

## Annual Gathering & Parent's Interaction Program



*Children are writing letters to their education sponsors during one Annual Gathering Day*

During April and May 2016, Loo Niva organized five Annual Gathering & Parents Interaction Days in five different schools in Lalitpur VDC. Schools were Shree Mahank Kal Primary School, Shree Rudrayanee Secondary School, Shree Adasha Saula Secondary School, Shree Ganesh Secondary School and Shree Bajrabarahi Secondary School. Annual Gatherings are a significant part of the Education Support Program, which targets to support children from poor or challenging circumstances. During the Annual Gathering Days there were program for both children and parents. One goal of the day was and wrote letters to the sponsors of Education Support Program (ESP),

and children seemed to have a good time while writing with a support of interns of Loo Niva.

Parents were offered an opportunity to discuss about educational issues and their life situation after the earthquakes last year and parents told that they appreciate to have an opportunity to talk straight to the staff members of Loo Niva. Part of the ESP program is to support not only children but also parents, because it is an effective way to support the whole family and to strengthen children's possibilities to stay in a school. During Annual Gatherings also concrete help were given as Loo Niva distributed education materials for children and offered a lunch for all children and parents.

## 7 No. State Education Conference on Education System, Structure in Federal System



*Representatives of different non-governmental organizations are discussing how to promote the right to education for all children*

Dhangadhi – Kailali on 14 – 15, May 2016. Loo Niva organized the 7 No. State Education Conference in collaboration with RED, Unesco, Save the Children for promoting education in the new federal structure of Nepal. The government has a strong commitment to improve the base and primary level education, and in this conference the actors with the strong expertise in education gathered for innovating the next steps in promoting right to education to state level policies and programs. Especially important goal that was reached was to strengthen the collaboration with the actors in the field of education improvement.

The targets of the conference were to draw the structure of the state in base and primary level education as well as to promote joint efforts of state and non-state actors in right to education activities as well as in quality education governance. The outcomes of the conference were increased awareness of educational status of Far West region, recommendations for federal system in regard of strategic planning of education, the discussion about the declaration paper for supporting the education implementing plans as well as localizing the educational goals.

## Cooperation between Chandi Devi School Nepal and Arabia School Finland

Dukuchhap/Finland: Cooperation with Chandi Devi Primary School and their supporter Arabia School Finland has continued successfully, and Loo Niva has worked as a link between these two schools. The Chanti Devi School faced crucial damage during the earthquakes 2015, and still this year there are numbers of students in need of support. The winter in Nepal was exceptionally cold, and many families were still living in temporary shelters. In March 2016

Loo Niva delivered blankets to the 25 students and families in Chanti Devi for protecting them against cold. In May 2016 Arabia School Finland organized a fund-raising event in Finland where they for example showed pictures from Chanti Devi School and rose awareness of children's situation in Chanti Devi. Loo Niva wishes the long and fruitful cooperation between Arabia School Finland and Chanti Devi School Nepal.

## Focal Teacher's Meeting 2016



*The partner teachers of Education Support Program are planning how to support children from challenging circumstances the most effective way*

Bhaisepati: The focal Teacher's Meeting in May 2016 was organized by Tej Dangol. The event was part of the Education Support Program (ESP), which is the sponsorship program for poor children enabling their studying in school level. The target of the meeting was to collect the final report of the children who participated in the ESP program as well as to update the information of

the students. The meeting also aimed to develop for further plans for effective implementation of ESP support. As the outputs of the meeting were reached, and the implementation of the project can be even more effective than before and based on teacher's good practices in supporting poor children and families.

### **The first anniversary or the Gorkha earthquake**

In April 2016 there was an anniversary of the disastrous Gorkha earthquake. In Kathmandu, the memorial event was organized, but all over Nepal the memory of the earthquake still stays in people's minds. During school visits it seems to be clear that the theme of the earthquake attends strongly in lives of children and families, and numbers of families still live in shelters. In one Annual Gathering meeting a couple of children recalled that the day before the first earthquake hit there was also an Annual Gathering Event, and some parents were worried

that the new catastrophe would hit Nepal again in the anniversary of the Gorkha earthquake. Fortunately, this prediction did not realize and children can concentrate on their education and target their dreams in Nepal that will, hopefully, be completely rebuilt again in one day. Loo Niva did a lot of emergency relief distribution after the earthquakes as well as set up temporary learning centers and child friendly areas, but now Loo Niva can again focus on its core activities in the field of the right to education.

## The new partner organization: Aurora Borealis

Since May 2016, Loo Niva has had a new partner organization from Finland: Development and Culture Association Aurora Borealis. In collaboration with Loo Niva, Aurora Borealis will support Nepalese youth who have received the school leaving certificate and are in need of support for their further studies. Aurora Borealis has established in Jyväskylä, Finland, by four people who believe that the world can become

a better place with cooperation among cultures and countries. The secretary of Aurora Borealis, Antti Rajala, has been working for Loo Niva earlier. The young organization has already received a grant from the University of Turku, Finland and its work seems to be very promising. Loo Niva is grateful for this new partnership!

