



# CHILDREN IN BUDGET

## (Fiscal Year 2079/80) –

### Analysis of the Federal and Provincial Policy

## About the Analysis

The federal and provincial government are entitled to prepare annual and periodic plans to systematically intervene for development process, and comply with their roles and responsibilities. As these policies, programmes and budgets determine the direction of the various levels of governments for an entire year, it is highly essential to ensure that the most urgent are reflected and prioritised in these documents.

Children, as the most vulnerable groups, as well as vital population for investment, need to be covered in these documents to assure mainstreaming in the annual interventions from the higher levels of the governments. Realising the need to identify and access the inclusion of children in these documents, National Child-Friendly Local Governance (N-CFLG) Forum with the technical support from World Vision International (WVI) Nepal, conducted a thorough assessment of the annual policy, programme and budget of federal and provincial governments from the lens of the children.

The assessment has been conducted entirely through desk review of the policy and program endorsed by the federal governments and all seven provinces within this fiscal year (2079/80).

The major objectives of this analysis have been listed below:

1. To get the understanding of the prioritisation of children’s agenda in the annual policy and programme of federal government
2. To lobby with the federal and provincial government to increase the provisions for children, as well as to ensure complete implementation of the mentioned provisions

## Major Child Focused Provisions in the Policy and Program

The federal and all the provincial governments have ensured at least basic provisions targeting the promotion of the child rights. The major child centric agendas covered by the policy and program in this fiscal year have been mentioned below:

### Federal Government

97. Access to basic health, education and nutrition will be enhanced by ensuring the rights of children. The street child free Nepal campaign will be continued. A child rehabilitation center will be operated in partnership, cooperation and coordination with the province and local level for the protection of children who are victims of violence, need special protection or are orphans. By making the juvenile justice system effective, additional juvenile correctional facility will be constructed and the physical infrastructure of the existing juvenile correctional facility will be strengthened.

99. In order to protect the women, children, senior citizens, people with disabilities and sexual and sexual minorities and address their problems, coordination units will be set up at the district level in collaboration with the province and local levels.

103. The day lunch program will be extended to class VIII.

113. Children between the age group of five to eleven years will be vaccinated against COVID-19.

121. Rescue, rehabilitation and reunification programs for child labour will be conducted in coordination and cooperation with the federal, provincial and local and private sectors. Arrangements will be made to conduct labor audit in all government and private establishments.

## **Province No. 1**

113. The "School Nursing Service Program" run by all local level schools in the province will be continued with the objective of making healthy citizens by covering the issues of nutrition of children and sexual and reproductive and mental health of adolescents.

114. The multi-sectoral nutrition programs will be continued to improve the nutritional status of women, children and adolescent girls.

116. A targeted class friendly empowerment program will be conducted for the upliftment of backward communities including women, children, senior citizens, indigenous tribes, endangered, marginalised, people with disabilities, Dalits, people without security, gender and sexual minorities, single women, Madhesi and Muslims in the Province.

118. The long-term rehabilitation home run by the province government will be made more effective for the protection and rehabilitation of women and girls’ victims of gender-based violence and human trafficking.

119. Adolescent Empowerment Program will be conducted in collaboration with the local level in the secondary schools of vulnerable areas of the province to realise the goal of child marriage free declaration by 2025. Necessary assistance will be provided for strengthening children's home and child helpline operating within the province. Arrangements will be made to operate the Emergency Child Rescue Fund effectively for the rescue and protection of children in emergency situation. Collaboration with local level for the promotion of child-friendly local governance.

120. Emphasis will be placed on the protection and management of street children by conducting rescue, rehabilitation, family reunification and reintegration, proper nutrition, education, skills and self-employment training in coordination and cooperation with all three levels of government for the development of street child free province. Emphasis will be given on making the province child-friendly by rescuing, protecting, rehabilitating and reuniting the street children and children involved in hazardous labor.

## **Madhesh Province**

71) The province is committed to make “Completely Safe Motherhood”, “Complete Vaccination” and “Malnutrition Free Province” in coordination and collaboration with federal government, local level institutions and stakeholders.

78) A children’s hospital will be run in the name of martyr Durgananda Jha in Nagarain of Dhanusha for the protection and management of senior citizens and orphans. A policy will be made to operate the orphanage, kindergarten and old age home in a safe manner with co-ordination and co-operation of private sectors and stakeholders.

