



Nepal Ratified UN TIP Protocol (Palermo)



AATWIN continuously advocated for the ratification of UN Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons (UN TIP Protocol or Palermo Protocol) for more than a decade. The advocacy was done through various consultations, interactions, memorandum submissions, raising the issue in rallies through publications, placards, advocating in the international forum, social media and other activities. AATWIN advocated for the ratification of UN TIP Protocol through its regular activities such as policy forum to discuss ratification of the Protocol,

as well as informal forums in Nepal as well on international level. After AATWIN's and other stakeholders' long and continuous advocacy effort, the Palermo Protocol was endorsed by the Parliament of Nepal for ratification. It is a big achievement for AATWIN and the stakeholders that contributed to advocacy and are working against human trafficking. However, AATWIN and other stakeholders will need to work toward further action and legislative revisions required after the ratification of the Protocol.

AATWIN's e-bulletin is published every six months, to share information with stakeholders about AATWIN's activities including advocacy initiatives, learning and results, news from network members, campaigns related to human trafficking and updates on developments in Nepal and the region related to Counter Trafficking in Persons (CTIP). Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and its implication in the form of lock downs, AATWIN's regular and planned activities have been affected. In these challenging times, AATWIN has been able to conduct some activities to address issues related to COVID-19. This edition includes the activities of January 2020 to June 2020 of various projects and organizational activities.



The protocol was endorsed by the National Assembly of Nepal for ratification on 19 January 2020. As the ratification process was only a step away, AATWIN launched a Facebook campaign "Call for Ratification Campaign" in January itself. The objective of Facebook campaign was to advocate for the parliamentarians to ratify the Protocol.

AATWIN carried out the handover of the memorandum for the ratification of the Protocol to the Hon'ble Speaker of Parliament on 3 March 2020. AATWIN team were at the parliament to witness the historic moment for anti-human trafficking campaign during its process passed by House of Representatives. AATWIN distributed the UN TIP Protocol booklet developed in partnership with Hamro Samman to highlight the relevance of the Palermo Protocol to Parliamentarians. The UN TIP Protocol was endorsed on 12 March 2020 by the House of Representatives Nepal.

Nepal also has successfully registered UN TIP Protocol on United Nations Treaty Collection on 16 June 2020 and the Protocol came into force from 17 July 2020.

Some of the major activities done by AATWIN for ratification of Palermo Protocol:

- Policy forum to discuss ratification of the UN Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons (UN TIP Protocol) on 5 September 2018
- Delegation visit to Hon'ble Minister of Home Affairs Mr. Ram Bahadur Thapa on 30 November 2018
- Delegation visit to Hon'ble Minister of Women, Children and Senior Citizen Tham Maya Thapa on 21 November 2018
- Submission of "Attention Letter" to Hon'ble Mohana Ansari, Member, National Human Rights Commission, on 22 July 2018
- Facebook Campaign from 2019-2020
- Delegation Visit to National Human Rights Commission of Nepal on 17 July 2019
- Submission of "Attention Letter" to Secretary, Joint-secretary and Under-Secretary/Chief of Human Trafficking Control Section of Ministry of Women, Children and Senior Citizen on 23 July 2019
- Press Release in the occasion of World Day against trafficking 30 July 2019
- Delegation visit to Hon'ble Parbat Gurung, Minister of Women, Children and Senior Citizen on December 2019
- Delegation to Hon'ble Niru Devi Pal, Chair, Women and Social Committee, House of Representatives, on August 2019.
- International Advocacy, like advocacy during CEDAW in 2019
- Delegation to Hon'ble Speaker of Parliament Agni Prasad Sapkota on 3 March 2020.
- Visit and advocacy inside house of representative on 3 and 4 March 2020

What is Human Trafficking?

