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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 these four main components of the CRC.

National Resource and Information Center of CWIN-Nepal maintains data base on all issues pertaining to children. The news on children is 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*; and 5 English Newspapers: *The Rising Nepal*, *The Himalayan Times*, *Republica* and *The Kathmandu Post*, *International Herald*.

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 2014).

3446 CASES of different issues related to children were recorded compared to the **3412 CASES** reported in the last year (January- December 2013).

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:

- 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.²

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

Infant and under-five mortality rates in the past five years are 46 and 54 deaths per 1,000 live births, respectively. At these mortality levels, one in every 22 Nepalese children dies before reaching age 1, and one in every 19 does not survive to his or her fifth birthday.

Infant mortality has declined by 42 percent over the last 15 years, while under-five mortality has declined by 54 percent over the same period.

Childhood mortality is relatively higher in the mountain ecological zone than in the Terai and hill zone and is highest in the Far-western region.

The neonatal mortality rate in the past five years is 33 deaths per 1,000 live births, which is two and a half times the post-neonatal rate. The peri-natal mortality rate is 37 per 1,000 pregnancies. All childhood mortality rates show a strong relationship with the length of the previous birth interval. For example, infant mortality is more than three times higher among children born less than two years after a preceding sibling than among children born four or more years after a previous child (87 deaths and 26 deaths per 1,000 live births, respectively).⁴

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.*

According to a report released at the Partnership for Maternal and Child Health (PMNCH) 2014 Partners' Forum in Johannesburg, South Africa (June 30- July 1,2014), at the global convention on maternal and new born, Nepal has set an example among 10 fast-track countries which succeeded to achieve the goal on maternal and child health.⁵

Looking beyond the aggregate figures, the national Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) decreased from 48 to 46 deaths and Under Five Mortality Rate (U5MR) from 62 to 51 deaths per thousand live births (NDHS 2011) in Nepal. U5MR ranges from 128 in the mountains to 62 per 1,000 live births in the hills. It is higher in the Mid-Western and Far-Western development regions than in other regions. In Nepal 73 percent of births still take place at home, with 55.7 percent of women being assisted by traditional birth attendants and relatives.⁶

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

At present, National immunization Program provides vaccine against 10 diseases. Nationally the coverage of BCG, DPT-HepB-Hib3 and OPV3 was more than 90%, for measles was 88% and Japanese encephalitis was 87%. Total of 42 districts have achieved more than 90% coverage for DPT-HepB-Hib3 and 31 districts for all antigens. Total immunized children against DPT-HepB-Hib3 were 584,719. The total un- immunized children against DPT-HepB-Hib3 were 45,530. The dropout rate has remained satisfactory for DPT-HepB-Hib 1 vs 3 which is less than 1%.

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 million children have been immunized from polio under special immunization campaign to eliminate polio on 1st phase compared to last year's 4,226,996 children. 3.6 million Children under the age of five were administered vitamin 'A' capsules in 75 districts.

5. Gita Sapkota, Johannesburg (South Africa). July 5 2014. Nepal achieves marvelous success in improving maternal, child health. Online available at trn.gorkhapatraonline.com
6. Child health now. World Vision International. Online available at <http://www.wvi.org/nepal/child-health-now>. Accessed on January 15, 2015.
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.

Nepal Becomes the First Nation to Launch Inactivated Polio Vaccine (IPV) In South Asia⁹

The IPV will help secure a world free of all polio disease

Kathmandu, 18 September 2014

The launch of IPV in Nepal marked a landmark step towards the global polio eradication effort. Until now, oral polio vaccine (OPV) has been the primary tool in the polio eradication effort, reducing incidence of the disease by more than 99 percent worldwide thanks to its unique ability to stop person-to-person spread of the virus.

Despite this progress, polio-free countries remain at risk of re-infection until the disease has been eradicated everywhere. New evidence now demonstrates that adding one dose of IPV at 14 weeks of age to OPV is even more effective than OPV alone at stopping the virus and protecting children. IPV was introduced in Nepal in order to quickly maximize childhood immunity to polio and maintain the country's polio-free status.

"Eradication of polio means that globally we would save as much as US\$ 40 to 50 billion in outbreak response, supplementary immunization activities and rehabilitation costs over the next 20 years," Mr. Hozumi said. "But even more importantly, it means that no Nepali child will ever again suffer the terrible effects of lifelong polio paralysis." Nepal has made tremendous progress in improving the health and survival of children in the last 25 years. The under-5 mortality rate has significantly reduced from 147 per thousand live births in 1990 to 54 per thousand in 2011, making Nepal one of the countries to be on track to achieve the goals under the United Nations' Millennium Development Goal 4.

HIV/AIDS

The HIV and AIDS epidemic has generated fear, anxiety, and prejudice against people living with HIV and AIDS. There is widespread stigma and discrimination against people who are HIV positive. These societal attitudes can adversely affect both people's willingness to be tested for HIV and their initiation of and adherence to antiretroviral therapy. Reducing stigma and discrimination is therefore an important factor in the prevention, management, and control of the HIV epidemic.¹⁰

Pursuant to its commitment of reducing 90% of new infections among children by 2016 compared to the baseline value of 2010, Nepal has called up PMTCT services in recent years. These services are now offered at 95 PMTCT sites in 45 districts, of which five districts (Achham, Kailali, Sunsari, Baitadi and Bajhang) have been implementing CB-PMTCT programme¹¹ compared to 65 sites in 3 districts in 2013, 41 sites in 2012 and just 2 sites in 2010. (HLM Review, 2013, NCASC 2013).¹² Estimated number of new child infections due to Mother to child transmission is 242 in 2013 and 105 babies received Prophylaxis as of July 2014.¹²

There are about 1864 (1,119 boys and 745 girls) children up to the age of 14 years which accounts to 7% of total population living with HIV in Nepal as of July 2014.¹³

9. Sharmina Manandhar. *Nepal becomes the first nation to launch inactivated polio vaccine (IPV) in South Asia*. Online available at unicef.org.np/September_2014

10. Ibid. 4

11. Factsheet 5: Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission (PMTCT) of HIV in Nepal. 2014. National Centre for AIDS and STD Control.

12. 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.

13. Factsheet 2: Reported HIV Cases, as of Asar 2071 (15 July 2014). National Centre for AIDS and STD Control. Ministry of Health and Population. Government of Nepal.

Child Health and Communicable Diseases

A total of 309 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 30 children suffered from communicable diseases like, diarrhea, jaundice, vomiting and fever in different districts of Nepal in the month of January to December. With the effort from government, INGOs and NGOs, the number of children suffering from such diseases have decreased significantly from 282 children last year (January-December 2013). Among the 21 children died of the disease. There have been 6 cases reported by the CWIN helpline.

7 children (5 boys, 2 girls) died from pneumonia, 11 children (7 boys, 4 girls) died from cold, 22 children (7 boys, 4 girls & 11 unidentified) died of carelessness from the doctor & health worker and 1 boy suffered from the carelessness of health worker. 1 girl died due to the intake of expired drug. 26 children suffered from food poison among which 3 boys died. 45 girls suffered from mass hysteria, 1 girl from Hepatitis and 2 boys from skin diseases. 1 boy died from an unknown disease. 1 boy died from rabies, 2 children (1 girl, 1 boy) from heat and 2 girls from metacid. 1 girl was found suffering from polio. 1 boy suffered from Trauma. 1 boy suffered from dengue and a large number of children suffered from Jaundice which accounts to 103 in number. 4 child (3 boy, 1 girl) died from Japanese Encephalitis. 1 girl died from carbon monoxide poisoning and 2 child (1 girl, 1 boy) died from pesticide. 2 child (1 boy, 1 girl) suffered from heart disease and 3 girls suffered from HIV. All the data have been reported in the news survey of CWIN National Resource Center.

Skin Disease

Two Chepang kids with skin disease deprived of treatment

Chitwan: 26 March, 2014

The Kathmandu Post

Piplamaya Chepang of Lothar VDC-7 in the district is worried about the treatment of her two children suffering from skin disease citing her financial problems. Piplamaya's seven-year son Arjun and five-year-old Rijal are suffering from skin disease since birth and complain of itches.

"They developed the disease since birth, however, we are not sure how to treat them," said Piplamaya.

She said that she has not managed to take the children to hospital as she cannot afford it.

"The other reason we did not take them to hospital was because we thought the disease could cure itself," she said, adding that they took them to a witch doctor instead, but to no avail.

She said that they are struggling to manage two squares of meal a day, thus, their treatment at a hospital seems a far cry. Both children reportedly do not go to school due to the disease.

However, Piplamaya's two other children are healthy. "We do not know what disease they are suffering from," said Subba Chepang, a local resident.

Piplamaya was distressed on the fact that there is no one to lend them money for the treatment but believed that the disease would be cured if treated right.