90) Physical and social infrastructure, and capacity development programs will be conducted at schools. A model school will be developed at each district in coordination with famous schools at national level.

94) Child development policy and strategy will be adopted and implemented.

96) Regular interaction with the parents and stakeholders to minimise the rate of school dropouts.

97) Bicycle distribution, daughter’s insurance, Civil service preparation classes, scholarships and other various programs for ending gender-based discrimination will be conducted under Chief Minister “Lets Educate Girls; Lets Save Girls” campaign for social transformation and gender empowerment. Laptops will be distributed to girls studying in grade 12 for access to technology.

100) The children under Dalit education campaign will be provided with education expenses at their bank account to bring the children of Dom, Musharm Chamar, Dhusad and Halkhor caste to schools and assure continuation.

106) The provincial government will take guardianship for protection and upbringings of disasters affected, orphan children and street children. The households run by children will be identified and provided with necessary support and counselling.

108) Province level essential Gender Equality policy, Dowry Abolition policy as well as policies and strategies against child marriage will be implemented in co-ordination with the local governments and in collaboration with the stakeholders.

137) Special emphasis will be given to make the physical infrastructure constructed by the province government gender-friendly, disabled-friendly and child-friendly.

141) Collaboration with the police, local level and schools for the successful implementation of programs such as safe daughter campaign, child violence, prevention and violence against women.

## **Bagmati Province**

13) Coordination with the federal government to control cervical cancer among adolescents.

16) Multi-sectoral nutrition program will be given continuity. “Public Nutrition Program” will be conducted through locally available nutritious food products for improving health of children, pregnant women, girls as well as senior citizens.

17) Reinforcing the maternity and new born health care services, every hospital will have surgical as well as post-natal care services. Special programs will be launched to increase easy access to health services for the marginalised and endangered castes living in the province. ICU and NICU services will be made easily accessible in cooperation with private and governmental service provider, in order to mitigate maternal and infant mortality rate.

18) “One Secondary School, One Nurse” program will be made more effective to deliver counselling service and promote sexual and reproductive health of adolescents.

29) For the holistic development of children, the program of upgrading the Child Development Center as a model center will be continued in collaboration with the local level. Access to school education for children from endangered, marginalised, minority and extremely poor communities will be encouraged.

37) Schools will be developed as disability- friendly schools, to increase the access of children with disabilities in quality education. Aid materials will be distributed and capacity building programs will be conducted for the people with disabilities. The infrastructures constructed by the province government will be made disability-friendly.

39) The local level will be encouraged to be declared as child-friendly local level, and special assistance will be given to the child-friendly local level. Social protection program will be given continuity for completely orphan children.

47) In order to raise awareness against drug addiction, caste discrimination, social evils, sexual and gender violence, domestic violence, sexual abuse at workplace, child marriage, human trafficking, cybercrime among children and youth, “Our Attention, Youth Awareness Campaign” will be conducted.

51) Policy of one play ground per local level institution will be adopted. One sports teachers will be allocated per school.

52) Child Scout program with the Chief- Minister will be organised. In addition, scout related materials, training, trainer’s training will be conducted.

## **Gandaki Province**

3. In order to improve the nutritional status of children and adolescents, multi-sectoral nutrition program will be mainstreamed in all the programs of the province government.

13. Free treatment of all types of cancer in children under 16 years and women will be initiated.

17. In order to provide comfortable and effective health services to the children, the maternal and child-friendly hospital at the province level will be upgraded as an Integrated Maternal and Child Hospital.

27. Effective health and counseling services will be provided to the women and children who have been subjected to gender-based violence through one-door crisis management center and special priority will be given to the injured in the disaster.

45. Equitable access to education and learning participation of the children of the target group will be enhanced.

52. In order to ensure access to education for the children who have lost their father or mother or both due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the provision of COVID scholarship program and relief grant for children under school age will be continued.

53. Scholarships will be provided through provincial criteria for the children of poor, endangered, Dalit, Martyr and disappeared families who have studied science and mathematics at the undergraduate level and technical subjects at higher level.