"Trafficking in persons" shall mean the recruitment, transportation, transfer, harbouring or receipt of persons, by means of the threat or use of force or other forms of coercion, of abduction, of fraud, of deception, of the abuse of power or of a position of vulnerability or of the giving or receiving of payments or benefits to achieve the consent of a person having control over another person, for the purpose of exploitation. Exploitation shall include, at a minimum, the exploitation of the prostitution of others or other forms of sexual exploitation, forced labour or services, slavery or practices similar to slavery, servitude or the removal of organs."

- UN TIP Protocol

Celebrating International Women's Day, 8 March 2020

AATWIN celebrated 110th International Women's Day in a different way this year. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic we could not join rallies, but we showed our solidarity by posting photos on AATWIN's official Facebook page. Benu Maya Gurung, Executive Director participated in the standby demonstration for solidarity in a program Women's Global Strike organized by National Alliance for Women Human Rights Defenders (NAWHRD) on 8 March 2020 in Kathmandu with the global slogan "If Women Stop, the World Stops". AATWIN has been advocating for human trafficking, women and children related issues, violence for more than two decades. One of the objectives of this is to support and engage in effective advocacy on priority issues to counter TIP and to build solidarity on the campaign against human trafficking.

The national slogan for this year was "समानताको पुस्ता : अन्त्य गरौं हिंसा, विभेद र असमानता". The international slogan for this year was "I am generation equality: Realizing Women's Rights".



Dissemination of E-Newsletter 2 and 3

AATWIN published the Newsletter No. 2 and 3 and disseminated. E-bulletin is shared with AATWIN members, other related NGOs, INGOs, GOs and related stakeholders. E-bulletin No. 2 covered the news, activities from January 2019 to June 2019 and No. 3 covered the issues of July 2019 to December 2019.

Some of the responses received –

"Thank you for sharing the newsletter. This is an effective form of IEC to reach target readers. I have benefited tremendously"

"Thank you for sharing the exciting updates. Well done to you and team"

Quarterly Website Update

AATWIN updated all of its latest regular bulletin (*Osarposar*), e-bulletins, list of new AATWIN member update, latest leaflets and flyers, updated photographs, latest press releases and added some important weblinks as well to share information with stakeholders.



Change Towards Data-Driven Advocacy (Effect International)

Sharing of Data of AATWIN Members on CTIP

Data is an important tool to work on any issue. The survey was an endeavor of AATWIN as a national network to collect data on anti-trafficking program being carried out by its member organization. The data collected were basically focused on the three kinds of CTIP activities: Prevention, Protection and Prosecution (3Ps). AATWIN organized a program on "Sharing of Data of AATWIN Members on CTIP" on 23 January 2020 in Kathmandu. The objective of the program was to share



the analysis of data of anti-human trafficking activities of member organizations and to collect feedback and suggestions for the survey.

The CTIP survey of AATWIN was commended by member organizations as well as other CSOs and they found it very informative and a good example to record the data and information regarding the work done by CSOs. Some of the CSOs expressed their interest in being the part of the survey as well. The participants also felt that the data can also be used to work against human trafficking. This survey was an initial attempt of AATWIN and all the suggestions and feedbacks were constructive and would help in making future surveys better.

Strengthening Advocacy to Prevent Internal Trafficking/ The Freedom Fund & Lush Cosmetics

Interaction Program on “Visit Nepal Year 2020 and Human Trafficking”

Govt. of Nepal announced the “Visit Nepal Year 2020” and AATWIN organized interaction to raise the need of making the visit year safe. An interaction program on “Visit Nepal Year 2020 and Human Trafficking” was organized on 25 February 2020. The resource person for the interaction program was Mr. Gauri Pradhan, former member of National Human Rights Commission and Human right activist. In the program discussion on Visit Nepal Year, and possibilities of human trafficking and commercial exploitation of children (CSEC) and way forward to control CSEC and human trafficking was done.



