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Message from President

Nepal GoodWeave Foundation (NGF) is a pioneer organization working to promote GoodWeave in the carpet industry sector by addressing issues of child labor and providing meaningful alternative support for their better future. Being the country affiliate of GoodWeave International, NGF has conducted various programs against child labor along with providing support to the family members of the carpet workers in Nepal. The history of GoodWeave traces back to more than two and a half decades of integrating above more than 50% of the carpet industry including carpet weaving sector to GoodWeave's social programs and standard practices. NGF envisions a world free of child labour and accordingly, work towards creating child labor free carpet industry in Nepal with sustainable solutions to the issues faced by the industry.

Forced and bonded labour is a situation which promotes the vicious cycle of poverty for years. It deprives the children of their basic right to education and better foundation for the future. The impact of social programs against child labor extends beyond changing the life of one particular child to many more generations of the children receiving the benefits, which in turn, promotes to the sustainable goals of the society and nation at large.

The year 2022 continued with the existing programs and coming years will require more comprehensive programs as well as finding additional sources of fund to enhance the coverage of social programs against child labor in future.

The report aims to cover the activities of the entire year with continuation of most of the programs from the past year including prevention, rehabilitation, advocacy and capacity enhancement of its member organizations, staff and networking.

The accomplishments of the year are the results of collaborative endeavors of GoodWeave International (GWI); especially CEO Ms. Nina Smith, board members, national initiatives and local bodies, licensees, partner organizations, NGF staffs, stakeholders and donors. Therefore, I would like to take this opportunity to extend my sincere appreciation and gratitude to all for this support and team spirit.

Thank You!



Samik Bikram Shah
President

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An Overview

Nepal GoodWeave Foundation (former Nepal Rugmark Foundation) is a nonprofit making, non-government organization established in December 1995 as a result of collaboration among Carpet Entrepreneurs, Child Right NGOs and International Development Organizations; viz. United Nations International Children and Education Fund (UNICEF), German Agency for Technical Cooperation (GTZ), and Asian American Free Labor Institute (AAFLI).

Being a country affiliate of GoodWeave International (GWI), Nepal GoodWeave Foundation (NGF) has proven to be a viable initiative that effectively addresses child labor issues in the carpet industry of Nepal. In more than 27 years of its operation in Nepal, NGF has been able to bring more than 50% of the carpet industries to the GoodWeave's viable standards including carpet weaving and spinning sectors. Moreover, it is largely expanding towards covering the entire carpet industry of Nepal and replicating its sustainable model to other industries.

GoodWeave tries to maintain child labor-free environment in Nepali carpet industry and other industries preventing children from entering the labour market. On the other hand, NGF provides meaningful alternatives to the children in carpet industry through various programs and activities to ensure child rights through education, rehabilitation and skills development.

Vision

GoodWeave's vision is a world free of child labor.

Mission

GoodWeave ensures ethical production reducing child labor and enhancing socio-environmental aspects of carpet and other industries.

Objectives

- Develop child labor free supply chain of carpet and other industries and nurture the market preference.
- Support to create ethical production in social and environmental aspects through expanded standards.
- Provide preventive and alternative opportunities for children in the working community of industries.
- Advocate the concerned stakeholders for protection of child and human rights.

- Apply the sustainable model for organizational strengthening.
- To prevent use of child labor by having carpet producers/exporters abide by the legal and social responsibilities through licensing of GoodWeave.

Features

Nepal GoodWeave Foundation (NGF) works to remove child labor from workplaces and provides them with a long-term and meaningful rehabilitation with appropriate education and vocational training. It makes concerted efforts for reintegration of the children with their families, while ensuring opportunities for continued education with continued support for schooling. The organization carries out preventive education and other welfare programs for children and families of carpet workers. It contributes in creating clean, healthy and sustainable environment through working with community and concerned stakeholders.

Program of NGF

Social Programs

Rehabilitation Program

- Centre-Based Rehabilitation Program (Transit Home)
- Community-Based Rehabilitation Program
- School-Based Rehabilitation program
- Vocational Training

Preventive Social Program

- Sponsored Education Program (SEP)
- Day Care Education (Early Childhood Development Centre)
- Psycho social counseling provided to children and their families
- Monitoring and follow-up for children under the Community-Based Rehabilitation (CBR) and Sponsored Education Program (SEP)

Awareness and Advocacy Program

- Consultative meetings with stakeholders
- Mass awareness programs
- Publication and distribution of printed materials (Annual reports, brochures, posters and calendars)
- Production and Airing of Radio PSAs

Social Programs

The social programs are the major highlights of NGF. The Child Development Department of NGF carries out the entire social programs. The social programs are based on three major components viz. rehabilitation programs, preventive programs and awareness and advocacy programs. Under these three major components, various activities were conducted. Major activities conducted in 2022 are as follows:

- A. Rehabilitation Program
- B. Preventive Social Program
- C. Awareness and Advocacy Program

A. Rehabilitation Program

- Centre - Based Rehabilitation Program
- Community - Based Rehabilitation Program
- School - Based Rehabilitation program
- Vocational Training

I. Centre Based Rehabilitation Program

Center Based Rehabilitation Program started in 1997 through the Transit Home 'Transit Home'. The main objective of the center is to take care of rescued children until their reunion with their family. During the inspection and monitoring of GoodWeave's licensee carpet factories, when a child is identified as a child laborer working in any of the processes at carpet factory, s/he is rescued by monitoring team and sent to 'Transit Home' for center-based rehabilitation. 'Transit Home' is the initial stage of NGF's Centre-Based Rehabilitation Program, where children are provided a homely environment in absence of their biological family and homes. Further, it also supports children to overcome their challenging experiences, restart their education and rebuild their lives with support from a specialist team at 'Transit Home'. Transit Home is the place for those rescued children, where they can stay for maximum of three years until they are reintegrated with their biological family or get other support.

NGF social team, accompanied by the psychosocial counselor, conducts various assessments to determine the family and socio-economic status of every child. Further, the counselor also provides emotional support to find out the reason behind their ending up as a child laborer and issues of safety of child to return to their family. Considering all the factors, the child is rehabilitated to the family with or without support from NGF as required. If the family environment is insecure for the child to return, a provision is made for a long-term support for child at the transit home with possibility of external education opportunities on a need basis. The social team continues its efforts to support possible family rehabilitation in the future and explores alternatives to provide family

contact to the child, while keeping in mind the best interests of the child.

