

HALF ANNUAL REPORT

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MANAGEMENT UPDATE

We have 92 staff at NYF -Nepal including the 9 at the Country Office. The staff have been engaged in their regular work as well as some of the earthquake relief activities. Two engineers and one coordinator have been additionally hired full time for the reconstruction project.

Several training were organized for staff capacity building in these six months. Under this, the Vocational Education and Career Counseling team received a two week long training on Rapid Market Appraisal (RMA) and career counseling skills. Likewise, almost 40 NYF staff participated in one day sensitization program on gender and disability. Two ECD staff attended training on Early Childhood Development and the 3 executive staff attended leadership training.

Some in-house training were also given out to the relevant staff on computer skills, report writing, logical framework and SWOT analysis. Likewise, NYF's in-house Ankur Counseling Center conducted training related to self- care and child psychology for child care workers within NYF programs.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

1. Empowering Freed Kamalaris 'EFK'

This program has been affected the most by the prolonged unrest in the southern border of Nepal due to which we were not able to carry out all the planned activities. However, there has been some improvement in the situation lately and our staff are back to work.

Planned Activities for 2015/16	Target	Achievement (July – Dec)
1. Rescue and rehabilitation of new Kamalari girls	31 girls	7 girls
2. Legal advocacy on behalf of Kamalari girls	25 cases	6 cases (ongoing cases from last year)
3. Supervision and monitoring for school and college going girls	5500	4,078
4. Private coaching for SLC candidates	900	To be done in February
5. Scholarship for Kamalahar boys	290	To be distributed in March
6. Scholarship for siblings of freed Kamalari girls	120	To be distributed in March
7. Celebration of Kamalari freedom day	5 districts	To be conducted on June
8. Cooperative Development and Expansion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expand number of co-ops from 41 to 51 and increase members to 6000 Provide financial and technical support for co-op management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Established 21 new saving groups which are yet to be registered as co-operatives. There are 41 registered co-ops and 20 informal saving groups running with 5,695 members. Conducted one day orientation to co-operative motivators for management of revolving fund and income generating activities

9. Advocacy for Kamalari issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pressurizing government agencies for Kamalari ID card distribution and revision of scholarship provision (to be done through FKDF) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FKDF team visited Kathmandu 4 times and met with the concerned government authorities
10. Expansion of FKDF members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase new members 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of members increased to 4,711

Aruna: Bamboo Craft Trainer



The Bamboo workshop run by Aruna Chaudhary in Rajapur of Bardiya District is always crowded with college girls. The college girls are learning the skills of the bamboo craft trade from Aruna, who herself has only attended school until grade five. Having realized that skills are essential to independence, these college going girls are learning practical skills alongside their formal education at the college.

23 year old Aruna from Rajapur 6, Kushahiki of Bardiya district crafts bamboo into beautiful works of art. She started her business after a two month long training sponsored by the Nepal Youth Foundation. Having started work in 2067, Aruna is a now a locally renowned trainer of bamboo craft.

Aruna was married to a Tharu youth from Manpur Tapara 9 of Jogpur in 2069. She then taught the bamboo craft trade to her husband. Her husband realized the money making potential of the businesses and quit his undergraduate school to become a part of it. Aruna is often summoned from various place for training work. She charges Rs 24,000 for a month long training. "I have trained over 90 people in 6 different locations," she says, adding, "I send my husband to places I cannot schedule in. He has become very skilled in the trade now." Aruna, who was forced to become a Kamalari because her family could not afford to feed her, now earns thousands of rupees every day. "I could not go to school because I was a Kamalari. I was not admitted to grade 6 after I passed the exams for grade 5," she reminisces, "But all is well as I am now able to independently stand on my own feet. I can even train other people now." Some of her production is sold at her store while others are shipped to other areas in the district.

She says that the cost of her husband's education and household expenses were all financed by her business. "My husband learned the necessary skills from me after he realized how profitable the trade was. Because we both have the same work, many things are easy for us to manage," she says, "We can count on each other to look after the business when one of us has to be absent. The demand for bamboo work is also fairly high."

