

ANNEX TO THE EMN LUXEMBOURG STUDY 'THE INTERNATIONAL DIMENSION OF LUXEMBOURG'S POLICY TO PREVENT AND COMBAT TRAFFICKING IN HUMAN BEINGS AND PROTECT THE VICTIMS OF THIS CRIME'

As mentioned in the answers to Q2 and Q4 of the EMN Luxembourg study 'The international dimension of the EU policy to prevent and combat trafficking in human beings and protect the victims of this crime', Luxembourg financially supports the work of the non-governmental organisation ECPAT Luxembourg, which develops and implements projects to combat sexual exploitation of children (including trafficking) in West Africa and South Asia.¹ While some of these projects specifically refer to trafficking in human beings of children, they are solely focused on raising awareness on trafficking and prevent sexual exploitation and cases of trafficking from happening in these countries or regions. In other words, there is no international dimension to these projects within the meaning of the scope of this study, as these projects do not explicitly aim to prevent trafficking of human beings of third-country nationals towards Luxembourg or the EU.²

To provide additional information, the following tables present the respective projects that have all been implemented by ECPAT Luxembourg during the reporting period of this study (2021-2023). Links to the respective project descriptions are included in each table.

PROJECT 1:

Together for Protection – A child-focused anti-trafficking in persons project: Reinforcement of government mechanisms and structures at provincial and local levels in Nepal that ensure comprehensive services for victims of trafficking, particularly for children

Third country/ies of implementation: Nepal

Implementation period: October 2020 to September 2023

Total funding and source(s) of funding: 1,5 million USD

Implementing partners: Shakti Samuha and CeLRRd (Centre for Legal Research and Resource Development)

Local partners:

National Committee for Controlling Human Trafficking (NCCHT) under the Ministry of Women, Children and Senior Citizen and the National Childs Rights Council (NCRC) at the federal level; the Ministry of Federal Affairs and Social Development at the provincial level; judicial and law enforcement authorities, including Trafficking in Persons (TIP) Bureau

¹ ECPAT Luxembourg is officially recognised as a non-governmental organisation by Luxembourg's Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs and is placed under the High Patronage of Her Royal Highness the Grand-Duchesse.

For more information, see: Website of ECPAT Luxembourg, URL: <https://ecpat.lu/a-propos/?lang=en>

² Information provided by ECPAT Luxembourg on 1 October 2024.

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officials, Nepal Police Women's Cell, Criminal Investigation Bureau, frontline workers, tourism agencies, children and families at the local level.

Beneficiaries:

- Children, identified and potential TIP victims, in children's homes
- Government structures (public services and personnel that are responsible for child protection and preventing TIP) ensuring services to children victims or vulnerable to TIP
- Tourism agencies, children's homes, including orphanages

Objective(s):

- Policy frameworks and protection mechanisms to improve TIP responses, particularly for children in institutional care, updated, developed and strengthened
- Capacity of targeted federal, provincial and local authorities and service providers to provide survivor-informed services to TIP victims, particularly children, enhanced through trainings and awareness raising on child institutionalization, TIP and voluntourism
- TIP victims in children's homes, receive adequate protection and appropriate assistance

Main activities:

- Update, develop and strengthen policy frameworks and protection mechanisms to improve TIP responses
- Enhance capacity of targeted federal, provincial and local authorities and service providers to provide survivor-informed services to TIP victims, particularly children trainings and awareness raising on child institutionalization, TIP and voluntourism
- Ensure adequate protection and appropriate assistance to TIP victims in children's homes

State of implementation: Terminated

Thematic area (please select all that apply):

Prevention, awareness raising and reduction of the demand that fosters trafficking in human beings

Law enforcement and judicial cooperation to break the criminal model of traffickers

Identifying, protecting, assisting, supporting and empowering victims

Comments: *please add any additional information you would like to report on this measure*

Links to the project description:

- https://ecpat.lu/projet/jtip_nepal/
- <https://ecpat.lu/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/Fiche-projet-JTIP-20-23-2.pdf>

PROJECT 2:

Project APSARA: Countering sexual exploitation of children in the adult entertainment sector - Nepal

Third country/ies of implementation: Nepal (Province 3 - Kathmandu valley)

Implementation period: January 2020 to December 2022

Total funding and source(s) of funding: 125.000€

Implementing partners: Biswas Nepal

Institutional partners/Private donors:

Luxembourg Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs, and The Fondation Junclair.

