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### A. Introduction to NCRC

The National Child Rights Council is formed by the federal government under the leadership of the Hon'ble Minister of the Ministry of Women, Children, and Senior Citizens. The council is mandated to carry out the work of protection and promotion of child rights as provided by Section 59 of the Act Related to Children, 2018. The council works to provide policy advice, capacity-building programs, and operates child protection systems (Child Helpline Services 1098 and Child Tracing Services 104) in coordination with all three tiers of the government. The council has the responsibility of coordinating and cooperating with the province and local governments as well as inter-ministerial coordination at the federal level for the protection and promotion of child rights

### B. Major Mandate

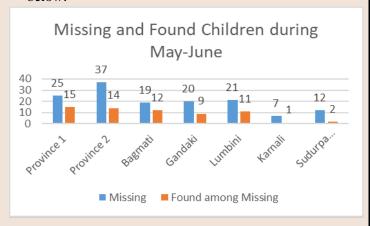
The major mandate of NCRC are as follows:

- 1.To protect and promote the rights and interests of children.
- 2.To perform advisory service to the Government of Nepal, the provincial government, and the local level to arrange the necessary policies, laws, plans, programs, and institutional mechanisms for the respect, protection, promotion, and fulfillment of the rights of the children.
- 3. Facilitate and strengthen the national child protection system and monitor, evaluate and review child-related programs and make suggestions,
- 4. To develop and enhance the capacity of stakeholders for the protection and promotion of the rights of the child,
- 5. To search, rescue, protect and manage the children who have been found unaccompanied, missing, and at-risk by cooperating and facilitating the operation and management of Child Tracing Hotline No. 104 and Child Helpline Hotline No. 1098.
- 6.To conduct other needed programs by mobilizing foreign grant assistance for child protection and promotion of child rights and to conduct targeted programs and campaigns on the basis of national priority,
- 7.To disseminate and publish child-related awareness messages,
- 8. To develop, operate, manage and strengthen the national information system related to children and to publish the national status reports on the condition of children and child rights annually.

### C. Key Performances of the Month:

### **Child Protection Activities**

The council operates National Center for Children at Risk (Hotline 104) in collaboration with Nepal police. The NCCR (104) received 141 (37 boys, 104 girls) missing children complaint across the country during the period of 15th May to 14th June 2021. Among the total complaint received NCCR found and reunited 64 (18 boys, 46 girls) children with their families. The search for 77 (19 boys, 58 girls) children is still ongoing. Among the 3407 (798 boys, 2609 girls) children are in search since July 2020; 1922 (477 boys, 1445 girls) children have been found. The search for 1485 (321 boys, 1164 girls) children is still ongoing. Likewise, NCRC got reported about the 8 (2 boys, 4 unaccompanied children. Among unaccompanied children, 3 girl children have been reunited with their families and 5 (2 boys, 3 girl) children have been placed under temporary protection facilities. The details of the missing and found children in the provinces this month are presented in the graph below:



- 2. During this period, NCRC rescued 44 (39 boys, 5 girls) street children and placed them under temporary protection facilities. Among the children placed under protection, 8 (7 boys, 1 girl) children have been reunited with their families. In this fiscal year, till the period, 335 (291 boys, 44 girls) children have been rescued from the streets. Among them, 279 (246 boys, 33 girls) children have been placed under institutional protection. And 56 (45 boys, 11 girls) children have been reunited with their families.
- 3. NCRC operates Child Helpline Service (1098) in collaboration with non-government organizations at 17 locations in Nepal. The Council has been providing rescue, protection and rehabilitation assistance to the

children at risk through these Child Helpline services. During this period, Child Helpline Service rescued a total of 45 (16 boys, 29 girls) children who were victims of violence and abuse. Among the total, 21 (6 boys, 15 girls) children have been reunited with their families. 24 (12 boys, 19 girls) children have been placed in temporary protection service center. A total of 8793 (3405 boys, 5388 girls) children have been provided services till mid-June of the current Fiscal Year as shown in the table below:

S.N.	Support Provided	Boys	Girls	Total
1.	Health Treatment	151	219	370
2.	Psychosocial Counselling	960	1278	2238
3.	Family Counselling	871	1292	2163
4.	Legal Counselling	103	407	510
5.	Care, safety, and protection	525	768	1293
6.	Educational Support	265	514	779
7.	Child Marriage Prevention	36	171	207
8.	Income Generation Support	16	40	55
9.	Other Support	478	699	1177
	Total	3405	5388	8793

4. In this month, the NCRC team monitored 457 Child Care Homes in 44 districts of 7 provinces through virtual medium and updated the number of children residing in these CCHs. While monitoring, NCRC found Covid positive in 253 children residing in 22 CCHs. However, the situation of all the children remains normal. The details of the children currently in the CCHs are presented in the table below.

