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Ph.D. in Disaster Management (Mewar University)

M.A. in Human Rights and Duties Education (University of Madras)

M.A. in Conflict, Peace & Development (Tribhuvan University)

M.A. in Political Science (Tribhuvan University)

LL.B.(Tribhuvan University)

B.A. (Tribhuvan University)

B.Ed. (Tribhuvan University)

(I am practitioner lawyer with wide range of academic degrees and experiences on different areas like disaster management, conflict management and human rights. I have a vast experience in these areas working with UNDP, USAID, Grand Challenge Canada, VSO, Save The Children, Practical Action funded project.)

Recent Significant Consultancy Work:

1. Team Leader to evaluate peace building project and document the project intervention and its contribution to peace building for Practical Action, 2020
2. Disability Inclusive Disaster Risk Reduction Expert for USAID/Tayar funded project 'Public Safety for People with Disability' for Atuallya Foundation 2020
3. Team member to develop Local Disaster and Climate Resilient Plan, Shock Responsive Social Protection Plan, Forecast Based Financing and Voucher Cash Assistance to Local Level for the Save the Children, 2020
4. Team Leader on 'policy and programme mapping research to strengthen meaningful engagement of youth and CSOs on Climate Change Adaptation (CCA)/ Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR)' for VSO Nepal, 2020
5. Facilitator of 'International Sphere ToT' program conducted by DPNepal, 2020
6. Lead Facilitator of World Vision International's partner organization on DRRM, Humanitarian Standard and Do No Harm, 2019
7. Lead Facilitator of EU GFA NEARR Project on Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) for Local Government, 2019

Some Significant Consultancy Work:

1. Lead Consultant to evaluate 'Women Development Training Program' conducted by Government of Nepal, 2017
2. Lead Consultant to evaluate 'Kishori Bikas Karyakram' conducted by Department of Women and Children, 2017
3. Lead Consultant to evaluate 'Community Based Rehabilitation Program for the People with Disability', 2015
4. Lead Consultant to evaluate 'Conflict Sensitivity Program' conducted by UNDP, 2015
5. Lead Consultant to evaluate Grand Challenge Canada funded 'Road Traffic Accident Project' implemented by Integrated Community Development Movement Nepal, 2014

Work Experience:

1. General Secretary

December 2017 - Present

Disaster Preparedness Network-Nepal (DPNet-Nepal)

Kalimati, Kathmandu

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(DPNet-Nepal is an umbrella organization, established in 1996 with an objective of coordination, collaboration, learning and sharing of the experiences in the field of disaster management. It also plays the role of Secretariat of National Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction (NPDRR) chaired by the Ministry of Home Affairs.)

2. Coordinator

November 2019 – Present

Sphere Coordination Committee, Nepal

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(Sphere Coordination Committee is an umbrella network of various concerned stakeholders working in the field of humanitarian standard in Nepal. It is the only humanitarian network in Nepal recognized by Sphere Geneva.)

3. Executive Director **Advisor**

June 2018 – December 2018

January 2019 to December 2019

January 2017 to May 2018

Children and Women in Social Service and Human Rights (CWISH)

Buddha, Kathmandu

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(CWISH is a nonprofit organization, established in 1993 with an aim to ensure social justice, protection and promotion of human rights especially the rights of children. It is one of the biggest NGOs working in the field of child protection in Nepal)

3. **General Secretary** July 2015 - Present

Nepal Center for Disaster, Management

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(Nepal Centre for Disaster Management (NCDM) has been working in the field of disaster management since its inception in 2002. It empowers the people and enhancing the capacity of the local communities in disaster preparedness and management through various activities.)

4. **Director of Admin and Management** June 2013 - May 2014
Board Member June 2013 - Present

Institute of Crisis Management Studies

(TU Affiliated Master Degree Program)
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(The Institute of Crisis Management Studies offers a Tribhuvan University affiliated Master's Degree program on crisis management studies. It has a combination of best national and international scholars, practitioners and experts in the diverse areas of crisis management.)

5. **Fellowship** February 2017 to March 2017

**Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade &
Queensland University of Technology, Australia**

(This Australian Awards Fellowship was awarded by Australian Government, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and was dedicated to develop a framework for inclusive disaster management in Nepal)

6. **Executive Committee Member** June 2005 - Present

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(Human Rights Without Frontiers, International is an international human rights organization dedicated to promote and protect human rights, democracy, press freedom and rule of law around the world.)

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| 7. <u>President</u> | Dec 2004- Present |
| <u>General Secretary</u> | July 2002 - Nov 2004 |
| <u>Member</u> | June 2000 - July 2002 |

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(Human Rights Without Frontiers, Nepal is a dynamic organization dedicated to materialize democratic process and culture of peace through protection, promotion and respect of human rights according to the international standard and practice.)