Local partners:

- Chief District Office, Kathmandu
- Nepal Police and Child Helpline Agency
- Province-level government
- Local level government authorities
- Monitoring and Action Committee (MAC)
- District Coordination Committees
- Village or Ward Child Protection Committees (source district)
- District and Sub District Health Posts
- Hotel Association Nepal
- Restaurant and Bar association Nepal
- Nepal Trade Union
- Survivor group
- Women and Child Networks
- Women and Child Office
- Municipality/Rural Municipality, Ward Offices
- Savings and Credit Organizations
- Vocational Training centers
- Civil society organizations

Beneficiaries:

Children and girls working in adult entertainment sector are mostly from the peripheral districts of Kathmandu valley to where they migrate for better economic opportunities. This internal and uninformed migration is thus largely a result of poverty and employment needs.

Direct

- Children withdrawn from the adult entertainment sector
- Children and girls involved in the adult entertainment sector
- Survivor groups

Indirect

- Vulnerable children, families and communities
- Children and parents of survivors
- Child protection actors, particularly organizations working in similar programmes
- Business owners in the adult entertainment sector

Project APSARA: Countering sexual exploitation of children in the adult entertainment sector - Nepal

Objective(s):

Significantly reduce involvement and sexual exploitation of children and girls in the adult entertainment sector in Kathmandu Valley

Main activities:

Provide comprehensive services including prevention, rescue, reintegration and recovery which address the specific needs of survivors and vulnerable children and girls

- Improve access to alternative livelihood

Mobilize key stakeholders

- Mobilize and strengthen children, family, teachers, community resources and capabilities to prevent children entering into the adult entertainment sector
- Collaborate with local government authorities and communities restaurant owners, hotel associations, trade unions and the media to strengthen their engagement to prevent sexual exploitation in the adult entertainment sector
- Mobilize civil society organizations and rights holders to strengthen existing structure, systems and activities for protection against sexual exploitation in the adult entertainment sector

Empower survivors/Build capacity

- Develop programmes to raise awareness on available services, rights, decision making
- Develop life skills and enhance resilience of survivors
- Develop and/or strengthen mechanisms to collect data, information and evidence on the practice

Lobby for stronger laws and policies and their implementation

- Advocate for implementation of mechanisms at local government level for reporting and ensuring rights of children and workers
- Strengthen federal, provincial, local government mechanisms to address problems linked to the adult entertainment sector
- Enforce regular monitoring, code of conduct and enforcement of new laws and policies in line with regulation of hospitality sector

State of implementation: Terminated

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Project APSARA: Countering sexual exploitation of children in the adult entertainment sector - Nepal

- <https://ecpat.lu/projet/nepal-i-lutte-contre-l'exploitation-sexuelle-des-enfants-dans-le-secteur-du-divertissement-pour-adultes/> (includes a 6-minute documentary about the project)
- <https://ecpat.lu/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/Fiche-Nepal-AES-BiswasNepal-Final.pdf>

PROJECT 3:

Project MUKTI II: Regional project to counter trafficking of children and girls for sexual exploitation in source-destination countries in South Asia

Third country/ies of implementation: India (Goa, West Bengal, Manipur, Maharashtra and Delhi), Nepal and Bangladesh

Implementation period: January 2020 to December 2022

Total funding and source(s) of funding: 980.000€

Implementing partners: ARZ (Anyay Rahit Zindagi), India; FXBIS (FXB India Suraksha), India; and Shakti Samuha, Nepal

Institutional Partners/Private donors:

Luxembourg Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs, and The Fondation Junclair

Local partners:

The project develops and prioritizes partnerships with local authorities and communities to address this issue. Some of our local partners include:

- Law enforcement agencies from source, transit and destination areas police, judiciary, prosecution
- Police officials and border security forces in the Anti Human Trafficking Units (AHTUs) officially mandated to rescue victims of human trafficking
- Village level vigilance committees
- Religious Leaders
- Panchayat Group
- Tourism Industries
- Vulnerable communities and community-based organizations working to counter trafficking (taxi drivers, youth groups, students groups, etc.)
- Women and children
- General Public, particularly residents of vulnerable communities

