

A young Black woman with short hair, wearing a blue school uniform with a dark blue sweater, is smiling and looking upwards and to the right. The background is a blurred outdoor setting with buildings and utility poles.

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Let us show you how we can add value to your organisation when it comes to Protection and Safeguarding.

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128,000 children made safer, in **160 schools**

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3 Continents and **7 Partners**





Welcome to the South2South Network:

A consultancy for child protection and safeguarding. ChildHope and our partners have long championed the need for child protection systems that make sense for the people implementing them, and the children benefiting from them.

ChildHope's consultancy work over recent years – supporting organisations to develop, strengthen and implement safeguarding measures – has further cemented in our minds that the best people to support those implementing programmes for the most marginalised children are those with their own experience of working with children in those settings.

OUR SERVICES

The South2South Network provides a range of protection and safeguarding consultancy, training, and capacity-building services to support organisations worldwide to identify the risks that programmes and operations are exposed to.

Services we offer include:



ORGANISATIONAL SAFEGUARDING AUDIT

Together with organisations, we review systems and processes and undertake contextual analysis and risk assessments of new work areas and locations to determine whether current safeguarding measures are effective. We review HR, child protection and safeguarding policies and ensure they are assessed through the lens of international best practice. We take into consideration the nature of your work, the regional context and a country's official child protection systems.



SAFEGUARDING POLICY & PROCEDURES

We develop safeguarding strategies, policies and guidelines that are tailored to your specific area of work and are relevant to the local cultural and social context. Areas of focus include child safeguarding in a digital age, in emergencies and the ethical use of a child's data in research and data collection activities. Our policy recommendations are based on our collective experience of delivering programmes and consider gender and disability inclusion. We also establish monitoring and evaluation guidelines to ensure that the policies stay fit for purpose.



TRAINING, COACHING & MENTORING

We help to embed policies and practice by delivering child safeguarding training, direct to your teams or through a train-the-trainer model. Our training can be adapted to boards, senior management teams or those working directly with communities. The training blends practical experience of the local context with knowledge of international safeguarding standards. We can provide ongoing advice and guidance as organisations and businesses implement their safeguarding practices.



CHILDREN'S PARTICIPATION IN SAFE PROGRAMMING

Experience has shown us that when we put children at the centre of the planning process and enable them to have a meaningful role in creating the programmes that effect their lives, the results are stronger. We help organisations to work out how children can participate in developing, implementing and monitoring protection and safeguarding policies and practice.



STRENGTHENING ETHICAL BUSINESS POLICIES

The UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (UNGPs) set out a business's responsibility for upholding human rights. The Children's Rights and Business Principles provide practical guidance for businesses on supporting children's rights. We can support the private sector to translate these guidelines into practical, accessible business policies to ensure that their business is doing no harm.



TAILOR-MADE SAFEGUARDING SOLUTION

We are able to develop tailored support for other organisations that comes from an understanding of what it's really like to try to implement good child protection and safeguarding practice in those countries. Every organisation has different needs. Once we understand your organisation and goals, we can create custom solutions and training programmes that will suit your organisation best.



CASE STUDY

“Voice of Children has done effective work for the protection of children in this municipality.”

Nirmala Thapa, Deputy Mayor
Mahalaxmi Municipality, Lalitpur

In the Mahalaxmi Municipality of Kathmandu valley Voice of Children has been working with the local stakeholders at all levels to deliver child protection and safeguarding training and to help set up child protection committees.

Mahalaxmi Municipality is located in southern west part of Kathmandu valley. Here there are many challenges regarding children protection with some children are out of school and facing physical, sexual and emotional abuse in their families and communities. Newly elected representatives in the municipality have less knowledge on child protection practices. Although the Municipality did have some programs to address these problems there was need for technical support from expert organizations.

I knew that Voice of Children had many years of experience working with children living in vulnerable conditions and much experience of capacity building authorities and child-related agencies. They also manage a transit centres in the Mahalaxmi Municipality, which supports children who have been trafficked or are victims of sexual abuse. These centres prepares children to reintegrate in their families and communities by supporting them to develop life skills and recreational interests.

