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Parliamentary Forum Discussion on Child Rights in Lumbini Province

Members of the Parliamentary Forum on Child Rights, led by Coordinator Hon. Bhagwati Adhikari, participated in a discussion on the role of the parliamentary forum for child rights in Lumbini Province on 5–6 July. The discussion focused on strengthening legislative commitment to child rights at the provincial level.



National Workshop on Child-Centered UPR Fourth Cycle Report

CZOP organized a National Workshop on the Child-Centered Universal Periodic Review (UPR) Fourth Cycle Report on 9 July in Kathmandu. Chaired by CZOP President Mina Sharma, the workshop reviewed the draft child-focused UPR report prepared by CZOP and gathered inputs from child rights stakeholders.

Dialogue on the Need for an Independent Child Rights Monitoring Mechanism

An inter-dialogue program based on research was held on 7 July in Kathmandu to discuss the need for a high-level independent child rights monitoring mechanism in Nepal. Former and current officials of the National Human Rights Commission, civil society leaders, and child rights experts participated, emphasizing collective advocacy for institutional reform.



Appeal to Celebrate Child Participation Day

CZOP appealed to all stakeholders to celebrate Child Participation Day on Shrawan 25, marking the historic Supreme Court order of 2058 BS that enabled the formal registration of child clubs in Nepal, strengthening children's right to participation.



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Inter-Provincial Dialogue and Learning Exchange on Child Rights

CZOP organized an Inter-Provincial Dialogue and Learning Exchange on Child Rights on 1–2 August in Kathmandu. Representatives from federal and provincial parliamentary forums, social development committees of all seven provinces, development partners, and CZOP board members participated to share experiences and strengthen coordination.



Social Audit of CZOP Programs Conducted

On 13 April, CZOP conducted a Social Audit Program in Kathmandu, reviewing its programs and projects implemented during FY 2081/082. The audit reinforced transparency, accountability, and organizational learning

Gandaki Province Parliamentary Forum Discussion on Child Rights

A discussion program on the role of the Parliamentary Forum for Child Rights in Gandaki Province was held in Pokhara on 14 August under the chairpersonship of Hon. Mahesh Bhattarai, with participation from Gandaki Provincial Assembly members.



9th Annual General Assembly of CZOP Concluded

CZOP successfully held its 9th Annual General Assembly on 19 August in Kathmandu. The assembly elected a 15-member Executive Committee, with Mr. Tilottam Paudel elected as President, ensuring inclusive representation from all provinces.

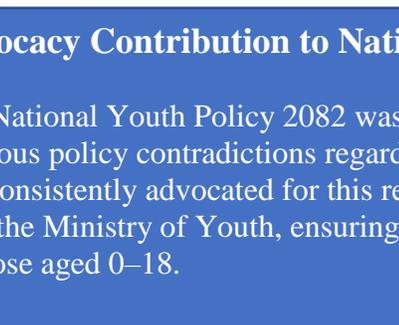
CZOP Participation in National UPR Fourth Cycle Consultation

On 21 August, CZOP actively participated in the national interaction program on Nepal's UPR Fourth Cycle Report organized by the Office of the Prime Minister and Council of Ministers, highlighting state responsibilities for child rights protection and investment.



Press Appeal to Ensure Children's Right to Education

CZOP issued a press release on 22 August urging authorities to ensure children's right to education in the context of protests involving school transportation, calling for child-sensitive responses.



Advocacy Contribution to National Youth Policy 2082

The National Youth Policy 2082 was approved, addressing previous policy contradictions regarding age definitions. CZOP had consistently advocated for this reform, including engagement with the Ministry of Youth, ensuring children are clearly defined as those aged 0–18.



Press Statements on the Draft Associations and Organizations Act, 2082

CZOP issued press statements expressing concern over the draft Associations and Organizations Act, 2082, and stood in solidarity with civil society networks advocating for a rights-respecting legal framework.





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Memorial Program for Children and Youth Who Lost Their Lives

On 14 September, CZOP organized a candle-lighting memorial program at Children Peace Park, Sinamangal, to honor children, youth, and adolescents who lost their lives due to violence, conflict, disasters, and rights movements.



Submission of Rapid Assessment Report to State Authorities

CZOP, in collaboration with Save the Children, submitted the Rapid Assessment Report to the National Human Rights Commission on 15 September and to the Hon. Minister of Home Affairs on 18 September, advocating for immediate protective measures and accountability.



Strategic Dialogue on Child Protection Post Gen Z Movement

On 20 September, CZOP organized a national dialogue in Kathmandu to develop a strategic roadmap for child protection in the post-Gen Z movement context, engaging human rights bodies, civil society, and development partners.



Stakeholder Consultations on Disaster and Political Impacts on Children

CZOP conducted online and in-person consultations in October with member organizations and networks to assess the impact of floods, landslides, and political movements on children's education and protection.





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Collaboration with Human Rights Film Center on NHRIFF 2025

A planning meeting between CZOP and the Human Rights Film Center was held on 28 October. The 13th Nepal Human Rights International Film Festival was confirmed with "Child Rights" as its central theme.



