

## Major Activities undertaken in the year 2020

### **1. Development of Five Years Work Plan on Justice For Children 2020-2025:**

Chairperson of the Central Child Justice Committee Honorable Justice Prakash Man Singh Raut has nominated three members' expert team to draft the Five Years' Work Plan on Child Justice System. The expert team comprises of Joint Registrars of Supreme Court Mr. Bimal Paudel and Mr. Bhadrakali Pokharel and Advocate Mr. Rabindra Bhattarai. The first Consultation meeting was conducted on 8th October, 2020 with the participation of representatives from NGO's, INGO's and child correction homes and the second and the final Consultation meeting was conducted on 9th October, 2020 with the participation of representatives from government agencies, Correction Homes and Civil Societies. Feedback and suggestions from those consultations were incorporated that was presented within the Central Child Justice Committee Members on 12 Mangsir, 2077 for further review , that would be put forward in the Full Court of Supreme Court.



## **2. Development of Guidelines on Diversion:**

Three member's expert team including Mr. Mohan Banjade, Former Secretary of Nepal Government, Mr. Hum Bahadur K.C., Joint Secretariat, Ministry of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs and Mr. Dhurba Kumar Chauhan, Joint Attorney, Office of Attorney General were nominated by Chairperson of the Central Child Justice Committee to prepare the Draft of Development of Guidelines on Diversion.

The initial Draft of the Guideline prepared by the expert team was submitted to the Secretariat on September 17, 2020. The Draft Guideline was provided to the commentators (Mr. Kashi Raj Dahal, Chairperson, High Level Administrative Reform Implementation and Monitoring Committee, Mr. Binod Sharma, Honorable Judge, High Court Surkhet, Mr. Ramesh Kumar Khatri, Chairperson, Foreign Employment Tribunal) for feedback and suggestions.

The feedback and suggestion received from the commentators were forwarded to the expert team on October 8, 2020. The Expert team submitted the final draft to the Secretariat after incorporating the feedback and suggestions of Commentator on October 15, 2020. After incorporating feedbacks from all those consultations was presented within the Central Child Justice Committee Members on 12 Mangsir, 2077 for further review, so it is deemed appropriate to be put forward in the Full Court of Supreme Court.



## **3. Development of Procedures for the Administration of Child bench**

Three members expert team including Mr. Tek Prasad Dhungana, Honorable Judge, High Court Patan, Mr. Mohan Banjade, Former Secretary of Nepal Government, Mr. Raju Kumar Khatiwoda, Honorable Judge, Kathmandu District Court were nominated by Chairperson of the Central Child Justice Committee to prepare the Draft of Procedure for the Administration of Child Bench.

The initial draft of Procedures for the Administration of Child bench was submitted to Secretariat on September 27, 2020 by the expert team. Commentators on the Draft Procedures for the Administration of Child Bench Mr. Til Prasad Shrestha, Honorable Judge, High Court Biratnagar, Dr. Ram Krishna Timalisina,

Constitutional Expert and Mr. Drona Raj Regmi, Senior Advocate provided their comments and suggestions by October 6, 2020 to the Secretariat. The Expert team submitted the final draft to the Secretariat after incorporating the feedback and suggestions of Commentator on 15 October, 2020

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#### **4. Provincial Level Interaction Program: Province 2, Siraha, Parsa, Dhanusha, Mahottari**

Honorable Justice and Chairperson of the Central Child Justice Committee, Hon. Prakash Man Singh Raut was the chief guest in the program. Participating members were Honorable District Judges of 04 districts, District Registrars, Social Workers and Child Psychologists, Representation of Correction home of Parsa, Chief District officer of Mahottari districts.

Roles of Investigating officials and public Prosecutors, Roles of Child Psychologists and social worker: The Challenges and the way forward were the subjects widely discussed with linkage of diversion, the interaction program.



5. **Two Days TOT to Child Psychologist and Social Worker on “Psychosocial Counselling to the children released from Child Correction Homes, their parents and Care Givers during COVID-19 Pandemic”**

Number of Participants: 17 Participants (09 Social Worker and 08 Child Psychologist) from 13 districts were given TOT on the subject above. After the TOT, 118 Children and their family were counselled. The Children were reintegrated in family after the Decision of Supreme Court on 2076-12-07 (March 25, 2020)

Province1- Sunsari, Jhapa

Province 2- Parsa, Siraha,

Province3- Chitawan, Kathmandu, Lalitpur, Kaski, Makawanpur

Provicne 5- Banke, Bardia, Rupandehi,

Provicne 6- Jumla

6. **Study on Mental health Status of Children residing in Correction Home**

Dr. Arun Raj Kunwar (MD Child & Adolescent Psychiatrist) and the team studied on the status and causes of mental health of the children residing in all eight child correction home. Hence, Dr. Kunwar with his team and came up with the findings in the report “Prevalence of Mental Health Problems and Associated Psychological Factors among Juveniles in Child Correction Homes in Nepal”.