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Human Right Alliance
1. VISION, MISSION, OBJECTIVES
Jagiriti Children and Youth Concern Nepal (JCYCN) is a non-governmental, non-political and non-profit making organization, which was formed by former child club activists and like-minded youths. JCYCN is dedicated to the protection and promotion of child and youth rights through advocacy, lobbying and campaigns. It was established in 2001, during the armed conflicts in Nepal. Since then it has been working as the watch-dog for children and youth rights. This is because JCYCN believes it is crucial, in this post-war period and during state rebuilding, that participation grows in every section of the society. Therefore, in this environment JCYCN is at the forefront to raise key issues and ensure youth and child involvement.

JCYCN has its thirty three members (male 18 and female 15) working regularly to serve the society. Among thirty three, there are total five members who are working as a full time employees and rest of them are working as a part time voluntarily. There is no fund available to provide salary to those volunteer members, even though they are continuing working and pursuing activities with the coordination and cooperation of different organizations and government agencies.

VISION: JCYCN visualizes the building of a model society in which every woman, adolescent and child can live a dignified life without any form of discrimination, exploitation or injustice.

MISSION: To raise a voice for children, youth and women, by supporting and coordinating with different GOs and NGOS, to protect their right to build peace, prosperity and create a more beautiful Nepal. Also, empower youth and children in environmental conservation, disaster reduction, economic access and the establishment of meaningful social activities.

GOAL: To contribute to the development of a fair and just society by strengthening the capacity of community members, promoting social justice, human rights, peace and by building partnerships at national and international level.

JCYCN Values: D (dedication) E (enrichment) E (encouragement) P (participation)

Major Objectives
- To promote the national and international youth and the child rights movement to eliminate all types of injustice on them through advocacy, lobbing, social mobilization and by organizing training workshops and alliance building programs.

- To create pressure on the government for the implementation of the commitments made on national and international levels for the rights of children, youths and women.

- To promote and empower the child and youth clubs by enabling them to be capable of playing a positive role in society, and also providing psychosocial counseling for victim women, youth and children.

- To distribute educational materials and give support to women, youth, children and others at risk, especially child victims of the conflict.
• To empower helpless women, adolescents, children, and youth by assisting them with training in life skills and by launching income generating programs.

• To create and coordinate libraries to widen the knowledge of children and youth on various social issues and to raise awareness about youth and children at risk of HIV/AIDS, child trafficking, illegal labor and sexual abuse, injured people from different movements, and victims of natural catastrophes.

• To provide cultural exchanges between young people of different countries and nationalities, and to raise voice on the climate change issues and on its affect upon humanity.

2. ORGANIZATIONAL GOVERNANCE
JCYCN always believes in good governance so it adopts the 5 years strategic plan with other following policy:
- Admin and finance policy
- DRR policy
- Gender and inclusive policy
- Communication policy
- Child Protection Policy
- Employment policy
- JCYCN information and media policy
- Human Resources policy

3. HUMAN RESOURCE
Human resource is likely to have an important and unique influence on organizational performance. Keeping that in mind, JCYC Nepal has got a poop of human resource mostly working as a volunteer. The organogram of Jagriti Chid and Youth Concern are shown as follows:
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<td>Graduate</td>
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<td>Shreejana Adhikari</td>
<td>Vice-President</td>
<td>IA</td>
<td>4 years in Mother Group</td>
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<td>5 years in Social Sector</td>
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<td>Volunteering and Human Resource Management</td>
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<td>Mr. Deepak Bashyal</td>
<td>Peace and Humanitarian and climate change</td>
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4. PROGRAM PERFORMANCE

JCYCN supports the empowerment of women, youth and children to bring positive changes in the level of policy making. The organization coordinates and participates in diverse campaigns, public awareness programs and training programs concerning key issues that affect women, child and youth rights. From the very beginning JCYCN has been working with a rights based approach. Its major activities are:

4.1. ADVOCACY AND LOBBYING

3rd Annual Commemoration of the Declaration of the World Peace and Signatures in support of the Declaration of Peace and Cessation of War

Jagriti Child and Youth Concern Nepal (JCYCN) in coordination with Women Security Pressure Group (WSPG), HWPL, IPYG and IWPG have organized a program to commemorate the Declaration of the
world peace and signatures in support of the declaration of peace and cessation of war. The program was organized in collaboration with Swapna Vatika School at Kathmandu.

Before the initiation of the program, girl and young students recited poem and sang songs related to peace. The program was chaired by Ms. Savitri Thapa, chairperson of WSPG; chief guest for the program was Ms. Shanta Manabi, minister Government of Nepal. Other guest included Ms. Sushila Shrestha, Mr. Dharma Pathak, and Mr. Tilottam Paudel.

Starting the program, Mr. Paudel gave a short introduction about HWPL, IPYG and IWPG along with JCYCN and WSPG along with the declaration and the need for the signing of the declaration for the need of international law and word peace. In the same way, Ms. Savitiri Thapa provided congratulatory messages regarding the commemoration and echoed for the need of international law for peace and cessation of war. In the meantime, chief guest Ms. Manabi delivered her speech focusing on the importance of peace in Nepal and expressed solidarity to the signature campaign that was initiated by HWPL. Mr. Tillotam Poudel, Chairperson of JCYCN, facilitated the program. The Ambassador of the HWPL, Mr. Dharma Raj Pathak delivered his speech regarding the importance of international law to establish the peace and signature campaign. Other speakers including Mr. Jitindra Upadhyaa, Ms. Simran Thapa, Ms. Deepa Silwal, Mr. Haribol Acharya and media person Mr. Kashav Bhatta presented their solidarity for the need of peace along with signing in the declaration.

In addition to that, Mr. Paudel gave a short introduction of declaration announcing the declaration of world peace and introduction about the declaration of international law. It was followed by the signing ceremony where 250 participants signed the declaration including three media personal, representatives from 14 civil society organizations, three HWPL ambassadors, and students of various colleges and school including the chief guest Ms. Manabi.

**Multi-stakeholders National Dialogue: For strengthening the cooperation to Implement UPR Recommendations**

A program on “multi stakeholders’ national dialogue for strengthening the cooperation to implement UPR recommendations” was organized on 7th and 8th June 2016 at hotel Raddison, Kathmandu. It was organized by INSEC, Info UPR, CZOPP etc. JCYCN was one of the active participants of the program.Nepal’s human rights record was reviewed for the second time on 4 November 2015 at the United Nations in Geneva, during the 23rd session of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review. Nepal received 195 recommendations and will implement them until the next UPR.

On March 2016, the Human Rights Council adopted Nepal’s Report of Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review: the Government accepted 152 recommendations. Within the UPR framework, cooperation is encouraged among all the different stakeholders during the implementation of UPR recommendations towards advancement of human rights and freedoms.

Therefore, the Government representatives present today, together with representatives of the NGOs including NGO coalitions for the UPR, the United Nations Country Team (UNCT) and the National...
Human Rights Commission of Nepal (NHRC) came together for a dialogue and after attentive deliberation agreed on enhancing their mutual understanding and to discuss future collaboration for the implementation of UPR recommendations.

Because of the dialogue, all participants including JCYCN have agreed on:

- Request to the Government to set up a Coordinating Committee to be in charge of the implementation of recommendations of the UPR, UN treaty bodies and other international human rights mechanisms, with representation of NHRC, government and other stakeholders;
- Continue to hold multi-party meetings at least twice a year with a view to monitor the level of implementation of UPR recommendations and to discuss about ways to address challenges;
- Support participation of all stakeholders in the implementation process of recommendations of the UPR and other human rights bodies;
- Include UPR recommendations in the plan of action of the Government with expected outcomes, assessment indicators, concrete activities, time frame and responsible parties.

**Development Experts Promote Youth Volunteerism at South Asia Regional Forum**

More than 260 youth, government officials, and international and domestic civil society representatives from 12 countries convened on April 23-24, 2016 in Lalitpur, an ancient city bordering Nepal’s capital of Kathmandu, to promote the role of youth and volunteerism in advancing development and peace.

The two-day South Asia Sub-Regional Forum on Youth Volunteerism to Promote Participation, Development and Peace was convened on the anniversary of the crippling earthquake that struck the Himalayan nation just a year earlier. Participants observed a minute of silence in memory of those who lost their lives in the disaster. The program also recognized 12 individuals and organizations for their service in recovery efforts following the earthquake.

“From a year ago, the progress that we’ve seen, in terms of the spirit of young people and the interest in being engaged in the various areas of community service, is tremendous,” said Dr. Marco Roncarati, Social Affairs Officer of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) and Co-Chair of the Asia-Pacific Peace and Development Service Alliance.
The Sub-Regional Forum advanced youth engagement in environmental service, peace-building and enhanced disaster risk assessment and response. For Sub-regional forum on Peace building and disaster risk assessment JCYCN was one of the core cluster member with participation of more than 50 youth participating in the sessions. JCYCN was led by Mr. Basanta Dhungana, Program Officer. It also provided a platform for youths to share knowledge and best practices, enhance collaboration among various stakeholders, and identify model projects and follow-up implementation strategies for youth engagement furthering the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Mr. Laxman Prasad Mainali, Secretary, Ministry of Youth & Sports, Government of Nepal (left) and Dr. Marco Roncarati, Social Affairs Officer of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) and Co-Chair of the Asia-Pacific Peace and Development Service Alliance.

Er inaugurated the forum. Ganesh Shah, Nepal’s former Minister of Environment, Science and Technology, Dr. Madhavi Bhatta, Commissioner of Truth and Reconciliation Commission and Mr. Madhav Dhungel, Vice-Chairman of the National Youth Council, Ministry of Youth and Sports, were special guests of the inaugural session, Promod Sharma, Yuvsatta India.

The forum also recognized three journalists for outstanding news coverage in their respective areas. Mr. Durga Dulal of Nagarik News was awarded in the area of Peace and Harmony; Mr. Sabin Sharma of Rajdhani News in the area of Environment Service; and Mr. Rohit Bhandari of Sagarmatha Television in the area of Disaster Management.

“The problems relating to these thematic areas—Disaster Management, Peace and Harmony, and Environmental Service—can only be addressed by effective participation of youth.”

—Mr. Laxman Prasad Mainali, Secretary, Ministry of Youth & Sports, Government of Nepal

The youths also participated in panel discussions with experts addressing areas of Policy, Youth Engagement, Social Entrepreneurship, Media & Awareness, and Partnership & Collaboration.
From these sessions, 15 innovative, action-oriented project models (5 under each cluster) were presented by youth participants, with the best three models recognized during the closing ceremony on April 24.

At the closing session, officials representing the Ministry of Youth and Sports, UNESCAP, Nepal’s Academy of Science and Technology, Tribhuvan University, and Global Peace Foundation further highlighted the role of youth volunteerism to promote development and peace, while emphasizing the way forward for ideas and models discussed and developed at the Forum to be implemented on the ground.

"The topics selected in this two-day program—disaster management, environment service and peace & harmony,” added Prof. Dr. Tirtha Raj Khaniya, Tribuvan University Vice Chancellor, “have become most essential where the energy and ideals of youth must be mobilized and utilized.”
Habitat and UN Volunteers, the Center for Social Change; Digo Bikas Institute, Jagriti Child and Youth Concern Nepal (JCYCN) Nawalprasi, Tribuvan University's Central Department of Environment Science and Department of Peace, Conflict and Development Studies, Youth Thinkers Society, Youth Advocacy Nepal, Resources Himalaya Foundation, Swoyambu Community Learning Centre, Lumbini World Peace Forum and Golden Gate International College.