Memorandum Submitted to the Election Commission of Nepal

On 17 November, CZOP submitted a memorandum to the Election Commission of Nepal, urging safeguards against the use and exploitation of children during electoral processes.

Virtual Dialogue on International Child Rights Day 2025

On 19 November, CZOP co-organized a national virtual discussion marking International Child Rights Day 2025, engaging over 114 participants from multiple districts to reflect on child rights challenges and shared responsibilities.



Nepal

Joint Report of Non-Government Organization
on
Universal Periodic Review (UPR)
(4th cycle)

Submitted by
Child Centered UPR Coalition

Submitted to
UN Human Rights Council
15 July 2025

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Advocacy for Child-Centered UPR at International Level

On 26 November, CZOP participated in coordination meetings to align advocacy priorities for the 51st UPR Working Group session and formally informed diplomatic missions in Nepal about the Child-Centered UPR Report.



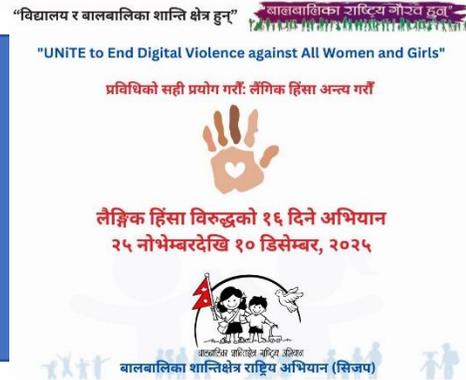
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16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence

Throughout December, CZOP actively participated in and co-organized multiple programs under the 16 Days of Activism, including dialogues, digital safety trainings for adolescents, and community discussions across provinces.



Participation in National and International Human Rights Events

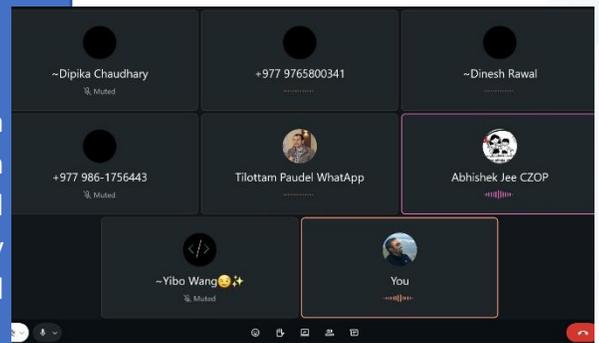
CZOP participated in the 17th Human Rights National Magna Meet, Human Rights Day rallies, and policy dialogues on child-responsive budgeting, reaffirming its commitment to child rights within broader human rights movements.

Virtual Meeting of CZOP Child Advisory Committee Held

Children as Zones of Peace (CZOP) National Campaign conducted a virtual meeting of the Child Advisory Committee on 23 December 2025. The Committee, comprising 11 child representatives from all seven provinces, serves as a key platform to ensure children's voices are meaningfully included in CZOP's advocacy and programs.

During the meeting, members shared updates on the current situation of children in their respective provinces and highlighted initiatives being carried out through child clubs and local child networks. The discussion reflected children's active engagement in promoting participation, protection, and awareness at the community level.

CZOP reaffirmed its commitment to strengthening child-led platforms and integrating children's perspectives into national child rights advocacy and decision-making processes.





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Child-Responsive Budget Code Guideline 2082 Approved

The Child-Responsive Budget Code Guideline: Operation and Management Procedure, 2082 has been officially approved through a ministerial-level decision on 22 December 2025. This milestone marks an important initial step toward institutionalizing child-responsive budgeting in Nepal.

Children as Zones of Peace (CZOP) National Campaign has been continuously advocating and contributing to this process since 2072, working closely with the Ministry of Women, Children and Senior Citizens and relevant stakeholders. CZOP has actively participated in consultations, technical discussions, and policy dialogues to ensure that children's rights and needs are reflected in national budgeting mechanisms.

The approval of this procedure lays the foundation for the systematic allocation, tracking, and management of public resources for children, strengthening the government's accountability toward child rights realization.

Election Commission Includes Child Protection Provisions in Election Code of Conduct

Children as Zones of Peace (CZOP) National Campaign welcomes and expresses sincere appreciation to the Election Commission of Nepal for incorporating long-standing child protection concerns into the Election Code of Conduct, 2082.

Following sustained advocacy by CZOP over the years, including a meeting with the Chief Election Commissioner on Mangsir 1, 2082, the revised Code of Conduct now prohibits political parties and candidates from using schools, colleges, universities, and educational premises for election-related meetings or campaigning. The Code further reinforces the principle that children and schools must not be used or involved in electoral processes.

These provisions will be applicable during the campaign period for the upcoming House of Representatives by-election scheduled for Falgun 21, 2082 marking a significant step toward safeguarding children's rights and ensuring child-sensitive electoral practices.



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Happy New Year 2026

Wishing all children, partners, member organizations, and well-wishers a **safe, peaceful, and hopeful New Year 2026**.

Together, we remain committed to protecting children's rights and ensuring every child is heard, protected, and respected.

Tilottam Paudel, President, CZOP and Family