



A. Introduction to NCRC

The National Child Rights Council is formed by the federal government under the leadership of the Hon'ble Minister of the Ministry of Women, Children, and Senior Citizens. The council is mandated to carry out the work of protection and promotion of child rights as provided by Section 59 of the Act Related to Children, 2018. The council works to provide policy advice, capacity-building programs, and operates child protection systems (Child Helpline Services 1098 and Child Tracing Services 104) in coordination with all three tiers of the government. The council has the responsibility of coordinating and cooperating with the province and local governments as well as inter-ministerial coordination at the federal level for the protection and promotion of child rights

B. Major Mandate

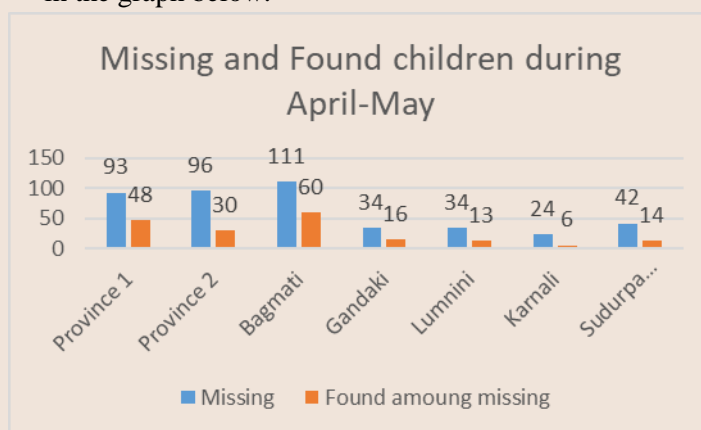
The major mandate of NCRC are as follows:

1. To protect and promote the rights and interests of children,
2. To perform advisory service to the Government of Nepal, the provincial government, and the local level to arrange the necessary policies, laws, plans, programs, and institutional mechanisms for the respect, protection, promotion, and fulfillment of the rights of the children.
3. Facilitate and strengthen the national child protection system and monitor, evaluate and review child-related programs and make suggestions,
4. To develop and enhance the capacity of stakeholders for the protection and promotion of the rights of the child,
5. To search, rescue, protect and manage the children who have been found unaccompanied, missing, and at-risk by cooperating and facilitating the operation and management of Child Tracing Hotline No. 104 and Child Helpline Hotline No. 1098.
6. To conduct other needed programs by mobilizing foreign grant assistance for child protection and promotion of child rights and to conduct targeted programs and campaigns on the basis of national priority,
7. To disseminate and publish child-related awareness messages,
8. To develop, operate, manage and strengthen the national information system related to children and to publish the national status reports on the condition of children and child rights annually.

C. Key Performances of the Month:

Child Protection Activities

1. The council operates National Center for Children at Risk (Hotline 104) in collaboration with Nepal police. The NCCR (104) received 434 (99 boys, 335 girls) missing children complaint across the country during the period of 14th April to 14th May 2021. Among the total complaint received NCCR found and reunited 187 (42 boys, 145 girls) children with their families. The search for 247 (57 boys, 190 girls) children is still ongoing. Among the 3266 (761 boys, 2505 girls) children are in search since July 2020; 1771 (435 boys, 1336 girls) children have been found. The search for 1495 (326 boys, 1169 girls) children is still ongoing. Likewise, NCRC got reported about the 25 (14 boys, 11 girls) unaccompanied children. Among these unaccompanied children, 15 (8 boys, 7 girls) children have been reunited with their families and 10 (4 boys, 6 girl) children have been placed under temporary protection facilities. The details of the missing and found children in the provinces this month are presented in the graph below:



