

Report on
EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT MATERIALS (Kits and Books) DISTRIBUTION
PROGRAM

Submitted to
Books of Joy, USA



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Background: Books of Joy, USA and “Society For Women’s Empowerment and Sustainability” - SHRISTI has made a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to distribute the ECD Kits and Books to ECD aged children in 6 schools of ward No 11 and ward No.12 of Musikot Municipality, West Rukum, Nepal on November 29,2023. Books of Joy is committed to provide financial support of NPR 352605.00 (\$2675.91) and SHRISTI is responsible to purchase and distribute the Kits to the targeted schools and do pre-post evaluation and submit report to Books of Joy. As per the agreement Books of Joy deposited the agreed amount in the bank account of SHRISTI. And SHRISTI purchased the agreed ECD materials and books from Prasamsa Store Nakkhu – 18, Lalitpur (contact no.9841261088) on 23rd of February, 2024 (2080-11-18 B.S.). Prasamsa Store managed the transportation also for the material delivery from Rukum to Musikot. In coordination with Musikot Municipality SHRISTIs organized ECD Kits and Books **DISTRIBUTION** Program as follows. Date and venue was fixed in coordination with the Municipality, District Education Coordination unit and the targeted schools.

Venue 1: Jana Kalyan Secondary School, Bhalakcha, Musikot Municipality ward no. 11, West Rukum

Venue 2: Jana Kalyan Secondary School, Kanshpokhari Musikot Municipality ward no. 12, West Rukum. Kanshpokhari was quite far from Bhalakcha, So it was decided to travel to the school and handover the materials on same day.

Date: 7th of MARCH, 2024

Targeted Schools:

1. Janakalyan Secondary School Musikot Municipality Ward no 11, Bhalakcha
2. Gyanodaya Secondary School Musikot Municipality Ward no 11, Lahu
3. Paropakar Basic School Musikot Municipality Ward no 11, Kusum Danda
4. Baldharam Basic School Musikot Municipality Ward no 11, Syabang
5. Janakalyan Secondary School Musikot Municipality Ward no 12, Kanshpokhari
6. Saraswati Sisukalyan Basic School Musikot Municipality Ward no 11, Sipri

Venue 1: Jana Kalyan Secondary School, Bhalakcha,

Program Details:

The program was attended by Dy. Mayor, President of Parents Teachers Association (PTA), Head of District Education Coordination Unit (previously called School Inspector, project contact person, now he is promoted as Head of District Education Coordination Unit for West Rukum), Ward Secretary as representative of ward office (ward 11), President of District Early Childhood Development (ECD) Network West Rukum, Campus chief of Rukumeli Multiple Campus, Khalanga Musikot, Headteachers and ECD Facilitators of five targeted schools (1. Janakalyan Sec. School Bhalakcha, 2. Gyanodaya Sec. School Lahu, 3. Paropakar Basic School, Kusum Danda, 4. Baldharam Basic School Syabang, Saraswati Sisukalyan Basic School Sipri), other teachers, students, parents and chair of SHRISTI.

The program was chaired by President (Mr. Ganesh Oli) of Parent's Teacher's Association (PTA) – and welcomed by the headteacher (Mr. Kul Prasad Oli) of the Jana Kalyan Secondary School Bhalackchha. Deputy Mayor of Musikot Municipality (Mr. Bimal Kumar Pun) as the Chief Guest who highly appreciated this initiative and expressed his gratitude to Books of Joy and SHRISTI on the behalf of the Municipality. Head of District Education Coordination Unit for West Rukum – Mr. Tara Prakash Pun as the special guest also highlighted the importance of the such initiative and He committed to support the both organizations in future for the wellbeing of the children of Rukum in his speech. Chair of the SHRISTI highlighted the objectives of the project and requested to the targeted schools to take the responsibility for the safety and proper utilization of the distributed materials. She also given emphasis on impact of the support. She said SHRISTI will carry on pre and post impact evaluation so asked the targeted school to be serious in use of the materials. Chief of Rukumeli Community Campus (Mr. Min Bahadur Pun) also as guest speaker (who is highly respected person in education sector in Rukum) also appreciated the initiative and asked local government to match such initiative in future if possible. President of the Early Childhood Development Network of the Rukum (Ms. Nirmala Oli) oriented the about importance of the ECD for children aged below and she oriented about 4 learning centers and how to use each item that is given the ECD Kits. After that, ECD Kits and books were hand overed by Dy. Mayor to the head teachers and ECD facilitators to all targeted schools. After that, Chair of the PTA as the chair of this distribution program thanks to all guests and participants, SHRISTI and Books of Joy. He asked such support for elder children also in his speech. He requested all schools to utilize the ECD materials as per purpose and focus on results. Finally he closed the program. (See photo 1)

Venue 2: Jana kalyan Secondary School, Kanshpokhari

Program Details:

The program was attended by Dy. Mayor, Ward Chair (Ward 12), Women Member of Ward Committee-Ms. Reshmi Oli (Ward 12), President of Parents Teachers Association (PTA), Head teacher, ECD facilitator, all teachers, and students of the school, Head of District Education Coordination Unit, chief of Rukumeli Community Campus, Khalanga Musikot, and chair of SHRISTI.

