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STATE OF RIGHTS OF CHILD IN NEPAL

The Convention on the Rights of the Child is the most universally accepted human rights instrument in history. The Convention was adopted by the United Nations in 1989. United Nation Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) spells out the basic human rights to which children everywhere are entitled to. The four main components of the CRC are as follows:¹

1. Right to Survival
2. Right to Development
3. Right to Protection
4. Right to Participation.

This report is prepared in line with above four main components of the CRC.

National Resource and Information Center of CWIN-Nepal maintains data base on all issues pertaining children. The news on children has been recorded from:

7 weekly newspapers: *Jana Aastha, , Drishti, Sanghu, Chal Phal, Saptahik, Bimarsha, The Nepali Times*

4 weekly magazines: *Nepal, Spotlight, Himal, Nari, Hasna, Bal Koseli, Educational Page, Hamro Sampada, Sikchyak*

8 Daily Nepali Newspapers: *Annapurna Post, Kantipur, Nagarik, Naya Patrika, Rajdhani, Gorkhapatra, Nepal Samcharpatra, Madhyanha*

5 English Newspapers: *The Rising Nepal, The Himalayan Times, Republica, International New York Times and The Kathmandu Post*

IN 2015 (January-December) **6104 CASES** of different issues related to children were recorded compared to the **3446 CASES** reported in the last year.

Note: Unless cited, all the data of the report is based on the database of CWIN Resource and Information Centre and CWIN Helpline in 6 districts (Banke, Makawanpur, Morang, Kailali, Kaski, and Kathmandu) in the period of 12 months (January- December 2015)

1. *Child Rights Convention (CRC) Educational Kit. 2009. Hongkong Committee for UNICEF. On-line available at <http://www.unicef.org/hk/uncrc/>*

SURVIVAL

Every child has the rights to:¹

- *Survival and development*
- *An adequate standard of living*
- *The highest attainable standard of health and effective health services*
- *Social security and child care services and facilities*
- *Special care, if he or she is disabled, that ensures dignity, promotes self-reliance and facilitates active participation in the community*

CHILD POPULATION

Total population of children under 18 constitutes 44.4% of the total population of Nepal.³ Total population of children between the age group 0-14 years is 31.6% of which 4,989,268 are boys 4,805,381 are girls. A large proportion of the Nepalese population (37 percent) is under age 15 although this proportion has declined from 41 percent in 2006. Eleven percent of the population is under five years, a decrease since 2006 indicating a declining trend in fertility. There is a smaller proportion of children under five in urban than rural areas, suggesting that recent declines in fertility are more evident in urban than rural areas and that the transition to lower fertility began with the urban population. The concentration of the population is high in the 10-14 age group, creating pressure for schooling and adolescent care.⁴

INFANT AND CHILD MORTALITY

The current under-five mortality rate which is Probability of dying between birth and the fifth birthday is 38 per 1,000 live births while the neonatal mortality rate is 23 per 1,000 live births, which accounts for 61 percent of under-five deaths. Infant mortality rate which is the probability of dying between birth and the first birthday is 33 per 1000 live births and the Post-neonatal mortality rate which is the difference between infant and neonatal mortality rates is 11 per 1000 live births.. Child mortality rate which is the probability of dying between the first and the fifth birthdays is 5 per 1000 live births.⁵

NUTRITION

Nepal Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey 2014 has reported that stunting of children under five is 37 percent, underweight prevalence is 30 percent, wasting prevalence 11 percent, overweight prevalence 2% and children with low birth rate accounts to 24%. Exclusive breastfeeding of infants under 6 months is 57%.⁵

2. *Ibid. 1*

3. *National Population and Housing Census 2011. Volume 1. Central Bureau of Statistics. November 2012.*

4. *Ministry of Health and Population (MOHP) [Nepal], New ERA, and ICF International Inc. 2012. Nepal Demographic and Health Survey 2011. Kathmandu, Nepal: Ministry of Health and Population, New ERA, and ICF International, Calverton, Maryland.*

5. *Central Bureau of Statistics. 2014. Nepal Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey 2014, Key Findings. Kathmandu, Nepal: Central Bureau of Statistics and UNICEF Nepal.*

Moms, babies suffer malnutrition post quake*Kathmandu: 2 July 2015**Republica*

Reason Nepali, a 15-month-old child from Tupche-1 of Nuwakot district, weighs just six kilogram. His mother Sanchita, who is only 16 years old, measures less than what is deemed fit for her age. Health workers, who were deployed to monitor the impact of the devastating earthquake on small children and their mothers, said that Reason should weigh at least of 11 kilograms as per his age. They said that the mother and child both suffer from malnutrition because Reason's mother could not give proper attention to the baby and herself after the earthquake. The devastating earthquake caused many families to be displaced from their residences and live in makeshift shelters. Health workers informed that another two children in the same village have severe malnutrition.

District Public Health Office (DPHO), Nuwakot, said that cases of malnutrition in the district have risen to alarming levels after the massive earthquake. The Nuwakot DPHO, which conducted the nutrition survey some three weeks ago, has found 89 children under the age of five suffering from worst form of malnutrition. "We have found hundreds of children malnourished. Eighty-nine of them have chronic malnutrition," Bishoram Shrestha, chief of DPHO, Nuwakot, said. He informed that pregnant women and new mothers are also malnourished and anemic.

According to Shrestha, the DPHO has been operating eight oral therapeutic program (OTP) targeting vulnerable children and their mothers. The DPHO has operating OTP centers in Betawati, Devighat, Chuagadha, Kharanitar, Likhu, Bhadrutar, Bidur and Okharpauwa of the district from where it distributes nutrient diet and treatment for malnourished children and their mothers twice a week. "We risk losing the achievements obtained after several years of hard work and an investment of billions of rupees," said Shrestha. He said that negligence on the part of mothers was responsible for malnutrition. Shrestha said that the government has to launch nutrition campaigns and other intervention measures to curb the problem of malnutrition in the district.

Malnutrition was already a major nuisance for the authorities concerned, as the National Demographic Health Survey (NDHS)-2011 shows that 41 percent of children under five are stunted. Twenty-nine percent are underweight, and 11 percent wasted. According to health experts, malnutrition slows overall development, including economic growth.

An estimated 404,000 children under age-5 and 185,000 Pregnant and Lactating Women (PLWs) are at risk of acute malnutrition. Based on projected calculations from the health management information system, up to 10,000 children 6 to 59 months will suffer from severe acute malnutrition (SAM) in the coming months and similarly around 70,000 (boys and girls) under age-5 will suffer from moderate acute malnutrition (MAM). These figures derive from the pre-crisis data in the Nepal demographic and health survey of 2011 which indicate that the Global Acute Malnutrition prevalence is at 10.9 per cent. More than 185,000 PLWs are also at risk of malnutrition and micronutrient deficiencies in the 14 worst-affected districts. These vulnerable groups will require sustained nutrition support.⁶

6. *Nutrition: Nepal Earthquake Cluster Brief, June 2015. UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs. Published on 23 Jun 2015*

IMMUNIZATION

WHO announced the eradication of poliomyelitis in the South-East Asia Region, in which the WHO includes 11 countries: Bangladesh, Bhutan, North Korea, India, Indonesia, Maldives, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Timor- Leste.⁷

The country has sustained polio free status in Fiscal Year 2069/70. Measles cases have been dramatically reduced after measles catch up and follow up campaigns as well as satisfactory routine coverage.⁸

This year 4.6 million children have been immunized from polio under special immunization campaign to eliminate polio on 1st phase compared to last year's 4 million children. 3.7 million children under the age of five were administered vitamin 'A' capsules in 75 districts.

According to Nepal Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey 2014, Tuberculosis immunization coverage accounts to 95.7 % , Polio immunization coverage accpounts to 91.8%, Diphtheria, pertussis and tetanus (DPT) immunization coverage accounts to 88.3%, Measles immunization coverage accounts to 92.6%, Hepatitis B immunization coverage accounts to 88.3%, and Haemophilus influenzae type B (Hib) immunization coverage accounts to 88.3%. The above percentage is of the children aged 12-23 months that received the vaccine by their first birthday. Full immunization coverage against key childhood diseases of children under one is 85 percent.⁹

Over 3.5 million children receive vitamin A supplements

Kathmandu: 3 November 2015

Republica

Over 3.5 million children between six months and five years of age across the country have been administered vitamin 'A' supplementation as part of a two-day campaign that began from Monday. Female Community Health Volunteers (FCHVs) will also administer de-worming tablet to children in the nation-wide drive, according to the Child Health Division (CHD) of the Department of Health Services (DoHS). Officials at the CHD informed that the children who missed the medication on Monday will be administered the supplementation and de-worming capsules by FCHVs on Tuesday. "This is our regular program and we hope to achieve over 90 percent coverage despite the ongoing protests in several districts of Tarai region," said Giri Raj Subedi, chief of the nutrition section of the CHD. He informed that over 52,000 FCHVs and other health workers have been mobilized for the campaign. According to Subedi, FCHVs will reach every household to ensure that no child is deprived of the supplementation. Vitamin 'A' supplementation is a regular program of the Ministry of Health and Population (MoHP) for which it invests about Rs 150 million every year. The program is launched twice a year throughout the country. "Vitamin A supplementation program is very important as it boosts immunity power in the children and reduces child mortality," added Subedi. The program is almost entirely run by FCHVs who achieved 99 percent coverage in 2013. The CHD has asked all parents to cooperate with FCHVs administering vitamin 'A' and de-worming tablet to children.

7. "WHO South-East Asia Region certified polio-free". World Health Organization. Accessed on 27 March 2014.