Communicable Disease**Children affected Communicable disease****Syangja: 2 January, 2014****Republica**

Children under five years old in Panchamul VDC in Syangja district have been found suffering from communicable diseases. Senior Assistant Health worker Dilliram Adhikari of the primary Health centre Panchamul said diseases are in the proportion of epidemic for the past four days. About ten children visit the centre everyday but the disease could not be diagnosed. Some suffer vomiting and fever and some diarrhea, said Adhikari adding the serious ones are referred to Pokhara. The epidemic has mainly affected ward No 1, 2 and 3. Despite a vacant post for a doctor, there is none for the past two years. Dr Bisworaj Baral, who came six months ago, left for studies after three days, he said.

Diarrhoea claims minor. 16 critical**Rautahat: 19 September, 2014****The Himalayan Times**

A one-year-old child of Jigdawa Belbichhawa-3 died due to diarrhoea outbreak in Rautahat yesterday. According to health workers, the disease gripped Rahan at first and gradually spread to other VDCs of the district. They informed that at least three critical patients of the area were admitted at the District Hospital in Gaur today.

The health condition of one-and-a-half-year-old Samima Khatun is critical, said Pankaj Thakur, an assistant health worker of the emergency department of the hospital. Similarly, six-year-old, who was under going treatment at the health facility, has been referred to India 's Baiganiya-based health facility after his condition deteriorated. Likewise, three-year-old Sanowa Khatun, one-and-a-half-year-old Ajaya Pandey, Sunita Jha, 35, of Matsari-3, four-year-old Riki Kumari Pandey, three-year-old Khushi Kumari Tiwari, 35-year-old Rajesh Tiwari of Gaur Municipality-12, Purenwa, and Ramekwal Ray Yadav, Principal of Janata Higher Secondary School, Sonarniya, among others, are undergoing treatment at the health facility.

According to Imatyaj Alam, Medical Superintendent of District Hospital, Gaur, as many as 16 patients were admitted in critical condition at the health facility today. Children have been hit the worst and the number of the patients is rising every day, said Alam.

Meanwhile, Rajkishor Pandit, District Public Health Chief, said people had used insecticides and pesticides excessively during fish and trawl farming and later, consumed them, which had led to diarrhoea outbreak.

Pandit said that adequate drugs had been sent to the concerned primary health posts and sub-health posts. He also said that the chiefs of the offices had been directed not to leave their offices and to adopt effective mitigating measures to bring the epidemic under control.

Expired Drug kills Child**Hetauda: 14 September, 2014****The Himalayan Times**

An 11-month-old boy died after reportedly consuming date expired medicine at Hetauda-4 on Saturday. The deceased identified as Samyog Rimal, son of Sajjan Rimal, died 15 minutes after he consumed the date expired medicine bought from Sai Pharmacy, which is situated on the premises of City Hospital, the relatives of the victim said. "My son fell unconscious soon after we gave him the medicine after he complained of stomach ache," said the bereaved father, adding that upon checking the dates they found that the drug had expired five months ago. The enraged relatives gathered in front of the hospital premises and tried to vandalise the pharmacy. The kin of the victim have refused to carry out funeral rites until the victim's family get proper compensation. Meanwhile, Bablu Shreewastab, the owner of the pharmacy is at large.

DEVELOPMENT

Every child has the right to:

- 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.¹⁴

There have been remarkable improvements in Nepal's education sector. The enrolment rate of children in grades 1 through 8 stands at 87 percent. Overall, the gender gap in public schools is closing: for every 100 boys attending public schools there are 99 girls. Nepal's Ministry of Education has translated the global 'Education for All' initiative into a School Sector Reform Plan which constitutes the basis for all education-related programs in the country. Nonetheless, challenges persist. Enrolment rates are lower in the hills and mountains. School enrolment rates of Dalits and other disadvantaged ethnic groups in these areas are well below the national average: The majority of schools in Nepal do not meet the minimum conditions set by the Government.¹⁵

1000741 dalit students in grade 1-8, 1907469 girl students including Karnali Package were benefitted by the scholarship program. Similarly, 106517 students from targeted groups in basic level (children from 22 janajati and marginalized group, Mukta Kamaiya, Badi, Haliya, Charuwa etc.) were benefitted by the scholarship program.¹⁶

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

15. *World food program/Nepal: Overview. Online available at <https://www.wfp.org/countries/nepal/overview>*

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

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 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 boy).

The total number of student's enrolment in ECED/PPC is 1047117 which have decreased as compared to last year which was 1053051. The number in Dalit and Janajati groups has decreased slightly but the number has increased in other social group.¹⁷

Malnutrition

Malnutrition remains a serious obstacle to child survival, growth and development in Nepal. Children who suffer from malnutrition are physically and intellectually less productive compared to normal children. In the initial two years of life, malnutrition can impact cognitive development. Eighty percent of brain development occurs in first two years of life. This is the period for rapid physical growth as well.¹⁸

An estimated 1.6 million children under 5 years of age (out of an estimated total population of 3.5 million) are suffering from chronic under nutrition and its long-term consequences. While over 500,000 children are suffering from acute under nutrition, or wasting (weight-for-height).

The consequences of stunting are irreversible and in Nepal the condition affects 41 percent of children under the age of five. Even among the children below six months of age, the prevalence of stunting was 16 percent and of underweight was almost 18 percent. This data suggests that a significant amount of growth faltering takes place in utero before birth and reflects the poor nutritional status among mothers.¹⁹

17. Joshi PC. *Malnutrition in Children: A Serious Public Health Issue in Nepal*. Health Prospect 2012. Nepal Journals Online.

18. *Nepal Thematic Report on Food Security and Nutrition*. 2013 .National Planning Commission .Central Bureau of Statistics. Based on the findings of the Nepal Living Standards Survey 2010/11.

19. *Stunting: The cruel curse of malnutrition in Nepal*. July 2014. Online available at <http://www.ipsnews.net/2014/07/stunting-the-cruel-curse-of-malnutrition-in-nepal/> (UNICEF explains stunting as chronic under-nutrition during critical periods of growth and development between the ages of 0-59 months.)

Only 70 percent of children are exclusively breastfed and only 45 percent initiate breastfeeding within the first one hour after birth.²⁰

Although rates of chronic malnutrition have come down over the last ten years from 57% to 41%, there has been no change in the national rates for acute malnutrition, which remain at 11%. In 2012 and 2013, only one in eight severely acutely malnourished children in the country received treatment. In rural areas populations are particularly vulnerable to natural disasters such as floods, landslides and droughts. Heavy rains in the monsoon season pose a double threat. Not only do they damage crops but they also cause outbreaks of infectious water-borne diseases such as cholera and diarrhea. Other causes of acute malnutrition in Nepal are a lack of dietary diversity, poor hygiene and sanitation, HIV/AIDS, inadequate care practices, the disruption of basic social services due to the conflict, and a lack of adequately trained government personnel.²¹

20. *Ibid.* 4

21. Ben Hobbs and Anne Bush. April 2014. *Acute Malnutrition: an everyday emergency. 10-point plan for tackling acute malnutrition in under-fives.*

PROTECTION

Every child has the right to special protection:

- 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 54 (46 girls, 8 boys) of which 37 cases have been reported in CWIN Helplines. Last year, total of 44 cases were reported of which 37 were girls & 7 were boys and among them 34 cases had been reported in CWIN Helplines.

Five arrested for forced marriage attempt

Bhojpur: 17June,2014

The Himalayan Times

Sankhuwasabha police today arrested at least five persons for their alleged involvement in forceful marriage of a fifteen-year-old girl in the district.

The security personnel arrested the victim's father Lakpa Renju Sherpa, sister Kripa Sherpa, brother-in-law Pasang Sherpa, Norbu Sherpa, who was supposed to marry her and a neighbor, and Lakpa Sherpa, as per a complaint lodged by the girl. All accused have been detained at the district police office. According to the girl of Makalu VDC-4, she was forced to marry a 17-year-old boy of her own village on June 14. She said her father and sister dragged her to a house in their locality and made her sit for marriage rituals after forcing her to consume alcohol. However, the girl managed to run from there the same night and reached a local police post and later to the district headquarters, seeking justice. The girl, an eighth grader at Golegaur-based Himalaya Secondary School, was a domestic help at the house of Hari Prasad Dahal of Pathibhara VDC. She was forced to tie the knot when she had gone to her parents' house to collect her birth certificate. "It was brave on her part to free herself from their clutches and lodge a complaint," said Pratima Panthi, a woman development officer.

DSP Kamal Thapa said investigation was under way. He pledged legal action against the guilty. The victim has been sheltered by the district child welfare committee, he informed. "It wouldn't be wise to send the girl to her village. She cannot continue her studies there. Hence, we have asked her father to provide us with her birth certificate, citizenship certificate and pay for his daughter's study expenses, including accommodation for his daughter," said DSP Thapa.

