

South Asia

Operations



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GREETINGS

from Ecpat Luxembourg

2015-2016 was a year of wonderful achievements and growth for our South Asia program. We started two new projects in Nepal during this period and expanded our programs to India. We are glad that we have a regional foot print in South Asia! We were also fortunate to support Nepal government's initiatives to protect children from the risks of trafficking following the devastating 7.8 earthquake that took so many lives. This was a meaningful project for us, to be there at the time of need, assisting the government of Nepal and the children in the affected districts. Our intervention against child trafficking for sexual purposes in India called 'MUKTI' (or freedom in English) started in October 2015. MUKTI has had extremely valuable results within a year of its implementation. Also, our project response against sexual exploitation of children online which started from August 2016 in Nepal has brought many key stakeholders, including the government, under a united platform, which all parties felt was essential to effectively address the emerging threat and incidences of online sexual exploitation in Nepal.

Our interventions in 2015-2016 wouldn't have been possible without our valued partnership with our implementing NGO partners, the community leaders and stakeholders who were extremely positive and supportive of our efforts. We thank you all for your support! ECPAT Luxembourg is also grateful to the government of Nepal and India for letting us contribute to your commitment on protecting children at risk of sexual abuse and exploitation. Our programs in South Asia are growing and we hope that through collaboration and strategic partnership with the government and key stakeholders, we will continue to contribute meaningfully in addressing the common resolve of keeping vulnerable children safe from sexual abuse and exploitation.

We stand firm in our commitment to combat all forms of sexual abuse and exploitation of children in South Asia, and will continue to work closely with all key stakeholders in the region. We are happy and thankful that you were able to journey with us as we made our best efforts to reach out to vulnerable children in 2015-2016. We are also confident on receiving your continued support and encouragement, as we journey on with more impact driven programs in South Asia. I once again wish to thank all our supporters, in Luxembourg and Asia, who have contributed and have been there side by side in our efforts towards making a meaningful difference on the lives of children at risk. I invite you all to take a moment to read this report and to work with us towards a world free of sexual exploitation of children.

Thank you.

With best wishes,

Thomas Kauffmann
Executive Director - Luxembourg

WELCOME

to the South Asia Program

This was a year of great significance for us here in South Asia. A 7.8 magnitude mega earthquake struck Nepal and brought with it immense losses – nearly 9000 people were killed and 700,000 homes destroyed.

During the aftermath, earthquake affected areas were vulnerable to child trafficking. ECPAT Luxembourg got into action and implemented an earthquake response project in affected communities in partnership with national child protection NGOs and the government of Nepal.

A one-year pilot project addressed Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC) in adult entertainment and restaurant sectors in Kathmandu. The project ended in August 2015 with promising results and learning for future involvement. We were able to bring 137 children working in exploitative work situations out of harm's way.

In August 2016, ECPAT Luxembourg started a project against Sexual Exploitation of Children Online (SECO) in the Kathmandu valley. Online exploitation is an emerging form of CSEC in Nepal, as access to mobile communications and internet technology in Nepal increases significantly. ECPAT Luxembourg is pleased to coordinate with the Nepal Telecommunications Authority, major internet service providers (ISPs) in Nepal, the cybercrime police department and other key stakeholders.

In October 2016, ECPAT Luxembourg project in India, Mukti, began addressing child trafficking for sexual purposes and sexual abuse. The project intervenes in 'source' as well as 'destination' areas of India where vulnerability and incidences of trafficking for sexual purposes are high. The project strengthens community systems and state Anti-Human Trafficking Units (AHTUs) to address child trafficking and sexual abuse in the region.

ECPAT Luxembourg's strategic direction for South Asia is to work with a regional mind set, where cross learning between countries create impact at a regional level. On behalf of ECPAT Luxembourg and the South Asia Office, I would like to thank you for your support and especially the children and the front line workers whose dreams, aspirations and resolve give us the impetus to take our work forward.

Ashish Sinha
South Asia Representative

Vision

A world in which no child shall be threatened by or be a victim of child prostitution, child pornography and trafficking of children for sexual purposes or any other form of sexual exploitation of children for commercial purposes.

Mission

To combat by all legal means the commercial sexual exploitation of children as well as to sensitize and inform public opinion on the Rights of the Child to protection against CSEC. To identify and facilitate prevention, recovery and reintegration programs for children (and the children's families) who are vulnerable to and/or victims of CSEC.

Values

Partnership: We defend the spirit of partnership in all our actions whether with other ECPAT members or with local associations. Each actor preserves its autonomy but accepts to join hands in a common effort to end CSEC.

Non Discrimination: Rather than just a methodology, we regard the active participation of children in our projects as their fundamental right, as laid down in Article 12 of the UN CRC.

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Sovereignty: We do not compromise on our sovereignty. Our decisions to intervene are not subject to any political, religious or economic agenda but are guided by our vision and our mission.

ABOUT

ECPAT Luxembourg

ECPAT Luxembourg is a non-profit association founded in 1995 and recognized by the Luxembourg Ministry of Foreign Affairs as a non-governmental organization for development. It is a member of the global ECPAT network (End Child Prostitution, Child Pornography and Trafficking of Children for Sexual Purposes) working to end the commercial sexual exploitation of children (CSEC).

ECPAT Luxembourg is officially recognised as a non-governmental organisation by the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs and is placed under the High Patronage of Her Royal Highness the Grand-Duchesse. Its headquarters are located in Luxembourg City, where a team of 4 persons works: 2 for cooperation projects, 1 for awareness rising activities, 1 for fundraising and communication. A regional office with 3 staff is located in Bamako, Mali with another regional office in Nepal. In total the EL team is composed of 10 persons.

