



Newsletter July-September 2025

Nuwakot (Betini) Education Scholarship Program

Dear Kathmandu Kids,

We are happy to share our September 2025 newsletter, with the updates and progress on **62** children in the **Betini Education Scholarship Program**.



Key Highlights of this Quarter

- 99 home monitoring visits
- 29 school monitoring visits
- Education material distribution
- Child Progress
 - Year 12 Exam (SEE) results
 - Volunteering/Internship
- Capacity Development/Training
 - Career Counselling
- Livelihood Development for guardians
 - Family progress
 - Goat breeding program
 - Cooperative activities
- Case Stories

Home visits

We conducted **99 home visits** this quarter to monitor and assess the educational and overall situation of our sponsored children and their families. We met with guardians, family members, and the sponsored children during these visits. We also made 20 phone calls to provide further support as needed.



Above: Bipana with her mother



Above: Dawa Dolma with grandfather

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Above: Dolma with her mother



Above: Preeti Maya with her mother



Above: Laxmi with her goats



Above: Rashmita during her home visit



Above: Manisha with her stepmother



Above: Sapana with her mother

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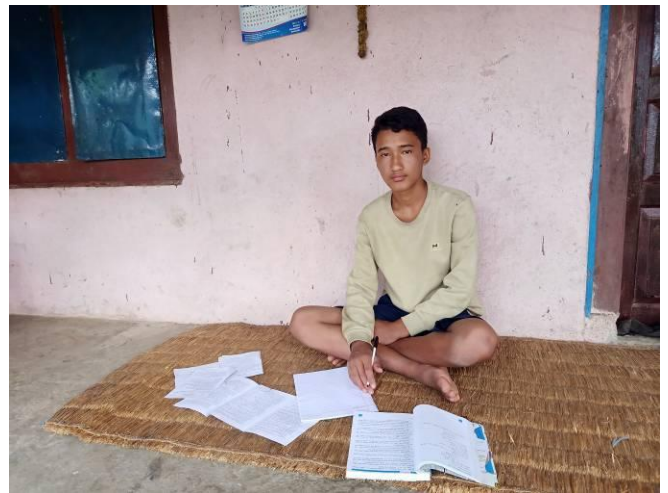
Above: Sarita with her grandmother



Above: Ajay with his grandfather



Above: Sujan with NGO Field Officer



Above: Chhiring during his home visit



Above: Niraj during his home visit



Above: Jay with his brother and mother (From left)

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School visits

We conducted **29 visits to schools and colleges** this quarter. We met with class teachers and school principals and discussed the children's academic performance and any issues they may be facing. We also interacted with the sponsored children themselves, encouraging them to do well in their studies and overall development.



Above: Laxmi, Class 12, Mahadev Secondary School



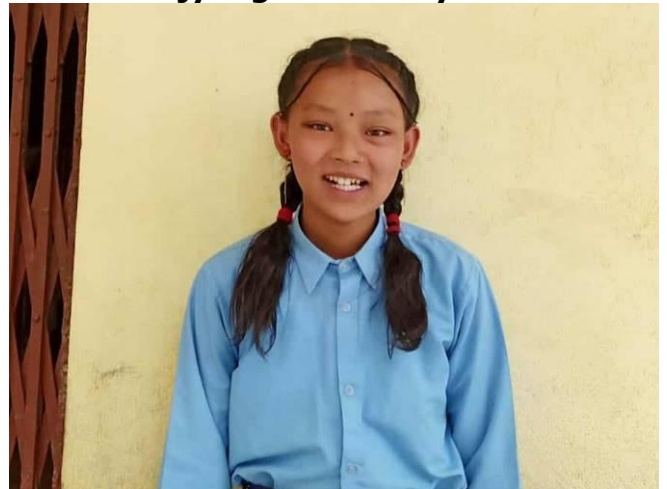
Above: Anish, Class 11, Mahadev Secondary School



Above: Sadikshya, Class10, Shree Udayjalpa Secondary School



Above: Kami Tenjena, Class 10, Golfubhanjyang Secondary School



Above: Dawa Dolma, Class 8, Arjun Basic School

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Above: Ranjita, Class 8, Shree Kaukeshwori Secondary School



Above: Dawa Gelmu, Class 7, Arjun Basic School



Above: Preeti Maya, Class 8, Shree Kaukeshwori Secondary School

Education material distribution

We distributed notebooks and pens to the **62 students** in the program in FY25/26 this quarter.



Above: Som Bahadur, Class 8, Shree Kanakmoni Secondary School



Above: Aising with his education materials

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Above: Dawa Dolma with her education materials



Above: Sarita with her education materials



Above: Dawa Gyalmu with her education materials



Above: Tshewang with his education materials



Above: Ranjita with her education materials



Above: Sponsored student of Kaukeshwori School with their education materials

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Above: Students of Arjun Secondary School with their education materials



Above: Suman, Year 12, 1st div (74%), Rukmani Sec. School



Above: Students of Rukmani Secondary School with their education materials



Above: Lakpa Dorje, Year 12, 1st div (74%), Canvas Int. College

Child Progress

Year 12 Exam results

The Year 12 Exam results were published in July 2025. **Of the 23 who sat** (15 regular and 8 repeating students);

- **18 passed** (12 regular, 6 repeating)
 - 14 in 1st Division
 - 4 in 2nd Division
- 5 failed (3 regular, 2 repeating). 3 regular students are going to sit a 'chance exam' in Sept 2025 and the other 2 will repeat again next year.
- The repeating students are not officially included in the student number count.



