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A. Introduction to NCRC

The National Child Rights Council is formed by the federal government under the chairmanship 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 Children's Act, 2018. The council works to provide policy advice, capacity-building programs, and 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

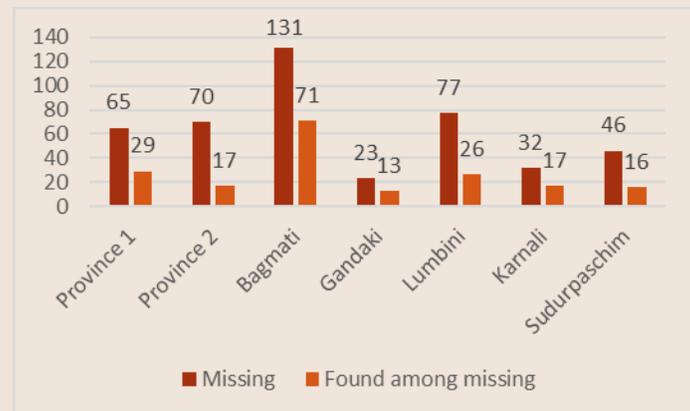
The major mandate of NCRC are as follows:

- 1.To protect and promote the rights and interests of children,
- 2.To make suggestions 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 programs as per the need by mobilizing foreign grant assistance for child protection and promotion of child rights and to conduct targeted programs and campaigns on the basis of 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 444 (135 boys, 309 girls) missing children complaint across the country during the period of 14th March to 13th April 2021. Among the total complaint received NCCR found and reunited 189 (62 boys, 127 girls) children with their families. The search for 255 (73 boys, 182 girls) children is still ongoing. Among the 2832 (662 boys, 2170 girls) children are in search since July 2020; 1513 (364 boys, 1149 girls) children have been found. The search for 1319 (298 boys, 1021 girls) children is still ongoing. Likewise, NCRC got reported about the 18 (14 boys, 4 girls) unaccompanied children. Among these unaccompanied children, 8 (5 boys, 3 girls) children have been reunited with their families and 10 (9 boys, 1 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 37 (27 boys, 10 girls) 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. During this fiscal year, till the period, 288 (249 boys, 39 girls) children have been rescued from the streets. Among them, 249 (221 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, in coordination with the Labor and Employment Office, Bagmati, Jagati Police and Child Helpline 1098 Kathmandu, has rescued two girl child from domestic labor from Budhanilkantha Municipality, Kapan and Suryabinayak Municipality, Ward No. 6, Chundevi. They have been placed in the temporary protection facility. Bagmati Labor and Employment Office has processed the legal prosecution against the employers.

4. NCRC under the leadership of the Hon'ble Minister of Women, Children, and Senior Citizens rescued 2 (1 boy, 1 girl) children from a brick kiln involved in hazardous activities on 15th March, 2021. The team conducting on-site monitoring on the brick kiln operating in Lalitpur and the children have been placed on temporary protection facilities.

5. During this period, NCRC in coordination with NCCR, 53 (45 boys, 8 girls) children who were forcefully involved in selling goods in the roads as well as begging were rescued from Balkhu, Kalanki, New Bus Park, Koteshwor, Gwarkhu, Satdobato, Lagankhel, Gaushala, Nardevi, Indrachowk, Patan, Swayambhu, Jadibuti, Koteshwor and Keshar Mahal. They have been placed in temporary protection facilities. Labor office has started the process to trace the employer and take legal punitive actions against them.

6. 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 81 (34 boys, 47 girls) children who were victims of violence and abuse. Among the total, 47 (19 boys, 28 girls) children have been reunited with their families. 26 (11 boys, 15 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 6712 (2563 boys, 4149 girls) children have been provided services till mid-April of the current Fiscal Year as shown in the table below:

S.N.	Support Provided	Boys	Girls	Total
1.	Health Treatment	120	195	315
2.	Psychosocial Counselling	731	968	1663
3.	Family Counselling	579	933	1506

4.	Legal Counselling	84	335	419
5.	Care, safety, and protection	491	623	1114
6.	Educational Support	260	505	765
7.	Child Marriage Prevention	32	150	182
8.	Income Generation Support	14	38	52
9.	Other Support	252	402	654
	Total	2563	4149	6712

7. In this period, the NCRC team monitored 30 Child Care Homes in various municipalities of Kathmandu and Lalitpur districts. NCRC recorded 850 (380 boys, 470 girls) children are institutionalized in these child care homes. Of those 850 children institutionalized in 30 CCHs, 137 children have lost both the parents, 96 children have father only, 193 have mother only and 396 children have both parents alive. The status of remaining 28 children has not yet been known. Out of the 30 Child Care Homes (CCHs), 20 CCHs have been receiving foreign aid while only 13 CCHs received approval from the Social Welfare Council for utilization of foreign aid. 8 CCHs have been operated with the help of foreign donors. And 2 CCHs have been operated with the help of foreign as well as domestic donors. Upon monitoring, NCRC found out that 4 CCHs do not have stable and sustainable economic sources to operate child care homes. Among the monitored CCHs, 20 CCHs have followed all the standards to operate. NCRC had given direction to 10 CCHs who have not fully complied with the Child Care Home Standards for actions of improvement.

