Message from Chairperson

Greetings to everyone!

We are very happy to share this Annual Progress Report 2021-22 of Child Nepal. This report has collected various programs to be conducted by the organization at the Federal, Provincial and local levels. In this process, the organization has also done cooperation, partnership and coordination with various agencies. Advocacy for child rights is one of our top priorities. Especially at the federal level, we are coordinating this campaign with and in cooperation with the entire civil society for the approval of the voluntary article on the communication process of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. In addition, it has been lobbying regularly for laws and procedures related to children at the provincial and local levels, facilitation for the formation and capacity building of local child rights committees, initiatives for the establishment of children’s funds, initiatives for the appointment of child welfare officers and the management of social workers and counselors at the local level. It has also been supporting mass media for child sensitive news and event details and reports. This year, Child Nepal also worked continuously to establish the issues of children's rights through television programs like Baal Dimarsh and make them a topic of national concern and dialogue.

We have been facilitating the strengthening of the child rights system at local levels in accordance with the provisions of the Children's Act 2075 and the Children's Regulations 2078 for ensuring and promoting children's rights. We are contributing as a member of the local child rights committee of Tokha municipality of Kathmandu and Melamchi municipality of Sindhupalchok district and we have launched a program in Madhavnarayan rural municipality of Rautahat district. In addition, Child Nepal has started a program called `Listening to Experts" with the aim of facilitating the participation of working children. We have emphasized that their meaningful participation should be ensured in order to include the concerns of working children in the policies and programs of the state. For this, we are enhancing the capacity of organizations working in the field of child labor in the seven provinces and facilitating the participation of working children at the union, state and local levels.

Child Nepal has been working in the field of early child development since its inception. Continuing this work, we have launched an investment program in early childhood development in 19 schools of Tokha and Budhanilkanth municipalities in Kathmandu. Under this program, capacity building programs, early childhood classroom management, parent education programs, awareness programs, etc. are being conducted. Also, due to severe floods in Helambu and Melamchi areas of Sindhupalchok district on June 1 and July 16, 2078, a lot of property was lost and many families were displaced. To respond to this, we launched a flood response
program aimed at children. The program included child-friendly places, counseling support and support for flood-affected families.

We are deeply grateful to all the members who supported us on this journey, the officers and members of the working committee, children's advisory committee, advisors, civic network leaders, development partner organizations, friends from mass media, my colleagues, friends and everyone who is concerned with us. Also, we believe that we will receive this kind of support and assistance in the coming days as well.

Thank you.

Dr. Krishna Subedi
Chairperson
PROGRAMS

According to the Strategic Roadmap 2018-22 of Child Nepal, the following programs were launched this year.

Program 1: Child Rights Advocacy

Brief Introduction:

Advocacy and advocacy for child rights is the main agenda and program of Child Nepal. Under this, the organization is working for the practical implementation of children's rights as stipulated in the Constitution of Nepal 2072. Likewise, it is working up to the federal, provincial and local levels for the implementation of the Children Act 2075 and the regulations related to children. Especially at the federal level, Child Nepal is leading this campaign in collaboration with the entire civil society for the approval of the voluntary article on the communication process of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. In addition, it has been regularly advocating for laws and procedures related to children at the provincial and local levels, facilitating the formation and capacity building of local child rights committees, initiatives to establish children's funds, initiatives to appoint child welfare officers and the management of social workers and counselors at the local level. In addition, it has also been supporting the mass media for child sensitive news and event details and reports. In addition, Child Nepal worked continuously this year to make the issues of children's rights a topic of national concern and dialogue through television programs such as Baal Mirmarsh.

Key Achievements:

- Regulations related to children 2078 have been issued by the Government of Nepal
- The question of children's rights is a subject of discussion and dialogue at all levels of government
- Facilitated mass media for child sensitivity reporting

Conducted Activities:

1. Coordination Meetings

Child Nepal completed 19 coordination and advocacy meetings with the relevant ministries, National Council on Child Rights, National Human Rights Commission, political parties and civil society for ratification of the optional protocol
on a communication procedure of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. In this process, the importance of this voluntary article and the Nepal government's need to approve this article were discussed. Although it was difficult to get a positive opinion about this from the representatives of the relevant ministries, the National Human Rights Commission said that since this issue is a common issue for all, it should be advocated jointly.

