



Youth Sponsorship Program (YSP) Annual Report 2020

1. Description:

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1.1. Introduction

The global COVID-19 pandemic has led to unprecedented levels of disruption to education, impacting over 90% of the world's student population: 1.54 billion children. The first case of COVID-19 was formally identified on January 25, 2020 in Nepal. Then after the Nepal government closed all educational institutions and till this date it is closed. As of the second week of May 2020, UNESCO (2020) estimates that nearly nine million (8,796,624) students in Nepal are affected due to school/university closures in response to the pandemic. Out of this number, 958,127 (11%) are in pre-primary, 2,466,570 (28%) are in primary, 3,463,763 (39%) are in secondary and 404,718 (5%) are in tertiary education.

Because of the compulsory closure of schools and universities for a considerable period of time, the education system has changed dramatically, with the distinctive rise of e-learning whereby teaching and learning is undertaken remotely and on digital platforms. However, there are many challenges around equitable access to e-learning. Many educational institutions started to teach their students online due to lack of access and lockdown, many Nepalese face economic crises, many people lose their job for that reason it brings stress in a family with loads of internet costs. For targeting this group

Nepal government boosts inexpensive tools where families easily afford and make their children's education continue through radio and television its broadcast the educational program for those students who do not have access to the internet and online education.

The number of infected people is increasing day by day. But many educational institutes have started to teach in physically presence of students and teachers. All the schools and colleges are following the "**School Opening Framework - 2020**" prepared by Nepal Government. They are adopting all the criteria declared by that framework. Recently, students from grade 11 and 12 attend in their final exams.

1.2. Beneficiaries:

Direct: Youth 6 (F-3, M-3) from sponsorship program and 25 youths (19 female and 6 male) were participated on one day motivational workshop for youth during covid-19.

Indirect: 6 Families and whole committee of ESP youth forum (forum created by Loo Niva).

2. Activity progress:

2.1. Key achievement

- 6 college level students have continued their education after having support from YSP project.
- 25 youths are equipped to motivate self for adjust in adverse situation and move on with new normal of covid-19. The participants were motivated to deal with the stress and adjust with new during this pandemic situation through this workshop.

2.2. Good practises

- It motivated the students through motivational program and scholarship.
- It has continued its support to 6 youth students and all are giving continuity their study.
- The program helped to reduce the stress level of youths during COVID-19. The program focuses on education and career. Most of the youth students are losing their hope and confident after during this pandemic period. By analysing their problem, the project initiated a one-day motivational workshop for youths. The

program purely focuses the youths and their psychological issues. The program was more practical and useful to motivate the youth who lost their hope and confident. It motivated the youths and helped to solve their problem along with the strategies for moving ahead with graving the opportunities behind their problems.

2.3. Activities in details

2.3.1. Education support:

The project has provided education support to 6 youth students of college level in 2020. All the students are continuing their study. All the students are taking virtual classes due to this pandemic situation created by COVID-19. Two students have just completed their Master's Degree this year and other students are studying in Bachelor's Degree. Brief description of all 6 students is given in below:

HESP.001 ALKA

Recently, Alka has joined in master degree in Business Study. She is continuing her job in one Micro Finance as well as her study. She is in worry about the loan that she took from finance for making temporary shelter in previous year. She is not able to reduce that loan amount due to the low income of her family.

She said "I am always thankful to Loo Niva and sponsor for supporting my study. With the grace of God, all my family members are safe from this Corona Virus till this date. Her mother loses her job due to economic crisis created by covid-19. Her college started online classes due to this pandemic situation. So, they are facing financial problem to manage internet and other necessary electronic equipment to join online class. In other side, it has also created problem to manage daily stuffs in their house. Somehow, she is feeling happy because she is joining her online classes by taking support from her neighbour in this time.

She is happy with this scholarship program. Encouragement programs which is being conducted through this program is also giving smile in her face and providing skills on solving problems and cope with stress.

HESP. 002 ALBINA

Albina is studying CA (Charter Account) and BBS (bachelor in the business study) both in same time. She said this study is essential for CA course.

She said" It takes four and a half years' time to complete CA course. At the same time, she will carry her BBS course as well. So, they need to invest large amount of money to complete her all-academic course.

Her mother and other siblings are happy with her study and plan. But they have only one problem is financial problem. So, she is expecting for continuation of the support from Loo Niva. Her sister became a staff nurse and earning nowadays. She is also supporting her. Her all family members are safe till this date.

HESP005. GEETA

Geeta is 23-year girl, is studying in Bachelor second year in one government college at her own home town. She is studying management. She was taking virtual classes in this pandemic situation. But recently it has been stopped form her college due to the few number of students participated in classes. So, she is doing self-study in this present time. She is feeling difficulty in her study. She said there is no one to consult on her problems and solve it. She has just given her pre-test exam in her college and obtained good marks. In that sense, it can be said that she is doing well in her study.