54. Special arrangements will be made to increase the access and quality of education of children with disabilities. Assistance will be provided in the construction of province-level residential schools to ensure the educational rights of the children with intellectual disabilities

70. The local level will be assisted for the arrangement of proper accommodation, availability of adequate learning materials and provision of recreational learning environment in the Early Childhood Development Center.

80. Child Friendly Local Governance will be promoted to ensure child rights in collaboration with the local level. Structure and program operation will be continued for the rescue and protection of children at risk, to ensure their rights.

84. Various programs will be conducted by mobilising social organisations as per the need for capacity building of women, children, senior citizens, persons with disabilities, sexual and sexual minorities.

86. Under the Provincial Government Program, a policy will be adopted to provide proper protection to the children who have lost single/both parent/s, and have not received the protection of their parents.

268. Special programs will be implemented for reduction and control of social crimes such as drug addiction and smuggling, human trafficking, violence against women and domestic violence, child abuse, caste discrimination, untouchability and suicide.

## **Lumbini Province**

37) Arrangements will be made to distribute free maternity nutrition food to improve the nutrition of pregnant women and new born.

38) Free air rescue and free ambulance services will be provided to pregnant and lactating women in critical condition for further treatment in co-ordination with the federal government. Feasibility study will be done for the establishment of well- equipped children’s hospital in the province.

44) Effective implementation of the chief minister educational reform program for improving the quality of education.

46) In order to increase the participation of female students of Muslim community in education, the capacity of existing Madarasa will be enhanced. Poor, marginalised and female Muslim students will be brought in access to information technology. With the implementation of the motto “Daughter’s education: Priority of the Province Government”, continuity will be given to scholarship for girl students.

142) Programs will be formulated and implemented according to the concept of gender violence free program for the prevention and control of gender issues. Targeted programs will be conducted for helpless women, children, single women, person with disabilities, senior citizens, sexual and gender minorities and extremely poor.

144) Capacity building, empowerment and income generation of adolescents of poor and destitute, Dalit, sexual minorities, ethnic groups, Shonaha caste, Badi, Kamalari, Kamaiya, Muslims and so on.

145) Special programs will be implemented for increasing provision of food, health and safety of children in children home, child correctional homes, monitoring room and temporary protection services as well for the control of child marriage, child labour, violence against children, child sexual abuse, child trafficking and illegal trafficking.

146) The concept of child friendly province will be implemented. Programs will be conducted in co-ordination with the local government for the implementation of the concept of “street children and untouchability free province”. Continuity will be given to the construction of the province level child protection home for the rescue and protection of children in difficult situation. The establishment of infant care center in the capital of the province will be taken forward.

148) In order to develop the province as child-friendly, gender-friendly, disability and senior citizen friendly province, gender equality, social inclusion, gender budget and gender testing policies and programs will be implemented.

## **Karnali Province**

7.3 Adolescent, pregnancy and maternity health awareness and multi-sectoral nutrition related programs will be continued for the improvement of maternal and child health.

8. The quality of education will be enhanced by ensuring access to public education for all.

8.1 Scholarships provided from school education to higher education level will be continued.

8.4 In order to further improve the educational condition of the community school, thematic teachers will be encouraged on the basis of the learning achievement of the students in coordination and cooperation with the local level.

8.5 Arrangements will be made to provide quality education with residential facilities to the poor and deserving students in the top schools through public-private partnership within the province.

8.8 School health worker program will be continued for the health, nutrition and care of school children.

9. Senior citizens, single women, children, people with disabilities, people displaced from families, helpless and socially deprived classes and communities will be protected and rehabilitated.

9.2 For the Empowerment of Daughters and Gender Equality, “Bank Account of Daughter: Lifelong Security” program will be continued for the empowerment of daughters and gender equality by making arrangements for proper management of documentation and investing in profitable sector.

9.4 Collaboration with the local level, NGOs and community-based organisations to end social evils and practices such as child marriage, polygamy, caste untouchability and discrimination, human trafficking and exploitation, superstition and *Chaupadi*.

## **Sudurpachhim Province**

77) The quality of education at community schools will be enhanced through “Province Education Reform Program”.

78) The construction of well-equipped residential schools for the students with intellectual disability will be completed in partnership with the Government of Nepal and the local governments. A care center for children with autism will be established in partnership with NGOs.