2. Television Program

Child Nepal has continuously produced and communicated a television program called Baal Bimarsha. This year as well a total of 12 series were broadcasted. Prominent people from civil society and the Commission were invited to the program and interviewed about optional protocol on a communication procedure of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child and overall child rights issues. Such programs have increased the awareness and sensibility of these questions among the relevant concerned bodies and common citizens.

3. Studies and Researches

This year, Child Nepal has conducted a study on the relevance of ratification of the optional protocol on a communication procedure of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. The study focused on whether the approval of this article would increase the financial or administrative responsibility of the Government of Nepal or not. The conclusion of the study was that by approving this article, the government of Nepal will not bear any kind of responsibility and the respect of Nepal will be better in the world community. In addition, Child Nepal conducted a study regarding the status of implementation of the concluding observations provided by the United Nations Federal Committee on the Rights of the Child to the Government of Nepal. The study will support the report that the civil society will now publish. Apart from this, Child Nepal also conducted another study called child sensitivity in Nepali mass media. The study concluded that the media should use child-sensitive methods and processes to report and communicate the incident. These studies respectively co-professor Kapil Aryal and Dr. Kundan Aryal had gone. These studies were completed and published.

4. Consultation meetings completed

Child Nepal has completed consultation seminars in Karnali Province and Madhesh Province for the study of child sensitivity in Nepali mass media. The conference was organized in Karnali province in coordination with Madhya West University. Draft study in the program Dr. Kundan Aryal presented it, and the representatives of the
participating mass media had an in-depth discussion on it. It was discussed that child sensitivity has not yet become a priority issue in mass media and that when incidents are published, it will have a negative impact on children. Nand Bahadur Singh, Vice-Chancellor of Midwest University, said in the program that this type of program will help the mass media to be more responsible. Speaking at the program, the president of Child Nepal, Dr. Krishna Subedi emphasized that the media should be more sensitive by saying that all stakeholders should be child sensitive to respect the rights of children.

5. Facilitation of civil society reporting

The Government of Nepal has already sent the sixth and seventh reports to the United Nations Federal Committee on the Rights of the Child describing the status of children's rights in Nepal. In this context, Child Nepal facilitated the preparation of the report of the civil society under the responsibility of the Secretariat of the Royal Thai Government. For this, a joint meeting with all the civil society networks was organized and information was given about the method and process of transmitting the report of the civil society of Nepal. In addition, it facilitated the issues of when the hearing of Nepal government will be held in the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child and what should be the format of the report. Coordinator of the network Dr. Krishna Subedi facilitated this process.

6. National Children's Rights Award 2078

Child Nepal has presented the National Child Rights Award 2078 to Mrs. Nupur Bhattacharya, who has made a long contribution in the field of child rights. Honorable President of the National Human Rights Commission, Tap Bahadur Magar, paid his respects to him in a program organized by the Commission. Respected personality Nupur Bhattacharya said that this honor inspired him to take up the promotion of children's rights. Thanking Child Nepal for starting this kind of honor, Chief Guest Tap Bahadur Magar thought that it would inspire all those involved in the child rights movement. Speaking at the program, the president of the organization Dr. Krishna Subedi said that Child Nepal is very happy to offer this honor.

7. Appeals and press statements issued

Child Nepal issued various appeals and press statements related to child rights this year. Child Nepal had issued appeals and press statements and advocated for the justice of children and women in incidents such as the International Children's Day, the matter of stopping the abuse of children in the local level elections and the transfer of the public prosecutor in the case of rape.
Program 2: Investing in Early Childhood Development

Brief Introduction:

Child Nepal has been working in the field of early child development since its inception. The organization has worked in more than 50 child development centers in Sindhupalchok district. In continuation of this work, Child Nepal in partnership with Planete Enfants and Developpement (PE&D) has launched an investment program in early child development in 19 schools of Tokha and Budhanilkanth Municipality of Kathmandu. Under this program, capacity building programs, early childhood class management, parent education programs, awareness programs, etc. are being conducted.