Above: Mahesh, Year 12, 1st div (73%), Sahid Smarak College

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Above: Bharati, Year 12, 1st div, Amar Jyoti Secondary School



Above: Nishan, Year 12, 1st div, Kaukeshwori Secondary School



Above: Sabetha, Year 12, 1st div, Shivapuri Secondary School



Above: Pramila, Year 12, 1st div, Manohara College



Above: Sangita, Year 12, 1st div, Pasang Lhamu College



Above: Dipesh, Year 12, 1st div, Broklyn College

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Above: Punya Maya, Year 12, 1st div, Kaukeshwori Secondary School



Above: Ramesh, Year 12, 1st div, Sundara Secondary School



Above: Sandip, Year 12, 1st div, Smarak College



Above: Ashmi, Year 12, 1st div, Rukmini Secondary School



Above: Sandesh, Year 12, 1st div, Rukmani Secondary School

Volunteering/Internship

5 students (2 girls and 3 boys) volunteered in local government offices and in our NGO RUDEC Nepal after their Year 12 exams. They served for one month to gain practical work skills and knowledge.

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Bharati during the home visit of sponsored children during internship with RUDEC Nepal



Suman during the home visit of Sponsored children during internship with RUDEC Nepal



Sabitra in the Women and Children unit, ward office, Dupcheshwor, during internship



Lakpa, updating child information during internship with RUDEC Nepal



Sundesh in the Education unit, ward office, Dupcheshwor during internship

Capacity Development/Training
Career Counselling

We organized 2-day career counselling this quarter for sponsored students in classes 8-10. The sessions covered the scope of technical and non-technical college courses, scholarship opportunities, and brainstorming on possible future career paths. **4 (3 boys, 1 girl) students** from Betini participated.

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Above: Career Counselling



Above: Chhiring with his goats

Livelihood Development
Family Progress

Dupcheshor Agricultural Cooperative (formed by the guardians) issued loans amounting to NPR **240,000** (approximately \$2,600) to three more parents (three women) for the following purposes: one for a buffalo, one for a goat, and two for tailoring.

The guardians who had previously taken loans have continued to improve their livelihoods.



Above: Mother of Jay with her goats



Above: Mother of Bipana with her goats



Above: Mother of Jit Bahadur with her goats

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Above: Mother of Lalita with her goats



Above: Mother of Samjhana with her buffalo



Above: Mother of Ram with her goats



Above: Grandmother of Sakin with her buffalo



Above: Father of Rajesh with his goats



Above: Grandfather of Sadikshya in his Tomato Farm

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Goat breeding & handover program

2 more female goats were handed to new guardians this quarter. Currently, **66 households** collectively possess a total of **158 goats**. So far, **100 goats** have been passed on to other families.



Above: Kedar handing a goat to one of our guardian Lawai



Above: Kanchhi handing over a goat to one of guardian Surje

Cooperative Monthly Meetings

The cooperative held its regular monthly meetings this quarter, where members met in sub-groups and deposited their savings as usual.



Above: Cooperative Meeting, Golfu Subgroup



Above: Cooperative Meeting, Jimnang Subgroup



Above: Cooperative Meeting, kalyan Subgroup

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Cooperative Shop/ Collection and Selling Centre)

This quarter, the Collection and Selling Centre, which links its farming members with the market, collected **105 kg of buckwheat, 5 mana of ghee, 100 brooms, 50 kg of beans, and 35 kg of peas**, and sold them in the market. In addition, the Centre, located near the well-known "Dupcheshwor" temple, continued **selling pilgrims with worship items such as flowers and fruits.**



Above: Cooperative Collection and Selling Centre

Case stories Child Progress

Anish, aged 16, lives with his grandparents and younger brother. His **father passed away** when he was just five, and soon after, his **mother remarried** and left. Since then, his grandparents, **despite their old age**, have taken care of him.

The family relied on small-scale farming and occasional daily wage labour, which made it hard to cover both household needs and school expenses.

Because of this, Anish struggled to continue his education, as his grandparents could not provide the materials he needed.

In 2018, Anish was selected for SCAI's **education scholarship** program, which allowed him to carry on with his schooling. His academic performance gradually improved, and in mid-2025 he passed the **Secondary Education Exam (SEE) in first division**. He has now enrolled in a three-year **Diploma in Health Assistance**. He dreams of becoming a Health Practitioner in the future.



Above: Anish with his grandmother

Family Progress

Phulsani, aged 38, lives with her husband, who suffers from **asthma**, their son, and six daughters. With such a **large family**, it was always a struggle for her to manage household expenses. The family depended **only on farming**, and the income was too low to cover both daily needs and the children's education. Paying school fees and buying stationery was a constant worry.

In 2018, things began to change when her daughter, Samjhana, received an education scholarship from SCAI. Phulsani was invited to take part in **farming and entrepreneurship training** and joined a savings group formed by SCAI. Through the group, she was able to take a loan of **NPR 20,000 (AUD c. \$210)** and decided to start buffalo rearing and beekeeping.

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She first bought a **male buffalo**, and after **a year she sold it for NPR 50,000**. With that money, she repaid the loan and **reinvested in a female buffalo**. The next year, she started selling ghee and earned **NPR 28,800**, which she then used to expand into beekeeping.

Today, she has **three buffalo and four beehives, earning around NPR 150,000/year (c. AUD\$1600), a very good salary in rural Nepal!** Her family's financial situation has improved greatly, and she can now provide a better life for her children.



Above: Phulsani with her buffalo

We sincerely thank you for supporting the children and families in the Betini Education Scholarship Program. Your generosity is opening doors to education and brighter career opportunities for them.

Emma and the SCAI Nepal team