with government stakeholders to improve child protection and anti-TIP responses developed or strengthened 3. Evidence-based knowledge on child institutionalization and TIP in project area generated 4. Federal, provincial and local government authorities and service providers on survivor-informed assistance to victims trained 5. Facilitation ensured for NCRC /NCCHT to develop and promulgate directives to ensure minimum standards of care 6. Awareness raised among key stakeholders on child institutionalization, TIP, voluntourism and volunteering in children’s homes (in particular in fake orphanages 7. Child victims or potential TIP victims in children’s homes/rehabilitation centers identified and withdrawn - 8. Comprehensive assistance provided to victims and families 9. Victims reintegrated with families 10. Victim’s rights and safety for effective protection in institutional care ensured -
INDICATORS	<p># CP/TIP frameworks developed and implemented at province and LG levels.</p> <p>% province and local government guidelines that align with federal guidelines and prioritize minimum standards of care in children’s homes.</p>

	<p># LG units who include CP/TIP responses in their annual plan.</p> <p>% children's homes/rehabilitation centers that meet minimum standards of care.</p> <p>% children's homes aligned with NCRC directives.</p> <p>% trained service providers who provide survivor-informed assistance to victims.</p> <p>% key stakeholders, including tourism authorities, who participate in awareness sessions who demonstrate changed knowledge on risks associated with child institutionalization and TIP in children's homes and voluntourism (in particular with volunteering in children's homes and fake orphanages in Nepal).</p> <p>% informed victims who participated in dialogue sessions initiate legal recourse.</p> <p># trafficked or potential child trafficking victims identified and rescued by NCRC/NCCHT.</p> <p>% children who benefit from improved standards of care in children's homes.</p>

