



COMMUNITY ACTION CENTRE –NEPAL

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Brief Introduction to Community Action Centre, Nepal (CAC-Nepal):

Trafficking, sexual exploitation and child labour are part of the daily struggle for many women and children in Nepal. Poverty, illiteracy, a lack of education and discriminatory practices are just some of the major factors contributing to these circumstances. This, coupled with the rise of HIV and AIDS in the country, makes it ever more apparent that there is an urgent need to tackle such problems not just at an individual level but also at a community level. More work needs to be done within Nepali communities to educate all members and to empower and build the capacity of those who experience such struggles.

Therefore, realizing the need for additional efforts to overcome the problems of Nepalese women and children, Community Action Centre-Nepal (CAC-Nepal), a non-profit, non-governmental social organization, was established in April 1993 by a group of intellectuals, social workers and persons experienced in community development work.

The Centre's basic principle is based on the conviction that the paramount need is to develop in the people the spirit of working together in partnership to promote sustainable development with a special emphasis on women and children.

VISION: Discrimination towards every member of society is eradicated through education so that everyone may live in a peaceful and equal society.

GOAL: By empowering women and children in the community we aim to focus on gender equality in order to make them independent and self reliant.

MISSION: Empowerment and development of the community to tackle problems of women and children. This can be ensured through an effective implementation and strengthening of support service systems. CAC-Nepal works through formal and informal partnerships with communities, local organizations, local and national governments, and the private sector.

OBJECTIVES

- Empowering women and children within their communities.
- Taking action against the trafficking of women & children in Nepal
- Taking action against the domestic violence experienced by women & children in Nepal and advocating on their behalf.
- Taking action against HIV/AIDS & the sexual exploitation of women & children
- Implementing programmes for high-risk child labourers & child migrants
- Developing the sustainability of the organization by coordinating with different regional, national and international donors.
- Conducting research work related to the issues of women and children.

Programme Strategies

1. Potential high-risk areas of the problems of women and children are identified.
2. Need assessment and strategy planning is done in consultation with target groups and concerned organizations.
3. Existing resource and technological base of the community are identified, developed, and CAC-Nepal will lobby for the welfare of women and children in the local context. Such activities are conducted in coordination with activities of other concerned governmental and non-governmental organizations.

Major Programme Areas

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| - HIV & AIDS | - Child Labour | - Leadership Development Training |
| - Income Generating Programs | - Reproductive Health | - Domestic Violence |
| - Trafficking | - Peace Enabling and Conflict Transformation | |
| - Networking | - Research & Study | |

Our current activities involve:

- ◆ Conducting HIV Prevention programs with Sex Workers, their clients and people living with HIV & AIDS
- ◆ Providing Integrated Health Services for Female Sex Workers, their clients and people living with HIV & AIDS
- ◆ Capacity building of beneficiaries through employment with CAC-Nepal
- ◆ Leadership training to beneficiaries
- ◆ Conducting local advocacy and networking on the rights of women and children
- ◆ Income generating programmes for beneficiaries
- ◆ Non-Formal education classes for Community Mobiliser
- ◆ Formal and Non-Formal Education Classes for children
- ◆ Regular stakeholder meetings to highlight the issues faced by our communities
- ◆ Networking with other NGO's in order to promote a unified response to HIV & AIDS.
- ◆ Awareness and advocacy programmes on trafficking and domestic violence, HIV/AIDS and child labour

Programmes/Projects to date:

Name of partner	Nature of business done together	Duration
CARE Nepal	"Strengthening Leadership Skills of Commercial Sex Workers" And "Situation Analysis of Women Police Cells in Kathmandu Valley"	2008
FHI	"Integrated Health Services to Female Sex Workers and their clients in the Kathmandu Valley"	2006 – 2007
Winrock International	Reducing sexual exploitation and other forms of child labor through community awareness, formal and non-formal educational support to children vulnerable to trafficking, sexual exploitation, and child labour in the Bhaktapur district	2005 - 2006
VSO-Nepal	A VSO Management Advisor has been part of the CAC-Nepal team since 2005 and works to promote good governance, transparency and capacity building within the organization	2005 - ongoing
Family Health International	Behavioral change communication among female sex workers in Bhaktapur District	2002 - 2006
Plan International	Programme against Sexual Exploitation of Children to protect and prevent children from commercial sexual exploitation	2004
UNS Task Force/JIT Project	Baseline survey on Trafficking in five VDC's of Nuwakot.	2004
Winrock International	Exposure visit to study the issues of social equity in the management of natural resources in Solan District, India	2003
ILO/IPEC	Study on internal trafficking among children and youth engaged in prostitution	2002
UNS task force against trafficking /JIT project	Stock taking and study of existing research and data on trafficking	2001
CAC-Nepal	Extra Classes for lower income children from grades 1 – 6 in Bansbari High School	1995
Safe Motherhood Programme run in Bhadrakali, Mahankal, Khadka VDCs	Training on the responsibility of the family for improving safer motherhood practices including family planning, nutrition and hygiene. This programme also dealt with the prevention of STIs and HIV/AIDS. Both men and women attended	1994
Health Camp in various VDCs	Maternal and Child Health Camp, and HIV/AIDS awareness and advocacy where we ran free examinations and free distribution of medicine for mothers and children.	1993
Nutrition Awareness Programme: Bhadrakali Khadka VDC	Workshop on the importance of nutritional requirements for the physical and mental development of children.	1993

Future Strategic Plans (2006 – 2010)

- Expansion of our HIV/AIDS awareness programme area
- Increased networking on regional, national and international level
- Increased funding and sustainable programmes
- Empowerment of the target groups
- Staff development