



## **Newsletter October- December 2024**

### **Nuwakot (Betini) Education Scholarship Program**

#### **Dear Kathmandu Kids,**

We are thrilled to share the December 2024 Newsletter featuring updates on the **77 children in the Betini Education Scholarship Program.**



#### **Key Highlights of this Quarter**

- 77 home monitoring visits
- 33 school monitoring visits
- Distribution of scholarship materials
- Child Progress
  - Year 12 chance exam results
  - First term exam results
- Livelihood Development for guardians
  - Family Progress
  - Goat breeding program
  - Coop monthly meeting
  - Coop Executive Committee meeting
  - Cooperative Collection and Selling Centre
  - Start and improve your business

- (SIYB) Training
  - Skill Development Training
- Community Support Program
  - Psychosocial Counselling Training for school teachers
  - Xmas Winter fleece distribution
- Emergency Support for floods
- General/Organizational News
  - Project Advisory Committee Meeting
- Case Stories
  - Child Progress
  - Family Progress

#### **Home visits**

The regular home visits continued (**77 home visits**), where our team met sponsored children, guardians, and other family members to assess/monitor their well-being. Our team made 20 phones for children whom we could not meet in person.



**Above: Ashika with her father**

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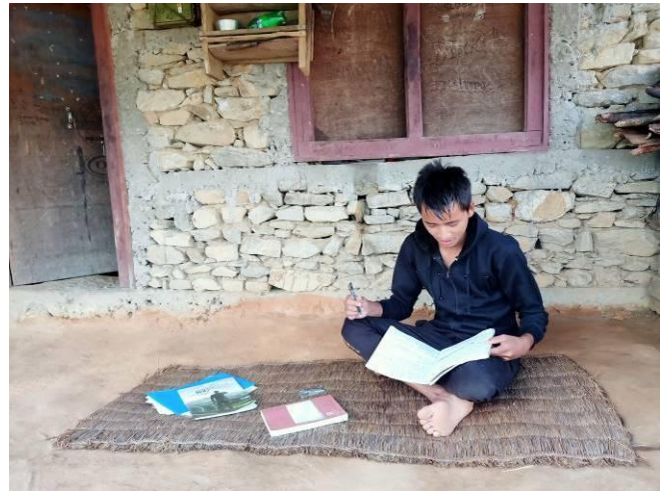
**Above: Ashmita with her Aunt**



**Above: Chhiring with her grandmother**



**Above: Binod with her mother**



**Above: Dipak during the home visit**



**Above: Budumaya with her father**



**Above: Samjhana with her mother**



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**Above: Sapana during her home visit**



**Above: Mingma during his home visit**



**Above: Sudikshya during her home visit**



**Above: Shyam during his home visit**



**Above: Amisha during her home visit**



**Above: Sarita during her home visit**



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**School visits**

Our team continued to make school visits regularly (**33 school visits**). While visiting the schools/colleges, we met class teachers, sponsored children, and school principals to assess the overall educational performance of our sponsored children, including school attendance, participation in extracurricular activities and any issue they may be facing.



**Above: Ashmita, Class10, Mangala Secondary School**



**Above: Man Kumari, Class 12, Rukmani Secondary School**



**Above: Aihsing, Class 8, Arjun School**



**Above: Dawa Gelmu, Class 6, Arjun Basic School**



**Above: Jit Bahadur, Class 10, Golfu Bhanjyang Secondary School**

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**Above: Ajay, Class 10, Kalyan Secondary School**