13-year-old girl forced to wed

Rautahat: 18 July, 2014

The Himalayan Times

The whereabouts of Pintu Kumari Yadav, a 13-year-old girl of Dharampur VDC has remained unknown since yesterday, in Rautahat.

It has come to light that 40-year-old Bahut Ray Yadav of the same locality forcefully married her with the help of a group of local youths and fled with the girl the same night. Their whereabouts is unknown.

According to a police report, a group of five youths took the girl under control yesterday afternoon, while the girl was on the way home from the field and compelled her to tie the knot with Yadav the same night.

Pramod Ray Yadav, Pintu 's uncle, said that a group of youths from their locality had forced her to marry Yadav. He said, "Though I informed the police administration that she had been abducted and preparations were under way to force her to marry, they didn ' t pay any heed."

From the preliminary investigation of the police it has been learnt that Bahut ' s kin forced the girl of the poor family to get married to him.

Meanwhile, police have nabbed two persons, as per the complaint lodged by the victim ' s family, on the charge of their involvement in the incident. The alleged have been identified as Mahadev Ray Yadav and Badri Ray Yadav, both are said to be Bahut ' s uncles. "The search of the other perpetrators is on," said DSP Bhim Dhakal.

Orphan

38 children (20 girls, 18 boys) were reported orphan of which 23 cases were reported in CWIN Helplines. Last year 20 children (6 girls, 14 boys) were reported orphan of which 2 cases were reported in CWIN Helplines.

9-year-old orphan boy seeks shelter

Doti: 8 January, 2014

The Kathmandu Post

Nine-year-old Laxman Thapa of Girichauka VDC in the district, who lost all his family members—his parents, two younger sisters and a brother—to HIV/AIDS, has come to district headquarters Silgadhi seeking shelter.

Laxman, however, is not HIV positive. Orphaned at the age of four, he was living with his uncle Jayaram, who already had a trouble raising his seven children. Laxman was later rescued by Kamala Nepali of Dhamigaun in Silgadhi—who is also an HIV positive and lost her husband to AIDS—and brought to the district headquarters.

"I can vaguely remember the face of my parents," said Thapa, adding that he would work for anyone in exchange of food and shelter.

Accompanied by Kamala, Laxman has been going from one organization to the other in search of help. "I would be really happy if I get some support to look after him," she said while talking to the officials at the Women Development Office.

She said Women Development Officer Durga Bhattarai Baral has assured her of finding proper care and shelter for the boy no matter how long it will take.

Baral said she was thankful that Kamala rescued Laxman and that everyone should take initiatives to ensure proper care for the boy.

Destitute children**Hetauda: 9 August, 2014****Kantipur**

Two homeless children from the rural area of Makwanpur are found to be living a pathetic life. These children of Makur-3, have their sisters working as domestic workers. Therefore, they were not getting parental love and proper care.

11 years old Anil and 8 years old Sunil Bamjan became homeless when their mother, Hari Maya Bamjan was murdered by their own father Sukaram Bamjan. Their house had also been destroyed by rain. The children have no one and are living a dreadful life, according to local people.

Their father furiously killed their mother by attacking her with khukuri when she refused to give him money to buy alcohol. This incident took place on July 20. Sunil was at school and Anil was at home. Their father practiced witchcraft and mother worked as a laborer. The family was in an economic crisis as their father was a drunkard.

Adoption

There has been a total of 16 (9 boys, 7 girls) reported cases of adoption. Last year 5 cases of adoption had been reported (4 girls, 1 boy).

Abandoned boy adopted**Parsa: 12 December 2014****Kantipur**

Differently able children are mostly abandoned or are thrown at the time of birth by their own parents. It's hard to accept a mentally disabled child. Bhrama Dev Tharu and Sakuntala Tharu from Simarabara, Ghadimai-7 VDC, showed the courage to adopt such child who was in Maiti Nepal Birgunj since last three months and they have set an example.

The child was rescued by the police on August 23 from Birgunj-18, Vishwa and had been handed over to Maiti Nepal. The child can't speak properly but is physical fit. Sangita puri of Maiti Nepal named the child as Foray Dharma. The child is legally given to the Tharu husband and wife after taking the detail information about their economic conditions and family background. Bhrama Dev is working in Transport Company and his wife works at Nepal Pharmaceutical. They had one daughter and lost her to heart disease when she was two years old. The child was legally given to Tharu couple in co-operation with District Child Welfare Board and Maiti Nepal. The couple was happy and named the child as Suraj Chaudhari on that very day. The couple plan to take the child to Kantipur hospital for treatment. Savitri Kumar Ghimire, District Child Welfare Officer stated that they have fully inquired about the Tharu family and after the approval of Chief District Office, Tharu couple were given the permission to adopt the boy. She further told that the Tharu couple has a big heart to have accepted such child. If every couple who have no children feels the same, all orphans and abandoned children will get a family and bright future.

Suicide

This year 28 (16 girls, 10 boys) cases of suicide were reported. 2 (1 girl, 1 boy) attempt suicide. Last year total number of suicidal cases accounts to 51 of which 48 (36 girls & 12 boys) had suicidal death and 3 girls attempted suicide of which 5 cases had been reported to CWIN helpline.

4 pupils end life**Sindhuli: 16 June, 2014****The Kathmandu Post**

Four students committed suicide after they failed the School Leaving Certificate examinations in Sindhuli and Nuwakot on Sunday. Pabitra BK and Ishwori Katuwal of Bhimsthan and Prabin Dahal of Majhuwa in Sindhuli killed self by hanging, police said. Similarly, 15-year-old Sunita Dahal of Jiling in Nuwakot killed self consuming poison as she failed the exam.

Minor Found Hanging**Kathmandu: 17 July, 2014****The Himalayan Times**

A twelve-year-old boy reportedly committed suicide in Nayapati, on the outskirts of the capital, on Wednesday, a day after he saw a man committing suicide. According to Metropolitan Police Circle, Boudha, Siddhartha Koirala of Okhaldhunga, currently residing at Nayapati, was found hanging from the ceiling of a room of his rented house on Wednesday afternoon after he returned from school. He was a fifth grader at a local school. He had seen the body of Buddhi Lal Tamang, 35, of Kavre, hanging at his house on his way back from the school on Tuesday, according to police. Inspector Damodar Dawadi said quoting the locals that the boy had 'shared that incident with his parents and had also asked if a person could die that way'. "Preliminary investigation suggests the boy had hanged self. The suicide scene might have had impacted the minor's mind," he said.

Violence against Children

CWIN recorded 450 cases of violence against children so far this year, increasing than the last year's 373 cases. 59 cases has been reported of child sex abuse and bullying of which 52 were girls and 7 were boys. 50 children were murdered this year, of which 15 were girls and 35 were boys. Last year there 59 (26 girls, 33 boys) cases of murder had been recorded. Since January there was 22 (7 girls, 15 boys) reported cases of attempted murder compared to 13 (8 boys and 5 girls) last year. There have been 18 infant killings, of which 1 was a boy, 4 were girls, and 13 were unidentified.

There have been 113 cases of corporal punishment, 19 girls 31 boys & 63 unidentified. 24 of these cases were reported to the CWIN Helpline. Last year there were 34 corporal punishment cases reported. There were 103 cases of physical/mental abuse/torture against children: 48 boys and 55 girls of which 79 cases have been reported in CWIN Helplines. Last year 183 cases of such were recorded that signifies decline in the number this year.

4 cases of mentally disabled children has been recorded so far this year of which 2 were girls and 2 were boys. 15 children (9 girls, 6boys) have suffered from some sort of family conflict, 41 children (24 boys, 17 girls) suffered from the financial crisis and 6 girls were the victims of online/telephone abuse as reported in CWIN Helplines. A total of 70 children (2 girls, 7 boys & 61 unidentified) 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. 8 children (4 girls and 4 boys) have been identified as children in some kind of trouble.

Murder**Father, son found 'murdered'****Sankhuwasabha: 5 January, 2014****The Kathmandu Post**

A 30-year-old man and his son were found murdered at their residence in Bana VDC-8 in the district on Thursday. Laxman Shrestha and his five-year-old son Kapil were found murdered in a mysterious circumstance, police said. A knife was pierced into Laxman's neck while the boy was stabbed in the chest. Deputy Superintendent of Police Pawan Giri said an investigation into the matter is under way. Police investigation shows that Laxman was a polygamist.

