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Providing wheelchairs to differently abled children

Child Development Society (CDS) organized a wheel chair presentation ceremony in the presence of Rt Honourable Mr. Agni Prasad Sapkota, Speaker of House of Representatives in Kathmandu. While, the CDS President Mr. Subhas Gautam addressed the crowd with an opening speech. Mr. Sapkota spoke highly of the role played by CDS for the continuous service towards children and their rights. Mr. Sapkota also made commitment for necessary assistance in the days to come for the welfare of children. Over, 150 sets of wheelchairs in assistance of 'Wheelchairs for Kids- Australia' were handed over to CDS that will be provided to differently abled children. Consulate General of Nepal in NSW, Australia, Deepak Khadka, Member of Legislative Council (MLC) Australia and chairman of 'Wheelchairs for Kids' Shaoquett Moselmane attended this auspicious occasion. Moselmane said that the wheelchairs were provided for those children who need support to walk. Uddhab Kharel, mayor of Budhanilkantha Municipality, thanked CDS for providing such assistance to differently abled children.



Speaker of the House of representative gave a vote of thanks



Chairman of 'Wheelchairs for Kids' briefing about the support to the participants



Workshop for parents regarding online safety

On 15 April 2022, CDS conducted an online safety workshop for the parents of Kirtipur in facilitation of ChildSafeNet. Over 60 parents (mothers) from the 10 wards of Kirtipur attended the workshop. The facilitator discussed with the participants on how they are using the digital technology. Topics like online safety was introduced with terminologies used by children and young people on social media, such as, XoXo, YOLO, BFF, etc. and the things that a child can do online were explained. The participants also related to this saying that they do not communicate with the people around them but use social media to communicate and see the world. Two short Public Service Announcement (PSA) videos on parental guidance to promote online safety and ways to deal with online crimes were screened. The workshop started with discussion on the power of the social media and key challenges in the digital world for children and young people. The participants shared their own experiences like their children's addiction to online games, social isolation, etc.



Parents participate & display pamphlets on protection of children in digital age

Some of the participants also shared that during online classes their children were busy chatting and playing games instead of focusing on their studies. The facilitator spoke about the risks and threats in the digital age. The participants were surprised to see these risks and threats as they have never imagined this side of the digital world. Some of the data on the online risks were presented. With the of the risks and threats the session moved towards understanding child online protection.

In this session, the facilitator explained parental guidance, online harms connection with offline harms, victim blaming (there was a discussion on the current case of a famous Nepali celebrity), online grooming, communication for behavior change, etc. The facilitator also busted myths surrounding online crimes which help the participants to understand the online crimes better.

One of the participants shared her problem. She found that her child has been watching sex videos. She was shocked when she found that her 12-year-old son using an app to view pornographic materials. She is now having a problem talking to her son regarding this. She wants to communicate with her son but is unable to start the conversation as she does not have enough information on this. The facilitator helped her by saying that the parents must create a friendly environment for their children where they both can share their views and problems. In this situation, the parents without hesitation must gradually start the conversation with their child without making him feel guilty or wrong.

Ration & stationery support to MVC

Under the PCESP project working areas, Ward CRC members had found out the Most Vulnerable Children (MVC) in the community. The family of MVC requested support as per their need. Hence, CDS/WVIN gave in their helping hands and supported 19 Children stationery materials 9 family of MVC food ration & 2 wheelchairs in the month of April 2022.



MVC and Family have received food & stationery items

Community Based Organization's (CBO) Meeting



Meetings and discussions on issues concerning child wellbeing with the participation of different CBOs.

Under the PCESP project-Community Based Organization (CBO's) regular meetings were conducted in the Community of Balaju-16. This meeting was conducted on 11th April, with the effective facilitation in the participation of different COBs. Several discussions were made on issues concerning child wellbeing and meaningful participation of the children. With regards to child rights and needed support part of different organizations and groups and parents .

Ward CRC secretary is receiving fund

In coordination of Ward level Child Rights Committee (CRC) -CDS/WVIN provided support to ward no. 10 for the emergency fund top up. As this fund is utilized to help the most vulnerable children usually during the emergency in the sector of health and rescue/rehabilitation issues. In this April, 50,000/- amount is handed over to ward office emergency child fund for those support Overall mobilization of this fund is in control of ward CRC.



Ward CRC secretary is receiving fund from CDS

Outcome monitoring of projects

The objective of Semi-Annual Outcome Monitoring is to track the progress and changes made by the project interventions with regard to the outlined indicators.

On 30 March 2022, a Focus Group Discussion at UK Brick Industry and Balkumari Brick Industry under BRiCKK II was organized among brick workers. Similarly another focus group discussion was conducted at Kirtipur 5 and Balaju 16, on 1st April 2022 under PCESP project.

The Semi-annual outcome monitoring has adopted only the qualitative approach by using a list of guiding questions and participatory tools i.e H-assessment and Happy assessment tools. Focus group discussions have been conducted with the beneficiaries of 8 to 12 people in each group of Balaju and RC parents at Kirtipur area.