Rescue & Legal Advocacy

In these 6 months 7 girls were rescued and 6 legal cases are running in the court on behalf of the girls. 4 of these cases pertain to gang rape incidents and 2 to instances of early marriage.

Education Status

4,236 girls are currently receiving school/college education or vocation training. Of them 3517 are going to school, 460 girls are now in 10+2 (higher secondary), 101 are working on their bachelor's degree, 158 are taking up vocational and technical training. So far, 1,136 girls have received vocational skills training.

Cooperatives Development

The freed Kamalaris have opened 41 registered cooperatives and 21 saving groups in the five NYF program districts. Total loans worth Rs. 10,374,733 have been made out to 1,369 out of the 5,695 total members. The total capital, including the savings collected and the revolving fund amounts to Rs. 13,692,873.

Advocacy for Kamalari issues

Kamalari leaders are constantly lobbying with the government for ID card for freed Kamalaris. These cards will make the delivery and receipt of benefits for freed Kamalaris more manageable and effective. In these 6 months, a team of FKDF visited Kathmandu 4 times for this purpose as well as for pressurizing the government to revise the scholarship guideline so as to increase the amount of scholarship as agreed in the 10 point agreement with the government in 2013.

FKDF Development

The Freed Kamalaris Development Forum is working on bringing all the freed girls into the network gradually. There are 4,711 registered members currently.

Peer Counseling for Freed Kamalaris and Campaign against Early Marriage

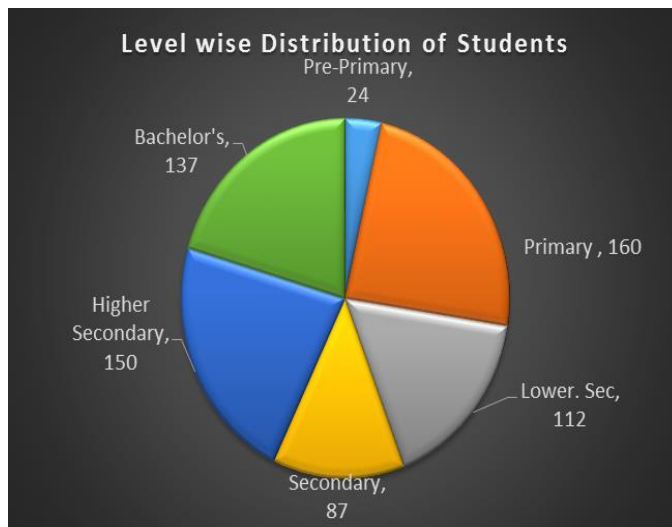
Currently, the project is led by 5 assistant counselors and 70 peer counsellors in the field, with technical support of the counselors from Ankur, Kathmandu. There are 189 support groups, with 2,713 members (195 girls and 79 boys became new members of the support groups in this period). The members meet every month to share their problems, issues, life stories, and discuss ways and strategies to deal with those issues. Due to the ongoing Madhesh protest in the area and fuel crisis caused by Indian blockade, some of the planned activities could not be accomplished, and efforts will be made to fulfill the target in the remaining 6 months. Despite the situation, the Ankur counselors conducted Life Skills and case management training (TOT) to the peer counselors and assistant counselors. These peer counselors will in turn train the support group members. The peer counselors conducted 950 individual counseling sessions and 205 group counseling sessions. They also provided 169 orientation sessions to the support group members on basic counseling, peer counseling and trauma counseling; and made 662 visits to the girls' school and hostel to talk to the girls as well as school authorities on problem faced by the girls.

Regarding Early Marriage Prevention program, 129 events of awareness programs against early marriage was conducted for the girls, boys, their families and community groups. The peer counselors made 1,293 visits to the girls' homes to talk to the families about early marriage. Awareness message was also broadcast in all 5 districts through local radio and leaflets were distributed.

2. Education Support Program

This year, the program provided scholarships to 687 students from preprimary to Bachelors, and among them almost 60% are girls. The result of board examination (2015) for grade 12 was published, and out of the 76 students who had appeared the examination, 59 students passed (78%) while the national pass rate was only 43%. Recreational programs for the students such as picnic and outings were been postponed due to fuel shortage.

