

LOO NIVA ACTION OF THE MONTH

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Research Report Launch: COVID-19 and its impact on school Education in Nepal



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Lalitpur, the research report, “COVID-19 and its impact on school education in Nepal” has been launched publicly by Loo Niva through virtual program. The research was collaboratively conducted with University of Oxford to understand the impact of the COVID-19 in school education. Lead researcher Dr. Uma Pradhan shared the research report in the program. The report sharing program was done virtually with the presence of 72 participants from Ministry of Education, Science and Technology, different education-related educational networks, school head teachers, a representative from the INGOs and NGOs, and students.

The school-going children in the Khokana area, around Loo Niva head office, were the target population of the study. The two data collection methods i) letters by the children and ii) online

survey both were chosen keeping in mind the school closures and the social distancing rules. The research tried to get the experience of children during the school closure, through the letters, and understand the changes after the re-opening of schools, through the survey.

Our study shows that the pandemic has changed the meaning of access to education. With the school closures, many schools are instituting mechanisms for remote learning. This is changing the definition of access to education: access to devices has become a new form of access to education. Unfortunately, this has created different kinds of inequalities. First, not all children have easy access to devices (19%). Second, those who have access to devices also have to share them with family and friends. This has created different kinds of problems and arguments within the family and friends. This needs to be taken into consideration while planning education program.



72 Participants