8. During this period, NCRC financially supported 8 (6 boys, 2 girls) children who were in need of special protection. Among them, 4 children were diagnosed with cancer, 1 child is diagnosed with abdomen problem, 1 child had problem in their leg and 2 children received educational support.

D. Coordination, orientation and capacity building activities

1. NCRC under the leadership of the Hon'ble Minister of Women, Children, and Senior Citizens conducted on-site monitoring of a brick Kiln in Lalitpur on 15th

March, 2021. In the presence of Executive Director of the NCRC, the Chief of the Child Protection and Development department of the Ministry, the head of the Bagmati Labor Office, the staff of the council, the head and staff of the NCCR-104 and the representatives of the local media, the monitoring and the rescue is carried out. The chairperson of the council and the honorable minister instructed not to employ children, to meet the minimum safety standards in the structures in the kiln and to take immediate action and improve the process in coordination with the ministry, council, labor office and local level.



2. NCRC in joint coordination with the Ministry of Women, children and senior citizen organized a one day Gandaki province-level interaction program on "Reduction of child labor and implementation of legal provisions for ensuring child rights" on 24th March, 2021. Hon'ble Minister for Women, Children and Senior Citizens, Hon'ble Minister for Social Development and Secretary, Council Members, President of Central DCC Federation of Nepal, President of DCC Federation Gandaki Province, DCC Chief, Deputy Chief and District Coordinating Officer of all districts of Gandaki Province, Mayor/chairpersons, deputy Mayor and vice-chairpersons of all local levels of Kaski District, Gandaki Labor Office, non-governmental organizations working in the field of children, media and other concerned stakeholders attended the program. The program issued a four-point commitment to reduce child labor and ensure child rights in Gandaki province.



3. NCRC facilitated a Workshop on enforcing legal provisions and mandate of Act Related to Children at Local Level on 23rd, 24th and 25th March, 2021. The program informed and sensitized the local government officials about the formation of Child Rights Committee on the procedures related to child protection. Executive members and branch heads including the chairpersons, vice chairpersons and chief administrative officers of Hima Rural Municipality, Sinja Rural Municipality and Kanaka Sundari Rural Municipality of Jumla District attended the program. The participants prepared the working procedure 2020/21 related to the protection and promotion of child rights of all the three rural municipalities. The program decided on to proceed with the process of approving the draft procedure as soon as possible, to set up an immediate children's fund and provide Rs. 40,000 in the account of the established child fund of each municipality on behalf of CAD and Plan International, to establish an immediate children's fund in Hima Rural Municipality by depositing Rs. 6,50,000 and to appoint a child welfare officer along with clear work description.



4. On 30th March, 2021, Hon'ble minister Ms. Juli Kumari Mahato, Ministry of Women, Children and Senior Citizen and Chairperson of NCRC inaugurated the Child Helpline 1098 operated by Aasaman Nepal, a licensed organization under the Government of Nepal, Ministry of Women, Children and Senior Citizen, NCRC in Janakpurdhham of Province 2. DCC Chief, Mayor/Chairperson and Deputy Mayor/Vice Chairperson of the local level of Dhanusha district, Chief District Officer, Chief of Province Police, Chief of District Police Office, Dhanusha, NCRC, Head of Local Level NGO Federation, Head and Representative of Federation of Journalists, Media Personnel, Heads and representatives of the National and International organizations attended the program. The child helpline 1098 can be accessed by Saptari, Siraha, Dhanusha, Mahottari and Sindhuli free of cost. Good wishes are conveyed to Dhanusha to address violence and abuse against children and ensure special protection of children in these districts. The organization is also

expected to play an effective role in addressing incidents related to children.



5. NCRC conducted an orientation program on "The existing legal provisions related to children and the prevailing standards regarding the operation of CCHs" on 1st and 2nd April, 2021. Mr. Sundar Lamichhane, member and Child Care Home Monitoring Sub-Committee coordinator, NCRC chaired the program. 58 members, representatives and employees of 36 CCHs operating in Lalitpur Metro City, Mahalaxmi Municipality, Godawari Municipality of Lalitpur district, Bhaktapur district and Kathmandu district attended the program. The head and representatives of the children branch of the concerned municipality also attended the program as guests. Mr. Sundar Lamichhane addressed the suggestions and queries raised in the program, such as issues of birth, citizenship, uniformity in the monitoring of CCHs and operating permits.



6. NCRC conducted an orientation program on "Child protection incident management" on 4th April, 2021. 18 social workers of temporary protection center in Morang, Sunsari and Jhapa districts attended the program.



