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## 1. Brief Description of NGF

### **Nepal GoodWeave Foundation:**

Nepal GoodWeave Foundation (formerly Nepal RugMark Foundation) is a Non-Profit making and Non-Government Organization established in December 1995 AD as a result of collaboration among Carpet, Entrepreneurs, Child Right NGOs, and international Development Organizations, Giz, UNICEF, the German Agency for Technical Cooperation (GTZ) and the Asian American Free Labor Institute (AAFLI).

Being a country affiliate of GoodWeave International (GWI), Nepal GoodWeave Foundation (NGF) has proven to be a viable initiative to effectively address the child labor issues in the carpet industry of Nepal. In its more than 27 years of operation in Nepal, it has been able to bring more than 50% of the carpet industry to the GoodWeave's viable standards including carpet weaving and spinning sectors. Moreover, it is largely expanding towards covering the entire carpet industry of Nepal and replicating its sustainable model to other industries.

Through its multi-pronged approach along with inspection, Monitoring and Certification mechanism, GoodWeave tries to maintain child labor free environment in the Nepali carpet industry in preventing children to enter into the factories as child laborers. On the other hand, training to the children through its various programs and activities.

### **GoodWeave and its Network**

GoodWeave is a global non-profit initiative working to end exploitative child labor in carpet industry offering educational opportunities to children removed from carpet factories. It is unique cooperation between Carpet Entrepreneurs and Child Rights NGOs for carpet producing and consuming countries. Through workplace inspection, monitoring and consumer labelling, GoodWeave provides the best possible assurance that no child labor has been used in the manufacture of carpet. Moreover, GoodWeave broadly works for socially and environmentally responsible business practices in line with the International Social and Environmental Accreditation and Labelling Alliance (ISESAL), a global leader in setting benchmarks and best practices for certification in this field.

GoodWeave network operates in Nepal, India, Afghanistan, United Kingdom and United States of America. GoodWeave International (GWI), the governing international body was established in Germany in 1994 and owns the GoodWeave Trademark.

### **Vision:**

GoodWeave's vision is a world free of child labor.

### **Mission:**

GoodWeave ensures ethical production reducing child labor and enhancing socio-environmental aspects of carpet and other industries.

## Objectives

- Develop child labor free supply chain of carpet and other industries and nurture the market preferences
- Support to create ethical production in social and environmental aspects through expanded standards
- Provide preventive and alternative opportunities for children in the working community of industries
- Advocate the concerned authorities for protection of child and human rights
- Apply the sustainable model of organizational strengthening
- To prevent use of child labor by having carpet producers/ exporters abide by the legal and social responsibilities through licensing of GoodWeave.

## Program of NGF:

### Rehabilitation Program

- Centre based rehabilitatin program (transit home)
- Community based rehabilitation program
- School based rehabilitation program
- Vocational training

### Preventive Social Program

- Sponsored Education Program (SEP)
- Day care education (Early Childhood Development Center)
- Psycho Social counseling provided to children and their families
- Monitoring and follow-up for children under the community based rehabilitation (CBR) and sponsored education program (SEP)

### Awareness and advocacy program

- Consultative meeting with stakeholders
- Mass awareness program
- Publication and distribution of printed materials
- Productin of airing of PSA materials

## 2. General Background

Social audit is critically important for NGOs as it promotes transparency, accountability, and good governance in their operations. By systematically reviewing programs, financial management, and decision-making processes with the participation of stakeholders and community members, social audits help NGOs demonstrate that resources are being used effectively and for the intended purposes. This openness strengthens public trust, enhances organizational credibility, and reassures donors, partners, and beneficiaries that the NGO is committed to ethical and responsible practices.

Social audit also plays a vital role in improving program quality and effectiveness. Through structured feedback from beneficiaries and local stakeholders, NGOs are able to assess whether their interventions are relevant, inclusive, and responsive to real community needs. The findings from social audits help identify gaps, challenges, and unintended impacts, enabling organizations to make evidence-based improvements in planning, implementation, and monitoring. This continuous learning process ultimately leads to more impactful and sustainable development outcomes.