Beneficiaries:

Direct

- Children, youth and victims, rescued or vulnerable to internal and cross-border trafficking
- State actors: police, border security force, lawyers and magistrates, state protection home personnel

Indirect

- Children's families and communities

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- Non-state actors: media, tourism sector, teachers, religious leaders, tribal leaders
- The governments of the source-destination countries

Objective(s):

Counter trafficking of children and girls for sexual exploitation in core source and destination countries of trafficking in South Asia - India, Nepal and Bangladesh - through direct victim assistance, building capacities of service providers, awareness-raising and strengthening community systems of child protection.

Main activities:

Provide direct assistance to victims

- Rescue victims of trafficking for sexual exploitation and sexual abuse and provide direct assistance options: shelter and rehabilitation, legal, medical and psychological counselling
- Ensure survivors are reunified with families or repatriated to their home countries
- Provide reintegration assistance options: life skills and vocational trainings or income-generation assistance

Raise awareness on trafficking of children and girls for sexual exploitation and sexual abuse of children

- Raise awareness among vulnerable communities in source states and countries
- Inform all key stakeholders in source and destination communities on trafficking of children and girls for sexual exploitation and child sexual abuse

Strengthen capacity of service providers

- Train government officials including the District Child Protection Unit, Child Welfare Committee, Integrated Child Development Scheme frontline workers to understand human trafficking and its prevention
- Train law enforcement agencies in source and destination areas on human trafficking and its prevention using standard operating procedures developed in MUKTI I.
- Train protection home staff to ensure quality services for victims of trafficking and child sexual abuse
- Train government hospital medical personnel on victim friendly procedures for examining cases of sexual abuse or assault
- Train community members, school teachers, taxi unions to identify victims of human trafficking and sexual abuse
- Train adolescent girls and boys to build community level resistance against human trafficking
- Train school teachers to identify and report incidents of human trafficking and child sexual abuse
- Train village level child protection committee members to identify and report incidents of human trafficking and child sexual abuse

Strengthen community services and systems of child protection

- Form and train adolescent clubs to identify and prevent human trafficking in source districts
- Provide technical support to District Child Protection Unit for the formation of Village level child protection committees
- Form or train village level child protection committees

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- Develop and disseminate resource directory containing information on all service providers working against human trafficking

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Links to the project description:

- <https://ecpat.lu/projet/mukti-ii/>
- https://ecpat.lu/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/Fiche-South-Asia-Regional_Mukti-II_Multiple-partners_Final.pdf

PROJECT 4:

'Don't pay with your life' – Protecting young girls in Edo State (Nigeria) from trafficking for sexual exploitation (together with ECPAT France)

Third country/ies of implementation: Nigeria (Edo State)

Implementation period: January 2020 to June 2022

Total funding and source(s) of funding: 519.118€

Implementing partners: Girl's Power Initiative (GPI), Uromi Justice Development, Peace and Caritas Initiatives (JDPCI-Caritas), Institut français de recherche en Afrique (IFRA) in Ibadan, Nigeria

Institutional partners:

Luxembourg Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs and the French Development Agency

Local partners:

- Traditional leaders
- Community leaders/influencers
- Edo Central district public secondary schools and headmasters
- Local public authorities
- Market Women Association
- Victim support groups
- Clubs (civic and human rights)
- Parents and carers' group
- Local Nigerian police
- Nigerian Security and Civil Defense Corp (NSCDC)
- Media

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- Transport operators
- Community vigilance groups

Beneficiaries:

Direct

- Young girls at risk of being trafficked
- Repatriated girls and their families
- Engaged peer children
- Vulnerable children and young people
- Community leaders, teachers, media, police forces, religious leaders
- Workers in education and child protection

Indirect

- Communities in the target area of intervention

Objective(s):

- Promote the participation of children in defending their right to be protected from human trafficking
- Strengthen measures to prevent trafficking at the level of families, communities, child protection systems and local authorities in Edo State
- Improve the socio-economic reintegration of repatriated girls in order to reduce the risk of re-victimization

Main activities:

Mobilize and strengthen the capacities of these communities, particularly of young people, to become involved in the fight against human trafficking through information campaigns, prevention of departures and reintegration of repatriated girls.

