



NCE Nepal Efforts During the COVID-19 Pandemic

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Background

NCE Nepal has been continuously advocating to ensure the educational rights and safe learning environment of the students during the coronavirus pandemic through various means and mediums; research and monitoring, policy dialogues, discussions, capacity building and different community led campaigns at the federal, province and local level.

As a part of its campaign and advocacy, NCE Nepal celebrated the **Global Action Week for Education (GAWE 2021)** in April in coordination with its member organizations, province and district coordination committees along with 425 civil society organizations with the collective voice of 'More and better financing for Education'. As Global Campaign for Education (GCE) is organizing the '**One Billion Voices**' campaign to exert the pressure to government and development partner to secure and protect more and better financing for education, NCE Nepal's GAWE related advocacy was a part of the One Billion Voices campaign that highlights the voices of community people in the country.

The major agenda and issues raised during the campaign are to finance public education to ensure learning of marginalized are not lost and also rights to education is protected even during the pandemic. In addition, in Nepal it was celebrated by conducting various policy dialogues, meetings, radio discourses, online discourses and workshops among the educational stakeholders in national level as well as in Sindhupalchowk, Lamjung, Dolakha, Bara, Dang, Dhanusha, Parsa, Parbat, Makwanpur, Kapilvastu and Banke districts through the initiations of NCE district coordination committees.

At the national level, there was a discourse among the representatives of national parliament and House of Representatives focused on education financing. Additionally, there was also a *lok dohori* program on the contemporary public education issues so as to exert the pressure towards the government and other stakeholders in the creative way. Additionally, two province level dialogues in Bagmati Province and Province 2 were also organized focusing on the situation of education at the province, their investment in education and way forward.

Discourse on Educational Status of Bagmati Province and Way Forward

In April, NCE Nepal organized a province level discourse in Hetauda so as to discuss about the educational status of Bagmati province, investment made by the province government in public education, province education policy, challenges for continuing learning during pandemic and future plan of the government.

There was also participation of around 60 people in the program including minister for physical infrastructure and development, members of provincial parliament, local level representatives, representatives from the political parties, student/youth leaders, representatives from Ministry of Social Development, civil society, teachers, education stakeholders and journalists in the program.



Member of Provincial Parliament Ms. Juneli Shrestha giving her speech during the program

The Chief Guest of the program Hon. Rameshwor Phuyal, Minister, Physical Infrastructure and Development Ministry of Bagmati Province made his commitment for making efforts to increase investment in the education section with the coordination with all three levels of government. Member of Bagmati Provincial Assembly Hon. Juneli Shrestha expressed her commitment to advocate for increasing the budget in public education and stressed there should be practical and scientific education as well as clear policies and regulations in the education sector. Local government from Hetauda Sub-metropolitan city also expressed the commitment for ensuring equitable and gender responsive budgeting in the education sector.

The program was able to highlight the need for the formation of the Province Education Policy as well as the need for adequate investment in the education sector for its implementation. It was also discussed



Chief guest of the program Hon. Rameshwor Phuyal, Minister for Physical Infrastructure and Development giving the speech during the program

that education based on local curriculum should be developed, teachers' management should be promoted and educational strategies for ensuring education for all during the context of pandemic should be developed.

Discourse on the Education Status of Province no. 2 and Way Forward

NCE Nepal organized a province level discourse in Janakpur to discuss on the situation of education at Province no. 2, the progress made by the province in the education sector, implementation status of province education policy, investment in education and its future strategies.

There was participation of around 60 people in the program that includes State Minister for Planning and

representatives from child club, teachers, parents, students, school management committee, youth activists and journalists in the program.

In the program, the discussion was around learning continuation and ensuring the rights of education/ learning of most marginalized and deprived communities including girl students. Also, it was highlighted about the funding status of province government and voiced for increasing investment by local and province government to maintain the learning loss of children. In addition, importance of teacher's capacity and deployment, importance of parental education and creating the safe learning environment to minimize the school dropout ratio especially from the girls and children from marginalized communities.