Updated CCH Information					
Province	Distric t	CC H	Protecte d Boys	Protecte d Girls	Total
Province 1	7	27	325	302	627
Province 2	7	12	79	87	166
Bagmati	11	332	3576	4564	8140
Gandaki	6	46	692	605	1297
Lumbini	7	17	225	233	458
Karnali	3	10	172	204	376

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Total	44	457	5202	6117	1132 0

- 5. NCRC rescued 10 (6 boys, 4 girls) children from Tokha Municipality, 08, Milan Tole on 18<sup>th</sup> May, 2021 and 8 (3 boys, 5 girls) children from Gokarneshwor Municipality, 05, Narayantar, Jorpati on 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 2021. The children were rescued maintaining health standard from a risky situation in the presence of the staffs of NCRC, deputy mayor of the municipality and chairperson of the local child rights committee, people's representatives of the ward, head of the women and children branch, Child Tracing Center 104, local police and media personnel. The team also rescued a girl child from domestic violence. All 19 children have been placed in temporary protection service center.
- 6. NCRC coordinated and facilitated rescue of 5 children during this period from various parts of the country. NCRC managed to stop a child marriage of a 16 years old girl on 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2021. 3 children have been placed in emergency protection service center. 2 children have been reintegrated with the family. Additional protection service has been arranged along with searching the family members and relatives. In cooperation with Child Helpline 1098, Child Tracing Center 104, local levels and other stakeholders, the rescue were carried out.
- 7. NCRC referred a 7 years old girl to SOS Children Village Sunsari for permanent protection on 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2021. In coordination with District Police Office Solukhumbhu and Solududhkunda Municipality arrangements have been made for upbringing and education as both the parents are not alive.
- 8. During this period, NCRC supported 2 boy children who were in need of special protection. Among the two, 1 child is undergoing the treatment for chronic disease at Kanti Children's Hospital and the another is undergoing the treatment of cancer. Under the National Child Protection System, financial assistance of Rs. 6,000 per child has been provided to 71 children living without parents of 6 local levels during this fiscal year for protection and assistance.

# D. <u>Coordination</u>, <u>orientation</u> and <u>capacity building</u> activities

1. On 9<sup>th</sup> June, 2021, Hon'ble Minister of the Ministry of Women, Children and Senior Citizens and Chairperson of the National Child Rights Council, Ms. Chanda Chaudhary has reinstated her duties as the

Chairperson of the National Child Rights Council. State minister of the Ministry of Women, Children and Senior Citizen Minister Renuka Gurung chaired the program jointly organized by NCRC and the department of Women and Children the welcome program. Secretary Ms. Yam Kumari Khatiwada, Joint secretary of the ministry, executive director of the department and the council along with the staffs attended the program.



- **NCRC** organized a virtual program "Construction of child protection incident management information system (CPIMS) and the necessary modifications" on 20th and 21st June, 2021. 76 participants including Child Helpline 1098, Child Tracing Center 104, temporary protection service providers listed in the council, civil society organizations, networks, and UNICEF and other development partner organizations attended the program. The Child Protection Information Management System (CPIMS) will be developed and modified by the Council incorporating the suggestions of the concerned stakeholders raised in the program.
- 3. NCRC organized a virtual orientation program on "Existing legal provisions related to children and prevailing standards regarding operation of CCHs" on 28th May and 4th June, 2021. 55 participants including the operators and officials of 43 residential CCHs operating in Province No. 1, Lumbini and Karnali attended the program. Executive Director of NCRC Mr. Milan Raj Dharel chaired the program. The executive director address the question related to the health condition of the children in the CCHs after the lockdown and the problems and challenges faced by the CCHs. He also gave instructions on the role and responsibilities of the CCHs in the coming days.



4. NCRC received an information regarding a child's death in Mechinagar Municipality, 13, Jhapa on 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 2021. The 10 years old child showed symptoms of vomiting and diarrhea since 21<sup>st</sup> May, 2021 and was taken to a hospital. But hospitals kept on referring her to other hospitals. NCRC along with National Human Rights Commission did in-site monitoring and informed Chief District Officer of Jhapa about the incident. The CDO assured that necessary investigation will be carried out.

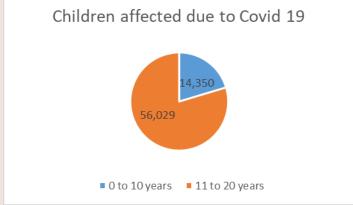


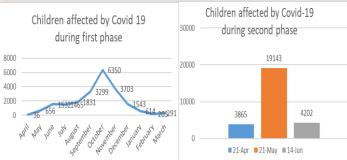
Till this period, after the training and continuous effort from NCRC, child protection procedures have been formulated and implemented at 58 local level in Province 1, 15 local level in Province 2, 3 local level in Bagmati, 3 local level in Lumbini and 14 local level in Karnali. Similarly, 21 in Province 1, 11 in Province 2, 15 in Karnali, 3 in Bagmati and 3 in Lumbini have formed the child rights committee at the local level. Likewise, 5 in Province 1, 7 in Province 2, 4 in Bagmati, 2 in Lumbini and 9 in Karnali have appointed Child Welfare Officer at their local level. Likewise, children fund has also been established to provide emergency rescue and assistance in various disasters and pandemics, and will be used in 23 local level in Province 1, 7 local level in Province 2, 7 local level in Bagmati, 4 local level in Gandaki, 3 local level in Lumbini and 11 local level in Karnali.