Most of the rescued children are illiterate or school dropouts, have overworked and have been subject to abuse. At Transit Home, children receive continuous counseling, regular health checkups and socialization as per their age and level of education. Moreover, it provides the children with complete and safe residential and recreational facilities along with an in-house, non-formal education system called 'Accelerated Education Program', which prepares the children for their eventual transition into the mainstream system. 33 children benefited by this program in 2022. Till the end of the year, there were 31 children (10 girls and 21 boys) staying at the rehabilitation center. The rest were sent to CBR and enrolled in Laboratory school.

Samjhan Theeng



Samjhana Theeng, 13, originally belongs to Sindhuli district. It was like a nightmare for her sharing the story of her mothers' death. On that day, as she woke up, she found that many people had gathered in her house and when asked where her mother was, people pointed towards the body wrapped in a white sheet of cloth. Unfortunately, her mother had passed away only three days after giving birth to her brother.

Samjhana's father was alcoholic and poverty made it even worse. Her father used to work in the brick industry to manage basic necessities of the family. After the death of her mother, Samjhana started living at her maternal uncle's home with her siblings. She returned to her home with her siblings after her father married another woman, where she faced abuses and violence frequently from her step-mother. Samjhana had to graze the livestock, take care of the siblings, cook food for them and do all the household work that an adult does. So, she could not continue her studies after grade 2. She experienced so many hurdles at such an early age.

Samjhana's father sent her to Kathmandu to look after her uncle's son as both the uncle and aunt used to weave carpet. After Dashain vacation, her father sent her to work in another carpet factory with the contractor after taking an advance of Rs. 30,000. She faced abusive behavior and was beaten by the seniors in the factory. Her tender fingers would bleed while weaving the carpet as she was only 10 years old then.

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Fortunately, one day she got remediated from the factory by monitoring team of GoodWeave Certification Nepal and sent to Transit Home; a home for the former child laborers, where she got friends to laugh, play and enjoy with.

She is happy to pursue her education with hobbies like playing sports, dancing and singing and is grateful for the support she is receiving from GoodWeave. She aims to be a teacher in the future.

Akash Theeng

Alcoholic and abusive behaviour of Akash's father caused his mother to leave him whilst she was pregnant with Akash. After leaving his father's home, she didn't return and he was born at her maternal home. She faced discrimination even there and was compelled to marry another man leaving Akash.



His father took him back to his own home, where he suffered from his grandparents on account of his mother's actions. There also he did not receive proper care from his father so his mother took him to his stepfather's home. But the situation in his stepfather's home was no better.

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His stepfather also was alcoholic and abused his mother and deprived them of basic necessities. Eventually his mother too became abusive towards Akash due to increasing family burdens and poverty after she gave birth to five of his step siblings. On top of all this, his stepfather would always frighten them with threats of suicide.

One day his step father took money from a contractor and exchanged him to work in a carpet factory while he was studying in grade 2 at the age of 10. He used to be beaten and scolded even for the slightest mistakes, which did not stop for four months.

He escaped the eyes of the monitoring team during the first monitoring visit as he was asked to hide by everyone in the factory. It was only during the second monitoring visit that GoodWeave Certification (GCN) team could identified him and brought him to the Transit Home at Gothatar, Kathmandu.

Currently, Akash is receiving non-formal education and his performance has been good so far. He seems happier and more relaxed than before and has built good relationship with his friends. He wants to become a good excavator operator and lead a dignified life in the future.

Suman Pahari

Suman Pahari, 14, is the 9th child of Bhim Bahadur Pahari and Kamala Maya. His parents had to feed ten children, so the elder siblings could not go to school. However, his parents could manage to send him school till grade four. Agriculture work by his parents could hardly feed the family for four months a year as they didn't have enough land for farming. His father had taken loan from others, just to fulfill basic needs of the family and there was no way to repay the loan which forced him to send Suman to the carpet factory. His cousin brother (a broker of carpet factory)



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brought him for work. He used to work more than 16 hours a day and was able to send some money to his parents to payback their loan. He worked for ten months and was rescued from the factory on 24th September 2021. He was identified through remote inspection process by GoodWeave Certification Nepal team and sent to Transit Home.

During a conversation Suman said, “Life has once given me opportunity to go to school. I don’t want to miss it. I am now looking forward to my better future”. He further added, “I miss my home and parents sometimes. I want to meet them, talk with them but I am worried that they might send me to work again to repay the loan and I know that will surely make me sad. I really don’t want that life again.” He is now studying in basic class with keen interest at the Transit Home. He wants to develop his career in “Karate”.

II. Community-Based Rehabilitation (CBR) Program

The Community - Based Rehabilitation (CBR) program is the topmost priority of GoodWeave. NGF strongly believes that family is the best place for a child to develop. Therefore, the organization makes all possible efforts to reintegrate children with their parents or close family members. After reintegration within their home communities, the NGF social team continuously monitors these families in order to ensure that the children are regularly attending school and not sent back to work, abused or exploited in any way. Mostly, after their advanced level exam, the children are sent to CBR to the relatives or parents with an educational support from GoodWeave. A form including details of parents are filled by Social Supervisor and warden of Transit Home in coordination with the Program Officer. All the parents are informed about the support, which GoodWeave provides regarding the studies of children.

At the end of 2022, twenty-one children were enrolled in this program and they are studying from grade 3 to grade 12 with educational support. Monetary support for mid-day meal in schools is also provided. NGF social team closely monitors the progress of each child’s education in order to ensure that the GoodWeave support is really bringing changes in the lives of the beneficiaries. For this the team visits the child’s family, community and schools every quarter.

Hari Lal Bholan

Hari Lal Bholan of Chandrapur municipality, Rautahat district, lives with his family and attends Shree Rastriya Secondary School in Bara in grade 11. His family consists of his elder sister, younger sister, and mother. Hari Lal had only completed up to grade 3 in his village before his family's financial constraints forced him to move to Kathmandu to work in a carpet factory.



One fateful day, while working in a carpet factory, the monitoring team from Nepal GoodWeave Foundation arrived at the factory. Despite his friends trying to hide him, Hari Lal was caught on the loom and taken to Transit Home in Gothatar, Kathmandu. At the beginning, he was fearful of being there, but with time, he felt more comfortable and even made new friends. He spent three years at Transit Home, progressing from introductory to the Advanced level.