Furthermore, social audit empowers communities and promotes participatory development. By involving beneficiaries in reviewing and validating NGO activities, it strengthens community ownership, social accountability, and democratic decision-making. Social audits provide a platform for marginalized voices to be heard and ensure that issues such as equity, inclusion, and rights are addressed. For NGOs, this process not only enhances downward accountability but also aligns their work with rights-based and people-centered development approaches.

Social audit is based on the principle that democratic local governance should be carried out, as far as possible, with the consent and understanding of all concerned. It is thus a process and not an event.

In the context of Nepal, social audit is a relatively newly emerged qualitative tool in development practices but it is gaining acceptance by government. The Right to Information Act 2064 (2007) incorporates the idea of social audits. Many national and international civil society organizations have applied this process as a means of undertaking on-going performance evaluations of their programs in presence of years.

Recognizing the importance of people's voices and engagement in improving public service delivery, various Governmental and Non-Governmental Organizations have embraced social audit practices. Nepal GoodWeave Foundation through this Social Audit practice aims to promote accountability, transparency and responsiveness in all kinds of services delivered by the organization. Through the process of social auditing, Nepal GoodWeave Foundation expects communities; government authorities; partners, and all rightsholders and stakeholders are empowered to monitor services and claim accountability and thereby seek to improve the quality and accessibility of services.

In addition, this practice includes the public dissemination of the findings of the audit at a public mass at which providers and officials have the opportunity to respond to the findings and discrepancies.

### **3. Objectives of the Social Audit**

- To ensure transparency in the planning, implementation, and use of financial and non-financial resources

- To strengthen accountability of NGOs and service providers toward beneficiaries, communities, and stakeholders
- To assess the effectiveness, relevance, and quality of programs and services delivered
- To verify whether projects are implemented in line with approved plans, budgets, policies, and commitments
- To promote community participation and empower beneficiaries in decision-making and oversight processes
- To identify gaps, challenges, irregularities, and good practices for corrective and preventive actions
- To enhance organizational credibility, trust, and public confidence among donors and partners
- To improve governance, ethical standards, and compliance with legal and institutional frameworks
- To support learning, evidence-based planning, and continuous improvement of programs
- To ensure inclusion, equity, and responsiveness to the needs of marginalized and vulnerable groups

## 4. Program Activities

### 4.1 Welcome and Context Setting

Following the registration process, the program formally commenced with Mannita Pokhrel, an Executive Committee Member, serving as the Master of Ceremony. The event was chaired by Ubaraj Bhandari, President of the Nepal GoodWeave Foundation. Murari Kharel, Secretary of the National Human Rights Commission, attended as the Chief Guest. The Special Guests included Shanta Thapa, Deputy Mayor of Kageshwari Manahara Municipality; Bhagwati Sangraula, Acting Director of the Social Welfare Council; and Devi Khadka, General Secretary of the NGO Federation of Nepal. The program was further honored by the presence of Binod Bahadur Karki, Advisor to the Nepal GoodWeave Foundation, and Bal Ram Gurung, President of NCMEA.. *(See Program Schedule in Annex 2)*

Mr. Kiran Thapa, General Secretary of NGF, welcomed participants and guests during the program. He highlighted the significance of social audits, transparency, and improving accountability in the organization's programs.

The event was attended by children, youth, representatives from various social organizations, child centric networks, local governments, government institutions, partners, member organizations, supporters, and members of the media.. *(See List of Participants in Annex 1)*

### 4.2 Presentation Session (Project Updates)

A social audit is a systematic and participatory process that enables an organization to assess, understand, and communicate its social, ethical, and developmental performance in a transparent manner. It goes beyond a mere review of financial transactions by examining whether an organization's activities, decisions, and use of resources are aligned with its stated

vision, mission, and social commitments. Through a social audit, organizations are able to critically reflect on their performance, identify strengths and shortcomings, and determine the extent to which their intended goals and objectives have translated into tangible outcomes on the ground. By emphasizing both efficiency and effectiveness, a social audit offers valuable insights into how responsibly and impactfully an organization is operating in relation to its social responsibilities.

