



# E-BULLETIN

## CHILD DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY

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### An inspiring interactive sessions

In support of FONAI and Rotary club of Dillibazar, Kathmandu an interactive sessions was organized a program as part of the SEEP (Self-employment and education project) on June 16, 2023, by Child Development Society (CDS). The objective of the program was to bring together women from eight diverse groups, namely Pragati Samuha, Bishwas Samuha, Nava Buddha Samuha, Chandrama Samuha, Sagarmatha Samuha, Himal Samuha, Purnima Samuha, and Chadani Samuha, as participants.

The program was honored by the presence of two distinguished guests: Mr. Yubraj Adhikari, the President of the Rotary Club of Dillibazar, and Mr. Subash Gautam, the President of CDS. Mrs. Kabita Bishwokarma, a beneficiary of the SEEP project, led the program, playing a crucial role in guiding the proceedings and ensuring its success.

During the program, a representative member from each Samuha (group) presented their financial progress and shared their personal experiences of how they started their journey towards self-empowerment and eventually established small joint ventures. Each representative member also discussed the positive changes within their respective groups, highlighted their improved financial status, and described the benefits they have gained as members of their Samuha.

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The program aimed to provide information and motivation to the participants by showcasing the experiences and achievements of these diverse saving groups. Through sharing their stories, the representatives inspired others to embark on their own journeys of empowerment and financial progress. This interactive session, organized by CDS with the coordination of the Rotary Club of Dillibazar, proved to be a valuable platform for knowledge exchange and empowerment. It fostered a sense of solidarity among the participants, encouraging them to strive for greater self-sufficiency and contribute to the development of their communities.



**Photo of the interactive session**

## Third Municipal Level Child Congress in Chandragiri Municipality

Chandragiri Municipality, in collaboration with World Vision International Nepal and Child Development Society, successfully organized the 3rd Child Congress, a significant event aimed at empowering children and promoting their well-being. Chaired by the Deputy Mayor, the program saw the participation of Ward Chairpersons, the Municipal Network Chairperson, municipal representatives, and ward members. A total of 65 children aged 12-18 from all wards actively engaged in the congress.

During the Child Congress, children participated in group activities where they discussed the changes observed in previous congresses. Their discussions focused on important topics such as safety, vulnerability, likes and dislikes, and concerns related to violence, abuse, discrimination, exploitation, neglect, and school services.

Basanti Shrestha, Deputy Head of Chandragiri Municipality, emphasized the significance of including children's perspectives in the development of realistic plans for their rights and protection. Arkriti Rijal, Chairperson of the Municipal Level Child Club Network, presented a prioritized list of 24 plans, developed by the children, to the Deputy Mayor.

This event empowered children to express their concerns, actively participate in decision-making processes, and shape the future of their community. Chandragiri Municipality demonstrated its unwavering commitment to creating a child-friendly environment and promoting the overall well-being of its young residents through collaborative efforts.



Child Club representative handing-over action plan to Deputy Mayor of Chandragiri

## Child well-being is the foremost priority

Child Development Society (CDS) is thrilled to announce our ongoing efforts in distributing wheelchairs to children under the age of 18 who are in need. We are delighted to share that on June 13th, 2023, we had the honor of presenting a wheelchair to a young child in Kathmandu. This momentous occasion fills us with immense joy as we believe that this wheelchair will greatly enhance the child's ability to engage in various activities with newfound independence. CDS would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to Hon. Consul



A child is happy to get the wheelchair and toys





A wheel chair was handed over to the child

General Deepak Kumar Khadaka and friends of Nepal in Australia, as well as the dedicated team of Wheelchairs for Kids. Their invaluable support and partnership have enabled us to provide these much-needed wheelchairs to deserving children. We remain committed to improving the lives of children with special needs, and this wheelchair distribution program is a testament to our unwavering dedication. CDS looks forward to continuing this meaningful initiative, creating positive impact, and fostering greater inclusivity for children in our community.

## First Child Congress in Lalitpur Metropolitan city

Lalitpur Metropolitan City (LMC) Ward 22 successfully organized the 1st Child Congress in collaboration with World Vision International Nepal and Child Development Society. The Ward Chairperson and ward members chaired the program, where 42 children from all schools in Bungmati had participated. Children between the ages of 6 and 18 actively participated in the event.

During the Child Congress, children engaged in group activities to discuss changes observed before and after previous congresses. They addressed safety, vulnerability, likes and dislikes, and raised concerns about violence, abuse, discrimination, neglect, exploitation, and school services. These discussions aimed to shed light on the challenges faced by children within the municipality.

Ratna Bhakta Maharjan, a member of Ward 22, stressed the importance of including children's voices in developing realistic plans for their rights and protection. Incorporating genuine perspectives from children would enable the ward to design more effective strategies, considering different stages of child development.

At the end of the program, the Ward Level Child Club presented a prioritized list of 32 plans developed by the children to the Ward Chairperson. This marked the transfer of children's aspirations and ideas to the decision-makers, who will translate them into actionable steps for the fiscal year 2080/81. The Child Congress empowered children to voice their concerns, contribute to decision-making, and shape the future of their community.



"Memorable Moments: Group Photos Captured at Children Congress "

## Orientation on the data Collection For Child Profiling



Two days orientation on the data Collection For child Profiling on Chandragiri Municipality

In order to promote child-friendly local governance within the municipality, CDS in Collaboration with Chandragiri Municipality organized a two-days orientation session. The Mayor of the Municipality presided over the program, which was attended by Ward chairperson, Department head of Social Development Section and other. The orientation aimed to train 60 enumerators who were chosen by the Municipality. All the enumerators selected were residents of Chandragiri, which will make the data collection easier within their own municipality

The First day of the program was mainly focused on conceptual knowledge on child rights and child protection, and familiarized the enumerators with the Kobo data collection platform, where the second day was totally focused on the data entry method. During the orientation, all enumerators were trained and assigned specific locations for conducting the survey.

