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## **Continued Efforts towards Making Communities Child-friendly**





Children and communities celebrate CFLG declaration in Ward 7 of Kirtipur Municipality (left) and Ward 2 of Besisahar Municipality (right)

World Vision International (WVI) Nepal has worked alongside five wards across different districts of Nepal for Child-friendly Local Governance (CFLG) declaration. Between 20 June and 15 September 2023, Ward 1 of Udayapurgadi Rural Municipality (Udayapur), Ward 7 of Kirtipur Municipality (Kathmandu), Ward 5 of Tinpatan Rural Municipality (Sindhuli), Ward 2 and 10 of Besishahar Municipality (Lamjung) were declared CFLG ward after fulfilling all 51 indicators. These indicators are drafted ensuring that every child enjoy their life in all its fullness and progress their rights within the governance framework. WVI Nepal together with its partner NGOs and community groups including child clubs has been continuously engaged with the local governments with a constant effort to ensure all four pillars of child rights.



Likewise. Ward 3 of Chandragiri municipality in Kathmandu has been declared as a child labour-free ward on 21 September, 2023 aligning with Local Action Plan and National Master Plan (NMP) on Elimination of Child labour. The initiative of declaration is supported by WVI Nepal's Building Resilience with Children in Kathmandu's Brick Kilns (BRiCKK) project.

Children hold placards on child rights issue during child labour-free declaration in Chandragiri Municipality-3

#### Initiatives to Combat Hunger and Malnutrition

Inagurating the ENOUGH campaign in Nepal, a solidarity event was held in Janakpurdham on 16 October, 2023 coinciding with World Food Day 2023 where WVI Nepal collaborated with Directorate of Agriculture and Ministry of Land Management, Agriculture and Cooperative for the event. The vice chair of Province Policy and Planning Commission highlighted the food and nutrition landscape in Madhesh province, stressing the need for collaborative action among different agencies to tackle the issues of hunger and malnutrition in the province. WVI Nepal echoed the ENOUGH campaign pledging support to the A representative of Planning Commission in Government's efforts in addressing malnutrition and hunger.



Madhesh Province share on malnutrition issues in the province





127 experts and activists in policy making came together for a Roundtable Dialogue on Nutrition in Madhesh province on 24 July, 2023. Participants from diverse backgrounds ranging from health and population to physical infrastructure actively contributed in sharing innovative ideas and insights on nutrition. This collaborative effort culminated in the formulation of the Janakpur declaration, a commitment endorsed by all the participating dignitaries through their signatures. Chief Minister Honorable Saroj Kumar Yadav pledged that the Provincial Government of Madhesh Province is committed to implement the program outcomes to enchance nutrition activities. He emphasized on the seamless coordination among all relevant authorities for the successful execution of programs aimed at addressing malnutrition.



Participants attending the Regional Workshop on ENOUGH Campaign

WVI Nepal participated in the regional workshop organised by WV South Asia Pacific Office (SAPO) in Colombo, Sri Lanka between 20-22 September. During the workshop, representatives from Nepal, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Philippines and Indonesia shared the prevailing challenges of hunger and malnutrition in their respective countries and also developed a draft theory of change. The regional design workshop not only aligned with the global campaign but also offered insights or contextualizing the campaign within the countries.



Nepal Youth Entrepreneurship Summit being held themed on Youth Innovation, Investment and Growth

#### **Empowering Youth Innnovation**

In a collaborative effort, WVI Nepal and National Youth Council/Nepal Business Institute organised the third Nepal Youth Entrepreneurship Summit in Kathmandu on 16 September, 2023. Drawing participation from approximately 400 youth spanning 60 districts, the summit themed on "Youth Innovation: Investment and Growth" sought to inspire young entrepreneurs, address government policy challenges, foster experience sharing and networking, and delve into the realm of youth entrepreneurship.

The summit featured diverse initiatives, including startup narratives, panel discussions, group forums, networking sessions, award ceremonies showcasing presentations from successful young entrepreneurs, an industrial fair, and demonstrations of innovative work. Concluding on a high note, the event advocated for the establishment of a dedicated idea bank to invest in the innovative thinking of the youth.