8. Annual report 2012/2013. Ministry of Health and Population. Department of Health Services. Government of Nepal.

9. Ibid (5)

Children deprived of vaccination as health facilities remain shut*Rajbiraj: 1 December 2015**The Rising Nepal*

Faguni Devi Yadav of Maleth VDC in Saptari has been visiting the Urban Health Service Centre, run by Rajbiraj municipality, almost every day to have her grandchild immunised for the past one week. But as the health centre remains shut, she had no option but to return home without having her grandchild immunised. Similar is the plight of Ramwati Mandal of Rajbiraj-10, Shivasthan of the district. Mandal has been frequenting the health centre for the past 10 days, but her newborn has yet to be immunised. All the health facilities in the district remain closed protesting police attack on doctors and staffers at district headquarters-based Gajendra Narayan Singh Sagarmatha Zonal Hospital two weeks ago. Health workers' union also has publicly called for shutting all health services. "We have halted our services in response to the call," said Urban Health Centre Rajbiraj Chief Dinesh Prasad Sah. Two weeks ago, police had attacked hospital staffers while the agitating cadres of the United Democratic Madhesi Front were preparing to a vehicle belonging to District Police Office on fire. "Eight doctors were injured in the attack. Hence, we resorted to protest demanding free treatment and reparation to the victims and action against security personnel involved in the attack," said Acting Medical Superintendent of the hospital Dr Deepa Yadav. She, however, said the government has shown no interest towards addressing their demands. Meanwhile, Chief District Officer health workers. Narayan Prasad Bhatta said the problem would be settled soon. CDO Bhatta assured of security to health workers.

Drive to immunize quake-hit children against measles-rubella, polio*Kathmandu: 27 August 2015**Republica*

In a bid to prevent possible outbreak of measles-rubella (MR) and polio virus in the quake-hit districts, Child Health Division (CHD) of Department of Health Services (DoHS) has started vaccination campaign against measles-rubella and polio in highly affected 14 districts. People residing in those districts are highly vulnerable to several epidemics, including measles-rubella and polio, as condition of sanitation and waste management are very poor in most of the areas and a lot of people have been forced to live in cramped quarters. Mukunda Gautam, chief of immunization section at CHD, said, "About 600,000 children under the age five will be administered MR and polio vaccines as part of the campaign." According to the World Health Organization (WHO), measles is a highly contagious disease caused by virus and is one of the leading causes of death among young children globally. One of the easily spreading human infections, the government aims to eliminate measles by 2016. Likewise, rubella is also a contagious disease. Rubella in pregnant women can cause congenital rubella syndrome, with potentially devastating consequences to babies, according to doctors. They said that children infected with rubella at birth are at the risk of several deformities and health complications such as slow growth, mental retardation, malformations of the heart and eyes, deafness and problems related to liver, spleen and bone marrow. It is believed that every year about 1,400 children in the country are born with physical disabilities because of rubella infection. Apart from measles and rubella vaccine, all children under five will be administered oral polio drops during the campaign, the CHD said. The WHO, however, had declared the country polio-free in February last year, but children are still at the risk of polio infection. Gautam informed that the campaign is under way in most of the affected districts. He informed that the government had aimed to launch a nation-wide campaign later but decided to do it earlier in quake-hit districts fearing possible outbreaks. "We are planning to include anti-MR vaccine in regular immunization program. Additional campaigns are not needed once the vaccine is included in regular immunization program," added

HIV/AIDS

With the total reported 26702 cases of H.I.V. as of July 2015, 2866 cases of children below 19 years have been infected with HIV. This accounts to 10.3% of the total.¹⁰

Estimated number of new child infections due to Mother to child transmission is 242 in 2013 and 105 babies received Prophylaxis as of July 2014.¹¹

Estimated number of new child– infections due to Mother To Child Transmission (MTCT) in 2014 accounts to 178. 11 children up to 18 months have been diagnosed positive through PCR test as of July 2015.¹²

Children affected By AIDS targets HIV positive children under 18 years of age. CABA Program is implemented by Government of Nepal in collaboration with Save the Children in 45 districts. Under CABA Support, every HIV infected Child is provided with Nrs.1000 per month as education, nutrition and livelihood. As of July 2015, 1,210 HIV infected children have been supported with essential packages.¹³

Campaign to stop mother-to-child HIV transmission

Kanchanpur: 15 November 2015

The Himalayan Times

A Program was initiated to stop mother to child HIV transmission at the birthing centres in Kanchanpur on Sunday. For this, all the 80 health workers based at the birth centres across the district have been trained. Regular examination and medication is ensured to women, who are carrying HIV in their blood system while expecting a child, said public health inspector at the District Public Health Office, Kanchanpur, Ratan Bahadur Bista. Such mothers are taken to the Mahakali Zonal Hospital for child birth. Regular medication can help an HIV infected mother give birth to a child without transmitting the virus. So far four such mothers have given birth, said Bista. There are 334 people known to have been infected with HIV in Kanchanpur.

10. Factsheet 2: Cumulative HIV Cases, as of Asar 2072 (July 2015). National Centre for AIDS and STD Control.

11. Country Progress Report on HIV/AIDS Response Nepal. March 2014. National Centre for AIDS and STD Control. Ministry of Health and Population. Government of Nepal.

12. Factsheet 5: Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission (PMTCT) in Nepal, as of Asar 2072 (July 2015) National Centre for AIDS and STD Control. Ministry of Health and Population. Government of Nepal.

13. Factsheet 8: Targeted Intervention among Key Population in Nepal, as of July 2015. National Centre for AIDS and STD Control. Ministry of Health and Population. Government of Nepal.

CHILD HEALTH AND COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

A total of 514 cases of children under child health issue have been recorded. The susceptibility of young children to disease in Nepal poses a serious challenge to their welfare and development. Hundreds of children suffer each year from easily curable diseases such as measles, diarrhea, pneumonia, jaundice, Kala-azar, dengue etc.

About 259 children suffered from diarrhea, vomiting and fever in different districts of Nepal in the month of January to December among which 7 children died. 1 girl died from pneumonia, 3 children (1 boy, 2 girls) died from cold, 1 boy died from heat, 4 children (3 boys, 1 girl) died of carelessness from the doctor and health worker. 1 girl died and 26 children suffered from measles. 2 children (1 boy and 1 girl) died, 1 boy suffered from illness after consuming poison. 54 children suffered and 22 children (51 boys, 25 girls) died from food poisoning. 25 girls suffered from mass hysteria, 73 children suffered and 10 children died from an unknown disease. 1 boy died from encephalitis, 1 girl died from mouth bleeding, 1 child died from epidemic, 12 girls got infected with HIV, 1 boy suffered from heart disease, 1 girl died from Kidney fail, 5 boys died from suffocation and 2 girls died from Scrub Typhus.

Communicable Disease

Diarrhoea spreads in Musahar settlement

Rajbiraj: 7 August, 2015

The Himalayan Times

The outbreak of diarrhoea two weeks ago caused around two dozen people to fall ill and it is yet to be brought under control, in Saptari, Maleth. Most of the patients of the Musahar settlement in Maleth-6 have shown symptoms such as dysentery, nausea and fits of unconsciousness. "It's been three days since I returned after treatment. Though I am fit and fine, the other members of my family have fallen prey to the disease," said local Chandreshwor Sada, adding, "however, no one had died due to the disease till date in the village." Another local Nemani Sada complained that there was lack of treatment for ill people at the local level. "The disease is taking its toll on the poor and it has added to our woes as there is no reliable treatment in the village," said Nemani, adding, "Just recently, someone was seriously ill. We took him to the hospital in the district headquarters but as the hospital was ill-equipped, he couldn't be treated there, then we had to take him to Biratnagar." The villagers have also sought an expert government team of health workers in the village for treatment of patients. However, Maleth sub-health post in-charge Sudhir Jha, on his part, described the case as just 'food poisoning' rather than diarrhoea outbreak. "It's not a serious diarrhoea outbreak as rumoured, but just food poisoning, which can be cured," he said, adding, "Except for a few patients, most are being treated at the health post itself."

21 taken ill after eating poisonous mushroom

Dhangadhi: 13 July, 2015

The Rising Nepal

As many as 21 persons including 10 children of five families were taken ill after eating poisonous mushroom curry at Bayala village in Sahajpur VDC-2, Kailali district. Police Inspector Sagar Bohara said that the locals were taken ill after eating the mushroom curry that was collected from a nearby jungle on Saturday afternoon. Police Inspector Bohara said condition of Shanti Thapa and Om Darlami is learned to be critical. The sick persons are receiving treatment at Seti Zonal Hospital in Dhangadhi. The Bayala village, the hilly region in the district, is situated some 65 kms far from the district headquarters.

CWIN Nepal in collaboration with the Norwegian Psychiatric Association opened its first ever children and adolescent psychiatric OPD in Kanti Children Hospital (KCH) from July 21, 2015. Since its operation from July till December, approximately 550 new patients have benefitted from its services. Approximately more than 50% of patients who came to the OPD were referred from other departments of KCH.

The patients were mostly from the age groups of 2 years to 14 years with anxiety disorder being most common i.e. 37%, followed by Intellectual Disability (21.3%), conversion disorder (14%), ADHD (7%), Autism (7%), seizure and behavioral problems both being 5% each.

Kanti starts child and adolescent mental health OPD

Kathmandu: 22 July 2015

The Himalayan Times

Kanti Children's Hospital, Maharjgunj, has started child and adolescent mental health OPD, first in the country. Dr Arun Raj Kunwar, child and adolescent psychiatrist at Kanti Children's Hospital, said the currently the OPD service will be open for public every day except on public holidays from 9am to 2pm.

According to Dr Kunwar, earlier Tribhuvan University Teaching Hospital used to provide half-day service — on Mondays and Thursdays — to the children and adolescent with mental health problems. According to the World Health Organisation, worldwide 10 to 20 per cent of children and adolescents experience mental disorders. Half of all mental illnesses begin by the age of 14 and three-quarters by mid-20s. Dr Kunwar said the new OPD will provide psychiatric and psychological treatments, counselling and medication to the needy. Stating that there was lack of human resources for mental health treatment,

Dr Kunwar stressed on the need to strengthen human resources and raise awareness among parents and teachers about mental health issues of children and adolescents. "Level of awareness among parents about mental health problems is still very low in Nepal," said Dr Kunwar. Dr Kunwar said one of the goals of starting the new OPD is to develop training Programs so that human resources can be trained to provide services to affected children and adolescents.

According to Dr Kunwar, 90 per cent students in schools have some kind of anxiety or other problems but they are never identified by their parents and teachers, hence children remain untreated. "School is the right place to intervene to address mental health problem in children and adolescents," Dr Kunwar added. According to WHO, neuropsychiatric conditions are the leading cause of disability in young people in all regions and if untreated, these conditions severely influence children's development, their educational attainments and their potential to live fulfilling and productive lives.