## Workshop on Provincial level Draft Policy Editing

On 27th - 29th May 2023, the Social Development Ministry of Bagmati Provincial government, in collaboration with Child development Society (CDS) and World Vision International (WVI Nepal), organized final refining workshop with provincial CRC team on draft finalization of provincial level children policy of Bagmati Province at Nagarkot. 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. The draft policy was presented by Mr. Tarak Dhital and Chandrika Khatiwada, an expert on Child Rights, Sunil Hakaju Shrestha, WVIN and Mr. Prakash Khatiwada provided valuable insights and suggestions on the draft finalization. The policy will embrace additional contribution in the sector of children rights.



Interacting for finalization of provincial level policy for children



## Refresher training on CFLG to the Municipal level CFLG committee

Kirtipur Municipality, in coordination with Child Development Society (CDS), has organized a two-day orientation on Child Friendly Local Government (CFLG) in Dhulikhel. The program takes place on 2nd and 3rd June 2023, with the participation of elected representatives and officials from the municipality.

The objective of the orientation is to share the representatives' initiatives in the field of CFLG and to enhance their knowledge and capacity to support the declaration of Kirtipur Municipality as a Child Friendly Local Government. Kirtipur Municipality ward no. 7 is in the process of declaration for Child Friendly Local Governance with the coordination of Child Development Society and World Vision International Nepal. Since then, Kirtipur Municipality municipal level Child Friendly Local Governance committee has been directly working on CFLG.

Through the training, Municipal officials and members are capacitated on the process of CFLG declaration and child well-being. After taking the orientation D-Mayor of Kirtipur has committed to contribute in declaration of the municipality in her tenure ship.



President of Municipal level child club network shared her experience on report write up on CRC



Deputy Mayor along with MCFLG members were participating in 2 days training on CFLG

## Critical Health Support

In a noteworthy development, critical health support was extended to a registered child in the month of June. The recipient of this support was a child from Kirtipur. The child had been diagnosed with Typhoid, a bacterial infection. To address the medical condition and ensure the child's well-being, a sum of Rs. 10,000/- was provided as support. The funds were allocated to cover the expenses associated with the child's required medical treatment.

Efforts like these contribute significantly to improving the lives of children, ensuring they receive the care they require to overcome health challenges and lead healthier, more fulfilling lives. The ongoing commitment to providing critical health support underscores the dedication to the well-being of registered children, ensuring they have a brighter and healthier future ahead.

## Child Expression Worksheet (CEW) Event)

The Worksheets were collected during the Child Expression Worksheet (CEW) event, held from April to June. The event, organized by the CDS and World Vision International Nepal, aimed to encourage children to express their thoughts and experiences related to themselves and their communities. Under the theme "Me and My Community," children enthusiastically participated in completing the worksheets. These worksheets provided them with a platform to reflect on their personal identities and their role within their local communities. By engaging in this creative exercise, children had the opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of themselves and their responsibilities as community members.



Children are engaging in CEW events in Kirtipur and Balaju area

The event witnessed a remarkable response from the Registered Children (RC), who actively contributed to the completion of the worksheets. Their submissions reflected a wide array of perspectives, showcasing the diverse experiences and viewpoints within the community. The worksheets empowered the children, allowing them to voice their opinions and fostering a sense of belonging and community engagement.

With a total of 3328 completed worksheets, the Child Expression Worksheet (CEW) event has successfully concluded. The organizers and supporters of the event are currently in the process of reviewing and analyzing the submissions. The valuable insights shared by the children will guide future initiatives and programs aimed at promoting their growth and well-being.

Overall, the CEW event provided a platform for children to express themselves, strengthening their connection to their communities and fostering a sense of belonging. Through their active participation, the children have made a significant impact, underscoring the importance of their voices in shaping a brighter future for themselves and their communities.



## Public event on safer internet

WVI Nepal and CDS organized an extracurricular forum for students, aimed at creating awareness about safer internet practices for children and young people. The event took place on June 23rd, 2023, at Shree Tarun Secondary School and witnessed active student participation.

The program showcased performances by students from various schools, along with peer educators from the Rupantran classes. The highlight of the event was the captivating performances by Yaman Shrestha and Jigme Chhyoki Ghising. The guest artists also sang a song emphasizing online safety and engaged in interactive discussions with the students, promoting the responsible use of the internet.

Furthermore, students actively participated in debates concerning safer internet practices. As a result of the event, students gained awareness about using the internet more responsibly, and some have even decided to limit their internet usage to educational purposes.

The extracurricular activity served as a platform for students to learn and engage in discussions about the importance of online safety. WVI Nepal and CDS are proud to have contributed to raising awareness and empowering students to make informed decisions while utilizing the internet.

A glimpse of public event on safer internet



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## Training on protective skills to adolescent girls

Three-day training program on Protection Skills exclusively tailored for adolescent girls aged 16-19, held from June 18th to 20th, 2023.

The training's objective was to equip these remarkable young girls with essential skills, enabling them to become resilient in the face of challenging situations encountered in their daily lives. By imparting valuable knowledge, our aim was to empower them to effectively navigate adversity and emerge stronger than ever.

Furthermore, the training shed light on critical issues concerning child protection, ensuring that the participants were well-informed about this pivotal subject. An awareness on protective skills is the initial step towards creating a safer environment for children, and our dedicated efforts sought to instill this awareness in the adolescent girls.

Capturing photos in 3 days training on protective skills.



### 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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