# Nurturing Literacy through Innovative Approach



Local Tharu-language books launched in Kanchanpur (left), Cover of Rana Tharu Books (right)

A series of 15 story books have been developed and published in local Tharu language. The books were formally launched in an event in Kanchanpur, Sudurpaschim Province on 4 September 2023. These books include story books, pictorial books, and decodables, all tailored to meet the developmental needs of early graders. Notably, these teaching-learning materials represent the first of their kind in Nepal, specifically crafted for the Tharu community. Through the book, World Vision aims to promote effective and quality learning among the primary-level students of the Tharu community.

Local curriculum and work book for grade 1-8 students has been developed by Krishnapur Municipality with financial support from World Vision International. A collaborative effort has seen 61 schools in this Palika receiving these essential educational resources. Similarly, curriculum and workbook for grade 6-8 have been developed by Jay Prithvi Municipality and Kedarsyu Rural Municipality of Bajhang. This initiative has significantly benefited students and teachers in 61 (48 government, 13 boarding) and 53 (56 government, 2 boarding) schools respectively, further amplifying the impact of this support.



Children leading the Storytelling Campaign in Doti

Marking the International Day of Literacy, a week-long Story Telling Campaign was conducted in Doti district to cultivate reading habit among children. Twenty-five trained Registered Children actively participated, learning and subsequently facilitating storytelling techniques at the community level. These trained Registered Children conducted engaging storytelling sessions in 25 different communities, reaching a total of 625 children through this impactful campaign.







#### **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.

# 12,272

Children aged 0-59 months were directly benefited from Growth monitoring and Promotion (GMP) in Udayapur, Mahottari and Rautahat districts. Of the total 7,891 identified malnourished children, 7478 underweight children (boys-1893 and girls-2112) were enrolled in the Positive Deviance (PD) Hearth Session.

# 2,586

Individuals were provided with access to clean and safe drinking water with the installation of 396 handpumps in Mahottari, Sarlahi and Rautahat. 285 households and three schools were benefited from the construction of 10 small-scaled Drinking Water Supply Scheme (DWSS) in Udayapur and Sindhuli.

# 6,105

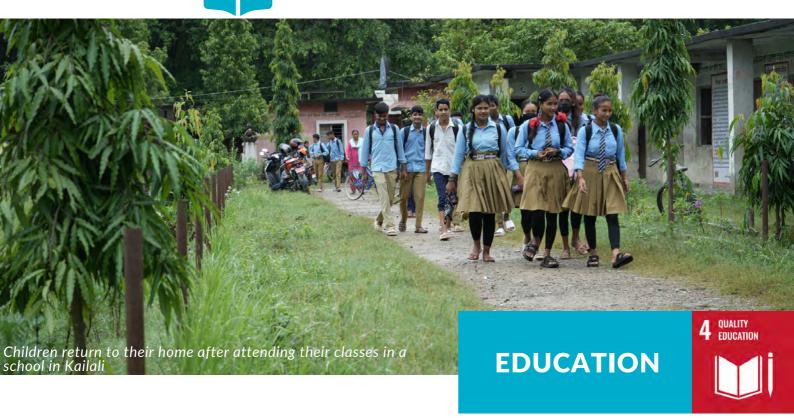
Pregnant/lactating women and family members were directly benefited from breastfeeding week (1-7 August) initiatives including street drama, video messages on breastfeeding, institutional delivery, WASH practices, dietary diversity. Digital media campaign across WVI Nepal's social media channels was also conducted to mark breastfeeding week.

# 25

Health facilities were supported with medical supplies including delivery bed, Compressor Nebulizer, BP Set, ANC bed, stretcher to strengthen and support the quality of health service delivery.







#### 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.

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Teachers (Male- 150, Female- 87) were trained on inclusive education and printrich materials development training to improve teaching practices in classrooms.

7,014

Caregivers of 334 reading camps were supported to improve reading habits of the children and promote learning environment at their home.

49

2500

Early Childhood Education and Development (ECED) teachers were trained on ECED curriculum and minimum standards in Kanchanpur, Dailekh and Jajarkot to advance children on improved learning trajectories, making them more resilient and productive.

Households in Kanchanpur were provided with Rana Tharu story books to promote reading habits of early grade children.



