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Project Orientation on Promoting Inclusive and Accountability School

Lalitpur, on the collaboration of Loo Niva and Patan CBR organized two days' orientation program in Ashrang, Gimdee and Thuladlung. Orientation was started on 10th February at Ashrang and Gimdee and on 11th February second day orientation was conducted at Thuladurlung. The working area of this project are 18 public schools of south-Lalitpur. Its main aim is to work on good governance making inclusive and accountable school, also focusing disability children and support/promote their accessibility at school.



Project Manager Mr. Sant Ram Dangol gave detail information about the new project and discussion with participants

The two days' orientation was led by Program Manager of Loo Niva Sant Ram Dangol and Program Coordinator of Patan CBR where they gave detail information about this new project and run open discussion with participants for feedbacks and suggestions. To make orientation more effective, Chiree Kaji Dangol Senior Program Officer and

social mobilizers as well as officer of Patan CBR also contributed. The 122 participants from different location warmly welcomed this project as well as gave their commitment for their support to make this program successful and more effective.

School Support Program through School Sponsor Program

Chandi Devi School was a one of the supported school under this School Sponsor Program. So according to the school agreement, school requested furniture items and support to the Child Club members of the school. As per the need assesment of the school and agreement it brought furnitures Wooden cupboard (1pcs), Study bench (10 pcs), carpet (5 meter), round office table (1 pc) and cultural dresses for Child club members. Through this School Support Program, Child Club members and teachers were directly benefited as well as parents and 224 students of the school were also benefited from this support.



Loo Niva Director Mr. Narendra Dangol handovered Wooden cupboard to headteacher Through the School Support Program

Sita Ram Khadka, head teachers of the school says that - “It was difficult to manage and safety of administrative documents and teaching materials. It will be more efficient now, The Child Club materials, it would be more supportive to engage them creatively and motivate them beyond school education.”

Similarly, school would be benefitted to organise events and manage places and chairs for the effective meetings of teachers, SMC/PTA and parents.

National Policy Dialogue on Child Safety in School

Loo Niva organized a National Policy Dialogue on Child Safety in School on 22nd February 2017 at Hotel Himalaya, Kupondole. There were all together 74 participants who are working with children and education from Lalitpur and Kathmandu area. (I/NGOS-30, Lalitpur schools HT-19, South Lalitpur HT-5, Govt ministries and DEO officials from Kathmandu and Lalitpur-9, Journalists-8). Also, the head teachers of the schools from South Lalitpur VDCs were participants from where Child Safety Study was done. The program was chaired by Shiva Prasad Uprety, Deputy Director of Department of Education.



Participants of National Policy Dialogue on Child Safety in School on 22nd February 2017 at Hotel Himalaya, Kupondole.

Milan Dharel, Child Rights Activist, moderated the session. There were held the key presentations from three different agencies. The child perspective from the grassroots, the study report, was presented by Loo Niva Executive

Director Mr. Narendra Dangol; the Ministry of Education spokesperson, joint secretary Dr. Hari Lamsal presented about the Nepal Government existing policy, practices and way forward in child safety; and Mr. Gauri Pradhan, Child Rights Activist and International coordinator of Least Development Countries (LDCs) presented from child and human rights perspective with way forward.

Also, the other guest speakers included Tarak Dhital, Executive Director of Central Child Welfare Board and Lila Bashyal, Country Director of Finn Church Aid, Nepal. Later in the dialogue, open floor discussion was held for interaction from the participants and suggestions taken in written form for the key points to be noted and concluded.

The main objectives of this program were policy dialogue and discussion on policy status of child safety, implementation, practices at different central, local and community levels, as well as suggest and draw attention of government agencies and policy makers from the interaction for effective implementation and new policy in school child safety. The policy dialogue has bridged the voices to and from the community and the policy level for the Child Safety in School.

Radio program on education through local FM radios

In coordination with District Education Office, and 2 radio stations, the radio program continued. It is aired on prime time evening for half an hour airing fortnightly by two radio stations. 12 episodes were broadcasted by two FM radio stations. The show featured interview reporting, sharing good practices of education, child club activities, District education office, education network meetings work, school admission campaign, interaction programs, works of Loo Niva and most importantly on issues of education importance and right to education.

