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# Newsletter

## Word from the Founders

It is our great pleasure to present you with this Christmas newsletter and to have the opportunity to thank all our wonderful partners, supporters and well-wishers so very much for the continued support we've been able to enjoy throughout 2020 despite these terribly challenging times for all.

No person on this earth could have imagined what the impact of COVID-19 would be at the start of this year, but now we all know. We also know how the human can adapt quickly to new circumstances, and we believe that our team at Right4Children has done exactly that which we think you will agree with once you've been through this festive edition of our work in Nepal.

Though we were badly hit with the forced closure of all our child friendly schools, and the FAB Hospitality Training School in order to contain the impact of the pandemic, we still managed to reach out to thousands of needy children and provide them protection and educational services. The government has praised our efforts and copied our models as have other NGOs. Our teams worked throughout the pandemic sometimes from home and sometimes from the office or in our project areas distributing food supplies, education materials and more. As this goes out to you, we are distributing Christmas support packages to over 400 severely hit families, parents and their children. Thanks to World of Children, we are able to provide them with some relief during this festive time but also the coldest period here in the Pokhara slums.

Right4Children has been incredibly resourceful and innovative to deliver real quality services to reduce the pain and crunch so many have had to endure in 2020. We promise all of you one thing – we will continue these efforts and do much more in 2021, but we will need your continued support to do so! We and all our funding partners have been badly hit and our funds are dwindling down at an alarming rate, so please give generously to our causes, in whatever capacity you can.

**Many thanks to all of you lovely people and may we take this opportunity to say –  
We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and above all Healthy and  
Peaceful New Year!**

**Douglas & Insuba Maclagan – Tamang**



## 80 most disadvantaged

families and their children living in Pokhara received food packages and a warm blanket with the support from **WorldofChildren** to give them some relief over the cold days of Christmas and New Year.

## 60 needy youth,

the present and past beneficiaries of FAB school were supplied with relief packages containing food and sanitary items during lock-down.

## 43 young girls,

the beneficiaries of Promoting Young Women in Employment in Pokhara (PYWEP) project received COVID19 emergency relief support (food supplies and COVID-19 safety equipments).



## 9918 students from 70 schools

of Kaski district received a self-learning exercise book to enable them to continue to learn during school closure.

## R4C's Response to COVID-19



## NRs.100,350.00

was donated to Gandaki Province Government to buy 73 PPE sets required for health workers for the prevention, control and treatment of COVID-19.



## 12 beneficiary schools

(6 from 2019 and 6 from 2020) of the Child Friendly School project were provided with COVID-19 safety equipment including face masks, sanitizers, thermal guns and hand wash gel benefitting **2742** students and **200** teachers.

R4C, in partnership with the education department of the Gandaki province, broadcast **math and science classes for the students of grade 9 & 10** through local television channels to support their learning as an alternative to school (distance learning) for **105 days**.

**6** murals were created in different public schools to raise awareness on COVID-19.



**151**

children participated in an online art competition, the theme of which was 'Daily Life during COVID-19'.

**6 Public Service Announcement (PSA)** and 4 animated visuals on COVID-19 awareness were produced and broadcast through local radio stations, televisions and social media platforms.

## Online Art Classes

were conducted to provide opportunities for children when their schools were closed due to lock down in which 16 children participated.

## Further **COVID-19** response plans

- Run supplementary classes for children of urban poor families who have no access to digital technology for online learning and remain deprived from direct classroom learning due to COVID-19 related school closure.
- Continue production and dissemination of COVID-19 related communication materials and media awareness programme.
- Support the preparation of the reopening of CFS project beneficiary schools to resume regular classes and school activities in the coming months.



One of the Participants of trekking guide training

# Promoting Young Women in Employment in Pokhara (PYWEP)



As PYWEP project heads towards its second year, each objective is driven by a focus on safety and new opportunities. The project is supporting young women aged 18 to 24 with tools and skills for economic independence. This is to secure the young women's livelihoods and productivity in the longer term and encouraging a safe working environment in the workplace as well. The PYWEP project is being implemented by R4C in partnership with Plan International Nepal.