Two of the scholarship categories (Village Scholarship and Girls Scholarship) were ended in the fiscal year 2014/15. The remaining students under these two scholarships were transferred to other scholarship programs. As per the strategic plan, Danuwar (Rai) Girls Education Support Program (DGESP) will also not accept any new enrolments and will be consequently phased out in a few years. The Kinship Scholarship Program will be given a special focus making it an alternative to the Children's Home or Boarding School Scholarship. However, due to the urgent need to support education of a group of HIV&AIDS affected children in Makwanpur district, 17 children have been supported through the Boarding School scholarship category; hence the increase in number of children beyond our annual plan.



NYF scholarship holders in one school in Kathmandu



Girls raising their hands after receiving school kit

Students on Basis of Scholarship Category

S. N	Programs	Target for the year	Total Students	Pre-Primary	Primary	Lower.Sec	Secondary	Intermediate (+2)	Bachelor's	Boys	Girls	Public	Private
1	Day School	128	135	11	62	41	21	-	-	62	73	48	87
2	Boarding School	19	35	-	6	10	19	-	-	8	27	4	31
3	Kinship Care	72	72	9	39	16	8	-	-	46	26	21	51
4	Disabled	100	103	4	57	31	11	-	-	51	52	92	11
5	College	300	287	-	-	-	-	150	137	146	141	124	163
6	DGESP	55	55	-	-	22	33	-	-	0	55	55	0
	Total	674	687	24	164	120	92	150	137	313	374	344	343



This is **Bhupendra Shahi**, 14 year old boy from an impoverished family in Jajarkot, a remote district in the western hills of Nepal. He was recently referred to NYF by a doctor's team from a hospital in Kathmandu where he had received free heart surgery. Since he needed lifelong medication and regular follow up after his surgery, he was living in Kathmandu and working as a dishwasher in a small hotel to provide for his accommodation and living, and he had dropped out of school since the time he left his village. Now, with NYF scholarship, he is going to school and studying in grade four. NYF is also providing him accommodation and care at the New Life Center for the time being.

3. Early Childhood Development (ECD)

Planned Activities for 2015/16	Target	Achievement (July – Dec)	Remarks
Support government ECD centers	39	33	Started supporting 14 new ECD centers this fiscal year. The selection of remaining ECD centers is going on
Support teaching & learning and playing materials	39 ECD centers	33	
Day meal	“	33	
Classroom set up and infrastructure development	39	24	Ongoing
Teachers training	1 time	1 time	This training was conducted to compensate for the training for last fiscal year which had been cancelled due to earthquake. The training planned for this fiscal year will be conducted in March
Parents education	1 time each in all ECD centers	Done in 5 ECD centers	Will be conducted in remaining ECD centers within next six months
Coordination meeting with District Education Offices in each program districts	1 time in each district	Done in 4 districts: Kavre, Chitwan, Sindhupalchowk, Lalitpur	
Monitoring visits to ECD centers	Every three months in all ECD centers	Done as per plan	Ongoing



Interaction with Mothers regarding ECD



Teachers Training

Prior to the earthquake in April, we had 19 ECDs running. We have now started supporting 14 new ECDs in Sindhupalchowk district. All these 14 ECDs were destroyed in the earthquake and NYF is now working in their reconstruction as well. The ECDs had been closed down for 3 months after the earthquake but they have now resumed, mostly in temporary makeshift shelters.

Currently, we are supporting 33 ECD centers: 5 in Kavre, 3 in Kathmandu, 6 in Lalitpur, 5 in Chitwan and 14 in Sindhupalchowk. As per NYF's model, ECDs are provided with learning and playing materials, mid-day meals, classroom set up and infrastructure development, teachers training and community/parents awareness. Until now NYF had also been providing extra stipend for teachers, as the salary paid by the government for the ECD teachers was extremely low. However, the District Education Office expressed concern that such support for a select ECD centers would not be in uniformity with the overall national scenario. Hence, NYF will not be taking forward this provision in

the newly selected ECDs this year, and the provision will be altogether removed from next fiscal year. In turn, NYF will shift focus to mobilization of trained volunteers to assist the ECD teachers.

