

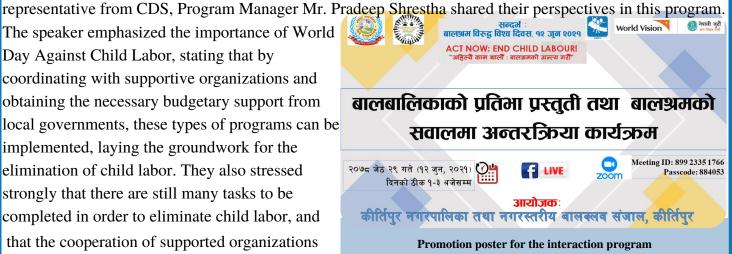
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# **CHILD DEVELOPMENT** SOCIETY बाल विकास समाज

### **World Day Against Child Labour 2021**

World Day Against Child Labour, with the theme "ACT NOW: END CHILD LABOUR," Kirtipur Municipality and City Level Child Club Network staged a children's talent show and interaction on child labor program with the help of CDS and WVIN Kirtipur Municipality and City Level Child Club Network. In this virtual interaction program the emphasis was on solidarity in creating an organized voice against child labor. Mr. Suman Pokhrel, executive member of the Kirtipur Municipality, Mr. Gyan Bajra Maharjan, president of the municipal Level Child Club Network, Mr. Ram Krishna Basnet, head of the Social Section of the Kirtipur Municipality, Mr. Anuj Pradhan, representative from WVIN, Mrs. Anju Bhattarai, and

The speaker emphasized the importance of World Day Against Child Labor, stating that by coordinating with supportive organizations and obtaining the necessary budgetary support from local governments, these types of programs can be implemented, laying the groundwork for the elimination of child labor. They also stressed strongly that there are still many tasks to be completed in order to eliminate child labor, and that the cooperation of supported organizations

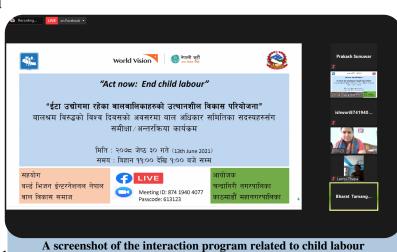


is essential for this campaign. It was also informed that the Kirtipur Municipality has already begun the campaign for the protecting and promoting the rights of the children by allocating funds from the budget. Similarly, other issues concerning the safety of children were highlighted.

Child participants in the program discussed their perspectives on child labor, the risks it poses, and the various types of misbehaviors they may encounter. They also stated that CDS and WVIN have been collaborating to avoid child labor by developing a number of relevant initiatives in partnership with local governments, but that this is insufficient and that children's participation is essential. Because the topic of ending child labor is primarily the government including provincial and local government responsibility, there was also a discussion on how rigorously monitoring and assessment should be carried out.

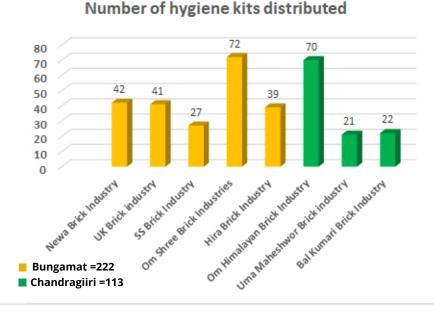
In the same way, as part of Chandragiri municipality's child protection operations, a virtual meeting of Ward level Child Rights Committee (CRC) members was held on June 13th, 2021, on the occasion of Child Labor. With the help of CDS and WVIN, the Chandragiri Municipality planned this event. The main purpose of this meeting was to assess how well the Ward-level Child Rights Committee was functioning. A division officer from Nepal's Ministry of Labour, Employment, and Social Security presented a

presentation about the current condition of child labor in the country during the seminar. Wardlevel CRC coordinators and authorities also discussed their preparation and child rescue experiences. There was also an orientation on issues relating to children's rights. They also discussed their job as child rights monitors at hotels and the brick business, both of which employ children. At this virtual event, Mrs. Rashmi Shrestha, the chief of the Social Department, spoke about the monitory visit to the brick industries. She also requested financial assistance to carry out these initiatives.

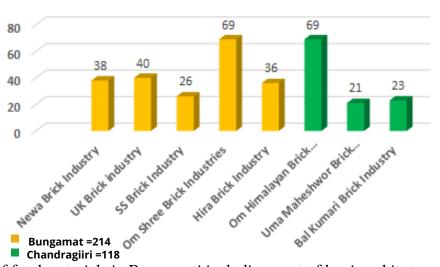


### **Relief materials distribution**

After the second COVID pandemic, 332 families of brick workers remained in Brick Industries, with 366 children and 717 adults. With the support of Child Development Society (CDS) and World Vision International Nepal (WVIN), food and sanitary kits were distributed throughout the lockdown to make their life easier and to assist them in maintaining their hygiene. The distribution program was held in three brick industries in Bal Kumari Brick Ward 15. Industry, Naikap, Uma Maheshwor Brick Industry, Tinthana, Ward 15, and Ward 3 Om Himalayan Brick Industry, Thankot, all in collaboration with Chandragiri Municipality. Similarly, in Lalitpur Metropolitan City, distribution а program was held at five brick industries, namely Newa, UK, SS, Om 20 Shree, and Hira Brick Industries, in collaboration with Ward 22. In addition, seven local households who were effected by lockdown at Ward 22 Bungamati received food packages. Total 118 packs of food materials was



