

Report- Nepal Chapter

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INTRODUCTION

RFP, Nepal is a non-profit, voluntary and non-governmental social organization (an NGO). RFP, Nepal is affiliated to ACRP and Religions for Peace, International (formally known as WCRP).

Religions for Peace is an international coalition of representatives from the world's religions dedicated to promoting peace founded in 1970. Religions for Peace Asia also known as ACRP, is the world's largest regional body of religiously-inspired people working for peace and interreligious harmony.

RFP Nepal was initially known as RAPAN (Religions and Peace Academy of Nepal). It was established on 1990 A.D. RFP-Nepal was formally registered with the Government of Nepal, through the central Kathmandu District office on January, 2012.

RFP Nepal's aim is to advocate peace, friendship and development within the framework of religious co-existence and inter-religious dialogue.

OBJECTIVES OF RFP NEPAL

- To advocate, motivate and implement programs in the field of peace, culture, development, environment, conservation, and social welfare.
- To promote education for peace.
- To advocate and promote inter-religious partnership for peace and development.
- To search and identify common ground and commonalities in various religions and to use them for human welfare and service, especially to uplift the poorest.
- To assist in the promotion of world peace by improving understanding among religions, culture and traditions.
- To organize lectures, seminars, workshops and exhibitions and to bring out publications.
- To design and implement projects for peace in areas such as education, health, environmental protection and social welfare.

Nepalese culture, is a synthesis of different religions and ethnic groups, has many languages and traditions. Mutual respect, tolerance, and desire for peace can be the instruments to foster harmony and partnership among individuals, families and communities. All are encouraged towards national development irrespective of caste, creed, faith or language- leaving aside differences and diversities. RFP, Nepal was founded as national organization to catalyze peace by stressing basic human values which are based on love, compassion, service, benevolence, justice and truth.



RfP Nepal on FPCC

- ▶ FPCC recognizes that faith groups have mandate and motivation to protect and empower children and communities.
- ▶ RfP Nepal has been involved in Faith for Positive Change for Children and communities since 2022 and still continuing.
- ▶ Ms. Pooja Manandhar, Secretary General RfP Nepal has been one of the country coordinators since 2022.



FPCCC- RFP Nepal Projects

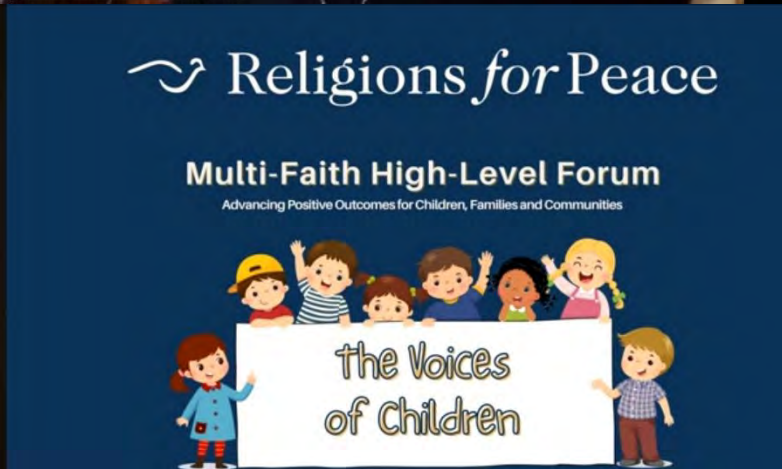


- ▶ On April 28th 2022 we held a national Consultation on Faith for positive change for children via zoom with participation of about 36 religious leaders and friend.
- ▶ On 16th December 2022, RfP Nepal organized a panel discussion which went Live on **our facebook page**. It was on **‘Child Marriage’**.
- ▶ GATHERING OF STORIES/CASE STUDIES: we gathered stories of various religious leaders of Nepal and posted in our youtube channel. We also submitted them to ACRP to be posted online.
- ▶ We also participated on Multi-Country mobile phone survey
- ▶ Capturing the Voices of Children for High Level Event in March 2024. We made videos to capture voices of children and presented their viws on Peace.
- ▶ Mind Heart Dialog Project: We also participated on this project and were certified on conducting MHD. RfP Nepal got to connect with NHEICCH- National Health Education, Information and Communication Center and we did participated in there meeting organized by them on 29th Jan 2024. Various faith leaders came together for this meeting to show support and to join hands.

