

RUPANTARAN training in Sindhupalchok



Child Nepal conducted 14 days TOT training on "RUPANTARAN" 50 adolescents' girls and boys of Maneswara VDC and Melamchi Municipality from 3-18 January 2017 at Melamchi, Sindhupalchok. The objective of program was to mobilize adolescents/child club members for building the resilience to cope with the risk among adolescents along

with capacity building for participation so that they can become change agents and contribute to building resilient communities as a part of the recovery process. The facilitators for the Maneswara VDC were Mr. Shailendra Acharya and Ms. Swostika Nepal. Likewise, for the Melamchi Municipality the facilitators were Ms. Sujita Aryal and Mr.

Bhagirath Dulal. The key contents of the training were on gender violence, child rights, adolescent transitional period, livelihood, saving, menstrual hygiene etc. The training was very fruitful and appropriate in the present context in terms of coping the risk and building the resilience. The program was supported by Consortium Nepal/UNICEF.

Nepal Police oriented on Human Trafficking

Child Nepal organized a workshop for Nepal Police on Human Trafficking in Melamchi, Sindhupalchok on 19th January, 2017. The orientation was intended to facilitate to identify the problems of trafficking and help them to cope with it in collaboration with Child Nepal and project team. The police personnel were familiarized about trafficking, its push and pull factors, impacts on children/women and case management including the laws against trafficking and ways to collaborate against human trafficking. Moreover, he highlighted on the local child protection mechanisms, current status of the VDC and local mechanisms like VCCHT/VCPC and its work, roles and responsibilities, the concerned stakeholders and supporting organization etc. to control human trafficking in the VDC and district. Speaking in the program, police Inspector, Mr. Nawaraj Dhungana shared his experience and concern on the burning issue of human trafficking, different forms of trafficking and keen need of collaborating with stakeholders to eradicate trafficking from the society. The training was facilitated by Mr. Toyanath Tiwari. The program was supported by Caritas Germany.



DPAC Meeting



Child Nepal organized District Program Advisory Committee (DPAC) meeting on January 17, 2017, in Chautara, Sindhupalchok. The meeting was conducted to share about the ongoing programs and activities of CN and receive feedback from key government stakeholders. The summary presentation of all the projects; Community Participation for Education and Child Protection (CPECP), Fight Against Child Trafficking in Emergency (FACTE), Education, Child Protection and Livelihood Project (RECOVERY) and Empowering Adolescents for Resilience building in Earthquake affected district (CFLG/ADAP) were done. A copy of the presentation was shared

among the participants during the invitation due to which the representatives were familiar with the activities that CN did through its project in collaboration with various development partners. Representatives from DDC, DEO, Women and Children Office, Unicef, FNJ, district police office, Plan International Nepal, Save the Children, We World Onlus, Caritas Germany and Child Nepal had participated in the meeting.

ECD mothers group meeting completed

Child Nepal conducted ECD mother's regular meeting in 18 schools of project area of Sindhupalchok district under the project of We World Onlus and Caritas Germany. In seven schools of Kunchok VDC under RECOVERY project, the agendas discussed in the meeting were about personal hygiene, advantages of clean environment and its impact on health, child rights and rights and responsibilities of mothers towards children. Also, in the meeting CN facilitators suggested the mothers to provide green vegetables and nutritious food to their children. Likewise, in eleven schools under the CPECP project supported by WE World Onlus, the meeting was about collecting the monthly saving from the member of ECD mothers group and utilize in appropriate way. The mothers are giving the continuity to child saving program and investing some small amount of money in some income generating activities.



Education support to the needy children



Child Nepal with the support of Caritas Germany provided special education support to the 18 needy children of Shree Singhamati Secondary School, Kunchok, Sindhupalchok through RECOVERY project. Further, those children who are receiving the support from the project are literally earthquake victims and were having the problems in their studies despite attending the class in school regularly. Therefore, Child Nepal provided education support to those children because of their poor economic condition. The support has helped these children to enhance their quality learning.

Cash for Work initiated

Child Nepal in collaboration with Caritas Germany has selected needy and vulnerable households based on child tracking card to start the cash for work program in Kunchok VDC, Sindhupalchok. On this regard, one family is supported with cash Rs. 9000 for making the hoarding board which consist welding and painting cost. Likewise, in the case of other families the selection process is going on for the cash for work program. Moreover, CN has targeted to support the 100 families through cash for work program in Kunchok VDC.

SCPC Meeting



CN facilitated to conduct the regular meeting of School Child Protection Committees (SCPCs) in six schools of CPECP in January, 2017. The main agendas discussed in the meeting were regarding the identification of possible risk that might face by the earthquake victim children like child trafficking, child abuse and dropout. In the meeting, it has been found that some of the earthquake victim children without their parents were living with their guardian and having difficulties to sustain their life. Moreover, most of those children were from the marginalized and poor economic background. The decision has been made that CN will coordinate with other organizations to support the identified earthquake victim children who are having different problem in terms of education and protection.

