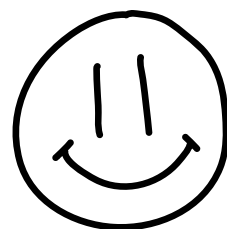
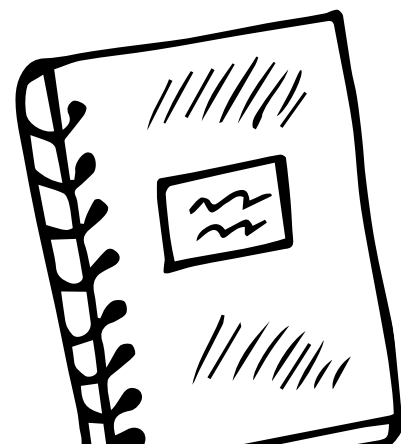
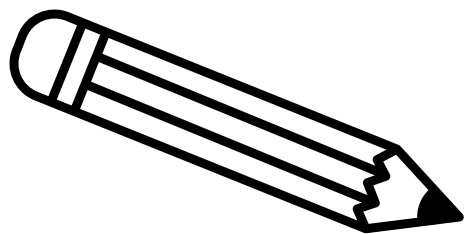
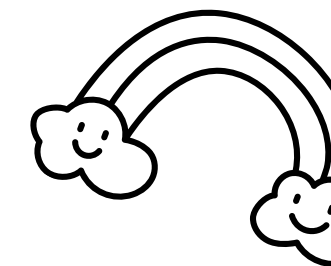
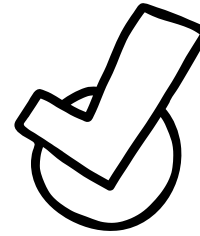


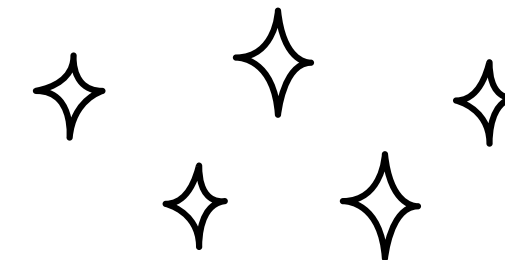
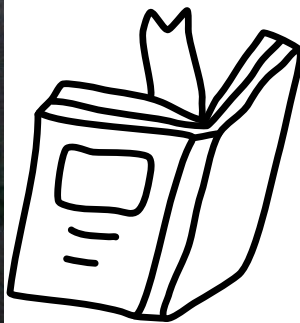
# Child Participation in NEPAL



## Organisations visited



- 1 Child Nepal
- 2 Children & Women in Social Services and Human Rights
- 3 Consortium Nepal
- 4 Terre des Hommes, Nepal
- 5 Child Workers in Nepal
- 6 Right4Children
- 7 National Child Rights Council, Nepal



# Child Participation Model of Nepal

**Child participation in  
Decision making**

**Direct engagement of children  
with government stakeholders**

**Evidence based  
advocacy**

**Network of CSOs in  
collaboration with  
government initiatives**



## The Background

After the civil war in Nepal from 1996 – to 2006 rights-based work shrank and many rightsbased organisations closed down during this period. The focus was more on humanitarian work rather than rights-based activism. Post-2000s after the peace process, trafficking became a major problem. Many civil society organisations did a lot of groundwork to **include Child rights agenda in the constitution**. Finally, child rights became **a fundamental right in the Nepali constitution** and became an important part of state policies and guiding principles. The new constitution in 2015 came up with a new form of government system and **Child Rights became a concurrent right**. The **three tiers of government at the national, provincial and local level** had to work in coordination to ensure child rights.



## Strategies & Milestones

- The country prides itself on having some **22,000 Child Clubs** primarily functioning through schools and some through communities.
- These child clubs are the basis of **Child-Friendly Local Governance** and ensure **child participation in decision-making processes** at different levels.
- Former **child club members currently leading the organisations** working on child rights, and the consortium Nepal is a very inspiring success story of the child club model in Nepal.
- There are around **17 networks** working in the country across different themes of Child Rights. Consortium Nepal on Child Participation is one such network that is active and does a lot of training, and campaigns around **Child Rights & Child Participation** across the 7 provinces of the country.



## Strategies & Milestones

- The institutions and individuals engaged in the work of child rights were **very articulate on the issues of child rights their approach and on the UNCRC framework** in general. It is also a learning as to how they communicate with external stakeholders- **particularly at the international forums** to showcase their work and issues of the country.
- They have effectively used **Evidence based advocacy**.
- The NGO's mostly had **Child Advisory Committees**, who are consulted for planning and decision-making processes. It is mandatory in the country for government and non government institutions working with children to ensure child participation in decision making processes.

