



# CHOUTARI

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## KEY EVENTS

### Annual Progress Report FY22 Disseminated



World Vision International (WVI) Nepal organised a national-level symposium in Kathmandu on 4 May 2023 to share the best practices and achievements made in collaboration with its partners in the fiscal year 2022 across health, education, protection, livelihood, advocacy, gender, disaster risk reduction, and COVID-19. The event saw the participation of children, community representatives, government, elected representatives, donors, civil society, media, and partner organisations.

An image theater was performed by the children highlighting the programme interventions across 275 wards of 16 districts of Nepal. The event demonstrated the effectiveness of World Vision's strategic interventions to improve the lives of the most vulnerable children and families in rural, semi-urban communities of Nepal.

A panel discussion on nutrition was held during the event where representatives of Madhesh and Sudurpaschim Province government highlighted the issues of nutrition as one of the serious concerns in both provinces. The increasing consumption of junk food, priority shift of the communities to imported food over indigenous food practices was reiterated by Ministry of Agriculture representative. The Joint Secretary of National Planning Commission at the federal level concluded the discussion with priorities of the government, national SDG targets, and how the government has been working to ensure nutrition and food security. The concern on impact of climate change on food security, nutrition and its impact on children was highlighted by all the speakers.



### Dialogue on Women Economic Empowerment



A dialogue on Women Economic Empowerment (WEE) was organised in Dhangadhi on 29th April, 2023 in collaboration with Rural Women Development and Unity Center (RUWDUC).

World Vision defines WEE along four key domains; (1) Economic advancement: to succeed and advance economically by improving women's income generation and employment potential, (2) Access: to have equitable access to economic opportunities, life chances, resources and services, (3) Agency: to have the power to make and act on economic decisions and to translate those choices into desired outcomes, including manageable workloads and improved wellbeing, (4) Equitable systems: To benefit from equitable policies, laws, institutional practices and social norm. The dialogue has formulated an appeal to influence the policy process on WEE. The appeal has been handed over to the Chief Minister's office of Sudurpaschim province. WVI Nepal works in five of the nine districts in the province.

## KEY EVENTS

### 'Stories of Innovation' Podcast Series Launched

World Vision International (WVI) Nepal produced a podcast series - Stories of Innovation to showcase some of the promising innovations in Nepal and beyond. The podcast series was launched through a national-level event on 13 January 2023, in the presence of podcast guests, media personnel, private sectors, members of peer organizations, government, donors, civil society organisations (CSOs), and like-minded organisations.



The podcast series features local and international innovation practitioners, leaders in the area of development and many other well known faces from Nepal and beyond. The core focus of the podcast series is to shed light on developments happening in the areas of humanitarian innovation across the world.

Through the podcast, WVI Nepal aims to position World Vision as a thought leader in the space of humanitarian innovation, private sector collaboration, and social entrepreneurship. Moreover, the organisation has been successful in creating a synergy between various entities working in the space of innovation to come up with unique solutions that will aid humanitarian causes.

### Visits Hosted in WVI Nepal Working Areas



In March 2023, Lightsource and World Vision UK team visited Sarlahi AP where they interacted with children and families from the community about the impact made in their lives through our multisectoral interventions. The team also observed various programme approach including Saving for Transformation (S4T), Positive Deviance (PD) Hearth session where they witnessed how the approaches are catering towards transforming the lives and well-being of children across the areas of health and nutrition, safe motherhood, building resilience, saving for future needs and many more.

WVI Nepal and Urban Programme Office hosted another high-level field visit on 24 April. Jean Baptiste Kamate (including Chief Field Operation Officer), Cherian Thomas (Regional Leader, South Asia Pacific) and National Directors (Nepal, PNG, Timor Leste, Bangladesh, Solomon Island and Philippines) visited Urban AP and Building Resilience with Children in Kathmandu's Brick Kilns (BRiCKK) Project. The objective of the visit was to understand field situation in urban context of Nepal and visualise the transformation in the life of the most vulnerable children.