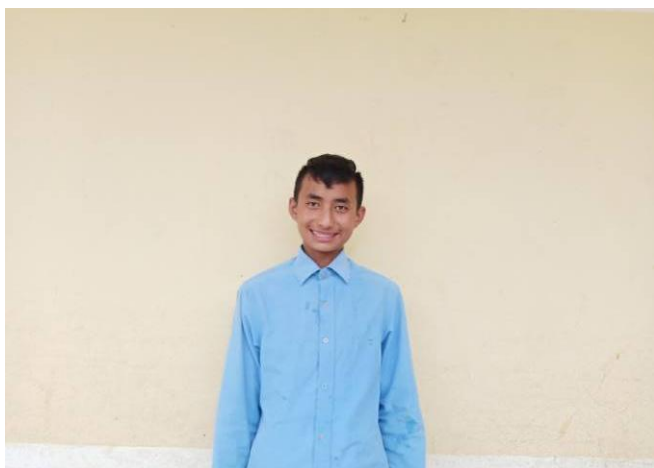
**Above: Ranjita, Class 7, Kaukeshwori Secondary School**



**Above: Ranjan, Class 10, Kalyan Secondary School**



**Above: Sabina, Class 7, Kaukeshwori Secondary School**



**Above: Anil, Class 10, Kamalmanik Secondary School**



**Above: Arjun Basic School**



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**Above: Rukmani Secondary School**



**Above: Mangala Secondary School**



**Above: Kaukeshwori Secondary School**

**Distribution of school materials**

This quarter, we distributed notebooks, pens and pencils to all 77 students.



**Above: Students with educational materials from Rukmani School**



**Above: Students with education materials from Udaijalpa School**



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**Above: Students with education materials from Arjun Basic School.**



**Above: Aising with education materials**



**Above: Students with educational materials, Mangala Devi Secondary**



**Above: Ashmita with educational materials**



**Above: Chhiring with educational materials**



**Above: Bikash with educational materials**



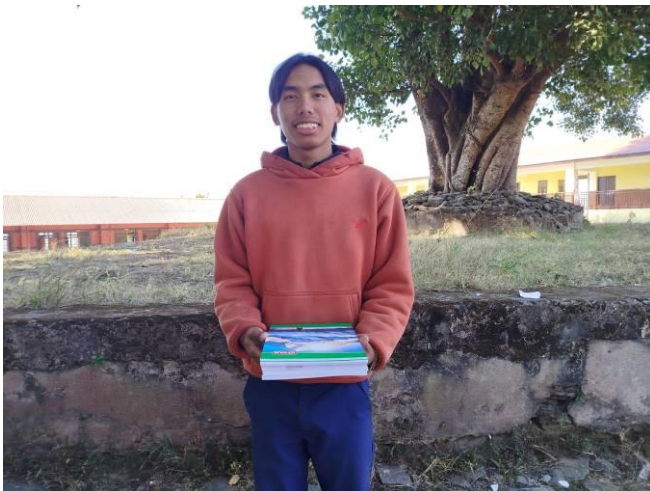
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**Above: Dawa Dolma with educational materials**



**Above: Sabitra with educational materials**



**Above: Jay with educational materials**



**Above: Manisha with educational materials**

**Child Progress**

**Year 12 Chance Exam Results**

Of 15, 9 passed and 6 failed during the year 12 exam originally. Now a further 3 students passed in the chance exam in October, totalling 12 of 15 passing; 9 in 1<sup>st</sup> division, 1 in 2<sup>nd</sup> division and 2 in 3<sup>rd</sup> division.

The 3 students who passed 12 chance exams:

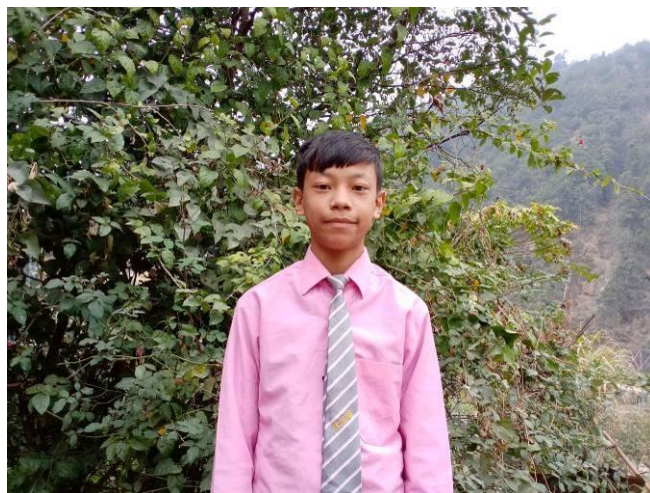


**Above: Sagar, 2nd div**





**Above: Sadhana, 2nd div**



**Above: Tsewang, Class 10, 1st div**



**Above: Sarmila, 2nd div**



**Above: Tshring, Class 10, 1st div**

### **First Term Exam Results**

**1st term exam results** were published this quarter. The summary of results is below:

Of the 77 students, 30 sat exams, 47 exams not held yet. Of those that sat, 28 passed and 2 failed.

Of those who passed;

- 3 in 1<sup>st</sup> Division
- 5 in 2<sup>nd</sup> Division
- 20 in 3<sup>rd</sup> Division



**Above: Jit Bahadur, Class 10, 1st div**



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**Livelihood Development**  
**Family Progress**

Dupcheshor Krishi Saharkari (the cooperative formed by the guardians) issued loans totaling NPR 450,000 to 10 parents (6 Women, 4 Men) for **3 for buffalos, 4 for goat, 1 for tailoring, 1 for grocery and 1 for poultry farming.**

Guardians who had taken loans previously work to improve their livelihood during this quarter.



**Above: Anil (sponsored child) with goats**



**Above: Mother of Ajay with goats**



**Above: Mother of Bipana with goats**



**Above: Mother of Amisha with goats**



**Above: Grandmother of Som Bahadur with goats**



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**Above: Aunt of Rajan with goats**



**Above: Father of Rashmi with buffalos**



**Above: Grandmother of Bikash with buffalo**



**Above: Mother of Sapana with buffalo**



**Above: Grandmother of Lopshang with buffalo**



**Above: Sarita (sponsored child) with buffalo**



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**Above: Mother of Birdash with buffalo**



**Above: Dolma (sponsored girl) with poultry**



**Above: Mother of Samjhana with buffalos**



**Above: Father of Dawa Dolma in his grocery store**



**Above: Sapana (sponsored child) with poultry**



**Above: Sister of Sonam in her tailoring center**



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**Goat breeding & handover program**

SCAI has been running a goat breeding programme since 2017. Initially, 18 families from the education scholarship programme attended 3-day goat rearing training. Then each participant received two pregnant, vaccinated, insured female goats. When the first two female goats were born from these, they were passed on to another family, and the cycle has continued since.

There are now **77 households that received 2 goats. 92 goats have been passed on** to other families so far. There are now **almost 73 pregnant goats.**



**Above: Recent goat handover**

**Cooperative Monthly Meetings**

Monthly cooperative meetings continued this quarter. Members attended monthly meetings in subgroups and deposited their saving as usual.



**Above: Cooperative Meeting, Sangini Subgroup**



**Above: Cooperative Meeting, Kalyan Subgroup**



**Above: Cooperative Meeting, Jimnang Subgroup**



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**Above: Cooperative Meeting, Kaukeshwori Subgroup**



**Above: Cooperative Meeting, Golfu Subgroup**



**Above: Cooperative Meeting, Bhumsthan Subgroup**

**Coop Executive Committee Meeting**

The cooperative's executive committee meeting was held during this quarter. A committee meeting is being held quarterly to review and discuss the overall operation of the cooperative.



**Above: Coop Executive Committee Meeting**

**Coop Collection and Selling Centre**

The centre continued to collect coop members' products and sell them to markets, providing a link between our farmers and the market.



**Above: Collection and Selling Center**



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### Start and Improve Your Business (SIYB) Training

As usual, we are continuing to enhance the knowledge and skills of the parents/caretakers of our sponsored children so they become self-reliant and able to provide adequate support for their children as and when required.