79) Necessary aid will be provided to ensure clean drinking water, hygienic pads for adolescents and cleanliness. The “School Nurse Program” at the local level will be continued and the program relating to sexual and reproductive health will be made effective.

98) Children correctional home will be upgraded and expanded. Poor children with physical disabilities will be identified and treated free of cost.

110) Gender equality and social inclusion policy, child labour prevention master plan and labour and employment promotion policy will be formulated. An integrated social transformation campaign will be launched against various social evils and practices including child marriage, sexual violence, *Chhaupadi*, witchcraft and untouchability.



111) Short term service center will be made more systematic for the protection, legal counselling, family re-unification and rehabilitation of women victims of violence. The province will be made street people free by rescuing, protecting and managing the helpless, defenseless citizens and street children in partnership with various agencies

## Child Focused Provisions in the Annual Budget Speech of the Federal and Provincial Government

The child centric provisions made in the annual budget speech of the federal and provincial government have been provided below:

### Federal Government

142. Nutrition program, health check-up and safe delivery facility program will be conducted for pregnant women to reduce maternal mortality rate. Safe motherhood, infant care, nutrition programs and vaccination programs will be made more effective to reduce the mortality rate of children below five years. The budget for maternal safety program has been increased to reduce maternal and infant mortality rate by providing maternity services from health institutions. Arrangements has been made to provide the nutritional cost of NPRs. 500 to the new mothers of poor families of 25 districts.

148. A rehabilitation center with health care will be established for persons with complete disability. Budget has been allocated for capacity building of specialised health institutions for children.

166. Programs will be implemented to increase the access to quality education for the children of deprived, Dalit, minority, endangered castes, backward areas, remote and mountainous areas and economically deprived families and children with special needs.

167. The Martyrs' Memorial School established for the children of the families of martyrs, missing persons, the families of the injured and disabled in various movements, war and conflict-affected families will be gradually turned into public technical schools.

191. Rs. 134.01 billion has been allocated for the social protection allowance and medical treatment and financial assistance to be provided to senior citizens, single women, persons with disabilities, Dalit senior citizens, endangered indigenous tribes, children up to 5 years of age of 25 districts with low human development index, Dalit children and others.

204. (A) Hostels will be constructed to increase the safety and educational level of the girls who come to school by walking long distances.

(G) Gender-friendly public toilets will be constructed in urban areas.

(H) Child care centers will be expanded in the administrative center premises of the federal and provincial capitals.

206. Disability friendly employment and self-employment programs will be conducted to promote the right of persons with disabilities to live with dignity by making them self-reliant. Houses will be constructed for the rescue of helpless persons with disabilities, children and women who have been subjected to violence.

208. The street people and street children free Nepal campaign will be continued to make Nepal street-people free Nation. Work related to the rescue, protection and rehabilitation of children in need of special protection will be made effective by expanding child rescue service and child helpline services. Necessary budget has been allocated for the construction of Juvenile Correctional Home in Dhakaltar, Tanahu.

211. Rs. 1.77 billion has been allocated for the Ministry of Women, Children and Senior Citizens.

**Remarks:** The provision of day lunch, and program against child labor specified in the program hasn’t been mentioned in the budget.

## **Province No. 1**

104. NPRs. 5 Crore has been allocated for the continuation of the nutrition program for women, children and adolescents.

108. NPRs. 7 Crore 74 Lakhs have been all allocation for the continuation of the school nurse program with the objective of improvement in children’s nutrition, Sexual and Reproductive Health of adolescent’s mental health, and so on.

110. NPRs. 3 crores will be provided as grant to Kathmandu Institute of child health for the construction of child hospital at Damak.

112. NPRs 9 Crore 65 lakhs have been allocated under chief minister educational reform program.

115. Budget has been arranged for child friendly basic school and school scout development for imparting social and practical knowledge and skill.

126. A targeted beneficiary friendly budget has been allocated for the development of children and other marginalized, deprived and indigenous groups.

127. NPRs. 1 Crore 14 Lakhs have been allocated for emergency safety residents at district and local level, and long-term rehabilitation center for the protection of children and women, victimized by gender-based violence.

130. NPRs. 1 Crore has been allocated for girl’s empowerment project in community schools to realize the goal of ending child marriage by 2025.