## KEY EVENTS

The team visited Om Shree Day Care Center in Om Shree Brick Industry in Bungmati, ward-22 Lalitpur. The center engages 40 children (aged 2 to 5 years) during day time when their parents are at work in the industry. In addition to providing protective environment for children in hazardous working areas around Brick Industries, the center provides nutritious food, linkages to health facilities from Government of Nepal, Early Childhood Development session to the children.



### Leveraging Child Participation



The Regional Child Marriage Forum (CMF) was organised in Kathmandu during 17-19 April, 2023. The forum saw the participation of Government delegates, UN representatives, CSOs including NACGs and children from the SAARC region. World Vision has been a part of the CMF since the beginning and led the session on Children and Young People (CAYP) participation. The virtual forum (22nd March) and face-to-face forum (17th April) were organised to formulate the key recommendations for the CMF. The children from WVI Nepal working areas including Kailali, Sarlahi and Kirtipur attended the forum and put forward the recommendations with the Government delegates.

The Regional Child Labour Forum was organised on 15-16 Dec where WVI Nepal together with regional advocacy team engaged on the consultation to finalize the SAARC level regional action plan (RAP) on child labour. The event was attended by the delegates from SAARC countries who engaged actively to give feedback into the regional plan of action. Children from WVI Nepal's programme areas actively engaged in the process.

## SECTORAL UPDATES



### HEALTH AND NUTRITION



#### Improved Child Health

WVI Nepal significantly prioritises work in areas of child health, safer motherhood, child nutrition and maternal health, and supports the government campaign along with Sustainable Development Goal's national indicators to promote community-led total sanitation, enhancement of capability and governance of health institutions.

**3,630**

Children out of 4,668 enrolled in Positive Deviance (PD) Health programme gain adequate weight of 200 grams. Growth monitoring of 15,763 children below five years of age was conducted to ensure that children are well-nourished.

**1,260**

Family members benefit from installation of hand pump and drinking water scheme, which has resulted in instilling handwashing practice and improving community hygiene.

**18**

Health facilities are supported with medical supplies including Blood Pressure measuring device, fetoscopes and delivery beds to improve the service quality of health facilities.

**3,432**

Pregnant and lactating mothers attend social behavior change communication events in the form of street drama. 18 street dramas were exhibited to raise awareness on the importance of safer motherhood, good nutrition, health service utilization and hygiene practices.

SECTORAL UPDATES



**EDUCATION**

4 QUALITY EDUCATION

**Quality, Safe and Inclusive Basic Education is Accessible**

The Education Technical Programme of WVI Nepal concentrates to create a quality learning atmosphere for young children; boost learning outcomes; bolster school safety and systems; advance sanitation and hygiene, and promote child-friendly teaching and learning in schools as per the standards for public education system set by the Government of Nepal.

**8,331**

Children are attending 334 reading camps after their school to improve their reading habits.

**41,497**

Copies of supplementary reading materials distributed to children from grade 1-3

**322**

Teachers trained to conduct teaching learning activities based on Integrated Curriculum.

**8**

School buildings and six toilets constructed, directly benefitting 1,466 children

## SECTORAL UPDATES



### LIVELIHOOD



#### Increased Community Resilience

The developmental initiatives of WVI Nepal support families to bolster their production, income and capabilities to help meet the needs of their children through value chain development, skills enhancement of vulnerable youths, training programmes for usage of innovative technologies and superior farming processes, and support packages for communities to enable them to manage disaster-induced risks.

650

Families supported with livestock husbandry and health care training for animal rearing

387

Producers group formed, out of which 81% are led by women, are collectively selling their products

220

Local Disaster Management Committee (LDMC) received trainings to implement Disaster Risk Reduction actions

10

Community-based climate field schools established to promote knowledge on climate smart agriculture



SECTORAL UPDATES



PROTECTION



**Increased Protection for Vulnerable Groups**

WVI Nepal works to improve both formal and informal community systems dedicated to the protection of women and children, enhance children’s resilience, and minimise harmful practices against children and vulnerable groups.

556

Children benefited through Reporting & Referral mechanism and different other services including psychosocial support.