In the context of Nepal, social auditing has increasingly been recognized as an important governance and accountability mechanism, particularly among development organizations and local bodies. The practice has been widely adopted as a means to promote good governance, strengthen transparency, and enhance downward accountability to communities. Social audits in Nepal often involve active participation from stakeholders, including community members, service users, and local representatives, allowing them to voice their feedback, concerns, and expectations. This participatory approach not only helps organizations identify gaps between planned activities and actual service delivery but also builds mutual trust and ownership. As a result, social audits contribute to more responsive and inclusive local governance, ensuring that development interventions are better aligned with community needs and priorities.

Within this framework, Hem Moktan, Senior Program Manager of the Nepal GoodWeave Foundation (NGF), delivered a comprehensive presentation outlining the organization's overall mandate, strategic direction, and operational progress. In his overview, he highlighted NGF's major programs, key achievements, and current financial status, providing participants with a clear understanding of the organization's scope of work and institutional capacity. He elaborated on NGF's sustained efforts to promote ethical and responsible practices within the carpet industry, underscoring its unwavering commitment to the complete elimination of child labor. Mr. Moktan emphasized that NGF functions as a central coordinating body, working closely with its member organizations to ensure compliance with child labor-free standards through regular monitoring, technical guidance, and targeted capacity-building support. Through these collaborative and coordinated efforts, NGF aims to protect children from exploitation, uphold their fundamental rights, and contribute to the development of a more transparent, responsible, and socially accountable carpet industry in Nepal.

With the active support and cooperation of local governments, NGF is also directly engaged in the identification, rescue, and reintegration of vulnerable children who have been subjected to child labor in carpet factories. The organization operates a dedicated children's home where rescued children are provided with a safe and nurturing environment. Within this facility, NGF prioritizes the holistic development of children by focusing on their education, psychosocial well-being, and overall care. Children under the age of 18, or those who are still pursuing their studies up to grade 12, are supported to continue their formal education. In parallel, NGF facilitates vocational training and family reunification programs, ensuring that children are gradually reintegrated into their families and communities in a safe and sustainable manner.

In addition to these interventions, NGF offers residential technical and vocational training programs aimed at equipping older children and adolescents with practical skills that enhance

their future employability and self-reliance. To address the needs of younger children of carpet factory workers, the organization has established day care centers that provide early childhood care and educational opportunities during their formative years. Furthermore, NGF remains committed to improving access to education for the children of carpet factory workers by enrolling them in schools and providing essential learning materials such as textbooks, notebooks, and other stationery. These initiatives not only motivate children to pursue and remain in education but also serve as a preventive measure against child labor, helping to break the intergenerational cycle of exploitation and poverty within the carpet industry.

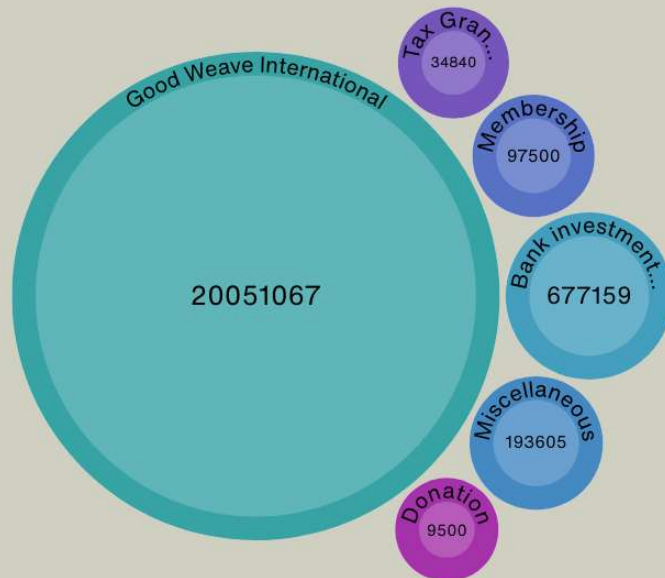
The total beneficiaries for the carried program is presented as below:



