**TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT SUMMARY**

**PROJECT TITLE**  
**SETTING NATIONAL STRATEGIES FOR THE ELIMINATION OF GIRLS’ TRAFFICKING AND COMMERCIAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN IN NEPAL**

**REGION/COUNTRY**  
ASIA/Nepal

**PROJECT DURATION**  
August 1997 - July 1999

**FISCAL YEAR & FUNDING LEVEL**  
FY 1996: USD 170,101

**PROBLEM TO BE ADDRESSED**  
Trafficking in children for commercial sexual exploitation in Nepal.

**RESULTS**  
The project withdrew 120 children from exploitation as victims of trafficking. The priority target group was girls of 12-14 years of age.

**PROJECT OBJECTIVES**
- At the end of the project, government capacity to develop policy and strategies to combat child trafficking at the national level will have been strengthened; and
- At the end of the project, government and NGO capacity will have been strengthened to implement action programs to prevent child trafficking and provide protection to victims.

**SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES**
- Developed mechanism for institutional capacity building;
- Prepared national plan of action against trafficking in children and commercial sexual exploitation;
- Strengthened legislation and enforcement procedures;
- Built awareness of the problem among parents, local communities, media and policy makers;
- Conducted action-oriented research on commercial sexual exploitation;
- Sensitized and mobilized 10 village development committees against child trafficking; and
- Rescued and rehabilitated 120 girls from trafficking and assisted them in setting up their own businesses.

**GRANTEE**  
International Labor Organization’s International Program on the Elimination of Child Labor (ILO-IPEC)

**IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS**  
Ministry of Women and Social Welfare (MOSW); Governmental and Maiti Nepal (NGO).

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