There are altogether 1,000 students in the 33 ECD centers. Along with the expansion of the program, we have hired new staff to ensure proper management and supervision of the centers. The staff have been provided training on early childhood development. The team now comprises of one Program Manager, and 4 support staff who are mostly based in the field.

4. Vocational Education and Career Counseling

Planned Activities for 2015/16	Annual Target	Achievement	Remarks
Enrollment in long term training	90	83	Remaining trainees to be enrolled in January
Enrollment in short term training	240	107	Remaining trainees to be enrolled soon
Career counseling for new trainees	All new trainees	All new trainees	Trainees will continue to receive follow up counseling as required
Vocational education orientation for freed Kamlaris	500	241	Remaining will be done in next half year
Vocational education orientation for students under NYF scholarship	110	43	Remaining will be done in next half year
Vocational education orientation for government schools/child care institutions	10 schools/ institutions	-	To be done in the next half year
Business development training	50 trainees	-	To be done in the next half year
Interaction with training graduates	2 events	-	To be done in the next half year
Interaction with employers	1 event	-	To be done in the next half year

Orientation and Career Counseling



Altogether 324 youth were provided orientation on the scope of technical and vocational training. Among them, 281 were freed Kamalaris and 43 were scholarship students of NYF. The youths selected for training were further provided career counseling to help them select appropriate training programs.

Additionally, announcements were also broadcast in the local radio in the ex-Kamlari prevalent villages mentioning about NYF's vocational training opportunities for them. The field staff also made home visits to spread the message in remote villages.

Training

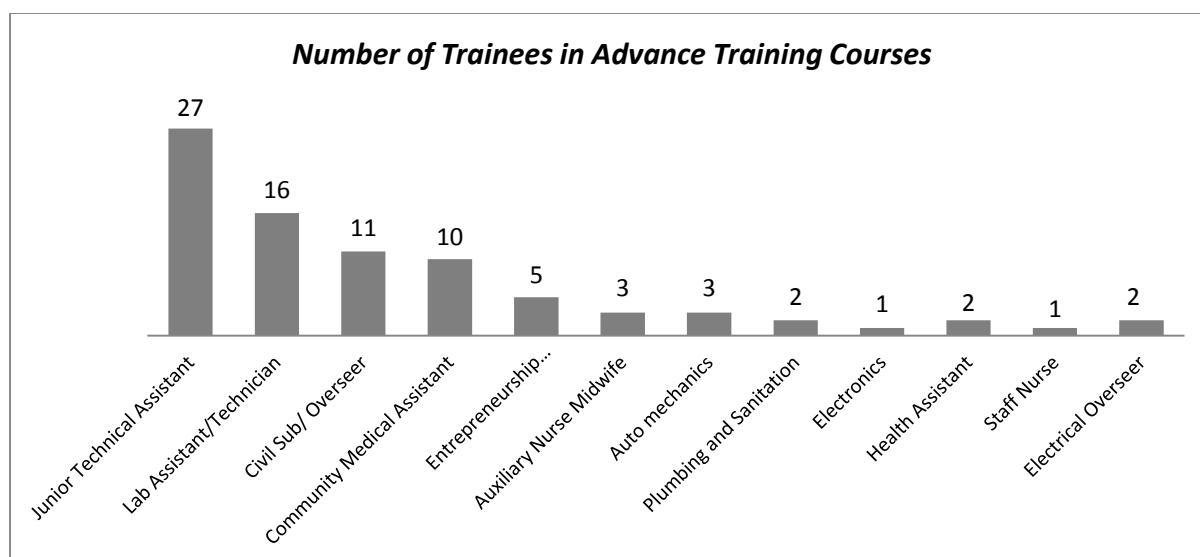
# at the Beginning	New Enrollment	Completed	Employed	Drop Out	# at the End
267	192	59	29	2	398