2. During this period, NCRC rescued 3 (boys) street children and placed them under temporary protection facilities. Among the children placed under protection, 6 (3 boys, 3 girls) children have been reunited with their families. In this fiscal year, till the period, 291 (252 boys, 39 girls) children have been rescued from the streets. Among them, 258 (230 boys, 28 girls) children have been placed under institutional protection. And 33 (23 boys, 10 girls) children have been reunited with their families.
3. NCRC operates Child Helpline Service (1098) in collaboration with non-government organizations at 17 locations in Nepal. The Council has been providing

rescue, protection and rehabilitation assistance to the children at risk through these Child Helpline services. During this period, Child Helpline Service rescued a total of 47 (16 boys, 31 girls) children who were victims of violence and abuse. Among the total, 27 (10 boys, 17 girls) children have been reunited with their families. 14 (4 boys, 10 girls) children have been placed in temporary protection service center. And 6 (2 boys, 4 girls) children have been placed in institutional protection facilities. A total of 7488 (2851 boys, 4632 girls) children have been provided services till mid-May of the current Fiscal Year as shown in the table below:

S.N.	Support Provided	Boys	Girls	Total
1.	Health Treatment	134	207	341
2.	Psychosocial Counselling	838	1108	1946
3.	Family Counselling	631	1036	1667
4.	Legal Counselling	93	371	464
5.	Care, safety, and protection	491	711	1202
6.	Educational Support	264	512	776
7.	Child Marriage Prevention	36	159	115
8.	Income Generation Support	16	40	56
9.	Other Support	348	488	836
	Total	2851	4632	7483

4. In this period, the NCRC team monitored 26 Child Care Homes in Bharatpur and Ratnanagar Municipality of Chitwan district. NCRC recorded 640 (305 boys, 335 girls) children are institutionalized in these child care homes. Of those 640 children institutionalized in 26 CCHs, 135 children have lost both the parents, 67 children have father only, 147 have mother only and 273 children have both parents alive. The status of remaining 18 children has not yet been known. Out of the 26 Child Care Homes (CCHs), 9 CCHs have been receiving foreign aid while only 4 CCHs received approval from the Social Welfare Council for utilization of foreign aid. 17 CCHs have been operated with the help of local fundraising. Upon monitoring, NCRC found out that 4 CCHs do not have stable and sustainable economic sources to operate child care homes.

5. On 28th April, 2021, NCRC in coordination with Ministry of Women, Children and Senior Citizen, and Ratnagar Municipality rescued 14 (11 boys and 3 girls) children from 2 CCHs operating against the standard.

The rescued children have placed in temporary protection service center. The Rescue has been successful with the coordination, cooperation of Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Chief Administrative Officer, Deputy Superintendent of Area Police Office, representatives of Women and Children Branch of Ratnanagar Municipality and chairperson and members of the concerned ward office,

6. During this period, NCRC supported 8 (7 boys, 1 girl) children who were in need of special protection. Among them, 4 children are assisted for making birth registration certificate, 1 child is assisted to reunite with his family, and 3 children received educational support.

7. NCRC in coordination with District Police Officer managed to stop a child marriage on 27th April, 2021. 14 years old girl has been rescued from Rautahat district with the assistance of District Police Office Rautahat, local body, Child Helpline 1098, and the locals.

