



Newsletter **Jan-March 2025**

Nuwakot (Betini) **Education Scholarship Program**

Dear Kathmandu Kids,

We are pleased to share the March 2025 Newsletter containing the news of **77 children in the Betini Education Scholarship Program.**



Key Highlights of this Quarter

- 77 home monitoring visits
- 33 school monitoring visits
- Child Progress
 - Second Term exam results
- Capacity Development/Trainings
 - Life Skill Training
 - Peer Education
 - Parental Education
- Livelihood Development for guardians
 - Family Progress
 - Goat breeding program
 - Coop monthly meeting & AGM
 - Cooperative Shop/ Collection and Selling Centre
- Case Stories
 - Child & Family Progress

Home visits

We continued regular **home visits** (77 visits in total), during which our team met with sponsored children, their guardians, and other family members to assess and monitor their well-being. Additionally, our team made 33 phone calls to children we were unable to meet with in person.



Above: Jay with his mother



Above: Nemamaya with her mother

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Above: Sabita during her home visit



Above: Shyam during his home visit



Above: Sadikshya during her home visit



Above: Lopsang with his grandmother and cousin



Above: Mingma with his grandfather



Above: Manisha with her stepmother

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Above: Ranjan with his aunt



Above: Sandesh during his home visit



Above: Rameshi with his father



Above: Sarita with her grandmother



Above: Rashmita with her grandfather



Above: Sudip with his mother

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School visits

Our team continued to conduct regular **school visits (33 visits in total)**. During these visits to schools and colleges, we met with class teachers, sponsored children, and school principals to assess the overall educational performance of our sponsored children, including school attendance, participation in extracurricular activities, and any issues they may be facing.



Above: Ashmita, Class 10, Mangala Devi Secondary School



Above: Budu Maya, Class 10, Golfu Secondary School



Above: Jit Bahadur, Class 10, Golfu Secondary School



Above: Laxmi, Class 11, Mahadev Secondary School



Above: Rojnal, Class 10, Golfu Secondary School

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Above: Aising, Class 10, Arjun Basic School



Above: Ranjan, Class 10, Kalyan Secondary School



Above: Dawa Dolma, Class 7, Arjun Basic School



Above: Sudikshya, Class 9, Udayjalpa Secondary School



Above: Dawa Gelmu, Class 6, Arjun Basic School



Above: Tshewang, Class 10, Rukmani Secondary School

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Above: Sandesh, Class 10, Rukmani Secondary School



Above: Sudip, Class 10, Mangala Secondary School



Above: Tshring, Class 10, Kamalmanik Secondary School

Child Progress

Second-Term Exam Results

The second term exam results were published in January 2025.

Of the 77 children in the program:

- 7 in 1st Division
- 28 in 2nd Division
- 29 in 3rd Division
- 13 NA (exam not held and result not published)



Above: Jit Bahadur, Class 10, 1st div (75%), Golfu Secondary School



Above: Lakpa Dorje, Class 12, 1st div (70%), Canvas Int. College

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Above: Dawa Dolma, Class 7,1st div (70%), Arjun Basic School



Above: Tshewang, Class 10,1st div, Rukmani Secondary School



Above: Phoolmaya, 4th seme, Plant Science, 1st div, Post Bahadur Technical College



Above: Ram, Class 10,1st div, Budha Academy



Above: Milan, Class 8, 1st div, Kamalmanik Secondary School

The Secondary Education Exam (SEE) was held from 20-28 March, and the result is expected to be published on 21 June 2025. **A total of 31 students** (15 repeat and 16 regular) sat from the Betini program this year.

Capacity Development/Trainings
Life Skill Training

Life skill training was held for adolescents this quarter. The training provided an introduction to basic life skills, including communication, problem-solving,

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decision-making, and interpersonal skills. **A total of 8 adolescents (4 boys and 4 girls)** participated in the life skills training from the Betini program. The training was held with the funding of the Dupcheshwor Rural Municipality as part of SCAI and government collaboration.



Above: Life Skill training

Peer Education

Peer education training was held for adolescents this quarter. The training raised awareness among young people about issues affecting teenagers and adolescents and provided guidance on how to cope with such challenges when they arise. **A total of 6 adolescents (5 boys and 1 girl)** participated in the peer education training as part of the Betini program.

The training was held with the funding of the Dupcheshwor Rural Municipality as part of SCAI and government collaboration.



Above: Peer Education training

Parental Education

A Parental education orientation was organised this quarter. The training raised awareness among the guardians/parents of sponsored children on how to provide appropriate parenting and how to handle adolescent issues with their children. **A total of 12 guardians (3 men and 9 women)** participated in this orientation as part of the Betini program.

The training was held with the funding of the Dupcheshwor Rural Municipality as part of the SCAI and government collaboration.



Above: Parental Education Orientation

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Livelihood Development
Family Progress

Dupcheshor Agricultural Cooperative (formed by the guardians) issued loans amounting to **NPR 6,600,000** to **9 parents (6 women, 3 men)** for the following purposes: **6 for buffaloes, 2 for goats, and 1 for tailoring.** The guardians who had previously taken out loans have worked to enhance their livelihoods during this quarter.



