



CHILD FOCUSED BUDGET

ANALYSIS OF THE FEDERAL AND

PROVINCIAL POLICY AND PROGRAM

(FISCAL YEAR 2082/83)

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, programs and budgets determine the strategic direction of the various levels of governments, it is highly essential to ensure that the most urgent issues are prioritized in these documents.

Children as a vital population for investment, need to be mainstreamed in these documents to ensure mainstreaming in the annual interventions from the higher-level of the governments.

Realizing the need to identify the inclusion of children in budget and plan documents, National Child-Friendly Local Governance (N-CFLG) Forum with the technical support from World Vision International (WVI) Nepal, has carried out an annual assessment of the annual policy, program 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 (2082/83).

The major objectives of this analysis have been listed below:

- To assess the prioritization of child rights and child-friendly governance in the annual policy, program, and budget of the federal and provincial governments.
- To identify gaps and opportunities in existing provisions related to children’s issues for evidence-based advocacy.
- To advocate for increased investment and effective implementation of child-focused policies and programs at both federal and provincial levels

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

62: The federal government commits to major reforms in the school education system, including new laws and structures, with the goal of making education more inclusive, high-quality, and effective — and ensuring basic education for every child by the year 2084 B.S.

65: The educational quality of community schools will be enhanced also with the participation of institutional schools through the implementation of the Institutional-Community School Partnership Program.

66: Uniformity will be brought into the curricula of institutional and community schools. Arrangements will be made for a virtual teaching system with access for all, student counseling management, digital platform arrangement of interactive elearning materials

75: Sports school programs will be launched in collaboration with the federal, provincial and local levels, and sports association. Sports training and encouragement program for coaches and players will be conducted from the school level.

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- 77: Scholarship will be provided to the both international medals winning sports players and their children for their education.
- 80: The air-rescue program for pregnant and postpartum women in the remote areas will be made more effective.
- 81: The physical and mental development of children along with their protection will be ensured. Arrangements will be made for family reunification, social reintegration, and alternative care for street children. Child helpline service (1098) will be integrated with the "Nagarik App".
- 82: A nation free from dependent street dwellers will be created by rescuing and ensuring dignified management of helpless children.
- 83: Community-based rehabilitation services will be expanded for persons with disabilities. Public infrastructure and services will be made disability-friendly.
- 85: Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), Beijing Declaration, and rights related to children and persons with disability will be implemented.
- 89: HPV vaccines for cervical cancer and free cancer treatment services for children under the age of 14 will be made available.
- 96: Population policy will be formulated to ensure that the population growth rate does not fall below the replacement rate. Health and demographic registration system will be integrated with the National Health Information System.

Koshi Province

12. Emphasis will be placed on the implementation of issues related to the human rights of women, children, senior citizens, Dalits, marginalized groups, minorities, economically and socially disadvantaged individuals, and persons with disabilities. Legal research, legal literacy, free legal aid, and access to justice will be enhanced through coordination between the federal and local governments, aiming to improve economic and social development indicators.
52. Programs will be conducted for the development, protection, upliftment, and empowerment of women, children, senior citizens, indigenous peoples, ethnic groups, and disadvantaged communities. The campaign to build a province free from all forms of discrimination, harmful practices, and violence will be continued
53. Programs for the prevention and rehabilitation of disabilities will be continued. Programs will be implemented to make the province free from street-dependent individuals.
61. Arrangements will be made to designate schools as "health-promotive schools" (स्वास्थ्य प्रवर्धनात्मक विद्यालय). The school nursing service program will be expanded and strengthened.
62. The right of children to receive vaccinations will be ensured, and immunization campaigns will be strengthened. Behavior change-oriented programs will be implemented targeting the nutritional status of children, adolescents, pregnant women, and lactating mothers. Community health volunteers will be encouraged.
70. Government buildings required for the provincial government will be constructed. Special emphasis will be placed on building disability-friendly and child-friendly physical infrastructure that reflects local and provincial identity.

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Madhesh Province

5.7 To increase access and participation of children in education and ensure quality education for all, the province literacy campaign will be promoted internalizing the slogan "Send children to school, light the lamp of knowledge (बच्चाके स्कूल पठाउ, साक्षरता के दीप जलाउ).

5.8 The health and education programs will be implemented as a priority, in line with the policy of “Quality Education for a Healthy Society.

