



# ADULT ENTERTAINMENT SECTOR IN NEPAL



## WHAT IS ADULT ENTERTAINMENT SECTOR(AES)?

AES is establishment which hire young workers to work as waiters, singers and dancers to entertain customers.

AES outlets in Kathmandu include massage parlors, dancing bars, dohori, cabin restaurants, and guest house.

## REASONS FOR ENTERING AES



### PUSH FACTORS:

- Financial crisis
- Family disintegration
- Discrimination and exclusion based on caste, community, class, etc.
- Aspiration to achieve dream to be singer, dancer, etc.

### PULL FACTORS:

- Peer influence
- Easy availability of jobs
- No need of academic qualification and experience
- Incentives

**63%** AES workers belong to janajati community

Completed higher secondary **34%**

**19%** Completed primary school

Received help in getting their first job from family members (some parents, but mostly siblings, cousins, aunts, uncles and husband. **35%**

**35%** Lost their jobs due to Covid- 19 pandemic.

Are singer, dancer, performer **51%**

**44%** Works in dohori

**52%** Started working before the age of 18.

**15%** Leaves jobs due to poor working conditions, harassment, or exploitation.

Sources: <https://opendocs.ids.ac.uk/opendocs/handle/20.500.12413/17789>

## HOW DO THEY GET INTO AES?

With the help of Labor Intermediate (LI)

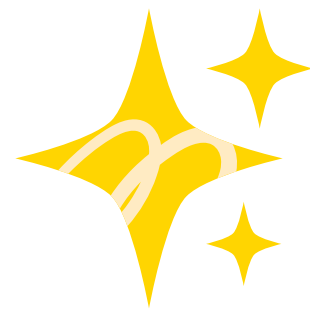


## WHO ARE LABOR INTERMEDIATES (LI) IN AES?

LI can be friends, acquaintance, friends of friends, relatives and restaurant owners, private and public entities who help them to get a job.



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## PROBLEMS FACED BY AES WORKERS?

-AES work is overlooked, underestimated and not seen as dignified



-Presence of conservative thinking

-Violation of human rights

✨ -State`s unwillingness to recognize AES work as decent labor and its ignorance in resolving their complaints and problems.

## IS EVERYTHING NEGATIVE IN AES ?

i. Some workers are happy to have a place to showcase their art and skills;

ii. Some have made progress to make career like singer, dancer, etc

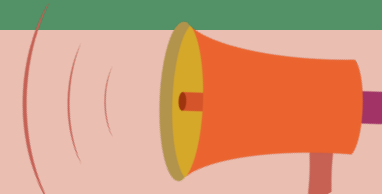


iii. They have run the house on those tips and commissions;

iv. This sector has employed the most disadvantaged people in the society who are deprived of both skills and education.



## CALL FOR ACTION



-Ensure that workers know their rights and have access to support for fair pay and decent work environment;

-Establish policies, programs, and interventions to address informal working environments.

-Pressurize owners for the process of making workplace systematic and women friendly environment like appointment and social security.



-Support workers in the hospitality, entertainment, and wellness sectors by ensuring safe, decent workplaces and employment processes

-End anti-trafficking policies that restrict women's mobility and create rogue services..

-Sociocultural norms must be taken into account in anti-trafficking research, policy and activism.

-Don't assume that all are uneducated



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