Province Minister for Planning Hon. Usha Devi Yadav delivering speech during the program

Financial Affairs, representatives of the provincial parliament, local level representatives, representatives from the political parties and Ministry of Social Development, various civil society organizations,



Participants discuss during the program

The chief guest of the program Hon. Usha Devi Yadav, State Minister for Ministry of Planning and Financial Affairs stressed on keeping education away from politics and she also requested with the education stakeholders to recommend suggestions to the government for removing the gaps seen in the education sector currently. In addition, she also showed her commitment towards uplifting the education sector of the province by efficiently addressing the existing challenges.

Deputy Mayor of Janakpur Sub-metropolitan City

Ms. Rita Kumari Mishra, Chairperson of Aaruhi Rural Municipality Mr. Brahmadev Yadav, Deputy Mayor of Mithila Municipality Ms. Tara Basnet, Deputy Mayor of Ganeshman Chanath Municipality Ms. Mina Kumari Yadav, and Mayor of Pokhariya Municipality Mr. Deep Narayan Rauniyar jointly emphasized that all three levels of government should have coordination among each other to address the problems in the education sector at the local levels and ensure adequate investment for quality education.

Citizen's Participation in Local Budget Development



Program regarding civic voices collection organized by NCE Parsa

In the context of Global Action Week 2021, NCE Nepal District Coordination Committees (DCCs) in Parsa, Parbat and Kapilvastu districts organized interaction programs to ensure that the voices of citizens are heard in the process of formulating local education budget.

In Parsa district, discussion program was organized to collect the citizen's voice in the budget formulation process of education. In the program Mr. Jitendra Patel, Chairperson of Ward No. 2, Bahudarmai Municipality of Parsa district shared that it is necessary to organize teachers meeting in each school so as to find out about the achievements and shortcomings in school education. Moreover, he committed to increase the investment in schools, increase the school's activities for the children, and ensure library and computer facilities in the schools.

Similarly, with the major theme of increasing local level investment in education, NCE Nepal DCC Parbat organized a virtual discourse program where Ms. Manju

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"विद्यालय शिक्षामा लगानी बृद्धिको खाँचो" विषयक

विशेष भर्चुअल सम्बाद

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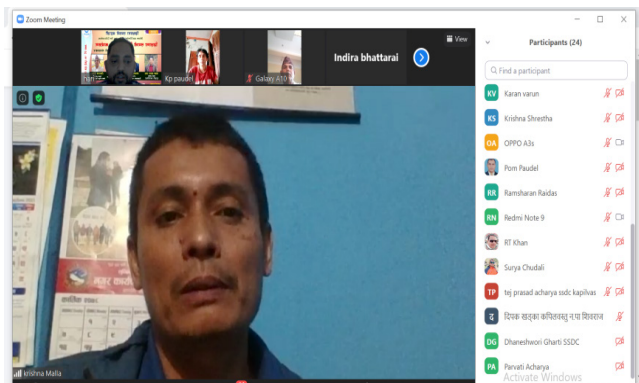
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Virtual Discourse Program organized by NCE Parbat

Adhikari, Deputy Mayor of Phalebas Municipality of Parbat district shared that the development of all sectors can be promoted through education and the governments

of all the three levels need to invest enough so as to raise the standard of public education. She also said that for next fiscal year's budget, Phalebas municipality is emphasizing on teacher training for quality education, introduction of English medium education, provision of substitute female teachers, provision of ICT, school bus for public school, parental awareness and management of physical infrastructure of schools. Ms. Adhikari also expressed her commitment to work in partnership with all stakeholders to improve the educational condition of the public schools within the municipality.