5.9: The slogans “Fully Safe Motherhood Province, Fully Vaccinated Province, and Malnutrition-Free Province” will be embraced, and maternal and child health services will be provided accordingly.

5.10 The campaigns “My Health – My Responsibility” and “Healthy Citizens, Prosperous Province” will be actively prioritized and implemented.

5.12: Ending the gender-based violence, the “Long Live Daughters” (Beti Jindawad) campaign will be conducted to empower the women.

6.63 A policy will be adopted to install solar energy in community schools and provincial hospitals through public and private partnerships.

6.64 Public toilets and safe drinking water facilities will be constructed and managed in community schools, health centers, bus parks, marketplaces, fairs, hotels, and major tourist destinations across the province.

7.3 Digital/smart boards will be installed in community secondary schools to provide tech-friendly quality education.

7.4 Identifying the need the policy to construct girls’ hostels will be implemented in community secondary schools.

7.6 The “Chief Minister’s Educate Daughter, Save Daughter” program will be monitored and analyzed, and implemented continuously in an effective manner.

7.8: Along with strengthening the libraries within the province, the incomplete and inadequate basic infrastructure of schools and other educational institutions will be prioritized, completed, and put into use.

7.9 The “Skill Development Scholarship” program will be implemented for deserving students from marginalized and disadvantaged communities. Additionally, a system will be established to run “skill school” programs with the support of technical centers and universities.

7.22 To end the child labour and ensure the rights of children in Madhesh Province, “Child Labour Free Madhesh” (“बालश्रम मुक्त मधेश”) campaign will be conducted in coordination with all 136 local levels across the province.

7.25: “The Chief Minister with Students” program will be conducted.

7.31 The rights of children will be ensured, and empowerment-focused implementation will be carried out.

7.32 Safe short-term and long-term shelter arrangements will be provided for children affected by physical or mental violence or sexual abuse.

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8.23 Yoga centre, Gym parks, children’s parks, senior citizen park, and Madhesh sports parks will be constructed for public health, physical fitness, recreation, and inclusive participation of all age groups.

10.17 Institutional, inclusive, and effective implementation of child rights and related activities will be carried out. In coordination with the Social Welfare Ministry and relevant institutions, “Child Protection and Empowerment Regulations,” “National Child Rights Protection Regulations,” and other child-focused policies and programs be prepared and implemented.

Bagmati Province

37: Birthing centers will be strengthened, and maternal and newborn health services will be enhanced in provincial hospitals.

39: In partnership with local levels, the "One Local Level, One Model Health Institution, and One School – One Nurse" program will be gradually expanded to the community level and operated with enhanced capacity.

42: The free air rescue program will be continuously provided for pregnant women and postpartum women in life-threatening conditions or at risk.

47: Free testing and treatment will be provided for age-related diseases, genetic and congenital health problems. Patients with hemophilia will receive treatment and anti-hemophilic factors free of cost from provincial hospitals. Hearing, vision, and dental check-ups will be conducted at the school level for children, along with necessary treatment and the provision of eyeglasses. Free screening for potential future rheumatic and heart diseases will also be carried out.

64: To ensure access and quality education for children from endangered and highly marginalized communities, residential programs in community schools will be continued. Residential schools will be expanded in partnership with local levels as per need. For the implementation of compulsory and free education, the coordination will be carried out with the respective tiers of government.

65: Collaboration will be undertaken with local levels to implement moral and skill-based education programs starting from the school level. The existing vocational programs in community secondary schools will be continued.

66: Accepting the slogan "Quality education, everyone’s desire" (गुणस्तरीय शिक्षा सबैको इच्छा), the province will formulate and implement a standard for quality education along with necessary arrangements. Based on modern technology and research, “Bhim Bahadur Tamang for improving the quality of education” (भिम बहादुर तामाङ शैक्षिक सुधार कार्यक्रम) program will be implemented in community schools. Continuous support will be given to the reconstruction of disaster-affected infrastructure and the construction of educational infrastructure.

70: To promote and develop the scientific inquiry and a culture of scientific research among students, talent in the field of science will be nurtured through the organization of STEM education and science fairs. Efforts to promote science and innovation will be continued.