# SECTORAL UPDATES



#### **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.

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Households were supported with business training and support to start and strengthen their business.

5500

Members (86% women) were empowered and practiced saving behavior including Household income and expenditure management through 278 Savings for Transformation (S4T) groups.

337

Ultra Poor Households were transitioned out of poverty through interventions aimed at Ultra-Poor Graduation (UPG).

266

Farmers were benefitted with climate field schools learning about climate change and effective adaptation practices. 209 people received training on developing community conservation plans and climate-smart agriculture





# SECTORAL UPDATES



## **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.

32

Rupantaran facilitators and participants were capacitated through child parliamentary practice. Participants in the training discussed on gender-based violence, theory-based education system, child labor, and child marriage, the information which they will carry forward to advocate for children's issues

535

Citizen Voice and Action (CVA) group members belonging to 49 schools were oriented on Priorities Minimum Enabling Condition (PMEC) orientation has been organized to build the capacity for advocacy with local government to fulfill the basic needs of schools.

# 572

Children, among whom 302 are girls, were capacitated on life and protective skills training through 20 Rupantaran sessions

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# **GRANTS/PRIVATE NON SPONSORSHIP PROJECTS**

Strengthening Inclusive Education in Nepal (SIKAI)

#### 69

Children with Disability (girls-36 and boys-33) supported with different types of assistive devices

# 480

Reading Awareness Workshop (RAW) session organized for Parents of Grade 1 to 3 children to enhance learning environment at home and community.

#### Community Based Disaster Risk Reduction (CBDRR)

Local Disaster Management Committee (LDMC) members of two districts trained on Disaster Risk Reduction and Core Humanitarian Standard training

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#### 8

Climate field school (CFS) facilitators were trained on CFS process, procedures and project targets

> Accelerating Nepal Reading through EdTech Apps & Digital Stories (Nepal READS)

# 15

Caregiving sessions conducted in 42 learning camps of two municipalities in Kailali district to increase foundational literacy and children's reading practices at home and in the community

#### SAMANA

# 40

Adolescents received 10-day Rupantaran life and protective skills Training of Trainers to conduct regular sessions at communities

# 13

Parents were trained on positive parenting and discipline training and equipped for delivering positive parenting message to children in communities

> Inclusive Playful Parenting for Brighter Childhood (IPP4BC)

# 11

Early Childhood Development (ECD) centres repaired along with WASH facilities (Rautahat-7 and Mahottari-4)

# 35

ECD centres of 15 schools supported with sitting arrangement materials including carper, p-foam, yoga mat, low table for creating an inclusive learning environment

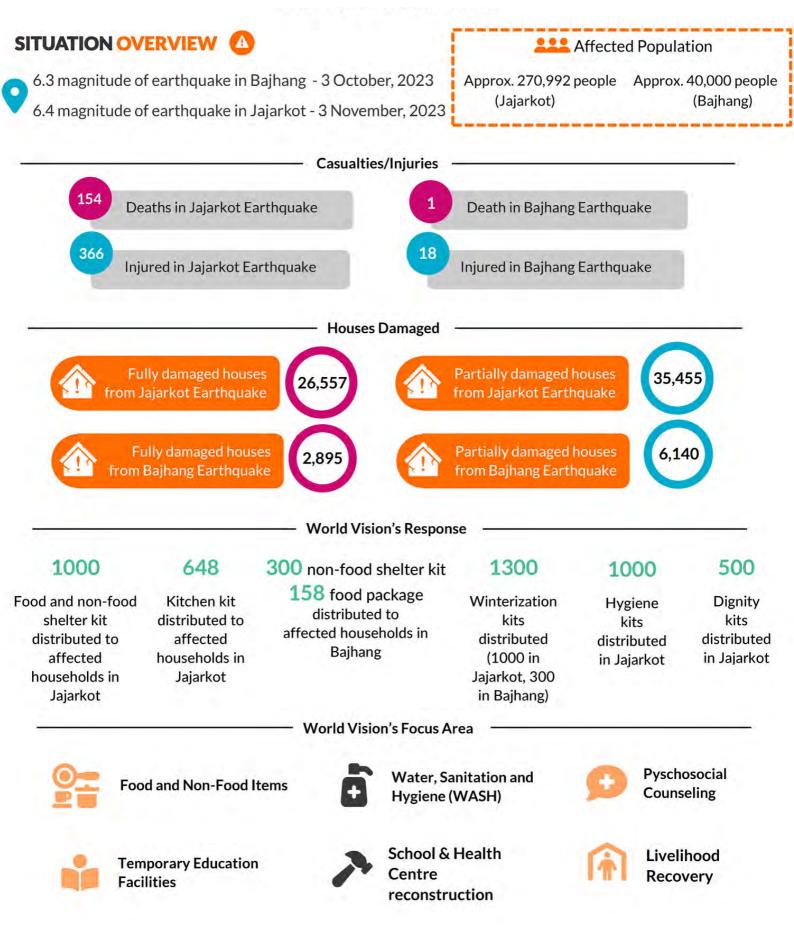
> Multi-Faith Organisation's Response for Appreciative Learning on Religious (Moral) Values

