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## CZOP Calls for Child Rights Protection During Settlement Evictions

**May 2, 2026** Children as Zones of Peace National Campaign (CZOP) issued a press statement expressing serious concern over the impact on children during the eviction of informal settlements in different parts of the country. The campaign emphasized that any relocation or eviction process must uphold the rights and protection of children and ensure their access to education, health, shelter, and psychosocial support.

CZOP urged the Government of Nepal and concerned authorities to adopt child-sensitive approaches while implementing such actions and to prioritize the best interests of children. CZOP also called for immediate measures to minimize disruptions to children's lives and ensure that affected families receive adequate support and protection throughout the process.



## Joint Recommendations Submitted on Amendment of the Children's Act

**May 4, 2026** CZOP and the Social Protection Civil Society Network (SPCSN) jointly submitted recommendations on the proposed amendment of the Children's Act, 2075 to the Ministry of Women, Children and Senior Citizens.

Following the ministry's public notice seeking feedback on the amendment bill, the two networks organized consultations with member organizations and civil society representatives and consolidated their recommendations. The suggestions were formally submitted to Honorable Minister and Ministry Spokesperson and Joint Secretary Chakra Bahadur Budha. The submission aimed to strengthen legal provisions related to child rights, protection, participation, and accountability mechanisms. CZOP emphasized the importance of ensuring that the amended legislation responds effectively to emerging child rights concerns and aligns with Nepal's national and international commitments toward children.



## CZOP Urges Political Parties Not to Use Children in Rallies and Political Activities

**May 8, 2026** Children as Zones of Peace National Campaign (CZOP) issued a press statement urging political parties and all concerned stakeholders not to involve children in rallies, demonstrations, political campaigns, or any other political activities.

The campaign stressed that children should not be used for political purposes under any circumstances and reminded stakeholders that such practices violate child rights and can negatively affect children's safety, well-being, and development.

Reaffirming the principle that children and schools are zones of peace, CZOP called on political leaders, parents, educational institutions, and local authorities to ensure that children remain protected from political influence and activities. CZOP also urged responsible agencies to monitor and prevent any misuse of children during political events.





## Child-Responsive Budgeting Included in National Policy and Programme

**May 13, 2026** CZOP welcomed the inclusion of the Child Responsive Budget Code in the Government of Nepal's Policy and Programme for Fiscal Year 2083/84 announced by President Ram Chandra Paudel before the joint session of the Federal Parliament.

Under Point No. 52 of the policy document, the government announced that the Child Responsive Budget Code will be implemented within the budget systems of all three tiers of government. CZOP has long advocated for child-focused budgeting to ensure that public resources contribute directly to the realization of children's rights and well-being.

The inclusion of this commitment in the national policy framework marks an important step toward strengthening accountability and ensuring that investments benefiting children are properly identified, monitored, and prioritized at federal, provincial, and local levels.

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## Media Discussion Held to Support 'Marriage After 20' Campaign



**May 13, 2026** CZOP organized a special discussion programme in Lalitpur on the role of media in advancing the "Marriage After 20" campaign and preventing child marriage.

Facilitator Tarak Dhital delivered a presentation highlighting the social, legal, physical, and psychological reasons for maintaining the minimum legal age of marriage at 20 years. Participants discussed the important role of journalists and media organizations in raising public awareness and promoting accurate information on child marriage and child rights.

The programme concluded with a shared commitment among participants to strengthen media engagement in advocating for child rights, ending child marriage, and contributing to the creation of a responsible and informed society.

## Monitoring Conducted on Families and Children Displaced from Informal Settlements

**May 17–18, 2026** Under the coordination of CZOP, a joint monitoring visit was conducted with the National Human Rights Commission, civil society representatives, and concerned stakeholders to assess the condition of families and children displaced from informal settlements in Kathmandu Valley.



The monitoring team visited holding centers in Nagarjun, Kirtipur, Banepa, and Bhaktapur, where affected families had been relocated. While some basic services such as food and water were available, serious concerns were identified regarding children's education, nutrition for infants and lactating mothers, healthcare access, and increasing psychological stress among families. Following the monitoring, CZOP called on the Government of Nepal and all concerned stakeholders to ensure child-sensitive and humane solutions that guarantee children's rights to education, health, nutrition, protection, and dignified rehabilitation.