75. To protect and implement child rights, cooperation will be extended to local levels for child-friendly local governance. The social protection program being operated in coordination with local levels for orphaned children will be continued. Support will be provided for the documentation and regulation of child-care homes operating across the province to improve the implementation of child rights.

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Gandaki Province

54. The campaign for full institutional safe delivery will be continued with the aim of reducing preventable maternal deaths to zero. A province-level Safe Motherhood Roadmap will be developed and implemented. The monitoring of pregnant women's health and childbirth registration will be strengthened through an integrated electronic system, with expanded cooperation from local levels.

55: To reduce neonatal mortality, neonatal intensive care services will be expanded in all three provincial hospitals and the provincial hospital in Lamjung. Special Newborn Unit (SNU) services will be expanded in other hospitals as well. Newborn Care Corners will be established in birthing centers located in strategically important areas. Arrangements will be made to provide free sanitary pads in coordination with local health institutions for the promotion of dignified menstruation.

56. Arrangements will be made for newborn screening to identify congenital diseases in hospitals under the province. Screening for rheumatic heart disease in children will also be carried out, along with the assessment and documentation of their nutritional status.

57: Arrangements will be made for screening and treatment of non-communicable diseases. Mental health services will be expanded, and awareness programs regarding mental health will be conducted within communities. To ensure mental health services are accessible to everyone, psychosocial counseling services will be provided upon demand through collaboration between provincial and local levels.

58. Integrated community-level disease surveillance, research, and timely response will be made more effective for communicable diseases such as tuberculosis, leprosy, and HIV/AIDS; vaccine-preventable diseases; and climate-sensitive diseases such as malaria, dengue, and kala-azar.

59. Based on needs, specialized medical education programs will be initiated and upgraded in provincial hospitals. Arrangements will be made to deliver health services through provincial hospitals to local-level hospitals, humanitarian institutions, juvenile reform homes, elderly care centers, and similar organizations. The school nursing program will be reviewed and made more effective.

62: At Matrisishu Miteri Hospital, an infertility treatment center will be established, and at Madhyabindu Provincial Hospital, a disability treatment center will be set up to provide treatment for children with intellectual disabilities and autism.

67: The provincial public health laboratory will be strengthened, and to improve accessibility, convenient and affordable services will be provided by expanding the sample collection centers. Children under 10 years of age and elderly people over 65 years will receive free OPD and laboratory services, and the social protection program will be continued.

68. Free availability of blood and blood products, financial assistance for cancer treatment, air rescue for pregnant and postpartum women at risk, empowerment of female community health volunteers, and the social security programs will be continued.

72: Quality education is our commitment, community schools as centers of excellence: To improve the quality of education, special priority will be given to teacher capacity development, upgrading infrastructure, school and community campus integration, and implementation of model school programs. In coordination with local levels, career counseling, skill testing, and parental education programs will be continued for students.

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73: In the Schools offering technical and vocational education, as well as other community schools, the “Earning while Learning and Enjoying while Earning” (सिक्दै कमाउदै, कमाउदै रमाउदै) program will be continued. Best practices from various schools across Gandaki Province will be promoted through coordination and collaboration with local levels.

74. Necessary policies and technical provisions will be formulated to promote the use of technology-based education systems and to encourage innovation in academic institutions within Gandaki Province.

75. Large, model, and residential school development programs will be made more effective. Special provisions will be arranged to operate Himalayan schools located in Gorkha, Manang, and Mustang districts. Protection and regulation will be ensured for religious and culturally affiliated schools such as Gumbas, Gurukuls, Madrasas, Ashrams, and other alternative and community-based educational institutions, including open classes.

76. Necessary provincial legislation will be formulated to ensure the economic and social empowerment of persons with disabilities, and community-based rehabilitation programs will be continued. In coordination and partnership with the Government of Nepal, necessary initiatives will be taken to operate well-equipped residential schools at the provincial level for the education of children with intellectual disabilities.

83. To empower women, meaningful participation in all sectors will be ensured by promoting gender mainstreaming and substantive gender equality. A zero-tolerance campaign against gender-based violence will be implemented, along with the necessary policy and legal arrangements. Emergency and long-term service centers will continue to be operated for the rescue, protection, family reintegration, and rehabilitation of victims and survivors of gender-based violence, human trafficking, and transportation.