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In 2017, Hari Lal was admitted into grade 6 at Shree Rastriya Secondary School in Singaul, Bara under the community-based rehabilitation (CBR) program. His family's financial struggles had deprived him of his right to education, but the Nepal GoodWeave Foundation came to aid and help him to enjoy his fundamental right. Hari Lal expresses his deep appreciation and joy towards GoodWeave for providing necessary support to continue his education.

III. School-Based Rehabilitation program

This is an entirely residential program, where children are provided with a formal education support with full hostel facilities. NGF has collaboration with Laboratory Secondary (LAB) School, Kirtipur, where children are getting formal education in a sound environment. 28 Children pursued their education at LAB School this year. Among them, 25 are continuing their education and 3 have graduated this year from the program.

Sangita Tamang

Sangita Tamang's journey from her beginnings in the Makawanpur district of Nepal to current position as a driven and determined young woman is an inspiration to all. Despite facing significant challenges in her upbringing, she has shown remarkable resilience in pursuing her dreams.

At the age of nine, Sangita moved from her village to Kathmandu due to financial



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difficulties. In order to support her family, Sangita began working at a carpet factory, where she faced physical and verbal abuses from her instructor. Initially, she struggled to learn how to weave carpets and had to work more than 15 hours a day. When she recalls those days, she still feels panic and is shaken.

Fortunately, in 2016, Nepal GoodWeave Foundation identified Sangita working at the carpet factory and brought her to the Transit Home in Gothatar. At Transit Home, Sangita found a supportive community and was able to meet other children, who had similar experiences, and she felt comfortable. She received good education and accommodation, which made her very happy.

After completing her non-formal education at Transit Home in 2018, Sangita was upgraded to grade 6 at the Laboratory Secondary School in Kritipur, Kathmandu. She is currently studying management in grade 11 at the same school.

Sangita is grateful to GoodWeave Foundation for supporting her education and enabling her to become an educated person capable of making her own decisions. She aspires to become a social worker in order to give back to her community and help those, who may be facing similar challenges.

Badal Tamang (Amrit)

Badal Tamang, a student in grade 11 at Laboratory School in Kirtipur, Kathmandu, has faced numerous challenges in his life. Originally from Rautahat district, Badal lost his mother at a young age, leaving him and his two elder siblings.

Growing up, Badal's family struggled financially, with no income or land to support them. Adding to the burden, his father was an alcoholic, who frequently abused Badal's mother. As a child, Badal had to take the responsibility of providing for his family's basic needs such as clothing, education, and medicine. At times, they went to bed hungry, leading to vomiting, weakness, and loss of appetite. Eventually, Badal was forced to work as a child laborer at a carpet factory in Kathmandu.

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Badal endured verbal and physical abuse from the owner for three years. Fortunately, one day, Nepal GoodWeave Foundation's monitoring team found him and brought him to Transit Home (Hamro Ghar). Meeting other children, who had lived through similar sort of hardships at Transit Home, provided Badal with comfort and reassurance. The love and care he received there helped him realize that he could leave his troubled past behind and begin a better life.

Badal spent two years at Transit Home, advancing from Introductory to the Advance level before joining Laboratory Secondary School in grade 7.

Currently studying management, with a focus on business mathematics, Badal is grateful to GoodWeave for the support.

Badal found solace in sports like football, volleyball, basketball, and cricket, and even enjoyed playing chess. His ultimate goal is to become a successful businessperson.

IV. Vocational Training (VT)

Young adults, who are eager to continue their career in technical field of their interest and capability, are enrolled into different vocational trainings. NGF is providing such opportunity to those young children, who are interested for VT rather than formal education. NGF has collaboration with UCEP for the vocational training program. This year due to lack of interest and age restriction (less than 16 years) no children were enrolled in VT at UCEP Nepal.

B. Preventive Social Program

- Sponsored Education Program (SEP)
- Early Childhood Development Centre (ECDC)
- Counseling provided to children and their families
- Monitoring and follow-up for children under the Community - Based Rehabilitation (CBR) and Sponsored Education Program (SEP)

I. Sponsored Education Program (SEP)

The Sponsored Education Program (SEP) is the most popular and highly demanded program of the NGF. This program works to prevent children from entering the carpet industry as child laborer. Hundreds of children are at carpet factories with their families, helping their parents or guardians in daily chores such as cooking, washing dishes and taking care of younger babies or doing nothing. Many of them are of school-going age but are not necessarily enrolled in schools due to lack of funds to pay school fees. These children, if not sent to schools, are highly at risk of joining the industry sooner or later in order to contribute to their families' economic stability

or for their own survival.

The NGF sponsors children, who meet the program criteria, focusing on their potential future involvement in child labor activities. The NGF works directly with parents and children working in carpet factories of GoodWeave's Licensee Factories, forming a one-on-one agreement detailing expectations on both sides before enrolling children at nearest available schools.

NGF has been sponsoring education of carpet workers' children since 2001. 206 children are studying from nursery to the Secondary Education Examination (SEE) level at schools nearby the factories under this program.

Laxmi Rumba Tamang

Laxmi Rumba Tamang, a 16-year-old girl from Makwanpur district, is currently studying in grade 10 at Baluddhar Secondary School in Kapan, Kathmandu. She is the eldest child of her family and has two younger siblings. Laxmi feels incredibly fortunate to have been born into a family that has always loved and supported her.



Despite her family's financial struggles, her parents have always been supportive of her education. Laxmi's mother works as a weaver in a carpet factory, while her father is employed at a furniture factory. She often wishes to contribute to the family's income by finding a job, but her parents encourage her to focus on her studies.

In the village, Laxmi's family faced many difficulties due to their large number of family members.

Her grandmother holds conventional views that women should not be educated as they would eventually marry and move to their husband's home. Laxmi disagreed with her and is determined to prove her wrong by pursuing her dream of becoming an air hostess.

However, Laxmi's dream seemed unattainable due to the family's financial constraints until Nepal GoodWeave Foundation stepped to help her. With their support, Laxmi is now able to pursue her aspirations and is grateful to both her parents and the foundation for making her dream a reality. Today, she lives happily with her family and is well on her way to achieving her goal.

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Umesh Shrestha

Umesh Shrestha, originally from Sindhupalchowk district, is a 15-year-old studying at Saraswati Secondary School in Gokarneshwor municipality-9, Kathmandu. His family consists of his elder brother, elder sister, parents, and himself. Umesh has set his goal of making a name for himself in the medical field and serving the poor and underprivileged.



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Despite their best efforts, Umesh’s parents have struggled financially to provide for their family. They have been toiling away at a carpet factory since 1987, and affording their son’s education in Kathmandu has always been a challenge.

