



iProbono

ENABLING JUSTICE

IN NEPAL

iProbono is a global group of social justice organisations and affiliates with a mission to enable people to access their rights in pursuit of a just society.

We advance justice for all by representing people in need, strengthen the impact of civil society and advocate for policies that promote social equity and end discrimination.

Our expertise spans several thematic areas, ranging from child rights to gender equality, trafficking in persons to street law, sexual and reproductive health rights to refugee rights, among others.

In Nepal, we have been working with civil society partners since 2018 to secure Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.

Our Impact

1.2M

approximate beneficiaries from
3 significant PILs filed in the
Supreme Court

1407

people received comprehensive
capacity-building training and
workshops

75%

ESCR Fellowship alumni surveyed
continue to engage in legal work
to advance social change

150+

lawyers, judges, law students,
academics and diverse
stakeholders in our network

Our Team



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Our Partner Organisation



The Law and Policy Forum for Social Justice (LAPSOJ) works in the field of the rule of law, human rights, and constitutional issues. Through strategic litigation, legal research, policy and law review, LAPSOJ aims to institutionalise Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in Nepal.

Our Work

Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights (ESCR) Fellowship

The ESCR Fellowship is a remunerated 18-month programme aimed at securing ESCR in Nepal through research, advocacy, capacity building, and pro bono strategic litigation. In collaboration with LAPSOJ, we work with early to mid-career lawyers in building their capacity for social justice.

A highlight of the program is a writ petition being filed in the Supreme Court of Nepal, that seeks nationwide improvements to public transportation and infrastructure for disabled individuals. If successful, it will positively impact approximately 30,00,000 persons with disabilities.

Strategic Litigation

We offer legal support and representation to marginalised communities to secure their fundamental rights.

Decriminalisation of Abortion

In 2021, we filed a PIL before the Supreme Court of Nepal seeking to amend the existing law and fully decriminalise abortion. The petition has the potential to empower around 82,00,000 women and girls in Nepal to assert their sexual and reproductive rights.

Securing the Safe Return of Nepali Migrant Workers

In June 2020, during COVID-19, we filed a writ petition before the Supreme Court in collaboration with LAPSOJ and other human rights lawyers to secure the safe return of stranded migrant workers. The case directly benefited numerous migrant workers stuck in more than 153 countries.

Research and Advocacy

We work with government and international agencies to influence law as well as domestic and international policy.

The Right to Food and Shelter

A coalition of sixteen lawyers, including our 2022-23 ESCR fellows and advisor, made a submission to the government to enforce the 2018 Right to Food and Food Sovereignty Act and the Right to Shelter Act into implementable regulations.

Recommendations for Law and Policy Reform

In 2018, we organised a workshop on ESCR litigation with academic and practising legal experts from Kenya, India and Nepal. Our ESCR fellows partnered with the experts to draft a list of recommendations for law and policy reform. These recommendations were later submitted to Parliament.



Capacity Building & Training

We conduct workshops, training, roundtables and capacity-building sessions for our fellows, partner organisations and legal professionals.

#DesignTheLawNepal

iProbono in collaboration with Mara Malagodi at the School of Law at the University of Warwick, together with Emily Allbon and Sabrina Germain at City Law School, University of London, LAPSOJ, and Nepali artist Kripa Joshi, created a Legal Design Toolkit on Sexual and Reproductive Rights. This user-centric toolkit simplifies complex legal processes, making them accessible to diverse users.



Direct Legal Support

We offer wide-ranging pro bono support to social enterprises and non-profit organisations. These include legal advice, generating knowledge resources and drafting or vetting organisational policies.





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