**Remarks:** The protection and management of street children by conducting rescue, rehabilitation, family reunification and reintegration for the development of street child free province, and child labor program, covered by the policy and program hasn’t been supported by the budget.

## **Madhesh Province**

59. Budget for “complete vaccination” and “completely safe motherhood”, has been continued as pervious.

64. NPRs. 2 Crore has been allocated for the constriction of A children’s hospital in the name of martyr Dugamnanda Jha in Nagarain of Dhanusha

75 NPRs. 26 Crore has been allocated for physical and social infrastructure, and capacity development programs at schools, and development of model school.

77. NPRs. 77 Crore 40 Lakhs has been allocated for Bicycle distribution, daughter’s insurance, Civil service preparation classes, scholarships and other various programs for ending gender-based discrimination under Chief Minister “Lets educate girls; lets save girls” campaign which will be conducted for social transformation and gender empowerment, and Laptops distribution to girls studying in grade 12 for access to technology.

79. NPRs 2 Crore has been allocated to provide NPRs. 2000 per children under Dalit education campaign to bring the children of Dom, Musharm Chamar, Dhusad and Halkhor caste to schools and assure continuation.

85. Required budget has been allocated for the protection and management of children’s homes and old age homes.

88. NPRs. 61 Crore 98 Lakhs have been allocated for Ministry of women, children, youths and sports.

112. NPRs. 1 Crore 55 Lakhs have been allocated for programs related to safe daughter campaign and prevention as well as rescue of violence against women and children.

**Remarks:** Malnutrition free province, construction of child friendly structures, programs targeting street children, covered by the policy and program has been left out in the budget.

## **Bagmati Province**

108. Budget has been provisioned to provide surgical as well as maternity and neonatal service. The ICU and NICU services will be increased. Continuation will be given to mother protection program for decreasing maternal mortality rate.

111. Vaccination against cervical cancer among adolescents will be initiated in coordination with federal government. NPRs 28 Crore has been allocated for “one nurse per one secondary school”, for counselling service and promotion of Sexual and Reproductive Health.

116. Public Nutrition Program will be conducted by continuing multi-sectoral nutrition program. One model malnutrition cure center will be established at all local level institutions. Children’s

development monitoring and nutrition promotion center will be conducted through the mobilization of community women health workers.

129. 7 Crores has been allocated to increase access to education of children from marginalized, sexual and gender minorities, endangered and deprived communities.

13) Coordination with the federal government to control cervical cancer among adolescents.

131) 6 Crore 50 Lakhs has been allocated for vehicle purchase to increase children’s access to education and ensure continuation.

134) Budget has been allocated for infrastructural development of existing Child Development Centers, and establishment of model Child Development Center. The construction of child friendly infrastructures at Local Level will be promoted.

136) Budget has been allocated to organize self-defense training for adolescents at secondary level. Trainings will be conducted for Sexual and Gender Minorities.

139. Budget has been allocated to construct well-equipped residential school for children with intellectual disability at Sinduli and Chitwan district.

140. Budget has been allocated to coordinate with the related organizations to construct, initiate and manage the children’s homes, old age homes, day service and rehabilitation center.

**Remarks:** Special assistance to the child-friendly local level, social protection program for completely orphan children, “Our Attention, Youth Awareness Campaign to raise awareness against drug addiction, caste discrimination, social evils, sexual and gender violence, domestic violence, sexual abuse at workplace, child marriage, human trafficking, cybercrime among children and youth mentioned in the policy and program hasn’t been supported by the budget.

## **Gandaki Province**

30. Arrangements have to be made to make the preparation of the day lunch for the children by using the locally produced goods compulsory for commercializing the local products.

76. NPRs. 2 Crore 40 Lakhs have been allocated for the administration and management of residential school at Himalayan regions and remote areas.

77. NPRs. 1 Crore has been allocated to give continuity to the scholarship program for students and social protection for the children who lost their parents in the COVID-19 pandemic.

78. Budget has been allocated under “Orphan children with the Chief Minister”, to provide scholarship to orphan children through SOS Hermann Gmeiner School Pokhara.

80. Budget has been allocated for the continuation of grant for management and establishment of schools for children with intellectual disability and children with learning scores.