Fortunately, Nepal GoodWeave Foundation (NGF) has come to their aid, enabling Umesh to receive a quality education. He is now in grade 10 and immensely grateful to NGF for providing him with financial aid and stationery, as well as his parents for their unwavering support.

Umesh hopes that the Nepal GoodWeave Foundation will continue to support other children like him, who lack access to good education in the future.

II. Early Childhood Development Center (ECDC)

ECDC supports carpet weavers with young children between the age of two and six, who would ordinarily keep their children with them while they are working, by providing day care center service. Having young children present in the factory may not only be dangerous to the children, but it may also cause distraction for the parents affecting their performance and earnings.

Each center involved in this scheme provides the weavers’ children with a safe and child-friendly environment, where children can play learn and interact with their peers under the supervision of adult caretakers. Workers drop their children at these centers in the morning before going to work and pick them up again in the evening. This gives the parents, particularly the mothers, an ability to work freely with more attention and without worrying about their children. In addition, children become accustomed to a school-like environment and parents are encouraged to continue education of their children. The NGF implements this program through partner NGOs in ‘carpet cluster’ areas. Currently, NGF has four day care centers in different locations, which are run by our partner organizations. Total 160 children have been enrolled in this program in 2 centers. Following 2 partner NGOs support to operate the ECD centers.

Children Welfare and Rural Development Services (CWARDS)

Children Welfare and Rural Development Services (CWARDS) has been working with NGF since 2005. This center conducts different levels of classes like PG (Playgroup), Nursery and KG (Kindergarten). Additionally, CWARDS has been providing health and hygiene supports as well as snacks to the children. As an outdoor program, exposure visits and picnics are organized for the children. Total 61 children were enrolled at CWARDS in 2022.

Education Protection and Help for Children (EPHC)

Education Protection and Help for Children (EPHC) has been running the Early Childhood and Development Center in partnership with Nepal GoodWeave Foundation since 2001 A.D. Total 99 children received benefits in 2022 at the center run by EPHC.

III. Counseling Provided to Children and their Families

Counseling is also an integral part of NGF activities. The Social team of NGF regularly conducts counseling sessions based on needs and requirements of groups, individuals and children. Children are the foremost priority of NGF and for protection of child rights, NGF has to deal with many people including workers, labor contractors, factory owners, and parents of the children as well as others. So, the social team is conducting these sessions based on needs and potential risks.

At the end of 2022, a total of 69 individual counseling sessions, 12 group counseling and 31 family intervention sessions were conducted. 60 children from Transit Home and LAB school benefitted by the counseling sessions. The individual and group counseling sessions mostly focused on, talk therapy. Lay sessions, expressive therapy and sharing group sessions were also done as therapeutic interventions.

C. Awareness and Advocacy Program

- Consultative meetings with stakeholders
- Mass awareness program
- Publication and distribution of printed materials (Annual reports, brochures, posters and calendars)
- Production and Airing of Radio PSAs

Major Activities of NGF

Common Birthday and Annual Day Celebration

On January 1, 2022, Nepal GoodWeave Foundation (NGF) celebrated GoodWeave Annual Day and Common Birthday of children at Transit Home, Gothatar, Kathmandu in presence of NGF Executive committee members, stakeholders and NGF staff. The birthday is jointly celebrated as most of the children do not know their actual date of birth.

Mr. Ram Bahadur Gurung, member of Provincial Assembly of Gandaki Province was present as the Chief Guest at the Annual Day and Common Birthday Celebration, which was chaired by NGF President, Mr. Samik Bikram Shah. NGF General secretary Mr. Kiran Thapa welcomed all the participants at the program, which was hosted by Program Officer, Mr. Hem Moktan.

On the day, Transit Home was decorated with balloons and different decorative items. Children of the Transit Home showcased their talents at the event. Sport materials like football, volleyball, badminton and winter clothes were provided to the children as birthday gifts. Children also received other gifts and chocolates from the guests. All the children enjoyed and loved their gifts. The program ended with birthday cake cutting followed by lunch.



Friday Extra Activities

*D*ifferent activities were conducted with the purpose of learning and entertainment for the children as Friday activities at TRANSIT HOME in 2022. The activities like games of passing ball on the water of glasses with blowing air, making crafts from papers were conducted for learning and entertainment.

The quiz and volleyball competitions were organized among four houses (Red, Yellow, Green and Blue). Green house won both the competitions. Prizes were distributed at the end of the academic session.



Monthly Meeting with Children

*N*epal GoodWeave Foundation conducts monthly meeting on the first Friday of every month with children of TRANSIT HOME. The meeting aims to receive feedbacks and helps to contribute in improvement of overall program with active participation of the children. Likewise, the children select their monitor for the kitchen, hall and bedrooms to observe the activities and help each other as part of soft skills. The children solve existing problems with their own suggestions and also set rules and routine by themselves.



Holi Festival Celebration

On March 17, 2022, Transit Home celebrated Holi, the festival of colors. Holi t-shirts were distributed to all the children and they received rainbow colors from the NGF staff as symbol of love and care. They enjoyed a lot on the day. The children were equally delighted with dance and music, offering colors among each other.



Exposure Visit

On March 27, 2022, children of TRANSIT HOME, along with the staff, made exposure visit to Central Zoo at Jawalakhel, Lalitpur. The objective of the visit was to aware the children about different animals and birds. Orientation about Zoo was done by the representative of central zoo. The children were excited to see different animals; deer, tigers, rhinos, hippo, bears, monkeys, wild buffaloes etc. and also enjoyed photo shoots with different birds and animals in the background.



The children played “Musa and Biralo” and balloons games with lots of fun. Lunch packs were distributed to the children, which gave them a different taste than regular menu.

The children observed birds, snakes and aquatic animals. The snakes of different species were the attraction for the children, particularly, big snake (Anaconda).

Karate Belt Grading Program

On April 10, 2022, Karate Belt Grading Program of children was held at Transit Home in the presence of Mr. Ram Lama, International Referee and Senior Trainer, and five other National Referees. The children performed Karate Kata up to three numbers and kicks and punch for the evaluation. Program Officer, Mr. Hem Bahadur Moktan and Coordinator, Ms. Gita Thapa were also present for the motivation of the children.



Nepali New Year Celebration

On April 13, 2022, NGF celebrated Nepali New Year Eve in the presence of President, Mr. Samik Bikram Shah and Board Member Ms. Sarda Basnet with all the staffs of NGF. The President delivered New Year Wishes to all the children and staffs. Similarly, board member and staff also exchanged New Year wishes and enjoyed special lunch.



