# Evaluation of the effects of the strategy implemented by the subprogram “Emanciper et Protéger” (To Emancipate and Protect): gender equality and the protection of women in two regions of Nepal

**Ces éléments sont présentés sous réserve de la finalisation en cours des termes de référence de cette étude.**

## 1. The initiative and the actors involved

Planète Enfants & Développement (PE&D) is the fruit of the 2016 fusion of two associations (Enfants & Développement and Planète Enfants) whose mission is to improve the lives of vulnerable children and aid in their development through services which provide protection, healthcare, education, social integration, and family assistance; by strengthening the autonomy and capacities of local actors (authorities, civil societies, communities and families); and by denouncing and fighting against all forms of discrimination and exploitation of children and, in particular, against human trafficking. Our work is focused in five fields: early childhood development, family training, protection against violence, social and professional inclusion, and pediatric health.

We have a multinational team (composed principally of wage earning nationals, but also of international volunteers with “le Volontariat de Solidarité Internationale” (V.S.I.), and civil servants) in all four of the countries where we work- Nepal, Cambodia, Burkina Faso, and Vietnam- with a total of 50 staff members (29w, 21m).


The protection and development of children in Nepal is inseparable from the emancipation and protection of women. Women are the primary guardians of their children’s safety, especially their daughter’s safety. It is women who protect children from traditionalist and/or gender-based violence which deprive them of their rights.

The study concerns one of the two branches of the “Emanciper et Protéger” program which was implemented in 2015 and co-financed by AFD through 2017 and May 2020. The first branch concerns gender equality and protection of women against violence and which which contributed to the socio-economic alliance of two groups from different areas- women of the Chepang ethnic group, in the district of Dhading, and women working in the so-called “leisure sector” (which is, in fact, the prostitution sector) in Kathmandu- who share similar difficulties and suffer the same forms of discrimination, violence, and economic and social exclusion by Nepalese society. The other branch focuses on early childhood development by facilitating access to preschool classes that protect children from a violent environment and strengthen the capacities of parents, teachers, and education officials to support their children’s development and well-being.

The project takes place in the municipality of Gajuri, in the Dhading district, and in the municipality of Kathmandu. It is implemented with a partner in each zone: Prayash Nepal in Dhading, and Child Nepal in Kathmandu. The project is structured around 2 phases: The first, which ran from March 2015 until February 2017 (Dhading only), and the second which runs from March 2017 to May 2020 (Dhading and Kathmandu)

The project aims to reduce the prevalence of violence against women and girls (VAWG) in 5 rural villages in Dhading district (Jogimara, Dhursa, Mahadevsthan, Gajuri, Pida) and in the city of Kathmandu. More specifically, the project aims to promote gender equality, protect women from exploitation in the target communities, and to contribute to the empowerment of women.

The intervention strategy is comprised of the following four elements:

- gaining autonomy for women
- encouraging men to take part in changes
- the education of adolescents
- family support and aid

The total budget for these actions is €556k; €175k of which comes from an AFD grant; €225k of which comes from the Provictimis Foundation; and €156k of which from the Raja Foundation, the Blanc Mesnil Foundation, and private donors.
2. The Study

2.1- Expectations and Objectives
Planète Enfants & Développement expects this study to identify and assess the changes to which their projects have contributed in relation to gender-based discrimination, the extent to which these changes are positive or negative, and whether or not the intended results were achieved. The study should make it possible to identify the intervention methods and strategies which have been best able to promote equality. It should also help to inform PE&D's objectives of...

- Improving its practices and those of its operational partners;
- Informing the decisions of PE&D on the strategy to put in place for a future equality project gender and the eradication of violence in the same country;
- Improving the practices of PE&D and its operational partners and promote it among authorities and future donors;
- Reporting to AFD and other project donors.

2.2. Objectives of the Study
PE&D would like to better understand the effects its initiatives in terms of reducing violence against women and increasing the economic autonomy of women, and in terms of the overall quality of the actions carried out.

It is also expected that this study will collect valuable information for PE&D, which wishes to continue its initiatives for the emancipation of women and for gender equality in Nepal— particularly as these issues concern disadvantaged minorities— as PE&D would like to replicate their initiatives in the rural area adjacent to Dhading. In addition, PE&D would also like to develop a roadmap which the authorities can integrate into their action plans and their budgets, and to take more focused actions concerning gender equality and related behavioral changes in the Kathmandu Valley.

It is therefore particularly important for PE&D to...

- Understand the effects of their actions on the changes in the statuses of women and men in their communities, in qualitative but also quantitative terms (share of women whose statuses or situation have changed, discriminating criteria, scale of change...).
- Understand the effectiveness and sustainability of the social tools put into place and/or strengthened (discussion groups, savings, calls to the referral network, appropriation of equality initiatives gender by municipalities).

2.3- Envisioned plan
PE&D will coordinate the study with the Laos-based evaluation point of contact. The partner organizations and the director of PE&D will be associated.

The study will take place in three phases:

- Preparation and project framing, which will include a preliminary meeting— ether in Paris or over skype— in english, and the drafting of a framing document by the consultants.
- Mission to Nepal, Kathmandu and the Dhading district (a 4 hour drive from Kathmandu). An on-site framing meeting will take place with the Nepalese consultant and the international consultant, the PE&D project manager and the 2 partners to present the framework and methodology of the study. Interviews, workshops, family visits, as well as a warm reunion with our partners will take place in Nepal.
- Drafting of the provisional report and summary (in English), its presentation in Paris (in French), finalization of the report. An extended restitution will be organized in Paris, in the presence of the consultant, PE&D, F3E and their partners (face-to-face and / or via Skype (in French)). If the budget allows, one or more feedback meetings will be organized in Nepal by the Nepalese consultant.

- The provisional budget for this study is € 28,000 (taxes included).

2.4- External expertise sought
The study will be carried out by a pair (or a team of) consultants, including at least one international consultant who will be head of mission and one Nepalese consultant.
The international consultant is experienced in studying gender issues in general, and in the countries of the Global South in particular. He or she speaks and writes fluently in English and French.

The Nepalese consultant is experienced in gender issues and studies on these issues. He or she speaks and writes fluently in English.

2.5- Previsional Calendar

- March 29th, at midnight (French time): application deadline
- April 1st, 2020 (afternoon): Applicant interviews (if applicable)
- April, 2020: Project framing, documentary analysis, and preparation for the expedition (in Paris and elsewhere)
- May, 2020: Expedition to Nepal
- June – July, 2020: Drafting of a preliminary report, return to Paris, finalization

This call for expressions of interest is intended to find qualified consultants. At the end of this call for expression of interest, a pre-selection will be made, then a restricted call for contenders will be launched with the pre-selected consultants, on the basis of the finalized terms of reference of the evaluation, in French and English. Offers may be submitted in French or English.

At that point, the résumé of the consultant wishing to be the head of the mission is required. If a consultant team is proposed, sending the résumé of the associated consultant(s) is not required at this stage of the call for expressions of interest, but it is nevertheless encouraged.

If you wish to express your interest, please send your résumé by email before Sunday, March 1 at midnight (French time) to the simultaneous attention of:

Armelle Barré, general contact, F3E: a.barre@f3e.asso.fr
Stéphanie Selle, Nepal contact: stephanie.selle@planete-eed.org

It is required that you attach an updated résumé to your application in which you will have highlighted the specific elements which you consider relevant to the assessment of your expression of interest and to the framework of this study.