Key Achievements:

- Increased investment in early childhood development by local governments
- Model ECD Center was handed over to the Tokha Municipality and is currently being operated by the government
- Increased awareness among parents about the importance of early child development and their role for it

Conducted Activities:

1. Model Child Development Center handed over

Child Nepal organized a formal program and handed over the Model Child Development Center to Tokha Municipality this year. In the program, Mr. Prakash Adhikari, the head of the municipality, expressed his commitment to construct a separate building for this center and operate it in a more child-friendly manner. Child Nepal launched a model of how a model early childhood development center should be and how it should be run according to the guidelines of the Government of Nepal. After continuous monitoring and allocation of resources from Tokha Municipality, the center has been formally handed over to Tokha Municipality. Speaking at the program, the president of the organization Dr. Krishna Subedi said that it is necessary for the municipality to invest more in this type of centers and establish centers in other places as well. Also, five children were educated from the said center this year.

2. Parental Education Program

Under this program, Child Nepal formed parent groups in 19 schools and conducted a total of 121 meetings. In the meeting, the importance of early child development ,
the role of parents, health, nutrition, cleanliness, fun learning methods, effective parenting were continuously discussed with the parents. Facilitators of the organization met with parents in all schools and organized discussions. After such meetings, it was found that the parents themselves have changed their behavior. The parents who used to send them to school without washing their clothes have started sending them to school wearing clean clothes, they have started taking their children to school and picking them up, they have started managing their children's time and playing with them and listening to them. It was found that such parental education program had a positive effect on the parents.

3. Organization of capacity building trainings:

Child Nepal organized a two-day refresher training on child psychology and behavior change and a three-day refresher training on early child development targeting the early childhood development facilitators under this program. In the first training, the facilitators had the opportunity to understand the importance of child psychology while doing learning activities with early childhood development children. Because of this, the facilitator understood that learning should not be limited only to reading and writing and that learning activities should be prioritized and selected taking into account the children's psychology. As a result of this, the facilitators have been conducting learning activities by understanding the feelings of the children. In the second training, the facilitators discussed the opportunities and challenges after the previous training. Soon, more early child development methods were learned. These trainings respectively Dr. Meenakshi Dahal and Safla Rajbhandari went.

4. Family Development Programme

Under this program, Child Nepal worked with the families who were in poor condition due to economic, social and other influences. This year, the organization reported its presence in 72 such families. In this process, Child Nepal did the job of sending the family to the necessary services after looking at the condition of the children or parents. This year, 38 people took help from such dispatch services. Similarly, 29 people took counseling services. According to the policy of the family development program, which does not provide any kind of financial support, Child Nepal facilitated the sending of
the family to various institutions, government offices, hospitals and other places to receive services according to the needs of the family.

5. Operation of E-Resource Center on Early Child Development

Child Nepal has operated an electrical resource center related to early child development. In this resource center, facilitators can get various ways to improve their capacity. In addition, parent education topics are also kept in this resource center. Currently, 5102 people are following this resource center and receiving information and information about early child development.

6. Coordination meetings

For the implementation of this program, Child Nepal has been conducting regular coordination meetings with Tokha and Budhanilkanth municipalities, civil society organizations and networks and various government agencies. In this process, the organization has completed 20 meetings and meetings (formal and informal) with the municipalities. It has facilitated the organization of joint programs in addition to regularly updating the activities of the program in the government agencies.

Program 3: Child Rights System Strengthening Program

Brief Introduction:

In order to ensure children's rights, Child Nepal has been facilitating the strengthening of the child rights system at the local levels in accordance with the provisions of the Children's Act 2075 and the Children's Regulations 2078. In this process, the organization is contributing as a member of the local child rights committee of Tokha municipality of Kathmandu and Melamchi municipality of Sindhupalchok district and has launched a program in Madhavnarayan rural municipality of Rautahat district. For this, the organization has been partnering with Pralambhachalayatjashav 9plz. In addition, Child Nepal has been working as a technical partner in strengthening the child rights system in various localities and provinces.