Children with mental disorders face major challenges with stigma, isolation and discrimination as well as lack of access to health care and education facilities, in violation of their fundamental human rights, says WHO. The new child and adolescent mental health OPD has three psychiatrists — Dr Kunwar, Dr Jasmine Ma and Jaya Regmi — and Narmada Devkota, a psychological counselor.

DEVELOPMENT

Every child has the right to:¹

- *Free primary education, access to secondary education and vocational training that prepares him or her for an active adult life in a free society*
- *An education that develops his or her personality, talents, and mental and physical abilities to their fullest*
- *An education that fosters respect for his or her own family, cultural identity, and language for his or her country; and for the natural environment*
- *Leisure, play and the opportunity to participate in cultural and artistic activities*
- *The opportunity to enjoy his or her culture, profess and practice his or her religion, use his or her language*

EDUCATION

The total number of students at primary, lower secondary and basic levels are 4,576,693 (4,782,885 in the last school year) 1,823,192 (1,812,680 in the last school year) and 6,399,885 (6,595,565 in the last school year) respectively; these numbers have decreased by 4.5% points at primary level and increased by 0.6% points at lower secondary levels as compared to the previous school year.

The Net Enrolment Rate (NER) at primary, lower secondary, basic, secondary, higher secondary and secondary levels are 95.3% (95.1% in the last school year), 72.2% (70.0% in the last school year), 87.5% (86.6% in the last school year), 54.3% (52.1% in the last school year) 10.4% (9.4% in the last school year) and 32.4% (30.6% in the last school year) respectively. The gender parity in school education has significantly improved. The Gender Parity Index (GPI) in NER at primary, lower secondary, basic, secondary, higher secondary and secondary levels are 0.99; 0.99; 0.99; 0.99; 1.04 and 0.99 respectively. The promotion and repetition rates in Grade One are 72.5% (70.8% in the last school year) and 19.9% (21.3% in the last school year). The promotion rates in the upper grades are better as compared to the grade 1.¹⁴

Among children of school going age, 86 percent attend primary or secondary school. Almost all children attending primary school reach the fifth grade (99 percent) and complete it (99.5 percent). Nearly all children transition to secondary school (97 percent) from primary, but only two thirds of secondary school age children actually attend secondary or a higher form of education (66 percent). Gender parity index in attendance in primary and secondary schools stands at 0.99 and 1.02 respectively. 50.7% of children age 36-59 months attended an early childhood education Program.¹⁵

EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

There are altogether 34,622 Early Childhood Education and Development /pre-primary classes (ECED/PPCs) throughout the country, according to the flash I report 2013-14. There has been a continual progress in the Gross Enrolment Rate (GER) of ECED/PPCs over last four years. The average Gross Enrolment Rate (GER) in ECD/PPCs is 73.7% (72.9% in the last school year) with 73.1% for girls and 74.3% for boys.¹⁴

64.4% of children age 36-59 months who are developmentally on track in at least three of the following four domains: literacy-numeracy, physical, social-emotional, and learning.¹⁵

The GER in ECED/PPCs has reached to 76.7% (with 76.2% for girls and 77.2% for boys) against the four year age group population. Last year the total GER in ECED was 73.4%. Similarly, the percentage of new entrants in grade one with ECED/PPCs experiences has been 56.9% (with 57.6% for girls and 56.2% for boys).¹⁶

14. Flash Report (2012/13). November, 2012. Department of Education. Ministry of Education. Government of Nepal

15. Ibid(5)

16. Status Report-2013. Ministry of Education. Department of Education. Government of Nepal.

PROTECTION

Every child has the right to special protection:¹

- *In emergency situations such as armed conflict, or when children are separated from family or home*
- *When he or she is in conflict with the law*
- *In situations of exploitation such as child labor, drug abuse, sexual exploitation or sexual abuse, sale, trafficking and abduction*
- *From discrimination of any kind*

CHILD MARRIAGE

When a child bride gives birth, it leads to the vicious cycle of poverty, poor health, violence, instability, life –long discrimination, low rate of education, higher rate of disease and school dropouts, subjugation, domestic violence, abuse and life threatening health risks, disregard for rule of law, legal and other discrimination which often continues into the next generation, especially for any daughters she may have. Child marriage is the violation of the four rights envisioned by UNCRC.

Total number of child marriage is 60 (56 girls, 4 boys) of which 53 cases have been reported in CWIN Helplines. Last year, total of 54 cases were reported of which 46 were girls and 8 were boys. Among them 37 cases had been reported in CWIN Helplines.

3 months jail

Pyuthan: 3 February 2015

Kantipur

District court held 19 year old Gopal Thedimagar of Rashpurkot-6 for doing child marriage. "District judge, Mr. Bishnu Prasad Upadhaya sentenced 3 months jail and four thousand rupees fine to Thedimagar", said Rudhramani Giri. He added that this was the first time in the district that judgment was made against child marriage.

After Thedimagar got married to a 14 year old girl on November 3, bride's mother filed case against Thedimagar in the district court on December 19. Child Rights Officer, Sushila Simkhada from District Child Welfare Board said that the decision of the court against child marriage will help to reduce child marriage.

Post-quake, child marriage cases up

Nuwakot: 27 June 2015

The Himalayan Times

The April earthquake flattened majority of houses in Kagati village in Nuwakot, which is just 17 kilometres from the capital Kathmandu, forcing many to find survival out in the open. The quake rendered around 550 families homeless in wards 7 and 8 of Okharpauwa VDC. Two months on, as locals struggle to find proper shelters to live in, as the monsoon rains are making life more difficult, there is an increasing fear that child marriages will go up.

Even before the quake, the village had high prevalence of child marriage, said to Chakra Man Shrestha, a teacher at Shree Bhawani Secondary School. "Earlier, girls were married off at the age of 12-15, but of late the trend had stopped, and girls at the age of 15-18 were being married off," said Shrestha, adding, "Now we are fearing, in the aftermath of quake, cases of child marriage will go up."

"Almost all the families have lost their houses and property to the earthquake. Those who could barely make ends meet before the earthquake are having an even tougher time, and are struggling to earn two square meals a day. They might think that their burden could be lessened by marrying their daughters," he told a team of the United Nations Population Fund that had reached the village this week to take stock of child marriage situation in the aftermath of the earthquake.

ORPHAN

30 children (13 girls, 17 boys) were reported orphan of which 28 cases were reported in CWIN Helplines. Last year 38 children (20 girls, 18 boys) were reported orphan of which 23 cases were reported in CWIN Helplines.

Two children became orphan

Kapilvastu: 19 May 2015

Kantipur

1 year old Nisha Rana and 10 years old Karmada Budha Magar of Hallanagar, Shivanagar Municipality-11 lost their parents when their parents lost their lives during the earthquake. Their parents had gone for work when the mega earthquake that struck Nepal on April 25, 2015 took their lives by getting buried in the debris. Now these children are forced to live a life of orphan.

ADOPTION

There has been a total of 4 (3 girls, 1 unidentified) reported cases of adoption. Last year 16 cases (9 boys , 7 girls) of adoption had been reported.

Abandoned infant adopted

Tanahu: 22 March 2015

Kantipur

An infant left in the hotel located in Bagbazar of Byash 2, Damauli has been adopted by. Prem Bahadur Adhikari from Rupakot 7, Tuhurepasal. After the formalities were fulfilled, assistant Chief District Officer Kishor Chaudhary and Rama Adhikari, Chief of Women and Children Office handed over the infant to Prem Bahadur Adhikari. Four couples had showed their concern over adopting the child. "The committee decided to hand over the kid to the most pleasant couple and gave the responsibility to Prem Bahadu Adhikari", said Santosh Godar, program officer of the committee.

SUICIDE

This year 34 (30 girls, 4 boys) cases of suicide and case of a girl who attempted suicide were reported. Last year 28 (16 girls, 10 boys) cases of suicide and 2 cases of a girl and a boy who attempted suicide had been reported.

Four kill selves after failing in exams

Dhading: 21 June 2015

The Himalayan Times

As many as four students committed suicide after failing in School Leaving Certificate exams at different districts. Sunil Bharati, 17, of Devasthan of Maidi Village Development Comittee, Dhading, killed self by hanging himself from a tree near his house yesterday evening. Bharati had appeared in the SLC exams from Thulo Chaur Secondary School at Maidi. Similarly, Manish Rai, 17, of Khotang's Temma VDC killed himself by hanging himself at his house yesterday evening. Rai had failed in Optional Maths. Likewise, 17-year-old Manisha Pandey from Tilahari of Tanahun's Bhanu-2 killed herself this morning on the upper floor of her house. Sita Bhandari, 17, of Bageswori of Banke committed suicide this morning at her home after failing in SLC. SLC results were announced yesterday.

VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN

CWIN recorded 754 cases of violence against children so far this year, increasing than the last year's 450 cases. 56 cases of children who were murdered have been reported this year, of which 24 were girls and 32 were boys. Last year 50 (15 girls, 35 boys) cases of murder had been recorded. There have been 15 (4 girls, 11 boys) cases of attempted murder this year compared to 22 (7 boys and 15 girls) last year. There have been 18 infant killings (4 girls, 2 boys, 12 unidentified) of which 2 were boys, 4 were girls, and 12 were unidentified.

There have been 29 cases (4 girls 25 boys) of corporal punishment, 19 of these cases were reported to the CWIN Helpline. Last year there were 113 (24 girls, 34 boys) corporal punishment cases reported that shows significant decline in the number.

There were 62 cases of physical/mental abuse/torture against children of which 36 boys and 26 girls of which 55 cases have been reported in CWIN Helplines. Last year 103 cases (48 boys, 55 girls) of such were recorded that signifies decline in the number this year.

34 cases of mentally disabled children have been recorded so far this year of which 20 were girls and 14 were boys. Last year the 4 cases (2 boys, 2 girls) of disable children had been recorded. This year increase in the number off disable children is the result of the earthquake on April 25 2015 and its subsequent aftershocks. 45 children (27 girls, 18 boys) have suffered from some sort of family conflict, 415 children (210 boys, 205 girls) suffered from the financial crisis. 2 girls were the victims of online/telephone abuse as reported in CWIN Helplines.

A total of 77 girls were kept in some kind of shelter homes, transit homes or orphanages where the children were not treated properly and were not kept fulfilling the minimum standard set by the government. A girl has been reported as getting in some kind of unidentified trouble.

