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“ Every generation of children, in fact,
offers mankind the possibility of
rebuilding this ruin of a world.”

Eglantyne Jebb

Founder of Save the Children
(1876-1928)



OUR VISION, MISSION and VALUES

Save the Children is the world's leading independent organization for children. We are 30 national organizations working together to deliver programs in more than 120 countries around the world.

Our Vision is a world in which every child attains the right to survival, protection, development and participation.

Our Mission is to inspire breakthroughs in the way the world treats children, and to achieve immediate and lasting change in their lives.

Our Values

Accountability: We take personal responsibility for using our resources efficiently, achieving measurable results, and being accountable to supporters, partners and most of all, children

Ambition: We are demanding of ourselves and our colleagues, set high goals and committed to improving the quality of everything we do for children

Collaboration: We respect and value each other; thrive on our diversity, and work with partners to leverage our global strength in making a difference for children

Creativity: We are open to new ideas, embrace change, and take disciplined risks to develop sustainable solutions for and with children.

Integrity: We aspire to live to the highest standards of personal honesty and behavior; we never compromise our reputation and always act in the best interests of children

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Country Director's Message



We are proud that our monitoring, evaluation, accountability and learning (MEAL) initiative is now being seen as a significant quality improvement tool by our partner NGOs, communities and government counterparts.

We began January by declaring 2013 as the “Year of Quality” in order to step up our efforts to ensure we deliver quality programs and support services for the 1.9 million children and adults we serve in Nepal and Bhutan. We set standards for ourselves so that we could assess and improve the way we work to achieve overall results for children. We introduced minimum standards for our program activities that define what we mean by quality and allow people to judge our work. In tandem with this we set up a Complaints and Response Mechanism to hear from our beneficiaries. We are proud that our monitoring, evaluation, accountability and learning (MEAL) initiative is now being seen as a significant quality improvement tool by our partner NGOs, communities and government counterparts. Our experience with MEAL has been unique because we have made our staff and those of our partners’ accountable to children on delivery of quality results through a monitored and responsive system.

To add more value to our coordination with the government to achieve results at scale, our partnership model changed from a funding model to a technical and strengthening capacity model.

Our flagship nutrition project, Suaahara reached well over 300,000 pregnant and lactating mothers, to successfully achieving significant increases in the rates of exclusive breastfeeding and children eating an acceptable diet in the project areas. Likewise, our sponsorship program

reached over 400,000 children, thanks to the assistance of over 20,000 individual supporters in Korea, Italy and the United States. Under our HIV and AIDS program, we provided services to over 40% of all Intravenous Drug User populations in the country while also providing HIV prevention services for 80 percent of the vulnerable population.

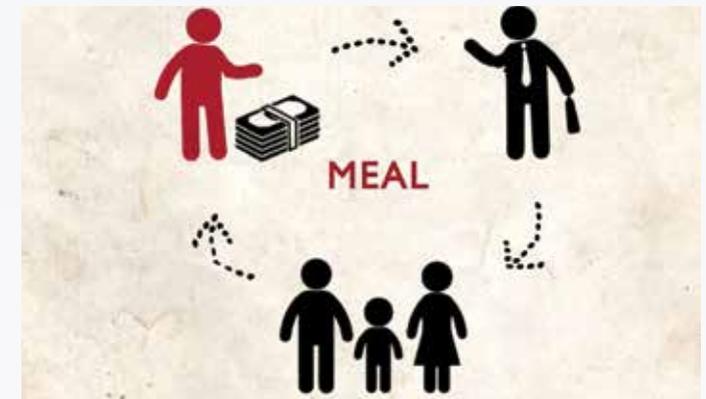
We also saw some advances in our Emergency preparedness work. We now have mobile office operational capacity for use in large crises and have doubled our strength to be able to respond to any earthquake in the Kathmandu valley. Probably the most significant development in our emergency response capacity has been the joining of forces with Merlin Nepal, who are experts in emergency medical relief and preparedness.

Amidst signs of hope and holding of elections, we had political leadership, bureaucrats and rights activists’ debate on national television on ten different policy and transformation issues related to children. In this respect we hope that the Constituent Assembly gives adequate provision for the rights of children as it finalises the new constitution for the nation in 2014.

David Wright
Country Director
Nepal & Bhutan Program

Nepal Program

The country program had targeted to directly benefit 1,908,240 children and adults through seven of its thematic intervention and the goal was achieved. More than a quarter million children received direct assistance through our programs while more than a million received indirect benefits. To underscore learning and accountability values reflected in our work, we set minimum standards, complaints and response mechanisms in place in 30 percent of our 51 projects. This initiative created a platform for beneficiaries and local communities with whom we work to check on us to improve the quality of our work and programs.