85: To ensure children’s rights, local levels will be encouraged to promote child-friendly local governance. To identify, rescue, and protect children at risk, the Provincial Coordination Centre 104 will be operated, and the child helpline program, child care centers, and mid-day service centers for elderly people will continue to be provided.

Lumbini Province

104. To increase stakeholders' sense of ownership toward community schools, the “My School, My Responsibility” campaign will be expanded to all schools. Local curricula will be encouraged to include subjects that promote positive thinking, yoga, meditation, human values, and the cultivation of happiness.

115. In coordination with local governments, programs will be conducted to identify and encourage the talents of teachers and students.

120: Among the schools operating in local levels that lag behind in the Human Development Index, arrangements will be made to expand the School Health Worker Program in schools with a large number of students.

125: To establish the province as gender-friendly, child-friendly, disability-friendly, and senior citizen-friendly, relevant laws concerning women, children, persons with disabilities, and senior citizens will be amended accordingly.

129: Cooperation with local governments will be enhanced to build a child-friendly province by ending child abuse, violence, exploitation, discrimination, and child labor. Special campaigns will be conducted to eliminate child marriage.

130: A campaign will be launched to make the province free from street children and homeless individuals through coordination and collaboration with local governments and non-governmental organizations. Efforts will continue for the rescue, protection, and family reintegration of street children, along with necessary facilitation to ensure their right to education.

132: In disaster risk reduction and management, the principles of gender equality, disability inclusion, and social inclusion will be implemented to protect women, children, senior citizens, persons with disabilities, and other vulnerable communities during emergencies.

133: Targeted programs will be conducted in coordination with concerned organizations for the economic and social empowerment of women, children, senior citizens, single women, persons with disabilities, freed Kamaiyas and Kamlaris, landless people, Dalits, indigenous nationalities, Madhesis, Muslims, gender and sexual minorities, marginalized and disadvantaged groups, the poor, and at-risk communities.

160: The construction and maintenance of physical infrastructure for provincial prisons and juvenile correction centers will be carried out in coordination with and based on the priorities of the Government of Nepal. Support will be provided for stress management, psychosocial counseling, skill development, and educational programs for inmates and children in conflict with the law.

Karnali Province

24: Various multi-sectoral programs will be implemented to promote Karnali Province as a Nutrition-Friendly Province. Government offices and schools will be encouraged to adopt nutrition-sensitive food habits, emphasizing the consumption of locally produced foods through practices such as the mid-day meal program.

67: A ten-year education policy and implementation plan will be developed and executed in Karnali Province. Initiatives will be undertaken to enhance the physical infrastructure and educational quality of community schools, along with the professional development of teachers. Particularly in schools with a high teacher-student ratio,
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programs providing grants for the improvement of Mathematics, Science, and English will be expanded. Local governments will be encouraged to merge schools with low student enrollment to optimize resource utilization and ensure effective learning environments.

69. The Chief Minister's Digital Education Program will be continued. A large-scale school development program, including residential facilities, will be implemented in coordination with local governments. A digital education support program for SEE (grade 10) students will be conducted, aiming to improve the quality of public education by making it more results-oriented. The “Book-Free Friday” program, observed once a week, will be expanded to additional districts.

70. Programs will be conducted to produce skilled and productive human resources in the province and to ensure educational opportunities for all. Daughters, daughters-in-law, marginalized groups, Dalits, persons with disabilities, disadvantaged communities, and socially excluded populations will be engaged in technical education through the provision of educational grants

72. A policy will be adopted to provide performance-based support to religious schools operating within the province. Necessary support will be extended for the management of schools and resources for children with disabilities. The trilateral relationship among guardians, teachers, and students will be strengthened through the "We Improve Our School" campaign. An agriculture-based Green School Development Program will be implemented in collaboration between schools and the local level.

73. The "Bank Account in the Name of Daughters: Secure Life for Girls" (बैंक खाता छोरीको: सुरक्षा जीवन भरिको) program will be implemented in a revised form in Karnali Province to ensure girls' access to education and health services, and to promote and empower them financially and in the livelihood sectors. Under the Karnali Social Empowerment Program, local governments will be encouraged to declare communities as child-friendly, *Chhaupadi*-free, untouchability-free, and child marriage-free.