As the pandemic has hit all sectors hard, the project is focusing on additional non-traditional careers besides the ones in hospitality and tourism which were our main target sectors last year. The project has added the following new trades/occupation for training from this year onwards: **Light Vehicle Driver, Reception Cum Cashier, Retail and Sales, Early Childhood Facilitator, Computer Repair and Maintenance, Mobile Repair and Maintenance and Security Guard.**



**61**  
young women trained in programmes related to hospitality and tourism sector.

**121**  
employers from different sectors/industries received orientation on gender equality and decent work.

**43**  
young girls and their families benefitted from COVID-19 emergency relief support .

**100**  
young women are currently undergoing a 3-month training programme in various trades.

**70**  
parents received orientation on gender equality at home and community through home visits.



The project is also engaged with local networks and policy makers at different levels to intervene and address the barriers and gaps to decent work and safer work places especially for women.

# Opportunity gave Puja a Hope

Puja BK is 18 years old and lives with her mother and 10 other family members including siblings, their spouses and kids. Her family relies on the earnings of three persons including herself and 2 brothers. Their living condition is very poor which is clearly reflected by their housing, living arrangement and poor access to sanitary facilities.



*Puja and her mother*

Despite the hardship that she and her family are facing, Puja was able to complete her school. Her plan was to study hotel management at post-secondary level but her family could not afford it. Therefore, she enrolled in management course and started supporting herself by working in a store. Somehow, she came to know about the PYWEP project and its training programme. She showed her interest in the training programme, applied for the F&B service course and was selected for it.

She expects to learn necessary skills and knowledge to be able to find a job in the related occupational area. Her future dream is to start her own business. She hopes to support her mother who has been struggling all her life to support her family. Besides, she also wishes to help other young girls like herself for their empowerment.



Group presentation



Trainees on cleaning campaign



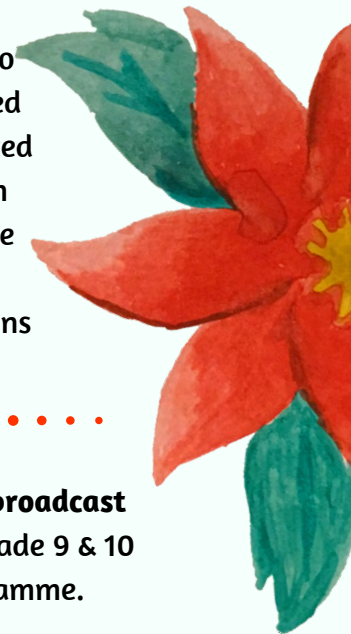
Taking into consideration the COVID-19 context, the project is going to provide safety materials (face mask, sanitizer and hand wash gel) to all trainees in all the five training centers along with separate transportation arrangement. The project will also provide psychosocial counselling service to the trainees to overcome the impact of COVID-19.

# Supporting Children for Continuous learning



The Child Friendly School (CFS) project aims to improve the school environment to make it more attractive and safer for children. Funded by ONGD FNEL Luxembourg and CWSHK, the project supports six needy community schools a year. The COVID-19 pandemic highly affected the child friendly school (CFS) project and its activities. Though six schools were selected for 2020, most of the planned activities for the year were put on hold due to the lockdown and school closure for a long time. However, the project has tried its best to support children to continue to learn through alternative modes.

R4C in partnership with Machhapuchhre Secondary School produced self-learning exercise books for students of all grades from nursery up to grade 10. It was an initiation to help children to continue learning and remaining motivated during the time schools were closed and students were forced to stay home. A total of **9918 students from 70 schools** in Pokhara and the entire district directly benefitted from the distribution of the books. This model proved to be so successful that the local government and other organisations replicated the model.



R4C, in partnership with the education department of Gandaki Province, **broadcast television classes for 105 days** in Mathematics and Science subjects for grade 9 & 10 students to support their education as part of a distant learning programme.