Circle cycle with feedback and complaint mechanism for beneficiaries

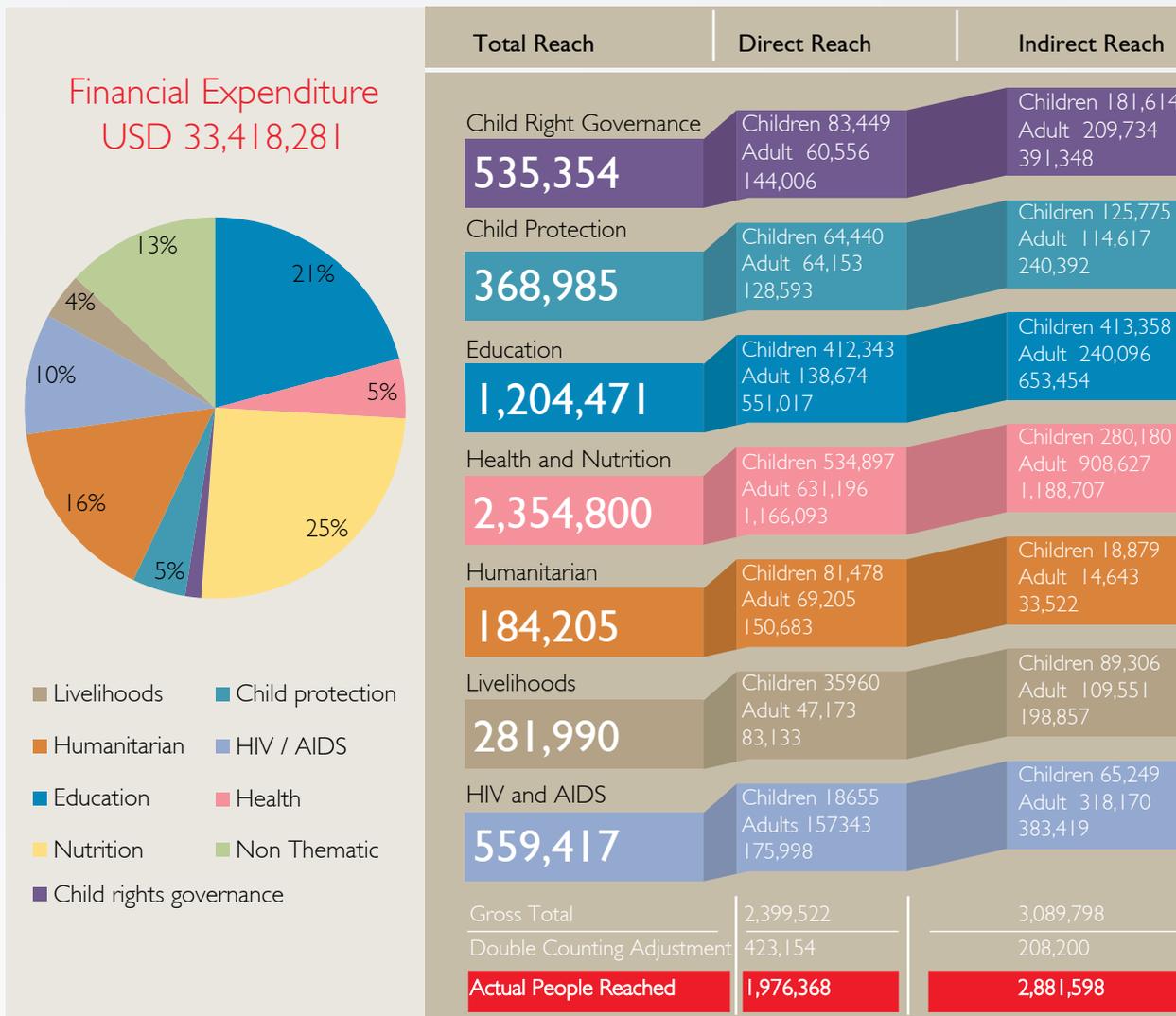
We protected children being separated from their families by taking an innovative approach to working with local communities to creating a base of volunteers known as Para Social Workers. We worked to improve nutrition for infants by supporting the Infant and

Young Child Feeding program of the government. We had more than 70% mothers breastfeed their babies within the first hour of birth. Our advocacy for social protection scheme for children affected by AIDS bore results with the government approving a cash transfer scheme from 2014. To help youths with employment opportunities we helped more than 300 young entrepreneurs access 30 million rupees in credit services to start up businesses.

Afghanistan, which has challenges for children being free from fear and violence, had lessons to take home from our Schools as Zones of Peace initiative in Nepal. Our colleagues from the Afghan country program were able to have SZOP in two of the five provinces

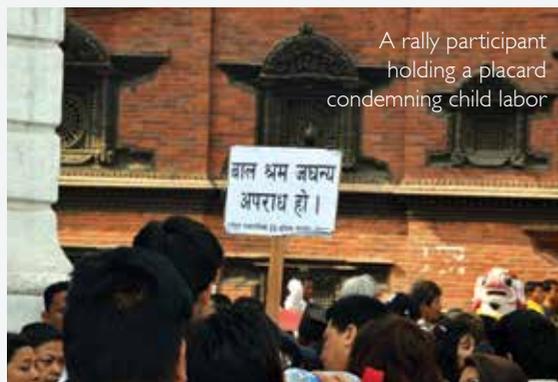
One of the highlights of us reaching out to people on challenges and threats children face on various social and protection issues was to get children's voices out nationwide through "Maile Je Bhoge", a series of television broadcasts. We also engaged private and public schools, teachers and senior leaders of political parties in national debates on their accountability towards Schools as Zones of Peace. The show was widely watched and went a long way to raising awareness in Nepal on fundamental violations of children's rights that are all too common.

“ We have not only learnt about SZOP but also replicated the Nepal experience in two of our provinces in Afghanistan in 2013 and we have plans to expand to other provinces. The Children as Zones of Peace Network and the Education Journalist Forum as catalysts have also been formed in Afghanistan, a good take away from the Nepal visit” - Dr. Ahmad Sohail Azami, Principal Senior Provincial Managers for North, Save the Children Afghanistan country program



Signing a petition on World Day Against Child Labor

Child Rights Governance



A rally participant holding a placard condemning child labor



Participatory Photography Project II in Baglung

As advocates for children, in partnership with the National Human Rights Commission, we made public how the state was doing in meeting its agreed commitment on promoting various facets of children's rights. The commitments were made during the Universal Periodic Review in 2011 and are scheduled to be reviewed in 2015. Out of 34 recommendations, the Government accepted 31 and rejected three. Two of the recommendations have been implemented while 11 are under process with 18 yet to be acted upon. As partners in the Interagency Working Group, we supported local district bodies in all the 75 districts to publish their respective 'Status of Children Report'.

Protecting children from abuse including by political parties has been a neglected discourse and this became pronounced during the elections for the second constituent assembly in November. During the course of the election, the Central Child Welfare Board found that children were rampantly used by political parties in election campaigning and rallies. The findings were disheartening because the top leadership of most political parties has given in writing their commitment not to abuse children for vested political interest.

441
Incidents investigated

12,429
Children directly engaged by parties and others

146
Political gatherings in schools

9,812
Children used by political parties

However, there is growing consciousness to keep politics out of schools. For example: 93 percent of grade 10 students got through the School Leaving Certificate in 2013. The Chairperson of the School Management Committee, Dambar Bahadur Singh, attributes the success to regular classes during the academic session with no closures even when there were strike calls.

The grounds are set for supplementary reports to be submitted at the UN Committee on Rights of the Child in June 2014. Working with six child rights networks and children, the UN will have two alternative reports; one from civil society and the other from children themselves to measure with that of the government's report.