She is staying with her father, mother, one elder sister and one younger brother. Her mother is completely taking rest after having medical operation of percutaneous nephrolithotomy (Stone). Her father is also having health problem of hernia. Due to the lack of financial problem, they are not doing hernia operation. Till this date they are in safe from Corona virus.

Her elder sister is a school teacher. That is the main income source of her family. Her sister is also studying. They have plan of cow farming and started from one cow. They couldn't manage fund and also land for large scale. They earn few from selling milk. Recently, Geeta has joint in one bank as an intern. It is mandatory for the management student in Nepal.

She is happy with this scholarship. She said it is supporting her and also help to reduce financial burden of her family. She gave thanks to sponsors and Loo Niva team as well.

HESP.006 SURAJ

Suraj is 23 years; staying with her father, mother and one young brother. He still remembered that time when he was selected for youth sponsorship program. He said "I got scholarship from Loo Niva when I am in need." He again remembered his condition Because of the financial condition, he could not give continuation of his study and he drop for one year and started to work to collect the college fee to continue his study.

He has completed bachelor's degree in IT (Information technology). He is searching some part time job in this time. His family is struggling with financial crisis. His mother lost her job due to the COVID and his father also continue his work at a wood carving after 5 months. His father's low paid job is the only one income source to fulfil the basic needs of his whole family in this time.

Now he completed his bachelor's degree in IT. He said he wants to gain practical knowledge and experience what he had learned. So, he decided to work and discontinue his study for some few years.

HESP.007 Shree Krishna

21 years Shree Krishna is staying with his mother. He is studying in Bachelor second years in BBS (Bachelor in Business study). Recently, he has joined in the insurance company as an agent. He is enjoying his job. He said he is gaining practical knowledge in his duty day by day, growing knowledge and gaining experience in the business field. He is taking online class and preparing for his terminal exam in this time.

He is recovered from COVID-19 infection recently. He was in stressed at that time. Loo Niva and his family motivated and supported him at that time and able to conquer corona virus easily. Now, he is continuing his job and preparing for his exam.

HESP.008 Ritik

Ritik is 20 years old and studying a Bachelor's Degree in Social work subject. Now he is in forth semester. Recently, he gave his board exam of third semester. His all-family members are safe from corona virus till this date. His college has been started online classes due to this pandemic situation. So, he is taking online classes regularly.

He engaged in the different organizations among them Loo Niva is also one platform where was involved and utilized his knowledge and gain practical knowledge on social work. Specially, he engaged in welfare and youth encouragement program. He said, he is so happy that Loo Niva trust him and support in his study. His brother dropped his studies due to the financial problem in his home. So, he had also fear of dropping his college. Now, he completely focusing on his study. He thanks to Loo Niva and the sponsored organization for supporting him. He assured that he will utilize this support properly.

2.3.2. One day motivational workshop for youths in COVID-19

Covid-19 brings lots of significant changes in daily life of all human beings. We are working from home, temporary unemployment, home-schooling of children, and less visiting with other family members, friends, and colleagues. It also said that 3 out of 5 lost their job during this pandemic situation. Among them most of the young youths were losing their jobs. So, that reasons most of the youths lost their hopes and feel stressed about their career and for their future. After analysing the facts of this pandemic situation and its effects on youth, Loo Niva conducted One day Workshop for the young youths. The workshop was conducted to motivate the young youths. The main objective of the workshop was aware about self in relation to strength and social support system and equipped them to motivate self for adjustment in adverse situation and move on with new normal of COVID-19. The workshop was conducted on 28 November 2020 where 25 youth students were actively participated.

2.3.3. Monitoring:

M & E Coordinator of Loo Niva did monitoring one time during the year 2020. The main objectives of the monitoring were to assess the utilization of sponsorship by the sponsored children and observe the present status. It provided the present status of the sponsored students and way forward for coming days as well.

3. Conclusion:

This report is based on activities carried out in Lalitpur district in Nepal. This program mainly focused on providing education support to the higher-level students those who are facing financial problem to continue their education. All the selected students are from Lalitpur district of Nepal and are from poor economic background. The program is

contributing to its purpose and objective largely. It is motivating and enhancing the children's psychologically through the scholarship and motivational programs. Due to pandemic situation, it brings long term crises in social and economic integrations of young people. Loo Niva initiate to motivate the youth by conducting different motivational and support program. Many youths are losing their enthusiasm and feeling stress. It supported and guided the youths by providing different motivational programs during this pandemic situation and supporting in their studies.