Attempt to murder

Teen injured in attack

Dhading: 14 Feb, 2015

The Kathmandu Post

Ailerong Tamang alias Ashok, 15, a ninth grader of Dongden Secondary School, was attacked in Friday with a knife in his classroom at Tipling VDC-3, Dhading. According to District Police Office, a group of six youths led by Suleman Tamang had barged into Ashok's classroom and assaulted his with khukuri. Locals said the group that attacked Tamang comprised students from the same school. They said the group of youths 'wanted to settle an old score with Ashok'. Ashok had received serious cuts on his head, hands and legs. After primary treatment at Tiplang Health Post, he was airlifted to Kathmandu for further treatment. Similarly, last Wednesday night, Che Ghale, a local, was injured when two groups of people clashed at Tiplang VDC-3. Injured in a knife attack, Ghale is beign treated at a local health post. A manhunt to nab those involved in both incidents in on, police said. Since Tiplang is the most remote VDC in the district, it does not have access to road and communications facitilites.

Murder**Murder case filed against 13***Damauli: 15 June 2015**The Himalayan Times*

District Police Office Tanahun filed a murder case against 13 persons in the district on Sunday. Police lodged the case against them for their alleged involvement in murdering Nabaraj Baram, 17, of Palungtar VDC-1, Chyangling, Gorkha on June 7.

It has been reported that the victim was pushed into the Marsyangdi River. Tek Bahadur Baram, the deceased's father, had filed an FIR with the police yesterday saying that his son was fist thrashed and then pushed into the river.

Police have lodged the case against Sachin Bhujel, 20, Joyal Pariyar, 18, Amrit Dawadi, 18, Shambhu Bhujel, 17, Bishwo Pariyar, 14, Subash Pariyar, 15, Bishal Pariyar, 16, Giridhari Dawadi, 32, Surya Prasad Dawadi, 47, Bed Bahadur Kandel, 64, of Bhanu VDC-6 and Rishi Ram Neupane, 28, Amrit Bahadur KC, 36, and Shiva Raj Tripathi, 36 of Bhanu-7. All of them were arrested yesterday. According to DSP Bidhyananda Majhi, they have started investigation after the case was lodged at the DPO today. Baram was a bus helper along the Beshishahar-Dumre road section. According to sources, the bus had killed an ox, which belonged to Rishi Ram Neupane of Bhanu-7, Aambote on May 28, while it was en route to Dumre from Beshishahar. The bus owner paid Rs 15,000 on the spot to the owner as reparation the same day. Neupane had sought Rs 20,000.

A group of youth led by Rishi Ram Neupane forcefully stopped the bus and demanded the remaining Rs 5,000 on June 7. The bus plunged below the road when Baram tried to escape the scene by driving the vehicle himself.

Rishi Ram's gang chased Baram after the accident. Though Baram jumped into the river to escape the gang, his kin claimed that he was pushed forcefully to death into the Marsyangdi River. Baram's body was recovered from a dam on the banks of the river at Aanbukhaireni-3 on June 12. According to police, his body was handed over to his kin after post-mortem.

Woman kills daughter, self*Dhading: 25 May 2015**The Kathmandu Post*

A woman murdered her two-year-old daughter before committing suicide at Baireni-7 on Saturday. Chandrawati BK, 22, killed herself by consuming poison after she fed her two daughters with poison-laced food, said police. Two-year-old Chandra BK died instantly while her younger sister, Chadani BK, was rushed to Kathmandu for treatment. It is suspected that the woman committed the crime following a family dispute.

Man kills daughter*Damauli: 26 May 2015**The Himalayan Times*

A man has been arrested for killing his toddler. Raju Tiwari, 33, choked his daughter to death at Thaprek Serabaru VDC in Tanahun on Sunday night. Tiwari had killed his two-and-half-year-old daughter Ridhi at around 10 pm, said inspector Krishna Prasad Acharya pf Area Police Office, Belchautar. Tiwari is said to be mentally ill and taking drugs for the same for the last two years. The incident occurred after he had a dispute with his wife. Following the fight, he thrashed and killed his daughter. A murder case has been filed against Tiwari at District Court. He has been sent to custody for further investigation. The body was handed over to the minor's relatives after postmortem.

Infant Killing

Woman held for murdering newborn

Damauli : 19 July 2015

The Himalayan Times

Police have arrested a woman after she murdered her newly born son in Shyamgha VDC, Tanahun, on sunday.

Twenty-two-year-old Nagarin Miya from Thuprek VDC, currently residing at her mother's house in Shyamgha VDC murdered her baby son and buried him near the toilet after giving birth to him yesterday night, said Inspector Prem Shankar Chaudhary of District Police Office .

Acting on a tip off, the police team reached the incident site and recovered the minor's body from the ditch. "The woman has been taken under control," said police, adding that the minor's body has been kept in Damauli Hospital for post-mortem.

Meanwhile, District Police Office, Tanahun, said a murder case had been filed against the woman. It is said that the woman's husband is in Qatar since three years. Police suspect she might have been in an illicit relationship, which is why she killed her newborn. Police allegedly, said that she was in an illicit relationship with Ram Thapa Magar, 19, of Camin VDC, adding that she might have killed her newborn to prevent people from finding out about her illicit relationship with Magar.

Corporal Punishment

Teacher on the run after assaulting six-year-old student

Pathari: 4 February 2015

The Rising Nepal

A six-year-old student here was beaten black and blue by his teacher for asking his elder sister to help do his homework. Ajaya Kumar Mahatha, a resident of Jahada-9 in Sisawani was severely beaten up by his Nepali subject teacher Binod Mandal at his school Gyansagar English Boarding School in Pokhariya-6. The incident took place on Monday when Ajaya was physically assaulted by his teacher for allegedly asking his elder sister Laxmi to do his homework. Ajaya has suffered injury to his right thigh and blue marks from beating on his back. Meanwhile, the cruel teacher has escaped after the incident came to light and received widespread condemnation. Ajaya's father Ram Dev has called for stern action against the teacher for his inhumane act. School's principal Arun Kumar Mandal too has accepted that it was very wrong of the teacher to have meted out the corporal punishment. The incident has meanwhile drawn the attention of the District Education Office Morang too. "An investigation will be launched and the guilty punished", said school inspector at the Office Balram Parajuli.

Institute Minimum Standard

Case against manager of child shelter home

Lamjung: 28 May 2015/

Kantipur

Police had filed a case against a manager who had been keeping children illegally and operating a child shelter without permission.

Police rescued 10 children from the child shelter home and filed a case of human trafficking against Surya Bahadur Budaprethi. "We have registered the case after the permission of District Child Welfare Board ", said DSP Pawan Kumar Giri.

According to the police, district court had assigned one week time for further investigation on Tuesday. Police took statement of the children kept in temporary shelter of Himali Navin Society of Golfutar, Kathmandu on Monday. Police plans to talk with parents of those children as well.

CHILDREN WITH DISABILITY

According to the *National population census report 2011* released by Central Bureau of Statistics, 1.94 % of the total population of 26,494,504 are suffering from some kind of disabilities, among which 45.44% of them are female and 54.56% are male. Higher disability rates are associated with higher rates of illiteracy, inadequate nutritional level, lower immunization coverage, higher unemployment and underemployment rates, and lower mobility.¹⁷

Inside cage since two years

Tipling (Dhading): 30 July 2015

Kantipur

Two disabled siblings were locked inside the cage since two year, the only reason being the disability of those children. 6 year old and 4 year old daughter were kept inside the cage in the yard while their parents went to work as there were no one to look after them.

Purna Bahadur Tamang and Maan Maya Tamang from Tipling-07 gave birth to these children who were mentally challenged from their birth. However, their other children aged 10 and 12 years old are normal and have been going to school. Parents said that due to the insufficient intake of nutritious diet during the pregnancy, children were born disable. Maan Maya mentioned that during her time of pregnancy, there was a famine and drought resulting to lack of enough food. She said that landslides triggered due to earthquake have already swept away about 30 houses. She showed her concern for her children's wellbeing and after earthquake she is more concerned of their safety. She shared her difficulties of raising her two disable children and mentioned that she mostly feeds them porridge.

NATURAL CALAMITIES

A total of 2893 children were affected by natural disasters like earthquake, landslides, floods etc. A huge number of children lost their lives, got injured and went missing in the mega earthquake this year. Of the total children affected by natural disasters, 2742 children lost their lives to earthquake of which 1244 were girls and 149 were boys. The earthquake left many children injured, missing and orphan. 93 children (39 girls, 40 boys and 14 unidentified) lost their lives to other natural disasters. 36 children (14 girls, 23 boys) got injured due to various calamities.

Last year 141 children had been reported to be affected by natural disaster with 71 deaths, and 21 injured)

Temblor killed 234 kids in Dhading

Dhading: 11 June 2015

The Himlayan Times

As many as 234 children lost their lives in the devastating earthquake of April 25 and subsequent aftershocks in Dhading. According to District Disaster Rescue Committee, 138 male children and 116 female children, below 18 years of age, were killed in the disaster. Basudev Ghimire, the committee coordinator as well as CDO, said 126 children of the district were critically injured. Similarly, as many as 12 children had lost their parents while 68 children lost one guardian in the family. A total of 737 persons lost their lives in the disaster in Dhading

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Lightning strikes claim five lives*Khotang: 2 July 2015**The Himalayan Times*

At least five persons were killed and five others injured after lightning struck them in eastern Nepal yesterday night. Two persons of Khotang and Bhojpur, along with a minor in Ilam, lost their lives on the same night. The deceased have been identified as Kamala Rai, 37, of Kahule VDC and Prem Bishowakarma, 35, of Sanwakatahare VDC, Khotang. According to inspector Yadav Gautam of Khotang District Police Office, Rai and Bishwokarma died on the spot. Nirmala Rai, 24, and Maniraj Tamang, 25, of Kahule VDC, along with Bishwokarma's wife, were injured in the incident. They are receiving treatment in a local health facility. Similarly, Dor Nath Gautam, 11, of Shadananda Municipality and Sher Bahadur Thapa, 16, of Thidingkha VDC in Bhojpur died on the spot, said police. Dor Nath's father Tanka Prasad and his brother Ramlal were injured and are receiving treatment at a local health facility. In Ilam, Karuna Rai, 12, of Danabari VDC died on the spot after she was struck by lightning in her house.

