



## CSOs and NGOs working for Human Rights<sup>1</sup>

**Name of Organisation:** The Informal Sector Service Centre (INSEC), Nepal, 1988

**Website of Organisation:** <http://www.insec.org.np/index.php?type=cms&id=1>

**Organisation of DTP Alumni Y/N:** Yes

INSEC was founded in 1988 by human rights defender, Prakash Kaphley, and prominent human rights activist, Sushil Pyakurel. Started with the objective of protecting the rights of people engaged in informal sectors, it has significantly contributed in protecting and promoting the fundamental rights of people in virtually all sectors and regions of Nepal. As a human rights NGO, INSEC is focused towards working with disadvantaged groups such as agricultural laborers, underprivileged women, and socially discriminated people including Dalits and children. INSEC's core competency areas are organising campaigns, creating awareness and education programs by enabling people to recognise their civil and political rights, as well as the ability to document human rights situation of the country and disseminate information on national and international level.

INSEC's core program consist of three components:

- Monitoring human rights and providing emergency support to victims
- Educating local people on rights and duties, and making authorities responsive
- Campaign and advocacy for human rights

INSEC projects include:

- Sensitising authorities and enabling them to be responsive in the education, food and health issues of local people
- Community initiatives
- Strengthening human rights defenders and civil societies by promoting economic, social and cultural rights of discriminated groups in Nepal
- Promoting the full implementation of the Rome Statute principles
- Fostering good governance through a human rights approach (

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<sup>1</sup> The Diplomacy Training Program (DTP) is an NGO affiliated with the Faculty of Law at UNSW in Sydney. Since 1990, it has provided training to over 2800 human rights defenders and community advocates. These individuals work for a wide range of organisations working to promote shared values of human rights – in different ways. This profile is part of a series developed by DTP ([www.dtp.unsw.edu.au](http://www.dtp.unsw.edu.au)) to illustrate the richness and diversity of the organisations working to promote human rights more broadly.