Visit Nepal Year (VNY) 2020 is a campaign launched by the government to promote Nepal as a tourism and also an opportunity for the boost of economic development of Nepal. However, inadvertently it may also exacerbate the current situation of CSEC and human trafficking by

attracting the traffickers and child sex offender in form of tourist. Tourism sector and hospitality stakeholders are often unaware of signs and hence might unknowingly contribute to trafficking and exploitation of victims. CSOs need to develop some kind of strategy against human trafficking and CSEC at present and associations like Hotel Association Nepal (HAN), Trekking Agencies Association Nepal (TAAN), and Tourist Guide Association of Nepal (TURGAN) should also be involved in it.

Review of Internal Trafficking Strategy and Way Forward



AATWIN held a meeting to review AATWIN’s two-year strategy on CSEC and internal trafficking and to discuss and plan the way forward to continue the advocacy on 27-29 February 2020.

AATWIN needs to change its advocacy strategies which was discussed in the meeting. The review meeting concluded that the advocacy against trafficking and CSEC should be continued, irrespective of having a project or not.

Delegation to Bagmati Province

To advocate for the initiative of province level against human trafficking, a delegation to Bagmati Province was organized on 16-18 March 2020 at Hetauda, Makwanpur. AATWIN team including representatives from its member organizations had interaction meetings with and submitted memorandum to Hon'ble Dormani Poudel, Chief Minister; Hon'ble Yubraj Dulal, Minister for Social Development; Hon'ble Sanu Kumar Shrestha, Speaker of Bagmati Assembly; and Hon'ble Ghanshyam Dahal, Chair of Parliamentary Committee on Education, Health and Agriculture of Bagmati Province and some parliamentarians.



In the federal context of Nepal, the province level has an important role to play in controlling human trafficking. Province government can bridge the gap between the local and the federal government in controlling human trafficking through policies and programs and for justice and rehabilitation of the victims/survivors. The memorandum highlighted and urged the initiation of provincial government on the following subjects:

- Formulation of laws and programs for the reduction of human trafficking and transportation
- Formulation of provincial policy against human trafficking.
- Arrangements for the rescue, repatriation and rehabilitation of the victims /survivors of human trafficking.
- Regular monitoring of at risk or vulnerable areas of internal trafficking including entertainment sector.
- Formation of Provincial Committee against human trafficking and transportation
- Management of data related to human trafficking and preparation of provincial report on trafficking in person
- Development of province level referral and communication mechanism/system.



Hon'ble Dormani Poudel, Chief Minister committed that the Bagmati Province will work against human trafficking in coordination with federal government.

Hon'ble Yubraj Dulal, Minister for Social Development said that the province government has already started some works towards addressing human trafficking. He stated that all the designed program are discussed and done with the participation and consultation of stakeholders. The Government. is working in the modality of partnership between Government and CSOs for now and committed towards working more effectively in this fight against human trafficking with the special attention to the seven points presented by AATWIN.



Hon'ble Sanu Kumar Shrestha, Speaker of Assembly of Bagmati acknowledged the work of the CSOs in the issues of human trafficking and violence against women and committed that he and the government will take initiatives for it.


The team of AATWIN also visited Safe Migration Information Centre at District Administrative Office, Makwanpur and interacted with staffs of information Centre to know about the activities of safe migration information centre/help desk, and about the current trends of human trafficking in Makwanpur district.

AATWIN team also held a coordination meeting with AATWIN member organization based in or have programs in Makwanpur district on 17 March 2020. The representatives from member organizations i.e. WOSCC, Makwanpur Mahila Samuha (MMS), HIMRIGHTS, CWIN, ETSC Nepal and Women Protection Centre (WPC) were present in the meeting. The objective of the meeting was to learn about the situation of trafficking and CSEC in Makwanpur district, their programs against human trafficking and to enhance coordination with district member organizations.

Publication of Calendar 2077 B.S.