Children's issues on protection, nutrition and six other issues were channeled to the public through an eight episode television broadcast "Maile je Bhoge". The episodes were an articulation by children and presented by Nepali artist Haribansha. We partnered with two civil society networks to look into budget allocation for children by the government for the fiscal year 2012/2013. The learning from the engagement of network members in the analysis is now an advocacy tool to call for more and better investment on children.

"I have traveled to villages across the country and bring to you stories and voices of children, some sympathetic, others may make you wonder or make you angry" - Haribansha Acharya



Child Club members in Surkhet discussing child rights

Ministry	Percent of ministry budget of total national budget	Allocation within ministry
Women, Children and Social Welfare	0.31%	6.93%
Health and Population	5.88%	40.13%
Peace and Reconstruction	0.93%	3.46%
Federal Affairs and Local Development	9%	10.83%
Education	15.65%	84.10%
Labour and Employment	0.16%	53.49%

Direct Reach 144,005
Indirect Reach 391,348

42,115 98,557



41,334 83,057

83,449 181,614

25,173 90,538



35,383 119,196

60,556 209,734

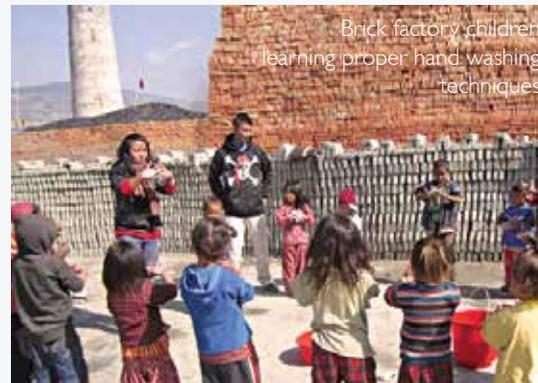
Alternative Care: A grandmother looks after her two grandchildren after their father passed away



Child Protection



Chhaupadi free VDC declaration in Payal, Achham



Brick factory children learning proper hand washing techniques



VCPC in Kailali raise fund selling earthen lamps for child protection initiatives

We conducted a joint study in partnership with the government to assess the prevalence of *chhaupadi* (isolation/segregation of girls and women during menstruation) in mid and far-western parts of Nepal. The study findings will be used to expand government programs to reduce the discriminatory and harmful practice.

12 districts
Chhaupadi practice prevalence in mid and far-western region

There are challenges but hope for change has been voiced well. We worked with local communities, political and religious leaderships, children and women to totally disband the practice in four VDCs. Similarly, working against traditional practice of child marriage with community engagement, five VDCs showcased how they had ended child marriages from their villages. The results were demonstrated with the engagement of more than 3,000 people actively trained and working on child protection.

We worked in 21 districts and worked with the local administration and the police to set

“Chhaupadi is not a women or a children’s issue. It is a social issue. We need women, girls, political parties, teachers, government officials, elderly citizens, priests, and people from all walks of life to come together to solve this issue.”

Deepak Kunwar, teacher, Payal VDC, Achham

up women and children service centers in 15 district police offices, to help women and children receive improved services.



Of those trained, 83% are volunteering in child protection case management leading to more than 2000 children from being separated from their families in five districts. On the advocacy front there is now a draft guideline on Alternative Care for children to help them stay close to their own social and cultural environment. The guideline is subject to endorsement by the government.



Living in Achham, Chandrakala, 18, has seen women and girls in her village spend their nights in a shed while they were menstruating. She did the same. But she soon stopped using the shed, in fact, tore it down, when she learned that menstruating is a natural process. As part of Women and Child Development Office’s campaign to get rid of taboos and chhaupadi sheds, Chandrakala’s VDC Payal has been declared chhaupadi goth free.



Children in Sukatiya VDC, Kalikot showing their commitment against child marriage

“We faced political and social pressure to let the wedding take place but we tried our best to fulfill our responsibility and we succeeded,” Paras Nath, a VCPC coordinator in Nawalparasi after succeeding to stop a wedding of a 16-year-old girl with the help of police.

Direct Reach	Indirect Reach
128,593	240,392

33,848		72,776
30,592		52,999

64,440	125,775
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30,502		54,921
33,651		59,696

64,153	114,617
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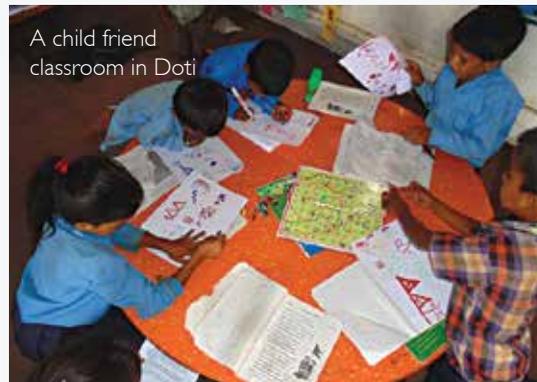
Malati attends reading camp every Saturday in Baglung



Education



Ek Doko Khelauna Sharmila made toys for her son as the nearest ECCD is too far for them to attend



A child friend classroom in Doti



Dinesh BK, a differently able student, plays with his classmates during recess

Over 95% children enrolled in primary schools bear good news for Nepal making great strides towards achieving MDG 2 – children all over the country, both boys and girls, are able to complete primary school cycle. However, children dropping out, repeating grades, and low learning achievement pose a strong challenge to achieving universal primary education in a true sense.

Our long standing commitment to early childhood care and development (ECCD) with the government is resulting in greater acceptance of ECCD among communities as an integral part of children's learning. Parents are seeking out ECCD opportunities for children- 63% of 4-year-olds from our working areas are now enrolled in ECCD. More children with early learning experience are entering primary schools, increasing their chance of doing well in school - 54 % first graders in our working areas were ECCD graduates.

Save the Children's signature program Literacy Boost was piloted in Nepal in 2009 which showed good results in improving learning among

children through reading skills and community mobilization. In the year 2013, we scaled up the program in Kapilvastu, Pyuthan, Doti, Achham and Bajura districts in close coordination with District Education Offices. We worked with teachers in Kapilvastu and Pyuthan to introduce early grade reading and math skills as part of their teaching methods to encourage reading habit. Improving learning achievement cannot be achieved overnight; however, literacy boost activities will help teachers to help their students gain literacy skills.