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| 8. <u>Tribhuvan University CNAS-HiPeC Project</u> | February 2012 – August 2012 |
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Research Fellow
Tribhuvan University
Center for Nepal and Asian Studies
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(CNAS is a statutory research centre under TU for conducting independent research and deliberation on issues and studies in social sciences. The main substantive activity at the Centre is carried out by the research wings called Faculty while the administrative and documentation centre provide support services. CNAS is a multidisciplinary research centre with a team of 16 full-time researchers.)

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| 9. <u>Executive Committee Member</u> | December 2006 - Dec 2009 |
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(Human Rights Home (HRH) is an umbrella organization of 41 different human rights organizations which provide space and initiative that aims to bring together human rights organizations and defenders to form a broad, inclusive, and impartial alliance to develop mechanisms for the security of human rights defenders, to bridge the gap of civil diplomacy on human rights between national and international human rights

communities, and to serve as a safe and enabling environment in which human rights defenders can work effectively.)

Recent Participation in Significant Programs:

1. Speaker of the program 'Disaster Response Exercise and Exchange (DREE) Bangladesh, 27 to 29th October, 2019
2. Speaker of the program 'Koshi DRR Knowledge Hub Country Consultation' Patna, India, 29th July to 1st August, 2019
3. Workshop on 'Ecotourism for Sustainable Future of the Asia-Pacific' 20 to 23 March, 2019 Korea
4. Regional Consultative Group, Fourth Session, Humanitarian Civil-Military Coordination ASIA-PACIFIC 24 to 26th January 2019, Bangladesh
5. Disaster Response Exercise & Exchange (DREE), jointly organized by Nepali Army & US Army Pacific, 25 to 28 September 2018, Nepal
6. Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction, 3 to 6th July 2018, Mongolia
7. Training of Trainers Enhancing Effective Quality and Accountability to Affected Population (Q&AAP) 6 to 11 December 2018, Thailand

Publication:

1. Thapa, R. (2020). Parents Perception on the Academic Success of Their Children: An Ethnographic Study. *Airo International Research Journal*, 15(3), 1668-1674.

(This paper tries to understand the parents' (having school going kids) opinion of their kid's academic success, and interpret their views in relation to the concept of functionalism along with few other literatures and theory. The respondents have been chosen using purposive sampling technique. Primary data has been collected through informal interview, where the interview questions were semi-structured. For this study only qualitative data has been collected. It is understood that, education is greatly associated with livelihood opportunities, as it hugely increases the chance of a person to be knowledgeable, skillful, creative, and innovative. Such transformation in a person ultimately leads to becoming employed or even an employment creator, which will eventually help them in fulfilling the necessities of life. Other than income generating opportunities, education holds the power to create values, discipline, invent, and transform the society.)

1. Thapa, R. (2014). Liberation Induced Conflict: The Case of Kamaiya Emancipation in Nepal. *Journal of Indian Research*, 2(2), 113-124.

(The Kamaiya (bonded labor) problem is the most prevalent among the Tharu community that inhabits the Mid-and Far-Western lowland of Nepal where landlessness, low level of human capital development, and lack of employment opportunities contributed to this exploitative form of employment. On 17 July 2000, the government made a landmark decision to outlaw bonded labour system. However, the careless and unplanned manner in which the government announced to free Kamaiya has further victimized them. This study intends to find out the various aspects of the liberated Kamaiya and its possible consequences on generating conflict.)

2. Thapa, R. (2010) *Comparative Analytical Study on Human Rights Violation by State and Non-State Actors in the Post-Conflict Situation*, Kathmandu: Human Rights Without Frontiers, Nepal.

(General public had great aspiration after the comprehensive peace accord (CPA) regarding restoration of human rights and peace. But extra-judicial killing, beating, threatening, abduction have been continuing in the district by both state and non-state actors. Whatever little effort has been made by some human rights defenders and other research workers, they have hardly addressed themselves to the emerging problem of real situation of human rights of the Lamjunge people. In this connection researcher has conducted a comparative analytical study to identify the real human rights situation of Lamjunge people who are in the fear of extra-judicial killing, beating, threatening and abduction even after CPA. Considering these entire scenarios, this report attempts to provide the glimpse of the human right violation by the state and non-state actors in Lamjunge district.)

3. Thapa, R. & Adhikari, I.P. (2009). *Human Rights and Justice in Bhutan, Shadow Report on First Universal Periodic Review of Bhutan*. Kathmandu: Human Rights Without Frontiers, Nepal & Association of Press Freedom Activities, Bhutan.

(The book Human Rights and Justice in Bhutan provides vivid glimpse of the gross human rights violations in a country where "gross national happiness" is supposedly the guiding principle. The book covers incidents beginning with the 1990s suppression, followed by the political changes and actions thereafter. It also counters the claims made by the Royal Government of Bhutan in its report prepared for first universal review of Bhutan in Human Rights Commission. Substantive details of human rights violations are included in book and state failure to adhere by its legal obligation to protect the rights of its citizens is clearly reflected. The book mainly focuses on gross human rights violation by government authority ignoring the provision of international treaties which Bhutan is state party.)

4. Published numbers of articles on contemporary issues in different newspaper and magazine.

Date: 2020/12/14