84. Required budget has been allocated for the conduction of activities against violence against women and children, and to ensure access to social and economic sectors, empowerment.

86. Relief program for the children with complete intellectual disability and autism.

90. NPRs. 45 Lakhs has been allocated for airlifting program to rescue pregnant women, new born babies and new mothers at grave situation to well -equipped hospitals.

93. NPRs. 13 Crore has been allocated for the multi-sectoral nutrition program to change the nutritional status of infants, children, adolescents, children with disabilities and pregnant women.

100. NPRs. 2 Crore has been allocated to provide medical care to women and children under 16 years of age.

101. Arrangements have been made to standardize the provincial level Maternal child Friendly Hospital,

Into an integrated maternal and child hospital to provide effective and ease service to children and mothers.

104. 2 crores have been allocated for the development of local health care into birthing center.

**Remarks:** Arrangement of proper accommodation, availability of adequate learning materials and provision of recreational learning environment in the Early Childhood Development Center, and Child Friendly Local Governance promotion, provisioned in the annual policy and program hasn't been supported by the budget.

## **Lumbini Province**

37. Necessary budget has been arranged under “expectation of province government: protection of maternal mothers” program to provide ambulance service and other required arrangements for pregnant and new mothers.

42. NPRs 1 crore has been allocated for infant health care and newly constructed maternal service at Tulsipur, Dang and Rapti Provincial hospital.

45. NPRs. 5 Crore has been allocated for “Free maternal nutrition” to improve nutrition of new mothers and infants.

50. Provisions have been made to prepare project report and ensure land ownership for the establishment of provincial child hospital.

53. Essential budget has been allocated to conduct social reform program in participation of the local level, local administration, non/governmental organizations, civil society organizations, political parties and other stakeholders.

54. Essential budget has been allocated for self-defense training to adolescents and empowerment of women with disabilities and sexual and gender minorities.

55. Necessary arrangements have been made to implement Day child care center for rescued children and children of working mothers. Scholarship at residential school will be provided to helpless, orphan and street children. NPRs. 2 Crore has been allocated to construct provincial level residential children’s homes at Kapilbastu for protection of helpless children.

105. Regular monitoring and awareness program will be conducted to avoid child labor at industries, business and factories.

116. Scholarships will be provided to the girls of Muslim, Dalit and backward communities with the policy “Girl’s education: priority of province government”. The residential schools for Muslim girls will be strengthened. NPRs. 3 Crore 30 Lakhs has been allocated for this.

**Remarks:** Special programs for increasing provision of food, health and safety of children in children home, child correctional homes, monitoring room and temporary protection services as well for the control of child labor, violence against children, child sexual abuse, child trafficking and illegal trafficking, provisioned by policy and program hasn’t been supported by the budget.

## **Karnali Province**

67. Budget has been allocated for the conduction of the program for child health care, safe motherhood, control of non-communicable diseases, multisectoral nutrition program, community health unit, birthing center and so on.

81. Continuation has been provided to one school, one nurse program, scholarship to the families of martyr, Dalit, people with disabilities, technological daughter daughter-in-law scholarship to ensure access to education for all.

92. All provincial structures will be disable friendly and gender friendly. Breastfeeding room will be arranged at all agencies of the province. An infant care center will be established in a feasible location for all government staffs.

95. Arrangements have been made to conduct awareness program in coordination with the local level, non-governmental organizations and communities for ending child marriage, polygamy, discrimination and untouchability, *Chaupadi*, witchcraft and so on.

96. A safe house program will be conducted for the women and children’s victims of gender-based violence.

98. Continuation has been provided to “Bank Account of daughters: lifelong security: program with the objective of promoting gender equality and girl’s empowerment.

**Remarks:** School health worker program for the health, nutrition and care of school children, mentioned in the annual program hasn’t been supported by budget.

## **Sudurpashchim Province**

141. The child rehabilitation homes will be standardized and expanded. The children with cure-able physical deformities will be identified and cured.

155. Monthly NPRs. 1000 will be provided under “Badi Community daughter scholarship program” throughout the school age to the girls from Badi community with the motto “lets educate children: let’s make them independent”. 50 students of this community will be provided with “Badi community higher education scholarship”.