Student dies, 13 injured in school landslide*Pokhara: 17 July 2015**Republica*

A student was killed and 13 others sustained injuries when a landslide triggered by incessant rainfall buried the Ex-Army Public Secondary School at Chhorepatan around noon on Thursday. The deceased has been identified as 14-year-old Sanjay Gayak. The ninth grader breathed his last while undergoing treatment. According to SP Hari Bahadur Pal, chief of Kaski District Police Office (DPO), the landslide occurred while school examinations were underway. Soon after the incident, personnel of the Nepal Police, Nepal Army, Armed Police Force and locals carried out a rescue operation. Among the 13 injured are five teachers and eight students. School principal Mohan Poudel, 38, Bhawani Shankar Lamsal, 34, Amik Baral, 30, Shisir Baral, 22, and Arun Karki, 24, are the teachers who sustained injuries. Similarly, the injured students are Anusha BK, Pratikshya Subedi and Bashu Gharti of grade 10; Kanchan BK and Shiksha Baral of grade 9; Rachana Poudel and Subin Thapa of grade 8 and Abhikshar BK of grade six, according to the DPO. The injured are being treated at Metro City Hospital, Gandaki Medical College and the Western Regional Hospital. According to SP Pal, the injured are all out of danger. According to students, only five minutes were left for the exam to end when the landslide hit.

ACCIDENTS

These deaths are attributable to various incidents such as fires, freak explosions and road accidents. Children are said to be particularly vulnerable to road accidents because they are often unaware of the danger the road poses.

Since January total of 566 children have been injured, died and missing due to the various accidents which claimed the lives of 432 children (173 girls , 258 boys and 1 unidentified) of which 123cases has been reported in CWIN Helplines. 134 children (34 girls, 39 boys, 61 unidentified) got injured. 22 children (5 girls, 17 boys, 5 unidentified) were reported missing. Last year total number of reported accidents of children was 523.

IED blast kills one, injuries three in Rolpa*Pyuthan: 12 July 2015**The Himalayan Times*

A man was killed and five were injured when an improvised explosive device bomb went off at a house in Funtibang at Thabang VDC, Rolpa this morning. DSP Ramesh Thapa at District Police Office said that the IED exploded on the upper floor of Shree Prasad Gharti's two-storey building. House owner Shree Prasad was killed in the incident. The IED that went off at around 7am has completely damaged the house. Locals said that Shree Prasad's body was yet to be pulled out from the rubble. Shree Prasad's wife Layan Gharti, 50, daughter Sodeshi Budha, 18, daughter-in-law Ashimta Gharti, 19 and son-in-law Rajdhan Budha, 20, and neighbour Dhane Jhankri, 44, were injured in the incident. All the injured are being treated at a local health facility, said DSP Thapa. Details about the IED and explosion are yet to come, according to DSP Thapa. A police team led by an inspector has been mobilised to investigate into the incident. DSP Thapa informed that the Nepal Army would uncover whether the IED was planted before or after the peace agreement in 2006. Police personnel from Thabang Police Post have cordoned off the incident, suspecting that there could be more IEDs or explosive materials in the debris. A technical team comprising 50 personnel from Nepal Army's Devidutta Battalion, led by Lt Colonel Binod Chand, has left for the incident site. It takes one and half days to reach Thabang. DSP Thapa said teams from NA and police would reach the incident site tomorrow. "We can say more about the incident only after the army and police teams reach the incident site," DSP Thapa added. Explosions and seizure of explosive materials continue to terrify locals in Rolpa, once the epicentre of Maoist insurgency.

Two children drown in Udayapur*Saptari: 14 August 2015**The Rising Nepal*

Two children from Saptari drowned in a pit as they were playing in ward no. 11 of Triyuga municipality of Udayapur. The incident took place on Wednesday evening. The deceased children have been identified as five-year-old Niraj Shah, the son of Ram Sewak Shah of Pipara-3 in Saptari and five-year-old Saurat BK, the son of Subhan BK of the same locality, according to Saptari Police. They were found drowned by the locals. The two minors died on the way to hospital, according to SP Narayan Prasad Chimariya of the District Police Office.

4 including toddler die police firing in Rupandehi*Rupandehi: 16 September 2015**Republica*

Three people died on the spot at Bethari of Rupandehi district as Madhesi protestors clashed with the police while a four-year-old boy succumbed to his injuries while undergoing treatment at a hospital Tuesday evening. The three deceased have been identified as Bindu Lakaul, 40, Ranjana Singh Kshetri, 16, and Raj Kumar Barai, 35 of Bethari.

All three of them sustained bullet injuries during the clash. Meanwhile, Kundan Kumar Patel, who sustained injuries from rubber bullets, died while receiving treatment at Universal Medical College in Bhairahwa. A clash had ensued after protestors pelted stones at police vehicles escorting three trucks loaded with various commodities toward Bhairahwa.

Police resorted to firing teargas canisters at the protestors. As the protestors refused to retreat, police opened fire in the air and then used rubber bullets at the demonstrators. Four police personnel were also injured in the incident, according to the police. Meanwhile, local administration of Rupandehi in the evening clamped curfew order till 6 am next morning.

Two die, one missing in boat capsizes*Dhangadi: 28 October 2015**The Himalayan Times*

Two persons died and one went missing in a boat capsized in the Karnali River on Tuesday. The deceased have been identified as Balchhimaya Pande and two-and-a-half-year-old Yasoda Pande of Bardiya, Patabhar. Police rescued 12 persons on board the boat. Thirteen-year-old Dipesh Pande has gone missing after the incident, which occurred somewhere between Patabhar and Kailali's Patharaiya. Investigation into the case is under way, said police.

Four of a family among six killed in fire in Kaski, Dhading*Pokhara/Dhading: 31 December 2015**The Himalayan Times*

Six persons were killed in two fire incidents in Kaski and Dhading last night. In Kaski, four persons of the same family died of asphyxiation after their house caught fire in Chauthi, Pokhara. The deceased have been identified as Sita Rana, 36, her son Simanta, 12, niece Basanti Rana, 23, and her 56-year-old mother Ganga Kumari Phal. Investigation has revealed that the incident was triggered by short-circuit. "As all the windows of the house were closed, as it gets very cold at night, smoke from a sofa that caught fire found no outlet and choked the family members sleeping in the adjacent room," said DSP Gujusiddhi Bajracharya. Sita's family had bought a house in Chauthi about a year ago and had since been living there. Her husband is working in Israel for the past two years. The tragic incident came to light after the tenant of the two-storey house saw the smoke-filled rooms through a window this morning and called the police. The police found the boy lying on the floor near the door while others were lying on the bed itself. The sofa that caught fire was completely burnt with the smoke filling every inch of the flat on the upper storey of the house. The bodies have been sent to Western Regional Hospital of Pokhara for post-mortem. The incident comes just four days after a woman and her seven-month-old infant died due to asphyxiation in Mathillo Gagangauta in Kaski's Lekhnath municipality. In Dhading, a man and her daughter were killed in a incident in Kakawada, Gumdi. Forty-eight-year-old Sher Bahadur Gurung and his 15-year-old daughter Dhanamaya were killed after the bonfire they lighted to ward off the cold engulfed their house. "The fire was on and they went to bed. The house was gutted and their badly burnt bodies were found in the morning," police said. Sher Bahadur's wife, however, managed to escape.

RAPE AND SEXUAL ABUSE

388 cases of rape recorded so far this year of which 88 cases reported in CWIN Helplines. Last year 437 cases of rape had been reported. Among 388 cases, 135 of these cases were children under the age of 18 and 93 of the total cases were children under the age of 10

Of 388 reported rape cases, 34.79 % were of children under 18 and 23.96% were of minors below 10 years with the youngest being 13 months old. 1.03 % were murdered after rape. 9.27 % cases were of gang rape. 54.12% cases were of individual rape. 5.41 % cases were of incest rape. Culprits were arrested in only 215 cases. 21 cases had been reported as incest (sexual abuse and rape done by the member of the victim's family and relatives) and 20 girls have been reported to have experienced some form of child sex abuse and bullying.

Attempt to rape**Elderly held for rape attempt***Lahan: 24 August 2015**The Kathmandu Post*

Police on Sunday arrested 65-year-old Mohammad Palat Miya of Janakinagar-7 in Siraha on the charge of rape attempt. Miya allegedly attempted to rape a 10-year-old girl in his neighbourhood. Miya, who barged into the girl's kitchen, attempted to commit the crime but fled as she cried for help, police said. Meanwhile, one Manoj Kumar Sadaya of Sothiyain-6 allegedly raped a 15-year-old local girl a week ago. He is at large. In Dharan, police detained Phatik Shekh, an Indian national, on the charge of rape attempt. Police said he attempted to rape a seven-year-old girl in Dhara.

Incest**Rapist grandfather sent to prison***Kavre: 4 July 2015**The Himalayan Times*

Kavre District Court has slapped an octogenarian with an eight-and-a-half years jail term for raping his grandchild. A single bench of District Judge Krishnaram Koirala handed down the sentence to the 86-year-old of Panauti municipality, Malpi, yesterday. The court also ruled that Nagarkoti pay Rs 250,000 in reparation to the victim. The old man had raped his 13-year-old grandchild at his home in October last year. Following the incident, a charge-sheet had been filed with the court seeking stern action against the rapist on November 24. The charge-sheet claimed that Nagarkoti had been sexually exploiting the minor over the past one month. Earlier, though Nagarkoti was apprehended on the very next day the charge-sheet was filed against him, he had managed to bail himself out after one month in custody by posting the sought amount of three lakh rupees. Numerous rape cases of victims aged between two to 76 years have been reported in the district. Two girls have been raped in the district after the earthquake. A 13-year-old mentally ill girl became the victim of an attempted rape in Panauti, Chaukot on April 30 when she was in a tent following the earthquake. Five days later, another 17-year-old girl of Sindhupalchowk, Chautara was gang-raped in Gorakhnath forest in Panauti. The perpetrators of both the cases have been kept in custody.