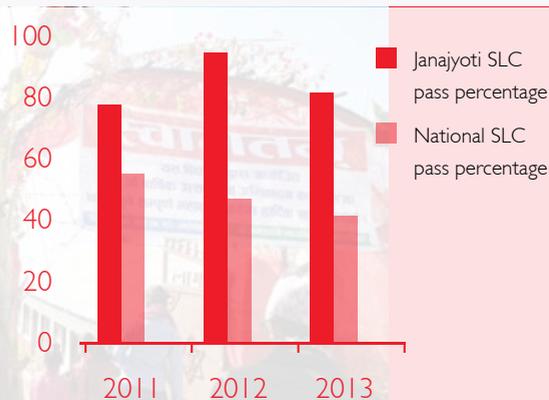


Children choose books to take home at a reading camp

are practicing free and compulsory education. We were able to support 72 % children with disabilities to enroll in schools in our working areas and 977 children enrol in grades appropriate to their age after completing flexible classes designed to prepare out-of-school children to join school.

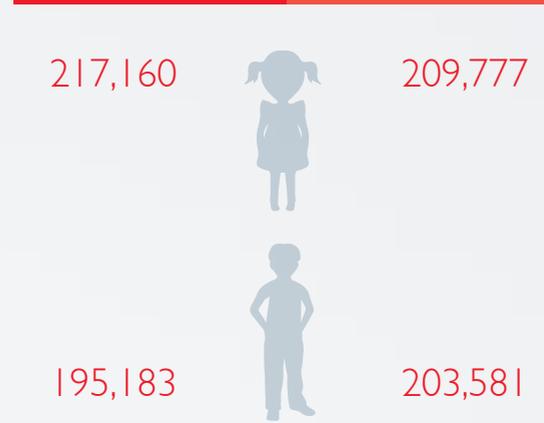
We supported special enrolment campaign targeted at bringing currently out of school children, particularly children from marginalized communities to gain access to school. Free and Compulsory Education campaign is a major contributor to bringing unreached children inside schools. Currently, 53 VDCs and 440 schools

School as Zones of Peace is a priority area of work for Save the Children. We worked with civil society and government on advocating for implementation of Schools as Zones of Peace (SZOP) at the local and national level. Our work with group of education journalists have resulted in all major political parties at local and national level expressing their commitment to uphold SZOP values of no political interference in schools. We currently serve in SZOP Central Coordination Committee which had developed a plan of action for SZOP implementation in reality and not just in papers. In Achham and Doti districts, there was no report of schools being closed during political strikes.

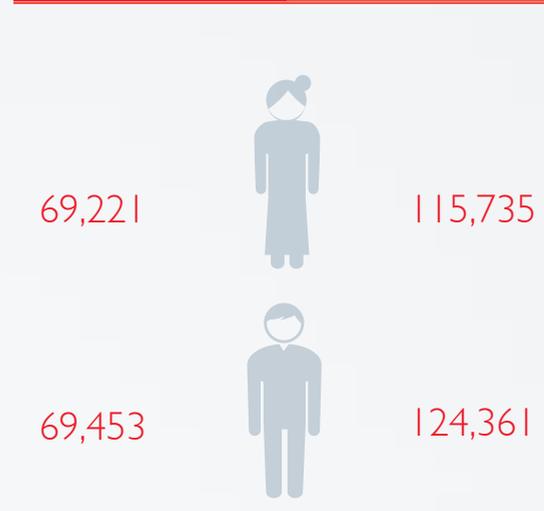


“When the entire country was criticizing the government over the poor SLC results in 2011, people in Mechchhe were celebrating SLC results. And the result got better in 2012, 95 % passed when the national average was 47 %. The credit of the result goes to the foundation we set up for students starting with setting up Child Development Centers by Save the Children in 2004. The seeds were sowed then and the results today are promising.” Shambhu Bahadur Kandel, principal of Janajyoti Secondary School. Save the Children started by assisting five primary schools in Kavre District and ran quality improvement and child participation programs in 2004.

