A strategic planning workshop for South Asia Initiative to End Violence Against Children was held in Paro and was attended by the officials of SDF and delegates from the SAARC member countries. It is a project, which aims at enhancing protection of children in South Asia, especially the most vulnerable, from all forms of violence. This is being done through enhanced advocacy, raised awareness and strengthened capacity of the implementing institutions and the target population.

The project was approved by the 12th SAARC Development Fund Board meeting last year.

At the opening, Education Minister, Thakur Singh Powdyel, said it is important to come up with such initiatives and provide safety to the children of South Asia.

Participants from Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka attended the workshop.