In 2019, Voice of Children helped us to conduct capacity building training on child protection and safeguarding to elected representatives, staff, teachers, children’s clubs and woman group’s members. Now, across the Municipality at all levels of the community there is strengthened capacity on this issue. After the training and with their continued support we formed Child Protection Committees in four Wards. Under the Government rules Child Protection Committees have to exist in every Municipality to ensure all children are safe and secure. We have plans to form a further six committees so that all our wards are covered.

By collaborating with local level stakeholders, Voice of Children has done effective work for the protection of children in this Municipality and other parts of Nepal. Our partnership with Voice of Children will continue for the protection and safeguard of the children.



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Debbie Thompson, Programmes and Partnerships Manager
Rope Charitable Trust

Voice of Children and Butterflies ran a one day safeguarding workshop for Brighter Futures, a programme from Rope that supports local NGOs in Bangladesh, Nepal and India who provide homes for children in need.

The children who are supported by our Brighter Futures programme come from different backgrounds but all are in need of a safe family-like environment to grow up in. The majority of the children who live in the small family homes come from rural communities and they may have lost their families or their families cannot afford to look after them or pay for their education.

In November 2019 we brought all the Brighter Futures partners together for a strategy workshop in Dhaka. It was the first ever opportunity for partners to meet to share their experiences and discuss best practice. Although love and care are the primary drivers of running children’s homes, policies and procedure are of vital importance and so we dedicated a full day to a safeguarding workshop.

We were keen that the workshop was not simply a transference of western ideas and that the examples discussed would be relatable to our partners. One of Rope’s partners in Kenya is Glad’s House who are also a member of the South2South

Network. They introduced me to Raju Ghimire from Voice of Children and Zaved Rahman from Butterflies who co-hosted a one day workshop. They were excellent facilitators who kept the pace of the day up and the whole room engaged, despite us working in four different languages.

Through the day we looked at safeguarding case studies and they shared their own experiences and approaches, we discussed different legislation and identified some of the problems the partners face in their own work. Not all of the partners were formally implemented safeguarding procedures and this workshop helped us develop a shared understanding of and commitment to safeguarding. Four out of five working groups identified safeguarding as their highlight from the whole week.

PARTNERS PROFILE



Voice of Children, Nepal

Voice of Children has been working with children living and working on the streets of Nepal since 2000. We raise awareness of child abuse and provide legal, social and psychological support to children and their families. Voice of Children also works to prevent a further increase in the number of street children by working with vulnerable families living in urban areas and slums. These families are offered support to improve their life skills to save their children from ending up on the street.

NETWORK PARTNERS





Raju Ghimire

It is good to have a local expert lead on child protection issues because we know the local issues and culture of the community.

As Technical Advisor at Voice of Children (VOC), my day-to-day work is to support and monitor the implementation of project activities. My other main responsibility is child protection and safeguarding at VOC by providing child protection and safeguarding training to staff members and review the training at least every six months.

I also facilitate training for other NGOs and the municipality government. We are the knowledge partner for CLAMP, a project addressing modern-day trafficking, which is run with ChildHope and a local NGO called Shakti Samuha. I am responsible for the project and I deliver child protection and safeguarding training to the CLAMP project staff.

I have been working at VOC for 19 years, starting as a social worker. When I started, awareness of child protection issues was very low; now there is huge awareness and the local authorities are allocating budget for child protection. The most significant change is the incorporation of child rights into the new constitution. But although we have good policies and good guidelines regarding the children, the implementation level is very weak, so our role is to advocate and raise awareness for the implementation of these policies.



Govinda Koirala

Most organisations working with children have child protection policies, but they don't always understand when they are preparing them what they are needed for.

I work as a Programme Coordinator in Voice of Children's programme for street children. Different projects within this programme include prevention, rescue, rehabilitation and reintegration, so I am responsible for all these projects. We have a drop-in centre and socialisation centre. We rescue the children from vulnerable conditions in coordination with the authorities and we keep the children in our centres and work together with the family and the children to prepare them for reintegration into the family.

I am responsible for child protection and safeguarding in those centres and am also a facilitator for the prevention of child sexual abuse training. Through the South2South consultancy, we are able to increase our network within the UK and Africa and we are able to hear the experience of what is happening in different countries, and through that I am able to operate at a different level.

Through consultancy, we can work with organisations to review their policies and strengthen their capacity to know the importance of it. Things have come a long way because of the new constitution and the Children's Act. VOC is working with the local level of government to influence the implementation of the Children's Act.





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