

Regional Offices

OHCHR-Nepal has four regional offices, in the central region/Kathmandu Valley (Chauni, Kathmandu), the eastern region (Biratnagar), the western region (Pokhara) and the mid- and far western region (Nepalgunj).

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The High Commissioner for Human Rights

is the principal United Nations human rights official. She is accountable to the Secretary-General.

The General Assembly established the High Commissioner in December 1993 to promote and protect all human rights: civil, political, economic, social and cultural.

Louise Arbour was appointed High Commissioner in July 2004. Her Representative in Nepal is Ian Martin.

The OHCHR-Nepal head office is located in Chauni, Kathmandu.

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What are the mandate and objectives of OHCHR-Nepal?

The mission of the OHCHR is to protect and promote all human rights for all.

The mandate of the OHCHR in Nepal is set out in the April 2005 Agreement between the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Government of the Kingdom of Nepal. The mandate includes the following objectives:

- ❖ Monitor the observance of human rights and international humanitarian law throughout the country, including by carrying out investigations.
- ❖ Advise the authorities of Nepal on the formulation and implementation of policies, programmes and measures for the promotion and protection of human rights in Nepal.
- ❖ Provide advisory services and support to the National Human Rights Commission, representatives of civil society, human rights NGOs and individuals.
- ❖ Submit analytic reports to the Commission on Human Rights and the General Assembly.

What does OHCHR-Nepal do?

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- ❖ Receives information about human rights violations from all sources, including from State officials, victims of violations, families of victims, human rights defenders, the media and other non-state groups.
- ❖ Investigates alleged violations of human rights, including reports of people being killed, disappeared, abducted, tortured, raped, illegally arrested and detained.
- ❖ Reports on the investigations, including making recommendations to state and non-state actors to implement measures to protect such human rights.
- ❖ Presents its concerns to the persons, or organisations and institutions, responsible for violations and addressing them, and seeks action to address violations.
- ❖ Monitors the access that victims of human rights violations have to justice through the courts.
- ❖ Advises and assists the National Human Rights Commission.
- ❖ Advises representatives of civil society and individuals on all matters related to the promotion and protection of human rights.
- ❖ Advises State and non-governmental organisations on human rights education programmes and professional training programmes.
- ❖ Coordinates human rights protection and promotion activities of the United Nations Country Team.

What kind of human rights does OHCHR-Nepal focus on?

OHCHR-Nepal works to protect and promote human rights by addressing three areas:

- ❖ Human rights and international humanitarian law violations directly related to the armed conflict, such as illegal killings, disappearances, abductions, sexual violence, torture and targeting of civilians.
- ❖ Democratic rights, such as the rights to freedom of expression, freedom of association and freedom of peaceful assembly.
- ❖ Longstanding human rights concerns, such as discrimination against women and girls, or on the basis of caste or ethnic background.

OHCHR-Nepal has the authority to:

- ❖ Engage all relevant actors, including non-state actors, for the purpose of ensuring the observance of international human rights and humanitarian law.
- ❖ Visit any part of the country, enter all prisons, detention centres and places of interrogation without prior notice, and to meet privately with anyone held in detention.
- ❖ Access official documents it requires to complete its work, as appropriate.
- ❖ Function as a centre for consultations and dialogue, promoting a climate of trust in all sectors involved in and concerned by human rights issues.