158. NPRs. 3 Crore has been allocated for the construction of the well provisioned residential school for children with intellectual disabilities in coordination with Nepal government and local level. NPRs. 30 Lakhs has been allocated to establish healthcare system in coordination with the nongovernmental organizations and local level Institutions for care and learning of children with Autism.

159. NPRs. 90 Lakhs has been allocated for the construction of hostel for children with hearing disability at Kailali.

160. NPRs. 7 Crore 31 Lakhs has been allocated to arrange clean drinking water, latrine construction and distribution of hygienic pads to adolescents.

161. Arrangements have been made to expand “School Nurse program” in local level to nearby schools through same human resources, through which the adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health program is expected to be more effective.

169. The self-defense program for adolescents will be conducted in all nine districts.

180. Arrangements has been made to provide NPRs. 500 per children for orphan children under alternative care program.

183. Budget has been arranged to organize integrated social transformation campaign against child marriage, gender-based violence, Chaupadi, Bokshi, untouchability and other social evils and superstitions.

185. The province will be declared street people free by rescue, protection and management of children and people living in street.

189. Budget has been arranged for the establishment of Braille library at Panchodaya Secondary School, Dhangadi for easing the learning process of children with blindness.

201. NPRs. 48 Lakhs has been allocated for the rescue and rehabilitation of discrimination, social evils, sexual and domestic violence, trafficking victims, cyber-crime, awareness program against violence against women, and so on in coordination with the non-governmental organizations.

**Remarks:** All the issues covered by the policy and program has been supported by the budgetary provisions.

## Major Observations in the Policy, Program and Budget

The federal government is progressive for the promotion of children’s rights in this fiscal year and has provisioned programs for health, education, nutrition, protection of children and strengthening juvenile system. Whereas, many important issues like disasters, issues of most marginalised including sexual and gender minority children, children with disabilities, girls, and so on have not been mentioned. The federal government has given emphasis on rehabilitation of child victims.

Multi-sectoral Nutrition program has been arranged in Province no. 1, Bagmati, Gandaki and Karnali province. Madhesh province has provisioned “Malnutrition free province”, campaign and Lumbini province has free maternity nutrition food program. Continuation of school nurse program has been placed in Province no. 1, Bagmati and Sudurpashchim province.

Province no. 1 has programs for Sexual and Reproductive Health and mental health of adolescents. Lumbini province has planned capacity building program for adolescents and gender violence free program. Sudurpashchim province has mentioned the distribution of hygienic pads for adolescents. Madhesh, Gandaki, Lumbini, Karnali and Sudurpashchim province has programs for gender friendly approach.

Province on. 1, Madhesh, Lumbini, Karnali and Sudurpashchim province has programs for ending child marriage. Lumbini and Sudurpashchim Province has programs for ending child labor. Province no. 1 and Sudurpashchim province has specific programs for strengthening of the rehabilitation homes, children’s homes and child helpline.

All provinces are progressive for the improvement of education system, and providing scholarships for the deserving children. Sudurpashchim province has provisioned well-equipped residential schools for students with intellectual disability. Lumbini province has mentioned disability friendly province. Madhesh and Bagmati province have provisioned disability-friendly schools and disability-friendly infrastructures.

Province no. 1, Lumbini and Gandaki province have mentioned the promotion of Child friendly Local Governance. Province no. 1 has exclusively mentioned the operation of the emergency child rescue fund. Only Bagmati province has the specified social protection provisions.

To conclude, all the provisions are progressive in terms of enhancing health, education, nutrition and protection of children. Most of the policy and program are inclusive in terms of caste and class. Although the issues of girls and children with disability have also been highlighted, the issues of sexual and gender minority children have been sunned from focus. Similarly, many issues including disaster, social protection of children, cyber-crimes, adolescent friendly health services, establishment of child clubs, child friendly environment at various spheres, and so have not been exclusively mentioned.

Following are the way forward for this fiscal year for intervention at federal and provincial level:

1. Lobby and advocacy to ensure the implementation of provisioned programs and policies



*“Let’s promote Child Friendly Local Governance; Let’s Invest on Children”*

2. Technical and Financial support to provincial government for incorporating the agendas missed in the policy and program
3. Lobby for the further prioritisation of children in the upcoming periodic plans
4. Inception and execution of the activities and programs to support and scaffold the policy, program and budget of the federal and provincial government.

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