7. NCRC facilitated a "District level discussion program on ensuring child rights" in this period. Province 1 and 2 and District Coordination Committee of Saptari, Sarlahi, Dolakha, Mahottari, Sindhupalchowk, Jumla, Solukhumba, Dhanusha, Kavrepalanchak, Makwanpur, Mahottari, Sindhuli, Chitwan, Dhading and Nuwakot district of Bagmati province organized the program. 829 participants including the Chief, Deputy Chief and District Coordinating Officer of DCCs, Mayor / Chairperson, Deputy Mayor / Vice-Chairperson, Chief Administrative Officer of all the local levels and service providers working in the field of child rights of 14 districts attended the program. All the local levels expressed their commitment on the implementation of the Children's Act, 2018, working procedures related to child rights, structure related to child rights, provision of child welfare officer and establishment of child fund in the program.

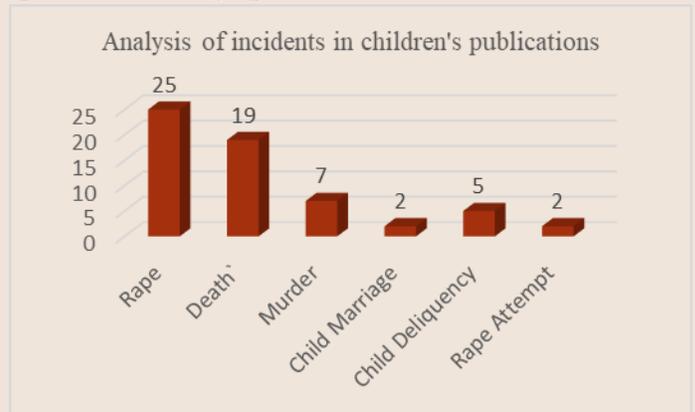
8. 14 local levels in Province No. 1 and 15 local levels in Karnali province have formulated and implemented procedures for the implementation of child rights after the training conducted by the council. Child Rights Committees have been formed at 3 local levels in Province No. 1 and in 15 local levels in Karnali Province. Two child welfare officers have been appointed in Province No. 1 and seven in Karnali Province.



Schedule of District Level Discussion Program of Province No. 1, 2 and Bagmati Province

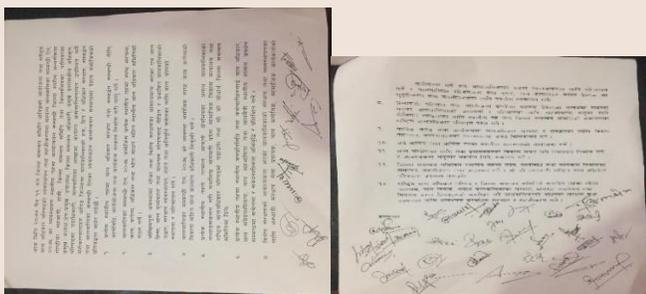
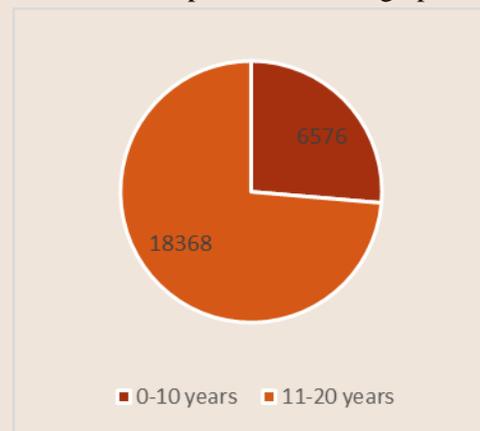
Date	District	Total Participants	Committed Points	Discussed Topic
20 TH March, 2021	Saptari	63	13	829 participants including the Chief, Deputy Chief and District Coordinating Officer of DCCs, Mayor / Chairperson, Deputy Mayor / Vice-Chairperson, Chief Administrative Officer of all the local levels and service providers working in the field of child rights of 14 districts attended the program.
21 st March, 2021	Sarlahi	50	13	
21 st March, 2021	Dolakha	60	12	
22 nd March, 2021	Mahottari	58	13	
22 nd March, 2021	Sindhupalchowk	45	12	
26 th March, 2021	Jumla	48	12	
29 th March, 2021	Solukhumbu	45	5	
31 st March, 2021	Chitwan	52	13	
1 st April, 2021	Dhading	42	13	
4 th April, 2021	Nuwakot	46	13	
7 th April, 2021	Sarlahi	26	13	
7 th April, 2021	Makwanpur	59	13	
8 th April, 2021	Mahottari	38	13	
9 th April, 2021	Sindhuli	77	13	
11 th April, 2021	Dhanusa	42	13	
12 th April, 2021	Dhanusa	44	13	
12 th April, 2021	Kavrepalanchowk	34	13	

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.



F. Covid-19 and Children

1. Since the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic, till 13th April, 2021, 18,368 children (adolescents) up to 20 years and 6,576 children (3,882 boys, 2,694 girls) up to 10 years of age have been affected. The statistics of the affected children are presented in the graph below.



E. Information Management

1. The children's portal run by the council has updated 60 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

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