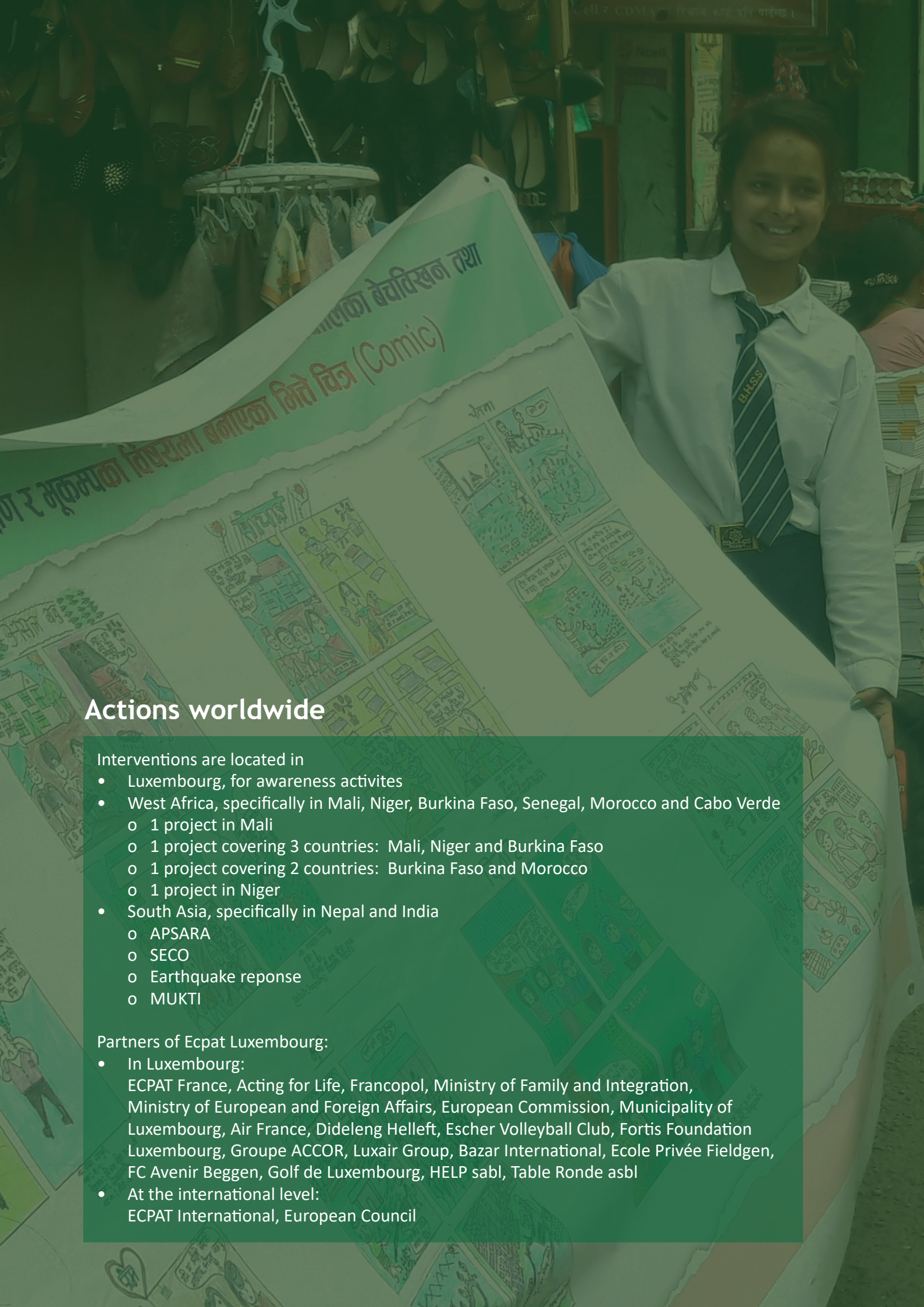
Ecpat Luxembourg works in the following geographical locations:

1. In Luxembourg and Europe through awareness campaigns (together with other European ECPATs), advocacy and lobbying activities of Luxembourgish and global authorities. Our organization is also guiding a youth group that conduct different sensitization activities from peer to peer. ECPAT Luxembourg is the LCR for the Grand-Duchy and as such guides and proposes training to businesses from the tourism and private sector. We were also coordinating the writing of the "Luxembourg Guidelines."
2. In Western Africa and in South Asia where ECPAT Luxembourg has its two own offices, registered with national authorities. The activities developed there are implemented by local partners. ECPAT Luxembourg is building the capacities of its partners to allow them to fight CSEC with more efficacy.

ECPAT Luxembourg supports countries in the South with prevention, rehabilitation and reintegration projects for children who are vulnerable to and/or victims of sexual exploitation. These projects are carried out by partner NGOs and include informational and prevention efforts among at-risk children and communities as well as managing the cases of child victims.

In the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, ECPAT Luxembourg carries out awareness-raising and informational efforts among the general public and actors concerned with the problem of commercial sexual exploitation of children.

ECPAT Luxembourg also supports research-action projects intended to improve our understanding of the latest evolutions in the sexual and commercial exploitation of children and the new geographic areas affected. Furthermore, the organisation is a member of ECPAT (End Child Prostitution, Child Pornography and the Trafficking of children), a global network comprising more than 95 members in over 86 countries worldwide and the internationally recognised authority on combating the sexual exploitation and trafficking of children.