FGD with RC parents and other beneficiaries



FGD with parents at Bungamati (UK) brick industry

Family reintegration support to children



Family reintegration support Holary (above pic.) & Dhawang, Rolpa

In April 2022, three children were reintegrated into their families at Rolpa. CDS supported goat farming businesses for their families. During the child reintegration process, CDS coordinated with ward office Bungmati-22, Lalitpur Metropolitan City, Nepal Police, members of the Child Protection Committee, and the National Child Rights Council. They have jointly visited Jay bhairab Brick Industry at Bungmati. CDS gives priority to the reintegration of children to stop the unnecessary separation of children from those who have been working in the brick industries in Kathmandu valley.

CDS staff took the children to their homes for the reintegration support at the sources district where children moved to join in child labour.

Support to campaign for child labour free local level

Ward officials along with Child Rights Committee (CRC) members of ward- 14, Chandragiri Municipality initiated a child labor monitoring program. With the support of CDS in different sectors such as hotels, restaurants, motorcycle workshops, paper factories & transportation. The monitoring team consisted of Social Development Officer, Ward Chairperson, CRC coordinator, Monitoring Committee Coordinator, Metropolitan police, Media person & CDS representatives. This team visited and observed more than 25 places at Naikap.

During the monitoring visit, one child labourer was found in the transportation sector. It was also found that many industries pay low salaries to their staff. As per the action plan of ward 14 pertinent to making the ward as child labor free, most of the action plan has been achieved and is in the last stage of declaring the ward as child labour free. Ward office has already submitted a letter to Chandragiri Municipality with regard to this and Chandragiri Municipality executive committee is on the verge to declare ward 14 as child labour free. Therefore, ward-14 is preparing to conduct a child labour-free declaration program before the local election.

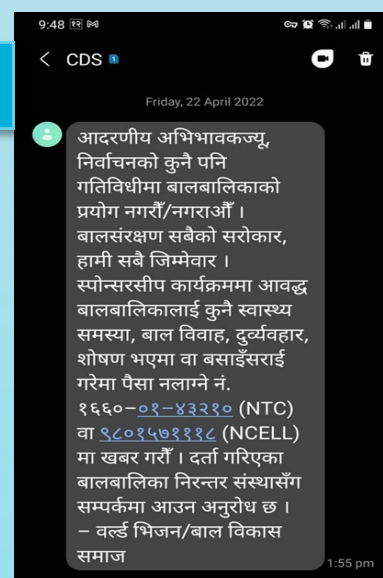


Child labour monitoring in motorcycle workshop and transport at Chandragiri Municipality ward-14 area.



Awareness message flow

The Child Development Society (CDS) has been providing different kinds of awareness programs related to child protection. In the month of April total 4780 Registered Children (RC) were sent awareness message about the child protection related to the election as bulk SMS.



Five days proposal writing & strategic workshop

A five days *Proposal Writing and Strategy Workshop* was organized by the World Education at Pokhara, which was attended by CDS Sakriya team from 8th April to 12th April. The main objective of the workshop was to finalize the 5 year child labor elimination strategy and provide training of grant proposal writing to the Partner NGO. During the Workshop CDS along with other four PNGO's (Mahila Atma Nirbharta Kendra, Prayas Nepal, Urban Environment Management Society) also participated in the workshop.

The first two days were focused on preparing five year *Strategy on Child Labor Elimination*. CDS incorporated all the feedback provided by World Education and finalized it. The remaining three days of the training were more focused on grant proposal writing. Ms. Roopshree Joshi facilitated NGO on writing draft grant proposal. As the proposal writing and strategy Workshop was completed successfully it has helped CDS in learning more in-depth on writing a grant proposal.



A five days workshop on proposal writing and strategy at Pokhara

Emergency health support to children

A Registered Child from Kirtipur was given the support of NRS 14,000 / for emergency health support. The child is recovering well and thanked CDS and WVIN for their support by the family.

Food ration support to vulnerable children & family

A five The Child Development Society (CDS) in partnership with World Education Inc. under the sakriya project distributed Food items to 300 Child labor children working Brick and Carpet Industry of Suryabinayak Municipality on 20th April 2022 in Motherland School. The main objective of the food distribution program was to support food items for the working children which basically help them to have proper food and decrease the economic load for some time.

During the Food Distribution Program In charge Mr. Govinda BK formally started the program with short Introduction in the presence of Chairperson of CDS Mr. Subash Gautam and Life Member Mr. Riway Gautam. During the distribution program 300 children and their family were provided food items Package containing (Rice 30kg , Pulses -3kg , Sugar 2kg , Salt 2kg , Oil 2liter and Soap –4pc. The Beneficiaries were selected on the basis of Community Based Action Research Conducted on January and February 2022 on Bricklin and carpet industry of Suryabinayak Municipality, Bhaktapur.



President of CDS, Mr. Subas Gautam distributing food (ration) to the children who are working at Brick industries

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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