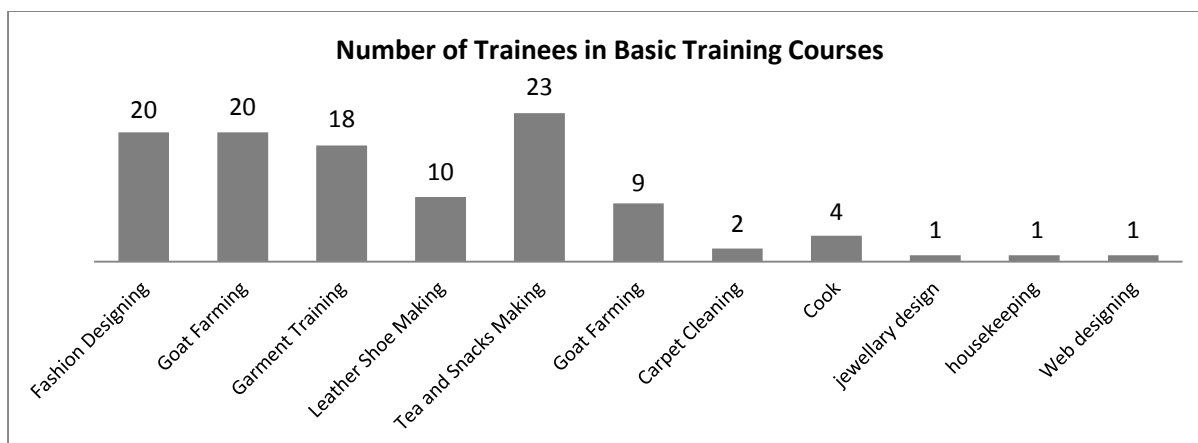
We enrolled new 192 youths in training in these 6 months: 83 in long term advance training courses and 109 in short term basic training courses. With 267 trainees carried forward from June, VECC had 459 trainees during this period. 59 of them have completed the training and 29 have already found employment: 4 are placed at jobs and 24 girls set up their own business on tailoring, tea shops on wheels, and goat farming.



Health Assistant Trainee

Out of the 192 newly enrolled youths in this period, 171 were girls and 21 were boys. Likewise, majority (158) was the rescued Kamalaris, 9 were Kamalahar boys or sibling of Kamlaris and 25 were students from the NYF's scholarship.





Employment and Self Employment

Out of the 59 training graduates, 5 landed in jobs and 24 started their own businesses. Most of the others have just completed the training and are seeking employment.

Training Completion and Employment in July-December 2015		
Training	# Graduates	# Employed/self employed
Fashion Design/tailoring	23	5 have opened tailoring center
Tea and Snacks Making	22	10 have opened tea shops on wheels
Goat Farming	9	9 have started goat farming
Carpet and Interior Cleaning	2	2 found employment at cleaning company
Cook	1	1 found employment at a restaurant
Travel and Ticketing	1	1 found employment at a travel agency
Auto Mechanic	1	1 found employment at auto workshop

Meet Shanta Chaudhary

Shanta was 8 years old when she was sent for "kamalari". She spent two years in slavery before Nepal youth foundation rescued her. Although she joined school after her rescue, she was weak in studies. Recently she showed interest in doing small business in her own village. Street food culture was gaining popularity and therefore she undertook Tea and Snacks Making training and has now set up her own stall. The business is doing very well - she is making a profit of 700 rupees per day, which is very good income in Nepal.



5. Malnutrition Prevention and Treatment Program

Planned Activities for 2015/16	Target #	Achievement
Nutritional Rehabilitation Homes		
Treatment of malnourished children (from 8 NRHs)	1,082	1,174
Education for mothers/caretakers from 8 NRHs (residential)	975 (90% of children's #)	1,292
Nutritional Outreach Camps (community outreach)	4 Nutrition Camps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 nutrition camps • 3 nutrition awareness/education events • Awareness/education events during Breast Feeding week
Training and Capacity Building	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refresher training for all NRHs • Monitoring visit to NRHs under NYF • Orientation to medical/nursing students and others 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orientation to 849 people

Nutritional Rehabilitation Homes

Out of total 16 NRHs, 10 NRHs have been handed over to the government, and remaining 6 are running under NYF management. Two NRHs (Janakpur and Rajbiraj) were handed over this fiscal year on the 1st of July. Through the 6 NRHs directly under NYF's management, we were able to serve 300 malnourished children and educate 264 mothers on nutrition and health in these six months. This number falls short of the target (annual target is 758 children) as the admission of children was minimal after the earthquake, and continued to be so due to the fuel crisis. Out of the children served, 235 (79%) were under 5. Similarly 296



Children and Mothers at NRH Kathmandu

children were discharged after treatment. Our field staff also conducted 151 follow up visits for the children discharged, and most of the children were reported to be in good health condition.