Photos of RFP Nepal working on FPCC Projects and meetings:



Joint Learning Initiative on Faith and Local Communities

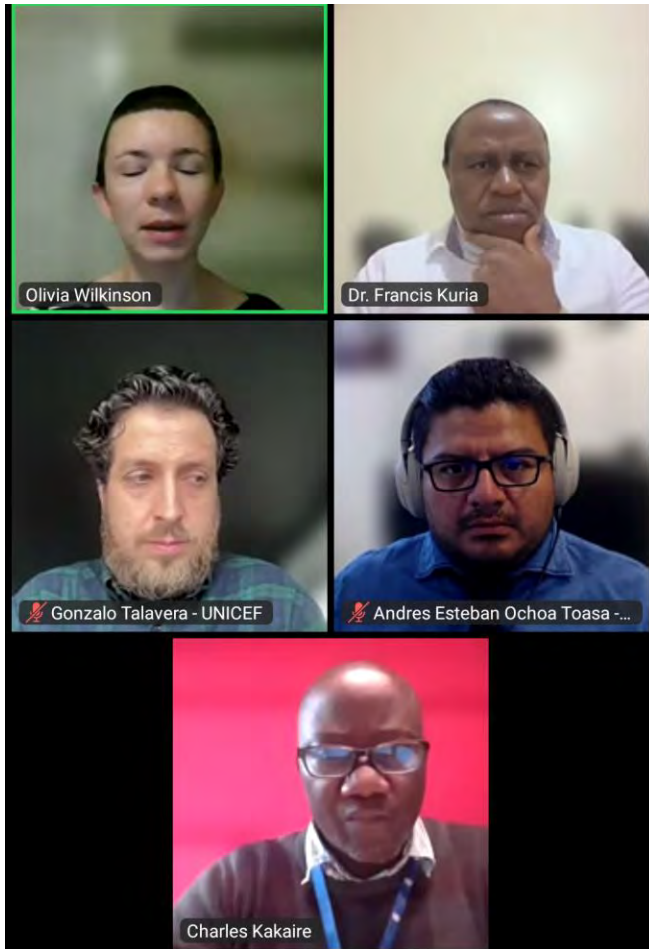
Religions for Peace
Multi-Faith High-Level Forum
Advancing Positive Outcomes for Children, Families and Communities

The Voices of Children





Report on the Survey Findings- 23rd AUG 2024




Debate about vaccination has recently been sparked in religious communities around COVID-19 vaccination.

We see a full range of pro- and anti-vaccine sentiment within religious communities: COVID-19 vaccination campaigns have spurred on religious activity to support vaccination, whereas doubt about COVID-19 vaccination has also encouraged some anti-vaccine sentiment among some religious communities.

Knock-on effects for routine immunization of children: doubts about COVID-19 vaccination lead to doubts about all vaccination.

II. Correlation Analysis Findings

- *There is a correlation between religious leaders support and respondents having received a vaccine.*
- *The role of other community leaders (health workers) is important.*
- *The effect of religious leaders support is significant for individuals from religious communities*



Webinar on the Survey Findings- on 12th November 2024



Guide Content

1. Understanding Immunisation



2. Faith and Immunisation



3. Communication, Outreach And Advocacy Strategies



4. Promoting Immunisation In The Faith Community Using Mind-Heart Dialogue



5. Monitoring And Evaluating Change



Webinar on FPCC Survey in Nepal- Drivers and Barriers to Routine Immunization for children among religious communities

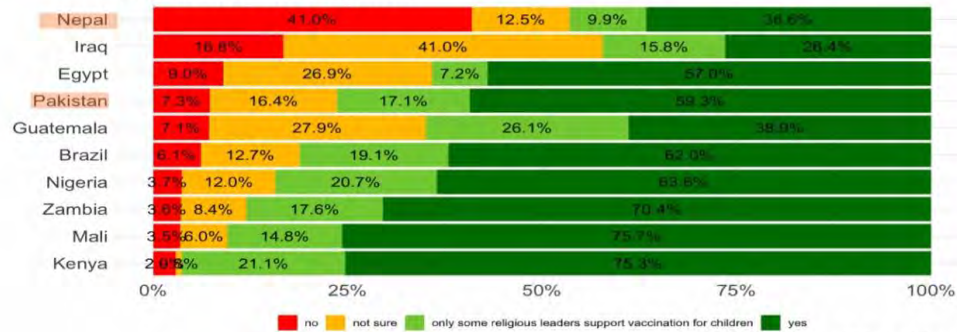
- ▶ On August 23rd we had : Placeholder- Dissemination of the Faith for Positive Change for Children, Families and Communities (FPCC) Survey Report on: Drivers and Barriers to Routine Immunization for Under 5s and COVID Vaccination among Religious Communities.
- ▶ We also had an webinar on 12th November 2024 where we discussed the findings of the survey.
- ▶ The survey reports helps us to advocate for the rights and protection of children.