Brother kills younger brother**Arghakhanchi: 6 October, 2014****Republica**

A person killed his younger brother at Sandhikharka Municipality-10 in Arghakhanchi district this morning. The deceased has been identified as Khim Bahadur Rana, 17, of Khal of Kimdanda in the district. The incident took place when Ram Bahadur Rana attacked his younger brother Khim Bahadur with a spade at 5:00 am over a minor dispute. Khim Bahadur died on the spot in the incident, it is learnt. Ram Bahadur has been absconding and search for him is underway, said Police Inspector at the District Police Office, Arghakhanchi, Yubaraj Timilsina.

Attempt to murder**Two burnt minor dies****Banke: 2 June, 2014****Kantipur News**

A girl had died and few people are injured when a house was set on fire by using petrol by her paternal uncle. 5-year-old Mariam Nau of Jaispur died on Saturday evening during medical treatment. In the same incident, three-year-old Riyajul Nau also died during medical treatment. According to Rabiraj Bhandari, there has been improvement in health of injured 10-year-old Rihan and mother Chanda in the past few days. However, Mariam and Riyajul have died during medical treatment in Kanti Children Hospital, Kathmandu. Chanda is undergoing medical treatment in Medical Hospital, Maharajgunj. Due to dispute with brother, Jadham Nau of Jaispur had set the house on fire by using petrol on Baishakh 6.

Khukuri attack**Khotang: 27 November, 2014****The Himalayan Times**

Sixteen-year-old Yoshoda Chaulagain of Dorpachiuridanda VDC was injured after she was attacked with a Khukuri at the VDC in Khotang on Tuesday evening. Bishnu Kumari Rai, 50, of the same village has attacked her over a minor dispute. Rai attacked Chaulagain on the head with a khukuri after the victim's cattle destroyed her crops, said police. Police are preparing to take action against the attacker. The victim has received a deep cut on her head and is receiving treatment at district hospital. Meanwhile, Hari Chaulagain, the victim's uncle, said they are preparing to take her to Kathmandu for further treatment.

Corporal Punishment

Teacher's brutality hospitalizes student

Pyuthan: 20 May, 2014

The Himalayan Times

A student of Janata Lower Secondary School at Chuja VDC fell unconscious after a teacher thrashed him yesterday.

Bipin Pun, 13, a sixth grader, was beaten black and blue by Bishnu Khanal, an English teacher, for making noise. Pun fell unconscious for two hours after the beating.

The incident came to light only after Pun's parents took the critically injured boy to District Hospital Pyuthan for treatment today.

"Several clear bruises can be seen across Pun's body," said a doctor involved in his treatment. The victim said that he was beaten for ten minutes non-stop. "He didn't stop beating me even after I lost consciousness," said the boy, quoting his friends. "I fell unconscious after he beat me twice. I recovered consciousness later at night," said the victim.

Het Bahadur Pun, the victim's father demanded stern action against the teacher. However, the teacher didn't want to talk about the incident. School Principal Govinda Paudel said action would be taken against Khanal.

Student beaten up by his principal

Tansen: 6 June, 2014

Naya Patrika

Shankar Poudel, the principal of Saraswati High School, Tansen, had beaten Prakash Kunar of Class 10 for wearing an unbuttoned shirt. The principal had told Prakash to wear button of his shirt during the assembly line. According to Sunar, the principal had beaten the student later in the classroom. After other students requested principal not to beat him, he was later taken to principal's room where he was again beaten. Prakash Sunar said that principal had grabbed his hair and then kicked in his chest and back. When the principal said, "I will kill you", Prakash ran away.

Laxmi Sunar, the mother of victim has demanded action against Shankar Poudel, Principal of the school and has also filed complaint in District Education Office and District Police.

Many student organizations has condemned the actions of principal and released a press statement.

The police inspector of Palpa, Shiva Kumar Shrestha has informed that the investigation of case is going on.

Corporal punishment by teacher leaves five-year-old with broken leg

Kohalpur: 15 November 2014

Republica

A five-year-old girl has been left with a broken leg after her teacher thrashed her. She was punished for not submitting her homework last Sunday.

After Prakirti Sunar, an upper-kindergarten student, was unable to submit the teacher's homework, Oeli G.M., a teacher at Himalaya Vidya Niketan, Bankatuwa-4, reportedly thrashed her on November 9.

Two days after the incident, Prakirti's parents found out about her broken left leg during treatment. They took her to the hospital after they found she was unable to walk properly.

Tirthendra Khadka, a doctor involved in her treatment said that she had a broken leg.

Now Prakirti's fractured leg has been plastered and the doctor told the family that she needs complete rest for six months. According to the victim's mother Sarita BK, the teacher had beaten up her child several times even in the past. She said, "But last week she beat up Prakirti very badly."

The victim's family, who has already spent Rs 7,000 for the treatment has demanded severe action against the teacher. "I will seek support from child rights and human rights organizations to take action against the teacher." Prakirti's grandfather Krishna Bahadur Sunuwar said.

Meanwhile, Ramsuresh Yadav, acting teacher at District Education Office (DEO) told Republica that the office will take necessary action against the teacher and the school if found guilty.

Institute Minimum Standard

15 children rescued from child shelter home

Kathmandu: 6 June, 2014

Kantipur

15 children who were stranded in a children shelter home based in Budhanilkantha have been rescued. They have been rescued on Thursday with the effort of Children Search Centre, Central Child Welfare Board, Women Police Cell and Child Rights Organization, CBS.

The children were rescued as the director of Orphan Child Welfare Nepal (Aanath Balkalyan Nepal) had left the children on their own. According to Child Welfare Board, Prem K.C. Director of the (OCWN) has been out of contact after not paying rent for ten months and hence, the landlord had forced them to leave.

The committee informed that since 3 years the organization had not paid the school fees of the children. Child Rights Officer, Ms. Sunita Shah said that the children are now in safe place. She also added that they will be further processed for reintegration with their family after investigating their background.

Rescued from children home

Kathmandu: 19 December, 2014

Annapurna Post

Six children were rescued from disable upliftment society and Paropakar Sewa Kendra after they found that Children Home in Samakushi, Kathmandu was operating without following government rules and regulation. A team consisting of members from Central Child Welfare Board, District Child Welfare Board and Central District Office rescued 5 boys and one girl. According to Secretary of Central Child Welfare Board, Ms. Sunita Shah, "There are a lot of established Children Home without following Nepal governments children establishment and act 2069. The children rescued were 3-14 years old.

Infant Killing

Mum kills newborn child

Gulmi: 23 March, 2014

The Kathmandu Post

Police made public a woman, who was arrested two weeks ago from Ramnagar in Chitwan on the charge of murdering her newborn child, amid a press conference in the district on Thursday. Police said Anita Kunwar, a married woman of Kharjyang VDC-8 in Gulmi, gave birth after having illicit relationship with another man and buried the newborn to cover up the crime. The incident came to light after local people found the body and informed police.

Woman kills newborn

Bhojpur: 6 November, 2014

The Himalayan Times

Shanti Rai, on Wednesday, admitted to killing her newborn out of an illicit relationship with a local youth. According to investigation, Rai had delivered the baby in a field near her home and subsequently smashed it with a boulder 14 days ago. Locals informed the police after they spotted a dog devouring the body of the child. "Police arrested Rai after the incident came to light," said Inspector Netra Bahadur Baruwat.

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.²²

Disabled children

Sheltering in goat's cage for seven years

Gulmi: 1 January, 2014

Gorkhapatra

A differently abled boy of Dubichaur VDC-9, Gulmi has been forced to live in a goat's cage. The youngest son of Prem Bahadur Thapa, Ranabahadur has been forced to live in the shed. Mentally disabled since birth, Ranabahadur has been living in the goat's cage for seven years. His 65 year old mother, Lokmaya Lama has said that 17 year old Thapa is not able to speak, not able to walk with his left leg; hence he is forced to live inside goat's cage. He has been kept inside the cage because he once hurriedly limped to go to Tamghas-Tansen roadway which is in front of his house and he could get into an accident. Lok Maya said that the youngest son, Ranbahadur was disabled since birth and they had gone to district hospital many times but treatment was not possible there. Due to the lack of financial resources, they were not able to take Ranbahadur for treatment in other hospitals. Hence, he was forced to live in animal's shed.

According to Lok Maya, after the death of her husband it is very hard for them to even allocate money for daily activities. Lok Maya has requested the governmental and non-governmental organization to help for her son's medical treatment.

On bed since 14 years

Kaillali: 16 February

Gorkhapatra

Raj Kumar Chaudhari, resident of Muktamaya basti, Dangadhi has been in bed since birth. Due to poor economic status, mentally disable Rajkumari Chaudhari suffers from this fade. Born in 2057 B.S., the first sibling of father Bam Bahadur Chaudhari and mother Laxmi chaudhari, she has not been able to sit, speak or move freely till now and has to do all her daily needs on her bed. According to Laxmi, even though the symptoms of this disease were not seen till she was seven months old, she later suffered from this problem due to slow mental growth. Due to poverty, proper treatment was not given to their daughter. However, Laxmi Chaudhari stated that being the first child she has been given full care and attention.