Ms. Seema Garbuja Pun, Vice-chairperson of Jaljala Rural Municipality shared that public education should be given high priority by the governments at all levels as it is an important tool for the transformation of the country and the current investment rate should be increased to increase the quality of education. She also



Virtual Discourse Program Organized by NCE Kapilvastu

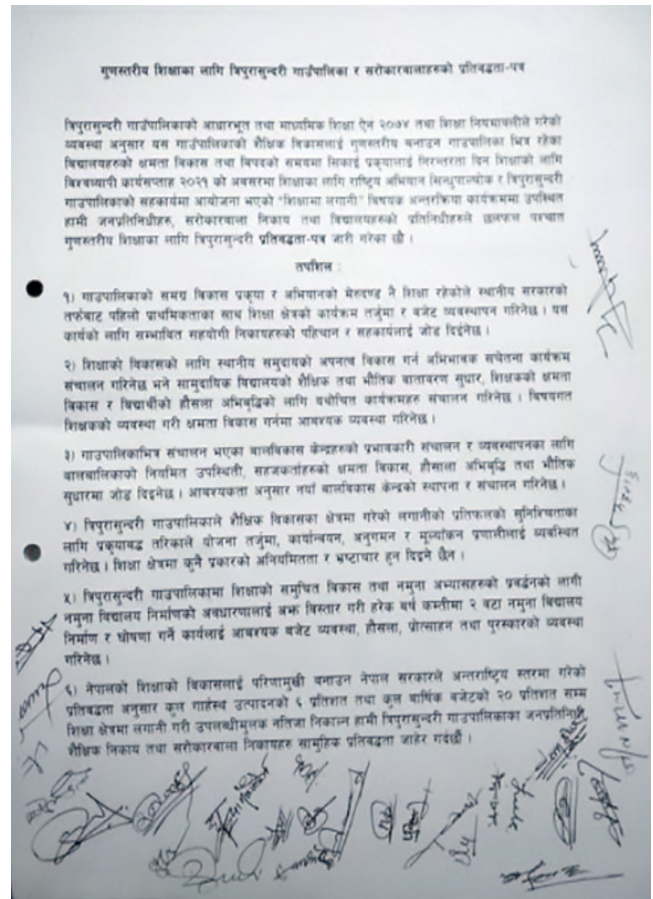
expressed her commitment to allocate more budget for education.

Mr. Jivan Uchai Thankuri, Spokesperson for Mahashila Rural Municipality and Chairperson of Ward-5 shared about the innovative works done by the municipality for addressing the impact of COVID-19 in education and expressed his commitment to increase the education budget in the upcoming fiscal year.

Similarly, NCE Nepal DCC Kapilvastu organized a discourse program focusing on increasing the education investment. In the program, Education Section Chief of

Badganga Municipality, Mr. Baburam Bhattarai shared that the municipality is focused on making concrete plans and increasing investment to increase education access, teacher's management, enhancing quality education, and investment in information technology.

Additionally, in the occasion of GAWE, NCE DCC



A 16-point Commitment Paper for Quality Education in Sindhuwalchowk

Sindhuwalchowk organized a discourse program and it came up with a 16-point commitment paper for strengthening public education and increasing the investment in education at the local level endorsed by Tripura Sundari Rural Municipality in Sindhuwalchowk. The commitment paper can be viewed from the link below:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1wvWenf1hsgqNIULc4RYcci3OWp5BGCN9/view?usp=sharing>

Local Level Dialogues for Better and Increased Education Financing

NCE Nepal District Coordination Committees in Dolakha, Sindhupalchowk, Lamjung, Bara, Dang, Banke and Dhanusha district organized various policy dialogues, meetings, radio discourse, online discourses and workshops with the major objective of raising awareness and demanding accountability of the local governments in learning continuity of the students during the coronavirus pandemic, more and better financing in education by all three levels of government, proper utilization of the allocated budget in education, inclusive and equitable investment and the use of the local resources in education sector.