Peer Educators' monthly meeting

Child Nepal in coordination with child clubs organized the monthly meeting on peer education and life skill training of peer educators on 27th January 2017 under the RECOVERY project in Kunchok VDC, Sindhupalchok. The social mobilizers and the program officer of the project facilitated the meeting. In the meeting, the peer educators shared their experience about making new friends and helping them in school and community. Likewise, they also shared their some challenges faced during the time of making new peers/friends. Also, the participants added that sharing about the negative impact of child marriage was the productive component during the course making peers. Besides, the meeting presented the previous months' progress report and prepared plan for the next month.



Operating CCPCs in Sindhupalchok

Child Nepal with the support of Plan International Nepal has been operating the Community Counseling and Protection Centres (CCPCs) in four VDCs of Sindhupalchok to combat child trafficking in the district. Till the date, total 1295 children had attended the CCPCs of four different VDCs. The children in the CCPCs are provided with

counselling service who are vulnerable of trafficking. In the month of January, the children and adolescents were counseled on the topics like environment and community, communication skills, lifestyle and health and importance of general principle of CRC by the respective community facilitators of all the centers.

Specialized support to intercepted children

Child Nepal with the support of Plan International Nepal provided specialized support to 142 intercepted children from Bhotenamlang, Thankpalkot, Thankaldhap and Lagarche VDCs of Sindhupalchok. Among the 142 children, 30 were from Thankpalkot, 37 children from Bhotenamlang, 20 from Lagarche and 35 were from Thankaldhap and they were supported on need basis. The main

purpose of the providing support is to motivate children towards education rather than engaging in labor. Moreover, till the date 300 children from the four VDCs are provided with the specialized support. These children were supported with a bag, dozens of exercise book, geometry-box, pens, color pen, pair of school uniform, dictionary, etc in coordination with VCPCs of respective VDCs.



Feild Visit

-Miriam Auel

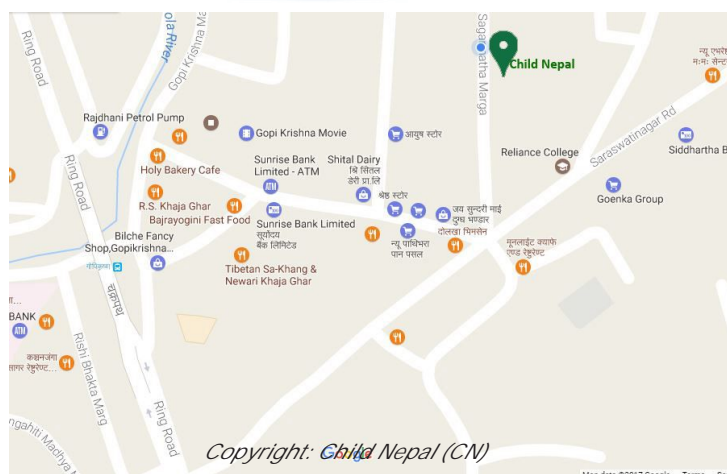
On 3rd and 4th January 2017 CN Chairperson, Mr. Krishna Subedi, invited me to visit two temporary learning centers in Duwachur VDC in Sindhupalchok, that were built after the devastating earthquakes had completely destroyed the facilities in 2015. The project was supported by Nepalhilfe Bietigheim-Hersfeld e.V., a German non-profit association I've been supporting for many years. Besides Mr. Subedi and myself Ms. Babita Koirala, another CN team member attended the field visit.

The children, their mothers and the facilitators of the early development centers warmly welcomed us. After a short introduction, we were shown around before we started talking about the status quo and problems the ECDs are facing. The



lead facilitators of both ECDs firstly sincerely thanked us for supporting the construction of the TLC as it was very important for the children. After the earthquake they were forced to play in the dust and no building was available where the children could have been taught. At the same time they emphasized the importance of the ECD as the children learn many things in their early years, which, according to their experiences, helps them significantly to achieve good results in school. And this in turn leads to a better competitiveness in their future life. Furthermore they told us that the ECD also contributes to a sufficient nutrition by providing a warm lunch to the children. Regarding their plans for the future, the facilitators plan to create a child-friendly place as soon as they receive financial support for the reconstruction. They imagine establishing green areas with flowers and a playground in the yard and even wanting to integrate a small patch to grow vegetables and herbs for the daily lunch, which could contribute to a reduction of the running costs. However, a concrete plan could not be evolved due to lack of financial resources. For that reason, both ECDs ask CN for financially supporting their reconstruction plans.

Even though the situation in Duwachur VDC is still distressing, talking to the facilitators was a really enlightening experience as they work for the children with all their passion. They are working only for the children's wellbeing regardless of their own benefit as their salary is quite low and they easily could find a better-paid job. In turn, it was really sad to see that there is such little effort of the government for reconstructing learning facilities and to see the concerns in the eyes of the facilitators and the community people. Unfortunately, CN does not have enough financial resources to implement the all projects on its own and further donors are required in order to realize them. After this field visit, it is a matter of course for me to do my best in order to generate funds to support these kinds of education projects in the future.



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