She was taken to the local hospital but the doctors said that the treatment was not possible in hospitals in the village. According to the doctors, Raj Kumar's problem will increase with her age.

Raj Kumari is now in bed and has no improvement in her health conditions. Till now the family has not been provided with any support from anyone except from Dhading municipality. Even though she can recognize people, she can't talk, walk or sit. Being a mere laborer, Bum Bahadur is unable to work fulltime. Economically poor they leave their daughter alone outside the house before they go to work. Bam Bahadur with tears on his eyes stated that during sunny days they keep her inside and other times they keep her outside the house. Bam Bahadur has two more children Raju Chaudhari and Bipana Chaudhari.

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Natural Calamities

As in previous years many children have been killed, injured in various natural calamities. A total of 141 children were affected by natural disasters. This resulted to the death of 71 (27 girls & 44 boys). 45 children (21 girls, 23 boys & 1 unidentified) got injured due to various calamities. Last year 114 children had been reported to be affected by natural disaster (Death-75, Injury-30 and Missing 9).

Lightning claims two: 19 injured

Kailali: 31 May, 2014

The Himalayan Times

At least two persons were killed and 19 injured after lightning struck them in separate places yesterday night. According to Kailali District Police Office, Dipak Saud, 14, of Shreepur VDC, died on the spot after a lightning bolt struck an electric meter at his house yesterday at around 8:00 pm. As many as 17 persons from the same village were injured yesterday. The injured have been receiving treatment at Attariya-based Pidi Polyclinic and Padma Hospital. The lightning destroyed dozen of houses at Lalpur in Kailali. Similarly, Beludevi Rawal, 50, of Pullekholra VDC, Achham, died on the spot after a lightning struck her house yesterday evening. The thunderbolt hit her while she was sleeping in her house, said police.

A minor, Ekendra Rawal, 8, who was also sleeping with her, was injured. He has been receiving treatment at the local health facility. Anil Yadav of Tiraura VDC of Kapilvastu was injured after a thunderbolt struck him yesterday evening. A house belonging to local Jit Bahadur BC was turned into ashes following the same in the VDC of Kapilvastu. Electricity service has been halted due to strong wind in different places of Kapilvastu yesterday night. Meanwhile, Rajendra Shreevastva, chief Nepal Electricity Authority Taulihawa distribution centre, said that electric polls have fallen down at Tinau VDC and other places of Butwal. He added that construction works in the affected areas have begun. According to him, dozens of electric polls had fallen due to a strong wind in the district.

Death toll of Dang landslide, flood reaches 13

Tulsipur: August 17, 2014

The rising Nepal

The death toll of Dang landslide and flood has reached 13 and four members of a single family are still missing. Chief at the Area Police office, Tulasipur, Chakra Raj Joshi, the death toll reached 13 after bodies of seven more people were found till Saturday night.

Before this, two people were confirmed dead in landslide and four after being swept away by Babai River. Bodies of nine-year-old Lila Khatri of Duruwa-1, Sunita Dangi, 42, of Goltakuri-3, Chetram Upadhyay of Deukhuri, Sher Bahadur Oli, 60, of Dhanauri-2 and his wife Khali Oli and their 12-year-old daughter Asmita Oli were found on Saturday.

Similarly, identity of a man found dead on Chiraghat rivulet at Shantinagar on Saturday has not been ascertained yet. Likewise, condition of four members of a single family--Bel Bahadur Kunwar, 45, his wife Mankali Kunwar, 43, their 10-year-olds son, Shovaram Kunwar and 8-year-old son Khimlall Kunwar, of Panchakule-8 is still unknown.

Ramesh Kunwar, eldest son of Bel Bahadur said that the flood in Babai river occurred on Thursday swept away his father, mother and two brothers along with house. He said that he was safe as he had gone to his aunt's house that day. Property worth millions of rupees was destroyed and 125 houses were swept away and more than 200 houses were waterlogged by the flood in Babai river in Dang. The details of the havoc caused by landslide and flood have to be ascertained yet.

Accidents

These deaths are attributable to various incidents such as fires, freak explosions and road accidents. Road safety is by far the most pressing concern in regards to the number of children fatalities via accidents. Road accidents may occur due to the driver's carelessness, drunkenness, lack of concentration or inexperience. Moreover when road accidents do occur they often cause a great deal of damage and claim many lives. 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 523 children have been injured, died and missing due to the various accidents which claimed the lives of 367 children (234 girls & 127 boys) of which 4 cases has been reported in CWIN Helplines. 138 children (41 girls & 97 boys) got injured of which 8 cases has been reported in CWIN Helplines. 18 children (10 girls & 8 boys) were reported missing. Last year total number of reported accidents of children was 512.

Jeep hit kills child

Nawalparasi: 20May, 2014

The Himalayan Times

A minor was killed after a jeep hit him at Tamsariya VDC in Nawalparasi on Tuesday morning. The child has been identified as 18-month-old Krishna Bahadur Thanet. The four wheeler was heading to Basantapur from Arunkhola. The jeep has been seized and its driver is in custody.

16-month-old child electrocuted in Makwanpur

Hetauda: 30May, 2014

The Himalayan Times

A 16-month-old baby was electrocuted in Chhatiban of Makwanpur on Thursday. The deceased has been identified as Shristi Bholani, daughter of Adhiraj Bholani of Chhatiban-4. According to police, the incident occurred when Shristi touched the naked electric wire yesterday.

Similarly, 18-month-old son of Pradeep Pudasaini was seriously injured when he received electric shocks in Kamane of Hetauda-8 on Friday.

Samriddha was rushed to the Hetauda Hospital and later referred to a hospital in Bharatpur of Chitwan after primary treatment, police said.

Girl dies in blast

Lalitpur: December 13, 2014

The Himalayan Times

A 17-year old girl died after a cooking gas cylinder exploded in a house at Balkumari on Thursday. Gyanu BK, the wife of Ram BK, 25, of Raluka, Nuwakot was critically injured after the LPG cylinder next to an underground water reservoir in the house exploded while she, along with her two guests Rama Sunuwar, 18, of Nuwakot and Usha Darlami, 16, of Parsa, had gone to check the water level with a burning candle at around 8 pm, said police. As she opened the cap of the water tank, the cylinder nearby exploded. She collapsed and fell into the water tank. She died while undergoing treatment at Patan Hospital an hour later. The two other girls returned home after treatment, police said. The husband Ram was at his village in Nuwakot when the incident happened, police said.

Rape & Sexual Abuse

There were 437 cases (83 cases reported in CWIN Helplines) of rape recorded so far this year compared to 465 cases last year. 261 of these cases were children under the age of 18 and 110 of the total cases were children under the age of 10 of which 41 cases (under 18) and 13 cases (under 10) have been reported in CWIN Helpline.

Of 437 reported rape cases, 59.73 % were of children under 18 and 25.18% were of minors below 10 years with the youngest being 2 Years old. 3.21 % were murdered after rape. 12.13 % cases were of gang rape. 57.21% cases were of individual rape. 11.14 % cases were of incest rape. Culprits were arrested in only 280 cases. 50 cases had been reported as incest (sexual abuse and rape done by the member of the victim's family and relatives).

Of the 78 cases of child sex abuse of which 65 were girls and 13 were boys, 30 cases has been reported in CWIN Helpline.

Attempt to rape

Teacher accused of raping student

Surunga (Jhapa): December 2

The Rising Nepal

A teacher at the Newton Academy in Birtamod has been accused of an attempted rape on a girl student on Tuesday.

The Area Police Office filed a case against Supriyo Das, 32, for repeated attempts at sexual harassment of the girl student of class 10, who has been living in the hostel at the school. The police took the action in response to a complaint that the teacher had made repeated attempts at sexual harassment, said DSP Sanjay Bahadur Raut. Das from Siliguri of India has been teaching at the school for the past two years. He was arrested on 24 November.

Rape

Man arrested on rape charge

Rajbiraj: March 31, 2014

The Rising Nepal

Police here have arrested Chitra Bahadur Bhujel, 27, of Rupnagar VDC-5 of Saptari district on the charge of raping teenager girl. Bhujel reportedly raped a 13-year-old girl of the same village on Friday. He was arrested on Sunday.

The victim girl is undergoing treatment at Gajendra Narayan Singh Sagarmatha Zonal Hospital, police said Further investigation into the incident and necessary action has been initiated.