Actions worldwide

Interventions are located in

- Luxembourg, for awareness activities
- West Africa, specifically in Mali, Niger, Burkina Faso, Senegal, Morocco and Cabo Verde
 - o 1 project in Mali
 - o 1 project covering 3 countries: Mali, Niger and Burkina Faso
 - o 1 project covering 2 countries: Burkina Faso and Morocco
 - o 1 project in Niger
- South Asia, specifically in Nepal and India
 - o APSARA
 - o SECO
 - o Earthquake response
 - o MUKTI

Partners of Ecpat Luxembourg:

- In Luxembourg:
ECPAT France, Acting for Life, Francopol, Ministry of Family and Integration, Ministry of European and Foreign Affairs, European Commission, Municipality of Luxembourg, Air France, Dideleng Helleft, Escher Volleyball Club, Fortis Foundation Luxembourg, Groupe ACCOR, Luxair Group, Bazar International, Ecole Privée Fieldgen, FC Avenir Beggen, Golf de Luxembourg, HELP sabl, Table Ronde asbl
- At the international level:
ECPAT International, European Council

ECPAT Luxembourg IN SOUTH ASIA

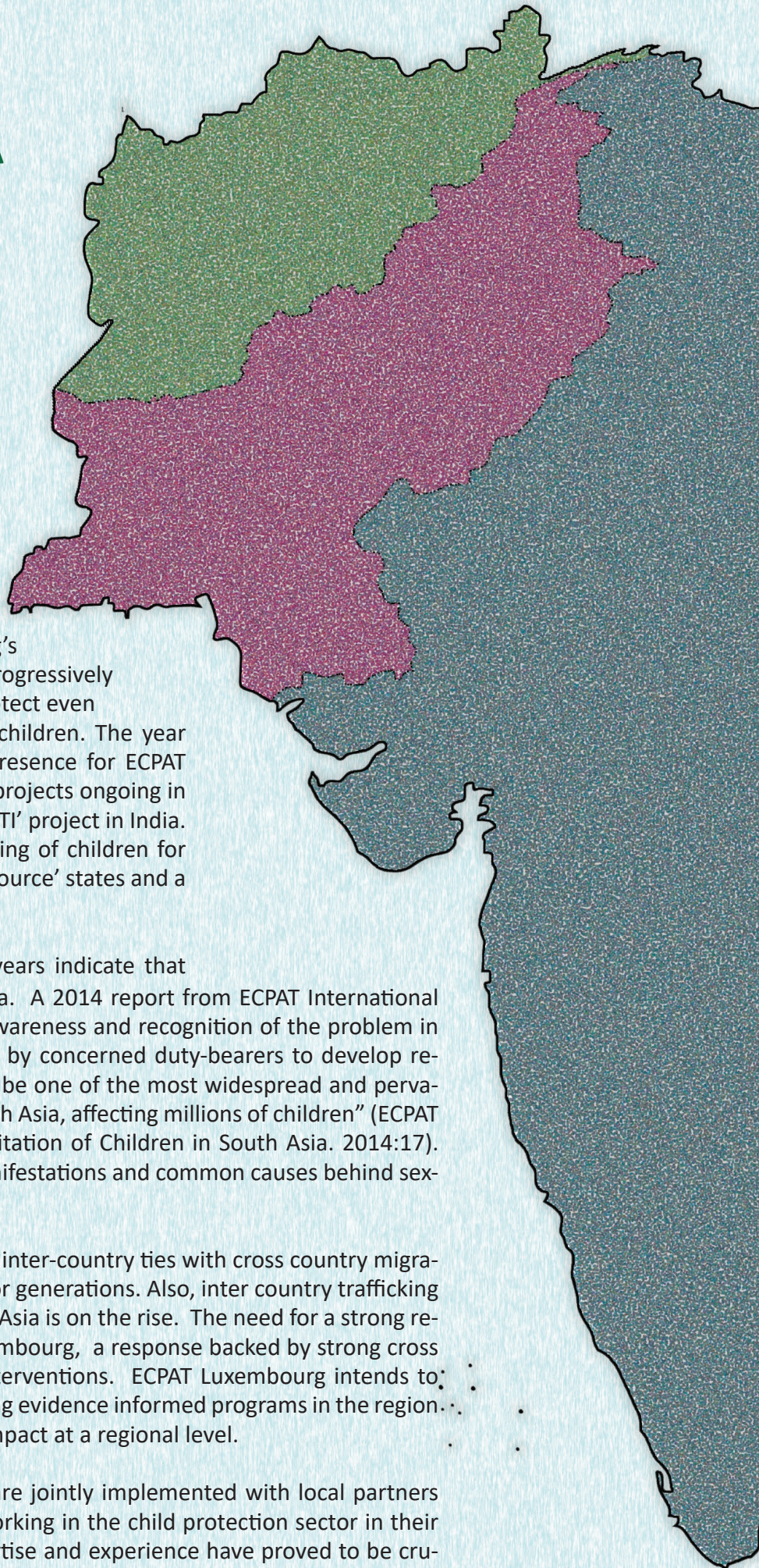
ECPAT Luxembourg's development partnership in South Asia started from Nepal in 2008. The first three-year project focused on two areas of intervention: protection, rehabilitation and reintegration of children living in street situations and assistance to victims of child sexual abuse.