## 5. Financial Status

During the program, a comprehensive overview of the income and expenditure for the fiscal year 2080/081 was presented, along with a thorough justification of accountabilities. This included addressing questions from the public and providing verifications to ensure transparency. The presentation detailed the income and expenditure by outlining the sources of funding, indicating the total committed amount for the year. It also broke down the total expenses incurred throughout the year, giving participants a clear picture of how funds were utilized. Additionally, the report highlighted the remaining balance at the end of the fiscal year, which will be carried forward into the next year’s budget. This structured approach not only enhanced understanding among the audience but also reinforced the organization’s commitment to financial accountability and transparency.

## Income Status (NPR)

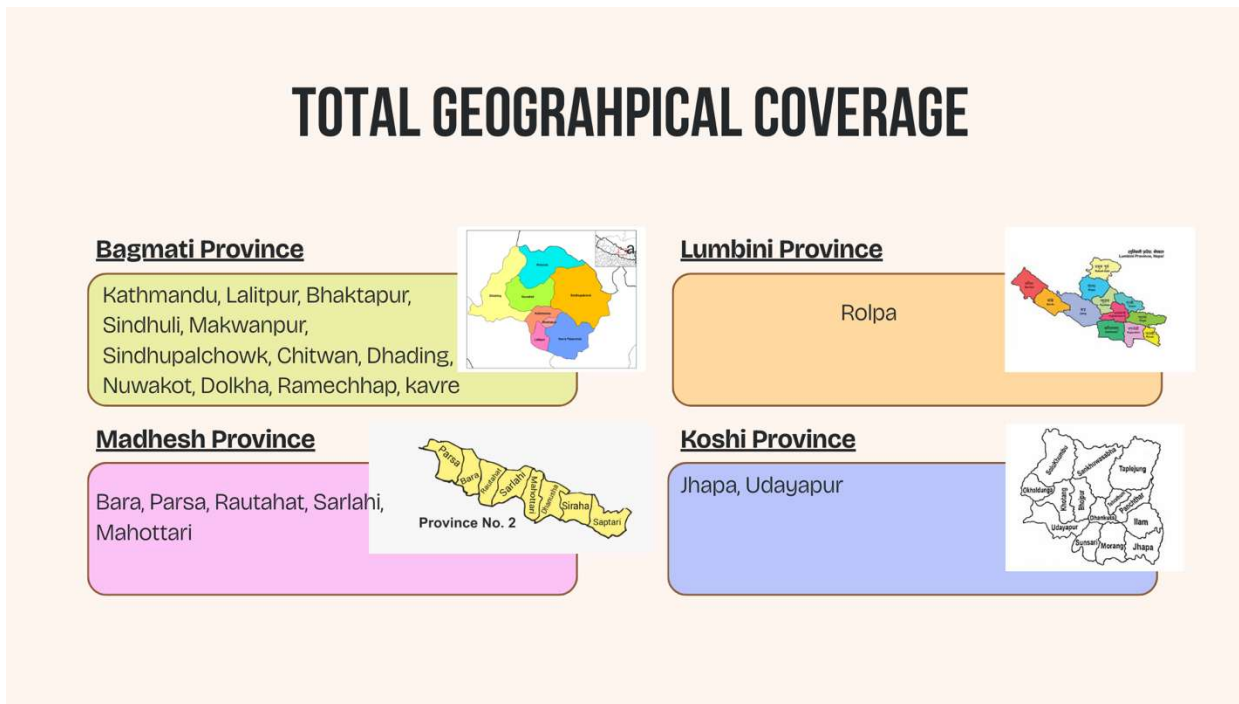


## Expenditure 2025



**Total Expenditure – NPR 193,82,519**

With these expenses, the organization had able to reach among the 4 provinces and 20 districts directly benefiting its beneficiaries. The total reach of geographical coverage is as follows:



