

9. MALA: Protection of Children Affected by the Armed Conflict in Nepal – 10 Mid Western Districts

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Center for Mental Health & Counseling Nepal CMC
Friends of Disabled FOD - Hospital and Rehabilitation
Centre for Disabled Children HRDC

The children of Nepal are particularly vulnerable. Since the end of the cease-fire agreement in 2003, violations against Nepali children have been steadily increasing by both parties to the conflict. The armed conflict has eroded fragile and tenuous gains in literacy, child mortality and other key indicator areas, as the general standard of living and quality of life for all Nepali children continues to deteriorate. According to *Watchlist on Children and Armed Conflict* "many children in Nepal are growing up in an environment shaped by guns, bombs, bandhs (strikes), killings, the sight of dead bodies and the fear of war, leading them



to be preoccupied with thoughts and fear about violence and other psychosocial consequences. They worry about losing their homes, their families and their education".

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Since November 2005, *Terre des hommes Foundation* is implementing a child protection project in ten Midwestern districts of Nepal, supported by the European Commission through its Humanitarian Aid department.

By the end of the project 1,500 identified children and their families have been counseled in a family context; 4,400 have benefited from educational support and are provided with opportunities for recreational activities as a