Social Audit of NGF

Nepal GoodWeave Foundation (NGF) successfully conducted its Social Audit program on May 3, 2022 at Airport Hotel, Kathmandu. The program was chaired by President, Mr. Samik Bikram Shah. General



Secretary, Mr. Kiran Thapa delivered welcome speech and briefed about the objectives of the program. Program Officer, Mr. Hem Bdr. Muktan presented the overview of organization, programs and budget. The program was facilitated by advocate and consultant, Mr. Bishnu Bahadur Khatri. There was enthusiastic participation from NGF Executive Committee, representatives from different government bodies, partner organizations, stakeholders, beneficiaries and parents. The participants appreciated the activities of NGF, extending their will to work together on various programs and recommended their valuable suggestions.

Visit of Elisabeth and Sonny

Ms. Elisabeth Bystorm, Senior Director of Program and Mr. Sonny Winner, Business Development Director from GoodWeave International (GWI) visited LAB school, Nepal GoodWeave Foundation and Transit Home on May 19, 2022. They were escorted by Ms. Samjhana Pradhan, Executive Director and Mr. Umesh Kuinkel, Program Officer of GoodWeave Certification Nepal and received by Mr. Samik Bikram Shah and Kiran Thapa representing the Board of NGF. GWI team held



interaction with children of LAB school and Transit Home as well as staff of NGF on various issues related to social program of GoodWeave. Program officer, Hem Bdr. Moktan briefed the team about the status of the program implementation and mentioned possible ways to further support the children. The entire NGF team was glad to have them in the office premise.

Child Club Management and Leadership Training

On May 28 and 29, 2022, NGF organized Child Club Management and Leadership Training in the hall of Transit Home for the children. The training was facilitated by child rights activist, Mr. Santosh Maharjan covering various aspects of child rights and related laws that provide special rights to the children and principles of international child rights treaties.

Likewise, the children had group discussion and presentation on four boxes of child rights. The



training also discussed about the function of child club, management and long term planning for sustainability of the organization together with the importance and responsibilities of the executive members.

The two-day training was formally concluded with farewell of Mr. Maharjan by Program Officer, Mr. Hem Bahadur Moktan.

World Environment Day Celebration

NGF organized hiking program to Shivapuri Nagarjun National Park on the occasion of World Environment Day on June 5, 2022, with the slogan, “Only One Earth” in order to make children of Transit Home feel close to the nature and make them aware about its importance.

Program Supervisor, Ms. Tuka Cheki Sherpa, shared her views on the importance of nature and purpose of celebrating the day. The hiking headed towards Nagi Gumba with photo shoots, identification of different plants and exchange of children’s experiences about travelling to forests in their village areas.

The team of children and staff had their lunch at Gumba served by the Nuns and played games. After observing and worshiping at Gumba, playing games and receiving warm love from Nuns, the team started their hiking to get back. While returning, the team collected the garbage like bottles, plastics, wrappers of different junk food etc. and handed to the National Park’s staff. The Day was hence, celebrated with delightful and memorable journey. The cool and cloudy weather together with the natural environment made the journey more energetic.



World Day Against Child Labor Celebration

World Day against Child Labour was celebrated at Transit Home on June 12, 2022 by preparing various arts and paintings on the theme and presenting them among the friends and teachers. The children were divided into four groups according to their house for the program. For each group, one facilitator was appointed, who helped children in explaining the theme of the drawing and supported them in their presentation.

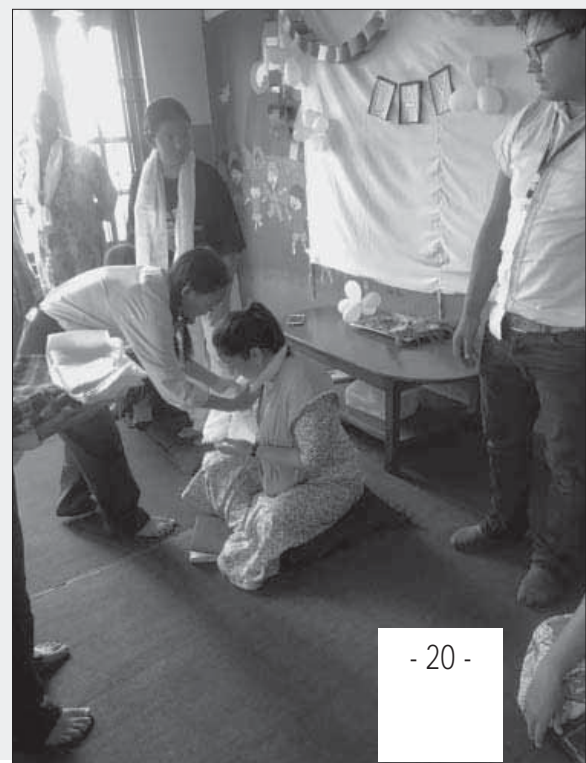


The Program was jointly organized by Nepal GoodWeave Foundation, GoodWeave Certification Nepal and Global Compact Nepal. The children enjoyed the program with various arts and dance performances.

Bhanu Jayanti and Teachers Day Celebration

On July 13, 2022, Transit Home celebrated 209th Bhanu Jayanti by commemorating Bhanu Bhakta Acharya and his contribution in the field of Nepali language and literature. The program was facilitated by Program Officer Mr. Hem Moktan and Warden Sumi Ghimire shed light on the life of Acharya. The children and coordinator, Gita Thapa recited poems on the occasion.

Coincidentally, Teacher's Day also occurred on the same day and children honored their teachers and staff with Khada, flower bouquets and handmade cards. The Children received Tika and Blessings from their teachers and seniors and Laddu was distributed as a Prasad.



Drawing Competition

On August 5, 2022, Transit Home conducted a drawing competition on the theme “Nature”. The competition was conducted under the supervision of the Coordinator and facilitated by Rubash Dong (art instructor). Min Bdr. Blon from Basic class (Green House) secured first position. Similarly, Ajay Syangtan (Blue House) and Sudip Thokar (Green House) both from Basic class got second and third positions respectively.



Monitoring from Social Welfare Council (SWC)

On August 15, 2022, monitoring team from SWC visited Transit Home. The team observed all the rooms (bedrooms, kitchen, dining and classes). They interacted with children and made them write something about themselves. The team examined the data and record keeping system. They were pleased with the work of the organization.