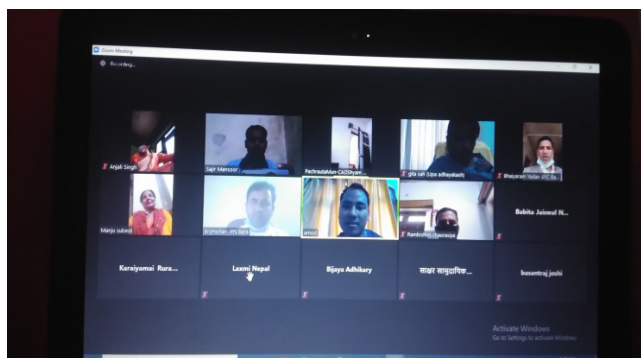


Interaction program organized by NCE Dolakha

These advocacy initiatives demanded on allocating at least 20% of national budget and 4% of total national GDP in education. There were fruitful discussions on the issues of investment in education by the local level, good practices in education financing, alternative learning methodology, gender responsive budgeting, investment in technical and practical education. Commitments were made by the local level leaders for more and better financing in education along with use of local resources for investment in education in the next financial year.



Workshop organized by NCE Lamjung



Virtual Dialogue Program organized by NCE Bara

During the program organized by NCE DCC Dolakha on the role of local government in education, Mayor of Bhimeshwor Municipality, Mr. Bharat K.C. shared that there is a confusing situation in education although the responsibility up to secondary level education is under the local government. Mr. K.C. committed towards the educational development of the municipality. In the program, Mr. Shankar Lal Shrestha, member of Bhimeshwor Municipal Education Committee stressed on the use of alternative teaching methods, management of student data and examination records, development of educational materials and innovative use of technology by the teachers for addressing the challenges in the current situation.

In a program organized by NCE DCC Lamjung with the theme of 'Increase investment for the improvement of quality education' Member of Besisahar Municipality Ms. Bishnumaya Rana committed to increase the budget for education in the upcoming fiscal year 2078/079.

Similarly, in a program organized by NCE DCC Bara Ms. Geeta Kumari, Vice-Chairperson of Prasauni Rural Municipality, expressed her commitment to allocate at least 20 percent of the total local budget to the education sector for promoting the education quality in the public school and making necessary arrangements of computers in the school.



Interaction Program organized by NCE Dhanusha

In a program organized by NCE DCC Dhanusha on the role of local government in education financing, Ward Chairperson of Janakpurdham Sub-Metropolitan City-1 Mr. Shatrughan Sah admitted that he could not invest in community schools within the ward except for the teachers' salaries. However, he assured to allocate budget for the betterment of education sector in the

upcoming budget.

In addition to these activities, Youth Advocacy Nepal organized a program to discuss the impact of COVID-19 in education. It was discussed in the program that there is the need for all levels of government to increase investment in education to ensure education and learning.

National Level Dialogue on More & Better Financing for Education



Glimpse of the Virtual discourse program

On the occasion of Global Action Week for Education 2021, NCE Nepal along with the coordination of 425 civil society organizations working in the education sector organized a live virtual discourse with the major theme of “More & Better Financing for Education”. Former Minister and Member of House of Representatives Hon. Minendra Rijal, Member of National Assembly Hon. Dr. Bimala Rai Paudyal and Deputy General secretary of NGO Federation Nepal, Mr. Arjun Kumar Bhattarai were the member of panel. The major objective of the program was to make the government and concerned stakeholders accountable in ensuring the increase in investment for public education sector. Around 500

people had connected in the program directly through Zoom and Facebook live.

Speakers in the program highlighted on efficient use of the local resources by the local government with less dependency on the federal government for the grant, effective utilization of the allocated budget and making the local government accountable and capacitated for strengthening of school education system. Speakers in the program also committed to work towards increasing the education budget in the coming fiscal year, as well as increasing investment for enhancing the capacity of the teachers for digital teaching and learning methods in the present context along with investment in parental education.