D. Coordination, orientation and capacity building activities

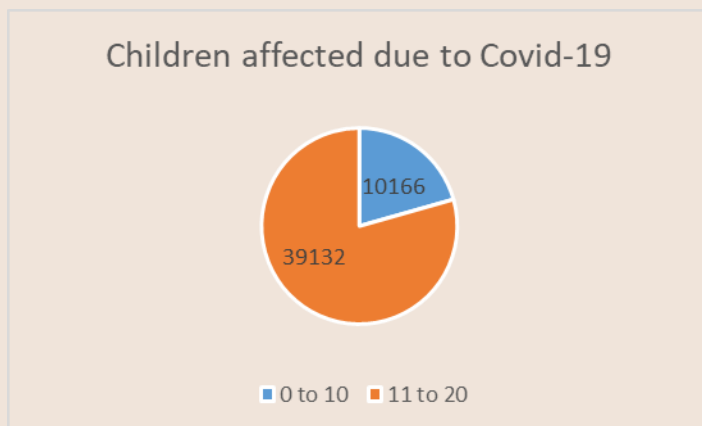
1. NCRC conducted an interaction program on "Coordination and cooperation with the Constitutional Commission in the protection and promotion of child rights" on 23rd April, 2021. Hon'ble minister Ms. Juli Kumari Mahato, Ministry of Women, Children and Senior Citizen and Chairperson of NCRC chaired the program. Honorable Chairpersons and members of the Constitutional Commissions attended the program as distinguished guests. Children as Zone of Peace National Campaign and Plan International Nepal office supported to host the program. 67 (43 male and 21 female) participants including the members, honorable chairpersons, and secretaries of the eight constitutional commissions, members of the NCRC and chairpersons of the network working in the field of children attended the program. The Constitutional Commission expressed their commitment to work from its respective areas by appointing honorable members to look after the issues of children and set up a desk in the commission, regular discussions and coordination with the NCRC and to run national campaigns jointly on children's issues for the protection and promotion of the rights of the child.



2. NCRC conducted trainings on implementation of child rights legal provision at local level. After these trainings, Child Rights Protection and Promotion Procedures have been adopted at 14 local levels in Province No. 1 and at 15 local levels in Karnali Province. Child Rights Committees have been formed at 3 local levels in Province No. 1 and in 15 municipalities in Karnali Province. In addition, child welfare officers have been appointed in 3 local levels in Bagmati, 2 in Province No. 1 and 7 in Karnali.

E. Covid-19 Pandemic Specific Interventions

1. Since the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic, till 14th May, 2021, 39,132 children (adolescents) up to 20 years and 10,166 children (5,970 boys, 4196 girls) up to 10 years of age have been reported infected. The statistics of the affected children are presented in the graph below:

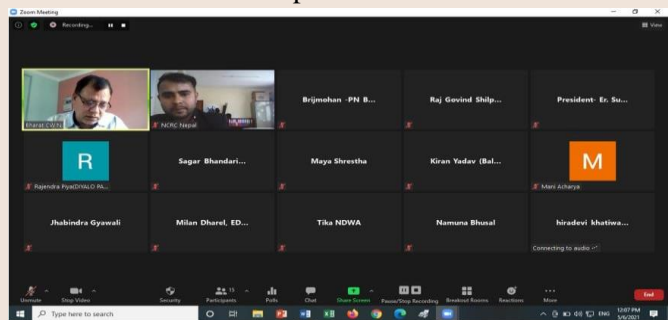


2. NCRC organized a campaign to address the children in need during the pandemic. As a part of the campaign, cooking gas and food support to a CCH in Samakhushi is supported by the council. 17 children residing in the CCH along with all the caretakers have been tested Covid positive. In addition, 12 children from five families have been provided necessary food items.



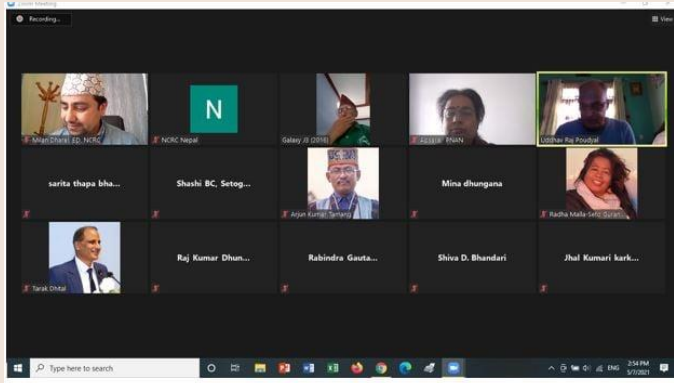
3. NCRC received request to provide food assistance to a family in Budhanilkantha on 11th May, 2021. A long-term sick husband, an HIV-infected woman and a child have not been able to eat since three days. NCRC provided immediate support including cooking gas and food through Kumudini organization.