52-year-old held on rape charge

Morang: September 20, 2014

The Kathmandu Post

A 52-year-old man from Amardaha was arrested on rape charge on Friday. Sekh Manobar of Amardaha-3 allegedly raped a 12-year-old girl of Pathari Shanishchare-3. Police said they took the suspect into custody and initiated an investigation into the matter. (PR)

Gang Rape

Seven youths held for gang-rape

Rautahat: December 3, 2014

Himalayan News Service

Police in Bara today made public seven persons involved in raping a religious devotee, who had come from India to observe Gadhimai fair in Bariyarpur. Intaj Ansari, Bibek Sah, Bablu Sah, Bikash Kuamr Sah, Satish Singh, Amit Saraf and Roshan Shreevastav of Kalaiya municipality were arrested from near the fair site yesterday.

According to Sub-inspector Rabindra Regmi, a police patrol team had taken hold of the youths from a hut behind the Gadhimai temple upon hearing the call for help from the rape victim in the afternoon. The girl aged 20 from Motihari of Champaran district in India is being kept at the Women and Children Service Centre in Bara. "We ' re carrying out the investigation and soon will start action," said the SI. Gadhimai fair, organised once every five year at Bariyarpur has so far has been visited by millions of people. The fair that started from November 17 will continue till December 11.

Sexual Abuse**President of the congress trade union sexually abuses a girl****Morang: September 23, 2014****Kantipur**

The Chief of the congress trade union was accused of sexually harassing a sixteen year old girl since she was nine years old. The concerned organization had helped the girl to file a complaint in the police. After being unable to bear the harassment of 53 year old Sharma, the victim has filed a complaint in police. Sharma tried to give money to the victim's family in order to take back their complaint.

When the victim shared this incident to her friend, Sharma was exposed. Sharma used to abuse the girl when his wife was not at home. Sharma had fled from the scene of crime. But with the help of Maiti Nepal and other organization, Sharma was exposed, and victim is currently under the care of Maiti Nepal.

Cases of Victim Children, due to the Political disorder

9 children (3 girls, 6 boys) were injured by playing with the bomb and 1 boy child died by such playing. 1 boy child got injured due to the bomb explosion.

Blast injures minor**Jajarkot: 11 March, 2014****The Himalayan Times**

Khadga Bahadur Budha, 10, of Daha VDC in Nipane was seriously injured when a bomb went off on Monday in Jajarkot. According to Chief District Officer Chakrapani Pandey, the boy was injured while playing with the explosive. He is receiving treatment in Dailekh.

Trafficking

613 cases of trafficking has been reported since January of which 166 cases has been reported by Child Helpline. 358 of the cases were children under the age of 18 (135 cases reported in CWIN helplines) and 44 of the cases were under the age of 10. 252 children were rescued. Last year, there were 326 cases reported of trafficking of which 206 were rescued. The trafficked number has increased significantly than the previous year.

58.41% trafficked children were under the age of 18, the youngest children being 4 Years old. Traffickers in 95 of the total cases were arrested among which 46 cases are under the age of 18. In other cases, the culprits remain at large. In 291 of the cases, traffickers were employer (*Naike*), husband in 2 cases, relatives in 34 Cases, gangs in 6 cases, neighbors in 4 cases, women in 52 cases and others in 91 cases. Culprits were arrested in only 180 cases.

Three held for trafficking

Mahendranagar: June 30, 2014

The Himalayan Times

Police today held three people on the charge of trafficking a nineteen-year-old girl of Daiji VDC of the district, to India.

The alleged were nabbed by a police team from Bhanuchowk while they were in bid to enter India via Mahendranagar border. They pretended that the woman was the wife of an Indian youth, Abatar Singh.

Police have nabbed Karan Luhar kin of the girl and Jasawanta Singh, another Indian national for investigation.

Pushkar Bahadur Chand, Inspector at Ward Police Office Mahendranagar, said that they were held while trying to enter Indian territory with the young lady. According to police, Abatar Singh of Nanakmatta, of India, who is double the age of the girl, claimed that he got married to her ten days ago.

As Singh lied about his age and said that the woman was mentally disturbed, we have been interrogating him, said Chand. All four have been kept at District Police Office Kanchanpur, police said.

Man held in trafficking case

Mahottari: November 29, 2014

The Kathmandu Post

Police on Friday filed a case against Pradip Jha, a resident of Nainahi-2, on human trafficking charge. Jha was arrested on Thursday from Nepal-India border while he was taking a 15-year-old girl of Kathmandu to India. During the police interrogation, Jha admitted that he was taking the girl to Mumbai. The girl was rescued and handed over to her family members. (PR)

Rescue

Eight children rescued

Nepalgunj: 25 January, 2014

The Himalayan Times

Police on Thursday rescued eight Nepali male children from the clutches of four Tibetan followers of the Dalai Lama and their interpreter Uttarman Thing, while they were allegedly taking them to India. They rescued the children from Jamunah along the Nepal-India border and arrested the Tibetans, police said. The arrested are Tibetan nationals Khendrap Choden, Sonam Rinchen, Dolma Lama and Tadon Lama, and Thing. Police have sent the arrestees and the interpreter Uttarman to the Immigration Department in Kathmandu for further investigation. The rescued are Siteman Tamang (15), Roshan Lo (14), Sukdev Tamang(14), Chhodka Yonjan (11), Nirmal Lama(12), Asman Thing (11), Pasang Tamang (9) and Rasi Tamang(13) from Kopilakot-8, Sindhuli.

Missing/Found Children

There have been 359 cases of missing children, of which 210 were boys and 149 were girls. 236 cases were reported to the CWIN Helpline. Last year, there were 291 cases of missing children of which 210 were reported in CWIN Helpline. 6 (4 boys, 2 girls) cases of child murder was reported since January compared to 1 case in the previous year. Last year 310 (215 boys, 95 girls) children were found. Of these cases all were reported to CWIN Helpline. Compared to previous year, this year the number of children found has decreased. Only 203 children (128 boys, 75 girls) were found of which 168 were reported in the CWIN Helpline.

Missing minor found dead

Phidim: 27 December, 2014

The Himalayan Times

A minor boy, who had gone missing for the past five days, was found dead in Phidim this morning. Laden Sodamba, 11, who was a UKG student at Phidim-based Viddhyabardan Boarding School, was found dead five days after he disappeared from the house. He was found drowned in a local water pit nearby Thangsangkholo River whereas his clothes were found almost 100 meters away from the site. Meanwhile, DSP Deepak Pokhrel said the death was mysterious. Investigation has been launched, he said, adding that police suspected murder. The boy's kin had reported to police after he suddenly went missing on December 22. Locals had informed the police after they saw the boy's drowned body this morning.

Abduction

There have been 28 recorded cases of child abduction this year. Of these cases 16 were boys and 12 were girls. 10 cases of the children were reported to be found. Last year there were 23 (19 boys, 4 girls) recorded cases of child abduction.

13-year-old abducted on his way to school

Kapilvastu: 3 June, 2014

The Himalayan Times

Two youths kidnapped Dinesh Gupta (Teli), 13, an eighth grader of Ajigara High School, in Kapilvastu, today. The duo, riding a motorcycle with Indian number plate had taken the boy south near the India-Nepal border, said police, quoting eye witnesses. Gupta was abducted on the way to school. Chhanku Mishra, a teacher, said Gupta had been to the southern part of the district. Shankar Mishra, a student as well as an eye witness, said the kidnappers had taken Gupta south after forcibly putting him on their motorcycle.

SP Rabindra Prasad Sharma said Gupta's guardians and the school had informed his office at around 9:30 am. He said police had launched a massive search operation at the border area.

Child kidnapped

Sarlahi: November 8, 2014

Gorkhapatra

A child was kidnapped near Malgadi Sivashankhar chowk. Raso Narayan residing in Malaya-4 had an eleven year old son Subodh Rajkumar Shah who had been kidnapped, according to district police station. According to police spokesperson, Mr. Birendra Thakur, "Thursday at around 6:30 pm, two strangers on bike threw chill powder in Raso Narayan's eyes and kidnapped his son" police spokes man Thakur further added that investigation is on process as this case is mysterious.

Abandonment

There has been a significant decline in the cases of abandonment with only 1 case of abandonment reported since January this year.

Abandoned Child rescued

Bara: 28 February, 2014

Nagarik

The local police have rescued an abandoned child who was thrown by a girl of Uchindha VDC. The police have rescued the child with the help of the Police Sub-inspector Mr. Kishor Kumar Upadhyaya and have sent the child to the hospital. During the investigation, it was found that a 16 year old unmarried girl gave birth to the baby girl who later threw her because she feared the villagers might know about her illicit relationship. She had forcefully given birth by pulling the baby from her womb. She had been experiencing extreme blood loss and she was sent to Narayani Hospital for further medical treatment. The girl stated that due to her poor economic condition she had involved in sexual relationship before marriage with the hope to gain economic benefit.

Destitute /Neglected

This year 128 cases (75 boys, 51 girls & 2 unidentified) has been reported of which 58 cases has been reported in CWIN Helplines.

