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CZOP Submits Memorandum to Minister of Women, Children and Senior Citizens

January 1, 2026. Children as Zones of Peace (CZOP) National Campaign submitted a formal memorandum to the Honorable Minister for Women, Children and Senior Citizens, Ms. Shradha Shrestha, requesting the prioritization of key child rights protection and promotion issues in government policies and programs.

On the same occasion, CZOP also presented the findings of a rapid study conducted during the “Gen Z Movement,” highlighting emerging concerns and perspectives of children and adolescents. The submission emphasized the need for child-centered governance, strengthened child protection mechanisms, and meaningful inclusion of children’s voices in national decision-making processes.



CZOP Meets National Planning Commission to Advocate for Child-Centered Planning

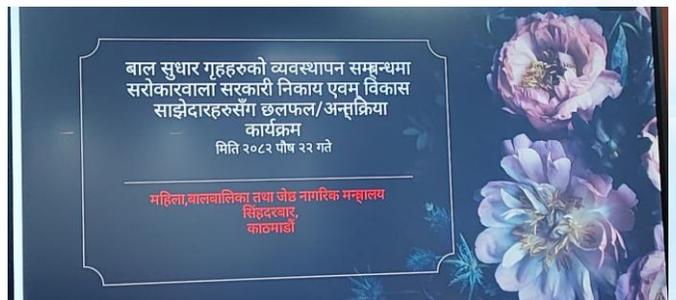
January 1, 2026. A delegation led by CZOP Chairperson Ms. Tilottam Paudel met with the Honorable Vice-Chairperson of the National Planning Commission, Dr. Prakash Kumar Shrestha, to advocate for the integration of child-centered programs and policies in upcoming national development plans.

During the meeting, CZOP urged the Commission to prioritize children’s rights, protection, and development across all sectors. The discussion underscored the importance of allocating adequate resources and adopting a long-term vision to ensure the well-being of children throughout Nepal.

CZOP Participation in Stakeholder Consultation Organized by MOWCSC

January 6, 2026. CZOP participated in a stakeholder consultation organized by the Ministry of Women, Children and Senior Citizens (MoWCSC) focusing on the management and improvement of child correction homes. The meeting brought together relevant government agencies and development partners.

During the discussion, CZOP expressed its commitment to supporting child correction homes through its member organizations by providing coordination, and advocacy to ensure child-friendly and rights-based management practices.





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CZOP Participation in Urban Boot Camp on Child-Friendly Cities

January 7–9, 2026. CZOP actively participated in the Urban Boot Camp on *Public Open Spaces in Child-Friendly Cities*, organized by UNIPOS and Save the Children. CZOP Child Advisory Committee member Ms. Krishangi Aryal, along with the CZOP team, represented the campaign in the program.

CZOP contributed to discussions on creating inclusive, safe, and accessible public spaces for children in urban settings. On January 9, CZOP presented its abstract titled *“Inclusive Open Spaces, Happy Spaces,”* highlighting the importance of child participation in urban planning and design.



CZOP Participation in Civil Society Dialogue on Political and Global Issues

January 8, 2026. CZOP participated in a high-level civil society discussion on the contemporary global and national political context, upcoming elections, campaigns against inequality, and the role of civil society in holding the World Economic Forum (Davos) accountable.

The program was organized at the Federation of NGOs Nepal (FONGAN) Hall. CZOP emphasized the need to safeguard children’s rights during political transitions and global economic decision-making processes.

CZOP Forms Province Committees Across All Provinces

In accordance with Clause 15(3) of the CZOP Statute and the decision of the Central Executive Committee, CZOP successfully formed Province Committees in all seven provinces during January 2026.

The formation was carried out as per the *Province Committee Formation Procedure 2022*, endorsed by the General Assembly. Province committee meetings in six provinces were conducted virtually to ensure inclusive participation, while the Bagmati Province Committee formation meeting was held physically in Kathmandu.

The establishment of province committees marks a significant milestone for CZOP, strengthening its federal structure and enhancing coordination, advocacy, and program implementation at the provincial level to advance child rights nationwide.



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Gandaki Province Committee Formed

January 13, 2026. CZOP formed its Gandaki Province Committee through a virtual meeting with the participation of member organizations from the province. The newly formed committee is as follows:

- **President:** Mr. Sitaram Shrestha – Shree Swanra Integrated Community Development Centre (SSICDC)
- **Secretary:** Ms. Til Kumari Rana – MILAN Myagdi
- **Member:** Ms. Januka Adhikari – SANGAM Myagdi
- **Member:** Mr. Kamal Pun – GONESA, Kaski
- **Member :** Yogesh Parajuli- 3 Angels Nepal, Kaski



Koshi Province Committee Formed

January 14, 2026. The Koshi Province Committee of CZOP was formed through a virtual meeting with representation from various districts of the province.

