

Background

Consortium of Organizations Working for Child Participation (Consortium-Nepal) is a national level network. It was established in 1999 as the outcome of the research carried out by Save the Children Norway and Save the Children US in 1998 with about 300 child clubs all over Nepal. The research clearly indicated that there was a need to initiate umbrella network in order to provide common platform and give a proper shape to the child club movement that has been emerged in Nepal after the ratification of CRC.

Initially, there were 10 I/NGOs in the Consortium-Nepal as founder members. It was formally registered under NGO Registration Act - 2034 on August 25, 2013 (Bhadra 9, 2070) to District Administration Office and received affiliation from Social Welfare Council on August 26, 2013 (Bhadra 10, 2070). It is located in Kathmandu and works for ensuring children's participation at all levels. Since its establishment, it has been vigorously working to increase understanding level of stakeholders on the issue. It also has been carrying out activities to influence the key institutions for making a policy to establish a system of child participation as norm. Consortium has been practicing children advisory board (CCAB) as statutory structure of its organization since 2002. Consortium consult with the children of CCAB members to participate in the process of setting activities, developing strategies and assessing

progress of the organization twice in the year. The network has developed itself as a leading resource centre and is regularly carrying out studies, publishing different materials. Its sincere dedication and commitment towards the issue has made it a one of the influential networks in Child Rights issues.

Vision

A society where the children are enjoying their rights as the dignified citizen

Mission

Institutionalization of child participation as the enabling right in policy, program and practice in partnership with children

Goal

Realize and ensure children's right to participation at all levels -from family to state.

Objectives

- To advocate for the promotion of Child Participation at all level.
 - To ensure recognition of children's views/opinions in the decision making, policy/plan formulation process of the key stakeholders at local to national level.
 - To respond and react against the violation of children's participation rights.
- To strive for the institutionalization of Child Participation.
 - Mobilize NGOs to promote child clubs to increase child participation in all 75 districts of the country.



- To build the capacity of member organizations and concerned stakeholders.
- To develop consortium as a well known resource organization on Child Participation.

Working Principle

- UNCRC
- General comments on UNCRC Article 12
- Consortium's Position Paper on Child Participation

Strategies

Consortium-Nepal is going to achieve its goal and objectives utilizing evidence based advocacy as means and by

- Working together with right holders
- Working together with government agencies
- Mobilizing member organizations.
- Collaborating with partner organizations
- Working among the likeminded networks



- Mobilizing national and local media
- Mobilizing local resources
- Developing human resources
- Collaborating with corporate sectors

Programs/Activities

Advocacy is one of the major programmes that Consortium has been performing from the very beginning for the promotion of child participation in different levels and settings. In order to support the advocacy work of the network, Consortium is running a national level resource center on child participation. It conducts researches and studies on the child participation issues.

Consortium is working for the promotion of child clubs and capacity strengthening of the member organizations. Phase wise training on child participation is one of the popular programmes that Consortium operates. Consortium has been publishing various publications including Anubhavharu (annual publication), Manuals, Tools and IEC materials for the promotion of Child Participation.

Some Major Achievements

a. Constitution of Nepal 2072,

Child rights movement in Nepal has accomplished historical achievements through the Constitution of Nepal 2072 that has included the child rights as fundamental rights. It is further historical that it has specifically mentioned child participation too as the fundamental rights. Such a paramount achievement was possible because of the coordinated efforts made by children themselves through their child clubs, Networks, Civil Society and Child Rights activists.

b. Child Led CRC Reporting,

Children have proved themselves once again through developing and submitted the Child Led CRC Reporting in 2014. With facilitation and coordination of Consortium-Nepal, children came up with such an outstanding

document that their efforts were highly appreciated in the child rights community in at national and international levels.

c. High awareness level,

Awareness level among the common people and policy makers on the child rights along with child participation has been growing. After the implementation of Child Friendly Local Governance (CFLG) by the government, child participation has become mandatory in the local governance. Child participation, most difficult to make understand the people, is growing from the community to national level.

Partner agencies

Consortium-Nepal implements its programmes with the support of its member organizations and like minded funding agencies. Consortium-Nepal works jointly with member organizations also.

Long term major partners of Consortium are,

- Government line Ministries/Agencies
- Plan International
- Save the Children International
- UNICEF Nepal
- World Vision International Nepal

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