Following the presentation by Mr. Santosh Maharjan, he placed strong emphasis on the far-reaching impact of social auditing on governance systems and institutional practices. Drawing from his experience as a social auditor, he explained that social auditing is a powerful participatory mechanism that creates space for the voices of diverse stakeholders, particularly those from marginalized, excluded, and economically disadvantaged communities. These groups, he noted, are often underrepresented or entirely absent from formal decision-making processes. By systematically engaging communities and service users, social auditing helps ensure that their concerns, experiences, and expectations are heard, documented, and reflected in governance decisions. Mr. Maharjan highlighted that this process plays a critical role in strengthening local governance by promoting transparency, enhancing accountability, and ensuring that local authorities and institutions remain answerable and responsive to the communities they serve.

During his presentation, Mr. Maharjan clearly outlined the core objectives of the Social Audit program and elaborated on its broader relevance within social and development institutions. He explained that social audits serve not only as an accountability tool but also as a learning and improvement mechanism for organizations. In this regard, he discussed the various policy measures adopted by the organization to uphold ethical and legal standards, including the practice of securing all necessary approvals and clearances from relevant government authorities prior to the implementation of any project or activity. He emphasized that such due diligence is essential for ensuring compliance with national regulations, minimizing risks, and building credibility and trust among stakeholders. Additionally, Mr. Maharjan underscored the importance of coordination and collaboration with government bodies, civil society

organizations, and other institutions, noting that strong partnerships are vital for achieving sustainable outcomes and maximizing collective impact.

Mr. Maharjan also highlighted the steps taken by the Nepal GoodWeave Foundation to act upon recommendations and feedback provided by beneficiaries during previous social audits. He explained how these recommendations have been carefully reviewed and incorporated into program planning and implementation processes, demonstrating the organization's commitment to accountability, learning, and continuous improvement. By responding proactively to community feedback, NGF seeks to strengthen its programs, address identified gaps, and ensure that its interventions remain relevant and effective.

Following the presentation, the session was opened for an interactive discussion, allowing participants to openly share their reflections, questions, and suggestions. This open forum encouraged meaningful dialogue and exchange of ideas among stakeholders, fostering a sense of collective ownership and mutual learning. The inclusive nature of the discussion ensured that diverse perspectives were acknowledged and considered, further reinforcing the participatory spirit of social auditing and its role in promoting transparent, accountable, and community-centered governance

## 6. Open floor discussion

The open-floor discussion was structured around three key areas: the strongest aspects of the Nepal GoodWeave Foundation (NGF), areas requiring improvement, and suggestions to guide future initiatives. Participants were encouraged to openly share their views and experiences, and their collective opinions and feedback are presented below:



### **Nisha Mahat, Child Representative**

I am very happy that, I get to go to school with support from NGF. I also thought that I am able to regain my lost childhood, which was not in the carpet factory. Now I am dreaming of my bright future

### **Durga Magar, Parent Representative**

Before getting support from NGF and being a single parent, life is very difficult for me. Now my child is reading and hope that will get support upto secondary level education. I also expect that, my child will get support after secondary education as well, which will make ease in getting job.



### **Krishna Maharjan, Member Organization**

Pleased to know about the different initiatives taken to make carpet industry child labor free. It will be better if it also focus on developing economical status of parents also.



# Additional Views from the Stakeholders

## Aatma Ram Chapaig – Carpet Entrepreneur



The incidence of child labour in the carpet sector has been steadily declining, largely due to the sustained efforts of the Nepal GoodWeave Foundation (NGF). One of NGF's key strengths is its close collaboration with local governments, coupled with continuous capacity-building initiatives that empower them to effectively address and prevent child labour.