74: To address gender-based violence and ensure justice and rehabilitation for affected women and children, long-term rehabilitation mechanisms will be established at the provincial level with active community engagement. Short-term support services will be further strengthened. Legal provisions will be developed to ensure effective investigation and management of gender-based violence cases.

79: Research work will be conducted by prioritizing maternal and child health and non-communicable diseases.

86: Accepting that my health is my responsibility, creative lifelong activities such as sports, yoga, exercise, and meditation will gradually be conducted up to the school level. With cooperation at the local level, self-defense and scout programs will be initiated in schools for students.

98: To prevent drug abuse and control the suicidal rate, it is important to promote positive thinking and conduct awareness programs in educational institutions and communities.

64: Psychosocial counseling services and the school nursing program will be implemented in collaboration with local governments.

Sudurpaschim Province

62: Under the slogan “Every Mother’s Right: Safe Pregnancy, Safe Life (सबै आमाको हक: सुरक्षित गर्भ-सुरक्षित जीवन), efforts will be made to improve maternal and reproductive health and to reduce maternal and infant

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mortality rates through an integrated approach.

63. In collaboration with local governments, necessary support will be provided in areas such as the identification, counseling services, distribution of assistive devices, and community-based rehabilitation for children with physical disabilities, autism, and other intellectual disabilities.

66. Arrangements will be made to provide training on first aid and basic life support skills to students, security personnel, and vehicle drivers in order to prevent fatalities during emergencies.

72: Along with the slogan "For a prosperous province, healthy citizens" (प्रदेशको समृद्धिका लागि स्वस्थ नागरिक) a school- and community-based health and nutrition promotion program will be launched to improve the nutritional status of children, adolescents, pregnant, and lactating women.

74: Under the “Jayprithvi Bahadur Singh Educational Infrastructure Development and School Education Quality Improvement Program” (जयपृथ्वी बहादुर सिंह पूर्वाधार विकास तथा विद्यालय शिक्षा गणस्तर सुधार), one secondary school from each provincial assembly electoral constituency will be developed as a model school of the province. The physical infrastructure-related projects of schools that could not be completed in previous years will be finalized. Likewise, one child development center in each local level will be developed as a model child development center, and efforts will be made to ensure its sustainability.

75: Education will be made easily accessible and inclusive through an incentive program targeting children with disabilities and marginalized groups. Residential schools will be operated for children with intellectual disabilities in Belauri of Kanchanpur. Necessary arrangements will be made to provide education in Braille and sign language.

76: A fixed quota will be allocated in hostels, with priority given to students from economically disadvantaged Dalit communities. Orphanages and hostels will be constructed and operated with priority for students from Dalit and other economically disadvantaged groups. The 'Badi Upliftment Scholarship Program' will be continued for children from the Badi community.

78: To improve the quality of technical education, the capacity of educational institutions will be upgraded, and digital program will be implemented in the classroom.

81: To conduct programs for the professional capacity development of teachers, the educational training centers will be strengthened. Training will be provided to newly recruited teachers and education personnel at the provincial and local levels for capacity development. Career counseling programs will be conducted through teacher training centers for secondary-level students.

91: With the slogan 'Healthy Children, Empowered Women, and Respected Senior Citizens: Commitment of Sudurpashchim' (स्वास्थ्य बालबालिका, सबल नारी र सम्मानित जेष्ठ नागरिक: सुदुरपश्चिमको प्रतिबद्धता) ,the Women, Children, and Senior Citizens Decade (2082–2092) program will be implemented.

92: All forms of violence against children will be ended. Child-related policies and programs will be formulated and implemented. In partnership with local levels, the campaign 'I am just a child, let me grow – not child marriage, but let me study (सानै छु म बढ्न देऊ, बाल विवाह होइन पढ्न देऊ) will be continued. An adolescent girls' education and life skills development program will also be conducted.

93: Structural and preventive measures will be adopted to address all forms of violence and abuse against women. A province-level Integrated Fund for the Protection of Women and Children Affected by Violence will be established

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to ensure their protection. Support will be provided for the operation of rehabilitation centers.

Major Child Focused Provisions in the Budget

Budget of the Federal Government

Child survival

181: Kanti Children’s Hospital will be developed as a Center of Excellence for Child Health Services.

182: A budget has been allocated for free HPV vaccination for adolescent girls and free cancer treatment for children from underprivileged communities.