264 mothers who stayed with the children at the center received hands on training on nutrition, health, hygiene, and sanitation from dietitian and nurses.

Due to the difficulty of keeping the children for residential treatment during the fuel shortage, the children were instead screened of their nutritional status and parents were provided nutrition counseling so that they could take care of the children accordingly at home.

NRHs under NYF	Bed Capacity	Annual Target	Admission			U 5	Discharge	#Caretakers
			Total	Male	Female			
NRH-Ktm	24	263	100	50	50	72	101	87
NRH-Bharatpur	10	110	57	34	23	51	60	53
NRH-Baglung	10	110	46	20	26	37	53	37
NRH-Dailekh	5	55	19	12	7	18	23	18
NRH-Dang	10	110	42	21	21	37	48	40
NRH-Butwal	10	110	25	13	12	25	26	25
Total	69	758	289	150	139	240	311	260

Community Outreach Programs

Due to less number of children at residential care during this period, NRH focused on community outreach programs instead. The program involved 2 nutrition camps in Dhading, breastfeeding education camps during the breast feeding week, and several nutrition awareness events for women of reproductive age in Sunakothi community.

Nutrition Camps

The first nutrition and health camp was conducted in Nilkantha Municipality of Dhading on September 10 and 11, mostly covering children displaced by the April earthquake and living in a camp. The team involved 19 people including 2 Doctors, 2 Nutritionists, 4 Nurses and other technical and non-technical personnel.



A child being measured height



A child observing hand washing poster

A total of 359 children (189 girls and 170 boys) were screened at the camp out of which 17% of the children were found to be malnourished.

Likewise, the 2nd nutrition camp was conducted throughout the 1st week in November in 7 different schools in Dhading.

2,103 children were assessed of their nutritional status (983 girls, 1,120 boys, 482 U5). Out of the children screened, 378 were found to be undernourished, and severe cases were brought to Kathmandu NRH for treatment. Likewise, 700 mothers received nutrition education and counseling at the camp.



A staff explaining Super flour preparing method

Awareness Events

NRH-Kathmandu conducted 3 training events to the women from Sunakothi village. Focus of the training was to enhance nutritional knowledge and discourage use of the growing use of junk/packed food. The target group of this training was the women from reproductive age group (15-49). Sixty six women participated in the training. The women seemed enthusiastic to learn more about nutrition and they have requested the center to organize other nutrition related training in coming days.

Breastfeeding week

NRH celebrated the World Breast Feeding Week from 1st to the 7th of August 2015 with the theme **“Breastfeeding and work: let’s make it work”**. In consultation with the District Public Health Office, awareness campaign were conducted in public health care centers and communities around NRH Sunakothi covering 90 mothers. During the campaign, the mothers were taught about the benefit of breastfeeding for mother and child, appropriate time for breastfeeding and the method of breastfeeding.

Training and Capacity Building

NRH organizes orientation sessions to different students from nursing and public health, volunteers, NGO staff and other institutions at NRH Sunakothi. In these six months NRH-Kathmandu conducted 6 orientation sessions for 750 nursing students and volunteers.



Orientation session for nursing students

6. MSPN- The New Life Center

Planned Activities for 2015/16	Target #	Achievement
Treatment and care for children	72	21
Education for mothers/caretakers	72	21



Children Served

The New Life Center has the capacity to serve 72 children in a year and educate an almost equal number of caretakers/mothers. In these six months 21 children were admitted at the center, and with 12 children carried forward from previous period, altogether 33 children received treatment and care. The children were provided treatment and care through appropriate diet, medical treatment and psychosocial counseling. The children also received ARV (Antiretroviral treatment) for controlling HIV virus and prophylaxis treatment which reduces the risk of opportunistic infections. Additional 13 children stayed at the center during their follow up visits and received services at the center.

Out of 24 children discharged, 23 were discharged with improved health condition: weight gain to normal nutritional status, cured of opportunistic infections, and increased CD4 count-a measure of immunity.