**Memorandum Handed over to PM KP Oli**

A team of youth handed over a memorandum to the Prime Minister KP Oli, asking for the effort from the Government of Nepal in promoting Resolution 2250.

The United Nations Security Council has adopted a groundbreaking resolution on Youth, Peace and Security which recognizes that “young people play an important and positive role in the maintenance and promotion of international peace and security” on December 9, 2015. Five key pillars for action are identified: participation, protection, prevention, partnerships and disengagement and reintegration. Being a International Steering Group member of United Network of Young (UNOY) Peace Builders, Netherland, JCYCN was one of the organization to be at drafting committee of Amman Declaration. Based on Amman Declaration, the resolution has been passed by the UN.

The team was led by Mr. Tilottam Paudel, president of Jagriti Child and Youth Concern Nepal (JCYCN) along with Mr. Roshan Lama of Eco- Social Development Organization (ESDO) Nepal, Prakash Khadka, of Pax Romana and Bhoj Raj BK of JCYCN. In the meeting the Prime Minister assured that he will be supporting the issue in any possible way, if he is a prime minister of Nepal or a head of the opposition party at the parliament.

In addition to that, the team also asked pm to provide enough attention to issues of recent flooding situation at Terai due to the monsoon rain and other geopolitical causes, the concern of Girl Child Rights. He was happy that the team was able to bring out the relevant issues that touch the lives of many Nepalese and assured to help in any possible way. While ending the meeting he thanked the visiting team of youth and his secretariat to make him face to face to these issues.

This memorandum highlight following issues:

- This paper has thanked the government for establishing the National Youth Council providing concern over Youth Vision 2025 and its implementation
- Concern over the need of girl child raising their health status, education status and their protection
- Provide the relief package of the earthquake victim of Gorkha Earthquake- 2015
- Promotion of the role of youth and children in peace building.
- Promotion of children and zone as peace and Child Local Friendly Governance (CFLG) system.
Nepal Partnership for Children and Youth in Peace-building organized National Level Sharing Program on Jun 29, 2015 at the Royal Banquet, Tinkune. The main objective of the program was to launch the country report, disseminate the findings and, recommendation of the participatory evaluation on Child and Youth Role in Peace building conducted in Doti, Rolpa, Nawalparasi, and Mohattari districts from January to March 2015. It is a part of global campaign called a Global Partnership for Children and Youth in Peace building being organized simultaneously in DR Congo, Nepal and Colombia. The program was jointly organized by the Nepal Partnership for Children and Youth in Peace-building consortium partners: Alliance for Peace (AP), Jagriti Child and Youth Concern Nepal (JCYCN), Save the Children (SC), Search for Common Ground (SfCG), World Vision International Nepal (WVIN), and Youth Network for Peace and Development (YNPD) Mahottari. Mr. Tilottam Poudel, members of Nepal Partnership for Children and Youth in Peace-building was master of ceremony of the National level sharing program.

Country Report was launched by Dr. Bimala Rai Paudel, Member of the National Planning Commission. She not only spoke about the importance of involving youth and children in peace-building, but also applauded the participatory tools, which according to her ‘provided a holistic lens to participation of youth and children in peace-building in the country.’

Mr. Krishna Subedi, Children as Zone of Peace (CZOP), Dr. Kiran Rupakheti, Ministry of Women Children and Social Welfare (MoWCSW), Mr. Tarak Dhital, Central Child Welfare Board (CCWB), Mr. Gauri Pradhan, former Member, National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) who hold specialized knowledge in the field of children and youth, also echoed the innovation in evaluation pedaled by the Nepal Partnership for Children and Youth in Peace-building by ensuring the meaningful role of children and youth in the overall evaluation process. They also commented on the major findings and recommendations of the Multi-agency, Multi-country, Multi-donor (3M) evaluation. Other eminent guest included Mr. Yubakar Raj Rajkarnikar, Director of Programs, Search for Common Ground (SfCG), Mr. DevBahadur Ale, Nepal Steering committee member, Mr. Bibhuti Bista, Country Evaluator of Nepal Partnership for Children and Youth in Peace-building shared striking findings of the evaluation. He also clarified on the various factors, principles, overarching findings, and the key recommendation derived from the evaluation work. The thought that ‘peace-building involving children and youth should be a cross cutting issue in the development process’ was echoed during his presentation.

Representative of Local Evaluation Team (LET) of four districts too shared their experiences of working in evaluation including Mr. Sher Bahadur Thapa, LET coordinator Rolpa, Mr. Hem Raj Joshi, LET coordinator Doti, LET member from Mahottari, Mr. Akwar Ansari. Another LET member from Nawaparasi, Ms. Jamuna Kharel shared that the evaluation process gave them an in depth and wide knowledge on the involvement of youth in peace-building which they were prior unaware about. She expressed her happiness that her engagement in local organization led her to become the member of US embassy, youth advisory committee. Each of them requested all key stakeholders and concerned agencies to ‘implement the recommendations of the findings and recommended to have policies that promote youth and children involvement in the village, district and national level.’

The partnership has been able to publish a national evaluation report with major eight findings with recommendations. Mr. Deepak Sharma General Secretary of JCYCN stated that peace building is incomplete without the meaningful involvement of youth and children in peace-building stressed upon the implementation of the recommendations. The program was concluded with the vote of thanks by Mr. Suresh Thakur, President of Youth Network for Peace and Development (YNPD) Mahottari and also members of Nepal Partnership for Children and Youth in Peace-building. He encouraged partner organization and influential government stakeholders to address peace-building from a practical lens. He
also stressed on building a practice in evaluation that involved target audiences, to ensure the practicality of the issue.

Major **findings** of the 8 principles that determine the quality of child and youth participation in peace building were as follows:

- In some initiatives information is effectively shared among children and youth but not in others. in general there is less transparent information sharing by adults with children, than with youth.
- Some child and youth clubs and initiatives are making efforts to include males and females from diverse caste, ethnic and religious background.
- Clubs provided important opportunities for males and females to collaborate with one another.
- More efforts that are systematic are needed to assess and address protection and security risk that may be faced when children and youth participate in peace-building with particular attention to challenges faced by girls and young women.
- Increased investment in inter-generational partnerships involving youth, children and adults is required to enhance collaboration and accountability.
- In some initiatives, there is insufficient accountability to children and youth, particularly younger children from both their peers and adults.
- Children and youth emphasized the need to establish legal provisions for child and youth participation in the local peace committees ant the VDC, district and central levels.

Based upon the above findings, a set to specific **recommendations** have been developed for concerned agencies, which are:

- Political authorities to develop policies and procedures to support representation and meaningful participation of youth and children in Local Peace Committees
- Community members to stop discrimination on the basis of religion, caste, gender, disability, age and other factors and collaborate with children and youth to prevent and address different forms of discrimination and to help build social cohesion and peace in the community
- Agencies working on peace-building or child/youth related programs should support inter-generational dialogue and capacity building of children and the youth in peace-building, including training in conflict analysis and conflict management, peace building, non-violent communication, child/women/human rights
- Children and Youth should increase efforts to support gender sensitivity and inclusive participation of child ad youth from Dalit, Janajati and children/youth with disabilities, in their club and peace building activities.
- Female and males form diverse backgrounds should be meaningfully involved in the planning, budget allocation, implementation and monitoring of their peace-building activities.
- The media should disseminate information regarding child and youth participation and peace-building efforts to increase awareness and encourage positive support among children, youth and members of the public.

Donors should mainstream peace-building in their programmes, they should invest in vocational skill training, and income generation programmes for female and male youth especially the most marginalized.

**Suggestion and Recommendation handed over to the CA Member**

A draft constitution has released in 2015 in Nepal after 8 years of political stagnation and deadlock, despite some regional political parties form Madesh had torn down the draft constitution. Additionally some of the female leaders and activists were not supporting the constitution totally as it has included
contradictory means for citizenship. “Constitution can’t incorporate views of each and every political party because constitution is a document of compromise,” CA Chairman Subas Nembang said while receiving the draft from CDC Chair Krishna Prasad Sitaula.

Since the first ever constitution assembly election took place in Nepal Jagriti Child and Youth Concern Nepal (JCYCN) has been advocating for the assurance of youth and children rights, girl child rights with sustainable peace building. Since its inception period JCYCN has been promoted the implementation of national and international plans and policies for the welfare of children and youth. JCYCN has been working in the field of peace building in the collaboration of International organization such UNOY, Netherland, YUVSATT, India, International Peace Youth Group South Korea, The Garden of Foundation Taiwan.

As soon as the Government of Nepal decided to take suggestions upon the draft constitution JCYCN took a front row to organize meeting among stakeholders to collect suggestions in various parts of Nawalparasi district and so collected suggestions have been handed over on 22\textsuperscript{nd} July 2015 to the CA members representing Nawalparasi district. JCYCN in coordination with other organizations such as Esdo Nepal, Youth for Change, Jagriti Child Club Nepal, Pragatinagar Community Library and resource centre, Devchuli Municipality Child Clubs Network have handed over a draft document containing suggestion and recommendations to the CA member Mr. Javeen Kumar Shrestha and at national level recommendations were submitted on 26\textsuperscript{th} July 2015.

Some of major recommendations are regarding the formation of national children commission and elimination of child labour. Recognizing children as one of the major actor of peace-building process and hence their involvement in peace building processes. Also the monitoring mechanism for the assurance of laws relating to children and youth being implement as assured by the constitution. Another major recommendation that was echoed by majority of populace was the need of ending of impunity and lawlessness and Strong law against sex selective abortion with compulsory free education to girls additionally the general mass as asked for the implementation of all of national and international laws and conventions that Nepal has signed including youth and children and also the need to form Youth council as soon as possible. In relation to the issues of women, some of the recommendations were to implement laws to end violence against women, to provide citizenship in the name of Mother, and in case of children with on one to look after their right to live should be protected by the new constitution of Nepal. Yet another major recommendation that were heard out loud from the population was to settle the issues religious freedom.

**National Youth Assembly 2016 Organized**

On 27 May 2016, Friday, AYON organized a mega-event National Youth Assembly (NYA) 2016 at two different venues at Staff College and Lotus Convention Center, Lalitpur conglomerating 500+ youths from different districts of Nepal. This assembly was jointly organized with Ministry of Youth and Sports, National Youth Council, Association of Youth Organizations Nepal (AYON) and Search for Common Ground – SFCG Nepal and other organizations namely Jagriti Child and Youth Concern Nepal (JCYCN), Youth Initiative, Humanitarian Accountability Monitoring Initiative (HAMI).

The National Youth Assembly (NYA) 2016 was a historic congregation of 500+ youths to discuss on 9 thematic areas that passed unanimously an 18-point declaration for the benefits of the youths of Nepal.

This large assembly was aimed at bringing youths from diverse districts together for stating and discussing their common issues to reach to a definite conclusion and thereby work forth in those very
sectors and areas for common benefit of all the youths in the country. This role is of particular importance in the post-earthquake and post-constitution promulgation political scenario.