AATWIN published table calendar for the year 2077 B.S containing information about Palermo Protocol. The Palermo Protocol was ratified by the Government of Nepal in March 2020. The introduction of the Protocol, definition of Human Trafficking and the responsibility of the country as per the Protocol and the major aspects of the Protocol are detailed in the calendar. The calendar has been distributed to various related stakeholders of GOs, NGOs and INGOs.

Survey on the Impact of the Lockdown



महिला तथा बालबालिका बेचबिखन विरुद्ध सहकर्मी समूह-नेपाल
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महिला र बालबालिकालाई प्राथमिकतामा राखियोस् ।

कोविड-१९ नामक महामारीबाट नेपाल लगायत विश्वलाई नै बाँसत बनाइरहेको छ । हालसम्म यसबाट विषयमा सातै तिन लाख भन्दा बढिको मृत्यु र साक्षि लाख भन्दा बढि सशक्त भएकी छुट्टै भएको छ । बेटी देशहरूले कोरोना नियन्त्रणमा सफलता पाएकी भनेता पनि यसको विश्वव्यापी फैलावट बढिरहेको छ । नेपालको स्थितिलाई हेर्दा हाल दुई हजारभन्दा बढि सशक्त तथा ब्रह्म जनाको मृत्यु भई सकेको छ । यस क्रममा महामारीबाट जोगिनका लागि नेपाल सरकारले २०७६ वैशाख ११ देखि नितन्त्र बन्दानदीको अवस्थामा रहेको पनि दुई महिना भन्दा बढि भई सकेको छ । यसरी विश्वव्यापी महामारीको प्रकोपले कल्पने नभएको विपर मानव समुदायलाई आइपरेको छ ।

यस प्रकारको विपद्का बेला महिला तथा बालबालिकाहरू बेचबिखन लगायत अन्य लोकाबाट बच जोषिममा पर्ने गरेको पाइन्छ । बहिनको लकडाउनको स्थितिमा सबैजना घर घरमा रहेको अवस्थामा महिला र बालबालिका माथि बलात्कार, यौन दुर्व्यवहार, आत्महत्या, हत्या, बेचबिखन, बालविवाह, मार्गीक तथा फरेन्ट हत्याका घुम्ने घटनाहरू घटेका छन् । यसकासाथै महिला मेडी तथा बाल मेडी सेवाहरूको अभावको समस्या पनि रहेको छ । यस विषयमा स्थानीय, प्रदेश र संघीय सरकार तथा सरका सम्पूर्ण सरोकारवालाहरू समक्ष मानव बेचबिखन विरुद्ध क्रियाशील नानार्क समाजका सदस्यहरूको साँघुरा सञ्जाल पढ्दिने, निम्नलिखित बुँदमा उभान आकृष्ट गराउंदो र विपद्का बेला पनि मानव ब्रह्मकाको रक्षा र मानवीय सहयोगमा जोषिममा रहेका महिला तथा बालबालिका, विशेष समुह, समुदाय, लिङ्ग र अवस्थाका व्यक्तिको आवश्यकतालाई सम्बोधन गर्न अपिल गर्दछौ ।

- महामारीका बेला महिला तथा बालबालिकामाथि हुने हत्या, दुर्व्यवहार, शोषण, बेचबिखन, आत्महत्या तथा मार्गीक हत्याका घटना बढेकाले यी विश्वव्यापी प्राथमिकतामा साथ सम्बोधन गरियोस् । विभिन्न प्रकारका हत्याबाट पीडितलाई ब्रह्मव्ययक सेवाबाट बाँच्न हुन गरिनुकासाथै यससम सम्बन्धित सयन तथा सेवाहरूको प्राथमिकतामा बृद्धि गरि सेवाहरूलाई सुचारु गरियोस् ।
- विभिन्न हत्याबाट पीडितको न्यायमा पढ्नुको अतिरिक्त सुनिश्चित गरियोस् ।
- महिला तथा बालबालिकाको संरक्षणका लागि सञ्चालित महिला आश्रमको हेल्थसाइन सेवा ११४६, बाल हेल्थसाइन १०९६, बालबालिका शौचालयका केन्द्र १०४, प्रहरी हेल्थसाइन १०० जस्ता सञ्चालनलाई बच प्रभावकारी र क्रियाशील बनाइयोस् ।