Above: Mother of Binod with goats



Above: Mother of Sapana in her poultry



Above: Mother of Dolma in her tomato farm



Above: Mother of Ashmita with goats



Above: Mother of Jay with goats

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Above: Grandmother of Manisha with goats



Above: Mother of Samjhana with buffalos



Above: Mother of Nemamaya with buffalo



Above: Sudhikshya (sponsored student) with goats



Above: Mother of Lakpa with buffalo



Above: Mother of Bipana with goats

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Above: Grandmother of Lopsang with goats



Above: Sandesh (sponsored student) with goats



Above: Grandmother of Som Bahadur with goats



Above: grandmother of Sojan



Above: Sarita (sponsored student) with goats



Above: Mother of Suman with goats

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Goat breeding & handover program

We continued to transfer goats from our guardians who received 2 female goats to the next guardians this quarter. **In total, our guardian passed on 2 goats as part of the cycle of the pass-on program in this quarter.**

Currently, **77** households have received **2** goats each. So far, **94** goats have been passed on to other families, and there are currently nearly **78** pregnant goats.



Above: Managale handing over a goat to one of our guardians Kanchhi



Above: Sirsani handing over a goat to one of guardians Muemendo

Cooperative Monthly Meetings

Monthly cooperative meetings continued this quarter. Members attended the meetings in subgroups and made their regular savings deposits as usual.



Above: Cooperative Meeting, Jimnang Subgroup



Above: Cooperative Meeting, Golfu Subgroup

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Above: Cooperative Meeting, Kalyan Subgroup



Above: Cooperative Meeting, Kaukeshwori Subgroup



Above: Cooperative Meeting, Sangini Subgroup

Coop Annual General Assembly

Dupcheshwor Agricultural Cooperative organised its Annual General Assembly meeting in January 2025. The meeting was attended by general members of the cooperative and officials from the Rural Municipality.



Above: Glimpses of the Annual General Assembly of the coop

Cooperative Shop/ Collection and Selling Centre)

The centre continued to collect coop members' products and sell them to markets, providing a link between our farmers and the market. This quarter, the cooperative sold **12 pieces of Khukuri (traditional Nepali knife)** made by one of our parents who is running an iron

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smith business, **12 brooms and 43.5kg of buckwheat**. The cooperative also collected and sold other high-demand items, such as flowers and puja materials, to pilgrims who visit the Dupcheshwor temple, located near the cooperative shop/collection and sales centre.



Above: Collection and Selling Center

Case stories

Child Progress

Milan Tamang

Since he was 3 months old, Milan, now 16, has lived with his maternal grandmother after his parents separated. His father remarried, and his mother struggled with mental health, eventually leaving home. His maternal grandmother, a farmer, has faced many challenges in raising him, including financial difficulties. Although his grandmother has always prioritised his education, due to her financial condition, she could not afford the expenses related to it.

As a result, Milan struggled with irregular attendance at school because of a lack of educational materials.

In **2018, Milan was enrolled in an education scholarship program by**

SCAI Australia, which provided support for his schooling and offered his grandmother access to various training opportunities. This support has had a significant positive impact on Milan's academic performance. **Milan now travels two hours daily to school and remains dedicated to his studies.**

In the second term of Class 8, Milan achieved **first division**. Milan is highly motivated to continue his education and is **determined to join the Nepal Army in the future.**



Above: Milan with his grandmother

Family Progress

Dil Kumari Tamang

Dil Kumari, aged 48, is a hardworking mother. Her family includes five members: her mother-in-law, one son, two daughters, and herself.

Before starting her business in goat and buffalo farming, Dil Kumari had only worked in traditional farming and daily labour. With no other sources of income, it was a struggle to pay for household expenses and her children's education. With only a small amount of land, she often had to buy food. **Her husband,**

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who worked as a wage labourer, tragically died in a stone-crushing accident while on the job. This loss made life even harder for Dil Kumari.

During these difficult times, Dil Kumari's children—Sancha Maya Tamang, Nema Maya Tamang, and Tchhiring Tamang—were awarded an educational scholarship from SCAI Australia. This gave Dil Kumari the chance to take part in useful training programmes, such as **"Start and Improve Your Business"**, and skill development in **vegetable farming, poultry farming, goat farming, and buffalo rearing**. These trainings encouraged her to start her own business.

Inspired to build a better future Dil Kumari took a loan of 5,000 NPR from the cooperative set up by the project. She used this money to buy two mother goats. After a year, she sold the two male goats for 25,000 NPR, which she then used to buy a buffalo calf.

Now, Dil Kumari earns **100,000 NPR** a year from goat and buffalo farming. She **currently owns eight goats and two buffaloes**. Her hard work, along with the support from the project, has transformed her life and the future of her family.

Dil Kumari's has not only created a stable income for herself but has also helped her children to achieve their educational dreams.



Above: Dil Kumari with her livestock

We extend our sincere gratitude for the generous support you have provided to the children and families of the **Betini Education Scholarship Program**, which enables them to pursue their brighter futures.

Emma and the SCAI Nepal team