Ministry of Youth and Sports of the Government of Nepal, National Youth Council under the same ministry, Association of Youth Organizations Nepal (AYON) and Search for Common Ground (SFCG) – Nepal jointly organized the National Youth Assembly (NYA) 2016 at Lalitpur, Nepal.

The assembly featured 500+ participants from 75 districts of Nepal discussing on 8 thematic areas (2 plenary sessions + 6 parallel sessions), 30 panelists and speakers and all of them passed an 18-point declaration.

Rupa Upreti (Secretary, AYON) welcomed all the distinguished guests and participants to the National Youth Assembly (NYA) 2016. She gave a brief glimpse of the assembly and some major highlights of the day’s program.

Honorable Minister Satya Narayan Mandal considered youths as the biggest asset of our country, as 40.35% population is represented by youths. The government of Nepal has created different policies for the youths like Youth Vision – 2025, National Youth Policy 2015 for the youths and National Youth Council (NYC) has also been formed. In line with the ministry’s work, he appreciated the approach of National Youth Assembly (NYA) to bring together such a large mass of youths and extended his greetings for the success of the program.

Among the youth representatives, Prabhakar Prasad Shah (Teach for Nepal) expressed his belief that today’s youths are more actors than speakers. He advocated for youth empowerment and a proper guideline for youths in working for national development. He urged politicians and policy makers to have a pure heart to push youths further in leadership positions for productive outputs. With butterfly effect, the youth initiatives are growing and days would come when this takes a larger shape. He urged all youths to unite and make their initiations in their respective field for contributing to national cause.

Yubakar Raj Rajkarnikar, Search for Common Ground (SFCG) Nepal, acknowledged the effort of National Youth Assembly to bring together all the youths from different districts to discuss on eight important thematic areas relating to youths. He urged all the youths to be aware of the present time and be accountable for future.

UNDP Country Director Renaud Meyer acknowledged the participation of youth leaders and representatives in the assembly. Referring to the post-earthquake and post-constitution scenario that shows Nepal’s vulnerability, he expressed his belief that this assembly shall bring together youths working in various sectors together and to discuss to solve their common problems together. He urged the youths to take their ‘degree of ownership’ of the constitution. UNDP in Nepal has been working on two major areas, viz. resilience and social cohesion.

He stressed on the importance to use the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as a strong tool for development, whereby youths can pressurize the government and act as a watchdog towards sustainable development. He also emphasized on youth empowerment and capacity building for their contribution to society and the nation.
Vice-Chair of National Youth Council (NYC), Madhav Dhungel, highlighted NYC’s role to empower youths and their involvements in quality education, in health and security, in leadership, development and participation, in entrepreneurship and employment and in sports and entertainment. He showed a strong commitment on the transparency of NYC.

Dr. Kripa Sindhu Prasad, Honourable Member of National Planning Commission (NPC), gave importance to the participation of youths in the national development. He urged all the youths to stay in the country, work together searching for profiting avenues, and contribute to the national cause.

Brabim Kumar K.C. Various plenary delivered vote of thanks speech and parallel sessions were organized during which JCYCN has led parallel session name “Youth and Economic Sustainability”. Tilottam Paudel, president of JCYCN, moderated this session.

These plenary and parallel sessions has brought upon the National Youth Assembly Declaration, which is here: [NYA 2016 declaration](#)

**International Anti- Street Harassment Week 2016 marked**

Jagriti Child and Youth Concern (JCYC) Nepal, supported by Action Aid, and in collaboration with Youth Advocacy Nepal, along with other 18 organizations, marked International Anti-Street Harassment Week 2016 with rally, organizing an interaction program, and a street drama.

On International Anti-Street Harassment Week 2016, an interaction program was organized on the opening day in April 14, 2016. The chief guest of the interaction program was Mr. C. P. Mainali, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Women, Children and Social Welfare. The guests for the interaction program included Ms. Sharmila Karki, Women Activist, Ms. Jayanti Rai, Parliamentarian from CPN-UML, Ms. Dilmaya Dhami, Parliamentarian from CPN (Maoist) and Mr. Bimal Kumar Phuyal, country director of Action Aid Nepal.

Mr. C.P. Mainali, chief guest, pointed out that harassment and violence against women is the result of traditional patriarchal thinking of Nepali society. Addressing an interaction program titled “Harassment, Violence against Women and its Legal Aspects in Public Space” Mr. Mainali added that violence against women is ended legally but is still prevalent in practice. Similarly, he opined that violence against women, social inequality, and male dominating attitude ought to be prime agenda of political parties. He blamed social structures and traditions for causing social inequality. In order to end all forms of violence government, political parties, and civil society should work together.
A documentary related to street-harassment was screened. A number of presentations were also given to sensitize, make aware and hold a discussion among participants. Some of the speakers of the program include Ms. Jayanti Rai, Ms. Sharmila Karki, Mr. Bimal Phuyal who stressed on the end of all forms of street harassments against female. The program discussed role of youths, governmental, non-governmental agencies, political sphere and civil societies to stop street harassment. Around 200 youths participated in the interaction program.

NEPAL HELD FIRST GIRL SUMMIT- 2016

On 23 March, 2016, Nepal held its first ever girl summit as part of its commitment to ending child marriage by 2030. President Bidhya Devi Bhandari inaugurated the event by lighting a traditional lamp, visiting British Prince Harry was also present on the occasion.

UNICEF has defined child marriage as a violation of human rights because it denies girls the right to decide when and with whom to marry. As per the Nepal census 2011, adolescent population constitute of 24.2% of the total population of Nepal and 49% of these are girls. Nepal has one of the highest prevalence of child marriage in the world and the third highest child marriage prevalence in South Asia after Bangladesh and India. In Nepal 2 out of 10 women age 15-49 years were first married before the age of 15 whereas 5 out 10 women age 20-49 years were first married before the age of 18.

The work plans develop by the UN for Sustainable development goals (SDGs) has incorporated elimination of child marriage, forced marriage and early marriage by 2030 as one of its goal. The summit brought together youth, community members, activists, religious leaders, government officials, diplomats, UN and civil society representatives to accelerate momentum around the issue of child marriage. The Ministry of Women, Children and Social Welfare organized the one-day summit with technical and financial support from DFID and UNICEF.

The organizers said district level consultations for the event began on March 3 and brought together girls and boys to discuss challenges to eradicating child marriage in Nepal and ways to create conditions for every girl to reach her full potential. The consultation held at 15 districts namely: Morang, Saptari, Udyapur, Makwanpur, Rauthat, Kapilvastu, Rupandahi, Nawalparasi, kalikut, Bakae, Dailakh, Surkhet, Bhajang, Baitadi and Doti. From Nawalprasi, there were six girl participants including Ms. Bipana Sharma.

Following the inaugural session, various sessions, activities and performances were held with the aim of raising awareness against child marriage and informing participants about the progress Nepal has made towards ending child marriage. Four parallel sessions held were: Policy implementation and law enforcement for ending child marriage, Changing the harmful social norms and practices, Voices of youths: Adolescents and youth initiatives and lesson learned and Workshop with and for adolescents. Panelists came from a range of backgrounds and included girls and boys both, government and NGO representatives and academics from various institutions.

President of JCYCN Mr. Tilottam Paudel being one of the panelists for the session; Voices of youth: Adolescents and youth initiatives and lesson learned. Other panelist included Mr. Sanjog Thakuri, president Yuwalaya, Mr. Brabim KC, president AYON, Ms Bipina Sharma and Ms. Anita Chaudhari. The
session was attended by 30 participants and was facilitated by Mr. Sanjog Thakuri and was chaired by Mr Yogandra Shahi, coordinator Youth Vision 2025. Other participants representing JCYCN included Ms. Debaki Acharya, Ms. Manorama Gautam, Ms. Roseena Gautam among other 15 participants. JCYCN has been working for the promotion and protection of Girl child right since long time, and is a steering member of the Asian Girl Campaign since 2015.

All of the panelist express their concern regarding role a youth should play in reducing child marriage in Nepal. Mr. KC of AYON confess that youth organizations must pay grave attention regarding the issue of girl child, where as Mr. Paudel stated the need to pay attention by the concerned stakeholders in implementing existing laws and implementing CFLG in all of the VDCs, municipalities. In the same way, Ms. Bipina Sharma stated the need for implementing child friendly local governance system at local level to eliminate child marriage from Nepal. Another panelist Ms. Anita Chaudhari stated that there is an urgent need to act against child marriage at Terai specifically among dalits. Ending the session Mr. Shahi stated that although the new constitution has provided ample space for the welfare of children, its implementation part remain the challenge, and also stated that the concerns of children need to be addressed in cooperation with youth.

**International Human rights day Celebrated**

On 10th December every year world come together to commemorate the World declaration on Human right. On 9 December, national level human right meet was organized in Kathmandu with a major theme on women rights. Every year various organizations organize an annual meet on human rights with themes that has quite an impact upon the human rights situation in Nepal. This year the theme was based upon the upliftment of the livelihood of women with theme “Human rights and inclusiveness; equal women participation in all sector and levels of state” and organizers launched a campaign of “#50:50 by 2030”. JCYCN along with other organizations such as ESDO Nepal were among the organizers of the meet, from 9-11 December 2013, being coordinated by Beyond Beijing Committee. JCYCN Nepal was one of the active organizers for the meet.

Chief Guest for the program was President of Nepal Ms. Bidhya Devi Bhandari. Everyone in Nepal should experience human rights, the President said, stressing the need of augmenting the promotion and protection of human rights in the country while inaugurating the program at at Nepal Academy, Kathmandu. Other guests for the program included Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Women, Children and Social Welfare, CP Mainali, NHRC Chairman Anup Raj Sharma, Acting Chairperson of the National Women Commission Manu Humagain, human rights activists Charan Prasain and Sharmila Karki.
The seventh Human Rights National Magna Meet-2015 concluded in the capital on Friday issuing a 25-point declaration demanding that the government ensure food, shelter and employment opportunity for people living under the poverty line. Guest for the closing program was Onsari Gharti Speaker of parliament.

On 10 December 2015, in coordination of NGOs federation of Nepal organize a rally to mark International Human Rights day. One hundred sixty seven (167) organizations including JCYCN and ESDO Nepal participated in the rally. Besides that, JCYCN was one of the leading organizations to mobilize volunteer for the program.

**JCYCN Stands Against Child Molestation**

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Deepak Sharma, General Secretary JCYCN, Bipna Sharma, District Networks of Child Clubs, Aashma Aryal, Vice-President of Devchuli Child Clubs Networks has played a vital in coordinating the Struggle Committee and Inter Party Female Network, Nawalparasi. Other organizations include Central Children Welfare Board, District Children Welfare Board, National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), Ministry of Women, Children and Social welfare that have collaborated with JCYCN for the case. In addition to that, it has collaborated with organizations such as CZOPP and Consortium to launch a pressure on government for punishing the culprits. Also it has informed NHRC about the case along with launching a social media campaign “Justice for Sita” along with rallies, sit in etc.
Cases like this are not a new event at Nawalprasi so is the work of JCYCN for the protection of child rights as well. JCYCN has been working against child marriage and for child rights and violations since a long period. JCYCN is also working at both at grassroots and national level to create awareness against any cases against girl child right violations in collaboration with Asian Girl Campaign.