# 266

Children successfully enrolled in different community schools, boarding schools, and other Madarsas with the support of Inter-faith leaders



# • WEST NEPAL EARTHQUAKE RESPONSE





# **STORIES OF TRANSFORMATION**

#### **Road to Bravery and Success**

I am Asmita, a 14-year-old living in Achham. I study in class 10 and live with my family of five. Our primary source of income comes from traditional farming. Our family's modest piece of land barely yields enough to sustain us throughout the year.

Amid these surrounding, I used to have an extremely shy personality, hesitatant to speak in front of elders and reluctant to ask questions in the class. Also, my family's financial constraints made it difficult for me to access basic education supplies. This led to a steep decline in my confidence since my assumption of others perceiving me as poor got the best of me.



Asmita (in yellow suit) assisting her friends in their studies

However, a turning point came in my life when I became registered with World Vision International (WVI) Nepal's Sponsorship Programme at the age of seven. This provided me with opportunities to participate in various awareness-raising events organised by WVI Nepal. I also became a member of Rupantaran (a life skills group) which played a significant role in transforming me into a more positive individual. These sessions equipped me with the ability to prioritise my needs, be aware of harmful social issues including those affecting children and develop leadership skills.



Asmita (standing in green shawl) facilitate Rupantaran session to adolescent girls and boys

With my newfound confidence, I began organising community awareness events, participating in school extracurricular activities, assisting my siblings with their studies and helping my parents with household chores. I also shared the knowledge gained from Rupantaran Classes with my friends.

My dedication towards education improved, resulting in regular school attendance and significant progress in my studies. A moment of immense pride for me was when a local NGO recognised my leadership abilities and appointed me as a peer educator to facilitate their Rupantaran classes. I now work as a peer educator in the NGO's Rupantaran sessions in my community, where I am known for my talents and dynamic personality. This opportunity not only allowed me to contribute to my community but also earn some income to manage my educational expenses independently.

I feel that my journey has been unstoppable towards success and there has been no turning back since then.

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# **STORIES OF TRANSFORMATION**

#### Nurturing Health and Hope in the Community

52-month-old Riya resides in a small hut with her family of seven. Their modest existence relies solely on her father's labor, which falls short of meeting their basic needs. The family's financial struggles resulted in Riya's malnutrition, evident in her frailty and a weight far below the norm for her age.

A visit to a health center diagnosed Riya as severely malnourished at 50 months, weighing a mere 9.5 kgs. Malnutrition not only impacted her weight but also led to a reduced appetite, making her more susceptible to infections. "I felt so sad, and I didn't know what was happening to my daughter," Riya's mother recalls. Additionally, poor personal hygiene and sanitation contributed to diarrhoea.

Recognizing the dire situation, Riya was registered with World Vision International (WVI) Nepal's Sponsorship Programme. A growth monitoring volunteer identified Riya's malnutrition at 52 months, weighing 9.7 kgs. Faced with this distressing reality, Riya's mother enrolled herself and her daughter in Positive Deviance (PD) Hearth session.

The PD Hearth session proved transformative as Riya's mother gained valuable insights into preparing affordable and nutritious meals at home. She discovered that the required ingredients were readily available in their locality. Further enhancing their capabilities, Riya's mother participated in a kitchen gardening training. This empowered her to cultivate fruits and vegetables in their small garden, ensuring a fresh and local supply for the family. The positive outcomes were evident as Riya gained 600 grams after the initial 12-day PD Hearth session and an additional 800 grams after 28 days.