Hon. Minendra Rijal stressed that the investment in the education sector should be based on the needs and capacity of the local government rather than an integrated system. Similarly, Hon. Dr. Bimala Rai Poudyal shared that as the role of local, province and federal government is different, the dimensions of their resources should also be different. She emphasized on



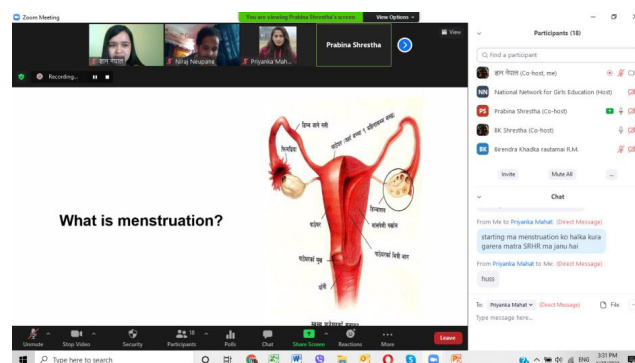
Main Guests of the Program

setting standards and monitoring at the federal level and facilitating the local government for the implementation of the right to education. She also stressed that the good practices at the local level should be encouraged and investment should be made not only in monetary form but also in the human resources of the community. Mr. Arjun Kumar Bhattarai, Deputy General Secretary of the

NGO Federation of Nepal, shared that it was necessary to create an environment to make the parents aware and send their children to public schools whereas all the stakeholders should take initiative to improve the education quality. The discourse was facilitated by Mr. Dilliram Subedi, President of NCE Nepal.

Province Level Women Empowerment Programs for Gender Equality

National Network for Girls Education (NNGE) in coordination with Global Action Nepal (GAN), Girls Kick and Kushal Nepal celebrated the Global Action Week for Education by organizing various programs in all seven provinces to raise awareness on gender equality. Issues like violence against girls and the use of self-defense techniques, menstrual hygiene, students' drop out and ways to reduce it, provision of sanitary pads in schools and providing skills for pad-making were discussed in the program. The youths themselves facilitated in all seven virtual dialogues which helped to enhance their networking and leadership skills.



Session on menstrual hygiene being facilitated by the youths

Lok Dohori (Nepali Indigenous Folk Culture) Program on Contemporary Public Educational Issues



Glimpse of the Lok Dohori Program

With the objective of spreading the message of the importance of better and more education financing in the creative and artistic way, NCE Nepal organized a Lok Dohori program on the occasion of Global

Action Week for education. Famous folk singers Mr. Badri Pageni, Ms. Purnakala B.C. and child folk singer Aayusha Gautam shared the messages on existing inequalities and challenges in education through the medium of songs. The program was able to disseminate the message of current status of public education in Nepal in terms of education financing, teacher management and deployment, safe learning environment, curriculum and pedagogy, learning continuation and protecting the education rights of children during pandemic like COVID-19. Also, it was able to disseminate message for the policy makers and other stakeholders to take

necessary steps for strengthening public education in Nepal.

Informative Posts on Social Media

During GAWE, 2021 celebration, NCE Nepal produced various informative posts highlighting issues like educational rights, investment in education, teachers' management and access to digital learning which have been disseminated through its social media platforms. Along with this, NCE Nepal's DCCs have also been

engaged in developing various info graphic materials on educational issues and broadcasting radio jingles to sensitize the local governments and educational stakeholders for educational rights of children during the pandemic.



Global Action Week for Education is back! It is time to take action for **More and Better Financing for Education.**

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More and Better Financing for Quality Teachers.

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Ensure Learning Continuity For **The Most Marginalized**

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Address the **Digital Divide** in Education Now.

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- लौकिक दुरी कायम गर्नुहोस् ।
- घरभित्रै बस्नुहोस् ।

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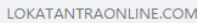
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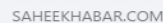
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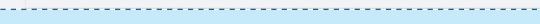
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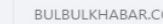
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