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The Secretary-General has received the following statement, which is being circulated in accordance with paragraphs 36 and 37 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31.

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Statement

Jagriti Child and Youth Concern Nepal (JCYCN) has been leading the national level of advocacy for the National Child Friendly Local Governance (NCFLG) Forum, National Coalition for Girls Child Rights (NCGR), and Social Protection Civil Society Network.

Jagriti Child and Youth Concern Nepal's activities and projects for children and Women have been actively implemented. The "Generation of Equality" holds the national youth conference as the national symposium of your leaders for combating child labor. At the provincial level, Jagriti Child and Youth Concern Nepal consults girls' uses with the policymakers in Gandaki province. Continuous lobbying activities gave attention to the policymakers to strengthen and support the children's protection program at the provisional level. At the local level, Jagriti Child and Youth Concern Nepal actively interacts with local school trainers under local school policy. Continuous efforts to support implementing the girls' rights policy in Gandaki province.

First, Jagriti Child and Youth Concern Nepal's efforts to deliver the message to the local project's implementation resulted in the school environment changes. In the 2015 earthquake in Rasuwa, children in Rasuwa village lost their school building to study and place to live. Jagriti Child and Youth Concern Nepal, in responding to the situation, acted all efforts in the cooperation of local government: by 1) construction of school building, 2) financial support from work programming, 3) agricultural input supports, 4) strengthening a local cooperative, and 5) social discussion and women empowerment. As a result of every single effort, a child-friendly school building can have six classrooms, clean facilities, and a new playground. The school ground was based on natural stone to minimize potential landslips. The naturally designed structure considering risks has resulted in the connected road through newly constructed tracks in the mountain. The track is about 3 km long. The village can get access to electricity for the first time. Now, at least 50 families living in the territory enjoy the facility.

Second, the transformative school project created short-term employment opportunities for at least 177 locals, including 44 women up to 35 days each. Through cooperation with local businesses, at least 35 local business keepers also benefited financially by supplying construction materials to boost the local economy. Due to the earthquake, a cooperative in a dormant situation has been rejuvenated under at least 250 locals to help reorganize themselves and conduct social and financial interactions. In addition, 157 villagers are trained in agriculture to support local rule changes. The village restoration was completed successfully to give more app opportunities to local people and reform the old rule to support the local business.

Third, Jagriti Child and Youth Concern Nepal has been working on expanding people's access to choices of a safer and dignified working environment. This is only possible with vibrant, strong, and influential communities helping to prevent themselves from unsafe migration. Therefore, Jagriti Child and Youth Concern Nepal's actions have been focused on 1) improving the knowledge and capacities of the potential migrants, migrant workers, returnees, and their families, 2) making children and youths aware of unsafe migration and motivating local children and women to pursue education and other forms of personal development, and 3) strengthening capacity of local institutions on promoting safe migration and reintegration of the returnees. With the safer migration project, Jagriti Child and Youth Concern Nepal has reached 192 out-going migrant workers with pre-departure orientation, 139 smallholder farmers with agro-based input support, 450 families covered with the outreach program, 2100 people with the awareness activities, 208

families with counseling services, 308 young people with career counseling, 151 active population with the vocational training, 26 local stakeholders with the psychosocial counseling, 28 local leaders with the social dialogue for safe migration and 178 school children with the coaching class and extra curriculum activities.

Fourth, Jagriti Child and Youth Concern Nepal supports empowering marginalized indigenous women through their livelihood. Jagriti Child and Youth Concern Nepal supported 40 men and women from 35 families throughout the practically running project with delivery knowledge and material support. The project guided details including a soil test and its treatment, cow dung and urine management, nursery management, techniques and management of poly house cultivation, commercial flower farming, training on leadership, team building and gender equality, and day celebration.

Fifth, Jagriti Child and Youth Concern Nepal supports school programs and child nutrition. Dipendra school was established 17 years before in the slum area in the town of Dharan. The children at Dipendra experience economically poor situations caused by social exclusion. The school's community serves around 450 families who make their living by collecting firewood and doing casual labor work in the nearby market. The school received no financial support from the government except a partial salary for some teachers and non-teaching staff. The students at Dipendra outnumbered the teachers. Schools' financial support for teachers' salaries, facilities, small school infrastructure, mid-day meals, uniforms, and stationaries. Jagriti Child and Youth Concern Nepal's project supports 178 children from 131 families with mid-day meals, school infrastructures, experienced teachers, family food packages, and educational support.

Sixth, Jagriti Child and Youth Concern Nepal responded to COVID-19 with emergency food and medical relief packages after the first wave, followed by recovery efforts until the second wave appeared. The relief works resumed as the second wave started over the ongoing recovery efforts. Therefore, the response and recovery efforts have been taken simultaneously. With the COVID-19 response and recovery, Jagriti Child and Youth Concern Nepal has reached 1) support ten enterprises, 2) counsel 746 people, 3) develop 2.3 km food trails, 4) employ 216 people for a short period, 5) reached the awareness message to over 600,000 people, 6) support over 4500 people with emergency food, 7) support 71 smallholder farmers with agricultural equipment, seeds, and knowledge, and 21 local institutions and health facilities in 16 municipalities of nine districts with health-related materials.

Seventh, Jagriti Child and Youth Concern Nepal actively implements Girl's Empowerment Project. Girl's employment project is one of the vibrant projects aiming to eliminate all forms of violence and discrimination against girls in public and private spheres. The project enables young girls to fight against harmful social and cultural practices such as child marriage and menstrual barriers and raise voices of inclusion, to name a few. On top of it, the project also supports to development of child/girls-friendly infrastructures, policies, and practices.

Lastly, Jagriti Child and Youth Concern Nepal supports children through the "income generation project." The children we work for can be supported in various ways. To ensure children are not deprived of their basic rights, the family is supported to enhance their regular income through livestock support. Jagriti Child and Youth Concern Nepal supported 90 families with two goats each until now.

As our funding partners, including Caritas in Germany, Aloghar Support Group Germany, Kinder in Nepal, Kanallan, and strategic partners including Good Neighbors International, Save the Children, World Vision, and UNICEF, we have reached 1) immediate food supports for 470 people from 950 families, 2) safer migration related orientation for 192 people, 3) construction for 10.3 km rural road

and food trails, 4) support 100 students with educational materials, 5) construct and repair 14 toilets and five schools, 6) train 231 people for skill development, 7) enable 77 families for water facilities, 8) support 135 micro-enterprises, 9) provided 393 people for shorter employment, 10) support 12,500 people to be engaged in social dialogue, 11) train 469 people based on the proper age level, 12) support 1,050 people for counseling programs, and 13) supported 1,000,000 people for awareness of various issues with their rights.