Rape**Rapist jailed for life***Lamjung: 3 December 2015**The Himalayan Times*

Lamjung District Court on Tuesday convicted Jit Bahadur Adhikary of Bahundanda VDC, Lamjung on the charges of rape and murder and handed down 28 years' life imprisonment with confiscation of all his property. Adhikary was kept in the custody of district jail for the past one-and-a-half year for investigation. A single bench of district Judge Arjun Adhikary pronounced the life sentence for the rape and murder of an 18-year-old girl of Bahundanda VDC. Court staff Harigopal Gyawali said the court had given clean chit to Jit Bahadur's maternal grandmother, Padam Kumari Mahat, an accused in the incident.

Eleven-year-old raped after playing bhaili

Kavre: 16 November 2015

The Himalayan Times

An 11-year-old girl of Shikhar Aambote VDC was raped while returning home after playing Deusi on the day of Laxmi Puja at Phalange of the VDC in Kavre. The accused rapist-Umesh Lama, 19, of the VDC had raped the girl while she was returning home, said police. According to DSP Raj Kumar KC, the victim complained to the police that Umesh had raped her after sending her brother and sisters home on November 11 at around 9:00 pm. Umesh is a grade VIII student at a local school. The victim told her mother the details of the incident. Then her mother, along with the locals, had taken the accused under control and handed him over to the police the same night. The victim's family said that Umesh's family had lured them with money to make them release Umesh. "I was told they would offer money. They pleaded with me to convince my daughter to say there was no such incident," said the victim's mother. It is said that some local leaders have put pressure on the victim's family to settle the issue at the local level. Meanwhile, Kavre Police said the case was serious and they were examining it very closely. DSP KC said police would investigate the case minutely. Earlier, a 75-year-old man had attempted to rape a 13-year-old girl at the same VDC about one month ago. Police said that as many as three to five rape and attempt to rape cases have been taking place since one month in Kavre. Police said they are preparing to launch a public awareness Program in areas where such incidents have been repeated.

Gang Rape**Woman killed after being gang-raped**

Gaighat: 29 December 2015

The Himalayan Times

A mute woman was murdered after she was gang-raped at Rampur, Thoksila of Udaypur on Monday morning. The body of Krishna Kumari Katuwal, 40, of the locality was recovered from Kalikhola Community Forest. She was hit on the head with sharp boulders leading to her death, said District Police Office Udaypur DSP Surendra Gurung. "We suspect that her body was thrown on the river banks after she was murdered in the forest," said DSP Gurung. The family of the deceased started to search her whereabouts after she didn't return home till late evening from the forest. She had gone there to collect fodder. "We have initiated investigation into the incident and the perpetrator/s will be held soon," claimed DSP Gurung. The body has been sent to District Hospital for post-mortem.

Sexual Abuse**Both father, son remanded for sexual harassment**

Surunga(Jhapa): 8 January 2015

The Rising Nepal

The Jhapa District Court has remanded two persons arrested on charge of sexually harassing a fourteen-year-old girl. The District Court has issued order to remand Bhes Raj Pokharel, 70, of Bhadrapur-10 and his son Khem Pokharel, 42, who were arrested three months ago on the case of sexual harassment, said the Jhapa District Police Office. The victim girl originally hailing from Sharanamati-9, Jhapa has been living at the house of Pokharel, who is her elder father in relation, for the past four years. Police on December 12 arrested both father and son and put forward the process to take legal action after the incident of sexual harassment against the girl was made public, said Spokesperson at District Police Office Biswomani Pokharel.

TRAFFICKING

420 cases of trafficking has been reported since January of which 69 cases has been reported by Child Helpline. 168 of the cases were children under the age of 18 and 6 of the cases were children under the age of 10. Of the total trafficked children only 157 children were rescued. Last year, there were 613 cases reported of trafficking of which 252 were rescued.

40% of the trafficked children were under the age of 18, the youngest children being 8 Years old. Traffickers were employer (*Naike*) in 38 of the total cases, , relatives in 9 cases, women in 23 cases and others in 79 cases. Culprits were arrested in only 203 cases.

CIB gears up probe into racket 'trafficking' girls to Gulf

Kathmandu: 5 August 2015

Republica

The Central Investigation Bureau (CIB) of Nepal Police has geared up its investigations into a racket involved in 'trafficking' Nepali girls who were jointly rescued by Indian police and Nepal's embassy in New Delhi two weeks back. Twenty-seven Nepali girls who were rescued from Mahilpalpur in New Delhi were sent back to Nepal on Tuesday by the Nepali embassy for further investigations. The Ministry of Women, Children and Social Welfare handed the girls over to CIB in order to identify their destinations and the kingpins and agents involved in the racket. "We have begun enquires and detailed investigations will be expedited once the related documents from India are obtained and the girls themselves are mentally prepared to face us," said CIB director, DIG Hemanta Malla. During preliminary investigations, police established that the girls' passports had been stamped by Nepal immigration though they had used a land route to travel to India. The girls are also found to have spent only Rs 5,000 to 10,000, leaving the authorities suspecting that they were about to be trafficked to different destinations via on-arrival visas. Suspicious of the activities of agents at the Indira Gandhi International Airport immigration in New Delhi, Indian security had initiated investigations followed by the arrest of Bishnu Tamang, 25, Ishwari Neupane, 33, and two Air India staffers. Neupane is found to have been involved in trafficking-related activities in the past. The embassy, after verification of the identities of the girls rescued from South West Delhi, handed them over to the Nepal government. Police had raided several places in Mahipalpur, recovering fake immigration documents from the arrested agents. "The females aged 20-35 years looked very innocent and were ignorant about their real destinations," CIB spokesperson SP Kiran Bajracharya said. A few of the girls were not happy with their repatriation as some friends abroad had spoken to them over the phone about new jobs and handsome salaries, he added. Most of the girls hail from Gorkha, Sindhupalchok, Nuwakot, Kavre, Khotang, Rupandehi, Solukhumbu, Dhading and Chitwan. Indian police had surmised that the girls were about to be trafficked to the Middle East, Kenya and Tanzania. Many girls and children were rescued and some traffickers arrested in recent weeks following the devastating earthquake. The girls were sent to Maiti Nepal for rehabilitation.

Four girls rescued, trafficker nabbed*Nepalgunj: 19 June 2015**The Himalayan Times*

Four girls who were meant to be trafficked out of the country were rescued from Nepalgunj, in Banke on Thursday night. Police have also got hold of the agent who was involved in the trafficking bid. The rescued girls have been identified as 18-year-olds Jina BK of Morang and Sarita BK of Itahari; Phulmaya BK, 16, and Manisa Mardi, 17, of Jhapa. Sathi Sanstha, a non-governmental organisation and Indian Sima Surakshya Bal had rescued the girls from different places of Nepal and India. Jina, Sarita and Phulmaya were rescued by Sathi Sanstha from near the border in Nepal while they were riding rickshaws to Rupaidiha of India, Manisa was rescued by the SSB from its check post across the border. SSB also arrested and handed over to Nepal Police the agent Obisara Rana, 29, of Surkhet, who was escorting Manisa after passing across the border. Police said another agent by the name of Raj Chaudhary of Morang who abetted the trafficking bid is at large. Manisha is now taking shelter at Maiti Nepal and the others are under the protection of Sathi Sanstha. According to the girls, the agents had brought them to Nepalgunj from Kathmandu and kept them in a hotel yesterday. In the evening, as per the plan, the girls had boarded separate rickshaws in a bid to cross the border into India to avoid being caught. DSP Sushil Singh Rathaur informed that preparations were under way sue the person arrested on human trafficking charge.

Rescue**13 children rescued***Rautahat: 7 November 2015**The Rising Nepal*

At least 13 children who were forced to engage in hard labour in Bihar of India have been rescued. The children at the age group 8-15 years were rescued with the help of Child Welfare Committee based in Mujaffarpur of Bihar. A team of the organization 'Sana Hatharu' including border manager Lalan Yadav and security in-charge Sanjaya Yadav brought the children to Nepal on Thursday. All the children rescued are of Sarlahi district and preparation is underway to hand over them to their guardians, informed Rautahat District Police office.

MISSING/FOUND CHILDREN

There have been 409 cases of missing children, of which 154 were boys and 247 were girls. Of the total cases, 5 girls and 5 boys were found dead. 335 of the total cases were reported to the CWIN Helpline. Last year, there were 359 cases of missing children of which 236 were reported in CWIN Helpline. 204 cases (64 boys, 140 girls) were missing children were found of which 197 cases have been reported in CWIN helpline.

Minor goes missing*Jhapa: 9 August 2015**The Himalayan Times*

A minor boy of Dandibari VDC has been missing for one week in Jhapa. Third grader Roshan Mishra, 12, of Panchamani Lower Secondary School at the VDC went missing since July 31. Roshan's mother, Rita Mishra said that her son had gone out of contact for the past one week without apparent reason. She pleaded to all to help her in searching for her son. Police said investigation into the case was under way.

CHILD LABOR EXPLOITATION

There are 316 cases of child labor exploitation reported this year. There has been 1 case of a boy serving as bonded labor. Of the 316 cases were 174 were boys, 81 were girls. and 61 unidentified. 181 of the total cases were reported in the CWIN Helplines. Last year, 269 child labor exploitation cases were recorded and 192 of the total were boys, 65 girls and 12 unidentified.

Child labor rescued from Garment

Jorpati-04:26 March 2015

Nepal Samacharpatra

Police arrested the owners of the carpet factory that employed children in many of the carpet factories located in Narayantar, Jorpati. 45 children working in the carpet factories who had been exploited and involved in worst forms of child labor had been rescued by the police.

Darke Sherpa, owner of Panashal Carpet Factory originally from Golche, Sindhupalchawk and recently living in Jorpati; Suresh Younjong owner of Macho Rolpa Carpet Factory from Sarlahi, and Suru Rai owner of Urgen Factory from Ramechap Tamshi-04 were arrested.

After getting information on child labor exploitation, team including representatives of District Administration Office, Children and Women Office, District Child Welfare Board and police of Boudhha Circle were involved in rescuing the children from those factories. The employers are taken to Labor Office in Teku for legal actions.

ABDUCTION

There have been 17 recorded cases of child abduction this year. Of these cases 5 were boys, 11 were girls and 1 unidentified. Last year there were 28 (16 boys, 12 girls) recorded cases of child abduction.