## E. Covid-19 Pandemic Specific Interventions

1. Since the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic, till 14<sup>th</sup> June, 2021, 56,029 children (adolescents) up to 20 years and 14,350 children (8,306 boys, 6,054 girls) up to 10 years of age have been reported infected. 65 (38 children

due to first variant and 27 children due to second variant) children have died due to Covid-19. The statistics of the affected children are presented in the graph below:





NCRC, with a campaign that "There is state for the children in disasters, pandemics, violence, abuse, lack of guardianship, lack of protection, poor and helpless" have been providing services during the pandemic. NCRC has coordinating and collaborating with associations, province, local levels, Child Tracing Coordination Center (104), Child Helpline (1098), civic development partners organizations, including organizations and individuals willing to serve. Since the onset of the pandemic, including the second variant, the council has been providing services by monitoring and evaluating the needs after receiving information from various news outlets and through letters. Accordingly, necessary food items have been provided to 311 children of 139 families in this period.

## **Details of support through Child Helpline**

S.N.	Provided Service	Benefitted Children		
		Boys	Girls	Total
1	Food distribution and counseling due to poor economic condition	207	212	419
2	Assistance for financially weak families affected by covid	8	11	19
3	Assistance to children who have lost their parents due to covid	6	3	9





During this period, NCRC in coordination with Provincial government virtually organized protection and child-sensitive services at local level infected by COVID 19". 423 people (59 men and 365 women) including the Head of Social Development Division of the Ministry of Social Development of Bagmati, Gandaki, Lumbini, Sudurpaschim Province, and Province 2, 382 local level Child Welfare Officers Heads of Women and Children Branch, representatives of civil society organizations attended the program. Presentations were made on the impact of Covid on the education, health, protection, and participation of children. Child sensitive services that can be provided at the local level for impact mitigation, communication of information and coordination and cooperation and also, the subject of direct assistance and services to be received from the Council were discussed. The efforts made by the municipality for the protection of children and the commitment for the delivery of child sensitive services as discussed was also informed to the participants.



4. NCRC conducted a virtual program for "Covid Crisis Child Protection Support Volunteer Group" on 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2021. Former minister of the MoWCSC Ms Juli

Kumari Mahato and Executive director of NCRC chaired the program. 122 participants attended the program. The role of volunteer groups in providing child-friendly services to children infected and affected by COVID and information on service delivery process were discussed during the program.

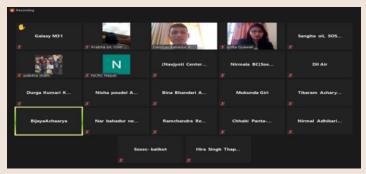


5. During this period, NCRC conducted a virtual program on assistance and facilitation in the identification of children affected and infected with COVID, immediate child protection, and the delivery of child-sensitive services. 180 volunteers from all provinces registered under Covid Crisis Child Protection Support Volunteer Group formed by NCRC attended the program. The program was chaired by the council members. The role of the volunteer group, workflow process, code of conduct was discussed and UNICEF Nepal facilitated online reporting on child protection-related incidents.



6. NCRC in coordination with Social Development Ministry, Karnali, Surkhet organized a "Coordinating meetings and interaction program" on 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 2021. 23 (16 male, 10 female) participants including representatives of development partners, NGOs and civil society organizations working in Karnali attended the program. The increasing adversities of second wave of Covid-19 on children and women is very infectious. And in such situation, the conditions of children and women (pregnant, lactating, breastfeeding and victims of violence and affected), the work and efforts of

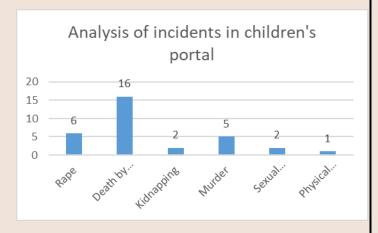
development partners and NGOs and civil society organizations in Karnali were discussed. The areas of child protection, security and assistance, and cooperation that can be provided to the affected and infected children and the upcoming priorities were also discussed.



7. NCRC conducted an orientation program for "Responsibilities of children Help Desk during Covid-19" on 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2021. 15 representatives of 5 help desk operated by Child Helpline 1098, Province 1 attended the program. The participants were oriented on focusing on responding immediately to problems with children during Covid, updating information, managing and referring cases, managing essential health supplies, and promotion of the help desk.

### F. Information Management and Reporting

1. The children's portal run by the council has updated 27 news related to children published in various media and newspapers. During this period, based on the reports on the violation of child right and risk in various media, the council in coordination with the concerned agencies has facilitated the incident management by coordinating with the concerned bodies including localities, police administration, child helpline 1098, National Center for Children at Risk (104) and labor office. Details in this regard are presented in the graph below.



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