296

plus peer educators reached through Training of Trainers on Rupantaran and life skill package including protection issues on online safety, case management and referral mechanism

39

Groups of families reached through positive parenting sessions

5

Refresher events on Child-Friendly Local Governance (CFLG) / Training of Trainers conducted for Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) and local government representatives

## GRANTS/PRIVATE NON SPONSORSHIP PROJECTS

### Strengthening Inclusive Education in Nepal (SIKAI)

**202**

Children with Disability supported with different types of assistive devices

**147**

Children with Disability enrolled in school and 55 improved their activity of daily living

### Building Resilience with Children in Kathmandu's Brick Kilns (BRiCKK)

**306**

Children whose family work in brick kiln are provided with educational materials to continue their formal education

**106**

Brick industry workers linked with financial institution for saving to invest in their children

### Livestock for Livelihood

**275**

Households supported with goat sheds for proper maintenance of goat rearing

**30**

Saving for Transformation (S4T) groups formed to build resilience for improved livelihood

### Inclusive Playful Parenting for Brighter Childhood (LEGO)

**30**

Early Child Development (ECD) centers supported with ECD teaching-learning materials and seating arrangement to create playful learning environment

**3,853**

Caregivers/parents received Go Baby Go Playful Parenting sessions

### Community Social Behaviour Change for Improved Reading Outcomes

**230**

Parents/caregivers reached through Public Service Announcement (PSA) campaign to reinforce sustainable reading practices

### Multi-Faith Organisation's Response for Appreciative Learning on Religious (Moral) Values

**10**

Child marriages stopped by faith leaders

**4**

instances of dowry evaded during marriage

## STORIES OF TRANSFORMATION

### Journey towards Inclusion and Empowerment

Niva is a confident young woman, who is not afraid to express her thoughts. Things however, were polar opposite when she developed muscle atrophy (thinning of muscle mass) in her hand when she was four. Her parents took her to Janakpur, Kathmandu and even India to seek treatment, but her condition saw no sign of improvement.

Later, during a screening camp organised by Strengthening Inclusive Education in Nepal (SIKAI) project, Niva was identified with functional limitations. Her attendance started becoming inconsistent as a result of unfavorable treatment she received from her friends. "My friends used to tease me and avoided talking or playing with me which made me upset. I also developed a fear of my teachers because of which I was hesitant to go school", she explained. Consequently, she isolated herself in her house and avoided any social connection.



Things gradually took a positive turn when a Rupantaran class (life-skill training) was started in her community. Initially, she did not meet the age criteria for enrollment. However, the age criteria for children with disability was later revised which allowed her to join Rupantaran classes.

Under the SIKAI project, 15 Rupantaran classes have been conducted fostering the growth of 458 adolescents aged 12-16, including 25 children with disabilities.

In Rupantaran classes, she discovered a sense of acceptance by her fellow members, five of whom became her classmates. She received unwavering support from them and was encouraged to participate in group activities as well. She began participating actively and even started to put forth questions to the facilitator. Now, Niva is an enthusiastic member of Rupantaran. She never hesitates to ask any question. "I remember when we were discussing about discrimination she asked me why we discriminate against Dalits when we all share the same blood and are humans. I was surprised to see her confidence", Depika, a Rupantaran facilitator asserted.

Niva's classmates served as her motivation to boost confidence within her. "My classmates are also in the Rupantaran class, they motivate me to come to school and I enjoy going to school with them. If someone teases me, I report the incident to the teacher", Niva shared. Nowadays, she regularly attends school, is confident and has started socialising with other students. Niva is motivated to advance her studies and aspires to become a bank official in future.

## STORIES OF TRANSFORMATION

### From Crutches to Tunnel

Sagar, aged 28, is a permanent resident of Bajhang district living with his parents, younger brother, wife, and two children. He had been earning breads for his family in India for a long period of time. When he was in Nepal three years ago, he had an accident while working in the field and injured his leg. He had to be on support of crutches.

Although he was the sole earner of his family, his injury did not allow him to work as a labor. With the interruption in regular source of income, the family had a hard time looking after finances. After a year of rest, Sagar could slowly walk as his legs got better but is still humiliated by the community for being physically challenged.

