



Newsletter **January-March** **2022**

Nuwakot (Betini) **Education Scholarship Program**

Dear Kathmandu Kids,

We are glad to share our **first quarterly newsletter of 2022**, with the news of the **147 children** in the Nuwakot (Bettini) Education Scholarship Program with you.



The first quarter of 2022 saw lots of excitement, opportunities, and rays of hope as the COVID pandemic came almost under control and schools, and colleges were fully operational.

Find out more about our work and progress for this quarter which continues to help bring brighter futures for the vulnerable children of Nepal.

Key highlights of this quarter:

- 91 Home monitoring visits
- 47 School monitoring visits
- Distribution of scholarship materials
- Child Progress-2nd term exam results
- Family progress
- Livelihood Development
 - Savings groups meetings
 - Skill trainings
 - Pre cooperative orientation

- Training for child club members
- Staff capacity building training
 - Psychosocial counselling training
 - First aid
 - Planning, Monitoring, Evaluation, Reporting
- Government progress and review meeting

Home visits

This quarter our team made **91 home visits to 121 children and made 42 phone calls** when physical home visits were not possible.

We organize these home visits to continually monitor the family situation of the children we sponsor, to determine if the children have any issues at home which may also interrupt their school attendance and performance. We also monitor how parents are doing with their livelihood development activities during these visits.



Above: Anish Tamang home visit



Above: Ganesh and Reshman with their mother

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Above: Home visit of Shadana Adhakari



Above: Shanker with his mum



Above: Binita Tamang in her vege garden



Above: Home visit of Aruna BK



Above: Ashmita Pandey's home visit



Above: Ashmita Tamang's home visit with our Field Coordinator Mrs. Pancharatna

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School visits

This quarter team conducted **47 school visits** to monitor the performance of sponsored children at school. During these visits, we meet teachers and get their feedback regarding the educational performance of the children we support and suggestions for their further improvement. We also monitor their regularity and attendance at school.



Above: Kaukeshwori School Visit



Above: Field Coordinator at Kalyan School



Above: Udayjalpa School Visit



Above: Golfubhanjyang School Visit



Above: Mahadev School Visit

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Above: Arjun Lower Secondary School Visit



Above: Kalyan Secondary School Visit



Above: Sundhara School Visit

School material distribution

We provided **copies, pencils, pens, refills, trousers, and calculators** to 6 of 147 students this quarter.



Above: School material distribution

Child Progress

Second Term Exam Results

We are thrilled to share that several of our sponsored children did very well!



Above: Shree Krishna Shrestha, 1st, Class-8, Rukmini H.S. School



Above: Rashmi Tamang, 1st, Class-8, Kalyan Secondary School.

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Above: Dolma Tamang, 1st, Class-7, Ujwal L.S. School.



Above: Bishaya Guragain, 1st, Class-11, Kalyan Secondary School.



Above: Rashika Nepali, 2nd, Class-9 Kalyan Secondary School



Above: Ramesh Thapa, 2nd, Class-10, Mangala Secondary School.



Above: Ashmita B.K, 2nd, Class-8, Udayjalpa Secondary School

Family Progress

This quarter **37 more families** took loans from their local savings group to improve their livelihoods.

- 14 families took loans for goat rearing
- 13 families took loans for chicken
- 2 families for vegetable farming
- 1 family took loans for Ginger
- 1 family for Hotel
- 3 families for buffalo
- 2 families for tailoring
- 1 family for grocery store



Above: Mother of Binod Nepali with her tailoring machine bought with a loan

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Above: Father of Prabin now working as a tailor



Above: Sister of Sonam Tamang now tailoring



Above: Rajina Tamang with her uncles new goats



Above: Sister of Roshani Tamang with their new goats



Above: Poultry farming of Mendo Maya Tamang with the loan



Above: Manisha Tamang with her families new hens



Above: Vegetable farming of Minu Tamang

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Livelihood Development Program

Saving Group meetings

This quarter our team organized **30 savings group meetings** benefiting **all the guardians** of the children in the scholarship program. All members of the savings groups are attending monthly meetings regularly and making regular monthly deposits.



Above: Some of the mothers from the Golphu Savings Group counting their savings & below group shot



Above: Ningale Farmers Group Meeting



Above: Bhumisthan Savings Group Meeting



Above: Nighale Savings Group Meeting



Above: Kaukeshwori Savings Group Meeting

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Above: Kalyan Savings Group Meeting



Above: Golfu Savings Group Meeting



Above: Mangala Savings Group Meeting



Above: Jimnang Farmers Group Meeting

Skill training for the parent savings groups

This quarter we organized two trainings; **1 "Goat Farming Training"** for the Mangala group and **1 "Vegetable Production Training"** for the Kaukeshwori Group.



Above: Goat Rearing Training, Mangal Group



Above: Vegetable Farming Training, Kaukeshwori Group



Pre-Cooperative Orientation

We organized 2 "Pre-Cooperative Orientations" for our group this quarter. This orientation highlights the benefits of cooperative membership and explains why the association with the cooperative is essential for group members.



Above: Pre-Cooperative Orientation

Training for child club members

We organized 3 capacity building training session for child club members in our working area. The training intended to capacitate the members to prepare meeting minutes, conduct meetings according to their agenda and discuss and explore appropriate interventions on the issues of children associated with their club.



Above: Orientation Program to Child Club Members

Staff Capacity Building

We also organized **three staff capacity-building trainings** to enable our staff to deliver quality services to the people whom we serve;

Psychosocial counselling training for teachers

We organized 3 "Psychosocial Training" sessions for the community schoolteachers where we work during this quarter. The training was facilitated by Sunrise Home's Manager/Counsellor Mrs. Niruta Shrestha. The objective of the training was to enable teachers to identify symptoms of psychosocial issues among school children and extend emotional and psychosocial care accordingly.

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Above: Psychosocial Counselling Training

First Aid Training for SCAI & NGO partner staff



Above: First Aid Training Participants



Above: First Aid Training Practical

"Planning, Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting Training" for SCAI and NGO partners



Above: PMER Training participants, chief guest Mrs. Radhika Tamang, Deputy Speaker of Bagmati province.

RMPAC meeting

We also organized a project advisory committee meeting which consists of Rural Municipality and District Coordination Committee officials. This meeting is held every year where we share the progress made under the project including the challenges for the way forward.



Above: RMPAC meeting group pic

THANK YOU for your continued support, which is changing the lives of the Betini Education Scholarship Program's children and helping them follow their dreams and create brighter futures for themselves.

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