Three Days' Life Skill Training to the Child Club members

Dadeldhura, The three days Life skill training was conducted from January 29 to 31 in View Tower hotel Dadeldhura, 2017 for 28 Children's Club members with inclusive participation of 8 dalit (4 boys and 4 girls) students(so called untouchables). The participants were from 4 HSS, 1 SS , 7 LSS & 4 CC network child club members of project villages. It provided the students life skills and their application in daily life. It gave them ideas how to think and act differently in problematic situations and to make good decisions. They made plan to share the learned skills to the child club members to their respective schools. The training was facilitated by Loo Niva staff members Gyan Bhakta Maharjan and Sabina Bhandari with different kind of child friendly methods so it was easier to transfer the message. On the last day of the training all the participants were appreciated with certificate

Bimal Damai, an active participant, from Ajaymeru Village development committee (VDC) said" One of the useful and effective training I have attended . I will apply that in my daily life i.e problem solving, effective communication, who am i, about peers and its types, stress and emotional management and so on. I will share with my members from Child Clubs and friends ”.



Child club members are interact in life skill training at dadeldhura

Livelihood Education Program

The refresher training on career education for the facilitators were conducted on the month of February 1st 2017. It was provided for four Youth facilitators including the four social mobilisers of the project village. The youths were new and consist of a Head teacher of Primary school, and college graduates from village who can guide the adolescents. There are many trained youths previously on various issues for their involvement and contribution for community awareness and social change. It gave more skill, knowledge on the subject and carry out the possible intervention and activities for the school dropouts for the vocational trainings and other occupational skills.



Social Mobilizer Mrs. Parbati Bhat Ayer welcome and informed the ojectives of program to the participants.

The youth facilitator cum volunteer are capacitated and mobilized then to orient the parents of the dropouts adolescents in Ajaymeru VDC. Finally the trained youths conducted the career education classes in Ganeshpur, Ajaymeru & Mastamandu VDC directly benefiting 23 (22 female & 1 male) out of school . The classes were held for 2 hours daily for two weeks.

It didn't meet the target participant as drop out children are very few in Samaiji. Many boys and youths leave to India for work and most participants were girls. In Ajaymeru Village VEC supported the refreshment for the classes to the adolescents.

Awareness on uses of Social Media and Its Effects

Lalitpur, Loo Niva's interns in Bachelor of social work students conducted a one day awareness program on 'Use of Social Media by Youth Students and Its Effects on 17th February 2017, at Rudraynee Secondary School, Khokana Lalitpur. The interns informed about the social media. It highlighted the interaction among people in which they create, share or exchange information and ideas in virtual communities and network. How the social media makes world so small. They gave presentation on its best use and its negative effects.



Loo Niva Intern Miss Muna Dangol Facilitate on the uses of Social media to the student of Shree Rudrayanee Sec. School, Khkoana

The 27 students from grades eight and nine standards were informed, using various cases, examples and pictures. The main objectives of this program are to make students alert about the possible damages and harms that may cause from the improper use of social media and motivating them towards the right way of using social media in their daily lives.

The interns collected feedback from the participants and the vice principal of the school, Krishna Bhagat Maharjan. The Program Manager of Loo Niva, Sant Ram Dangol, concluded the program with short thank you notes to interns and students.

Monitoring Visit in Dadeldhura, Far-West

Dadeldhura, February 10th, 2017 monitoring visit was done in the field office in Dadeldhura's project area schools by Executive Director Mr. Narendra Dangol, field office Program Coordinator Mr. Krishna Govinda Maharjan and Senior Finance Officer Mr. Yagya Raj Bokati and Ms. Ilona Kalliola representing from one of Loo Niva main partner organization Interpedia, Finland. It was her first visit in Far west and get to know the work and progress going on with the complexity of life there.

The three VDCs schools in the Nawadaya Basic school in Ajaymeru VDC, Sarasowoti Basic school in Samaji VDC and Simashwor in Ganeshpur VDC were visited and interacted. This monitoring visit would create the basis for more effective and efficient service delivery.

The CFE-II project activities in VDC level was monitored by the DPAC team members in two VDC Samiji and Ganeshpur school Shiva Shankar Basic school and Shimashwer Basic school.



Monitoring visit at project sites of dadeldhura with Ms. Ilona Kalliola represented of Interpedia, finland) and Loo Niva

Emergency support for ESP sponsored student

Shristi (LN 316)

Shristi, nine year old, studies in class three at the Mahakhal Basic School in Bugamati. She has been supported for three years through the Education Support Program. She is living in the temporary shelter with her mother and father after the devastating earthquake 2015 completely demolished the house. Her elder brother lives separately with his wife. Shristi's father is getting old and poor health condition, he is unable to work. Shristi's mother is struggling with the family's incomes, as she must support the family by herself with Agriculture the only source of income.