To accomplish these goals, we organized "Start and Improve Your Business" (SIYB) refresher training this quarter, where parents were oriented as to how to identify feasible businesses at the local level and how to start and run a new business successfully. 5 Men and 5 Women attended the SIYB training from Betini.



**Above: SIYB training**

### Skill Development Training

We also continued to scale up the capacity of parents through various refresher skill trainings so they can perform better with their livelihood initiatives. This quarter, we organized 1 vegetable farming training, focusing on mushroom farming. 10 men and 6 women participated in the skill training from Betini.



**Above: Skill training**

### Community Support Program The Psychosocial counselling training

The Psychosocial counselling training was organized for more community school teachers this quarter. 1 male and 6 female teachers participated in this training from Betini program. The training oriented teachers on how to identify psychosocial issues among children and help children to address their issues accordingly.



**Above: Psychosocial Counselling training**



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### General/Organisational News

#### Project Advisory Committee Meeting

The Project Advisory Committee Meeting is held annually in the presence of the Rural Municipalities' officials. Our team presented project updates for the year along with a financial briefing of income vs. expenditure. The project advisory committee meeting helps maintain transparency, coordination and obtain feedback on the project.



Above: Project Advisory Committee Meeting

### Case stories

#### Child Progress



Jit Bahadur Tamang, 16 years old lives with his mother, brother, a sister-in-law,

and younger brother. He lost his father in the 2015 earthquake. After his father's death, the problems at home increased significantly. His mother practiced farming and sometimes took on labour jobs in the village. With no other sources of income, his mother found it very hard to educate her children, and Jit Bahadur almost dropped out of school.

SCAI Australia then sponsored him in 2018. As a result, his studies improved significantly. With this support, he consistently passed his classes with first-division results. He also began participating in extracurricular activities at school and attended various capacity-building training programs conducted by the organization.

Jit Bahadur passed class 9 with 1st division and he is now studying class 10. He also recently passed the first term exam of class 10 with 1st division. He aims to become an Army Officer in the future.

### Family Progress



Tok Bahadur Tamang, 53, lives with his wife, one son, one daughter, two granddaughters, one niece, and one nephew. His younger brother went to India



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and since then he has not returned home and has gone missing, his sister-in-law remarried. Since then, he has been raising his niece and nephew; Sukumaya and Rajesh.

Previously he was engaged in traditional farming, but with limited land, he often had to buy food. It was difficult for him to manage household expenses and fund the children's education. He also worked as a daily labourer. Due to such poor financial condition, his son dropped out of school in the middle of class 10. His daughter-in-law passed away in the 2015 earthquake. Both he and his son were struggling hard to run their household.

His niece and nephew Rajesh and Sukumaya were then selected for an educational scholarship provided by SCAI Australia. He then joined Golphu saving group, a group formed by the project, and began saving an amount of 100 NPR every month.

Tok Bahadur had the opportunity to participate in various training programs, such as Start and Improve Your Business, skill training; vegetable farming, poultry farming, goat farming, and buffalo rearing, which were instrumental in inspiring him to launch his own business.

To finance his venture, he received a loan of 50,000 NPR from Golphu Saving Group, which he invested in buying five goats.

After one year, he sold the 4 goats and earned 45,000 NPR in a year. With the earnings from goat rearing, he purchased a buffalo and increased his number of goats. **He earned 80,000 NPR from goat selling and 60,000 NPR from buffalo selling in 2024. He currently has 12 goats and 2 buffaloes.**

### Sponsor visit

We were thrilled to welcome **Az Graham**, long term supporter of Kathmandu Kids for a visit to Sunrise Home. In line with one of his passions, he very kindly donated 2 awesome guitars, which the children loved! The children were very happy to meet Az and his friends, and some of the older ones were excited to have the chance for some introductory guitar lessons!



**Above: Az giving Ganesh some guitar lessons**



Thank you very much again for your generous support and commitment to the children and families of **Betini Education Scholarship Program**, which enables them to create brighter futures.

**Emma and the SCAI Nepal team**