Riya's mother along with other PD Hearth participants learn about kitchen gardening

Continuing the PD food regimen at home, Riya's mother witnessed a reduction in Riya's illnesses. The malnutrition diagnosis gradually improved from severe to moderate and eventually to light. Riya's appetite improved, and she adopted proper handwashing techniques, contributing to her overall wellbeing. "I feel so much better and calmer now that my daughter is getting healthier", says Riya's mother.

Positive Deviance (PD) Hearth, a behaviour change programme, consists of 10 to 12-day practical education session called 'Hearth' led by a trained volunteer, where mothers of malnourished children learn the importance of and process to prepare super flour (nutritious food made from local grains), *poshilo jaulo* (rice and pulse mixed with vegetables or even meat).

Beyond Riya's individual progress, the programme success resonated within the community. Families inspired by Riya's transformation sought to replicate the success in neighboring communities.



# WVI NEPAL PUBLICATIONS



#### **Stories of Change: A Global Podcast**

WVI Nepal has supported World Vision's global advocacy and engagement team with the podcast 'Stories of Change: It Takes a World'. With an aim to amplify the achievements made through the global campaign, the podcast aimed to leverage the medium for collecting powerful stories related to children's issues from various countries globally.

The Stories of Change has seven episodes that highlights the achievements, learnings and progress made on It Takes A World to End Violence Against Children campaign from seven countries across the globe. The podcasts are available across WVI Nepal's <u>YouTube</u>, <u>Spotify</u>, <u>Apple Podcast</u> and <u>Google Podcast</u>.



#### A Video on Jajarkot Earthquake

Since the devastating earthquake of 6.3 rattled Jajarkot, five-year-old Nirusha and her family have been living in a makeshift tent outside their damaged home. The earthquake inflicted severe damages to her home making it impossible for her and her family to reside indoor. All of Nirusha's belongings are trapped inside, including her school books and school uniforms.

Click here to watch the video



# WVI NEPAL PUBLICATIONS



#### **BRiCKK Project Factsheet**

Building Resilience with Children in Kathmandu's Brick Kiln (BRiCKK) is a five years project being implemented across 12 brick industries of Kathmandu Valley. The project aims to protect children and families from hazardous labour, and ensure decent, viable livelihoods for their families.

Click here to know more about the project



**Bibha - The Child Advocate against Child Marriage** 

Bibha is one of the Rupantaran participants who stopped her own marriage before the age of 20 and now actively advocates against child marriage in her society through various activities like home visits and counseling, street dramas and peer education. Watch her transformational journey



# WVI NEPAL PUBLICATIONS



#### **GESI** Publications

The <u>Gender Equality and Social Inclusion (GESI) flyer</u> aims to inform the readers how Gender Equality and Social Inclusion along with Disability Inclusion can be achieved to its full potential and how it is currently being practiced in World Vision International Nepal.

Likewise, the <u>(GESI) Annual Briefing Paper 2023</u> highlights the current policies, provisions, organizational culture and integration status of GESI as an integral part of WVI Nepal in its programming and partnership.



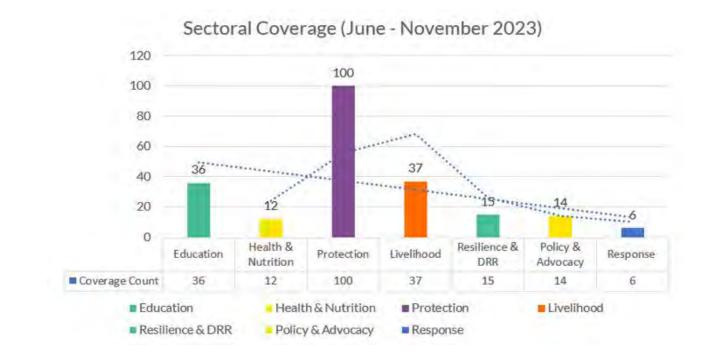
#### **PIPER Project: Impact Video**

Introduced with an aim to enhance eco-friendly learning environment for children, the Plastic Insulating Polyfloss for Economic Roofing (PIPER) project adopts 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.