- **President:** Mr. Yagya Sharma – FAREN, Biratnagar
- **Secretary:** Mr. Nirajan Khadka – Yuba Bikash Kendra, Sunsari
- **Member:** Mr. Yam Mabuhang Limbu
- **Member:** Ms. Nisha Gautam – Birat Community Study Centre, Jhapa
- **Member:** Mr. Dhruva Khadka – MATS Nepal, Sankhuwasabha
- **Member:** Mr. Phanindra Tamang – DEFAN, Udayapur

Karnali Province Committee Formed

January 15, 2026. CZOP successfully formed its Karnali Province Committee through a virtual meeting, ensuring representation from multiple districts of the province.

- **President:** Mr. Tej Sonam – SAC Nepal, Surkhet
- **Secretary:** Ms. Jai Laxmi Chaulagai – CAD, Jumla
- **Member:** Mr. Khadananda Adhikari – Hurendek Nepal, Kalikot
- **Member:** Ms. Rita Chand – YGGP, Surkhet
- **Member:** Mr. Tek Bahadur Wali – C3, Rukum West





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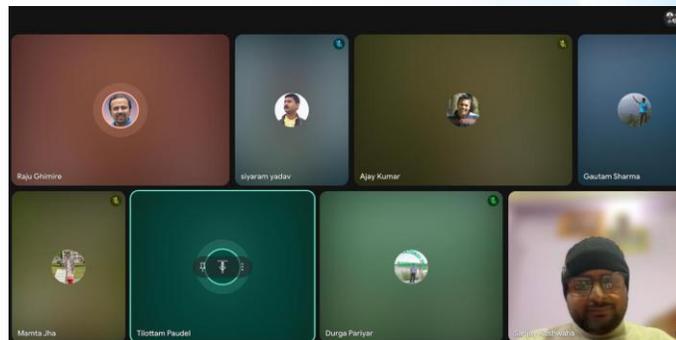
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Madhesh Province Committee Formed

January 20, 2026. The Madhesh Province Committee was formed through a virtual meeting with active participation from civil society organizations working on child rights in the province.

- **President:** Mr. Akhtar Reza Ansari – YNDP
- **Secretary:** Ms. Durga Pariyar – Helping Hands
- **Member:** Ms. Chandrakala Darji – CPO, Sarlahi
- **Member:** Mr. Sipya Ram Yadav – JJYC
- **Member:** Mr. Ajay Yadav – Aasaman Nepal



Lumbini Province Committee Formed

January 28, 2026. CZOP formed the Lumbini Province Committee through a virtual meeting with representation from various member organizations.

- **President:** Mr. Dambar Sunar – BEE Group
- **Secretary:** Mr. Hemraj Bhatt – BAS Nepal
- **Member:** Ms. Kamala Sapkota – KSSC
- **Member:** Mr. Bikiran Gautam – HIPDEC
- **Member:** Ms. Dipsara Pun – Diyalo Nepal, Rolpa
- **Member:** Mr. Chiranjivi Gyawali – Seto Gurans Child Development Service (SGCDSR) Rupendehi.
One additional woman member will be included to further strengthen gender representation in the committee.



Bagmati Province Committee Formed

January 30, 2026. Unlike other provinces, the Bagmati Province Committee was formed through a physical meeting held in Kathmandu, enabling in-depth discussion and direct interaction among member organizations.

- **President:** Ms. Rina Bishwakarma – Shakti Samuha
- **Secretary:** Ms. Samjhana Adhikari – CWIN Nepal
- **Member:** Mr. Niraj Saud – Campaign for Change
- **Member:** Ms. Pavitra Bhattarai – Changa Foundation
- **Member:** Mr. Bishma Neupane – Opportunity Village Nepal
- **Member:** Ms. Romina Ghale, Change Action Nepal (CAN)
- **Member:** Ms. Sangeeta Karki – Seto Gurans National Child Development Services (SGNCDS)





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Sudurpaschim Province Committee Formed

February 1, 2026. The Sudurpaschim Province Committee of CZOP was formed through a virtual meeting with representation from multiple districts across the province.

- **President:** Mr. Ashok Bikram Jairu – NNSWA, Kanchanpur
- **Secretary:** Mr. Krishna Singh Thagunna – SADA, Baitadi
- **Member:** Ms. Laxmi Bam – CDC, Doti
- **Member:** Mr. Suresh Serala – DSDF, Baitadi
- **Member:** Mr. Juddha Rawal – PISWIN, Kailali
- **Member:** Ms. Mina Shahi – NEEDS, Kailali
- **Member:** Mr. Ashok Ojha – CRDS, Darchula



National Virtual Dialogue on Elections and Child Rights

January 23, 2026. CZOP, in collaboration with JCYCN and the NCFLG Forum, organized a national virtual dialogue on *Upcoming Elections and Adolescent, Children, and Youth Issues*.

The dialogue brought together 44 participants (16 female and 28 male) from all provinces, representing diverse geographic, social, and cultural backgrounds, including urban, rural, and marginalized communities. Participants shared perspectives on safeguarding children's rights during elections and ensuring meaningful youth participation in democratic processes.