183: To protect pregnant women, postpartum mothers, and infants, a budget has been allocated under the Mother Safety Program and the “1,000 Golden Days” initiative. Across all provinces, services will be launched for the identification, treatment, and rehabilitation of children with autism and intellectual disabilities.

187: Services have been arranged and capital grants allocated for Kathmandu Institute of Child Health to ensure service expansion and quality improvement.

Child protection

204: The nutrition program focused on pregnant and postpartum women, along with children, will be continued.

207: The National Campaign to Free Street Children will be continued. Arrangements will be made for the protection, family reintegration, social rehabilitation, and alternative care of orphaned, abandoned, and vulnerable children. The capacity of child care homes will be expanded. Psycho-social and counseling services will be provided to children involved in street life to help bring them onto the right path. The Child Helpline service 1098 will be integrated with the Citizen App.

211: The construction of service centers for women, children, and senior citizens will be completed.

213: Programs for family and social awareness will be conducted to eliminate harmful practices such as child labor, gender-based violence, sexual abuse, accusations of witchcraft, chhaupadi (menstrual exile), caste-based discrimination against women, and child marriage. Legal action will be taken against individuals involved in such crimes.

214: The Social Welfare Council and the National Child Rights Council will be restructured or reorganized.

Child Development

155: The budget for the mid-day school meal program for students up to grade five has been increased to NPR 10.19 billion, benefiting 2.8 million students. The free sanitary pad distribution program in schools will continue with an allocated budget of NPR 1.29 billion, benefiting 1.3 million girls.

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156: Scholarships provided to students from targeted communities and remote Himalayan districts will be continued. Students from the Musahar, Dom, and Chamar communities will be supported to encourage higher education, particularly in the medical field.

158: A system of inclusive education in Nepali medium will be developed. An assistive learning system will be used in school education. The quality of education will be improved and digital teaching materials will be developed. Provision will be made to support disabled students to complete inclusive education and provide scholarships. A national standard will be established, and responsible management will be ensured for all schools.

159: Traditional education methods such as Gurukul, Gompa, and Madarsa will be revitalized, preserved, and promoted.

160: Under the National Education Improvement Program, physical infrastructure mapping and inventory will be conducted for schools with more than 1,500 students in the Terai, 1,000 students in the Hills, and over 500 students in the Mountains. Capacity-building programs for teachers and schools will also be carried out. A budget of NPR 2.72 billion has been allocated for these initiatives.

169: In each province, one technical school will be selected as model school and promoted as a center of excellence. Students from regular schools will be granted access to use the facilities of the model school to enhance their skills.

200: A budget has been allocated to establish a Sports Academy in at least three schools in each province. Children and youth will be engaged through scouting to develop discipline, confidence, self-reliance, character, and a spirit of service, including participation in social service and rescue activities.

206: To ensure the constitutional rights of children and promote their holistic development, provisions will be made for access to education, health, nutrition, recreation, and social protection. For the development of child parks, partnerships will be established with local governments.

Koshi Province

88: The necessary budget for strengthening the physical infrastructure and for constructing residential schools in the Hamalayas and hilly regions have been allocated.

90: The necessary budget for child-friendly school management, technology-friendly teaching and learning, classroom management, and for encouraging the merger of nearby schools have been allocated.

96: The budget has been allocated to support the operation and management of schools where children with disabilities are studying.

97: Arrangements have been made to provide a monthly incentive of two thousand rupees to motivate caregivers working in resource rooms with children with special needs across the province.

98: The necessary budget has been allocated to develop Saraswoti Secondary School in Damak as a research center for autism.

104: To implement the 'Empowered Daughter' ("सक्षम छोरी कार्यक्रम") program as a model for promoting economic and social transformation by increasing educational access for the daughters of the Musahar community, a budget of one crore fifty lakhs rupees has been allocated.

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105: The budget has been allocated to implement the Girl Empowerment Program with the direct involvement of adolescent girls studying at the secondary level, in coordination with all local levels, as part of the campaign to build a child marriage-free province.

123: Arrangements have been made for free health check-ups for pregnant women from targeted groups and free healthcare services for children under ten years of age at government hospitals within the province.

124: Arrangements have been made to ensure the complete vaccination of all children in the province with all necessary vaccines to strengthen their immunity against diseases.