Mothers Educated

The mothers and caretakers of the children received 54 classes on preparing low cost but nutritious food, and learnt about how to care for their infected children once they returned home. They also received 94 classes on reproductive health, STDs, tuberculosis, antiretroviral treatment (ARV) and its importance, and nutrition and its relevance to HIV and ARV.

Likewise, they were involved in a special 2 days training on HIV&AIDS, nutrition, and women empowerment.



Psychological Counseling

Psychosocial counseling is very important for the PLHIV and CLHIV as such services can help them deal with the stigma and discrimination associated with HIV/AIDS and improve their self-esteem. With the support of NYF's in-house Ankur Counseling and Training Center, 27 counseling sessions were provided to children and 6 sessions were provided to caretakers this year.

Recreation and Social Activities

Recreational and social activities are important component of our services to the children. Children celebrated festivals like Dashain, Tihar, Teej, Christmas and others during these six months.

Training/orientation to other Institutes

Orientation on nutrition and health was conducted for 15 women with HIV&AIDS who were referred by an organization SACTS/VCT. Over 60 visitors who visited the New Life Center received information about NLC and its working modality.



Regina and Bijaya find New Life

Rabina, her younger brother Bijaya and their mother were all identified with HIV&AIDS, whereas their father refused to have any tests. On their arrival at NLC the children suffered multiple problems such as weight loss, rashes and wounds. After treatment and care at the center for 3 months, both the children returned back with only HIV. Their mother also regained good health and returned home with skills and knowledge to look after their infected children and herself.

7. Children's Homes

Planned Activities of 2015/16	Annual Target #	Achievement #
Education	All children receive good quality education	All children attend 3 different schools (Ullens school, Ullens Kindergarten and Phoenix School)
School visit by House Parents	Every 4 months (and as per need)	All 3 schools were visited every trimester after examinations and several other times
Healthcare	Doctor's visit every 15 days	Doctor's visit was made every month instead of every 15 days for the time being due to fuel crisis
Social and Recreational Activities	Celebrate major festivals, regular sports, hiking, visits and others	Children celebrated festivals, engaged in sports, hiking, painting and many more
Psychological Counseling and Therapy	Regular individual and group counseling sessions for all children from Ankur Counselors	All children received individual and group counseling. They also received sessions on bullying, sex and sexuality, self- esteem, self – awareness and other motivational sessions from Ankur

We had 45 children during the period: 20 girls in K house and 25 boys in J House. The children are going to 3 different schools in the valley. Recently all the children attended 2nd terminal examination at school and performed well, with 25% of the children obtaining distinction rating.

The children also celebrated local cultural festivals like Dashain, Tihar, Father's Day, as well as Christmas and New Year. On school holidays they were taken hiking and engaged in other recreational activities. With help from volunteers, the children had great fun painting T-shirts and they also attended professional dance performances at J House.

The children received regular health examination and dental check –up by visiting doctors. Individual counseling and group counseling were conducted for all children by Ankur counselors. The Ankur counselors also conducted several sessions on bullying and self –esteem.

The Youth Hostel

After reaching the age of 14 or completing grade 8, the children are shifted to the Youth Hostel. These hostels are run by private companies but NYF social workers ensure their close supervision. There are currently 20 girls and 16 boys living in two separate hostels. Counselors from Ankur also regularly visit these children and provide psychological support



and guidance. In this reporting period, the children received individual and group counseling on adolescent issues as well as sessions on self-awareness, peer counseling and sex and sexuality.

8. Ankur Counseling & Training Center

Planned Activities for 2015/16	Annual Target #	Achievement
Individual Counseling	516	240
Group Counseling	150	42
House/Hostel Visit	156	42
Training/Orientations on different disciplines of counseling	35	25

1.1 Counseling Services:

In the six months, Ankur conducted 240 individual and 42 group counseling sessions along with 42 visits to NYF Children's Homes and youth hostels. The target was not quite met for regular program due to the shift in focus to the post-disaster care and support after the earthquake. Ankur counselors trained 300 teachers, staff and volunteers on self-help, Psychosocial Support and Psychological First Aid. 800 children received psychosocial counseling, including those in NYF run Day Care Centers and transit homes.