Two held for abduction

Chautara: 8 March 2015

The Kathmandu Post

Police on Friday arrested a bus driver and his assistant on charge of attempted kidnapping of three school girls in Sindhupalchok district. Tok Bahadur Basnet and Dinesh Karki has tried to abduct the girls, between the ages of 12 and 13, who were returning home after school, police said. Basnet and Karki allegedly did not let the girls get off the bus when their stop had arrived. The suspects were trying to take the girls to Kathmandu. Following the complaint lodged by the victims' parents, police stopped the bus at Panchkhal and rescued the three girls. Basnet and Karki were apprehended.

CHILDREN IN ADULT PRISONS

There are 12 children recorded in adult prisons of which 7 are boys and 5 are girls. Children of jailed parents are in need of concrete support like education and shelter. The dependent children do not receive any extra assistance from jail authority.

8 month child in jail with mother

Salyan: 5 August 2015

Kantipur

Eight month old infant Manish Basnet from Kalagau 2 is in jail since three week. The infant's mother Sita Basnet was jailed in charge of murder and he was brought to jail along with his mother. As no one came to rescue the infant, he was forced to live as a criminal in jail. Sita was arrested and kept in jail since July 16 in charge of murder of her one month old step son.

Since she had been breast feeding her son, she was compelled to bring her son with her to the jail. Law prohibits child under 16 years old to be kept in jail. However, Sita wishes to keep her child with her and does not want to send her child with her father even though he comes to take him. She wants to give education to her son herself.

DESTITUTE /NEGLECTED

This year 117 cases (72 boys, 45 girls) has been reported of which 76 cases has been reported in CWIN Helplines. Last year 128 cases (75 boys, 51 girls and 2 unidentified) of destitute and neglected children had been reported.

Child left, parents goes missing

Biratnagar: 13 October 2015

Kantipur

An infant was left alone by her parents in the hospital while she was going through treatment. She was being treated in N.I.C.U. of Life Guard Hospital from the last 26 days. Eight days ago her parents left her alone in the hospital without any information and they have remained out of contact with the hospital.

Grandfather Kashiram Chaudhary and mother Manju Chaudary from Sunsari Ramdhuni Ikrahi Tharu Tole admitted five days old daughter in the hospital. Dr. Kailash Kumar Shrestha, President of the hospital said," Five days old baby was admitted since she was suffering from pneumonia" and added that the parents and relatives of the child are out of contact since eight days.

He added they have informed police about the case in written form but no information has been collected till date. According to the hospital management, two and half lakhs have been spent in the treatment.

SOCIAL DISCRIMINATION

This year a case of a boy being socially discriminated in his school has been reported. Last year no such case had been reported.

Teacher discriminated a school boy for being Musahar

Parsa: 1 February 2015

Annapurna Post

Ten years old Badhu Musahar resident of Khosraha tole of Lahabarthakari V.D.C in Parsa district has stopped going to his school after facing discrimination from his teacher. According to the child, his teacher used to discriminate him by not allowing him to touch him or even come near to him. He used to make him sit distant than other children only because he belonged to so called lower caste 'Musahar'.

CHILDREN IN CONFLICT WITH LAW

There are 72 cases recorded of children in conflict with the law. 66 boys and 6 girls were detained/ arrested of which 25 cases were reported to the CWIN Helpline. Children were arrested in different cases of robbery, theft, and pick-pocketing. Last year, 173 cases were recorded, which indicates decrease in the number of children arrested.

Teen kills father

Kanchanpur: 27 March 2015

The Kathmandu Post

A 17-year old boy stabbed his father to death at Belauri-5 on Wednesday night. Arjun Acharya stabbed his father Harilal, 45, to death, said police. Arjun assaulted his father in a fit of rage at a time when his father and mother were having a heated argument. Police have taken Arjun into custody for investigation.

Two held with drugs

Hetauda: 5 January 2015

The Himalayan Times

Makwanpur police on Saturday arrested two persons with drugs from Ratomate Check Post in Hetauda Sub-metropolis. The arrested have been identified as Aaryan Ghimire, 19, and Gaurab Pokharel, 18. Police have recovered 90 pieces of nitroval tablets from them.

Teenager held

Kathmandu: 11 August 2015

The Himalayan Times

Police arrested a teenager for attacking a person with a sharp weapon on Sunday. Sanu Kumar Tamang, 18, of Dolakha had attacked Tek Raj Khatri, 19, of Accham, currently living in a rented room at a house belonging to Syam Karki, in Maijubahal with a sharp weapon and seriously injuring him. Khatri is being treated in Helping Hand Hospital in Chabahil.

PARTICIPATION

Every child has the right to:¹

- *Freedom of expression*
- *Freedom of thought, conscience and religion*
- *Freedom of association and peaceful assembly*
- *Information from a diversity of sources*

The concept of children participation in the decision making process has accepted only after UNCRC in 1989. It has established the right of the children to the access of education, health care, and protection from abuse, exploitation and violence. It shows the meaning of children participation counts only when they could involve in decision making process and express their concerns related to their lives, so that they could identify their own problems followed by solution.

Article 12 (Respect for the views of the child), Article 13 (Freedom of expression) and Article 14 (Freedom of thought, conscience and religion), Article 15 (Freedom of association) and Article 17 (Access to information; mass media) of UNCRC explains about the right to participation of children.

CHILD CLUB, CHILD FORUM AND CHILD NETWORKS ¹⁸

There was a total of 19,454 child clubs in Nepal in the fiscal year 2070/2071. In this fiscal year 2071/2072 additional 826 new child clubs has been formed in 40 districts increasing the number of child clubs to 22,457. A total of 4, 31,960 children (2, 01,201 girls and 2, 30,659 boys) are engaged in such child clubs.

Child clubs regularly organize and participate in programs related to child rights. They also participate in various skill enhancement trainings and actively participate in awareness raising programs/campaigns.

There are 33 district level, 55 area level and 738 VDC and municipality level child club networks in which there are 2369 in district level, 184 in area level and 3540 in VDC and municipality level child clubs.

PARTICIPATION OF CHILDREN

CWIN Nepal has been running Child Helpline in 6 districts of Nepal i.e. Kathmandu, Morang, Kaski, Makawanpur, Banke and Kailali. Child participation being an integral part of CWIN's Program of action, CWIN ensures child participation in different activities, meetings and programs.

CWIN in action on promoting Social and Financial Education for children in Nepal

CWIN has been providing different level of life skill and vocational based social, health and financial education for children and adolescent in Nepal. Aflatoun , a life skill base child centred teaching manual on Social and Financial Education is being used as a training tool for raising awareness and providing skills on saving resources since 2008. Children receiving such trainings have been able to enhance their skills and knowledge on resource/money management. During Aflateen training, it has been found that activity based teaching method of Aflatoun has helped children to understand and internalise the skill of savings. 1500 students (630 boys and 880 girls) have participated in Aflatoun training during the period of three years (2012 – 2015).

CWIN is implementing various activities related to development and participation of adolescent. CWIN has developed training materials and advocacy package that focuses on holistic development of adolescent. Beside social and financial educational manual called Rupantaran, CWIN has also developed training for "Capacity strengthen on child participation in local planning process" that incorporates important skills and methodologies for meaningful participation of children and adolescent to ensure child participation in local planning process at ward and Village Development Committee level.

18. The state of children in Nepal 2015. Central Child Welfare Board. Ministry of Women Children and Social Welfare. Government of Nepal.

The life skill base social and financial education training from "Rupantaran Manual" was conducted for adolescent during January to December 2015 in Kathmandu, Nepalgunj and Pokhara. The social and financial education training were conducted in 10 different schools of Nepalgunj and 3 different schools of Kathmandu district. The students of grade 4 to 9 had received skill of social issues and financial issues in responsible saving and spending habit. The table below shows the number of adolescent participants of the Rupantaran training:

| Adolescent participation in Rupantaran training | | | | |
|---|---------------|--------------|---------------|------------------|
| Districts | Gender | January-June | July-December | January-December |
| Kathmandu | Male | 18 | 118 | 136 |
| | Female | 22 | 159 | 181 |
| Nepalgunj | Male | 54 | 185 | 239 |
| | Female | 31 | 215 | 246 |
| Pokhara | Male | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Female | 23 | 0 | 23 |
| Total | Male | 72 | 303 | 375 |
| | Female | 76 | 374 | 450 |

A total of 163 adolescent (98 boys and 65 girls) from five districts i.e. Dhanusha, Bajura, Achham, Humla, Mugu have received training on "Capacity strengthen on child participation in local planning process" in the period of six months (January to June) in 2015.

| Adolescents Participation in Capacity strengthen on child participation in local planning process (January to June 2015) | | | | | |
|--|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|
| District | Age group | | | | Total |
| | 10-14 boys | 10-14 girls | 15-19 boys | 15-19 girls | |
| Dhanusha | 7 | 11 | 12 | 8 | 38 |
| Bajura | 6 | 2 | 26 | 2 | 36 |
| Achham | 2 | 6 | 11 | 13 | 32 |
| Humla | 6 | 3 | 15 | 6 | 30 |
| Mugu | 7 | 6 | 6 | 8 | 27 |
| Total | 28 | 28 | 70 | 37 | 163 |

Participation of children: Child Helpline Biratnagar, Morang

There are 8 child clubs in Biratnagar. 320 adolescents (194 girls and 126 boys) are involved in these child clubs.

Children have shown meaningful participation in the "Reformation of National Network of Adolescent Girls" as well as in the "Declaration and Monitoring meeting of Biratnagar as a Child Friendly Sub Metropolitan Municipality".

The participants were able to understand the strength of team work. They were able to share current issues concerning girls and adolescent, as well as challenges.

22 adolescent (18 boys and 4 girls) received two days Micro Enterprise Development Training based on Rupantaran Model where participants learned the skills and concept of enterprise, marketing, supply and demand. Participants also learned to write proposal for starting an enterprise.

Participation of children: Child Helpline Dhangadi, Kailali

A total of 82 adolescent girls have received life skill training. The training was conducted in Godha Godahi Municipality of Kailali with 24 girls, Dhangadhi Municipality with 32 girls and Daijee VDC of Kanchanpur District with 26 girls.

The training helped to enhance the capacity of adolescent groups, and empower girls on their rights. This training also helped to provide general information on violence against women, child rights and protection, child marriage, disaster management, and basic first aid. Participants also received information about CWIN-Nepal and Child Helpline 1098 services.