Public Advocacy Against the Use of Children in Election Campaigns

January 26, 2026. CZOP issued a public press release expressing serious concern over the use of children in political party election campaigns. The statement called upon political parties to strictly adhere to the Election Commission's Code of Conduct and uphold children's rights.

The press release was widely disseminated through mainstream media, social media platforms, and direct email communication with relevant stakeholders.





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Civil Society Consultation on Child-Focused Manifesto Recommendations in Pokhara

January 26, 2026. CZOP organized a civil society consultation meeting in Pokhara, Kaski, bringing together CZOP member organizations and other civil society actors to develop child-focused recommendations for political party manifestos.

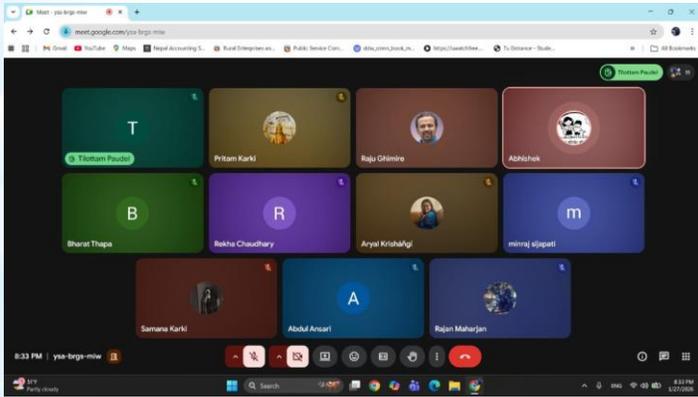
A total of 19 participants, including representatives from the National Human Rights Commission, Pokhara Office, provided valuable inputs on priority child rights issues to be raised during the election period.



Children's Consultation and Recommendations for Political Parties

January 27, 2026. CZOP conducted a virtual consultation with the CZOP Child Advisory Committee and other children to gather their perspectives on key child-related issues.

Nine children shared strong recommendations, highlighting concerns such as the situation of street children, ending child marriage, preventing the use of children by political parties, strengthening public education, and ensuring safe and inclusive environments for all children.



CZOP Disseminates Election Code of Conduct Flyers

January 2026. CZOP produced and disseminated advocacy flyers calling for an end to the use of children in elections and urging strict compliance with the Election Commission's Code of Conduct, 2082.

The flyers were shared widely through social media platforms and distributed among relevant stakeholders to raise public awareness and promote child-friendly election practices.





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CZOP and INSEC Sign Memorandum of Understanding for Strategic Collaboration

January 30, 2026. CZOP and the Informal Sector Service Centre (INSEC) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to strengthen collaboration in future programs and advocacy initiatives, particularly in the area of human rights and child rights.

The official MoU signing took place at INSEC's office with the participation of CZOP member organizations. Under this agreement, CZOP will collaborate with INSEC in election observation during the upcoming House of Representatives Election, 2082, by mobilizing trained election observers.

Both organizations agreed to jointly analyze the child rights situation during elections, document cases of child rights violations, and conduct further discussions and orientations for election observers.



Advocacy with Political Parties on Children's Issues

January 25–31, 2026 As part of its election-focused advocacy, CZOP conducted a series of meetings with major political parties to advocate for the inclusion of children's issues in their manifestos for the House of Representatives Election, 2082.

In-person meetings were held with senior leaders of Nepali Congress, CPN (UML), Nepal Communist Party, Rastriya Swatantra Party, Janamat Party, Ujjawal Party Nepal, and Pragatisheel Loktantrik Party. CZOP presented key recommendations focusing on child protection, education, ending child marriage, and preventing the use of children in political activities.

In addition, formal recommendation letters were emailed to all political parties registered with the Election Commission as of January 25, 2026. CZOP continues to engage with additional political parties based on their availability to ensure broad commitment to child rights.



Meeting and Submission of Attention letter in the office of Nepali Congress.



Meeting and Submission of Attention letter in the office of CPN(UML)



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Meeting and submission of Attention letter in Office of Nepali Communist party.



Meeting and submission of Attention letter in Office of Rastriya Swatantra Party.



Meeting and submission of Attention letter in Office of Ujwalo Party Nepal.



Meeting and submission of Attention letter in Office of Janamat Party.



Meeting and submission of Attention letter in Office of Pragatisheel Loktrantrik Party.

Workshop on Protection of Child Rights in the Election Context

January 30, 2026 Children as Zones of Peace (CZOP) National Campaign, in collaboration with the Informal Sector Service Centre (INSEC), organized a workshop on “*Protection of Child Rights in the context of Election and the Role of Stakeholders*” at the INSEC office.

The workshop brought together **35 participants** from various civil society organizations, including members of the CZOP Bagmati Province Committee. Participants discussed the roles and responsibilities of key stakeholders in safeguarding children’s rights during the election period.

The discussion emphasized preventing the use of children in election campaigns, ensuring adherence to the Election Commission’s Code of Conduct, and strengthening coordination among civil society, government bodies, and political actors to create a child-friendly election environment.