The Nutrition and Resilient Livelihood (NRL) programme of World Vision became a turning point for him and his family. Sagar's family was supported with a plastic tunnel (with the iron frame) and hybrid vegetable seeds (cucumber & tomato) for cultivation under the Agri-input support activity through the project. In addition, he also received trainings on farming off-seasonal vegetables.

For the past three years, Sagar has been cultivating tomatoes in a tunnel house on a portion of his 4 Ropani (2,035 square metre) land. "I earn an average of NPR. 60,000 (USD 456.2) annually through commercial vegetable farming which has helped me in raising my family and providing quality education to my children.", he says.

The NRL project has supported a total of 250 families like Sagar's to enhance their livelihood opportunities and invest in their children's well-being.

Before the project's intervention, Sagar and his family did not get proper nutrition through their diet, which mostly consisted of roti with salt. Since Sagar is producing various seasonal vegetables like cucumber, cabbage, tomato, etc. and having proper meals, his family's, especially children's, nutritional requirements are being met.



With a steady source of income, Sagar is positive about the future of his children. His son and daughter are now admitted in an Early Childhood Development class and class one respectively. Sagar also takes care of his 22-year-old brother's education who is studying in Kathmandu for his higher studies.

Despite having health issues, Sagar never lost his hope of improving his family's living standard and the initiation of the project has supported him in doing so. He is now an inspiration to other people in the community and they too have started farming vegetables.

## PUBLICATIONS



### Annual Progress Report and Impact Video FY22

In FY 2022, World Vision International (WVI) Nepal reached 785,301 individuals including 310,545 children with long-term development programmes being implemented across 16 districts in six provinces of Nepal.

Our Annual Progress Report for fiscal year 2022 shares the best practices and achievements across health, education, protection, livelihood, advocacy, gender, disaster risk reduction, and COVID-19.

Click [here](#) to access our full [Annual Progress Report FY22](#) and watch the [Impact Video](#) for FY22.

### National Director's Interview on The Himalayan Times

In her recent interview with The Himalayan Times, our National Director Roslyn H. Gabriel shares how World Vision is working in collaboration with the government for the well-being of children in her recent interview.

Click [here](#) to read [the full interview](#)

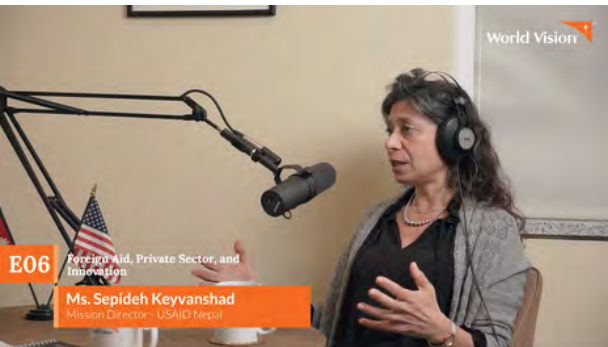


### BRiCKK Project Impact Video

World Vision International Nepal has been implementing Building Resilience with Children in Kathmandu's Brick Kilns (BRiCKK) for five years which works across 12 brick industries of the Kathmandu Valley. The project focuses on the neighborhood of brick industries and works for the protection, education, and livelihood of seasonally migrated children and their families.

[Watch how we are working to end child labour through the project.](#)

## PUBLICATIONS



### 'Stories of Innovation' Podcast

World Vision International Nepal produced a podcast series called "Stories of Innovation" to showcase some of the promising innovations in Nepal - as innovation has expanded beyond the Silicon Valley and there are so many powerful stories to be told by the local leaders in the space of innovation.

The podcast series has 11 episodes. [Tap here to watch.](#)

### Story: The World Through Saloni's Eyes

When Saloni was seven years old, her love for studies did not advance smoothly as her eyes began developing a defect that remained untreated for years.

To know about Saloni and her story, [click here](#)



### PIPER Project Video

The PIPER project aims to enhance eco-friendly learning environment for children by adopting innovative approaches to convert plastics into products.

The project educates children about different types of plastics and the consequences it has on the environment and humankind.

