



SPOTLIGHT:

NEPAL

THE DALITS

The caste system has existed in Nepal for centuries and permeates into all religions in Nepal. Despite a variety of efforts and legal reforms by the Nepalese government, caste discrimination persists within Nepalese society.

Dalits especially, face much physical and psychological abuse and are not allowed to enter some places of worship. Violence including murder (often related to inter-caste marriage) is not unknown.

Dalit women and girls, and especially those of the Badi caste are particularly vulnerable. Many are raped and forced into sexual slavery.

OVERVIEW

**MARGINALISED GROUPS:
MANY INCLUDING DALITS**

**POPULATION SIZE:
ESTIMATED 3.6 - 5 MILLION**

**AREA:
THROUGHOUT, ESPECIALLY
IN RURAL COMMUNITIES**

**DISCRIMINATION:
TRAFFICKING, ACCESS TO
HOUSING, HEALTHCARE AND
EDUCATION. NOT ALLOWED
TO INTERACT WITH THOSE
FROM OTHER CASTES,
VIOLENCE, BONDED
LABOUR, MURDER**

**THE CHRISTIAN
NETWORK AGAINST
CASTE DISCRIMINATION**
CNACD exists to challenge the
entrenched, antiquated beliefs
of caste systems and to help
foster positive change.