4. NCRC conducted an online interaction program on "Health security and protection of children during Covid-19 pandemic" on 6th May, 2021. 45 (27 male, 18 female) participants including the heads and representatives of Child Helpline 1098 operating organizations attended the program. The interaction on the topic of arrangements made by the child helpline for the operation of the child helpline, the efforts made for the health protection of the children and the staff of the child helpline, the action plan of the child helpline for the protection of children in the current crisis, and the existing problems and expected cooperation with the council is completed. An action plan for the protection of children has been prepared and implemented in COVID-19, including suggestions received from child helplines.



5. NCRC conducted an online interaction program on "Action plan of the council for the protection of rights of children and immediate response to the crisis of Covid-19 and the role of stakeholders" on 7th May, 2021. Hon'ble Minister Ms. Juli Kumari Mahato, Ministry of Women, Children and Senior Citizen and Chairperson of NCRC chaired the program. 51 participants including the heads and representatives from the civil society organizations and networks working in the field of child rights attended the program and gave their valuable

suggestions. On the same day, interaction program with the members of the expert group of the council on suggestions collected from the civil society organizations and networks and the action plan of the council is completed. The interaction program also collected suggestions from the expert group. The suggestions received for the protection and safety of children from the impact of COVID-19 will be included in the action plan according to the jurisdiction of the council. And coordination and cooperation will be made with the concerned body to address the issues outside the jurisdiction of the council. The council has also requested all to implement the commitment expressed by the concerned stakeholders in the program.

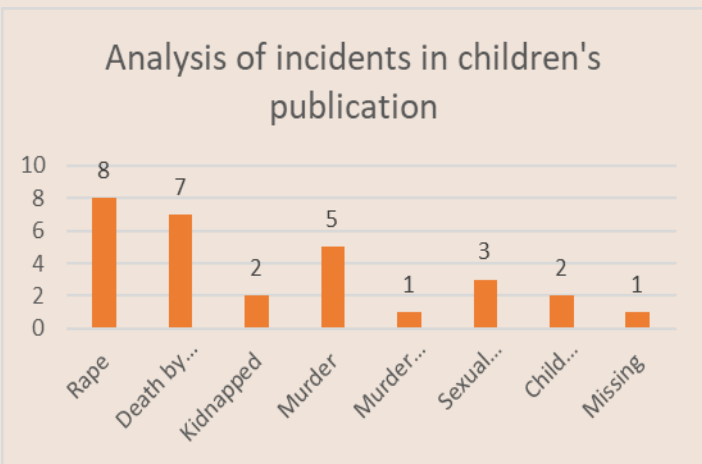


6. NCRC organized an online interaction program on "Child protection and child sensitive services at the Local Level" on 12th, 13th and 14th May, 2021. 102 participants including 97 local level Child Welfare Officers and Women and Children Branch Heads of Karnali Province and Province. 1 and the Head of Social Development Division of the Ministry of Social Development attended the program. The program discussed on the implications of Covid in the areas of children's education, health, protection and participation, the operation of child-sensitive services that may flow at the local level to minimize the impact, information communication, and coordination and cooperation, as well as direct assistance and services from the council. The program also informed about the efforts and preparations made by the local level for the protection of children. And as discussed, commitment has also been expressed for the delivery of child-sensitive services.

7. NCRC organized a discussion program on "Help Desk run by the Child Helpline No. 1098 in Province No. 1 to provide assistance to the children during Covid-19" on 14th May, 2021. 15 representatives from 5 help desks attended the program. Information about the services to be provided by the Child Help Desk is discussed during the program.

F. Information Management and Reporting

1. The children's portal run by the council has updated 29 news related to children published in various media and newspapers. During this period, based on the reports on the violation of child right and risk in various media, the council in coordination with the concerned agencies has facilitated the incident management by coordinating with the concerned bodies including localities, police administration, child helpline 1098, National Center for Children at Risk (104) and labor office. Details in this regard are presented in the graph below.



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