The appeal letter underlined the increasing cases of rape, sexual exploitation, suicide, murder, trafficking, child marriage including mental and physical violence among women and children. The appeal focused on the protection of human rights and required support during the time of the disaster, mainly of the women, children, vulnerable groups and communities. Also, the easy accessibility to relief services of these groups was stressed by the appeal. The quarantine services for the citizens stranded abroad and in different parts of Nepal while returning to their villages including their COVID-19 test was also included in the appeal as an immediate support as well the post pandemic issues also mentioned.

As a part of advocacy, the appeal letters were sent to Ministry of Women, Children and Senior Citizen (MoWCSC), National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), National Women Commission, National Child Rights Council for sensitization and further required action to address the issues. In response, respected Ms. Manamaya Pageni - the Joint Secretary of MoWCSC and respected Hon'ble Mohna Ansari - member commissioner of NHRC acknowledged the appeal letter. The appeal letter was also shared with the AATWIN's member organizations, concerned stakeholders and media for wider circulation.

Advocacy to Related Stakeholders at National and International Level

AATWIN continued raising voices for women and child friendly services during this pandemic, in various platforms. AATWIN was part of various meetings organized by related Ministries, government organizations and CSOs. In these meetings, AATWIN pointed out the problems faced by women –



AATWIN conducted a survey in May 2020 with the aim to gather information on the status of the target groups (survivors of trafficking and violence including workers of entertainment sector), issues to be addressed including the activities conducted by the AATWIN member organizations and partners, challenges faced and the good practices during the initial lockdown period. In total, 34 organizations participated in the survey. The districts covered by the survey were Sindupalchowk, Makwanpur, Bara, Kavre, Kanchanpur, Morang, Chitwan, Dailekh, Kathmandu and Lalitpur.

The survey includes major areas as activities conducted during lockdown, issues faced while conducting the activities, situation of vulnerable groups, target groups and trafficking survivors, issues to be addressed, good practices.

The findings of survey were shared in AATWIN's regular quarterly meeting on 20 May 2020.

Appeal Letters during COVID-19

In the context of COVID-19 and human trafficking and violence on women and children AATWIN issued two Appeals on 22 April and 3 June 2020, The appeal letter was circulated among AATWIN members and its Facebook page.

significantly the trafficking survivors and workers of entertainment sector.

As a result of consistent advocacy, AATWIN has been nominated for 'NGOs Coordination and Mobilization Committee' chaired by the National Planning Commission under the 'Directive Committee' formed by the Ministry of Women, Children and Senior Citizen. The committee is responsible to improve the status and address the issues faced by women, children, disabled and senior citizens due to COVID-19.

Virtual Program on 'Mental Well-being of Children and Adults'

During the long lockdown the mental wellbeing seen one of the important issues. On 24 June 2020, AATWIN organized a virtual program on the mental wellbeing during COVID-19 pandemic for AATWIN Member organizations. The program was facilitated by Ms. Sushama Regmi from Antarang Nepal. Around 50 participants from AATWIN member organizations participated in the program. The program focused on mental problems, mental illnesses, tips to deal with the problems, importance of seeking professional help, and the significance and tips for self-care.



Organisational Activities

Regular Quarterly Meeting



AATWIN's regular quarterly meeting was held on 23 January 2020. The objective of the quarterly meeting was to update AATWIN members about the programs and updates, upcoming planning, and enhance network members' understanding of joint objectives, goals and areas for advocacy.