The program was chaired by Ward President (Mr. Dhiren Shreepaili) and welcomed by the headteacher (Mr. Ram Prasad Oli) of the Jana Kalyan Secondary School Kanshpokhari. Here also, Deputy Mayor of Musikot Municipality (Mr. Bimal Kumar Pun) attended the program as the Chief Guest. Head of District Education Coordination Unit for West Rukum – Mr. Tara Prakash Pun participated the program as the special guest. Chief of Rukumeli Community Campus (Mr. Min Bahadur Pun) also participated the program as guest. After speech from the guests, here too Chair of the SHRISTI (Bishwa Pun) highlighted the objectives of the project and requested to the head teacher and ECD Facilitator to take the responsibility for the safety and proper utilization of the distributed materials. She said SHRISTI will carry on pre and post impact evaluation so asked the targeted school to be serious in use of the materials. After that, ECD Kits and books were hand overed by Dy. Mayor to the head teacher and ECD facilitator of Jana Kalyan Secondary School Kanshpokhari. After that, the ward chair as the chair of this distribution program thanks to Dy. Mayor for his time, Head of the District Education Coordination unit who recommended this school for support, and all other guests and participants. He expressed special gratitude to SHRISTI and Books of Joy for this special support for ECD aged children. In his speech, he said different from other school, they have pressure of students in this school. Altogether, there 420 students, this high number in comparison to other schools in West Rukum. He said it is genuine to provide double ECD Kits and book set. He expects such support for future too. He announced for the program close. We did n't have enough time, it was nearly 5 pm, so, there were no more speakers like in venue 1. (See photo 2)

Transportation of the materials:

1. The Prasamsa Store managed the long drive carrier to deliver the materials from Kathmandu to Musikot Khalanga From the headquarter of the district.
2. It was dropped in the house premises of Min Bahadur Pun, Campus Chief of Rukumeli Community Campus Musikot Khalang in request of SHRISTI. SHRISTI asked the Musikot to

provide space to keep the ECD Kits and books but they could n't give since it was already occupied

3. But the Musikot Municipality provided office vehicle to drop the materials from the Headquarter to Distribution points. It was a great support.

Challenges: Major challenges of the distribution program SHRISTI faced as follows:

1. Time of the Dy. Mayor of and Head of District education coordination unit was very limited. Both of them were very busy in their regular work. It took time to fix the date.
2. Two big baskets were broken, we realized it when we opened it. So, two additional baskets were purchased by the Chair (Bishwa Pun).
3. There are two highways to reach West Rukum one from Mahendra highway + Rapti Highway (Mahendra Highway) and another is *Madhya Pahadi Lokmarg* (Mid Hill Highway) and. Currently, there is a huge re-construction on Mahendra Highway is going on, so, it takes a long hours, nearly 18 hours to reach Rukum from first option. Travel by Mid Hill Highway is very short but it is risky because of unpredictable snow fall on the way and danger geographical context. There is third option also i.e. Flight but tickets were so limited. So, the chair decided to travelled by Mid Hill Highway to save the time but because she faced lot of problem on the way she came by Rapti High + Mahendra highway which is too lengthy but more safe.

Pending work:

1. Book rack (Wooden) will be distributed in coming May. We consulted with local carpenter who told it takes time to make the cupboards so we decided to make and distribute it in May when we will be engaged in Pre-test that also will take time.
2. As per suggestion of District Education Coordination Unit, school enrollment will go till the last of April, so it will better to take Pre-test in May, so it is postponed for May.

Others: Rs.1500 (Rs.fifteen hundred rupees is provided to Head of District Education Coordination Unit Tara Prakash Pun for communication charge).

Balance Budget

Sr.No.	Items	Approved Budget (in NPR)	Expensed till to date	Balance	Remarks
1	ECD Kits, Stationaries and Books	317204	317205	-1	
2	Book Racks	21000	0	21000	Postponed for May
3	Management and Logistics				
	communication charge	2400	800	-1600	for 5 months (from Nov 2023 to March 2024)
	Transportation Cost	12000	8000	4000	The balance budget will used to delivery book rack from factory to targeted schools. We will use local private vehicle or porter.
	Total	352604	326205	26599	

Banner Design

The following banner was used during the distribution program.

पूर्व बाल विकास शिक्षा सम्बन्धि सामग्री बितरण कार्यक्रम (EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT MATERIALS DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM)

फाल्गुण २४, २०८० (7th of MARCH, 2024)

मुसिकोट नगरपालिका, वडा नं. ११, भलाक्चा



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Photo Gallery

			
Photo 1, Distribution Program in Jana Kalyan Sec. School Bhalakcha,	Photo 2, Distribution Program in Jana Kalyan Sec. School Kaspokhari	Students of Jana Kalyan Sec. School Bhalakcha	Students of Jana Kalyan Sec. School Kaspokhari
			
Venue 1, Group Photo after the program close Bhalakcha	Venue 2, Program beginning Kaspokhari	Campus chief Min Bdr Pun giving speech bhalakcha	Bhalakcha Balsarsawti basic School Sipari



Baldharam Basic School
Syabang



Paropakar Basic School
Kusumdada



Gyanodaya Secondary School Lahu



Janakalyan Secondary School Bhalakcha