Direct Reach	Indirect Reach
551,017	653,454

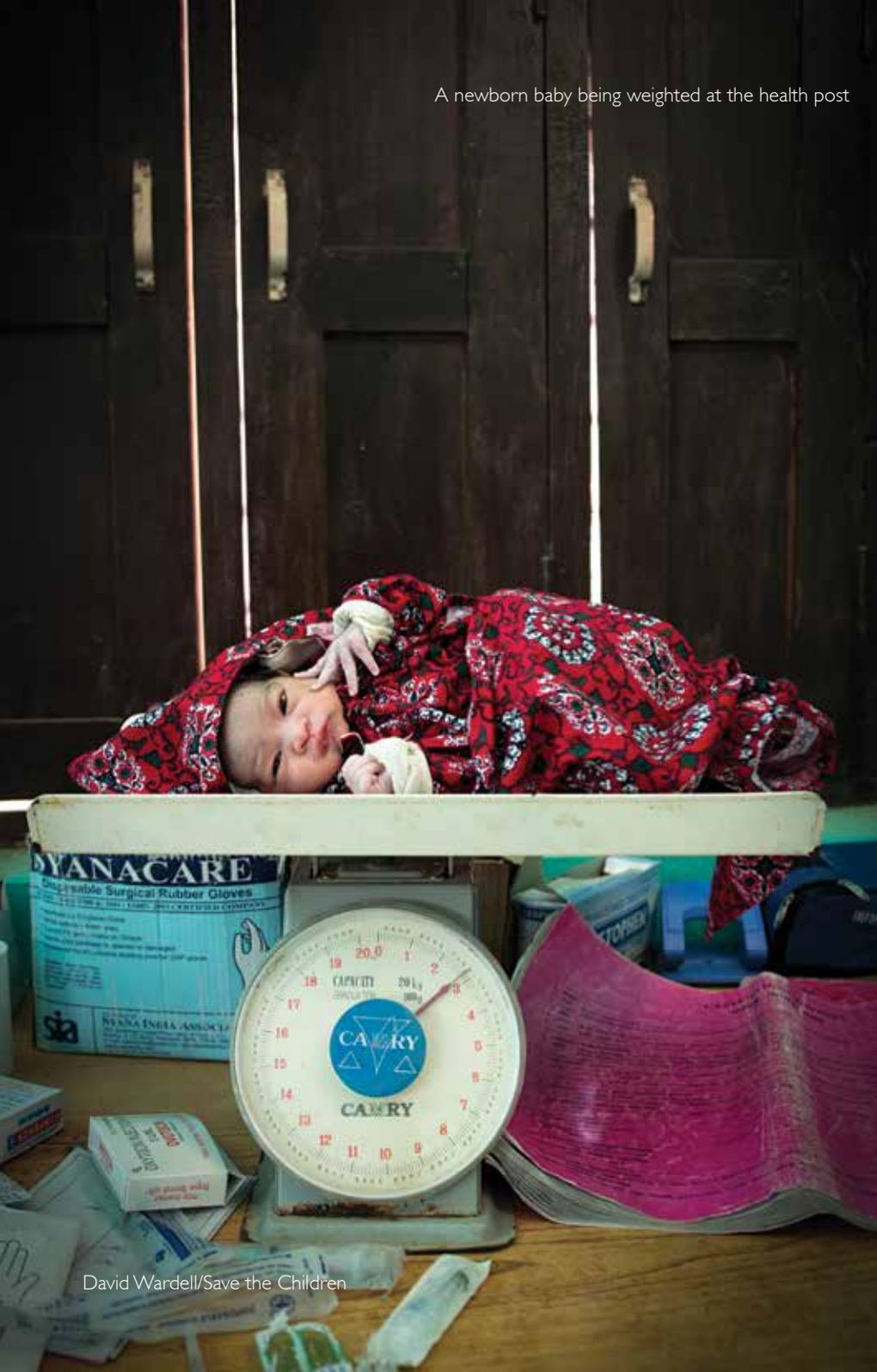


412,343	413,358
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138,674	240,096
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A newborn baby being weighted at the health post



David Wardell/Save the Children

Health and Nutrition



FCHV visiting a newborn on the 3rd day of birth



Children in Siraha demonstrate correct handwashing technique



Mothers preparing ingredients for nutritious super flour

Our commitment to increase access to health care and nutrition services for mothers, newborns, children and young adults in 12 districts has been made stronger by another year of partnership with the Government of Nepal's Ministry of Health and Population (MOHP). Our focus is complementing the government program by providing technical assistance at national level and supporting implementation in districts through health worker trainings, support for facilities, demand generation and follow-up and monitoring.

Our maternal, newborn and child health program set out to reach newborns, mothers and children with quality health and nutrition services, particularly in unreached areas. Our support to MOHP to scale up the Community Based Newborn Care program (CB-NCP) in selected districts and advocating for the improvement of this program with other agencies continued to be our priority. Based on recommendations that came out of CB-NCP assessment, the program was revised. The scale up resulted in increased use of household to hospital continuum of maternal and newborn care as 73% of women (64% in

2012) used skilled birth attendants for delivery and on an average 72% (target 65%) received the recommended three visits in seven days after delivery for new born care in Bajura, Baitadi and Udayapur.

Save the Children has been working in School Health and Nutrition (SHN) sector with the Government as we believe healthier children are able to attend school more regularly, learn more and lead a healthy productive life. In Kapilvastu, Pyuthan and Siraha districts, the year 2014 saw 100% schools implementing SHN program which includes deworming, iron supplements, hearing, dental and vision screening and sanitation aided by training of health focal teachers and health workers in the facilities. Similarly, 100% of selected health facilities in the same districts are providing Adolescent Sexual Reproductive Health (ASRH) friendly service. The Government is now planning to take the complete SHN package to 34 districts and scaling up adolescent friendly services in 49 districts.

A feasibility test conducted to test new growth monitoring card in partnership with MOHP and UNICEF showed that 89% of children under the age of two received growth monitoring promotion services in Rukum and Udayapur.

These services include growth monitoring of children at the community and health facility which also helps identify cases of low-weight, provide nutrition education for mothers and counselling on feeding habits. This had resulted in the new cards being incorporated in revised National Health Management Information System tools and scaled up in all 75 districts, showing that collaboration and innovation leads to success.

Save the Children has also supported the Government by generating evidence through formative and operational research for changing policies which resulted in the development of the National Human Resource for Health Strategy. We supported the strengthening of Human Resource Development Information System (HuRDIS), a data base for management of human resource in the Ministry of Health and Population. We also trained 18,851 health workers in various maternal, newborn and child health related services in the past year.

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Chhotkani Chamarin holding her grandchild



David Wardell/Save the Children

Suaahara - Good Nutrition

The USAID-funded Suaahara program is an integrated nutrition program supporting the Government of Nepal's multi-sector nutritional plan of action implemented in 25 districts of the country. Aiming to improve the health and nutritional status of pregnant and lactating women, and children under two, it includes interventions such as nutrition and hygiene education, small-scale backyard farming, poultry farming, improved child feeding practices and access to quality maternal and child health services.

This year Suaahara implemented quality program activities with an intensified focus on reaching disadvantaged groups through radio programs, agriculture and local governance related activities. Suaahara reached over 115,000 thousand days women and family members with health and nutrition messages through ward level trainings.

Through Suaahara's effort the prevalence of exclusive breastfeeding of children under 6 months has increased by 22 percentage points (baseline status of 46 percent and year two status 68 percent), and the number of children between the ages of 6 and 23 months receiving a minimally

acceptable diet increased from 36 to 47 percent. Ten VDCs were declared open defecation free this year making a total of 20 VDCs, ensuring that fewer children are affected through water borne diseases such as diarrhea. Through various nutrition awareness programs at the district, VDC and ward levels, Suaahara has been able to effectively trigger women and disadvantaged communities to increase their access to VDC block grant for an integrated nutrition program. This year, 11 districts have committed a total of NPR 6,310,800 budget on integrated nutrition related activities – such provision was nonexistent a year ago.