2 lost children rescued

Chitwan: 23 April, 2014

Kantipur

2 vulnerable children who had lost their parents have been rescued. Resident of Bharatpur-4 Belchowk, 8 year old Ram Hari and 4 year old Bivash had been rescued on Monday. Both of them had been rescued by Bharatpur based "Hamro Ghar". The organization's secretary Mina Kharel said that both of them will be taught till class 12. They had been rescued after news regarding the boys was published on ekantipur. After the news had been published, many people have showed interest to help them.

The boys have received financial support of Rs 50,000 from Public Relation Committee, West Texas Chapter. Similarly, Laxman Gajmer from Damak supported with Rs 4500 and Lions Club of Balkumari with Rs 5000.

Infant's mother Fled

Dhading: 17 October, 2014

Kantipur

Woman fled leaving her son with a stranger. While traveling from Dhading to Kathmandu she left her son with Srijana Tamang from Jalang-3 who was traveling in the same bus. The missing women stayed in a hotel in Kalanki for three days with Srijana Tamang. Srijana tamang further added that the women left her son with her saying that her husband was in army and she will go and ask money with him. Srijana kept the baby with her for 10 days and through police she handed over the child to District Child Welfare Board. According to the Chairman of Women and Child Mr. Bhola Bandari, the minor is 14 months old and public notice has been sent to the guardian to take the responsibility of the minor.

Child Labor Exploitation

There were 269 cases of child labor exploitation reported this year. There has been 1 case of a girl of bonded labor. Of the 269 cases were 192 boys, 65 girls and 12 unidentified. 175 cases were reported in the CWIN Helplines. Last year, 213 child labor exploitation cases were recorded and 146 of the total were boys, 45 girls and 22 unidentified.

Girl Child Labor Rescued**Banke (Kaski): 29 November, 2014****Kantipur**

A 13year old girl Ponam chaudhari, resident of Kanchanapur-3, Nepalgunj was rescued on Friday. She was rescued from the house of Pursotam Panta in Banke village. Panta is a worker of Agricultural Development Bank. She was rescued by a joined effort of District Administrative office, Women and Children Organization, police and anti-kamlari development society. The victim's father Mann Bahadur had filed a complaint for the rescue of his daughter. According to the chairman of the anti-kamlari society, Ponam was rescued with the help of government organization. Two years ago Ponam Chaudhari had gone to Nepalgunj to work as a child labor. She was studying in grade seven. Since then she had not returned home. Her father had requested the government authorities for her rescue.

Ponam stated that "I knew them from before, so I had come to work here, but I didn't ask for any payment except food and studies." She also added "I am not living here on compulsion or fear." After her rescue she requested the organization to assist for her further studies. She also has a dream to become a successful person in her life after her studies.

Bonded Labor**10-year-old "Kamlari" rescued****Banke: 5 March, 2014****Kantipur**

A girl has been rescued after doing "Kamlari" for one year. 10 year old Pabitra Chaudhari has been rescued from the house of Prem Kumari Shrestha thanks to Free Kamlari Development Forum and the local administration. Pabitra was studying in grade 4 of local Ram Higher Secondary School. The forum's director Dil Kumari Chaudhari had rescued the girl after the girl's mother Bhagrani had filed a complaint. After the rescue, Pabitra has been kept in Forum's protection centre. The forum has informed that they will educate the girl. Pabitra has said that she wishes to study more. The local administration has directed subsidiary offices to make the area free of "Kamlari" by mid-Jan (end of Poush). Consequently, 10 "Kamlaris" have been freed. However, the local administration has not been able to rescue more than 60 "Kamlaris". The forum has said that there are 48 "Kamlaris" in Banke, 25 in Bardia, 3 in Dang and a total of 76 "Kamlaris".

The deputy director of forum Laxmi Chaudhari has said that the rescued "Kamlaris" have been kept under protection. The landlords have come into contact after the local administration had issued a public notice to all the landlords who are keeping "Kamlaris". Still, there are "Kamlaris" left. According to Child Labor Law, landlords who keep "Kamlaris" are jailed for 6 months and have to pay Rs 1 lakh. The local administration is planning to inspect houses to rescue "Kamlaris" from landlords who have not yet freed the "Kamlaris".

3 fugitive children rescued**Rukum: 5 March, 2014****Nepal Samacharpatra**

Three children of Muru-9, Rukum who ran away from their house for labor work have been rescued. The police had rescued the children with help of local people. The police have sent the three rescued children to their homes. The three children are: Tekum Khadka, Rupendra Khadka and Rim Bahadur Khadka all of whom were 12 years old. Tekum was studying in class 5, Rim Bahadur in class 4 and Rupendra in class 4 in the village in Primary School. However, the date in which they ran away from their home could not be discovered. Considering their financial situation, the police suspects that the reason for their runaway to brick factory might be their need of money. Most of the students of some VDCs of Rukum and Salyan have been working in brick factories.

Children in Adult Prisons

There are 15 children recorded in adult prisons of which 2 are boys, 3 are girls and 10 are unidentified. 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.

10 kids in Birgunj prison

Parsa: 1 January 2014

The Kathmandu Post

As many as 10 children, aged between few months and 11 years, are languishing in Birgunj Jail, Parsa, for the crime they never committed. The minors have been staying with their mothers who are doing time or are in custody. The prison administration said some of the children have been there for two years. "The children can stay with their mother in the prison if they have no one at home to care for them," said jailer Dhiraj Marasini.

In Jail with Mother

Udayapur: 30 November 2014

Nepal Samacharpatra

Kushal Babu Basnet (Annapurna)- At the age of 4, when the other children of his age play, live with family, go to school, Nishant Tamang is residing in the district jail by compulsion. Nishant lives in the jail in a closed room with his mother, learning alphabets. Till now Nishant has only heard about school from fellow jail mates and guards but has never been able to go to school. Nishant's mother Kalpana, is also worried about her son's future. Even though she dreams of providing good education and developing a good moral value in her son, having to keep him along with herself in jail makes her feel unhappy. Kalpana was found guilty of her husband's murder and has been sentenced to life imprisonment. She has been staying in the Udaipur district jail since 8 months.

Vidant Tamang, son of Vinda Tamang who is just one year and seven months old is suffering from the same fate. Vinda Tamang was pregnant while she was accused of attempted murder of her husband and was sentenced to life imprisonment. Vidant's world is limited to the high walls all around him. The two young innocent children are suffering because of the crimes done by their mothers.

Chief district officer Ram Prasad Thapaliya and Superintendent Tek Bahadur Gurung found about the condition of the two children during inspection. Among the two children, Nishant had reached age to go to school. So the Chief district officer had managed to send the child to child care centre, where all the support for Nishant's studies will be provided.

Children in Conflict with Law

There are 173 cases recorded of children in conflict with the law. 167 boys and 6 girls were detained/ arrested of which 30 cases were reported to the CWIN Helpline. Children were arrested in different cases of robbery, theft, and pick-pocketing. Last year, 163 cases were recorded, which indicates a large decrease in the number of children arrested.

10-year-old held on rape charge

Janakpur: 1 May, 2014

The Kathmandu Post

A 10 year old boy has been taken into police custody on rape charge. The boy, a resident of Mansinghpatti, allegedly raped and subsequently attempted to murder a 13-year old girl of Janakpur-3 on April 22. The girl had gone to her sister's house when the incident occurred. The boy's relatives and villagers, however, claimed that he is innocent. Meanwhile, various rights organizations in the district condemned police for taking the minor into custody. Police said that the boy is taken into custody for security.

Minor involved in trafficking

Parsa: 30 April, 2014

Kantipur

The police has arrested two minor involved in trafficking with medicines. The arrested minors are 14-year-old Raj Kumar Das and 13-year-old Bijaya Thakur of Birgunj-1. They were carrying sack full of medicine from Raxaul, India. The police found 1600 Ultimate capsule and 720 Emoksiklev Capsule.

Teens more inclined to crime?

Kathmandu: August 30, 2014

The Himalayan Times

Teens' involvement in property crime has increased significantly in the capital city of late.

Police have arrested six teens in as many days from different places of the capital city on charges of robbery, theft and snatching. Suresh Tamang, 16, of Sindhupalchowk, currently residing in Jaisidewal, was nabbed while trying to escape after burgling an unattended house in Bhimdhunga-7, Ghattekulo, yesterday afternoon. Police had confiscated four sets of mobile phones, Rs 4,742 in cash and an iron rod from his possession. Police are searching for other suspects who had helped Tamang but had managed to flee the scene at around 4 pm.

Similarly, police yesterday arrested Ashok Rai, 17, of Udayapur for his connection in robbing a person at Attarkhel, Jorpati, on the night of August 9. According to police, Rai, temporary resident of Besigaun, Jorpati, and his six friends had thrashed and robbed a pedestrian of a mobile phone and Rs 3,000 in cash. Police are looking for other persons involved in the crime.

