



# E-BULLETIN

## CHILD DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY

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#### Provincial level Interactive Program on Draft Policy for Children



On 12 April 2022, the Social Development Ministry of Bagmati Provincial government, in collaboration with Child development Society (CDS) and World Vision International (WVI Nepal), organized an interactive program aimed at discussing the draft of a provincial-level policy for children in Hetauda. The event brought together a diverse range of 38 participants, including representatives from various Provincial Government agencies, NGOs, Civil Society groups, and journalists.

Mr. Ram Sharan Sapkota, Secretary of the Bagmati Provincial Government, chaired the program, with Mr. Lalit Ghalan, Chief of the District Coordination Committee, as the chief guest. Mr. Gopal Kandel, Chief of the Social Development Department of the Ministry, shared the objectives of the interaction program, and the draft policy was presented by Mr. Tarak Dhital. Mr Chandrika Khatiwada— child rights expert, Anju Bhattari-Protection Coordinator WVIN, and Mr. Prakash Khatiwada, provided valuable insights and suggestions on the draft.



Participants sharing their opinion regarding the Policy

The interactive program provided a productive platform for stakeholders to engage in a discussion on improving the lives of children in the province. The feedback generated during the program is expected to be incorporated into the final policy document, ensuring that it comprehensively addresses the key issues faced by children in the region.



## Wheel Chair Distribution Program



### "Memorable Moments: Group Photos Captured at Wheelchair Distribution Program"

On April 17th, the Child Development Society (CDS) organized a wheelchair distribution program with the distinguished presence of Her Excellency Felicity Volk, the Australian Ambassador, and Honorary Consul-General Deepak Kumar Khadka, who attended as the chief and special guests, respectively. The program was also attended by CDS advisors and board members who actively participated in the distribution of the wheelchairs.

During the event, HE Felicity Volk and HCG Deepak Khadka handed over eight wheelchairs to children in need. It's worth mentioning that Mr. Khadka initiated support from Australian friends, which enabled CDS to



**Wheels of happiness**



receive 167 well-equipped wheelchairs for distribution to Nepalese children. While delivering the wheelchairs, HE Felicity Volk expressed her admiration for CDS's initiative towards the betterment of Nepalese children. She described the moment of distributing the wheelchairs to the children as a pleasant one. In the first phase, CDS successfully distributed 8 wheelchairs out of the 167 received.



## Glimpse of Global World Vision Team Visit



In the month of March and April 2023, Child Development Society (CDS) had the privilege of welcome two consecutive team visits from World Vision International. The first visit was from World Vision Hong Kong on March 27, 2023, followed by the second visit by National Directors from 9 countries of World Vision on April 24.

During both visits, the teams visited various project sites in Kritipur Municipality, Chandragiri Municipality, Lalitpur Metropolitan City, and Kathmandu Metropolitan City, where CDS is actively engaged in supporting children and their families. They had the opportunity to interact with project participants and understand how the project has impacted their lives and the lives of their children.

After the field visit, the team shared their experiences and expressed their happiness in meeting and interacting with the beneficiaries and stakeholders.

They appreciated the efforts made by CDS and expressed their satisfaction with the positive results they witnessed in the field.



Team interacting with Registered Children kritipur

The team further stated that working with CDS was an opportunity for them as well, and they were honored to have collaborated with CDS on these projects.



## Age-Specific Life Skills Sessions and Children's Conference in Kirtipur Municipality and Kathmandu Metropolitan-16



Child Development Society (CDS) has conducted age-specific life skills sessions through Child Expression Worksheet for registered children in Kirtipur Municipality and Kathmandu Metropolitan-16, in collaboration with the municipalities. Peer educators were mobilized to deliver the sessions on social awareness, interpersonal, protective, and social responsibility skills. Some wards in Kirtipur Municipality, such as wards 1, 2, and 10, are about to complete the sessions, while other wards are conducting at a steady pace. A day workshop on child conference was also provided to the ward level child club of Kirtipur Municipality, which included the organization of a children's conference for the fiscal year 2080/81 B.S.

## Critical Health Support to Registered Children (RC)

CDS provided critical health support of Rs 17,000/- to a registered child (RC) suffering from Hernia in Kirtipur under the sponsorship project. The child received the necessary medical attention and the operation was successful. This support was given as an effort to ensure that the child receives the necessary medical attention and to mitigate the financial burden on the family. The child is currently recovering well and is expected to return to a healthy and normal life soon. By providing such support, CDS aims to ensure the well-being and health of the registered children and their families. CDS is committed to providing essential support to children in need to help them achieve their full potential.



Cheque handover to RC parents by Ward 4



## School Support to 306 Brick workers children from 11 Schools



### "Bringing Smiles to Children's Faces: CDS Provides School Support to Children"

Child Development Society (CDS) has provided support to 306 children of brick industry workers from Chandragiri Municipality and Lalitpur Metropolitan City to continue their education under the Brick Project. The children were provided with essential items such as stitched school uniforms and all necessary stationery materials to enable them to attend school regularly. This support was given as an effort to mitigate the financial constraints faced by children of brick workers, who often have to drop out of school. CDS aims to ensure that these children are able to receive a quality education and build a better future for themselves and their families.



CRC Co-Ordinator Junu Mijar handover school

#### About us:

Child Development Society, founded in 1991 A.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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