State of implementation: Terminated

Thematic area (please select all that apply):

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Links to the project description:

- <https://ecpat.lu/projet/nigeria/> (includes a video of a young Nigerian woman sharing her experience of human trafficking in Europe)
- https://ecpat.lu/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/Fiche-Nigeria_Traite_GPI-et-JDPCI_VF.pdf

PROJECT 5:

Combating child sex trafficking at the Kokoyo and Koflatié gold mining sites in the Kangaba cercle

Third country/ies of implementation: Mali

Implementation period: 1 April 2020 to 31 December 2022

Total funding and source(s) of funding: 399.642€

Implementing partners: CASE SAHEL (Communauté Agriculture santé éducation au Sahel); ACESEM (Association Contre l'Exploitation Sexuelle des Enfants au Mali); and ENDA MALI/RAO (Environnement et Développement du Mali/Réseau Afrique de l'Ouest pour la Protection des Enfants)

Institutional partner:

Luxembourg Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs

Local partners:

- Municipal Child Protection Committee (CCPE)
- Gold mining site management body (tomboloma)
- Communities of the four surrounding villages
- State authorities of the Kangaba Cercle
- Child protection takeholders
- People living on gold mining sites
- Law Enforcement Brigade against migrant smuggling and trafficking in human beings

Beneficiaries:

Direct

- Children at the Kokoyo and Koflatié gold mining sites
- Children from four villages (Danga, Tombola, Tégué and Sombo) around the two gold mining sites of Kokoyo and Koflatié

Indirect

- Populations of the gold mining sites
- Communities of the four surrounding villages
- Traditional authorities of the gold mining sites
- State authorities of the Kangaba Cercle
- Management bodies of the gold mining sites (tomboloma)
- Municipal authorities
- Child protection stakeholders
- Social workers
- Families of the children cared for by the project

Objective(s):

Contribute to the reduction of child victims of sex trafficking at the Kokoyo and Koflatié gold mining sites in the communes of Nougá and Kaniogo in the Kangaba cercle in Mali.

Combating child sex trafficking at the Kokoyo and Koflatié gold mining sites in the Kangaba cercle

Specific objective 1

The protection of children at the Kokoyo and Koflatié gold mining sites and the four surrounding villages against sex trafficking is being strengthened through prevention, protection and rehabilitation initiatives.

Specific objective 2

The child protection environment at the two gold mining sites and in the 4 surrounding villages is being strengthened through capacity-building, awareness-raising and advocacy initiatives.

Main activities:

The main activities of the project are:

1) Peer education

For prevention among children involves training children in peer education and self-protection against sexual exploitation. These children will in turn raise awareness among their peers through "child for child" discussion groups. Child peer educators from the municipalities of Nougua and Kaniogo carried out 16 focus groups to raise awareness among 90 children, including 55 girls and 35 boys in the 12-17 age bracket. The focus groups were animated by using a box of image illustrating children's self-protection against sexual violence.

2) Community participation:

Establishment of the Municipal Child Protection Committee (Comités Communaux de Protection de l'Enfant – CCPE), made up of volunteers from the communities, state technical services, elected local officials, tomboloma, etc.). CCPE members trained in child protection and child sex trafficking will in turn run awareness-raising sessions in the communities.

3) Case management:

Children identified at gold mining sites through psychosocial interviews are referred to reception centres for medical, psychosocial and health care, accommodation, clothing and food, as well as social reintegration measures and economic, educational and professional reintegration.

4) Advocacy:

The CCPEs are strengthened to carry out advocacy actions. They will lobby local authorities to take into account measures to protect children from sex trafficking in the communes of Nougua and Kaniogo.

State of implementation: Terminated

Thematic area (please select all that apply):

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Links to the project description:

- <https://ecpat.lu/projet/mali-lutte-contre-la-traite-des-enfants-a-des-fins-sexuelles/>
- https://ecpat.lu/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/Fiche-Mali_Traite-et-Migration-Site-Auriferes_Multi-Partenaire_VF.pdf