Welcome: The New constitution of Nepal

After nearly a decade of delay, the long awaited new constitution of Nepal has been announced. President Dr. Ram Baran Yadav did the honors of announcing the promulgation of Federal Republic Constitution of Nepal 2072 amidst a special ceremony at Constituent Assembly (CA) hall on Sunday evening 20th September, 2015. After nearly a decade, long political stagnation and uncountable hurdles the Constituent Assembly succeed to endorse the new constitution of Nepal with a majority. This has been of dream of Nepali people since 2007 BS. The long-drawn out task of constitution drafting has ended. Five hundred seven (507) votes were cast in favour of the constitution bill while only 25 votes were cast against the bill. All the top political leaders were present in the CA to complete the constitution drafting process, which is a commendable task. This moment has been celebrated throughout the country and JCYCN has also celebrated this day of Nepal and Nepali people as a day for the initiation of economic growth, prosperity sustainability and Peace.

To welcome the constitution JCYCN in collaboration with various other organizations such as ESDO Nepal, ARF Nepal, Youth for Change Nepal has been to the premise of the Constituent Assembly and waited for hours before majority of 90% Constituent Assembly members endorsed the constitution. The constitution of Nepal has incorporated most of the issues regarding children, women and youth, which were being advocated by JCYCN since long but the implementation of the Constitution is yet to be done. JCYCN would like to call the agitating parties in Terai to come for meaningful talks with the Government of Nepal, as peace is the only way for prosperity in Nepal.

Making yet another history in Nepal the transformed CA to Parliament elected the first ever female speaker on 16th October 2015 Ms Onsari Gharti; former deputy speaker and prominent leader of UCPN Maoist party; with a majority and Mr. Ganga Prashad Yadav of RPP Nepal as deputy speaker of the parliament of Nepal. Likewise, on 28th October, 2015 the parliament elected Ms Bidhya Devi Bhandari; CPN-UMP vice president central committee; as first ever female president of Nepal. These cases are an example the initiation of female empowerment through the implementation of the new constitution of Nepal. JCYCN considered it a ray of hope, a starting of change for female participation. Beforehand, on
11th October 2015, KP Sharma Oli President Central Committee CPN UML elected with a clear majority to become 38th prime minister of Nepal. In the same manner Mr. Nanda Bahadur Pun prominent leader of UCPN Maoist as second vice president of Nepal on 31st October 2015 by a majority of the parliament. Looking at these winning faces of female, janajati, madhesi it can be expected that the process of the implementation of the new constitution be on the right track.

4.2. PARTICIPATION IN DIFFERENT PROGRAMS (NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL)

Jagriti Child and Youth Concern (JCYC) Nepal is one of the core members of HAMI. On behalf of JCYC Nepal, Mr. Tilottam Paudel, president, actively participated in the conference. Some of the participants included Mr. Rabindra Adhikari and Ms. Ranjana Sarkar, parliamentarians from CPN (UML), Mr. Jeevan Pariyar and Mr. Badri Pandey, parliamentarians from Nepali congress, Cham Bahadur Gurung, CPN (Maoist) parliamentarian from Gorkha-3, and Mr. Ram Narayan Bidari from CPN (Maoist). Dr. Padam Khatiwada chaired the conference. Similarly, Mr. Tilottam Paudel convey vote of thanks.

Around 500 participants consisting of affected communities, policy makers, parliamentarians, representatives of political parties, civil society representatives, experts, academicians, and activists were presented in the conference.

Barpak Conference took Place to Commemorate Earthquake Affected Populations

On April 24, a conference on Rebuilding Nepal: Protecting and Promoting the Rights of the Affected Communities was organized by Humanitarian Accountability Monitoring Initiative (HAMI) in Barpak, epicenter of Gorkha earthquake of 25 April 2015, of Gorkha district. (HAMI) is the convergence of the Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) working with the right holders (women, children, indigenous nationalities, Dalit, youth, senior citizens, and persons with disability, LGBTIs, and other marginalised and excluded groups). The common cause of this convergence is monitoring the humanitarian accountability in the time of emergency, that is, post-disaster emerged due to a devastating earthquake in Nepal. As of now, there are 13 organizations associated with HAMI.

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Rights of Adolescents and Role of Stakeholders National Dialogue Program

Jagriti Child and youth Concern Nepal in collaboration with Jana-Utthan Pratshthan (JUP- Nepal) and other likeminded organizations organized a one day national dialogue on “Rights of Adolescent and Role of Stakeholders” on 16th December 2015 with the financial support of Steva Foundation. The objective of the program was to influence stakeholders, particularly policy makers and planners for addressing the issues of adolescent and youth based on the issues identified at the local level. Chief Guest for the program was Mr. Chandra Prakash Mainali Deputy Pm women, children and social welfare ministry and other guest included Parliament members of leading political parties of Nepal. Other 50 active participants participated in the dialogue mostly adolescent girls and boys representing a local level program called “Sambad” being implemented by Jana Utthan Prasthstan at various 7 districts. Beside, actively involving as an organizer of the program, Mr. Tilottam paudel president of JCYCN represented it at the main program.

Mr Bhanu Parajuli of Rural Reconstruction Nepal presented a welcome speech to all the participants, where as Mr. Bishnu khatti of JUPN presented a paper in the topic. Deputy PM Mr. Mainali after listening to the adolescent participants and their expericene at local level praised the initiative and resonated to include the best practices in the policies and national plans. On the other hand, Mr. Poudel of JCYCN stated that the new constitution on Nepal has tried to incorporate the issues of youth and adolescent. Other speakers of the program were Mr. Javeen Basnet of Steve Foundation Nepal.

International Children Day Celebrated
Nepal along with many other parts of world celebrated international children day on 21st November 2015 at three schools of Rasuwa district Vorle VDC.

Bagashwori Higher Secondary School, Setidevi Higher Secondary School and Jawalaukhi Lower Secondary School commemorate International Children Day organizing various programs. In the meantime, a team representing Cedar Fund Hong Kong Ms. Lisa chi and Ms. Tang, Jagriti Child and Youth Concern Nepal, Mr. Tilottam Paudel President, ITEEN director Mr. Tank Subedi, Mr. Sarju Rijal and Mr. Arjun Naupane visited the above mention schools as part of a program to commemorate International Children Day as well as to access the effects of the massive earthquake that shook Nepal on April 25, 2015. During the visit, the team indulge in the interaction program with teachers, students and parents of schools regarding the effects for the earthquake in their school and in their lives.

Vorle VDC of Rasuwa district is one of the worse affected VDC by the April 25 earthquake and its aftershocks. More than 90 of the houses have turned into rubble with the loss of life of more than 50 individuals including some students of schools of the VDCs. The population of the VDC consists of a majority of ethnic minority i.e. Janajati of Nepal.

For the first time the students of the VDCs were celebrating International Children Day so they were visibly happy. In order to celebrate International Children Day, students recited poems, and songs that impart national unity. In addition to that, they also share the destruction the April 25th earthquake and requested the team of the reconstruction of their school buildings, which will be earthquake resistive so
that in the future they won’t have to look for option to get education. Students from Setidevi Higher Secondary School reciting poems and singing songs were provided with copies and pens as gifts.

In the meantime, Mr. Bharat Baral principle of Satedevi Higher Secondary School stated that all of the schools of Vorle VDC have affected badly due to the 7.9 magnitude earthquake but none of the governmental or non-governmental organization has ever approached to help in reconstruction of school building. Likewise, Mr. Sadar Gurung, president of School Management Committee of Bagashwori higher Secondary School expressed about the compulsion to run schools in damaged rooms in lack of alternative to run a school.

During the interaction with the students, they were precise about the need of concrete earthquake resistive earthquake building as school in the future and were timid about their school dress, books, copies, pens, shoes and other essentials being buried under the house destroyed by the earthquake.

**International Peace Day 2015 Celebrated**

Jagriti Child and Youth Concern Nepal in joint collaboration with Global Peace Foundation, CCN, Service for Peace and World without anger Nepal organized a program to commemorate international peace day 2015.

Each year the International Day of Peace is observed around the world on 21 September. The General Assembly has declared this as a day devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace, both within and among all nations and peoples. The theme of this year’s commemoration is “Partnerships for Peace – Dignity for All” which aims to highlight the importance of all segments of society to work together to strive for peace. Sixty total participants participated in the program.

The program was inaugurated by peace song played by a group of students and was chaired by Mr. Ram Rohan Panta, president Global Peace Foundation, guest for the program included Mr. Naran Katiwoda, Mr. Chiranjabi Acharya, Lawyer, Mr. Tilottam Paudel, president JCYCN and other renowned personality regarding peace and human rights. For the program, Mr. Tilottam Paudel represented JCYCN where he stated about the need of peace at international level for the economic upliftment of any country and promoting sustainable peace around the world. In the end, all the participants echoed about the current need of peace in Nepal for the sustainable development. The entire guests had avowed that sustainable
peace in possible when human right is protected. In order to protect human right, it should be ingrained and all the international conventions and laws that Nepal has signed should follow.

In the end, all of the participants committed to work from their side for promoting sustainable peace in Nepal and presented their positive views for the new constitution that will be adopted on 20th September 2015 after a long wait of 8 years.

JCYCN has been working in the field of peace since long time being an active member of United Networks of Young Peace Builders (UNOY) Netherland, International Peace Youth Group, Korea, Yuvasatt India, Youth United in Voluntary Action (YUVA) Mauritius, The Garden Hope Foundation, Taiwan, Asian Resource Foundation (ARF) Nepal and Thailand, CZOPP.

**JCYCN’S participation at global forum for youth peace and security-2015**

The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan under the Patronage of His Royal Highness Crown Prince Al Hussein bin Abdullah II hosted the Global Forum. It was co-organized by the United Nations represented, on behalf of the Inter-Agency Network on Youth Development (IANYD), by Office of the UN Secretary-General’s Envoy on Youth, Peace building Support Office, UNFPA and UNDP, in partnership with Search for Common Ground and the United Network of Young Peace Builders.

The Global Forum on Youth, Peace and Security was hosted on the 21st and 22nd of August 2015 by the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. The Forum, envisaged as a turning point towards a new international agenda on youth, peace and security, stemmed from the thematic debate organized by the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan during its presidency of the Security Council in April 2015. These global events build on on-going efforts by a multiplicity of actors to decisively step-up global attention to young people’s contribution to peace and chart a common agenda. For the first in this type of gathering, young people, youth-led organizations, non-governmental organizations, governments and UN entities came together to agree on a common vision and roadmap to partner with young people in preventing conflict, countering violent extremism and building lasting peace, culminating in the adoption of the Amman Youth Declaration. Five hundred Youth from more than 150 countries participated at the forum. Where they have agreed on a common vision on road map to collaborate with young people to prevent conflict, counter violent extremism and build lasting peace.