125: The necessary budget has been allocated to provide students with disabilities the opportunity to obtain AI-connected spectacles to facilitate their easier living.

126: School Nursing Service will be continued.

186. The arrangement has made to implement human rights-related provisions for women, children, senior citizens, Dalits, marginalized groups, minorities, economically disadvantaged individuals, and persons with disabilities, and to improve the indicators of economic and social development.

Madhesh Province

100: To enhance students’ understanding and awareness of the importance of law within schools, a budget has been allocated to conduct legal education awareness programs at the school level.

106: The budget has been allocated to establish, the smart board and E-library to make the school ICT techno friendly.

138: A budget has been allocated for the establishment and operation of a 50-bed maternity and children’s hospital in Dhankaul, Sarlahi.

Bagmati Province

113. The ‘Health in All Policies’ concept will be continued. The ‘One District, One Model City’ concept and the ‘One Local Level, One Model Health Institution’ program will be implemented. The ‘One School, One Nurse’ program will also be continued in the upcoming fiscal year. A budget arrangement of NPR 42 crore has been made for these activities.

116. Free airlift service programs have been continued for pregnant and postpartum mothers who are at high risk. The ‘One Health Institution, One Rural Ambulance’ program will be expanded in remote municipalities. Local birthing centers will be strengthened and maternal and neonatal health services at provincial hospitals will be improved. For these activities, a budget of NPR 100 million has been allocated.

122: Arrangements have been made to conduct free hearing, vision, and dental check-ups for school-age children, as well as free screening for diseases like cancer and heart disease that may develop in the future.

127: Residential programs being operated in partnership with the local level in community schools will be continued. The access of children from highly marginalized communities such as Jirel, Surel, Thami, Chepang, Majhi, Danuwar, etc. to compulsory and free education will be increased, ensuring the quality of education.

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128: In coordination with the local level, the moral education will be promoted from the School level. To improve the academic quality of community secondary schools, programs will be conducted for techno-friendly vocational and skill-based education.

129: In order to improve the academic quality of community secondary schools, arrangements have been made to operate the Bhim Bahadur Tamang Academic Quality Improvement Program “भिमबहादुर तामाङ शैक्षिक गुणस्तर सुधार कार्यक्रम”.

Gandaki Province:

59: In partnership with local levels, programs to expand BIG and LEAD (विगर लिडा विद्यालय) schools as well as residential schools in remote and scattered settlement areas as per needed have been promoted, and continuous efforts have been made to improve the educational and structural conditions of schools located in Himalayan and high mountain regions.

62: The "Learning while Earning, earning while Learning" ("सिक्दै कमाउँदै, कमाउँदै सिक्दै") program has been continued in schools operating general and technical streams.

65: A budget has been allocated for partnership programs with local governments to develop and promote Child-Friendly Local Governance, ensuring the rights of children.

73: Under the slogan "Healthy Heart, Beautiful Future," 9“स्वस्थ मुटु, सुन्दर भविष्य”) a budget of NPR 55 lakhs has been allocated for identifying rheumatic and heart diseases and conducting rheumatic heart disease screenings among children in all provincial hospitals. Similarly, NPR 26 lakhs has been allocated for the identification and screening of congenital diseases in newborns.

Additionally, a budget has been allocated for the expansion of Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) services in hospitals. A budget of NPR 20 lakhs has been allocated for the infertility treatment center at the Mother-Infant Miteri Provincial Hospital, and another NPR 20 lakh has been allocated for the establishment of a treatment center for children with intellectual disabilities and autism at Madhyabindu Provincial Hospital.

78: Arrangements have been made to strengthen and enhance the effectiveness of air rescue services for pregnant and postpartum women at risk, along with the provision of free OPD and laboratory services for children below 10 years old.

Lumbini Province

73: To ensure the rights of children to get quality and basic education, the necessary programs have been arranged.

74: A budget of NPR 7 crore 50 lakh has been allocated to implement incentive-based programs, including scholarships, in order to enhance the participation of targeted groups and communities in education.

75: The arrangement has been made to expand “My School, My Responsibility” campaign to all schools. A budget of NPR 5 crore has been allocated to improve the quality of community schools through teacher motivation, talent identification, professional capacity development of teachers, and effective use of information technology.

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83: A special campaign will be launched to end child marriage and to build a child-friendly province by eliminating harmful practices, violence, abuse, discrimination, and child labor against children. The necessary budget has been allocated for this purpose.