Two district child club network member participated in the meeting organized by CWIN -Nepal in coordination with Dhangadhi municipality on Child Friendly Local Governance.

Around 4500 students from 31 schools in Kanchanpur district and around 5000 students from 30 schools in Kailali District participated in the Child Helpline Awareness raising Campaign focused for teachers and students.

Participation of children: Child Helpline Hetauda, Makawanpur

The number of child clubs and adolescent groups has not changed this year accounting to a total of 2120 child clubs and 171 adolescent groups in Makawanpur. 1689 children (672 boys and 1017 girls) in Hetauda have participated in different programs in the year 2015.

- 11 boys and 23 girls of child club members and adolescent girls group participated in the 3 days training on Grassroots Comic on the issue of child marriage
- Inter-dialogue Program on child marriage with stakeholders were held with the participation of 12 girls to stop child marriage
- 18 boys and 11 girls participated in speech competition on child marriage with schools students to enhance public speaking and make them confident to speak about the issue
- 48 boys and 109 girls participated in the interaction Program with parents and children on Child Rights and Protection.
- 97 boys and 123 girls showed their presence in the rally on National Children Day
- 20 boys and 20 girls participated in the sports Program (Taekwondo) for Adolescent Girls in coordination with District Sport Development Committee. The program targets girl to teach them self defense
- 66 girls participated in the 4 days training held with adolescent girls on Girl Education, reproductive health and life skill
- 19 girls participated in the Cross Learning Among Adolescent Group
- 1 boy and 19 girls participated in the discussion Program with the girls learning Taekwondo
- Child Protection Committee in different school of Harnamadi were formed with 12 boys and 10 girls to ensure their participation in Village Child Protection Committee (VCPC)
- 375 boys and 42 girls participated in the school outreach Program on Child Rights and Protection as well as sharing information of Child Helpline toll free no. 1098
- 52 boys 67 girls participated in Literacy Campaign Program held by District Education Office with coordination of CWIN Nepal in different remote area school of Hatiya
- 5 boys and 2 girls participated in the orientation Program for civil society members on Child Rights, Girl's issues and Child Club Strength
- 12 boys and 7 girls participated in Child Right and Protection Program for parents and child clubs members
- 5 boys and 13 girls participated in the interaction Program on Child Rights and Protection for parents, adolescent girls and youth
- 2 girls participated in one-day workshop on issues of girl child, adolescent girl and women
- 8 boys and 12 girls received training on Child Rights and Protection for School Child Protection Committee
- 16 boys and 29 girls participated in the two days workshop with child clubs members on the occasion of International Child Rights Day

Participation of children: Kathmandu

27 adolescents (7 boys and 20 girls) participated in the Micro Enterprise Development Training in Kathmandu this year. Out of 27 participants, 10 adolescent girls received basic computer course to enhance their computer skills.

Child Protection in Emergency project of CWIN in Kathmandu Valley has conducted many children focused trainings, orientation programs and awareness raising events with the participation of 5430 children. The table below shows the participation of children in various such programs during the month of August to December:

| Program/ Training | Participation of children |
|---|---------------------------|
| 2 days 'Training on child rights, child protection and role and responsibilities of child clubs in emergencies' to the members of Child Clubs | 365 |
| 5 days 'TOT on Life Skill and Psychosocial Support' for child club members | 23 |
| 3 days training on 'Life Skill and Psychosocial Support' for child clubs members | 31 |
| Formation/reformation of child protection structure at community level in coordination with DCWB | 709 |
| Regular coordination meeting with child protection formal and informal system | 405 |
| Support to implement the action plan of formal and informal system (VCPPC,MCPPC and Child Club etc) | 25 |
| Behavior Change Communication activities (street drama, poster writing, wall painting etc. | 253 |
| Art competition (focus on emergency preparedness) | 280 |
| Engage selected children from community in national forum | 3339 |
| Total | 5430 |

16 children participated in 'Helpline Services Assessment Sessions' using Girls QUAT and 34 members of child club participated in meeting with VCPC/MCPC/CFLG in six project districts under Breaking the Barriers: Safeguarding the Rights of Girl Infants (BTB) project.

Under the Creating Child Friendly Environments for Quality Education project (supported by WeWorld Onlus), child clubs in eight schools of Kathmandu were reformed in 2015. Altogether 2078 children are affiliated in these child clubs.

In the same year, they registered their child clubs in District Level Child Welfare Board (DCWB). Apart from that, they organized different activities in their school to promote talents and boost up personality development of other students. Some of those activities were spelling competition, debate competition, essay competition, welcome and farewell programme, sports day, handwriting completion, publication of wall magazine and others.

Meanwhile, from each child clubs, one representative is involved in School Child Protection Committee (SCPC) of their respective school. The committee is responsible for identifying and solving problems of students. Through this committee, they handled around 12 child rights violation cases of their school in the year 2015.

These child clubs also helped the project to identify 10 needy students for education support. Through their recommendation, those needy children received copies, pens, school uniform, and bag. Likewise, they also collected funds from membership fees and organising Desusi Bhailo programmes for providing fellowship to other needy students of their school.

These child clubs received 30 hours long drama training from the project so that they can use the skill to make other students and community aware about the child rights issues through an entertaining medium. After receiving the training, they created drama on child protection issues and demonstrated them in their school.

Similarly in order to raise environment awareness, they conducted different composting, gardening, recycling, school cleaning campaigns, tree plantations and other activities in their school.

Within the same year, the project provided these child clubs with cupboard, table, chairs and sports materials. They also attended Inter School Child Club Interaction Programme where they shared their experiences and learning.

List of the Child Clubs

1. *Shanti Nikunja Secondary School Child Club*
2. *Kanya Mandir Higher Secondary School Child Club*
3. *Nepal Rastriya Lower Secondary School Child Club*
4. *Jana Prabhat Secondary School Child Club*
5. *Guheshwori Higher Secondary School Child Club*
6. *Pashupati Mitra Secondary School Child Club*
7. *Man Singh Dharma Higher Secondary School Child Club*
8. *Geeta Mata Higher Secondary School Child Club*

Participation of street children

At the time when CWIN started working with street children in 1987, even worldwide recognition of child rights had not been established as United Convention on the rights of the child (UNCRC) was ratified only on 1989. Based on the valued experience of 26 years in protecting the rights of children, including street children, CWIN has come up with viable programs to address the issue of social reintegration and empowerment of street children of Kathmandu Valley, to motivate and empower the children living in streets to fulfil their dream and aspirations, and to provide greater opportunities to children and young people at risk and strengthen their skills and life prospects. This year CWIN has been able to ensure participation of street children in various programs.

Street children have participated in various interactions, awareness programs as well as training on social and financial education. The data of children's participation are listed in the table below:

| Program/ Meeting | Date | Street Children | |
|---|---------------------|-----------------|--------|
| | | Male | Female |
| Global Money Week | 13 March | 17 | 1 |
| Global Money Week | 15 March | 32 | 9 |
| Interaction program with street children on child sexual abuse and rape | 8 April | 20 | 4 |
| Picnic with the street children of Kathmandu Valley | 9 July | 129 | 34 |
| Friendly Football Tournament among the street children | 2 August | 103 | 6 |
| Awareness on street children through street drama | 7 August | 5 | |
| Therapeutic use of Dance and Video Workshop for street children | 5-19 September | 18 | |
| Interaction and Motivation Program for street girls and Boys | 16 October | 9 | 3 |
| Interaction and Motivation Program for street girls | 18 October | | 7 |
| Interaction and Motivation Program for street boys | 6 November | 11 | |
| Awareness and interaction on H.I.V, A.I.D.S and STI | 25 November | | 17 |
| Regular Friday Football Sessions | January to December | 40-45 | 5-10 |

Participation of children: Child Helpline Nepalgunj, Banke

CWIN Child Helpline has ensured children participation in area, municipality, V.D.C and district level meetings in Banke district. They show meaningful participation in the meetings, voice their concerns and provide suggestions.

| Meetings | Participation of Children |
|---|---------------------------|
| Child Helpline District Coordination Committee | 1 boy, 1 girl |
| Girl Power Citizen Social Network, Banke | 4 girls |
| Child Rights Protection | 15 girls |
| Child Rights Index | 38 girls |
| District Child Welfare Committee | 1 boy, 1 girl |
| Nepalgunj Sub-Metropolitan Child Protection Committee | 1 boy, 1 girl |
| Village Child Protection Committee, Bageshwori | 1 girl |
| Village Child Protection Committee, Sitpur | 1 girl |
| Village Child Protection Committee, Mahadev Puri | 1 girl |
| Beni Exposure Visit | 2 girls |
| Adolescent National Conference | 2 girls |

Apart from regular meetings, more than 500 children have received training on Social and Financial Education, 250 children have received 13 days Rupantaran Training and 20 girls have received training on doing puppet show. Similarly, 23 children (13 boys and 10 girls) have also showed their meaningful participation in awareness campaign against rape and sexual abuse in 52 schools. Furthermore, 400 children (200 boys and 200 girls) showed their active participation in the awareness campaign of Child Helpline 1098.

Participation of children: Child Helpline Pokhara, Kaski

Three day training on “Life skill base social and financial education” was provided to the adolescents of Kaski. 25 adolescents received knowledge and skills on savings, microfinance and other financial aspects.

One day interaction program on "Situation of girl adolescents and role of stakeholders on advocacy of their issues" was successfully accomplished on the joint venture of Girl Adolescent Network Kaski, Girl Power Network Kaski, CWIN Nepal and Plan Nepal. During the program, the concerned stakeholders presented on the overall situation of girl adolescents, challenges and ways forward. Apart from discussions on the various sorts of problems being faced by girl adolescents of Nepal, the program was successful enough in pressurizing the concerned stakeholders on implementation of national plan of action on adolescents.

A drawing workshop on child rights was organized with the children of Kaski district. The workshop was organized to produce promotional materials for the helpline services using the creativity of children. 54 individuals representing various schools, child clubs, child care homes, CWIN Nepal, G.R.T. Italy and journalists were present in the program. Children showed meaningful participation in the drawing workshop. 6 drawings out of 32 drawings made by children on helpline and its services were used to produce a total of 16,000 posters for the promotion of child helpline services. The posters has been distributed in different awareness campaigns/programs.