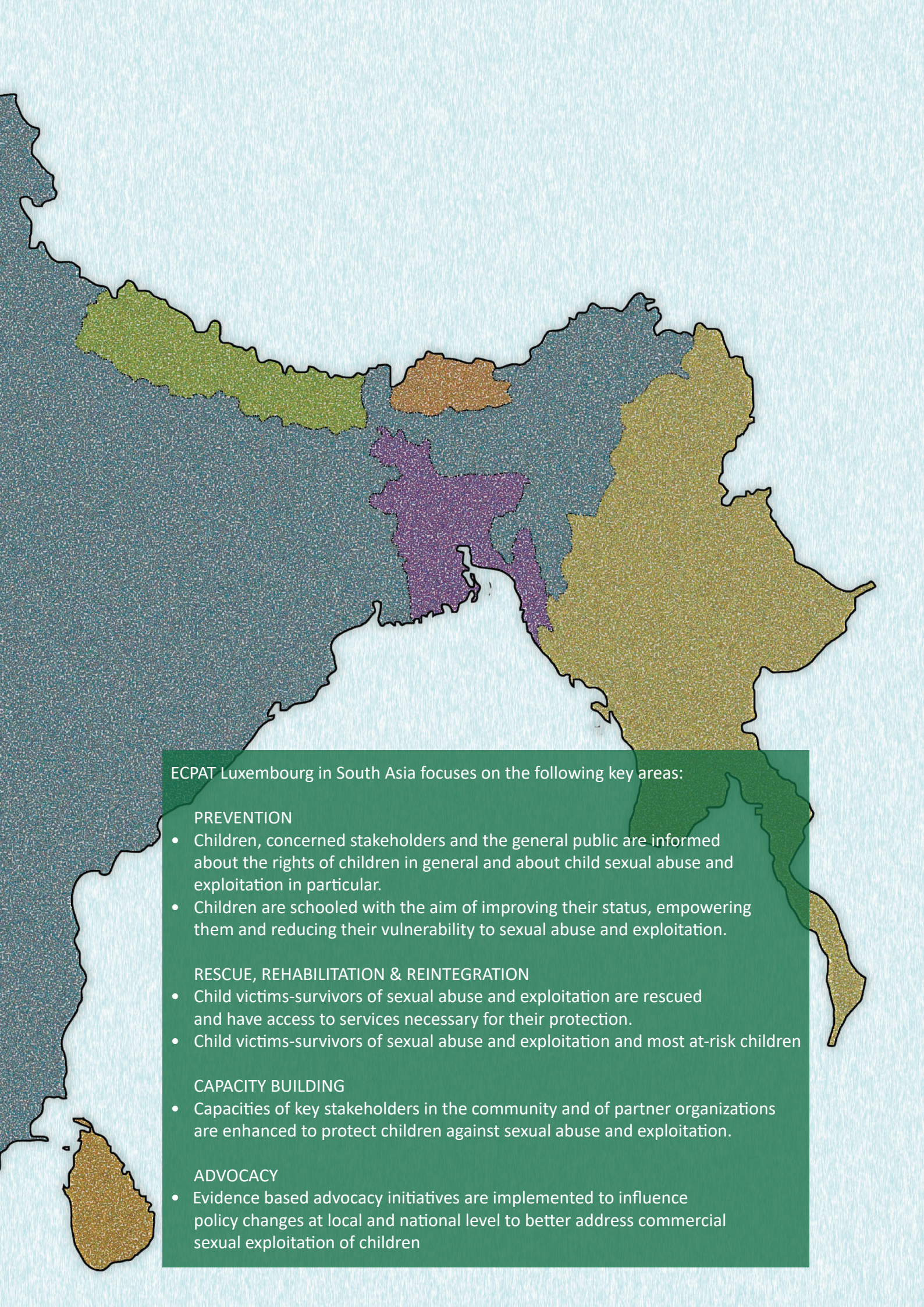
The second phase of ECPAT Luxembourg's interventions in Nepal began in 2012, progressively redirecting interventions in a way to protect even better the more and most vulnerable children. The year 2015 marked the start of a regional presence for ECPAT Luxembourg in South Asia. Along with projects ongoing in Nepal, ECPAT Luxembourg started 'MUKTI' project in India. The project involves addressing trafficking of children for sexual purposes in three North Indian 'source' states and a 'destination' state in South India.

Various studies and reports over the years indicate that CSEC is a growing concern in South Asia. A 2014 report from ECPAT International also confirms that "despite increased awareness and recognition of the problem in the region, as well as enhanced efforts by concerned duty-bearers to develop response mechanisms, CSEC continues to be one of the most widespread and pervasive violations of children's rights in South Asia, affecting millions of children" (ECPAT International. Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children in South Asia. 2014:17). CSEC across South Asia have similar manifestations and common causes behind sexual exploitation of children.

Majority of countries in the region have inter-country ties with cross country migration, trade, and commerce flourishing for generations. Also, inter country trafficking of children for sexual purposes in South Asia is on the rise. The need for a strong regional response was felt by ECPAT Luxembourg, a response backed by strong cross country learnings and cross country interventions. ECPAT Luxembourg intends to utilize its rich experience of implementing evidence informed programs in the region for meaningful outcomes and greater impact at a regional level.

ECPAT Luxembourg's project activities are jointly implemented with local partners who have had significant experience working in the child protection sector in their respective region. Their collective expertise and experience have proved to be crucial in achieving the main objectives of the South Asia program. This report provides descriptions of their work.





ECPAT Luxembourg in South Asia focuses on the following key areas:

PREVENTION

- Children, concerned stakeholders and the general public are informed about the rights of children in general and about child sexual abuse and exploitation in particular.
- Children are schooled with the aim of improving their status, empowering them and reducing their vulnerability to sexual abuse and exploitation.

RESCUE, REHABILITATION & REINTEGRATION

- Child victims-survivors of sexual abuse and exploitation are rescued and have access to services necessary for their protection.
- Child victims-survivors of sexual abuse and exploitation and most at-risk children

CAPACITY BUILDING

- Capacities of key stakeholders in the community and of partner organizations are enhanced to protect children against sexual abuse and exploitation.

ADVOCACY

- Evidence based advocacy initiatives are implemented to influence policy changes at local and national level to better address commercial sexual exploitation of children

APSARA

Action to protect and secure all rights against abuse of vulnerable children exposed to CSEC



APSARA (Action to Protect and Secure All Rights against Abuse) is a pilot project implemented over 12 months from September 2014 to August 2015. Implementing partner Biswas Nepal, a prominent NGO working against CSEC in Kathmandu's Adult Entertainment Sector aimed to ensure the rights of the women and girls working in the night entertainment sector and withdraw children under the age of 18 from this sector. The project was implemented in Kathmandu district in specific neighbourhoods of Sundhara, Tripureswor, Durbar Marg, Naya Bus Park, Purano Bus Park and New Road Area.