Worsely, Shristi fell from the window and broke her both hands while playing with freinds. At the hospital, the doctors figured that she needed a minor operation and admit at the hospital. Due to the financial situation within the family, they are not able to pay the hospital bills. Loo Niva provided emergency fund support to Shristi knowing about this accident from Shristi's parents and the school teacher. The meeting with parents and home visit found out her both hands were plastered and she should go for follow up treatment. She can use her right hand properly, because her left hand was more affected in the accident than right. Accident happened during the vacation so she didn't miss her classes. Now she is attending in her school regularly and she can also do her homework. Her condition is improving day by day.

Additionally, Shristi's mother said that "If Loo Niva would not support, we wouldn't be able to treat her on time. She is now able to continue her study and I'm really thankful. This means a lot to us".

There are many incidents where small support prevent children to miss the classes and eventually dropt out from school.

Social awareness program

Lalitpur December 2016, January and February 2017. Loo Niva organized a social awareness program on Child Centric Disaster Risk Reduction and Child Protection (CCDRR & CP) in five different places of Kaleshwor and Chaughare VDCs.



Snaps of social awareness program about the Child Centric Disaster Risk Reduction and Child Protection

The 275 participants, 132 females and 143 males participated in CCDRR and CP. This awareness program was facilitated by five local teachers from different schools where they contributed their knowledge on this awareness program and delivered an awareness about child protection and risk reduction to the participants.

Review workshop on the Model School in Dadeldhura

Dadeldhura, on 12th of March. A review & planning workshop on model school approach for making of 4 model school of project VDCs was conducted. Educationist Dr. Bhola Prasad Dahal and Chief District Officer Mr. Basanta Kumar Khatri facilitated the Workshops and each four schools made brief plan to develop the model school. A school from each project village has been selected and nominated for making a model school since the second phase of the Concern for Education project in four villages.

A Model School Review workshop was done with the coordination with District Education Office, Dadeldhura and Loo Niva Child Concern Group. The total 38 participants representing School Management Committee(SMC), Parents Teachers Association PTA, Head Teacher, school supervisor, child clubs and VDC secretaries of each four VDCs. It was chaired by Local



District Education Officer Basanta Kumar Khatri expressed his views in review workshop on the Model School in Dadeldhura

Development officer Bishnu Parajuli, also the chairperson of District Education Committee, Dadeldhura. The key guests included Chief District Officer Uday Bahadur Singh, District Education Officer Basanta Khatri, educationist Dr. Bhola Prasad Dahal. Mr. Narendra Dangol, Executive Director of Loo Niva Child Concern Group and Ms. Ilona Kalliola, head of Development Cooperation from partner Intermedia Intermedia Ry Finland on monitoring visit also were present .

District Education Officer Mr. Basanta Kumar Khatri delivered the welcome speech. Chief District Officer Mr. Singh greeted and said, that the group effort is needed to create model school and attract visitors outside the district. Workshop's Chairperson Mr. Parajuli stressed "if we can utilise our available resource and capacity, we can work on remaining implementation to achieve a model school". He highlighted the objectives of the workshop and reviewed the efforts and creative practices of the past two years for the transformation to model school. The workshop event was covered by the local daily.

District Project Advisory Committee meeting

The meeting of district project advisory committee (DPAC) was held chaired by DPAC chairperson Gyandra Parajuli in the Loo Niva's field office 28th of March 2017. To provide the feed back & suggestion for making program effective DPAC members representing from DDC,DEO, DHO, political leaders,NGO federation participated in DPAC meeting. Program Coordinator of Loo Niva Child Concern Group Mr. Krishna Govinda



DPAC chairperson Gyandendra Parajuli interact with the participant in DPAC meeting, Dadeldhura

Maharjan presented the detail information about the activity and achievements in 2016 and presented the activity plan of Loo Niva for 2017. It was covered the local daily newspaper.

The participants emphasized about the need of outcomes of the project and is it heading in the right direction. The floor and chair suggested that presentations and meeting was good but need monitoring visit at the field level. The team decided to do a field visit on March 30th, 2017 into two different groups.

Baseline survey of AISP Project

10 village level social mobilisers including from Patan CBR were oriented about the questionnaires, data collection methods and using of digital tab for data entry . The 8 central member staffs were also oriented for Base line methods.