## Mani Ram Acharya, General Secretary, National Child Protection Alliance



One of the strongest aspects of NGF is its consistent focus on its core objectives. The National Child Protection Alliance is pleased to have a committed and dedicated member like NGF, which has been continuously working to eliminate child labour in the carpet industry. Representing the network of organizations, I would like to suggest that NGF also strengthen its efforts in raising awareness about the harmful impacts of child labour and expand its advocacy initiatives. Complementing the ongoing interventions with awareness and advocacy will help sensitize actors on the supply side of child labour and ultimately contribute to a further reduction in child labour.

## Devi Khadka, General Secretary, NGO Federation of Nepal

As an active civil society organization, it is encouraging to see that NGF consistently conducts its annual social audit. This practice greatly supports organizational transparency and strengthens accountability toward its beneficiaries. While the NGO Federation encourages all member organizations to undertake social audits, only a limited number carry them out as regularly and effectively as NGF.



I would also like to suggest that NGF work more closely with all three tiers of government, as civil society organizations play a vital role in supporting the government in the effective implementation of its policies. Additionally, NGF should further prioritize vocational and technical training initiatives, which would help ensure the self-reliance and sustainable livelihoods of youth and children after they graduate from the NGF home.

### **Bhagwati Sangraula, Deputy Director General, Social Welfare Council**

The initiation and regular practice of social audits by NGF is highly commendable, as very few organizations undertake this process. Social audits play a crucial role in maintaining transparency and strengthening accountability toward beneficiaries. I closely observed all the audit processes and reviewed the previous year's reports, and I am pleased to note that the organization has diligently followed all required procedures. As also highlighted by other stakeholders, NGF should further strengthen its advocacy initiatives by closely engaging with all three tiers of government.



### **Shanti Thapa, Deputy Mayor, Kageshwori Manahara Municipality**

The most significant achievement of NGF has been its successful efforts in rescuing children from child labour in the carpet industry and its continuous support in reintegrating these children back into their families and communities. In addition to direct interventions with children, NGF has been working very closely with local governments, providing technical and programmatic support to help municipalities move towards becoming child labour-free. Looking ahead, there is a growing need to also consider the modality of *learn and earn* programs, which have already been adopted by the Government of Nepal. Such programs can play an important role in supporting children to become self-sustaining after completing their education. As a local government, we are very pleased to be part of the programs organized by NGF and highly appreciate the continued guidance, collaboration, and support extended by the organization.



### **Murari Kharel, Secretary, National Human Rights Commission**

It is encouraging to note that NGF has been consistently conducting social audits, clearly demonstrating its commitment to transparency, accountability, and responsibility towards its rights holders and stakeholders. While NGF's continued educational support remains important, there is now a growing need to place greater emphasis on life skills development programs that can complement formal education and better prepare children and young people for independent and dignified living. Furthermore, as NGF is an active member of various national and local networks, it is well positioned to work more closely on the establishment and strengthening of child rights mechanisms, particularly those focused on monitoring, reporting, and responding to child rights violations. In order to sustain the initiatives and achievements made by NGF over time, it will be essential for the organization to align its efforts with local government policy priorities, support the formulation and implementation of child-focused policy initiatives, and help institutionalize the mechanisms



envisioned and established by local governments for the long-term protection and promotion of child rights.

## **7. Challenges and opportunities**

Challenges and constraints are an inherent part of programme implementation, and the execution of NGF's initiatives was no exception during the reporting period. In addition to routine programmatic and logistical management issues, NGF encountered several key challenges that affected the smooth and timely implementation of project activities. One of the major challenges observed was the variation in requirements and procedural expectations among different local government authorities, particularly in relation to the reintegration of children. Such inconsistencies often created delays and additional administrative burdens, requiring repeated coordination and adjustments to implementation approaches. Furthermore, there were specific expectations from government bodies regarding the types and levels of support to be provided to reintegrated children and their families. Aligning project interventions with these expectations was essential but at times challenging, especially where clear guidelines or uniform standards were lacking. Another significant constraint was the absence of accurate, updated, and comprehensive child-related databases within government systems. The lack of reliable data on the number, status, and conditions of children limited evidence-based planning, monitoring, and effective targeting of interventions. Addressing these challenges through strengthened coordination, clearer role delineation, and improved data management systems is critical for enhancing the effectiveness, accountability, and sustainability of NGF's ongoing and future initiatives.