1.2 Training/Orientation:

Ankur successfully conducted 25 different orientation sessions for children, youth and child care staff. The topics included Basic Counseling Skills, Self-Care and Psychological Support, Self-Awareness, Self Esteem, Bullying, Peer Counseling, Sex and Sexuality, Life Skills and Motivational session.

1.3 Peer Counseling Program for Freed Kamalari Girls:

Ankur, Kathmandu provides technical assistance for the Peer Counseling Program for the Freed Kamalari girls in the 5 NYF project district in Western Nepal. In these six months Ankur counselors conducted Life Skills training for the peer counselors and they also carried out monitoring of the program. During the monitoring visit, the counselors provided guidance to the peer counselors on overall program implementation.

Glimpses of Training and Orientation Events



Earthquake Relief Response



NYF's Reconstruction Skills Training for home owners

It's been ten months since Nepal was shaken by two major earthquakes in April and May. Within these ten months, Nepal Youth Foundation has been able to make significant contribution to the nation's relief and recovery process, reaching out to over 80,000 people with emergency support, and thousands more through longer term rehabilitation and rebuilding efforts. After completing the emergency relief, NYF's current rehabilitation and reconstruction projects include nutrition community kitchens in villages, school and college scholarships



Villagers with mattresses and blankets

for surviving children and youth, reconstruction skills training for home owners and local builders, and classroom reconstruction. These projects are going on in Gorkha, Sindhupalchowk, Dhading, Rasuwa and Kavre which are among the districts heavily destroyed by the earthquake.

The 4 months long Indian embargo on fuel and essential items came as another blow, causing a halt in all reconstruction work after the earthquake; and thousands of people were left to live under tarpaulins and tents in the harsh winter. Several people living in the makeshift shelters were reported dead due to the cold. As a response to this critical situation, NYF immediately embarked on the ‘winterization’ campaign, and delivered 1,300 warm and thick blankets, 1,600 mattresses and warm woolies, shawls and clothes to the people living in the colder regions.



Mid -day meal at NYF's community nutrition kitchen

Current Projects

- **Scholarships** for 1,200 children and youth. Under this, 800 orphaned and vulnerable children will be supported under Kinship scholarship, 300 youths will receive scholarship for college, and 100 will receive vocational skills training. 600 scholarships have already been distributed and rest are towards the end of the selection process in coordination with local schools and government district offices.
- **Community Nutrition Kitchens** for children. 10 kitchens are being operated in local primary schools, providing nutritious mid-day meals to over 1,000 children and nutrition education for 1,500 mothers. The kitchens will be operated till the end of this school year in March.
- **Rebuilding 250 classrooms** within 2016. 40 classrooms have been constructed and we have started construction for 30 more.
- **Reconstruction Skills training** for 1,000 home owners and local builders in building seismically safer homes. The training has now kicked off in full phase after an impasse for several months due to the blockade. 48 people have been trained so far and remaining will be done within 2016. In the process of providing hands on experience to the trainees during the training, NYF will build 100 family homes in different rural communities. These homes will later be handed over to the local authority as community homes, or given to ultra- poor families. NYF has already developed designs and also constructed mock homes as samples.



A school constructed in Sindhupalchowk

OLGAPURI Village

The construction of OLGAPURI Village has now resumed in full phase after the prolonged disturbances due to the earthquake and the Indian embargo, and the plan is to have the children move in in June this year. The superstructure of the Part A (Dining/recreation Block, Senior and Junior Boys Block, Senior and Junior Girls Block and Cow shed) has now been completed and the finishing work in plumbing and sanitary, electrical works, Paint and outer structures is in progress. The superstructure of Part B (Vocational Training Block and Guest Block) is also complete. The cow shed is ready and 2 cows and 3 calves have already moved in. We are bringing in more cows soon.

Site development, fencing and internal road layout is in progress. We are developing the farm and play areas. We are also developing an exciting bicycle trail with natural gravel around the campus.



The 5 building units at OLGAPURI from the left: unit 1: dining hall/recreation center, unit 2: senior girls home. unit 3: Junior girls home. unit 4: junior boys home. unit 5: senior boys home



Vocational training unit



Cow farm



Guest house