The project worked closely with the establishment owners, trade unions, and government officials, including the Monitoring and Action Committee (MAC) to arrive at a common understanding to withdraw children from this sector and to provide them meaningful alternatives to reintegrate them back in their families and community.

Adolescents and children working in nearly 60 establishments accessed services such as psycho-social counseling, non-formal education, life skills, vocational skills, business support from Biswas Nepal. Further, support for reintegration and reunion with family were also provided. Altogether, 137 children were withdrawn from the exploitative environment of adult entertainment.



Achievements of the project

- 665 children and women were reached through outreach work
- 137 children were withdrawn from exploitative environment and alternatives provided.
- 120 establishments were visited and communication with owners and workers strengthened
- 12 establishments displayed the code of conduct for clients
- 18 made commitments not to hire children in writing
- 222 children and women visited the Drop In Center (DIC) and accessed services.

SECO

Sexual Exploitation of Children Online

The objective of the three-year project is to reduce online violence against children. Voice of Children, the local partner in Lalitpur, was able to bring together Nepal Telecom Authority, Cyber Crimes Department of Nepal Police and different internet service providers. 9,000 students, school teachers, and parents were reached and equipped against online sexual exploitation. Under government initiatives 11 child protection committees were established in vulnerable locations and social mobilizers of district development committees and municipalities were part of competency development efforts. Reporting and referral of sexual abuse have increased.

More than 40,000 people were directly engaged through different means and learned about online sexual abuse of children and how to take action against it. Street theatre, film, workshops and training were some of the means used. Children, parents, family members, educators, professionals, and government employees were targeted. Comprehensive direct assistance was provided to child sexual abuse and SECO victims and families to facilitate better protection, recovery and reintegration. Services included psycho-social counselling, non-formal education, life skills, vocational skills and support for reintegration and reunion with family.

Relationship with government, non-government and private sector partners such as internet service providers was developed and capacity building, networking and gap identification in policy and legislation took place to prevent and eliminate child sexual abuse and CSEC in Nepal. Nepal Telecommunications Authority, a strong partner of SECO, is preparing a Child Online Protection Working Group (COP-WG) with the Ministry of Women, Children and Social Welfare and is drafting guidelines for online child protection and comprehensive cyber laws. Closer partnership and engagement with these initiatives is being explored. Capacity building of partners and stakeholders and research and documentation is ongoing.





Achievements of the project

9050 children made aware on child sexual abuse online through school orientations in Lalitpur and Kathmandu.

604 families oriented on CSA/SECO and to prevent abuse and provide psycho-social support to children.

11 Child Protection Committees (CPCs) formed in strategic areas of Lalitpur district.

Child protection committee members, social workers, peer educators, teachers trained on CSA/ SECO.

Calendars, planners, T-shirts, flex boards produced and distributed to the District Administration Office (DAO), District Development Committee (DDC), Woman Children Office (WCO) of 75 districts of Nepal and other organizations and people in the network.

A closed camp organized for street children from Drop in Centre to provide life skills.

30000 people informed and sensitized about CSA through Chaayan movie released in 7 cinema halls of Kathmandu Valley.

EARTHQUAKE RESPONSE

ECPAT Luxembourg partnered with three NGOs with experience in child protection to implement an 11-month action project involving national, district and local actors in protecting highly vulnerable children and adolescents in five most severely affected districts from risks of trafficking.

Sindhupalchowk had the highest number of deaths – at 3,417 -- among the affected 22 districts. It also has the highest incidence of women and child trafficking. Gorkha was the epicenter of the first major quake. Dolakha, Nuwakot, and Kavre also saw significant damage.



CWIN (Child Workers in Nepal Concerned Centre) maintained **child protection desks** in Sindhupalchowk and Kavrepalanchowk districts that see a lot of mobility with out-bound buses leaving the districts. Coordinated with Nepal Police, 4943 children and 9,827 adults were served and surveillance improved. Children and youth at risk were identified and rescued and traffickers prosecuted.

Awareness on trafficking after disaster informed more than 10,000 girls and boys. Local buses, private vehicles and public locations; handouts with the child helpline, anti-trafficking toll free number and Nepal

Police hotline; and other material was distributed. Classes took place for 884. Community radios and TV channels contributed. Closed circuit cameras at strategic points monitored out-bound traffic in coordination with Nepal Police.

Shakti Samuha and Biswas Nepal served 882 children through eight temporary **protection shelters**. The shelters accommodated displaced children and young people vulnerable to trafficking and served as safe places. Services included family tracing and reunification; psychosocial counselling; educational and recreational activities; awareness on risk related to trafficking and sexual abuse; awareness generation on health and hygiene; and medical aid.

Adolescent girls' groups involved 91 young people. Comic-making training for child clubs were conducted and natural disaster, child trafficking and other issues were showcased in public. 415 girls and 376 boys received recreational, sports, and other material through child clubs and schools. Psychosocial counselling services were provided to children most affected by the earthquake.

Achievements of the project

882 children served through eight temporary protection shelters in Nuwakot, Dolakha and Gorkha by Shakti Samuha and Biswas Nepal

4,943 children and 9,827 adults reached through child protection desks maintained by CWIN in two strategic out-bound bus stop locations of Sindhupalchowk and Kavrepalanchowk in coordination with Nepal Police

10,542 students in program areas learn about child protection and child trafficking and the growing risk of sexual abuse and trafficking after natural disasters

MUKTI

From October 2015, MUKTI has helped children and adolescent victims of trafficking for sexual purposes. Families have been supported holistically and comprehensive care provided. In collaboration with local governments and the civil society, MUKTI prevents trafficking for sexual purposes, protects those trafficked and prosecutes traffickers. Over the initial 15 months, studies were conducted, project introduced to stakeholders, and rehabilitation, repatriation, social and economic reintegration services provided. MUKTI works in Assam, West Bengal and Manipur where a large number of trafficking cases originate (source) and in Goa where many victims end up (destination).