The forum has covered a wide range of topics related to countering violent extremism, conflict prevention, violence reduction and peace building in order to reflect on young people’s contribution to these fields. The three key over-reaching themes those addressed during the forum were as follows:

- Young people’s participation: an untapped resource for peace and security
- Speech and counter speech
- Role of state and the international community.
Jagriti Child and Youth Concern Nepal being an International Steering Group Member of UNOY participated in the program. Mr. Tilottam Paudel, president of JCYN represented the forum and participated actively in the program. He was one of the speakers for the second day meeting where he presented his views stating, “Youth are the change makers and needed a global recognition for their contribution as a peace makers and peace promoters”. JCYN has been an international steering member of UNOY and has been a part of declaration drafting committee since the beginning. Beside Mr. Paudel, other personalities such as Mr. Pradip Paudel, Mr. Bhivuti Bista and Ms. Anu Shrestha and Mr. Sangeet Kayestha were also participated at the forum.

Towards a justly balanced global community

Global Moments of Moderates collaboration with Asian Muslim Action Network organized an international conference. Total participants were 224 from 28 countries with a theme on "towards a justly balanced global community”.

The program was from 5-7th June at Kuala Lumpur, capital city of Malaysia with the venue at Ministry of Foreign Affairs Malaysia. Fifteen participants from Nepal along with other countries had participated in a pre assembly session on 5th June 2015. Group discussions held in various agendas like women and justice, youth thinking, Youth and Employment, climate change, media issues & many more. Nepali participants had an active involvement in discussions sessions that was highly praised by the organizer as well. Tilottam Poudel, president of JCYN had presented the outlook & effects of earthquake in Nepal. He also applauds the roles & responsibility of youth in relief & reconstruction for the prosperous Nepal. The presentation on earthquake was fascinating to the global community to think once for supporting Nepal. Other participants from Nepal included Ram Sapkota field officer, employment fund/ HELVATAS-Nepal, Roshan Lama President of ESDO, Pradip Bhusal Member of JCYN, Deepak Basyal member of JCYN presented on the issue of youth & democracy. The conference formally started on 6th June and ended on 7th June 2015. The Chairman of AMAN Prof. Azyumardi Azra, inaugurated the assembly and the introduction of AMAN presented by Mohammad Abdus Sabur, Secretary General of AMAN. The conference ended 7 recommendations including peace will be promoted through youth. Youth are the prime stakeholders of present and leaders of future so we should invest more on youth.
Prof. Mohammad Hashim Kamali CEO, International Institute of Advanced Islamic Studies, giving the speech in the inauguration period.

The participants from Nepal; delegates of Nepal lead by president of ESDO Nepal(Second from Left)

**International Human rights day Celebrated**

To mark the 67th International day of Human Rights, JCYCN organized a program at Nawalparasi to commemorate the Day at Saraswati Primary School, Nepal Rastryia Sarada Primary School, Bhimsen Higher Secondary School, Devchuli Lower Secondary School, Prithvi Higher Secondary School and Manakama Primary School.

Three hundred students were provided with educational support including school bags, copies and pen. Chief Guest for the program was Mr. Homnath Jaisi, lecturer and district president of HISTAN along with representatives of various political parties as guests for the program. Mr. Tilottam Paudel, president of JCYCN, chaired the program and other youth and volunteers presented in the program. In addition to that, a discussion on the topics of "Earthquake and recovery" organized among teachers, students and parents.
TLCs were Handed Over to the Community

Jagriti Child and Youth Concern Nepal (JCYCN), in joint venture with Child Nepal (CN), completed and handed over two Temporary Learning Centers (TLC) viz. Namuna and Jugal Child Development Centre of Duwachuar VDC, Sindupalchok on 2nd August 2015. The beneficiaries TLCs were 80 children of these CDCs, mothers group and community who were victims of the recent earthquake. The TLC construction coordinated by CN and JCYCN with the support from Nepalhilfe B.H Germany, Dental and Social Care for Nepal e.V Germany, Mr. Stefan Kieser, Gwangju South Korea and BAANCHAN Home, Chaingmai, Thailand. CN Social Mobilizer, Mr. Resham Giri, facilitated the program. The TLCs also started its formal new classes from the same handover day.

Mr. Tilottam Paudel representing JCYCN appreciated the successful completion of TLCs. He shared about the positive aspects of Duwachaur CDCs, which he perceived from others. He also talked about positive parenting and how parents can guide their children. He requested mothers to pay attention on children hygiene and cleanliness, avoid use of bad possessions when dealing with children like unhealthy drinks and violent words. Children should also be given equal value, respect and provide them proper time, care and nutrition. All the facilitator, CDC Management committee, TLC Management Committee members were requested to work for the sustainability and long run of the center.

Likewise, Mr. Ratna Urpeti shared about the initiation taken by CN and JCYCN for the welfare of children. He opined about the importance of CDCs for overall growth and development of children between 3 to 5 years old. Facilitators were requested to focus on the cleanliness and hygiene of children. Similarly, the facilitators of both the center Mrs. Suka Iaxmi Shrestha of Jugal CDC and Mrs. Rupa Tamang of Namna CDC extended their gratitude towards CN and JCYCN for the TLC construction and materials support. Likewise, the Chairperson of TLC Construction Committee shared their experience while Construction TLCs. They shared their gratefulness towards supporting organizations for assisting the center.

Education Support in collaboration with Asian Resource Foundation

Education for children has always been a prime focus of Jagriti Child and Youth Concern Nepal since its initiation. Keeping that notion as prime concern, JCYCN in collaboration with Asian Resource Foundation (ARF) Nepal has provided education support to Neel Bahari Higher Secondary School of Kathmandu and Jana Jyoti Higher Secondary School Nawalparasi. Total number of 20 students from each of the schools was provided with education materials.
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Cases like this are not a new event at Nawalprasi so the work of JCYCN for the protection of child rights as well. JCYCN has been working against child marriage and for child rights and violations since a long period. JCYCN is also working at both at grass root and national level to create awareness against any cases against girl child right violations in collaboration with Asian Girl Campaign.

**EDUCATION SUPPORT DISTRIBUTED TO 70 UNDERPRIVILEGED STUDENTS.**

Jagriti Child and Youth Concern Nepal (JCYCN) organized a program to distribute education support to 70 underprivileged students of various five schools of Devchuli Municipality on 27th December 2015, in the financial support of Hoste Hainse as part of an agreement between two organizations on 12th July 2015, to implement a project entitled “Education Support for Underprivileged Children”

The program was organized with following objectives:
- To distribute education support material to the vulnerable children.
- To make people well known about the Children as zone of peace.
- To make political leaders and other concern people sensible towards children.

The project was materialized through the coordination with District Development Committee Nawalparasi and informing Devchuli Municipality by the implementing agency. Two hundred and twenty five participants including students and their parents participated in the program.

Following table shows the name of the schools with number of students receiving support and support materials

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<td>Balmaki Primary School</td>
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Support Materials to each of the 70 Students

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<td>3</td>
<td>Dot Pen (4-10 Class student)</td>
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<td>4</td>
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<td>5</td>
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The program was hosted by Mr. Tilottam Paudel president JCYCN and was chaired by Mr. Hom Nath Jaise. Chief Guest for the program was Mr Krishna Prashad Paudel. He is also an elected Member of Parliament representing Nawalparasi district. Similarly, other guests included Mr Ramprashad Panday resource person, district education office Nawaparasi and representatives of various political parties such as...
as Mr. Dilli Ram Kadaaria NC, Mr. Tilprashad Kafle CPN UML, Mr. Satyanarayan Bhusal, UCPN, Mr. Bhum Bahadur Rai Janamukti party, Mr Raju Chapagain of Youth For Change, Mr. Deepak Sharma general secretary JCYCN and school representatives.

The program officially started as soon as chief guest Mr. Paudel pays respect to Goddess Saraswoti followed by a speech of Chairperson Mr. Jaisi where he stated about the need to recognize children as zone of peace and providing them simple opportunities to get quality education. Following that, Mr. Sharma of JCYCN gave a welcome speech to welcome all the participants, guests and chief guests. To represent all the principles of support materials receiving schools Mr. Krishan Baral, Principle of Janajyoti Higher Secondary School and Mr. Jyotilal Sharma principal of Balmaki Primary School spoke about the importance of children as Zone of peace and children should not be used in any political causes be it political rallies, meetings, or strike. In addition to that, Ms Yogita Bhusal secretary of Jagriti Child Club stressed the need of government’s role in assuring the quality environment for children for their growth and development. Political representatives from various political parties also echoed the need of materializing the notion of children as zone of peace and delineating the uses of children for vested political causes. Chief Guest Mr. Paudel stated that children are special and they should be treated as special, school environment and teaching methods do help to garnish their talents and help to flourish, hence it is our duty to promote child friendly environment both at home and schools.

The education supports were distributed to the children who were selected based upon the data provided by the schools to the organizers. Additionally certificates were distributed to the volunteers of JCYCN being active in the April 2015 earthquake relief rescue efforts. In the ending note chairperson for the program Mr. Homnath Jaisi gave a vote of thanks to the organizers, guests and participants stated that education supports like this to students seems small but does have great impact in their education status and congratulate JCYCN and Hoste Hainse for implementing such projects. He added that, there is large number of children who does not have easy access to education due to lack of pen, pencils, school dresses, and school bags therefore requested organizers to increase the number of students receiving the support. were visibly happy and stated that support like this has help them in creating an access to education and has certainly motivated them to go schools regularly. On the other hand, parents of these students seems happy as well after their children received supports and had hoped for support like this in the future as well and has hope that their children will not dropped out of the school in lack of proper dresses, school bags or lack of pen, pencils or copies.

In the meantime, JCYCN has to go through a challenge to complete all the buying of the support materials on time as due to unofficial blockade imposed by India it was hard to get support materials with good quality on time, and was coupled by the lack of easy access to fuel. School education in Nepal has always affected negatively by high dropout rates of school students. Lack of proper school dresses, lack of pen and pencils and copies many students are forced to drop out from the school, most of these students are underprivileged and fall below the poverty line. In order to change the situation efforts such as providing education support to underprivileged students certainly have a positive impact on children and their education. School education in Nepal has always been a target and victim of war, strikes and “revolutions” although Nepal has adopted children as zone of Peace. Hence, to promote the concept of children as zone of peace; platform like is helpful in providing education support with promoting children as Zone of Peace.
School Education support Project by SES

Jagriti Child and Youth Concern Nepal (JCYCN) in collaboration with ITEEN and Cedar Fund Hongkong completed a program name School Education Support (SES) to provide school education support to 1500 students of the Bhorle VDC of Rasuwa district. The program started on January 2016 and was completed on July 2016. The support was distributed in three phases; in the first phase, 690 students of seven schools were provided with support namely: Geometry Box, Uniform (Shirt, Skirt, Pant), Shoes, Shocks, School Bags, Copy (1 dozens each), Pen and pencils, Sweater, Umbrella. Jagriti Child and Youth Concern Nepal (JCYCN) organized programs at Bhorle VDC, Rasuwa district on 29th February and 8th March 2016 to provide school education support to 690 students of seven schools. They were: Shree Seti Devi Higher Secondary School, Shree Suryodoya Primary School Dhuseni and Shree Suryodoya Primary School Coldada, Shree Bagashwori High School, Deureli Primary School, Dhupcheshwori Lower Secondary School, and Jawalamukhi Lower Secondary School. Twelve hundred (1200) participants were presented in the education support distribution events. During the program local political parties representatives and VCPC representative expressed their happiness of the initiative of JCYCN and also point out the need to expand the support to remaining 6 school as well; as those schools have also suffered a huge loss of physical properties during the April 2015 Earthquake. Students of those schools are also from vulnerable group who fall below the poverty line. Mr Neupane expressed happiness for organizing education support program including birth registration campaign, school enrolment campaign, sanitation, and child club formation and its mobilization and requested to expand the scope of the program throughout the VDC.