## Compilation of Learning camp:



*School students study hard for improving their skills in monthly learning camp*

In Dadeldhura, the monthly learning camp was accomplished with the focus on students with weak learning capabilities and challenges to go to school on regular basis. Four local helpers and social workers were involved in organizing the camp in Shiva Shankar Primary School in Samiji, Navadurga Lower Secondary School in Ajaymerru, Bhuwaneswori Lower Secondary School in Ganeshpur and Janata Higher Secondary School in Mastamandu. In

total 60 girls and 33 boys participated to the camps making the total number of participated students 93. To evoke children's opportunity to learn, children were given classes in English, math and science in order to utilize their holidays. After the camp was organized all the students passed the final exam so the camp can be considered as success. The extra support classes will be continued after regular classes.

## Distribution of study materials



*A school girl receives studying materials that Loo Niva is delivering*

Loo Niva Child Concern Group has provided study materials, school uniforms and fees to 100 students from 24 schools in four districts of Dadeldhura and 120 students from 18 schools of three VDCs in

Southern Lalitpur in the fiscal year 2073.

The aim is to support school drop outs and economically backward students to be involved in the academic world.

## Child Safety Audit

Loo Niva started the new project, Child Safety Audit, in June 2016. The project aims to give the children voice to tell about their experiences about safety and unsafety in their living environment. Social Audits, as well as other research projects with children, are meant to be empowering for children and strengthen their position in the society. Workshops in which children can adduce children's perspective about safety questions are organized during June and July with the research team, and the final

report of the audit is planned to be complete in August 2016. The Child Safety Audit can work as a base of children's safety policies and programs and give information about safety actions that are needed especially at the local level. 9/6/206, the friends of Loo Niva participated to the workshop about the Child Safety Audit for finalizing of the concept of the Social Audit and for learning about the research with children including the ethical aspects of it.

## The meeting about education networking



*Collaborative NGOs are solving think how to help children to go to school in Dadeldhura*

In Dadeldhura, The meeting about education networking was compiled by Loo Niva Child Concern with the help of Durga Dutta Bista (the Secretary of District Education Office, Dadeldhura) on 23rd jetha 2073. This program was held interactively in joint co-ordination of organizations that are related to education. In the meeting there were 11 participants including nine male participants and two female participants. The

target of the event was to find out the conditions of school children who are not participating to school as well as to go through collected data about the topic. As the conclusion of the meeting, the suggestion of the partner organization is that there are still 163 students outside the school in the target area. Solving this challenge and helping these children to go to school will be one of the important task of the participated organizations.

## Meeting with school principals in Dadeldhura

Loo Niva Child Concern organized the meeting with school principals in Dadeldhura on jetha 23rd 2073. The purpose of the meeting was to cooperate with schools, to discuss on the current achievements and problems and pre-detail the plan which is going to be provided for the VDC. Ten people participated to the event.



*School principals are deepening the cooperation between schools*

## Reorganization of Child Clubs



*Child clubs are advocating children's rights in Lalitpur and Dadeldhura*

The Reorganization and Orientation Program was organized in Lalitpur and in Dadeldhura. Altogether 43 child clubs have been formed so that 28 of the clubs are in 24 community schools of Dadeldhura and the rest of the clubs are in South-Lalitpur. In total, 820 child were participated in the activities of the

child clubs. During the course of formation of the child clubs, the formation of annual work plan was also completed at the same time with the active participation of children. The annual work plan aims to safeguard children's ownership to the clubs and rights for performing various activities throughout the year.

## Project Community Advisor Meeting

In Dadeldhura, The Project Community Advisor Meeting was implemented under the education plan meeting and it was run by Loo Niva. The time for the meeting was in 20th June 2016 and the meeting took 6 days in total. 19 participants of the meeting aimed to get information on the activities performed by organizations in the 2016 from Jan to Jun and to collect the necessary suggestions for upcoming programs. As the conclusion it can be said that the programs of Loo Niva are very effective but for improving activities even more the good practices and suggestions are extremely valuable.



*Good practices are shared and improved in Dadeldhura*

## Career Orientation Educational Program



*Teenagers received skills that will help them to success in business*

Loo Niva Child Concern conducted the program from March to April 2073 in the field office of Dadeldhura. The participants were school dropout teenagers with the age above 15 years from the schools of 4 VDCs. 31 male teenagers and 12 female teenagers participated to the program. In this program the facilitators of VDCs provided the facilitation to the participants on the topics related to career and helped to answer to the questions like “what is career

oriented skill?”, “why it is necessary?” and “how to make the business plans?” The program targets to direct the participants in the sector of business land to provide to youth skills and knowledge that are useful in their own business. Those teenagers who managed to accomplish an outstanding performance were supported to be carpenters and tailors (in total, 1 male carpenter and 15 female tailors). The orientation program will be proceed with coordination with local organizations.

### **Loo Niva is on Twitter**

Loo Niva is nowadays updating its Twitter account, and for keeping updated what happens in Loo Niva, please follow our Twitter account @Loo\_Niva. Loo Niva is also

updating its Facebook page actively, and for getting the latest news from Loo Niva easily to your social media feed you can like the page Loo Niva Child Concern Group on Facebook.

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