



South Asia Initiative to End Violence Against Children [SAIEVAC]

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SAIEVAC to table country specific recommendations of model laws for explicit prohibition of all corporal punishment in the member states



SAIEVAC Regional Secretariat, in collaboration with SAARC LAW, organized a workshop of the experts to review the legal status of corporal punishment in SAARC Member States. Experts from the Global Initiative to End Corporal Punishment, SAARC LAW, South Asia Coordinating Group on Action against Violence against Children (SACG), National Mechanism in Nepal as well as SAIEVAC Regional Secretariat gathered in Kathmandu on 23 - 24 May, 2014.

The Workshop reviewed the laws and instruments relating to corporal punishment in SAARC member states in order to develop an updated legal status report on corporal punishment. The experts assessed the progress made in prohibiting corporal punishment in the region since 2011 and concluded that there are several opportunities for legal reform in the region to ensure explicit prohibition of corporal punishment. It was also highlighted that SAIEVAC mechanisms can play active roles to incorporate the right language in the bills under progress to ensure explicit prohibition of all corporal punishment in all settings with the support of SAIEVAC Regional Secretariat. The workshop also developed country specific recommendations of model laws for explicit prohibition of all corporal punishment in the member states.

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