## **8. Coordination and Networking**

NGF actively engaging in close coordination and collaboration with a wide range of stakeholders to effectively achieve its mission and programmatic objectives. Its approach emphasizes partnership and collective action, recognizing that complex social issues require coordinated responses. Accordingly, NGF works in cooperation with various government bodies at different levels, educators and academic institutions, social workers, mass media professionals, service providers, suppliers, as well as national and international non-governmental organizations. These collaborative relationships are essential in promoting a holistic and inclusive approach to addressing the needs and challenges faced by the communities served by NGF.

During the fiscal year 2081/82, NGF coordinated with numerous organizations and institutions throughout the planning and implementation of its activities. This period of collaboration reflects NGF's strong commitment to leveraging the technical expertise, institutional capacities, and resources of multiple partners to enhance programme quality and effectiveness. The partnerships formed and strengthened during this reporting year played a significant role in improving service delivery, ensuring community outreach, and responding more effectively to the needs of children and families. Through these coordinated efforts, NGF was able to maximize

the overall impact, sustainability, and accountability of its interventions while reinforcing shared ownership and responsibility among stakeholders.

Here are the list of some major organizations that NGF had coordinated throughout the year:

- National Child Rights Council
- National Youth Council
- NGO Federation of Nepal
- Social Development Ministry, Bagmati Province
- Kageshwari Manohara Municipality
- Gokarneshwor Municipality
- Related government institutions
- Other related organizations/ networks
- Education Protection and help for children (EPHC)
- Children Welfare and Rural Development Services (CWARDS)
- GoodWeave Certification Nepal
- Laboratory Secondary School
- Under Privileged Children's Education (UCEP) Nepal
- Local Schools and colleges

Besides it, Nepal GoodWeave Foundation is also the active member of following networks

- Consortium of Organizations Working for Child Participation (Consortium Nepal)
- National Child Protection Alliance (NCPA)
- Children are Zone of Peace (CZOP)
- CSO Forum on SDG 8.7
- Forced Labor Elimination Advocacy Group

## **9. Partners and supporters**

NGF operates within a strong and synergistic network of development partnerships and alliances, which are fundamental to the execution and advancement of its core mission. This collaborative ecosystem provides strategic guidance, enhancing the Foundation's capacity to achieve its long-term objectives in eradicating child labor and promoting ethical certification in the carpet industry.

A cornerstone of this support structure is the foundational partnership with GoodWeave International. This relationship provides NGF with critical technical expertise, global best practices, and a framework for credible standard-setting and monitoring, thereby ensuring local initiatives align with internationally recognized principles.

Beyond this pivotal alliance, NGF's operational and programmatic sustainability is established through a strategically diversified funding model. This model encompasses several key streams: the steady commitment of individual donors, whose contributions reflect strong public trust; corporate social responsibility (CSR) partnerships that align business interests with social impact;

revenue generated from membership fees within its certification system; and ancillary financial accruals such as exchange gains. This diversified portfolio mitigates financial risk and ensures a stable resource base for ongoing and future initiatives.

Taken together, this diverse support system plays a vital role in helping NGF deliver its programs effectively, expand its reach, and create lasting, positive change in the communities it serves. The combination of strategic guidance and varied funding sources highlights a holistic approach to social change—one that reflects strong governance, accountability, and a shared commitment to sustainable development. This network of partners and donors is not just a source of assistance; it is a core pillar of NGF's credibility, resilience, and overall impact, as evidenced in this social audit.