To help schools better prepare for their reopening and to make children and parents feel safe, the project distributed COVID-19 safety equipment including face Mask, sanitizer, thermal gun and hand wash to the 12 project supported schools (6 from 2019 and 6 from 2020) benefitting a total of **2742 students and 200 teachers**.

**46 students from Sewa Milan Basic School** received educational supplies such as school bags & stationery as part of the projects scholarship programme.



School based ICT orientation programme was conducted in 4 schools with the aim of building teachers capacity to use ICT as an important teaching learning tool in classrooms. A total of **67 teachers** participated in the programme. The project also supported necessary ICT tools such as laptop, printer, sound system, battery, Inverter, projector screen, projector, LED TV to the schools.



Within the framework of the project, R4C with support from Chinese International School (CIS)- Hongkong distributed play and sports materials to Saraswati Basic School.



One of the core elements of the project is to help improve the physical environment of the schools. This year due to COVID-19 pandemic, we are able to accomplish only a few of the planned activities such as



**Classroom Improvement**

- classroom paintings in 6 schools
- classroom furniture setup in 4 schools
- floor carpeting in 5 schools

**Others**

- play material setup for children (swing, slide, see-saw, monkey bar) in 6 schools
- electricity supply in 2 school

**Water and Sanitary Hygiene Improvement**

- improved drinking water facility in 1 school
- burning, space and incinerator - 1 school



## Plan for 2021

Unlike in 2019 and 2020, the project will support 10 schools each in 2021 and 2022. In the final year (2023), the project activities will focus on providing follow up support and monitoring of the schools selected in the previous years.

- We will continue to support the same 6 schools selected for 2020 as some planned activities were put on hold.
- We will identify and support 4 new schools and continue to support schools to prepare them to respond to COVID-19.

"Although we had reopened our school following the COVID-19 safety guidelines of the government, we were facing challenges to keep children safe from COVID-19. Now that we have received the safety materials such as sanitizer, face mask, thermal gun and hand wash gel etc. it will be very be useful in preventing the spread of COVID-19 and to reassure that the children come to school on regular basis."

**- Durga Bahadur Rawat, Principle,  
Nispakshya Secondary School, Rivan**



Art Mural at Ratna Shova Secondary School

## COVID-19 awareness through Art

Child Rights through Art project supported by CWSHK and Sovereign Art Foundation -HK completely focused on its activities in raising COVID-19 awareness especially among children this year.

- 3 different online art competitions were conducted to provide children opportunities to be engaged in creative activities during school closure and lockdown when they were confined at home. A total of 208 children participated.



- 6 art murals on COVID-19 awareness were created in different schools in and around Pokhara valley.
- Art orientation classes for secondary level students were conducted for 30 students and 3 focal teachers of Dhurba Secondary School.
- Online Art classes were conducted for 16 children to provide them an opportunity to learn art skills during the school closure.

"It was my first experience taking part in Online Art Competition. I was so excited to participate. I have participated in the art classes so many times in our school through the direct support of Right4Children. From art classes, I learnt basic idea of drawing and coloring techniques. It helped me a lot to enhance my art skills. I am very thankful to Right4children for providing the opportunity."

- Jenisha Rana Magar

(Winner of Inter-School Online Art Competition)






# FAB Hospitality School

*providing skills training and livelihood development opportunities to disadvantaged youth*



FAB School was one of the projects mostly affected by COVID-19. All the training programmes of FAB school were postponed and are on hold till date. However, despite the unfavourable situation, we were able to carry out some activities.



Families of 60 needy youth among the present and past beneficiaries of FAB school were supplied with packages containing food and sanitary items during lock-down when they were having hard times. The programme was supported by ONGD FNEL, Luxembourg and CWS HK.



The construction of the new training building for Spa Therapy and Laundry operation which is funded by Kadoorie Charitable Foundation is in progress. More than 50 percent of the work has been completed.

## *Future Plan*

- The regular programme will resume from the start of 2021.
- The FAB school restaurant and guest house will come into operation in 2021.
- The construction of Spa and laundry continues and the operation of training programmes will be commenced immediately after the completion by mid 2021.

## Merry Christmas

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