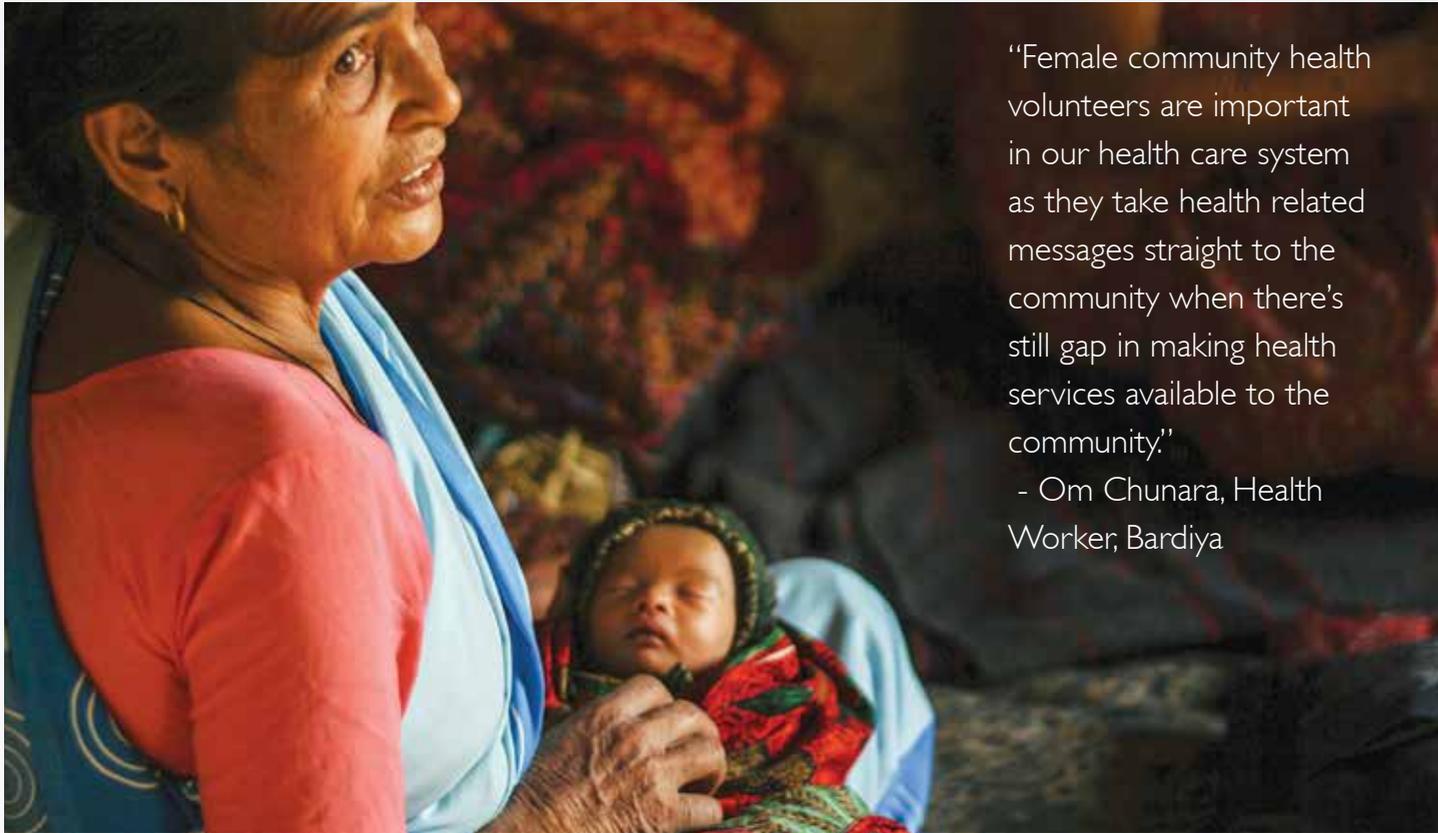
Over the coming two years, Suaahara will continue to refine its approach in order to advance a specific package of nutrition-focused interventions that will have the greatest impact on reducing under-nutrition in Nepal and potentially be used as a model for other countries. Suaahara will capitalize on its strong community-level presence in order to stimulate local government investments in areas that will ensure long-term sustainability of the nutrition gains already present within the project.



Suaahara field staff shows discussion importance of healthy nutritional behavior with mothers



Kalpana, 22, from Dolakha is a mother to two children. "I fed my first born watery porridge before he turned six months old," says Kalpana. Her son was constantly falling sick. At a recent Suaahara training, Kalpana learnt about correct breastfeeding methods. "When I gave birth the second time I learned it was very important to breastfeed exclusively until the child is six months." Kalpana is now slowly introducing mashed egg and home cooked nutritious porridge for her daughter in addition to breast milk.



“Female community health volunteers are important in our health care system as they take health related messages straight to the community when there’s still gap in making health services available to the community.”
 - Om Chunara, Health Worker, Bardiya

Direct Reach	Indirect Reach
1,166,093	1,188,807

272,710



148,981

262,187



131,199

534,897	280,180
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Just seven months into her pregnancy, Sumitra, 25, went into labor at night. She was carried to Budhiganga Sub-health Post in Bajura, an hour-and-half walking distance from her home. The midwife was expecting her to have a normal delivery but the baby came out in a sack. In-charge of the health post, Gorakh Nath, had not seen anything like that before. He used common sense and ruptured the membrane to take the baby out. The baby was premature, weighed only 1.5 kgs, and didn’t cry or breathe. Gorakh Nath, put his recent newborn care training (CB-NCP) to use and cleaned and wiped the baby, used the dee-lee suction to clean the baby’s breathing passage and later used bag and mask to help the baby breathe. Sumitra’s little boy is seven months old and Gorakh is proud that he was able to save a pre-mature baby.

314,756	431,236
316,440	477,391

631,196	908,627
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Crisis Response Center (CRC) provides rapid response to situations that threaten the lives of female sex workers and their children

HIV and AIDS



Information is the key to living a positive life



19 community care centers are providing counselling service



Community Care Centers provide quality care to people living with HIV

Save the Children is a key development partner in Nepal's national response to HIV and AIDS providing substantial HIV prevention, treatment, care and support to populations who bear the highest burden of HIV incidence i.e. people who inject drugs, transgender people and men who have sex with men, female sex workers, migrants and their spouses, children affected by AIDS, and people living with HIV.

Save the Children works through 57 implementing partners in 48 districts of the country to build strong community systems. Our HIV and AIDS program is responsible for over 40% of all service delivery to people who inject drugs (PWID); over 80% of migrants and their families; over a third of hard to reach men who have sex with men and transgender communities. We are also contributing significantly to the number of people who are in need of adequate home based care and HIV treatment services.

