

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

CPCS Emergency line for Street Children

Kathmandu: 01-4411000
Butwal: 071-547456
Narayangadh: 056-532732

CWIN Help Line

Kathmandu: 01-427100
Pokhara: 061-531157, 520963, 521523
Hetuada: 057-524500
Biratnagar: 021-535700
Nepaljung: 081-527100

Women and Children Service Centre (Nepal Police)

Ratnapark: 01-4225989
Naxal: 01-4414745
Lalitpur: 01-5543395
Kalimati: 01-4586969
Bhaktapur: 01-6613217
Banepa: 011-661202
Morang: 021-525401
Sunsari: 025-560111
Dhanusa: 041-520099
Parsa: 051-522151
Chitwan: 056-520155
Hetauda: 057-520099
Pokhara: 061-520055
Rupandehi: 071-520200
Nepaljung: 081-420233
Bheri: 081-520211

CCWB

Central Child Welfare Board
Pulchowk, Lalitpur, Nepal
Tel: 5551422, 5551423, Fax: 5551422
Email: ccwb@wlink.com.np
Website: ccwb.gov.np

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ACTIVE ORGANIZATIONS

1. Members of the National Alliance of organizations for Street Children-Nepal (NAOSC-Nepal):

CONCERN - Nepal

New Baneshwor, Kathmandu, Nepal
Tel: 4279231, 4284642
E-mail: concern@mos.com.np, Web: www.concern.com.np

CPCS

Dillibazar, Kathmandu, Nepal
Tel: 4414394, Fax: 4429897
Email: contact@cpcs-nepal.org, Web: www.cpcs-nepal.org

CWCN

Mandikhatar, Kathmandu
Tel: 4370598, E-mail: watabaran@mos.com.np

CWIN

Rabi Bhawan, Kathmandu, Nepal
Tel: 4282255, 271062, 278064
Email: cwin@mos.com.np, Web: www.cwin.org.np

CWSN Pokhara

Tel: 01-520793, 061-534325
E-mail: cwsn@fewanet.com.np

DIYALI PAREEWAR

Narayanghat, Chitwan
Tel: 056-522797, 521828, Email: diyalo@ntc.net.np

SAATHI

Ekantakuna, Lalitpur
Tel: 5554560/ 5554543
Email: vaw@saathi.wlink.com.np, Web: saathi.org.np

SAHARA GROUP

Dillibazar, Kathmandu
Tel: 4437885, E-mail: saharagroup@mos.com.np,
Web: www.saharagroup.org.np

SATHSATH

New Baneshwor, Kathmandu, Nepal
Tel: 4472349
Email: info@sathsath.org, Web: www.sathsath.org

UPCA

Dharan, Nepal

VOC

Thadodhunga, Lalitpur
Tel: 5539572, 4259283
Email: info@voiceofchildren.org.np,
Web: www.voiceofchildren.org.np

2. Some other Organisation:

Jagaran Forum Nepal (JAFON)

Tel: 2070288, Email: youthforeet@yahoo.com

Kids Shangrila Home

Boudha, Aarubari, Kathmandu
Tel: 4478157, Email: shangrila.home@pandora.be
Website : users.pandora.be \shangrila \

Sarifa-Nepal

Tel: 4268299, 2011007

NO FUTURE THROUGH BEGGING



*There are other ways to
support street children*



THE BEGGAR CHILD

In Nepal, like in many other countries, thousands of children survive left to their own devices. They wander the streets looking for good-hearted people, tourists and locals, and many of them manage to get money, food and find accommodation, even if temporary, through begging.

Unfortunately, this way of living has dire consequences. The begging child is socially demeaned and sees himself as a parasite dependent upon the good will of people, and little beggars sometimes support real criminal gangs.

The fruit of his collections are generally used for drugs (glue, pharmaceuticals, alcohol or cigarettes) or in other ephemeral pleasures.

The begging child recuses himself from any possibility of education or socialisation offered by his family or governmental and non-governmental organizations; which can be rendered powerless by the complexities of the phenomenon. Prevention is difficult and repression is ineffective: in some areas begging children have a higher daily income than the social worker who visits them.

Everyone has to assess reality and to make choices in the best interest of the children.



THE MYTHS

If I give money to a begging child I improve his daily life!

WRONG! You do not improve the wellbeing or moral and physical health by giving a child few rupees. You only give him and his friends the means to buy drugs, cigarettes, candies or other products that are not essential.

If I give food to a begging child I help him in a useful way!

WRONG! The food will generally be resold for cash. If eaten, it may fill a stomach, satisfying the child, but only for a moment. In his mind and heart, the child knows the hunger will return.

If I give accommodation to a begging child I make his daily life better!

WRONG! It is important to know that it is illegal for non-Nepalese to accommodate a Nepali child in a hotel room. It is also only a temporary solution: we need to think about long-term actions to take the child out of the precarious condition in which he lives.



Nothing exists to help the street children!

WRONG! There are many organizations, governmental and non-governmental, involved in supporting street children. In most of the country's major cities, there are welcoming shelters, socialisation and rehabilitation centres, often with emergency telephone numbers, known by the children.

Not giving is selfish!

WRONG! It is easy to think about temporary satisfaction, your own and that of the child's, brought about by filling an empty hand. Think about the future of the child, give nothing to him and face his insistent look. It is better for the future of the child to guide him to an appropriate organisation or to talk with him.

WHAT TO DO ?

Listen

Instead of giving few rupees, stop for a while to listen to the child, to his dreams, to his (often romanticized) story. This will remind him that he remains a social being.

Counsel

Why not showing him another way, by talking with him about his family, school and education, his village, about the dangers of drugs and the organisations that can help him?



Contact

If the child is sick, physically or emotionally hurt; if he is a victim of ill treatment or if he is at risk or abandoned, contact one of the numbers listed on the back of this brochure.

Intervene

While being careful not to interfere or encroach on the work of available and qualified social workers, why not make people aware or help an active organisation? Why not commit yourself to the cause?

Note: In Kathmandu as in other cities, dozens of programs and organisations are created each year. These initiatives can often be fleeting, unhelpful or even criminally suspect. It is better to give support to an existing recognised project rather than increasing the present confusion in Nepal concerning children's aid services.