



## Oct-Nov 2011

World Day on Prevention of Child abuse and International Child rights Day 2011, on November 19 and 20 was celebrated by the coalition of more than 35 I/N/GOs ( including APC-Nepal) working for different issues of Children in Nepal. This year 19 November was celebrated all over the world as 19 days activism (1- to 19 November) with the theme of Together, let us create culture of prevention.

### Celebration November 19 and 20

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Participants of the Children event Program at Mahendra police Club



BLC Children performing during Children event

The coalition of organizations in Kathmandu conducted several programs on the occasion. On 19<sup>th</sup> Nov, child creation event (*BAL Pratibha Karyakram*) was organized at Mahendra Police Club in active participation of child clubs and many other children from different social organizations in Kathmandu Valley. Meanwhile Namuna Child club of Basantapur Learning Center (BLC) performed a group dance show. Similarly, other children had performed stage drama, songs, group/single dances. The representatives from central child welfare board, district child welfare board Kathmandu, members of constitution assembly and other chair persons of organizations from the members of coalition were present during the program.





Child Protection Rally

Next day on 20th Nov, the coalition organizations organized a Child protection Chain Rally in participation of several other institutions and colleges. The Chain Rally started from Bhadrakali Temple went round the Tudikhel and transformed into ending ceremony at Peace garden at Ratnapark. The representatives from the member organizations had assured to accomplish their commitment in children issues during their speeches. "Achel" a group of youth artists had performed a street drama on Child abuse during the program.



Chain Rally and Drama presentation during the ending Ceremony of November 20 Celebration

**Abhishek Chhetri referred to PCH**

Abhishek Chhetri-07 child has been finally referred to Poonhill Children Home and admitted in School in Pokhara. The child was rescued 5 years ago (In 2006) by Sorhakhutte Police from Dhalkhu ward no 17, Kathmandu. According to the police record, he was sent to Deepmani Children home at Chandol for raising him up since he was at the age of 3yrs and nobody came to claim him. After staying and studying with the Children home for 4 years, the child was sent



Abhishek Chhetri-07





to Sarlahi. But unfortunately, the local authorities took out Abhishek along with other four children from that home in charge of keeping them illegally. In coordination of Sarlahi police, CDO and Central Child welfare Board(CCWB), those children were brought in to Kathmandu and kept at CWIN Helpline.

APC-Nepal had accepted those 4 rescued children ( Abhishek Chhettri, Bibash Limbu, Dhanaraj Shahi and Padam Gurung) for short term care in coordination with CWIN Helpline and kept in BIYA transit. CCWB was supposed to find better options for those children during the transit period but even after more than one year of stay nothing was done for Abhishek. Since there was no any better option found about Abhishek, APC decided to refer him to Poonhill Children Home after discussion with CCWB. Now he has been admitted in Himanchal Boarding school for formal schooling.

## Unsafe behavior among Street Youths in Kathmandu

In last few months, the street children in Kathmandu were found indulged in cutting themselves. Children and youth especially from Mahankal and Thamel area were found to be highly abusing themselves physically. They used to cut their own hand and body parts by using unsafe knife and razor blades.

The outreach team from APC-Nepal, has been providing basic counseling, medication and conducting awareness with sports activities in weekly basis for those kids and youths.



Field worker providing first aid care for hand cut Children at Mahankal

Outreach field workers use to follow up their daily activities and situation. After one month of regular follow up and counseling kids are gradually leaving their previous habits.



Outreach team during the sports activities with street children at Tudikhel

## Neighborhood awareness and cleaning of Ramghat centre surroundings

Ramghat Transit management and residential kids conducted neighborhood awareness and cleaning program during the month of November.

The surrounding environment of the community and footpaths near Ramghat Center was covered with dirt stuffs, thrown papers, brick pieces, plastic pieces, and many





more dirt came out from buffalo slaughters.



Neighbourhood cleaning program in coordination with local youths

With objectives to make the people conscious about the hazards of dirty environment and their responsibilities, Ramghat management organized a community cleaning program on November 12.



Ramghat Transit children participating in cleaning program

Local youths from the neighborhood actively involved during the cleaning program. They had also cleaned out bushes of the river bank area nearby.

### Supports and participation on community Programs

APC-Nepal has been regularly taking parts in different community programs organized by local organizations, government

authorities, youth clubs and other stakeholders with financial contribution.



Interaction program organized by Metropolitan Police on the occasion of their 6<sup>th</sup> anniversary

During the month of October and November, APC took part in two blood donation programs organized by local community clubs( Ashok Binayak Gwali Pucha and Yuba Sangh Nepal, Basantapur), community coordination meeting organized by Alcoholic Recovering Voice Nepal (NGO) and in interaction program organized by Metropolitan Police, Kathmandu.



Chief Guest giving his speech during the blood donation program organized by Ashok Binayak Gwali Pucha, and blood donors donating (right) at Kasthamandap

### Reformation of Child Club and Participation on Cultural Celebration

The Numuna Child Club of Basantapur Learning Center has been reformed during the month of November. Altogether 11





working committee members have been elected by the general members of Child club in BLC. The newly elected committee has been lead by Chairman Januka Pandey.



BLC children voting for nominees during the election of new child club members

The new committee of Child club has organized *Desui Bhailo* program on the occasion of Tihar Festival. They collected small amount of fund for the development of Child club activities during the door to door *Deusi Bhailo* program in BLC neighborhood.

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## ABOUT APC NEPAL

Since 2001, **APC-Nepal** provides the street children of Kathmandu with a sympathetic care, moral support and a wide range of facilities, including various shelters with living conditions where they can feel secure and have the freedom to learn and develop.

The association daily cares for more than 400 kids through 6 shelters and 4 complementary programs designed to fit the needs of the most destitute children, living and working in the streets of Kathmandu.

**Poonhill:** A familial shelter and sponsoring program which fully cares for and provides accommodation and quality education to orphan or abandoned children.

**Basantapur Learning Center:** Informal schooling program in the heart of old Kathmandu, welcoming about 140 children during the day, mainly kids with a minimum familial support but left on their own devices and who dropped out of school.

**Kalimati:** A night shelter and several mobile teams, offering refuge, counseling, orientation as well as emergency care (medical, fooding, clothing...) to kids working and living in the streets without any familial support.

**Biya:** A vocational training center specifically targeted at working children (rag-pickers, street vendors, Kalashi, beggars...) who can not be brought back into the standard educational system. Kids above 15 year old are accommodated in a family hostel, trained for a period of 15-18 months, and further helped into a professional - income generating - activity.