Likewise, the monitoring team had meeting with Executive Committee and staff and received various information about the organization. They recorded the governing policies and child prevention policies, which have been adopted by the organization.





Teej Celebration

On August 29, 2022, NGF celebrated Teej Program among children, staff and other invites at Transit Home. Mr. Hari Bhakta Pudasaini, chairman of ward-8, chief of women children and social welfare section of Kageshwori Municipality, Kathmandu, Ms. Sabina Shrestha, representative from GoodWeave Certification Nepal and NGF executive members joined the program. The cosmetic gifts (bangles, nail polish, tika, mehendi) were presented to the female staff, children and guests. The program was followed by special lunch (Dar). They had a lot of enjoyment with dance.

Annual General Meeting

Nepal GoodWeave Foundation conducted its Annual General Meeting (AGM) on September 9, 2022 at Airport Hotel, Kathmandu. Advisors, Executive Members, General Members, Licensees and staffs participated in the meeting. The Executive Committee represented both Carpet and NGO sectors. All activities were performed as per the pre-planned schedule and the meeting was held within



estimated time. All the participants expressed their happiness and satisfaction on the achievements of organization and committed to promote the GoodWeave from their side.

NGF conducted its Social Audit Program of 2022 on the same day. Deputy Mayor of Kageshwori Municipality, Kathmandu, and Ms. Shanta Thapa attended the program as a chief guest. Likewise, the program was chaired by President, Mr. Samik Bikram Shah and General Secretary, Mr. Kiran Thapa delivered the welcome speech and briefed about the objectives of the program. Program Officer, Mr. Hem Bdr. Moktan presented an overview of the organization, programs and budget in the program. The program was facilitated by advocate and consultant, Mr. Bishnu Bahadur Khatri. There was enthusiastic participation from executive committee, general members, representatives from different government bodies, partner organizations, stakeholders, beneficiaries and parents and mentioned insightful feedbacks.

National Children's Day Celebration

*O*n September 14, 2022, NGF celebrated National Children Day at Transit Home in the presence of representative from GoodWeave International, Mr. Mathew John, NGF President, and Mr. Samik Bikram Shah, representative from GoodWeave Certification Nepal, NGF staff and children. The main attraction of the program were the children's performances, which



included dance, poem reciting and singing. The Children Day's special gift were distributed to the children and the program ended with cake cutting.

Likewise, Program Officer, Coordinator and Dance Teacher along with children participated in the program organized by Kageshwori Manohara Municipality. Many different schools and organizations participated in the program, which was chaired by the Mayor, Mr. Upendra Karki. Representing Nepal GoodWeave Foundation, children of Transit Home performed a group dance. Similarly, Rubash Tamang from LAB school presented his talent of beat-boxing which was appreciated by Mayor, guests and participants. The municipality honored NGF with the certificate of appreciation for children's performance in the program.

Visitors at NGF

On September 12, 2022, Director of Standards of Certification, Ms. Gweneth Langdon from GoodWeave International along with GCN's team visited NGF. They interacted with staffs and children as well as observed kitchen, rooms, hall, computer lab and class rooms at Transit Home. They were pleased with the management and appreciated the work of NGF.



Similarly, on September 21, 2022, GoodWeave licensee, Felt and Yarn visited NGF along with their importers and GCN team. They interacted with NGF staff as well as children of Transit Home. They gifted chocolates and stationery items to the children, appreciated the work of NGF and promised children to visit again.

Dashain Clothes Distribution



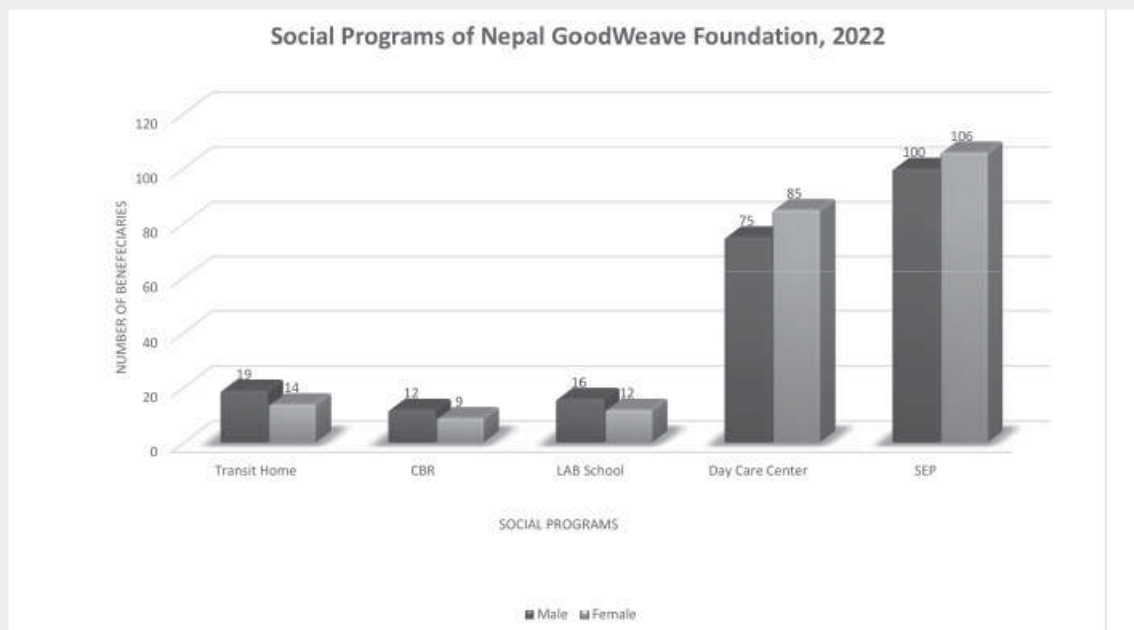
On September 27, 2022, NGF distributed clothes to the children and shared wishes for the auspicious occasion of Dashain at Transit Home. Dashain Woolen shirts, jeans pants, socks, shoes and bags were distributed as Dashain gifts to all the children. Similarly, children prepared various paper arts and decorated the hall with balloons and kites as well as gifted handmade cards to the staff as greeting for the Dashain.

Dashain and Tihar Celebration

Children and residential staff at Transit Home celebrated Dashain by receiving Tika, Jamara, blessings and Dakshina from seniors. They visited nearby places including Fun Park at Bhrikutimandap, where they played different games. They also enjoyed with different delicious food and played linge ping.