On 21April 2016, Jagriti Child and Youth Concern Nepal (JCYCN) organize a program at Bhorle VDC, Rasuwa district to provide education sport kit to 7 schools of the VDC namely: Shree Seti Devi Higher Secondary School, Shree Suryodoya Primary School Dhuseni Shree Suryodoya Primary School Coldada, Jawalamukhi Primary School, Bagashwori High School, Deureli Primary School, and Dupschwori Lower Secondary School. Ms. Minnath Paudel VDC representative and assistant secretary chaired the program which was supported by the participation of representatives of various local political parties, VDC child protection and promotion committee, Mr. Kamal Gharti of ITEEN, Mr. Tilottam Paudel President of JCYCN, Arjun Wosti treasurer of JCYCN reporters, parents, school representatives, teachers and School Management Committee representative. The stakeholders including parents, School Management Committee (SMC) representatives also stated that the urgent need of Bhrole is to undertake the initiative to make it a child friendly VDC so that none of the children are barred to enjoy their rights along with secured childhood. The event was organized by JCYCN in collaboration with ITEEN and CEDAR Fund.

In order to provide the support to remaining seven schools of Bhorle, the remaining budget of School Education Support Program was revised in a way that the remaining eight schools will get support for library, playground and science lab. The schools asked to submitted the need form, develop by JCYCN. As soon as the school filled in the form and submitted it to JCYCN, it calls for the submission of quotation and the supports were procured.

Jagriti Child and Youth Concern (JCYC) Nepal in collaboration with CEDAR fund and ITEEN has distributed sports and educational materials to seven different schools of Bhorle VDC in Rasuwa district on June 16 2016. Sports and educational materials consist of swings, carom board, ring, skipping rope, football, dictionary, books, and laboratory equipments and so on. The materials recipient schools included
Betang Primary school, Jana Kalyan Primary School, Semjong Primary School, Locil Primary School, Gosaikunda Higher Secondary School, Deurali Primary School, and Bashbangyang Pre-primary School. JCYC Nepal team was accompanied by Mr. Tilottam Paudel, president, Mr. Arjun Wosti, Treasurer, Ms. Roseena Gautam, member, JCYC Nepal, Mr. Purna Paudel, social mobilizer, JCYC Nepal and Mr. Shiva Adhikari, News24.

Besides distributing education support to the school students, JCYCN has initiated a sanitation and awareness classes including personal hygiene, solid waste management, Child Rights, Child Friendly Local Governance system, children and malnutrition in the recipient schools as well. The field staff conducted it every Friday as part of extracurricular activities. Till date at least three classes were conducted in each of the schools. Before this project was initiated, there were child clubs in the recipient schools but were inactive. As soon as the project initiated, child clubs were active and were working along with JCYCN in issues such as child rights and child clubs formation, solid waste management and proper use of dustbin in the schools, gardening in the school and maintaining code of conduct within the premise of the schools.

Jagriti Child and Youth Concern Nepal (JCYCN) in collaboration with Cedar Fund and ITEEN, organized a day long orientation program on child rights and child clubs on July 2, 2016, as part of its school education support program at Bhorle VDC. Ms. Som Maya Tamang of Dupchshowri Child Club chaired the program. Chief Guest for the program was Mr. Narayan Pokhrel a local social worker, guest were Mr. Tilottam Paudel, president JCYCN, Mr. Kamal Gharti, representative ITEEN, Mr. Arjun Prashad Lamichhne, president of Village Child Protection and Promotion Committee. Other guest included Mr. Uttam Bahadur Tamang, teacher of Shree Bagashwori Secondary School, Ms. Parbati Neupane, teacher of Jawlamukhi lower secondary school, Mr. Ram Kumar Neupane.

**Asian Girl Child Human Rights Award to Ms. Bipina Sharma**

Ms. Bipina Sharma chair of district child clubs network, Nawalparasi has been awarded Asian Girl Child Human Rights Award based upon her works in the protection and promotion of girl child rights including her role in eliminating child marriage, child clubs promotion and coordination among stakeholders. The ceremony was held at Taiwan on the premise of The Garden Hope Foundation (GoH) on fourth International Day of Girl Child (11th October, 2015). She was among 25 other participants from various other Asian Countries. On winning the award, Ms. Sharma dedicated her award to all girls of Nepal and whole of the Asia and vowed to keep on working for the welfare of girl child rights.

Ms. Sharma was recommended and nominated for the competition by Jagriti Child and Youth Concern Nepal (JCYCN). In the year 2014 as well, Ms. Shraddha Mahat of Nawalparasi being nominated and recommended by JCCN won an award for Asian Girl Ambassador Award. In addition to that, Ms. Debaki Acharya of JCYCN has been selected as an international steering committee member or Asian Girl
Campaign. Due to her hard works and her extraordinary persona in the year 2015, Ms Sharma has been awarded **Global Teen Hero-2015** through Minister of Youth and Sports ministry of Nepal.

**Psychological First Aid (PFA) Facilitators' Training**

In a joint venture of Jagriti Youth and Child Concern Nepal (JCYCN), Asian Resource Foundation (ARF), Religious of the Sacred Heart (RSCJ) and Asian Muslim Action Nepal (AMAN) three days Psychological First Aid (PFA) Facilitators' Training was organized in Yuwa Udyami Ghar, Kathmandu from 19-21st September 2015. The participants of the training were 25 youth from eight districts of Nepal. The Psychological First Aid (PFA) Facilitators' Training was an attempt to care the psychological well-being especially after the recent earthquake that shook Nepal. The training was helpful for the youth participants to apply the process and skills with others who are in need of psychological support and help. SR. Lydya M. Collado and SR. Sandra Clemente from PSCJ, Philippine, facilitated the overall training.

The general objective of "Psychological First Aid (PFA)" seminar was to help the participants, through some psychological intervention start with a more systematic process towards well-being and restoration of relationship with god, with one self, with other and with whole creation. Whereas, the specific objective of the training was to help the earthquake disaster victims understand the psychological effects of trauma, fear etc. Post trauma skill intervention in theory and practical application. To help the participants gain skills on planning, implementation and multiplication of the process with different group and communities.

During the training major discussions were focused on physical, mental, psychological and spiritual wellness. Participants were engaged in different group works and creative activities relating the topic. Similarly, drama and art, Counselling skills and skill of understanding body language, restoration of relationship with faith, love and hope were shared among the participants. On the other hand, all the participants prepared a planning model of PFA incorporating their learning. They will be replicating the learning’s and techniques in family and communities. On the third day of the program, Mr. Tilottam Paudel along with Ms Bipina Sharma (Girl’s Ambassador 2015, Asian Girl Campaign, and The Garden Hope Foundation) provided the participants with a one-hour long session on the various issues girls child rights and building human right cities.

At the end of the program all participants were rewarded by PFA certificates from the hand of President of JCYCN, Mr. Tilottam Paudel, President of ARF Dr. Manoor Sayaad and two facilitators from RSCJ.

The training has successfully capacitated 25 youth facilitators to facilitate the psychological first aid (PFA) to others as well.

**4.5. ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE**

**Cleanliness and Interaction Program**

On the occasion of world environment day, Jagriti Child and Youth Concern (JCYC) Nepal along with other organizations carried out cleanliness activities and an interaction program in Devchuli lower secondary school. Every year World Environment Day is celebrated on June 5. This year’s theme was ‘Go Wild for Life: Zero Tolerance for Illegal Wildlife Trade’. Interaction was carried out with students on the roles of students to make schools and Devchuli Municipality environment friendly. Likewise, students also shown commitment towards reduction in use of plastic in school and in their communities. After
participating in interaction program, students and other participants were engaged in gardening and cleaning school premises. Besides JCYC Nepal, other co-organizers include Youth for Change Nepal, and Pragatinagar Community Library and Resource Center. Mr. Raju Chapagain, president of Youth for Change Nepal, facilitated these programs. Altogether, there were 70 participants.

**Capacity Enhancement Program on Disaster Risk Reduction and Environment Protection held**

Jagriti Child organized a Capacity Enhancement Training on Disaster Risk Reduction and Environment Protection and Youth Concern (JCYC) Nepal in collaboration with Youth Partnership Program under District Sports Development Committee undertook from May 6 to 9 in Devchuli municipality in Nawalparasi District.

The training was inaugurated by Mr. Bikash Kumar K.C., Treasurer of District Sports Development Committee Nawalparasi and facilitated by Mr. Deepak Sharma, General Secretary of JCYCN. Environmentalist, political parties, representatives of governmental and non-governmental organizations from Devchuli Municipality, attended the program. Likewise, 40 youths and 30 children and adolescent within the municipality participated in the training. JCYCN has been conducting DRR and environment related program annually since 2008.

The chairperson of the program was Mr. Homnath Jaisi, who is patron of JCYCN. Resource persons of the program were Mr. Dhurva Acharya, environment expert of Devchuli municipality, Mr. Raju Chapagain, youth activist from Youth for Change Nepal, Mr. Sailesh Giri, student of environment science and member of Better Chitwan, Mr. Sanjya Karki, DRR specialist, Better Chitwan and Action Nepal Dhading, and Ms. Rubina Shrestha from Better Chitwan. All the participants were briefed about Disasters, its preparedness, disaster risk reduction, and mitigation measures in case of any disaster. Similarly, the training incorporated concept of Environment Friendly Governance (EFG), its importance, and ways to ensure EFG. In order to conduct the workshop smoothly, participants were divided into three groups. Participants also did door-to-door for plastic-free campaign. JCYCN collaborated with organizations like Youth for Change Nepal, Jagriti Child Club Nepal, Pragatinagar Community Library Youth Sub-committee, Devchuli municipality, and so on for the program. The training was concluded on May 9. Participants were from various schools, Child Clubs, and Youth Clubs in Devchuli municipality. All participants were provided with Certificate of Completion at the end.

**Training on Capacity Building of Children and Youths in Environment Protection, Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction**

A four days long training on capacity building of children and youths on Climate Change, Environment Conservation, Disaster Risk Reduction and Sustainable Development and “The Plastic Free Campaign” was successfully held at Nawalparasi from 15th of June to 21st of June 2015. The training was jointly organized by JCYCN and Eco-Social Development Organization (ESDO) Nepal in coordination with District Development Committee, District Sport Development Committee, Youth Information Centre and Jagriti Child Club, ARF Nepal, Sambhwana, CMDRR Forum, Swambhalamban Samaj Nepal, and Pragarinagar and Pithauli VDC offices Nawalparasi in a support of Government of Nepal of Youth and Sports Ministry. Mr. Aananda Shrestha, vice president of District Sports Development Committee and Mr. Dipesh Khanal Member of District Sports Development Committee and Loknath Aryal acting VDC secretary and chief of Pragatinagar VDC health post jointly inaugurated the training.
Seventy participants participated in the training including 10 youth clubs, 2 women groups, and 18 child clubs. The training was conducted in two shifts where games, discussions, exercises and presentations were conducted by the trainers. The trainers included Mr. Tilottam Poudel, president of ESDO Nepal; Mr. Dipak Sharma, General Secretary, JCYC Nepal; Mr. Chetan Joshi, Secretary, ESDO Nepal; Mr. Khimananda Bhusal, Counselor, Child-friendly VDC; and Mr. Kashav Regmi, Department Head, District Sports Development Committee. The trainers discussed about the roles of the children and the youths in their community and talked about the concepts of Environment, Climate Change, sustainable development and Disaster including conservation of environment, impacts of climate change and disasters the measures to be taken before and after any disasters along with the peace and justice. Along with that, the training included the orientation on the “No Use of Plastic” and its diverse impact on human life and the environment. Guest for the program included Ms. Pratima Dhakal, president of Jagriti Clubs Nepal and Pradeep Chapagain, President of Swambhalambar Samaj Nepal.