Report on the Survey Findings by Florine De Wolf- JLI

Importance of religious leadership – Routine Immunization



Religious leaders endorsement of regular vaccination for children



Kenya = 926, Mali = 1196, Zambia = 1069, Nigeria = 955, Brazil = 361, Guatemala = 1472, Pakistan = 909, Egypt = 834, Iraq = 1139, Nepal = 781

- Respondents in most countries have the impression that religious leaders



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Report on the Survey Findings

▶ FINDINGS:

- ▶ In case of Nepal we found that 75% believe it is important for their child to be vaccinated. Approximately 40% of religious community agree with regular vaccination for children.
- ▶ **in Nepal, when it comes to religious leaders' endorsement of regular vaccination for children, data showed: 41% said No, 12% were not sure, 9.9% said only some religious leaders supported and 36% said yes.**
- ▶ We also found out that in Nepal the most influential people were the health workers. When it comes to health, most of people in Nepal believe in Doctors and health workers rather than the religious leaders.

Special Thanks to tri- party association

- ▶ We are thankful to religion for Peace International and the tri party association- RFP, JLI and UNICEF for conducting the survey.
- ▶ The report is useful to gain insights in the scenario of Nepal.
- ▶ RFP Nepal has and will try its best to disseminate the survey reports.

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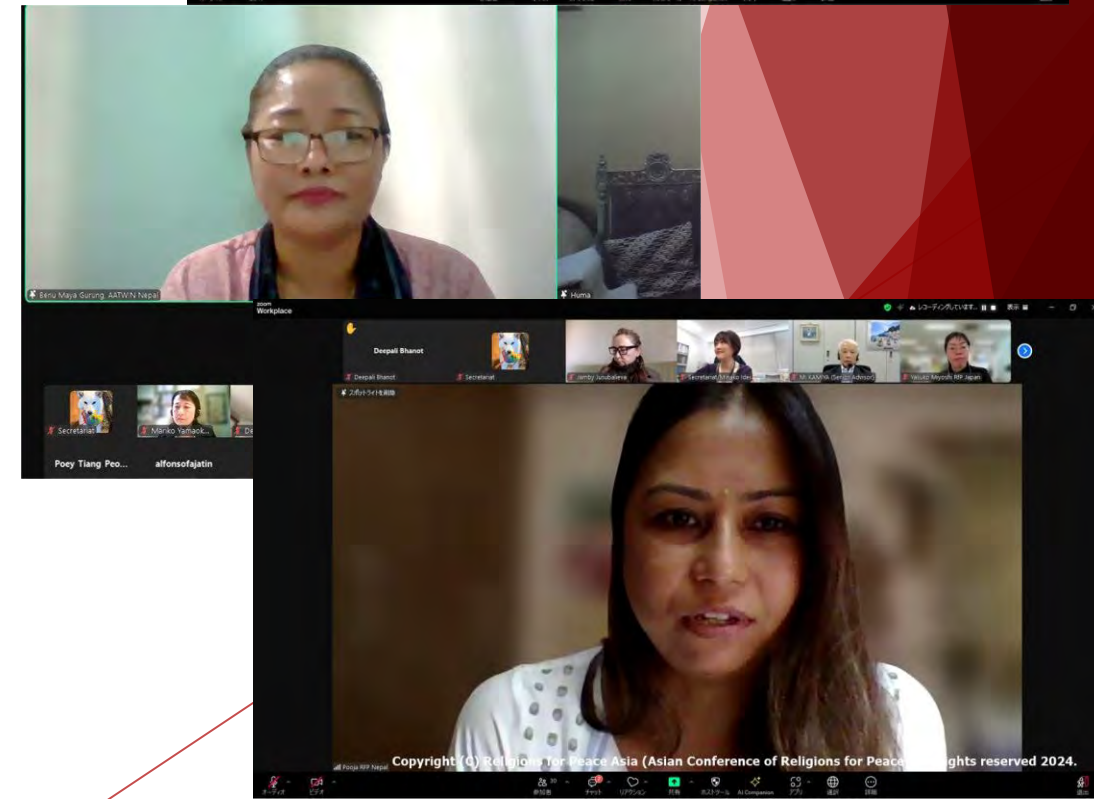


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APWOFN Anti-Trafficking Workshop

September 24th to 26th 2024

- ▶ APWoFN focused on Lobby and Advocacy activities with experts of the human trafficking issue, this time.
- ▶ We were asked to find a resource person who specializes in the issue of HT, and is also experienced in lobbying and advocacy.
- ▶ RfP Nepal identified Benu Maya Gurung- Executive Director, Alliance Against Trafficking in Women and Children in Nepal (AATWIN) as one of the speaker for the event.
- ▶ On the First Day (9/24), we had a session on "The Situation of Human Trafficking Issue", and we had presentations from each of the six countries: Nepal, Japan, Indonesia, Thailand, Philippines, and India.



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Thank you.

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