

## PROJECT SPONSORS



### CHRISTIAN AID

Christian Aid works in Asia with partner organisations to expose the scandal of poverty, contribute to its eradication, and anticipate the challenges in the systems, structures and processes that work against the interests of those who are poor, marginalised or exploited. Christian Aid's commitment to prioritise child rights is reflected in its on-going programmatic, financial, policy and advocacy support to a number of key child rights groups in Asia. Christian Aid's support for the YPP is driven by the overwhelming need to support child victims of commercial sexual exploitation and the strong compatibility of the project with Christian Aid's key strategic objectives in Asia.



### COMIC RELIEF

Comic Relief is committed to helping end poverty and social injustice in the UK and poorest countries in the world. This is done by raising money from the general public by actively involving them in events and projects that are innovative and fun, and allocating the funds it raises in a responsible and effective way to a wide range of charities which are selected after careful research. It ensures that Red Nose Day fundraising costs are covered by sponsorship in cash or in-kind so that every penny raised goes to charity. Comic Relief informs, educates, raises awareness and promotes social change, and is committed to supporting long-term projects and helping people to help themselves.



## ECPAT INTERNATIONAL

### END CHILD PROSTITUTION, CHILD PORNOGRAPHY AND TRAFFICKING OF CHILDREN FOR SEXUAL PURPOSES (ECPAT)

is a network of 76 groups in 70 countries working to end the commercial sexual exploitation of children. ECPAT works with civil society, governments and international agencies to implement the Stockholm Agenda for Action against Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC), and to monitor and report on this progress by its 161 signatory governments. The ECPAT International Secretariat in Bangkok, Thailand, offers technical and administrative support to the partner organisations of the YPP in South Asia. ECPAT's Child and Youth Advisory Committee will also receive training in youth leadership, advocacy, networking, media relations and child participation under the YPP.

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## THE YOUTH PARTNERSHIP PROJECT

FOR CHILD VICTIMS OF COMMERCIAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION IN SOUTH ASIA



ECPAT INTERNATIONAL  
APARAJEYO BANGLADESH  
MAITI NEPAL  
SANLAAP INDIA



## THE PROJECT

The Youth Partnership Project (YPP) for child victims of commercial sexual exploitation in South Asia is a unique initiative that endeavours to have a positive psychosocial impact and improve the lives of affected children. Through participation, peer support programmes, community awareness campaigns and public advocacy, survivors and at-risk youth will join hands to combat CSEC in India, Nepal and Bangladesh.

Large numbers of children are trafficked annually in South Asia, with estimates as high as 350,000 in India, 40,000 in Nepal and 29,000 in Bangladesh. The YPP aims to address the concerns and suggestions voiced in the Children's Statement of the 2nd World Congress against CSEC (2001) through consultations with children in the three project countries. The YPP guiding principles have been adopted from UNICEF's 1998 principles of psychosocial interventions for children.

- ➔ Train caregivers in the skills necessary to counsel young people affected by CSEC.
- ➔ Develop and conduct public awareness raising campaigns for the dissemination of information about the dangers of CSEC, HIV/AIDS prevention and the rights of children.
- ➔ Provide support to initiatives led by youth groups and networks through a Youth Micro Project Scheme.
- ➔ Promote legislative reforms for preventing CSEC.
- ➔ Lobby for the improvement of law enforcement mechanisms related to CSEC.

## MAITI Nepal



**MAITI-Nepal** is a NGO dedicated to improving the welfare of children and women who are sexually abused and/or exploited through prostitution, infected with HIV/AIDS or abandoned. It operates prevention homes in areas where girls are at serious risk of CSEC, operates transit homes and rehabilitation homes for survivors of trafficking, and provides counselling, vocational training, health care education and non-formal education. Implementing the principle of participation, Maiti Nepal engages survivors as counsellors and border surveillance monitors in its trafficking prevention activities.

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## Project Objectives:

- ➔ Support and strengthen youth participation in the fight against CSEC in Nepal, Bangladesh and India, as well as within the global structures of the ECPAT International network.
- ➔ Develop the skills of young people, with a special emphasis on CSEC survivors, to offer peer support to child victims of trafficking.
- ➔ Develop lobbying and advocacy skills among young people to enable them to influence local and national policy makers for better prevention, protection and rehabilitation of CSEC survivors.

## APARAJEYO Bangladesh



### Aparajeyo-Bangladesh

BUILDING THE FUTURE GENERATION

**Aparajeyo-Bangladesh (AB)** works with and for marginalised children in the urban cities and divisional towns in Bangladesh through an approach that responds to causal factors as well as immediate needs. AB supports over 60,000 children annually in need of special care and protection and children in conflict with law. AB is committed, through the YPP South Asia Project, to leverage its established network and goodwill to help empower survivors of CSEC to take positive action in changing their lives and those of others at risk.

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## SANLAAP India



**SANLAAP** is a developmental organisation in West Bengal, India, working to correct social imbalances, which manifest in gender injustice and violence against children, youth and women. It works against the trafficking of children and women for commercial sexual exploitation and sexual abuse using a wide range of strategies: campaigns, advocacy and sensitisation of various stakeholders on the issue of trafficking on one hand, and rescue, rehabilitation, repatriation and socio-economic reintegration of trafficked persons on the other. SANLAAP engages youth as partners in all its endeavours.

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