ARZ (Anaya Rahit Zindagi), Goa, fights trafficking for sexual purposes. National Crime Report Bureau reports that Goa has among the highest crime rates against children in India. Victims are brought to Goa from across India and foreign countries such as Nepal, Thailand, and Russia for sexual exploitation. Over 15-months, ARZ rescued more than 100 victims.



MARG fights trafficking in Darjeeling and Kalimpong of West Bengal. Those missing from West Bengal increased from 196 in 2001 to 6,514 in 2010. MARG has formed self-help groups targeting drivers, students and community members. A Students Against Trafficking Club (SACT) received the bravery award from the Government of India for busting a sex racket based in Delhi.



GOLD collaborates with the state government of Assam and the police against traffickers. According to the Ministry of Women and Development of the Child, trafficking is highest in Assam and its capital, Guwahati, is a prime destination. Tribal and scheduled caste dominated villages have high numbers of missing girls that are unreported.



FXB works in the Manipur state with MUKTI. An identified source of children and young girls, victims from Manipur are trafficked to Goa, Mumbai, Kolkata, Delhi and international destinations.

The project raises awareness against trafficking of children for sexual purposes and against child sexual abuse. Mukti will continue its fruitful partnership with the State and District governments of India, particularly the anti-human trafficking units (AHTUs) so that a competent and sustained mechanism is in place. Safeguarding achievements of MUKTI investments in community systems strengthening with increased community ownership and working hand-in-hand with the government bodies, along with ensuring coordination with key regional stakeholders combating cross border child trafficking to India will be given prominence.

- Raise awareness to create community resiliency against child trafficking and child sexual abuse
- Results based coordination and collaboration with key stakeholders to establish effective mechanisms against trafficking
- Capacity building of service providers
- Systems and services created and reinforced at local and state levels to prevent child trafficking

Panel for Child Welfare Saver Awards

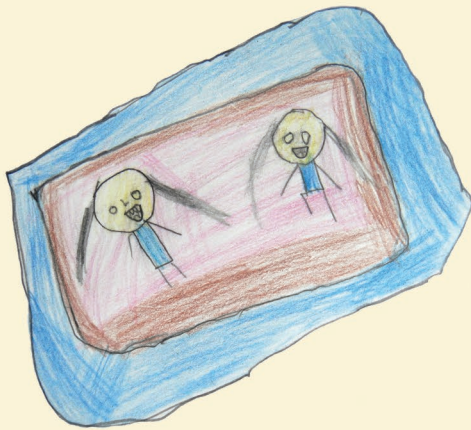
Tejasweeta Pradhan, 18, of Darjeeling with Shivani Gond, helped the police uncover an international sex racket. "We befriended a missing girl from Nepal on Facebook and laid a trap that led to the nabbing of the kingpin," she says. "Once you are aware, you are less vulnerable to abuse. Together, we can."
- *The Times of India*

Achievements of the project

- 8,938 students, 868 stakeholders and 214 tourism industry workers and 61 religious leaders were sensitized on child trafficking and child sexual abuse.
- 362 persons from law enforcement, 200 police, 500 teachers, 49 government officials, including the judiciary, and 36 lawyers trained on child trafficking and child sexual abuse
- 71 perpetrators of child trafficking and child sexual abuse arrested, 92 presented before the magistrate and 80 criminal complaints filed.
- 119 victims rescued. 136 survivors rehabilitated and 115 provided with legal assistance.
- 71 survivors of trafficking reintegrated with families, 10 foreign persons repatriated to home countries and 105 arrests facilitated.
- SOP and trainings developed and rolled out for law enforcement personnel as part of strengthening AHTUs in source states.

ACHIEVEMENTS

of ECPAT Luxembourg in South Asia this year



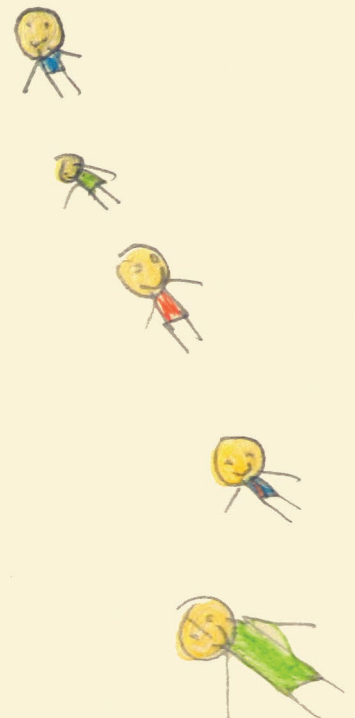
Prevention (awareness raising and sensitization) on Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children

- Children affected by disaster: 15485
- Adults affected by disaster: 9827
- Children and adolescents: 887
- School children: 17988
- Stakeholders 1202
- Religious leaders: 61
- Parents: 604
- Communities: 30000