Watch the [project video](#)

### MORAL Values Project Videos

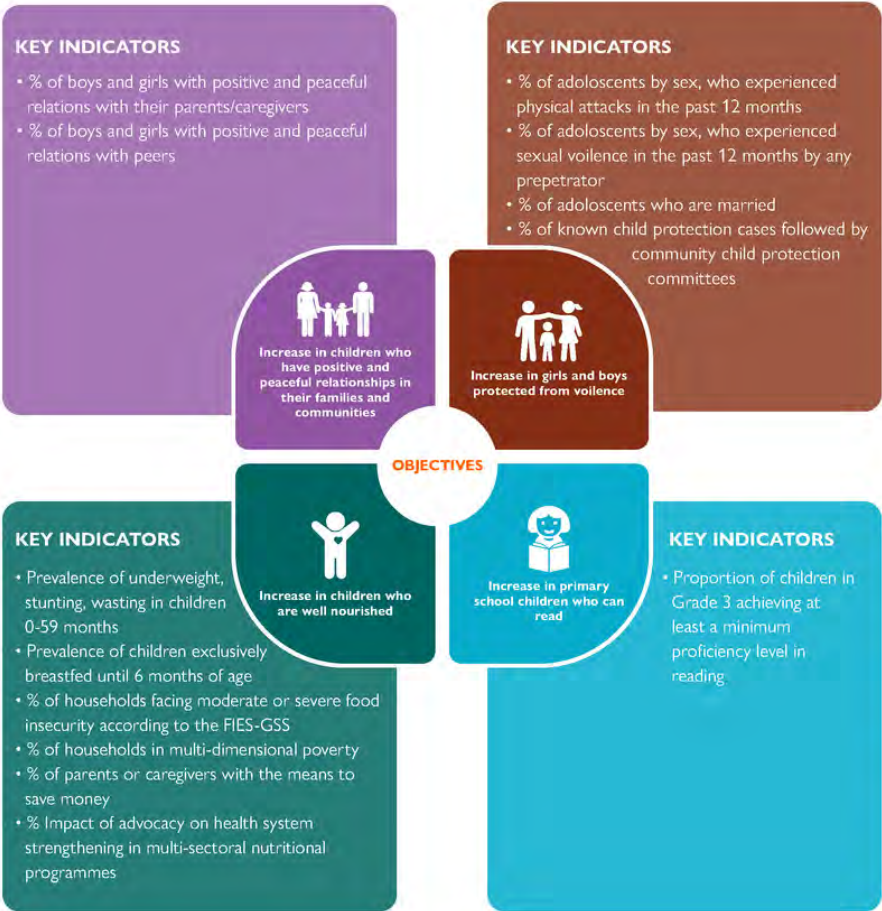
World Vision believes in positive relationships with and between interfaith leaders at the local, regional, and global levels to encourage mutual understanding, mid-set, and promotion of shared action for the well-being of the children.

[Watch the videos](#) about the inter-faith leaders' engagement on ending harmful traditional practices in communities.



# WORLD VISION INTERNATIONAL NEPAL'S COUNTRY STRATEGY 2021-2025

**STRATEGIC GOAL** TO IMPROVE THE WELL-BEING OF 0.8 MILLION CHILDREN, IN PARTICULAR THE MOST VULNERABLE ONES.



**NATIONAL PRIORITIES**

- Development and full utilisation of human capital potentials
- High and sustainable production and productivity
- Well-being and decent standard of living healthy and balanced ecology
- Secured
- Civilized and just society and
- Good governance

**SDGs**

Goals are

1. No Poverty	2. Zero Hunger
3. Good Health & Well-being	4. Quality Education
5. Gender Equality	6. Clean Water & Sanitation
16. Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions	17. Partnerships for the Goals

**1 BUDGET**

USD **60-76 million** (target)

**2 THEMATIC AREAS**

EDUCATION	PROTECTION
RESILIENCE/DDR	HEALTH/ NUTRITION
LIVELIHOODS	POLICY/ ADVOCACY

**3 AREAS**

**16** DISTRICTS **22** AREAS PROGRAMMES

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- सम्य समाज
- सुशासन

**दिगो विकास लक्ष्यहरू**

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