The participants actively participated in every group works and group discussions where they were highly motivated to explore their own potentials on the topic. During the training both of the children and the youths seemed to be keenly interested in the subject matter while they highly acknowledged the training stating that it is inevitable for everybody to understand the concepts, conservation of environment, take measures and get well prepared for any disasters. A cleaning program was also organized on the surrounding of the training center. All of the children and youths including the trainers made their active involvement in the cleaning with the thought of need of a start from within to educate the community regarding any good work.

Besides, a door to door awareness program was also organized during the training where participants visited 1000 households of both the VDCs and distributed 20000 flyers in scripted with awareness regarding environmental cleanliness along with environmental protection and is still going on as a campaign in various social media sites. Ten dustbin were also distributed to both the VDCs. Additionally, a hoarding board was placed near the Narayani river which crosses through Chitwan National Park and the VDCs where the problem of solid waste especially plastic. Such solid waste is creating health hazard not only for human but also for the wild animals of national park, board was placed with awareness slogan about the need of solid waste management including management of plastic waste. In the end of the program, a discussion program was organized to discuss about the measures to be undertaken to make both the VDCs environmental friendly VDC, as action plan was formulated and was handed over to the stakeholders. As a result, the stakeholders have nodded for providing needed assistance and support to make Pragatinagar and Pithauli VDCs environmental friendly VDCs of Nepal.

4.6. CAPACITY BUILDING OF YOUTH

Career and Life Skills Seminar for Social Work Students

A program “Career and Life Skill Seminar for Social Work Students” was held on Kathmandu Model College, Balkumari, Lalitpur, on 11 January 2016. It was organized by JAGRITI CHILD AND YOUTH CONCERN NEPAL (JCYCN).ESDO-NEPAL, WSDA, KMC and LIFE SKILL COACHING NEW ZEALAND. A total were 100 where, mostly social work students participated.

Mr. Ajay Prashad Dhakal, Executive director of Kathmandu Model College chaired the program. Resource persons for the program included Mr. Tilottam Paudel, president of JCYCN Madeleine Taylor Deam of Faculty, WSDA, Ahmed Bari, Life skills Trainer, Zannatun Eshita life skill trainer of WSDA.
New Zealand. After initiating a program by short speech about life, struggle, career by Mr. Ajay Dhakal, Mr. Paudel briefly explained about the history of organization, what sorts of struggles that he did in past life, he also let all people know about some bitter experiences. After Mr. Paudel’s inspiring speech, Mr. Ahmed Bari (WSDA NEW ZEALAND) thoroughly explained the philosophy of life skills. He gave an example of an ant and elaborated how it works without thinking of summer-winter or winter-summer. Similarly, he also elaborated about the cycle of success, how one could get success in his/her life and what needs to be succeed. Later on, he also explained what leads failure, what leads people to achieve success.

Eventually, Mr. Bari also talked about career planning and detailed the meaning of career and how important is career planning. In between the programme he highly entertained the audience by different sorts of games, jokes, cross questions and group discussion. He also talked about life, skills, passion and choice. Thirdly, Madeleine Taylor of (WSDA) spoke about her childhood days, her social work career, and changes that occurred in her lifetime. Mrs. Taylor also mentioned about optimism, what optimism leads, how to think optimistically, how to get success in life. She also did some cross-questions about optimism and also asked what the participants what did they learn from the programme. Then, Mr. Ahamed Bari and Madeleine Taylor did practical with some volunteers, in regards of how to learn, how to practice and so on. It was followed by life skills speech from Zannatun Eshita.

Mr. Dharba Prashad Timalsina, coordinator of KMC College, facilitated the program. In the end of the program, Mr. Ajay Prashad Dhakal presented his vote of thanks to all the guest and participants and provided the guests with token of love.

4.7. LEADERSHIP AND CAPACITY BUILDING TRAININGS FOR CHILD CLUBS

In addition to JCYCN and its advisers, there are about 20 Jagriti child clubs in Nepal with more than 1,500 members. Apart from these 20 child clubs, we are also in contact with 30 other child clubs through our contact and network team. We have at present 50 child clubs with 5,000 members in our network. JCYCN also has 55 youth organizations in its network and we are working at present with 5 village development committees. Overall, in Nepal there are about 17,000 child clubs with 300,000 members. The people who established child clubs are now expanding and forming other related clubs such as mother’s groups, community village groups, and sports groups, This helps to reduce criminal activities in the communities, which in turn makes positive moves towards awareness of peace establishment, disaster and climate change and at the same time provides training. In addition to that, JCYC Nepal has been providing various leadership, capacity and empowerment building for various child clubs. For example, in Kavre district, JCYC Nepal has provided leadership training re-shuffling the Child club with renewed objective of playing an active role in preventing all kinds of abuses against girl child in Nasikasthan VDC.

**Consultation Workshop and Advisory Committee Formation on 3M (Multi Agency, Multi Country and Multi Donor) regarding participation of Youth and Children in Peace Building Conducted**

A two day consultation workshop on 3M (Multi Agency, Multi country and Multi Donor) regarding Participation of Youth and Children in Peace Building was held in Devchuli Municipality, Nawalparasi.
on 25 and 26 December 2015. Jagriti Child and Youth Concern Nepal (JCYCN) organized the program in collaboration with Save the Children, Search for Common Ground, World Vision International and United Network of Young Peace Builders (UNOY) and PATRIR. JCYCN is one of the stakeholders on the project of Participation of Youth and Children in Peace Building.

Mr. Dev Bahadur Ale, Senior monitoring and Evaluation Accountability and Learning Coordinator, Save the Children and Mr. Bibhuti Bista, Project Country Evaluator, Search for Common Ground facilitated the consultation workshop. The workshop focused on the methods to be used during the field by the Local Evaluation Team (LET). There were total 11 LETs.

JCYCN is working on the project in two municipalities namely Devchuli Municipality and Kawasoti Municipality and Tamseria VDC of Nawalparasi district.

Total 15 stakeholders were present on the event. On the second day of the program, advisory committee was formed consisting of 11 members. They were: Mr. Chetnarayan Ghimire, Chief/ Under Secretary, District Administration Office, Kawasoti, Mr. Nawaraj Adhikari, DSP, Nepal Police, Mr. Ram Bahadur Rana, Project Coordinator, ISK-Nepal, Mr. Mahendra Bastakoti, Employ, Kawasoti Municipality, Ms. Shanti K.C., Supervisor, Women and Child development Office, Nawalparasi, Ms. Sarita K.C., Representitive, Paralegal committee and Tamseria VDC, Mr. Moti Rijal, Member, District Child Welfare Board, Mr. K.B. Rana, Chairman, Devchuli Television, Mr. Jeev Lal Shrestha, Officer, Devchuli Municipality, Deepak Sharma, LET Coordinator, JCYCN and Mr. Narayan Parajuli, Member, District Peace Committee.

The importance of 3M Evaluation program was the participation of youth and Mr. Tilottam Paudel, Mr. Dev Bahadur Ale and Mr. Bibhuti Bista facilitated child in peace and the role of advisory committee to the advisory committee.

4.8. ENCOURAGING VOLUNTEERISM

Jagriti child and youth concern Nepal is focus on promoting and encouraging volunteerism as well. In time and again JCYC Nepal provides volunteer opportunities to national and international youth providing platform for the aspiring youth to explore their potentials in the fields such as education, teaching, IT for development, program development. Additionally, it also provides opportunities and
favorable environment to the youth for creating alliance with national and international organizations. Meanwhile, in 2014 JCYCN Nepal is able to accommodate 20 interns and 10 volunteers in various tasks organized by Jagiriti Child and Youth Concern Nepal

4.9. MEDIA COMMUNICATIONS AND JCYCN

JCYCN frequently organizes various programs, social campaigns and child related seminars with the coordination of radio, television and different local media and social youth clubs. These modes of communication aids JCYCN in hosting programs and campaigns successfully. JCYCN understands the role and importance of these forms of communication and continues to work with issues concerning youth in coordination with the media. There are altogether 15 FM radio stations frequently working with JCYCN.

4.10. OTHERS

JCYCN has wide working areas, beside its major core working areas, which are described above; there are other working sectors such as human rights. Nepal has experienced many critical and unstable periods, and from these times of unrest JCYCN has continued to monitor the Human Rights Violence Cases, the Constitutional Assembly Election, the Second Peoples Movement, the rescued injured people and given humanitarian support to the victims of natural disasters. JCYCN always has 10 youth volunteers ready to monitor the Human Rights Violence Cases during times of critical unrest in the nation. Furthermore, we have extended this work in Rasuwa, Sindhupalchok, Nawalparasi, Rolpa, Salyan, Lalitpur, Bhaktapur and Kathmandu. JCYCN also provides humanitarian support for approximately 100 families of flood victims in the Nawalparasi district with the support of Asian Resource Foundation Thailand. In the event of natural disasters and other disturbances we request that national and international organizations and friends support the victims and organize blood donor program. Also JCYCN is a strong supporter of human rights, time and again JCYCN collaborate with various other organizations to publish awareness creating pamphlets, brochures, leaflet etc. For example in the International Youth Day 2014 it initiated to publish 5000 posters for creating awareness of youth and mental health. In the same way, it also publishes 2500 posters on international day of girl child 2014.

Former Prime Minister Visited JCYCN Office

Former Prime Minister Mr. Madhav Kumar Nepal visited Jagriti Child and Youth Concern (JCYC) Nepal’s office in April 17, 2016. Meanwhile, he also visited Jagriti Child Club Nepal’s (JCCN) office. Mr. Homnath Jaisi, patron of JCYC Nepal, welcomed him. He also met with JCCN’s members. Mr. Tilottam Paudel, first president of JCCN and current president of JCYC Nepal was also presented during the visit. Around 100 participants including women and children were presented. He praised all the work JCYC Nepal
is doing in the grass-root level and wished the organization to achieve even more success in coming days. Members of JCCN and JCYCN, and local people were excited to meet former prime minister. They also requested him to give special emphasis on issues of children, youth and peace building.