Key Achievements:

- Technical Facilitation to form Local Child Rights Committee in Tokha and Melamchi Municipalities and Madhavnarayan Rural Municipality
- Collaboration and partnership in different local levels to prepare the child rights procedure
- Increasing the capacity of local child rights committees in various provinces and local levels to be responsible and active in child rights activities.

Conducted Activities:

1. Technical assistance
Child Nepal provided technical assistance for strengthening the system related to child rights in Tokha, Melamchi, Madhavnarayan and various other local levels. He also contributed to the local child rights committee. In this process, the organization has been facilitating and providing technical support for the preparation of local child rights procedures.

2. Coordination meeting

This year, Child Nepal organized a coordination meeting when the program on strengthening the child rights system was launched targeting Madhavnarayan Rural Municipality of Rautahat district. The village head, deputy head and other local stakeholders participated in the meeting. In the meeting, aspects of strengthening the child rights system and the role of the local government were discussed.

3. Start of study

Child Nepal started a study this year regarding the efforts being made at which local levels to strengthen the child rights system. This study has been started targeting certain local levels of all seven provinces. It is planned to finalize this study next year.

Program 4: Listening to Expert (LtE)

Brief Introduction:

Child Nepal has started a program called "Listening to Experts" with the aim of facilitating the participation of working children. The program emphasized that their meaningful participation should be ensured in order to include the concerns of working children in the policies and programs of the state. For this purpose, by enhancing the capacity of organizations working in the field of child labor in all seven provinces, it is facilitating the participation of working children at union, state and local levels. In this program, Child Nepal has partnered with Kindernothilfe (KNH)

Achievements:

- Collaboration with state governments to ensure the participation of child laborers in the process of creating policies and programs of the state
- Capacity building of 35 civil society representatives to facilitate the participation of child laborers
- Capacity building of 66 child laborers for the participation of child laborers
Conducted Activities:

1. Capacity building program completed

Child Nepal has completed the capacity building program of civil society representatives in four provinces (Gandaki, Bagmati, Madhesh and Sudurpaschim). This program facilitated capacity building of 35 representatives of organizations that have been working in the field of child labor for a long time. Based on the source book for ensuring the participation of working children created from this program, orientation and practical transformation of various child participation methods was done. This program was facilitated by Mr. Uddhavraj Paudyal. In the program, the president of Child Nepal, Dr. Krishna Subedi, director Mohan Dangal, director of Sky Nepal Naval Kishore Yadav, program manager Mani Ram Acharya and project coordinator Yama Bahadur Chaudhary and officer Shailendra Acharya participated.

2. Discussion and interaction with children

Child Nepal has completed the practical transformation of child participation methods with 66 working children in four districts. Discussions and consultations were held with child laborers in Kathmandu, Kanchanpur, Dadeldhura and Kailali districts under the organization of participating in training. In this process, the questions of the identification of the problems of working children, the work of identifying the relevant agencies for solving these problems were also done. Various methods used in capacity building training such as: Mere Ek Din, Allyee Full were used by the children and facilitated by the representatives of Child Nepal and other organizations.

3. Coordination and advocacy meeting completed

Child Nepal and Asman Nepal organized a coordination meeting in Kathmandu to inform about the Listen to Experts program and to collaborate with all relevant agencies. The program was represented by various associations of seven provinces. In the meeting, program manager Mani Ram Acharya made a brief presentation about this program and also presented the areas of cooperation. 41 people participated in the meeting. At the same time, the organization has also held two advocacy meetings to ensure the participation of working children. The meetings were held at the Ministry
of Women and Children of Budhanilkant Municipality and Madhesh Province. A brief information on the program was also handed over in the meeting. Through this, it was possible to prioritize the participation of child laborers in government agencies.

Program 5: Flood response

Brief Introduction:

Due to severe floods in Helambu and Melamchi areas of Sindhupalchok district on June 1 and July 16, 2078, a lot of property was lost and many families were displaced. To respond to this, Child Nepal launched a flood response program aimed at children. The program included child-friendly places, counseling support and support for flood-affected families. For this, Child Nepal had partnered with Kindernothilfe (KNH).