Save the Children has an excellent performance rating under the GFATM mechanism and is confident in its ability to continue to be a trusted partner to contribute meaningfully to reducing

Nepal's new HIV infections by 50% by 2016. We are also rolling out social protection measures (cash transfers) to children impacted by HIV and AIDS. We are piloting service delivery level innovations which better address the additional vulnerabilities and development needs of children and young people at risk for HIV.

Save the Children is a child-focused agency at the center of the national response to HIV and AIDS. While our work is largely focused on key populations, those beneficiaries are frequently parents themselves and our programs ensure that we prevent orphan-hood, keep families together and mitigate the potential negative impact on highly vulnerable children by keeping their needs uppermost in the minds of decision and policy makers.



Bhumiraj's wife holds an album with her husband's photos

I know I don't have HIV because I know what I am doing. I wanted my wife to be stress free and trust me and that is why I did the test for her, and she is happy. - Bhumiraj Pandey.



Pabitra Niraula, 39, is a PLHIV receiving care and support at home in Pathari. Most of her minor and primary health concern is addressed in the comfort of her home through regular home visits by CHBC teams. CHBC teams respond to health, psychosocial, and spiritual needs of PLHIV.



9,080



1,0361

9,575



54,888



86,165



161,594

71,178



156,576



Harvesting vegetables to sell in the market



Livelihood



Girls in Madarasa learn about financial education



Tailoring training in Rukum



Micro Health Insurance in Banke and Dhading

Save the Children continues to focus on livelihood programs so that families are better able to support their children's well being. Our projects that link agriculture, livelihoods and nutrition together support 247 groups, focusing on nutrition education, training nutrition facilitators, monitoring growth of children, and kitchen gardening. 6,046 rural and urban households completed nutrition education session with 55% of children under two years old children receiving growth monitoring and counseling services.

We piloted a food bank scheme operated by the local cooperative in food insecure Magma VDC in Rukum. Working with district authorities, the food bank covers all households of the VDC through grain management committee which collects grain twice a year depending on harvesting season, stores and distributes it during the dry season to the farmers. District Development Committee is planning to replicate this approach in other food insecure VDCs.

Our support has led to 300 youths enhancing access to financial support from the Youth Self

Employment Fund (YSEF). NRs. 30 million has been mobilized through YSEF in the form of credit services to young entrepreneurs in the project areas. Binod Guragain, Executive Director, Youth Self Employment Fund said, "Save the Children's role is very instrumental in mobilizing marginalized youths and creating access to funds and promoting small enterprises."

The successful engagement of youth entrepreneurs has helped address the issues of unemployment, child hunger, malnutrition, and safety net. The government plans to scale up the Social Protection Coordination Committees in other districts after the success in 20 VDCs in Sindhupalchowk District. Our assessment on policy gaps within the Ministry of Youth and Sports, has led the ministry to develop a strategy for Youth Information Centres.

Our key support to the Ministry of Health and Population in drafting the micro-health insurance, part of the National Health Policy and Guidelines will lead the community to make right decisions. Around 15,279 general populations (35% children) are benefiting from the scheme. The scheme has helped the insured to save NRs. 11,075,995 within the community.

Under the Youth Save project, a total of 20,190 children attended financial education classes. Among them, 9,805 (48.56%) were girls. A total of 5,234

children and youth have opened CYBY – Chetanshil Yuva Bachat Yojana account with project partner Bank of Kathmandu. The children and youth have saved over 10.5 million Nepalese rupees.

The Child Sensitive Social Protection (CSSP) project initiated in 2011 in 3 VDCs, Sindhupalchowk now covers 28 VDCs with a fund totaling 12 million; of which government investment until 2013 was 63.3 million. In 2013, around 320 orphaned children received a total of 1.15 million through the cash transfer mechanism which is proving instrumental in keeping these children in school.

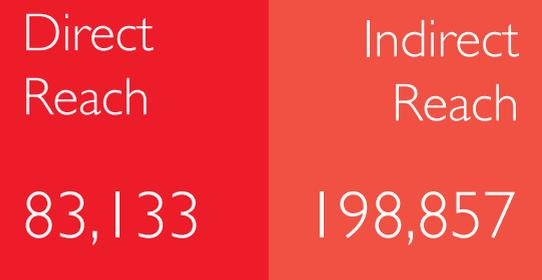
"It's a great relief to know that my family received the reimbursement of my medicines and treatment from the insurance even when I was sick and unable to earn."
Suryabahadur, from Banke who is part of Micro Health Insurance project



Women receive goat keeping support in Rolpa



Roman Gharti Magar requested NPR 30,000 loan from Siddeshwar Cooperative at Phattepur VDC Banke under Livelihoods and Nutrition Project to rear pigs. His stay in India was painful so he returned back. With the loan, Roman bought five piglets. The piglets are now mature and are already reproducing. "I have sold 20 piglets and sold each one for NPR 3,500. I am happy with the income and I won't have to go to India again. A total of 101 youths have received loan from the cooperative and 78 children are benefiting from the child endowment fund.



19,473



43,681

16,487



45,625



31,437



54,064

15,736



55,487



Humanitarian



Children learn light search and rescue as part of child-centred DRR initiative



Vulnerability capacity mapping by children



Students reading about disaster risk reduction in school



A classroom in Ilam undergoing retrofitting work

Our programs supported the Nepal Disaster Risk Reduction flagship program component I and IV. Component one focused on strengthening community based structures at the village development committee. Supporting component IV, community members were trained in light search and rescue, first aid training and getting communities to set up emergency funds.

We demonstrated that retrofitting schools help improve safety for children in an event of an earthquake. Our initiatives in Ilam and Taplejung are advocacy calls on the government for quality reconstruction and structural retrofitting of school building to keep children safe in an event of earthquakes.

We were there providing emergency relief within the first 24 hours to affected communities in Darchula, Kailali, Kanchanpur and Bajhang districts following flooding and landslides. To prepare for any eventuality, we helped six districts review their Disaster Preparedness and Response Plans. This translates to more than 4,500 households benefitting from their capacity to reduce risks. To get children's review of projects that were

to benefit them, we involved children in the final evaluation of the "Safe schools and communities through Child Centred Disaster Risk Reduction through Child Centred Disaster Risk Reduction Initiative" and they did have recommendations for people with authority.