Rescue and rehabilitation

of those rescued from trafficking, sexual abuse and exploitation

- Children and adolescents: 264

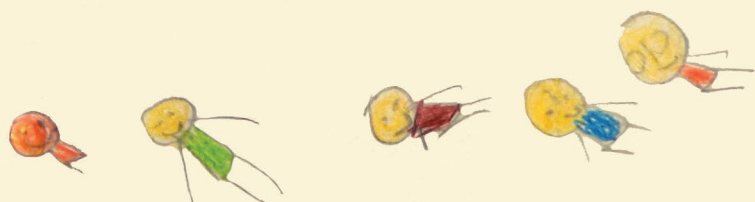


Protection of children

- Children affected by disaster: 882

Reintegration with families

- Children and adolescents: 71



Repatriation

of non South Asian victims: 10

Arrests

facilitated: 105

Criminal complaints

filed against adults: 71

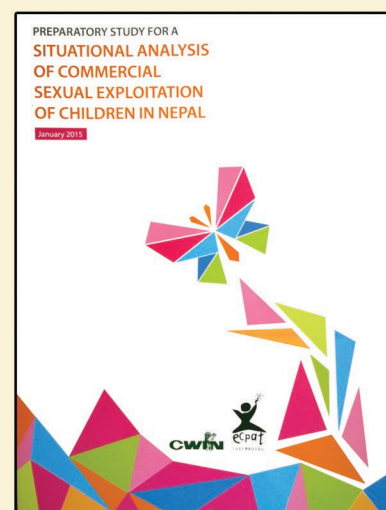


Competency building for better response to Commercial Sexual Exploitation of children

- Law enforcement: 562
- Government officials: 49
- Teachers: 532
- Judiciary: 36
- Protection/social workers: 39
- Peer educators: 55

Knowledge generated

- *Preparatory Study for Situational Analysis of Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children in Nepal, 2015.* This study provides detailed insight on the current situation of CSEC in Nepal – the various manifestations of CSEC and the policy context.