#### Number of food packs distributed



distributed in Chandragiri and 214 packs of food materials in Bungamati including a set of hygiene kits to all the family. 1979 kg pulses, 1304 kg Sugar, 728 kg Salt, 1304 liter of oil was distributed. Similarly, in hygiene kit encompassed of basic hygienic materials : mask, gloves, sanitizer, comb, nail cutter, tooth brush and paste, towel, bathing soap, soap case, washing soap, hygiene bag and instructional flyers were distributed. In the same way from Child Protection- Child Engagement and Sponsorship Program, 82 packs (Balaju 26 & Kirtipur 56) PPE materials have been distributed to COVID 19 infected Registered Child (RC) children/family and Non- RC children. They could use it to

help protect their families and communities from COVID 19 In parallel, food materials were donated to 30 children's families by a day care center that works in collaboration with Child Development Society and Glenn Family Foundation. Basic food ingredients such as rice, roasted chickpea flour, hand soap, and so on were included in the food materials kit. In the same way, each household received two boxes of masks. Mr. Subas Gautam, President of the CDS, was present during the distribution event. Food resources were provided to children of labor families who were affected by the COVID 19 second wave and lockdown.



Food distribution program at CDS in the presence of Mr. Subas Gautam President of CDS

#### **Broadcasts and Awareness Programs**

An interaction program was held on the current state of child labor, relevant policies and their level of implementation, how local authorities may play an effective role, and the Nepal Brick Industry Federation's efforts and determinations to abolish child labor.

The four-episode interactive show was scheduled to air on NTV Plus HD and the SDG studio and CDS Nepal Facebook sites between 7:30 and 8:00 p.m. First episode was broadcasted on 12th of June, 2021 Mr. Binod Prakash Singh, Joint Secretary of the Ministry of Labour, Employment & Social Security, and Child Labour Elimination and Occupational Safety Officer, Mr. Binod Prakash Poudel, and Deputy General Secretary of CDS Mr. Uddav Raj Paudel, who is also Child Right Activist and Child Labour expert, participated in a discussion on current conditions of child labor, relevant policy context, and implementation status. The program's second episode aired on June 19, 2021, with guests Umesh Dhungana, Joint Secretary of the Ministry of Women, Children, and Senior Citizens, and Ms. Benu Maya Gurung, President of the National Action and Coordinating Group (NACG) against child violence, on the topic of effective roles of relevant stakeholders in the elimination of child labor. In the same way, third episode, with guests senior expert of the Federation of Nepalese Chambers of Commerce and Industry Mr. Hansa Ram Pandey and Central Member of the Federation of Contractor's Associations of Nepal Mr. Pramod Lamichhane, aired on June 26, 2021 on the topic of child labor-free industry, as well as promotion and sustainability of industries. The last episode is scheduled for 3rd June 2021 following the same time.



Posters for the promotion of interaction program.

Similarly, CDS has begun broadcasting Child Protection messages, as well as COVID-19 messages, on NEWA FM - Kirtipur on a regular basis in order to generate awareness among youngsters at the local level. It has been on the air for roughly four months. It is broadcast in the native tongue (Nepal Bhasha). Likewise, A radio program (Hamro Ghar: Hamro Pathshala) and an awareness message about child protection were delivered to 3625 Registered Children (RC) homes.

It is mostly concerned with children's quality education. World Vision International Nepal (WVIN) and CDS, in collaboration with ACCORAV, have been implementing this initiative, which has resulted in good transformations in the lives of RCs and their families.

#### **Livelihood Support**

During the lockdown, CDS has been able to assist in Income Generating Activities by giving a wheel stall to brick workers for the start-up of their businesses. A total of 8 wheel stalls were given over in total to 5 brick businesses located both in our working area of Bungamati and Chandragiri. Individual beneficiaries received 4-wheel stalls in the Uk Brick Industry, 1 wheel stall in the Uma Maheshwor Brick Industry, 1 in the Hira Brick Industry, 1 in the Rick Industry, and 1 in the Shree No 1 Brick Industry. On the 4th of June 2021 in Bungamati, the handover program

was held in the presence of CDS Executive Director Mr. Krishna Prasad Subedi, SCM and Admin Officer Mr. Poshak Rokka. Ward representative of Bungamati Municipality, Mr. Tuladhar. Coordinator of Sagar Child Protection Committee Mrs. Junu Mijar, and Field Officer Samir Shrestha. Similarly, on the 17th of June 2021, in the presence of field officer Mr. Samir Shrestha, the handover program was conducted at Uma Maheshwor Industry in Tinthana, Brick Chandragiri. Likewise, on June 23, 2021, the handover program was held in three brick industries in Bungamati in the presence of Bungamati -22 Ward President Mr. Ambir Raj Shakya, Ward Representative Mrs. Jamuna Tamang, and field officer Mr. Samir Shrestha.

One of the UK Brick Industry's beneficiaries, immediately began her wheel stall "Panipuri and Chatpate" business after receiving assistance. According to her, she earns between Rs. 200 and Rs. 500 every day. Other beneficiaries intend to launch their businesses after the situation has stabilized as a result of



Ward President of Bungamati -22 Mr. Ambir Raj Shakya handed over wheel stall to a brick worker



Picture of a beneficiary with supported wheel stall.



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Child Development Society, founded in 1991A.D has been working for the overall development of the children through protecting and promoting their rights as enshrined in international conventions, national laws and policies. The major areas of interventions of CDS are child protection, quality education, mother and child health and livelihood.

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