NGF also celebrated Tihar, festival of lights, by decorating the Transit Home with garlands of marigold, rangoli of different colors and lighting of diyobati. Children played deusi-vailo in the premise of NGF office. As Tihar's special food, selroti and Anarasa were prepared at home. On Bhai Tika, children put Tika and garland to each other and shared gifts and Bhai masala as brother and sister.

Social Program in Graph



Key Achievements

- 21 CBR children received education support. 28 children benefitted with residential formal education support at Laboratory Boarding School for school level and higher education. These supports are for long term, which will continue in the next years.
- 33 children received non-formal education with residential facilities at Transit Home. NGF provides formal education support for the children who can continue their education and also provides non-formal education, life skills and career counseling support to the children, who are not able to continue school due to different reasons.
- Child Club members are capacitated through training, motivation sessions, exposure and meetings. Child Club Management and Leadership Training is one of the trainings, which was conducted to the children of Transit Home, which will be helpful to promote meaningful child participation.
- Day Care is not only the support for children for their development, but also support for parents specially from informal sectors, who can go for work without taking burden of caring their small children. NGF is running two Care Centers in partnership with CWARDS and EPHC. NGF provided support day care services to 160 children in year 2022.
- NGF distributed festival, summer and winter clothes to the children of Transit Home and LAB school. These humanitarian support brought happiness to the faces of needy children. It also supported the children to continue their education.
- NGF has created sports, art and cultural opportunities for children. NGF organized Karate Belt Grading Program at the Transit Home; 33 children upgraded to orange belt.

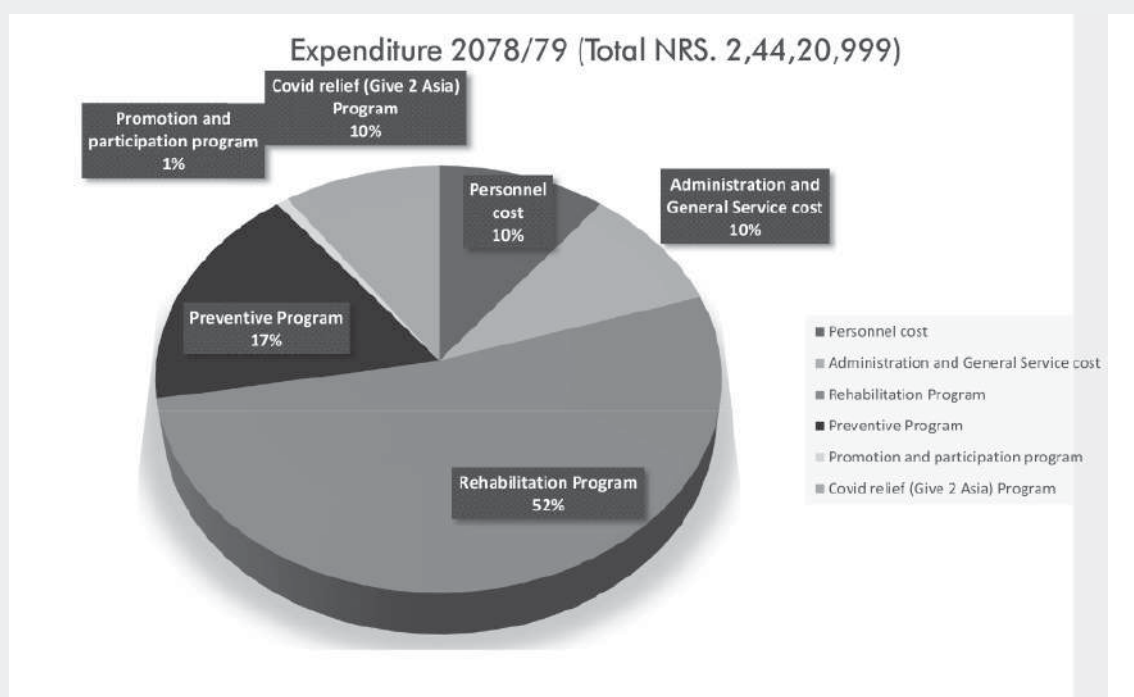
Key Learnings

- Coordination with different levels of governments and stakeholders can be supportive to achieve the optimum outcomes from the program and also leverage the resources.

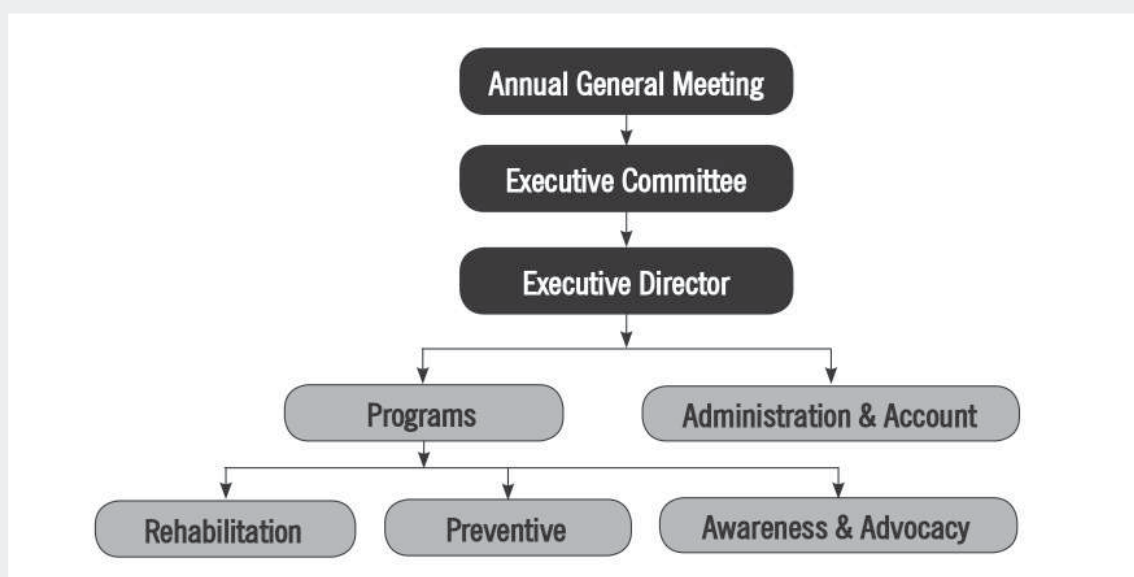
- Regular counseling and follow up of the beneficiaries can motivate the children to continue their education and create the enabling environment in the family.
- Organization and project strategies need to be aligned with international commitments such as Child Rights Convention, Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), constitutional provisions and other government policy provisions.
- Capacity Building of team members and staffs is as a part of growth and to achieve goals of the organization.