Achievements:

- Facilitated to return to a comfortable life by supporting the families disrupted by the human and material damage caused by the floods.
- Helping 1700 children with the establishment of child-friendly facilities
- Counseling support for DD 2400 parents
- Transfer of educational and emergency support to DD 107 children
- Primary health care assistance to 300 families

Conducted Activities:

1. Operation of child friendly establishments

Child Nepal operated child-friendly centers in two flood-affected areas and provided educational, participatory and entertainment services to children. Children used to come to the child-friendly place to play, participate in stories, poetry and other entertainment activities as well as perform their talents. This helped to reduce the fear, panic and family pain caused by flood in children. Child Nepal facilitated activities with children by managing two facilitators at each location. About 1700 children were directly benefited.

2. Counseling services

Child Nepal provided counseling services targeting flood-affected areas. Due to the human and physical damage caused by the flood, the local residents were mentally disturbed, so there was a need for facilitation to bring them back to their original condition. Facilitating this, Child Nepal managed two psychotherapists and provided counseling services to them both individually and collectively. 2400 adults were directly benefited from this work.
3. Transfer of educational materials and emergency assistance

Child Nepal provided educational materials to 100 children affected by the flood. The support was given to the children who were inconvenienced by the loss of educational materials due to the floods. The support helped to ensure the educational rights of children. In addition, Child Nepal also provided emergency assistance to seven children from extremely poor families.

4. Handing out health materials and orientation

Child Nepal distributed medical supplies to 300 families affected by the flood. Medicines, cotton and other materials were distributed among the health materials used in emergencies. Before the distribution, the family members were given an orientation by the health workers on the method of using the materials. In addition, Child Nepal also conducted two orientation programs on hand washing methods.
Good Governance and Institutional Development

1. Child Nepal's 17th General Assembly and Social Audit completed

Child Nepal organized a program on October 11, 2022 and completed the 17th General Meeting and Social Audit Program of the (virtual) organization. In the social audit program, the activities and achievements of the organization were reviewed and the participants were supported. In the program held under the chief hospitality of the honorable member of the National Planning Commission, Meen Bahadur Shahi, he congratulated and wished the Child Nepal family and encouraged them to be more progressive in the field of child rights in the future. Also, the 17th general meeting was held after the social audit and a closed session was held.

2. Capacity building training

Child Nepal organized a two-day refresher training on family development targeting the employees of the Kshvrim project. From this, the methods, processes, forms related to the family development program became more clear. In addition, this training also provided information regarding incident management. In addition, the organization organized a two-day training session on administration and finance and informed about the new topics in the financial sector and the methods required for financial reporting.

3. A meeting was held to formulate a strategic plan

Child Nepal has completed a two-day workshop to formulate its four-year strategic plan. In the workshop, while reviewing the strategic roadmap for the future, it was discussed about the priority areas of the organization in the coming years. After reviewing the strong aspects of the institution and the aspects that need to be improved, it identified five special areas for the future (promotion, education, child-friendly campaign, search and research, children and water and air issues). The action plan was facilitated by Bishnu Bahadur Khatri. The organization's advisers, executive committee members and employees participated in the program.

4. Working committee and officers meeting completed

This year, the organization held four working committee meetings and made decisions related to institutional and various projects.

5. Formation and Orientation of Child Advisory Committee

The organization formed a five-member child advisory committee and completed the task of orientation between a program.
Challenges

- Policy and laws related to children cannot be issued on time
- Global impact of covid-19
- Difficulty in regular work due to appointment and change of staff in the government structure
- Due to the fact that the hearing date of Nepal has not been set by the United Nations Federal Committee on the Rights of the Child, it is difficult to work on the regular work of the report in a fixed schedule.
- Global economic hardship and recession
- Personnel reshuffling

Future plans

- To establish as a technical institution for the strengthening of child rights system
- Coordinating a report to be sent to the United Nations Federal Committee on the Rights of the Child from the Nepalese Civil Network
- Preparation of resource materials and conducting studies under the program in early child development
- DD will continue programs such as investing in early childhood development, listening to experts and strengthening the child rights system.
- Bringing programs related to children and climate change into operation
- Conducting studies and researches related to child rights and education
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