Distribution of Relief Materials During COVID-19

In June, as an emergency relief during the time of pandemic, AATWIN distributed relief packages to the trafficking survivors, workers of entertainment sector including members and beneficiaries of right-holder organizations. In the first round, AATWIN distributed 80 hygiene kits comprising of masks, sanitizers, hand wash, soaps for the safety. Considering the requirement including their request, in second round, AATWIN distributed 39 food packages to the trafficking survivors, workers of entertainment sector including member and beneficiaries of right-holder organizations e.g. beneficiaries of Shakti Milan Samaj, Biswas Nepal and WOFOWON.

In this meeting the upcoming reporting of UPR, SDG/VNR 2020 and CRC was discussed. MoWCSC is preparing an annual TIP report, so all member organizations were requested to send their information and data for the report and the continuation of CTIP survey was also discussed in the meeting.

Consultation Program on “UPR Third Cycle Reporting and Human Trafficking”

AATWIN organized a consultation program on human trafficking for Universal Period Review (UPR) third cycle reporting on 25 February 2020. The objective of the program was to discuss, assemble and get feedback on all pertinent issues of human trafficking and the human rights situation of trafficked victims and survivors with stakeholders so that the NGO Coalition Report could present the situation of human trafficking in Nepal in the third cycle UPR.



The presentation on the issues of human trafficking, gender-based violence, labor rights and exploitation of children in the second reporting cycle of UPR done in 2015 and on the overview of UPR and its processes was presented. Ms. Anjana Shakya facilitated the consultation and group discussion during the program. Various issues of human trafficking related to internal trafficking, entertainment sector, labor rights, rights of survivors/victims and their access to services and justice as well as the trafficking in form of foreign employment, the root causes of trafficking, gender-based violence and domestic violence were raised in the programs and they should be addressed and included in the CSO report.

Submission of Comments to CEDAW GR on Trafficking

The Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) was developing a general recommendation on trafficking in women and girls in the context of global migration and the Committee has issued a call for all interested parties to submit comments on the draft general recommendation. AATWIN submitted the recommendations and comments on the draft on 15 May 2020 to CEDAW/OHCHR.

Virtual Meeting of AATWIN Members

AATWIN held its first ever virtual meeting with its member organization amidst the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent lockdown and its impact on human trafficking and work of members on 20 May 2020. The objective of the meeting was to update the member organizations regarding AATWIN's activities during lockdown, sharing of survey on the COVID-19 situation analysis and sharing of experiences during the lockdown and further planning to cope with the impact of COVID-19 and lockdown.

During the discussion on the way-forward for CSOs after the COVID-19 situation and lockdown, as the situation post-lockdown will be very grim with problems of unemployment, social conflict and increment in violence, incidents and vulnerability of human trafficking will certainly increase. There is a need of some kind of dialogue or interactions amongst organizations on how to minimize or reduce human trafficking and to find the solution measures to other problems.

Coordination for Relief Distribution

AATWIN coordinated among member organizations to distribute the relief materials to the survivor and right-holder member organizations of AATWIN during the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent lockdown.

Joint Appeals and Press Release during COVID-19

AATWIN jointly issued various numbers of appeals and press release on the issues of child protection and rights, human trafficking and COVID-19 pandemic with National Action and Coordinating Group (NACG) Nepal and Shakti Samuha during this period.

Consultation Program on Human Trafficking, Repatriation and Reintegration with Federal MPs



AATWIN and Shakti Samuha jointly organized a consultation meeting with members of the federal parliament on human trafficking, repatriation and reintegration of trafficked survivors on 5-6 February 2020. Ms. Charimaya Tamang, Chairperson of Shakti Samuha and other trafficking survivors recalled their rescue from brothel in Bombay, India and difficulties in their subsequent repatriation in 1996 and also highlighted the on-going problems and challenges in the rescue, repatriation, rehabilitation and reintegration of survivors at the present time due to the lack of proper laws and its implementations. They further stressed on the need for transformation of society and reintegration of the survivors in the society. Ms Benu Maya Gurung, Executive Director did the presentation on the exiting provision related with repatriation and reintegration.