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## CZOP Expresses Concern Over Reports of Dissolving National Child Rights Council

**May 21, 2026** Children as Zones of Peace National Campaign (CZOP) issued a press statement expressing serious concern over media reports suggesting the possible dissolution of the National Child Rights Council.

CZOP emphasized that the Council plays a vital role in monitoring, coordinating, and promoting child rights in Nepal and has been instrumental in supporting the implementation of the Children's Act and other child protection mechanisms.

CZOP urged the Government of Nepal to carefully consider the potential consequences of any institutional restructuring and to ensure that existing mechanisms dedicated to child rights protection are strengthened rather than weakened. CZOP reaffirmed the importance of maintaining strong institutional frameworks to safeguard the rights and well-being of children nationwide.



## Validation Workshop Reviews Study on Impact of Settlement Evictions on Children

**May 23, 2026** A validation workshop was held in Kathmandu to review findings from a study examining the impact of informal settlement evictions on children.



The study assessed the situation of children affected by the government's settlement clearance initiatives in Kathmandu and other areas and identified challenges related to education, health, protection, and living conditions. The findings suggested that while younger children often demonstrated resilience through play and social interaction, many adolescents showed signs of emotional distress, withdrawal, and concern about their future following displacement. The report also presented recommendations aimed at ensuring that future interventions are carried out in a child-sensitive and rights-based manner.

The workshop provided an opportunity for stakeholders to review the findings, validate recommendations, and discuss ways to ensure that the rights and best interests of children remain a priority during relocation and rehabilitation processes.

## CZOP Child Advisory Committee Holds Virtual Meeting

**May 23, 2026** The CZOP Child Advisory Committee held a virtual meeting to discuss emerging child rights issues and ongoing concerns affecting children across the country.

The meeting provided a platform for child representatives to share their perspectives on current child rights violations and discuss priority issues requiring attention from policymakers and stakeholders. Participants also reviewed preparations for the upcoming National Child Consultation scheduled for May 24, 2026.





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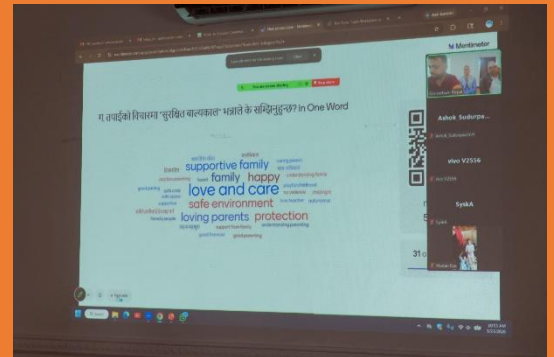
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## CZOP Participated in Child Consultation for South Asian Ministerial Conference

May 24, 2026 CZOP participated in and supported a child consultation programme organized as part of preparations for the South Asian Ministerial Conference on Ending Violence Against Children.

The programme provided children with an opportunity to share their experiences, concerns, and recommendations related to violence prevention and child protection. CZOP facilitated the participation of members of its Child Advisory Committee as well as children from Koshi and Gandaki Provinces.



The consultation highlighted the importance of integrating children's voices into policy development and programme planning. CZOP emphasized that meaningful child participation is essential for building safe, respectful, and violence-free environments for all children.

## Interaction Programme Highlights Media's Role in Preventing Online Child Sexual Abuse

May 31, 2026 An interaction programme on the role of media in promoting child rights and preventing online child sexual abuse and exploitation was held in Pokhara. The programme was organized by Voice of Children in collaboration with CZOP and supported by KNH Germany and German Cooperation.

The event brought together 29 journalists from Gandaki Province to discuss emerging online risks facing children. Presentations highlighted growing internet access among children, increasing exposure to harmful content, and rising cases of cybercrime affecting children. Participants discussed the need for responsible reporting, digital literacy, stronger regulation of online platforms, and increased public awareness.



Speakers from CZOP, Voice of Children, Nepal Police Cyber Bureau, media organizations, and child rights advocates emphasized the critical role of journalists in safeguarding children's rights and promoting online safety.