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Newsletter
Oct-Dec 2023

Nuwakot (Betini)
Education Scholarship Program

Dear Kathmandu Kids,

We are excited to share the December 2023 newsletter with you, containing news and progress of **92 children** in the Nuwakot (Betini) Education Scholarship Program.



Key highlights of this quarter

- 96 Home monitoring visits
- 33 School monitoring visits
- Distribution of scholarship materials
- Child Progress;
 - 7 more students passed the 12-grade chance exam
 - 4 more graduates start university
 - First-term exam results
- Livelihood Development
 - Family progress
 - Cooperative initiatives

Home visits

We organized **96 home visits** to meet children, their guardians, and where possible, also neighbours, to monitor the

living conditions and overall well-being of the children, including physical and psychosocial aspects of their lives. Where the home visit was not possible, we contacted them via **50 phone calls**.



Above: Anita with parents



Above: Ramesh with sister



Above: Ashmita at her vegetable farm

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Above: Bijay at home



Above: Sapana with mother



Above: Sandesh with mother at home



Above: Ashmita with grandmother



Above: Syam at his home



Above: Sudip with father

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School visits

We also organized **33 school visits**, where we met sponsored children, class teachers and school principals to check on their overall educational performance, school attendance and their participation in extracurricular activities.



Above: Dupcheshwor School visit



Above: Kamalmanik School visit



Above: Kaukeshwori School visit



Above: Mahadev School visit



Above: Sundara School visit

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Above: Udayjalpa School visit



Above: Golfubhanjyang School visit



Above: Arjun Basic School visit



Above: Mangala Devi School visit

Distribution of school materials

This quarter we distributed notebooks, pencils, pens to 26 students out of 92 in Betini. The remainder were distributed in early January 2024.



Above: Rukmani School visit



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Above: School materials distribution

Child Progress;

Year 12 Chance Examination Result;

7 more students passed through their chance exam this quarter; Bisaya Guragain, Mui Lama Tamang, Amit Tamang, Lal Maya Tamang, Nisha Tamang, Pasang Tamang and Rupesh Nepali - 3 girls, 4 boys.

We would like to congratulate them and extend our best wishes for their further study.

Of the 18 students in total who sat their year 12 exams, 13 passed and 5 failed and are repeating.

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Of the 13, 4 have gone on to start self (family)-funded bachelor's degrees in management – all girls!

The 7 that have now also passed year 12:



Above: Bisaya, grade B(Education)



Above: Amit, grade B (Education)



Above: Mui Lama, grade B (Education)



Above: Nisha, grade B (Management)



Above: Pasang, grade B (Education)

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Above: Rupesh, grade B (Education)



Above: Nita, (Bachelor of Management)



Above: Lal Maya, grade C+ (Education)



Above: Reshma, (Bachelor of Management)

The 4 graduates who have started uni:



Above: Bisaya, (Bachelor of Management)



Above: Sonika, (Bachelor of Management)

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School level 1st Terminal Exam Results

1st term exam results were published this quarter. The summary of results is below:

Of the 92 students, 82 sat their exams, 70 passed and 2 failed. Of those who passed;

- 1 in Distinction
- 22 in 1st Division
- 8 in 2nd Division
- 39 in 3rd Division
- 10 n/a yet (4 students did not sit exams and 6 students exams not held yet)



Above: Dipesh, Class 11, Distinction (80%), Law



Above: Ram Krishna, Class 10, 1st div (78%)



Above: Manisha, Class 10, 1st div (75%)



Above: Dawa Dolma, Class 6, 1st div (75%)



Above: Dawa Dolma, Class 6, 1st div (71%)

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Above: Ram, class 9, 1st div, (70%)



Above: Ashmita, class 9, 1st div, (70%)



Above: Budha Maya, class 10, 1st div, (70%)



Above: Ran Maya, class 12, 1st div



Above: Milan, class 12, 1st div, (70%)



Above: Ramesh, class 12, 1st div

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Above: Pramila, class 11, 1st div



Above: Rashmita, class 10, 1st div



Above: Lakpa Dorje, class 11, 1st div



Above: Sarita, class 10, 1st div



Above: Sangita, class 11, 1st div



**Above: Sujan Kumar Tamang, class 9
1st div**

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Above: Tshewang, class 9, 1st div



Above: Rojlal, class 9, 1st div



Above: Jit Bahadur, class 9, 1st div



Above: Aising, class 7, 1st div



Above: Sojan, class 9, 1st div



Above: Dawa Gelmu, class 5, 1st div

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Livelihood Development

Family progress

Dupcheshor Krishi Saharkari (Cooperative formed by our parents) issued loans to 10 parents (5 male, 5 female) this quarter for various businesses; **6 for goat farming, 2 for chicken farming, 1 for Buffalo farming and 1 for grocery business.** Further, the guardians continued to work to improve their livelihood with the loan and business they started previously from the support of this project.



Above: Mother of Nam Maya



Above: Dawa Dolma's father



Above: Jit Bahadur (student)



Above: Mother of Dolma



Above: Ashmita (student)

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Above: Bijay (student)



Above: Mother of Bipana



Above: Father of Prabin Tamang

Cooperative Monthly Meetings

Cooperative meetings are being held monthly. Members met in their local area sub-group (similar to their earlier savings groups) and deposited their regular monthly savings and discussed the progress of their new businesses.



Above: Cooperative Meeting, Ningale



Above: Cooperative Meeting, Sangini

Cooperative Steering Committee Meeting

The Cooperative Steering Committee meeting was held this quarter. Steering committee members met and discussed the upcoming annual general assembly meeting.

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Above: Cooperative Steering Committee Meeting

Case Study

Child Progress

Dawa Dolma Tamang



Dawa Dolma is studying in grade 6 at Arjun Basic School. She is living with her maternal grandparents, and her father is in Kathmandu working as a labourer. She lost her mother in the 2015 earthquake when she was four years old.

She was supposed to drop out of school as her grandparents were very old and sick most of the time and it was difficult for them to fulfil her educational needs.

Then she received an education scholarship from RUDEC/SCAI which enabled her to continue her studies. She studied hard and supported her grandparents in household work. She secured a first division (71%) in the first term examination.

She is very happy these days to attend her school and pursue her future dream.

Family Progress

Sarita Tamang



Sarita has 3 sons and 1 daughter. Her husband works as a daily wage labourer in the village and sometimes goes to Kathmandu for work. Previously, she also

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worked as a housewife and as a wage labourer in the village.

The income from her and her husband was not enough to provide for the family throughout the year, and she was always worried about her children. So daughter Ram Maya Tamang was selected for the education scholarship provided by RUDEC Nepal/SCAI Australia, and as part of that, Sarita also received various training opportunities as part of the livelihood development initiative.

After joining the cooperative, she has developed saving habits. She also participated in training sessions in vegetable farming, goat farming, and poultry farming provided by the organization.

With her new knowledge and skills gained from various training, she took a loan of 50,000 NPR from the cooperative and started poultry farming with 100 local chickens. She has also started a vegetable farming business in a tunnel. She has sold broiler chickens for NPR 100,000 and earned 8,000 NPR from vegetable farming so far.

Her annual income was only NPR 40,000 previously and now her annual income is NPR 108,000, all because of her hard work, dedication, and the knowledge gained from the training.

Thank you very much for your kind support and for enabling the students of the Betini Education Scholarship Program to continue their studies and their families to be empowered through various capacity building activities.

Emma (CEO) and the SCAI Nepal team
SCAI Australia/Nepal