## **10. Closing Session : Respond and Closing**

During the open forum, a rich and constructive dialogue unfolded, highlighting the deep community engagement at the heart of Nepal GoodWeave Foundation's mission. Program Chair and President, Ubaraj Bhandari, responded to the participants' points with genuine appreciation, visibly moved by their enthusiasm and heartfelt recognition of the organization's longstanding work. He warmly acknowledged the attendees' expressions of satisfaction and joy, noting that such strong grassroots support is the true foundation of NGF's initiatives and a powerful source of motivation for the team. With sincerity, Bhandari emphasized that NGF sees its work as a shared journey, promising to continue advancing hand-in-hand with the communities it serves.

Social Auditor Santosh Maharjan also spoke to the gathering, offering profound thanks to both the participants and NGF's leadership. He expressed deep gratitude for the personal experiences shared openly and for the trust placed in him to carry out the social audit—a responsibility he described as both meaningful and humbling. He particularly commended NGF for its steadfast dedication to child protection and for fostering an environment where children's education and growth can thrive, recognizing this commitment as the cornerstone of the organization's impact.

Closing the session, President Ubaraj Bhandari delivered a heartfelt address that blended gratitude with a forward-looking perspective. He thanked participants for their valuable presence, thoughtful voices, and candid feedback—all of which he described as essential for NGF's growth and continuous improvement. Demonstrating transparency and responsiveness, he addressed several specific questions raised during the discussions, providing clear updates on key organizational matters. With attentiveness and care, he assured the audience that every perspective shared would be thoughtfully considered and integrated into NGF's future planning. This closing moment reinforced a sense of shared vision and partnership, framing the audit not as a conclusion but as a step in an ongoing conversation dedicated to meaningful, positive change.

## **11. Conclusion and recommendations**

The social audit program was a resounding success, marked by lively and meaningful participation from a diverse cross-section of the community. Attendees included direct beneficiaries of NGF's work, key stakeholders, esteemed representatives from both government and non-governmental organizations, and members of the media, creating a rich and diverse perspectives and experiences in the room. The structured presentation segment proved highly effective, offering clear and comprehensive insights into the organization's governance framework, the tangible achievements of its core programs, and key financial disclosures that underscored NGF's commitment to transparency and accountability.

A particularly engaging part of the event was the open discussion forum. This segment encouraged thoughtful dialogue, allowing participants to raise concerns, ask questions, and share valuable field-level observations. The organization's President skillfully addressed these queries, facilitating a productive exchange of ideas and demonstrating NGF's dedication to openness and transparency. Feedback from the floor was overwhelmingly positive, with many attendees noting that such forums play a crucial role in supporting the organization's ongoing development, strategic learning, and growth.

Looking ahead, participants expressed a strong and hopeful desire for NGF to continue hosting similar interactive sessions. They highlighted that these initiatives are key to enhancing organizational transparency, building public trust, and visibly demonstrating NGF's accountability to its rights holders and the wider community. Overall, the event not only strengthened vital relationships and communication channels but also reaffirmed NGF's unwavering commitment to inclusive, participatory, and impactful community engagement.

**THANK YOU**

## 12. ANNEXES

**Annex 1: List of Participants** – needs to be updated

**Annex 2: Program Schedule**

### **Social Audit**

Nepal GoodWeave Foundation

### **Annex 3: Executive committee members**

|                           |   |   |
|---------------------------|---|---|
| Advisor                   | - | Binod Karki (Senior Advocate)                 |
| President                 | - | Ubaraj Bhandari (NGO Sector)                  |
| Immediate Past President- |   | Samik Bikram Shah (Carpet Sector)             |
| Vice President-           |   | Balram Gurung (Carpet Sector)                 |
| General Secretary -       |   | Kiran Thapa (NGO Sector)                      |
| Treasurer                 | - | Kalpana Timalshina (NGO Sector)               |
| Member                    | - | Shreejana G.C (NGO Sector)                    |
| Member                    | - | Manita Pokhrel (NGO Sector)                   |
| Member                    | - | Prem Kumar Dangol (NGO Sector)                |
| Member                    | - | Lava Tamang (Carpet Sector)                   |
| Member                    | - | Amir Bhattari (Expert 9 <sup>th</sup> member) |