

## 6. A Study on the situation of children affected by the armed conflict in Nepal

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The over-arching purpose of conducting this research is to provide *Terre des hommes* and the members of the International Alliance of Save the Children in Nepal and others with information and recommendations by which they can design and implement programs to protect children affected by war from being trafficked or falling into situations of abuse, debt bondage or the worst forms of child labor.

The present conflict in Nepal causes dislocation and displacement of many children from their families and home support systems, and these children are in situations of personal vulnerability (lack of family, shelter, food, education, etc.); many of these children have migrated and are presently migrating from their home areas to other parts of the country and out of Nepal; in the act of migration and at temporary or longer-term destinations, many children are without a 'safety net' of family, friends and community; due to personal vulnerability, the absence of a 'safety net' and external risk factors (traffickers, labor brokers, abusers, etc.), many children are at risk of being trafficked or falling into situations of abuse, debt bondage or the worst forms of child labor.

The study will identify concentrations of vulnerable IDP; identify locations where interventions are most effective; investigate the children's reasons for migration, risk/protection factors during migration, etc.; assess the existing state of the children; identify existing personal vulnerabilities and existing safety nets for these children; identify external risk factors for these children and will identify ways to reduce personal vulnerabilities, strengthen safety nets and protect children from external risk factors.

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