FINANCIALS

EARTHQUAKE RESPONSE

AMOUNT: NRs. 9,055,783.55

19%

SECO

AMOUNT: NRs. 3,911,981.00

8%

MUKTI

AMOUNT: NRs. 24,873,246.02

51.6%

APSARA

AMOUNT: NRs. 422,726.00

1%

STUDY RESEARCH

AMOUNT: NRs. 370,708.00

1%



ADMIN/MANAGEMENT

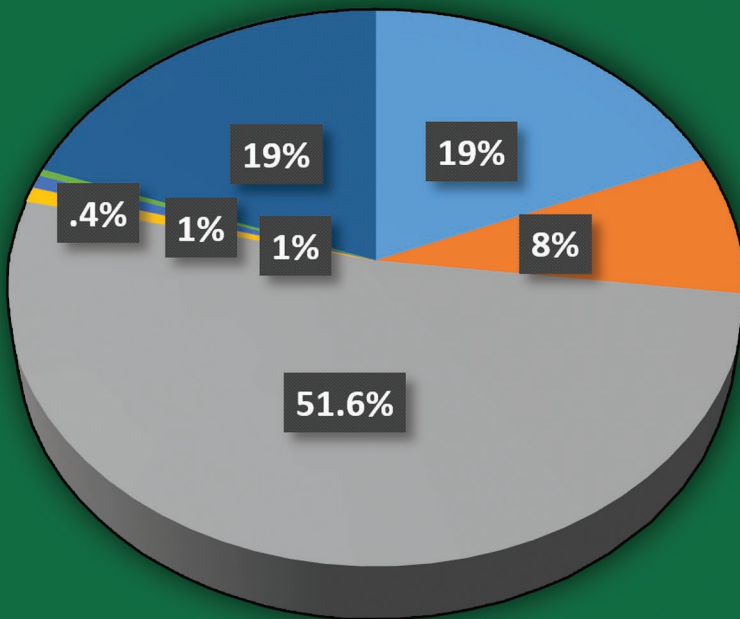
AMOUNT: NRs. 9,375,839.47

19%

CAPACITY BUILDING OF PARTNERS

AMOUNT: NRs. 194,728.44

0.4%



- EARTHQUAKE RESPONSE
- SECO
- MUKTI
- APSARA
- RESEARCH
- CAPACITY BUILDING OF PARTNERS
- ADMIN/MANAGEMENT

TOTAL EXPENSES

AMOUNT: NRs. 48,205,012.48

MOVING FORWARD

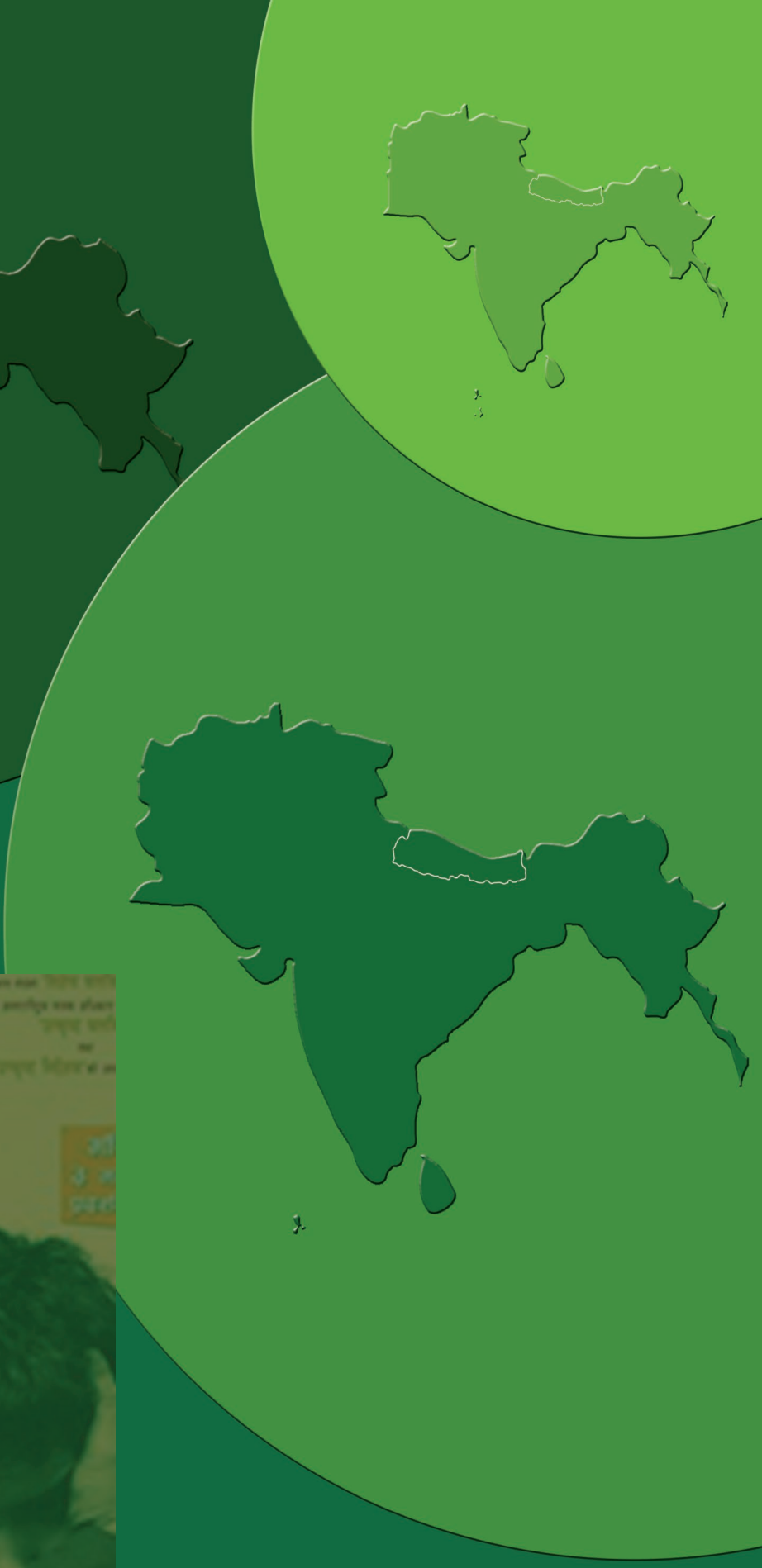


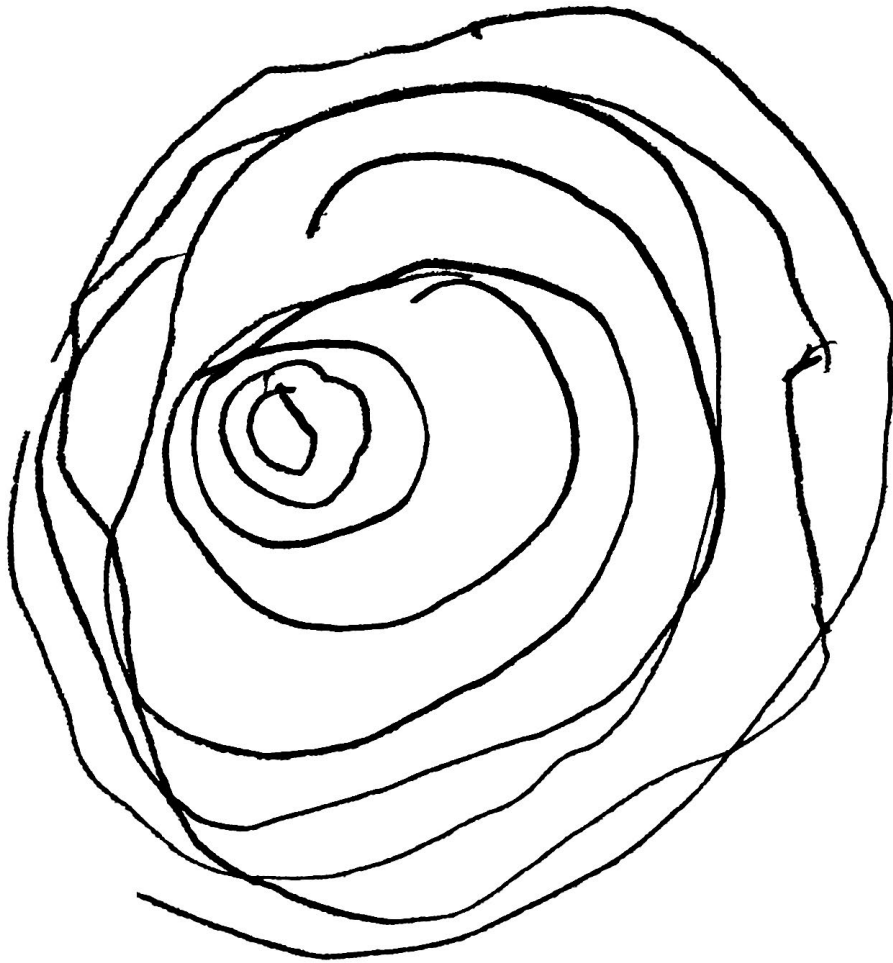
ECPAT Luxembourg will remain steadfast in addressing Commercial Sexual Exploitation of children in South Asia and will work closely with the governments, the civil society and partners in the region.

Much needs to be done! We will continue investing in community systems strengthening, as well work in partnership with meso and micro level government structures to ensure that a competent and efficient response is at place to strategically address CSEC in the region. Staying true to realizing a greater regional impact, we will engage ourselves more in inter country dialogues and to address cross border trafficking of children for sexual purposes in the region. We will also invest in research and knowledge generation to effectively address the ever changing manifestations of CSEC in the region.

2015-2016 was a year of learning and expanding our projects in South Asia. The coming years we will put our learnings into practice and implement programs that are evidence informed and have meaningful outcomes and impact for children at risk in the region.







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