Nomination of Vice President in Youth Council Nepal

The Government of Nepal nominated Mr. Madhav Dhungel as a Vice President of the National Youth Council on 2nd March, 2016. Although youth in Nepal constitute a large proportion i.e 40.8% of total population of Nepal but there was not such policies or laws directly related to the welfare of youth. The government of Nepal formulated National Youth Policy (NYP) 2010 followed by the formulation of Youth Vision 2015-2025 and in the year 2015, The Government of Nepal formally launched a long awaited National Youth Council. Stakeholders including political and non-political youth led organizations such as JCYCN has been advocating for the formulation of the council. On March 2, 2016, the Government of Nepal nominated Mr. Madhav Dhungel as a vice president of the National Youth Council but is yet to nominate remaining 35 members with the norms of inclusion while nominating members. The compositions of members are: president, minister or deputy minister for Youth and Sports, Vice Presient nominated by the government of Nepal, secretary as members from the ministries of Finance, Industry, Agricultural Development, Youth and Sports, Labor and employment, Education, Health and population and from the secretariat of National Planning commission. Four members representing various youth organizations, fifteen members from the pool of youth contributing immensely in the welfare of youth and representing the indegenious, madhesi, janajati, dalit, disabled and other lagged behind group. The remaining six members are selected from youth contributing in the field of science and technology, industry and labour, agriculture, sports, environment and literature. It is expected that this council will facilitate to implement all of the youth related laws and policies and promote self-employment for the youth in Nepal.

A team representing various organizations and networks working for the welfare of Dalits visits Nepal

A 10-member team representing various organizations and networks working for the welfare of Dalits, visit Nepal from 26th November to 29th November 2015. Mr. Anik Ashad, director of HESK Bangladesh, led the team and other networks included NNMC, GBK, SERP, ARCO, ESDO Bangladesh. On the evening of 26th November, the team met with Ms. Shindu Jalsa Budhathoki, a Member of Parliament. They had a discussion regarding the situation of dalits, current legal policies, practices etc.

The term “Dalit” is referred to group of people who is considered low caste with a lowest ranking in the societal hierarchy in society. Dalits in Nepal is one of the major minority groups, with a population of 80 million, mostly living under poverty line with low education status, economic status. The Government has formulated a law to against any sort of caste-based discrimination and untouchability as a punishable act from 1963 and on various laps of time, the law has been amended. Due to the deep rooted societal differentiation the situations of dalits hasn’t changed drastically. However, it is also a fact that the situation has been changing slowly however 10 years long armed conflict between state and the Maoist party has been a major catalyst to bring about the drastic change in the situation of dalits as thousands of dalits fought the war. After the mainstreaming of the conflicting parties the Government of Nepal formulated various laws such as Caste-Based Discrimination and Untouchability (Offence and Punishment) Act 2011 to eliminate all sort of caste based discrimination and untouchability. At present,
the Constitution of Nepal 2015 has tried to address most of the issues of dalits accepting it as a fundamental rights and the Government of Nepal is amending various laws that will imply to the implementation of the new constitution of Nepal.

As part of the visit, an interaction program focused on experience sharing among the organizations and networks working for the rights of Dalits and indigenous people from Nepal and Bangladesh held on 27th November at dalit NGO federation Nepal, which was, coordinate by ESDO Nepal. The President of Dalits NGO federation Mr. Gajadhar Sunar, Human Right activist, Mr. Ganesh BK, Mr. Moti Nepali, Mr. Gopal Sunar, Mr. Sushil BK, Mr. Suman BK, Mr. Dhurba Raj Gauwam, and Ms. Mina Shob, represented Nepal’s side. At the meeting Mr. Gajadhar Sunar, Mr. Ganesh BK and Mr. Moti Nepali presented a paper on the current situation of dalits in Nepal.

In of the other program being organized by National Dalit Commission namely a sharing meeting on the various works of NDC. Guests representing Nepal’s side included Mr. Sitaram Ghala Pariyar Secretary General National Dalit Commission (NDC), Mr. Gobinda Sunar, Mr. Buddhiman Pariyar, and Member NDC. Likewise, guest expressing their views regarding the situation of the dalits and indigenous from Bangladesh included Ms. Monjum Nahar of NNMC and Anik Ashad of HEKS.

In addition to that, ESDO Nepal in collaboration with JCYN, Aashapurashwor Conservation Committee Kavre and Shree Jagriti Lower Secondary School organized a welcome program for the guest from Bangladesh at Nasikasthan Kavre, a project site of ESDO Nepal on 29th November 2015. At the program Mr. Sagar Lama presented a general situational analysis of the local area in-reference to dalits and indigenous of Nasikasthan VDC Kavre. In the meantime, Mr. Tilottam Paudel shared various works being carried out by ESDO Nepal, its projects and future plans and another speaker in the program included Mr. Raju Basnet, principal of Shree Jagriti Lower Secondary School where he mention about various works being done by ESDO Nepal in the welfare of the school. The students of Shree Jagriti Lower Secondary School performed a cultural show for the guest.
On the last day 29th November 2015, Mr Paudel managed to visit Bangladesh team at the hotel where they were staying and provided gift souvenir to Mr. Paudel, as well as Mr. Paudel provided Nepali topi, traditional Nepali cap as souvenir to the team and bid farewell.

4th General Assembly of Jagriti Child and Youth Concern Nepal

Jagriti Child and Youth Concern Nepal, actively working in the field of children, youth and environment conservation since 2001, has organized its fourth general assembly. Economic and progress report of last three years, strategic plan, profile of organization, human resources regulation, management regulation, communication and information regulation, disaster risk reduction regulation, and child-protection regulation of organization have passed unambiguously by committee members of general assembly. Similarly, they agreed to promote organization further for another 3 years with 11 members of working committee namely Mr. Tilottam Paudel, President; Ms. Shrijana Adhikari, Vice-president; Mr. Deepak Sharma, General Secretary; Mr. Narayan Dhakal, Secretary; Ms. Sumitra Shrestha, Treasurer; and Ms. Devaki Acharya, Mr. Manoj Pandey, Mr. Bidhya Sagar Pandey, Ms. Shobha Rana and Ms. Manorama Gautam as Members.

Likewise, AGM has also agreed to give continuity to the Central Office in Kathmandu. It also thanked everyone including Concern Universal Bangladesh, UNOY Netherslands, AYON, CWIN, The Garden of Hope Foundation, AFR Nepal and Thailand, Youva Satta India, PNCCI, Global Peace Foundation, Ministry of Youth and Sports, and District Sports Development Board who have helped JCYCN directly or indirectly. It also decided to work in the field of children, women, peace building, disaster risk reduction and environment conservation. Similarly, it also thanked all stakeholders who have helped to declare Pragatinagar as first child-friendly VDC in the country.

5. Working Areas of JCYCN

JCYCN is currently working in the following districts
- Nawalparasi
- Rasuwa
- Kathmandu

JCYCN is looking forward to work in the following districts of Nepal
- Rolpa (Conflict affected area)
- Syanja (Hilly area)
- Surkhet (Marginalized Terai Region)
- Salyan (Mid-Western marginalized district)
- Kaski

6. FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

Jagriti Child and Youth Concern Nepal (JCYCN) do not have any regular financial assistance such as donor/s hence it frequently works in collaboration with other organizations. Its financial aspects are covered form membership fees, personal donation including cash offerings, services such as books, volunteers. In the year 2014, JCYCN has been able to work along with The Garden of Hope Foundation, UNOY, Save the Children.
7. STRENGTHS AND CHALLENGES OF JCYCN:
Jagriti Child and Youth Concern Nepal is a prominent organization in Nepal working towards the betterment of children and youth. This has provided JCYCN with wide networks and alliances both at national and international level. Despite having enough funding, due to its wide networks it is able to work effectively at grassroots level. Additionally, volunteer staffs are often recommended by JCYCN for various international exposures at prestigious international arena. However, lacks of enough funding often avert JCYCN from working at its optimum efficiency. As well as, due to lack of enough funding JCYCN is partly dependent upon the volunteer staffs sometime few are not able to give enough time as per the need of the organization. Overcoming this challenge and working for the past 10 years is a major strength of Jagriti Child and Youth Concern Nepal.

8. NETWORKS AND ALLIANCE
JCYCN believes that an individual person or organization cannot create large changes in a society, but when many like-minded organizations, both national and international, cooperate with each other much more is possible. Therefore, JCYCN prioritizes network building with stakeholders, women, youth and child clubs on both the national and international level. Additionally JCYC Nepal is in constant communication with United Networks of Young Peace Builder (UNOY), and in the 2013, JCYC Nepal has organized a Girl rights advocacy program in collaboration with the Garden of Hope Foundation, Taiwan. As well as JCYC Nepal is a partner organizer for 2013 CMDRR Forum meet in collaboration with Concern Universal Bangladesh. On the other hand, JCYC Nepal is working in various activities in collaboration with Asian Resource Foundation (ARF), Thailand and Nepal.

8.1. Organizations in JCYCN Network
- Asian Resource Foundation (ARF) Nepal
- Asian Resource Foundation (ARF-Thailand)
- Association of Rural Education and development Service (AREDS)
- Association of Youth Organization Nepal (AYON)
- BRAC Bangladesh
- Community Managed Disaster Risk Reduction (CMDRR) Forum Nepal
- Concern Universal Bangladesh
- Development et Civilizations Lebret-Irfed (DCIL) France
- Disaster Preparedness Network (DP Net)
- Eco-Social Development Organization (ESDO)
- Election Monitoring Group
- Human Rights Education Radio Listener Electronic Committee (HRELIC-Nepal)
- Human Rights Treaty Monitoring Coordination Centre (HRTMCC)
- Isis Women's International Cross Cultural Exchange (Isis-WICCE)
- National Alcohol Police Alliance (Napa)
- Pax Romana
- Social Protection Network Nepal
- The Garden of Hope Foundation, Taiwan
- UNOY, The Netherlands
- Youth Coordination Center Thailand (YCCI)
- Youth for Human Rights international,
- Youth For Hunger rights International
- Youth Pressure Group for Constitution Making
- YUVASATTA, India

JCYCN also coordinates with international organizations and welcomes them in the JCYCN office to share ideas and experience among the different organizations of different countries. JCYCN is the coordinating with network and partners organization of National and International organization. There have already been over 90 foreign visitors from 20 different countries.

8.2. Partner organizations
- Child clubs
- CWIN
- CWIN Youth Forum
- INSEC
- Kuleswor Abash School
- PNCC
- PTA
- SMC
- The Green Foundation
- VDC’s child rights forum
- Volunteer Aid Nepal
- Youth Action Nepal
- Youth and Sports Ministry
- Youth clubs
- Youth Coordination Center
- YUVSATTA

9. Achievements:
There will be various parameters to measure the achievements of any organizations. While looking back to the year 2014, JCYC Nepal have been able to create alliance with various organization, been able to organize and participate in various national and international level programs and conferences such as Girl Child Rights Advocacy Campaign in collaboration with the Garden of Hope Foundation, Taiwan etc. Along with that, JCYC Nepal is able to be members of various networks and alliance such as CMDRR forum Nepal, DP-Net. In the same year, JCYCN has been able to work multi agency, multi donor and multi country program in partnership with Save the Children and another major achievements was to conduct the first ever Universal Periodic Review in Nepal which will be presented at the UN human rights’ commission on March 2015.
10. Conclusion:
In the end, it can be concluded that among the mushrooming numbers of Non-Governmental Organization working in various ways for the development of a nation, JCYC Nepal have been standing tall with distinct goals, objectives and achievements. The year 2015 can be considered a continuation to the achievements, as this year JCYC Nepal have been able to organize and participate in meaningful events along with impacting youth, children and society as a whole.