Tap here to <u>watch the full impact video</u>



#### WORLD VISION INTERNATIONAL NEPAL IN THE MEDIA



Between June and November 2023, WVI Nepal recorded a total of 253 hits in the media which featured the interventions of WVI Nepal including in the local, national and international media. In terms of WVI Nepal sectoral coverage, Protection (100) had the highest number of media coverage followed by Livelihood (37) and Education (36).

WVI Nepal considers media as its partner and works closely with various local and national journalists and media houses through strategic engagements. Journalists are invited to WVI Nepal's events at the community, province as well and federal levels in different roles to advocate on the issues concerning children.

WVIN has been collaborating with all three tiers of govt in the sphere of child welfare • Face-To-Face



## Child Friendly Local Governance: A Road To Child Well-Being

The Child-Friendly Local Governance (CFLG) as expressed in the National Framework, i provide overall guidance to the government in realizing and mainstreaming the rights o children (Survival, Development, Protection, and Participation) into the local governmen system, structure, policies and process"(MOLD, 2007). By Shyam Adilkari & Pramil Adhikari / Aug. 19, 2023, 3:15 p.m.

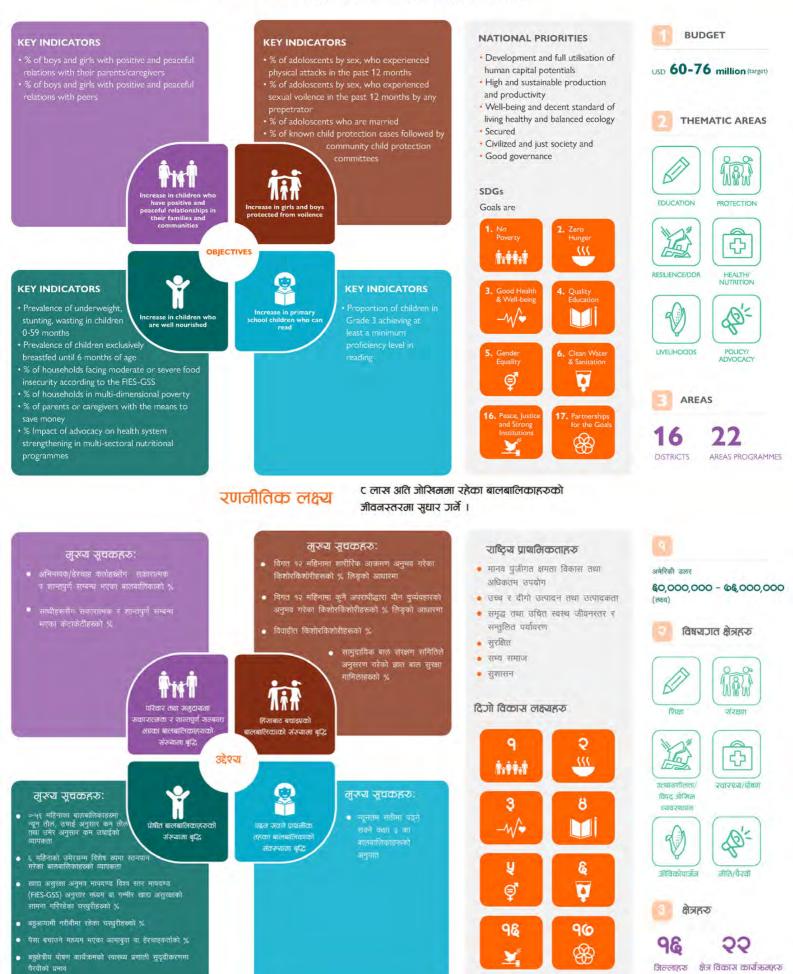
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# WORLD VISION INTERNATIONAL NEPAL'S COUNTRY STRATEGY 2021-2025

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



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A child selects a story book from a reading corner. The Inclusive Playful Parenting for a Brighter Childhood (IPP4BC) project is aimed at establishing enhanced, inclusive, playful caregiving practices and home learning environment

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World Vision International Nepal's programmes contribute to the following SDGs:

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