During the program, the lawmakers expressed their commitment to play the necessary role in reducing human trafficking. They agreed that the existing laws and regulations are not adequate for action against human trafficking and will work towards amending the existing laws and regulations and making them more effective by making the state more accountable. In the program chaired by Hon'ble Purna Kumari Subedi, chairperson of the Agriculture and Cooperatives Committee of the House of Representatives and Hon'ble Shashikala Dahal former deputy speaker of the House expressed their commitment to amendment of Human Trafficking and Transportation (Control) Act 2064 and

draft a policy for repatriation and reintegration of the victim/survivors of the human trafficking. Sustainable Development Committee Chairperson Tara Devi Bhatt, Development and Technology Committee Chairperson Kalyani Kumari Khadka, MP Dr. Binda Pandey, MP Raj Bahadur Budha, MP Shanti Pakhrin were also present in the program.

Nominated for Committee for COVID-19 by MoWCSC/NPC

Ministry of Women, Children and Senior Citizen formed "CSOs Coordination and Mobilization Committee " chaired by the Member of National Planning Commission Hon. Min Bahadur Shahi. The committee is formed to address the issues of women, children, person with disability and senior citizens during COVID-19 in Nepal. AATWIN is also nominated as a member of committee on 21 Jun 2020.

AATWIN's Resource and Information Center



AATWIN's Resource and Information Center during this period disseminated total of 8557 IEC materials whereas collected 1072 IEC materials from various forums and organizations. Total number of visitors who visited AATWIN's resource center during this period were 21. AATWIN also disseminated its initiatives, Information and various News linked with trafficking, violence and unsafe migration through its official Facebook page and Website.

Shakti Samuha's Work during COVID-19



COVID-19 pandemic and lockdown has caused many challenges and difficulties in Human life. Children are deprived of going to schools, Business have been affected badly due to which many people have lost their jobs. Entertainment sector workers are directly affected by the situation due to which they are more vulnerable to be used by agents and are more likely to be the victim of Human Trafficking. Keeping the situation in mind, during the lockdown Shakti Samuha in Collaboration with Nepal Police rescued 6 victims of internal trafficking, 3 from Kathmandu and 3 from Pokhara. At the same time the Shakti Samuha have been actively involved tracing the 4 Human trafficking cases from India, who were taken from load bearing truck from Nepal. Other cases have been continuously followed up by Shakti Samuha in coordination with staff in India. This shows the picture of risk of human trafficking during and even after the lock down situation.

About AATWIN

Alliance Against Trafficking in Women and Children in Nepal (AATWIN) is a national level network of non-governmental organizations working against human trafficking, and for human rights, women's and

children's rights, using a rights-based approach. Realizing the need for collective effort to fight against human trafficking, it was established as a network of organizations that share the same perspective and objectives on 6 June 1997. Currently there are 40 members affiliated with AATWIN.

The Hamro Samman project

The Hamro Samman project is a five-year project generously supported by the American people through the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and the British people through the United Kingdom's Department for International Development (UK aid) and implemented by Winrock International. Its goal is to reduce the prevalence of trafficking in persons (TIP) in 10 strategically selected districts of Nepal. Using the '4Ps' framework—Prevention, Protection, Prosecution and Partnership—the Hamro Samman project will bring together various

stakeholders and implementing partners to reduce the prevalence of trafficking-in-persons through the following objectives:

- Strengthening national and local Government of Nepal (GON) efforts to combat TIP;
- Improving CSOs advocacy and engagement to address TIP; and
- Increasing private sector partnerships (PSPs) to service TIP survivors and at-risk populations.

It builds upon other programs to support and leverage the efforts of Government of Nepal, civil society, and the private sector to counter TIP in Nepal.

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