The education offices in two of the five districts that we have programs in are taking disaster risk reduction to children through their local curriculum for classes below grade five. "The curriculum was developed for the children of 4th and 5th standards children, why not for the elder students on DRR components as subject and they too would get benefit of education on DRR"—Manoj Pandey, 17, to the district education Office.

Through the food security initiative, more than 130,000 vulnerable people were able to increase their agricultural assets and productivity. The Nepal country office also has 46 staff trained in emergency response.



Anjali Child Club staging a drama about disaster risk reduction

"The impact of the community based early warning system is great for the community. A few years ago, no one knew who to contact for flood related information, no one knew how to monitor the flood water. Now they know exactly what to do but more people need to know". – Ganga Chaudhary, 17



Severely damaged in September 2011 earthquake, Durga Primary School was renovated through Early Recovery and DRR project. In year 2013, the school building was retrofitted, making it a seismic resilient structure. "Our school will not collapse easily from earthquake now," says Priza, a fifth grader.



40,154



10,219

41,324



8,660



34,712



8,898

34,493



5,745



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Society for Local Integrated Development, Nepal (SOLID Nepal), Lalitpur

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Events 2013

Kora Cycling Challenge 2013



About 700 cyclists took on the Kora Cycling Challenge in 2013, a 50 km around Kathmandu on 20 July 2013 to raise funds to build a birthing center in Sharmali VDC of Baitadi district. Organized by Social Tours, Talent Inc and Save the Children, the day-long event raised over 17,00,000 Nepali rupees, exceeding its fundraising goal. The Kora challenged in an annual event organized with the cycling community of Kathmandu to raise awareness about child mortality and Save the Children's global campaign Every One.

Race for Survival



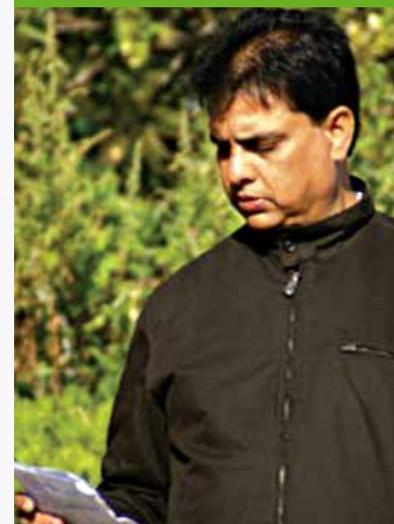
One hundred and forty students from four schools participated in the world's largest marathon challenge on 1 October 2013 at Dasrath Rangashala National Stadium. In a highly competitive challenge to beat Wilson Kipsang's world record of 2hr3m23sec, all four teams finished the race to the last with the red team from National Children Academy winning at 2h14m25sec. The event was chaired by Hon. Finance Minister Mr. Shankar Prasad Koirala. Right before the race, eight students asked a number of questions to Minister Mr. Koirala about the country's investment in saving newborn children. National athletes including captain of Nepali national football team Sagar Thapa joined the race and cheered for the children.

Kutumba's Every One tour in Baglung, Pokhara, Dhangadi, and Lalitpur



Save the Children once again partnered with Nepali folk instrumental band Kutumba and toured Baglung, Pokhara and Dhangadi spreading child survival messages along with their signature style music, a blend of folk tunes with modern touches. The concert in Baglung attracted 3,000 people including families that brought their young children. They were quizzed with questions about newborn health and hygiene. The concert in Pokhara pulled in more than 4,000 audience. Kutumba then moved to Dhangadi where an audience of about 2,000 were able to enjoy Kutumba's music for the first time along with learning about child mortality. The series of concert ended with a fund-raising concert in Patan Durbar Square in Lalipur.

Maile Je Bhoge on TV



Maile Je Bhoge, an eight episode series produced by Save the Children in partnership with Antenna Foundation was broadcasted in Nepal Television every Saturday from 7 September to 26 October 2013. The series hosted by popular Nepali actor Haribansha Acharya debated issues that affect children in Nepal like families headed by children after losing their parents because of conflict, HIV or other reasons, corporal punishment, disability, girls' education, child marriage, chhaupadi (confinement of women and girls during menstruation), malnutrition and child sexual abuse. Haribansha Acharya travelled from East to West covering many districts to research the issues and spoke to children and their families.

Events 2013

MOU with UNICEF



Save the Children and UNICEF signed an MOU on 3rd December, renewing partnership for the next four years and committing to working more closely together on programs, projects and advocacy for children's rights. The MOU will focus on advocacy and working closely during humanitarian crisis.

Malala day celebration



Malala Yousafzai, who was targeted for her brave activism for education, was honored by UN on July 12, 2013 with her own day - Malala Day. Save the Children teams in Doti and Kapilvastu also marked Malala Day by providing school supplies to 37 girls who are determined to continue coming to school despite great odds stacked against them.

Breastfeeding week

Breastfeeding saves lives, support your partner

“Breast milk is the best gift a mother can give her child. It's the smartest choice you can make as a Parent. I am grateful to my wife Srijana for giving my children the best start in life by breastfeeding.”

Saurabh Jyoti, Director, Jyoti Group



Promote breastfeeding and spread awareness for a healthy future



Fathers, a young politician, entrepreneurs, a doctor and a singer, came forward to support our World Breastfeeding Week (1-8 August) celebrations in 2013. Gagan Thapa, Dr. Amit Bhattarai, Nima Rumba, Saurav Jyoti and Sujana Kayastha were part of our “Breastfeeding saves lives, Support your partner” ad campaign and to spread the message that breastfeeding is the best way to provide newborns with the nutrients they need.

Born to Trek



18 Australian volunteers who raised AUD 72,000 travelled all the way to Nepal to support a school in Nawalparasi as part of Born to Trek initiative. This is the fourth time that the trek team from Australia has supported program in Nepal. This time around they supported Shree Laxmi Lower Secondary School in Laphe, Naram VDC in Nawalparasi. They are also supporting anti-child marriage campaign in the same district. The volunteers worked hard together with the village to level a small hill to prepare a foundation for school's building.

Bhanchhin Aama on radio



The USAID-funded Suaahara project in collaboration with the Ministry of Health and Population launched Bhanchhin Aama (Mother knows best) radio show and Hello! Bhanchhin Aama phone-in program in 20 districts of Nepal through 45 FM stations. It has so far received 5,000 calls and messages since its launch and an average of more than 1,000 responses in an episode.



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