Two more persons were arrested on charge of pick-pocketing pedestrians in Sundhara on Tuesday. The arrestees Sanjib Lama, 22, alias Ale of Kavre and Sujit KC, 18, of Kapan, were under the influence of drugs when they were nabbed. Police had confiscated 22 pieces of stagon and nurphine and a mobile set from their possession.

Likewise, Bikram Tamang, 18, of Dhading, Som Bahadur Zimba, 18, of Bara and Kalyan Khatri, 18, of Okhaldhunga on Sunday had landed in police net for their involvement in an August 17 robbery at a Gongabu-based mobile repairing shop. Police also confiscated a laptop, a TV set and 77 sets of mobile phones among other stuff they had stolen. The detainees were previously arrested on similar charges and were released on bail, according to police. Teenagers have been found involved in robberies and drug scandals off late.

PARTICIPATION

Every child has the right to:

- 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 Clubs and Child Rights forum in Nepal ²³

Understanding the importance of participation of children, Nepal boasts 19,454 child clubs, child right forums in which there are 4,33, 891 children. In order to manage the existing child clubs and ensure more number of child clubs, Central Child Welfare Board (CCWB) has prepared Child Club Strategic Review of Nepal, 2011/12.

Of 19,454 child clubs and child right forums, 11,625 are registered in CCWB and remaining 7829 are yet to be registered. Of 4, 33,891 children, 2, 31,275 (53.30%) are boys and 2, 02,616 (46.70%) are girls. Although the percentage of girl participation is less than that of boys, they have been carrying out commendable works. There are 9512 community based, 6425 school based and 25 organizations or other agency based child clubs and remaining 3492 child clubs are unidentified.

Child Club Networks ²³

There are 66 District child networks in which there are 6502 child clubs; 95 area specific child networks in which there are 814 child clubs and; 1244 V.D.C level child networks in which there are 6981 child clubs.

23. The state of children in Nepal 2014. Central Child Welfare Board. Ministry of Women Children and Social Welfare. Government of Nepal.

Adolescent Forum

There are 26 adolescent forums formed in various districts of Nepal. Of them, 3 are in Nuwakot, 8 in Kathmandu (Tokha, Balaju, Sinamangal, Anamnagar, Bishnudevi, Saraswoti Niketan, Shanti Nikunja), 2 in Kavre, 3 in Kailali, and 10 in Morang (7 girls forum and 3 boys forum)

2nd National Convention of Integrated National Network of Adolescents Forum”

CWIN Nepal provided the empowerment training programs for the adolescent girls living in the slums and the marginalized groups of the society in order to improve their living condition, to make them confident, empowered and have been providing them with the power to raise their voice against exploitation, discrimination and other malpractices prevalent in the society and for their holistic development. CWIN Nepal had organized National Conference of Representatives of Adolescent Forums in 2012. It also implemented adolescent girls' focused programs in different districts. As a part of the Girl Power Program, many girls' forums have been established at the community level in 16 different districts and these district networks are the part of the Integrated National Network of Adolescent Girls' Forum. Thousands of adolescent girls are affiliated in the networks and their endeavors in bringing positive change in their respective community and districts are commendable.

The “2nd National Convention of Integrated National Network of Adolescents Forum” organized by Integrated National Network Adolescent Forum, supported and coordinated by CWIN-Nepal and partner organization ICDI was held on June 22-23, 2014 in Kathmandu.

With the representation from all 5 development region of Nepal, 60 female adolescent and youth, from 16 districts of Nepal namely Baglung, Bara, Bhaktapur, Dolakha, Kailali, Kaski, Kathmandu, Kavre, Lalitpur, Morang, Myagdi, Makawanpur, Nuwakot, Parbat, Sindhuli, and Sunsari along with the representatives from various organizations participated in the two day convention. In the program, there was the reformation of “Samagra Rashtriya Kishori Sanjal” (Integrated National Network of Adolescents Forum) after its formation in 2012.

They also learned a lot about adolescent participation, Beyond Beijing, National Plan of Action and methods to tackle peer pressure and learned from the experience shared by the experts. The girls also discussed about the status, emerging issues, challenges, achievements, recommendations on girl child for the incorporation in the national report on girl child. The report prepared would be send to the United Nations incorporating all the 12 critical areas of concern including girl child which falls in the 12th point.

A memorandum was drafted by the adolescent girls including the appeal for equal participation in the structuring of new constitution, implementation of existing laws related to adolescent, amendment and ratifications of the laws, guarantee social security, justice against sexual violence, citizenship issues and consider adolescent as the change agent and providing them with the platform to do that etc. The memorandum prepared by the participants was distributed to 575

members of the Constituent Assembly. It was sent to Honorable Ministers of 18 Ministries. Therefore, the convention was successful to take the voice of the adolescents to national level.

Apart from the convention, adolescent has been involved in various Adolescent Education Training, Life Skill Trainings along with trainings on Social and Financial Empowerment through Sports. Adolescents have been actively involved in different programs related to adolescent issues organized by other like-minded organizations.

Participation of children and adolescent girls in Hetauda, Makawanpur

There are a total of 2120 child clubs and 171 adolescent groups in Makawanpur. According to the data gathered from CWIN Nepal in Hetauda, Makawanpur, CWIN Nepal has been able to form 12 child clubs and 14 adolescent girls. The girl's forum has been formed in Hatiya, Churiyamai and Harnamadi. For the first time, CWIN Child Helpline assisted the formation of Adolescent Boy forum in Aangreshwor, Hetauda.

Approximately 768 children (239 boys and 529 girls) in Hetauda have participated in different programs in the year 2014. The programs are sports program, financial literacy awareness program for adolescent girls and boys, speech dialogue competition for adolescent and youth, cross learning among adolescent group, literacy campaign program in coordination with district education office, nepali dictation competition program for different child clubs members on national children day, school outreach program on child rights and protection and also sharing information of child helpline toll free no. 1098, quiz contest competition between adolescent girls forum on 104th international women day, Street drama on Child Marriage by adolescent girl forum.

The children also showed their meaningful participation in interaction program on effectiveness program of girl power and child helpline in community level; interaction program on Child Rights and Protection for parents, adolescent girls and youth; inter-dialogue program on child marriage, trafficking issues between stakeholders and adolescent; workshop on issues of girl child, and orientation program for civil society members on Child Rights, Girl's issues and Child Club Strength.

Adolescent girls also participated in trainings on child rights and protection provided for school child protection committee; reproductive health and safe migration for youth and adolescent boys and girls; life skill and girl education related Training of Trainers (TOT) for different adolescent girls' forum. Children also ensured their participation in meetings of District Level Adolescent Girl Network, formation of Child Protection Committee in different school of Harnamadi.

These programs has ensured equal participation, and provided them with encouragement and confidence and helped in building their self esteem and capacity enhancement. They received knowledge on financial education, education on reproductive health, safe abortion, child marriage, trafficking and its new trends, child helpline and its services, along with information in relation to child rights and policy.

There are currently 22 adolescent girl club in Banke (10 in Mahadevpuri VDC, 9 in Sitapur VDC and 2 in Bagheshwori VDC) and 1 Integrated National Network of Adolescents Forum.

Participation of children in Kathmandu

Prevention and Reduction of Child Labours of Restaurants in Kathmandu valley (PRE-CLOR) with the funding partner SHAPLA NEER and Embassy of Japan.

According to the data gathered from PRE-CLOR, CWIN Nepal in Kathmandu, 323 children have participated in poem competition, essay competition, which was held separately in coordination with 14 Ward Child Protection Committee (WCPC) on 9 June 2014, 13 ward-WCPC on 10 June 2014, 16 ward-WCPC on 20 June 2014, and 31 ward-WCPC on 27 June 2014 and 192 children (104 boys and 88 girls) participated in drawing competition jointly organized by Lalitpur-District Child Welfare Board (DCWB), Lalitpur Sub Metropolitan City (LSMC) and CWIN Nepal and other organization (11 September 2014).

Furthermore, orientation on corporal punishment, child club, and child rights and consultation with child labor was held to address their issues on preparing a code of conduct. These programs could reach 1029 children ensuring the participation of both boys and girls.

Child club network in Lalitpur district was reformed on 12 September 2014 with the joint effort of Lalitpur-DCWB, LSMC and CWIN with participation of 150 children.

Child club network in Kathmandu district was reformed on 11 September 2014 with the joint effort of Kathmandu-DCWB, Kathmandu Metropolitan City and CWIN Nepal with participation of 300 children.

Children's representation is also ensured in WCPC and Municipality Child Protection Committee (MCPC) monthly meetings (as a committee member) of Kirtipur, Kathmandu and Lalitpur municipality.