Statement of Expenditure

FY: 2078-79



Organizational Structure



Affiliation Network

1. Consortium Nepal
2. National Child Protection Alliance (NCPA)
3. Children as Zone of Peace National Campaign (CZOP)
4. Forced Labor Elimination Advocacy Group (FLEAG)

Subcommittees, Child Advisory Committee and Staffs

Recruitment Committee

Coordinator	Mr. Samik Bikram Shah
Member	Mr. Ubaraj Bhandari
Member	Mr. Kiran Thapa
Member	Mr. Bishnu Bahadur Khatri

Procurement Committee

Coordinator	Mr. Bala Ram Gurung
Member	Mr. Ubaraj Bhandari
Member	Ms. Kalpana Timilsina
Member	Ms. Srijana G.C.

Child Protection Committee

Coordinator	Mr. Liladhar Bhandari
Member	Mr. Ajay Singh Karki
Member	Ms. Sharada Basnet
Focal Person	Mr. Hem Bdr. Moktan

Child Advisory Committee

Coordinator	Mr. Suman Pahari
Member	Ms. Laxmi Sunar
Member	Mr. Kanchha Lal Pakhrin
Member	Mr. Bikash Waiba
Member	Mr. Ajay Syangtan
Member	Ms. Srijana Blon
Member	Ms. Samjhana Thing

NGF Staff

Admin & Account Department

Ms. Srijana Sharma Ghimire	Admin & Account officer
Ms. Rina Chaudhary	Admin. & Account Associate
Ms. Sanu Nani Acharya	Office Support Staff
Mr. Keshar Bahadur Khadka	Office Helper

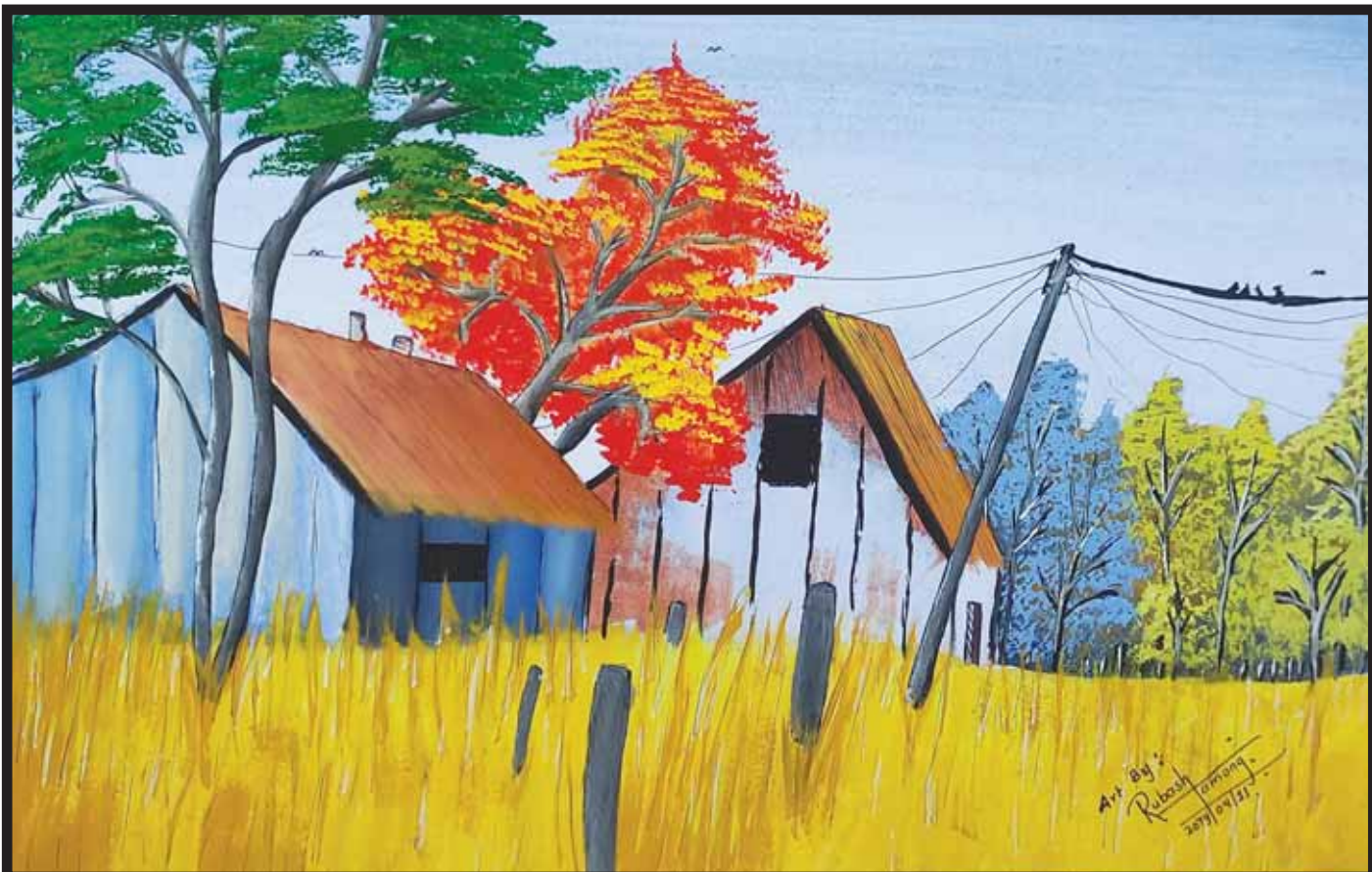
Program Department

Mr. Hem Bahadur Moktan	Program Officer
Ms. Tuka C. Sherpa	Program Supervisor
Ms. Bipan Shah	Senior Psycho Social Counselor

Transit Home

Ms. Gita Thapa	Coordinator - Transit Home
Ms. Sumi Ghimire	Warden (Residential Staff)
Ms. Kalpana Shrestha	Teacher
Ms. Raj Kumari Tamang	Care Taker (Residential Staff)
Ms. Harka Kumari Budhathoki	Cook (Residential Staff)
Ms. Anjana Thing	Dance Teacher cum Tutor
Mr. Prabin Napit	Guard (Residential Staff)





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