84: A budget has been allocated to implement programs aimed at the economic and social empowerment, as well as livelihood support, of women, children, senior citizens, single women, persons with disabilities, freed Kamaiyas, Kamlahris, squatters, Dalits, Badis, Gandharvas, Chamars, indigenous nationalities, Madhesis, Muslims, sexual and gender minorities, marginalized and backward groups, impoverished communities, and those at risk.

90: To reduce the high maternal and neonatal mortality rates, a budget of NPR 10 crore has been allocated under the "Protected Maternity Campaign" ("सुरक्षित मातृत्व अभियान") for programs including free antenatal and postnatal service packages and free air rescue services in remote areas.

Karnali

109: To facilitate teaching and learning in community schools and ensure quality education, priority has been given to the development of physical infrastructure and the improvement of educational standards.

110: An allocation of Rs. 150 million has been made to identify community schools with inadequate infrastructure and to complete the construction works that were previously initiated by the province government but left incomplete.

111: "By improving public education and making it result-oriented to enhance quality, a digital education support program for SEE students, targeting Grade 10 students, will be implemented. The Chief Minister’s Digital Education Program will be continued to transform community schools into digitally equipped institutions and to produce competitive and skilled human resources. A total budget of Rs. 16 crores have been allocated for both programs.

112: "A budget of Rs. 6 crores have been allocated to implement the program ‘One Electoral Area, One Large School with residential Facilities’ in partnership with the local level.

115: "Necessary arrangement has been made to provide grants to community schools with a high teacher-student ratio to manage Mathematics, Science, and English teachers.

124: The province has continued the provision of a nutrition allowance of NPR 2,500 for category "A" women and NPR 2,000 for category "B" women who give birth at public health institutions.

131: To reduce maternal, child, infant, and neonatal mortality rates, efforts will be strengthened in awareness and counseling, social behavior change, nutrition, vaccination, and treatment services. Additionally, systems for related information management and surveillance will be enhanced.

132: To support the mental and physical health of children, adolescents, individuals of reproductive age, and postpartum women, postpartum nutrition gift programs and distribution of nutritious flour (Super Cereal Plus) [सुत्केरी पोषण कोसेली कार्यक्रम र पोषण पिठो (सुपर सिरियल प्लस)] will be implemented. Necessary budget provisions have been allocated for this purpose.

142: Programs including rescue, protection, education, rehabilitation, and family reintegration support for children

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at risk and those requiring special and alternative care are being continued.

143: To support daughters from families deprived of economic and social development, a revised framework will be developed to implement the “Bank Account in the Name of Daughter: Safe for Lifetime” (“बैंक खाता छोरीको, सुरक्षा जीवनभरिको”) program, aligning with empowerment initiatives such as education, skills training, awareness, and capacity building. Through the Karnali Social Empowerment Program, local governments will be encouraged to declare themselves as child marriage-free, Chhaupadi-free, untouchability-free, and child labor-free local level.

139: For the rescue, protection, and rehabilitation of children, a sustainable provincial-level rehabilitation center will be established with community participation. Short-term service centers will be well-managed. A legal framework will be developed to manage the referral system for individuals affected by gender-based violence and child protection-related incidents.

136: Realizing that "My Health, My Responsibility," programs such as sports, yoga, exercise, and meditation aimed at promoting a healthy and creative lifestyle are being gradually expanded up to the school level.

Sudurpaschim Province

122: A budget of NPR 23 crore has been allocated to develop one secondary school in each of the 32 provincial assembly electoral constituencies as a model school of the province under the “Jayprithvi Bahadur Singh Educational Infrastructure Development and School Education Quality Improvement Program” (जयपृथ्वी बहादुर सिंह पूर्वाधार विकास तथा विद्यालय शिक्षा गुणस्तर सुधार कार्यक्रम). It is expected that this initiative will make education accessible to all.

123: One child development center in each local level of Sudurpashchim Province has been provided with educational materials, and training for child development teachers has been organized. The necessary budget has been allocated for this purpose.

124: To make Education easily accessible and inclusive through an incentive program targeting children with disabilities and marginalized groups, the special and resource classes will be strengthened for which the enough budget has been allocated.

125: The necessary budget has been allocated for constructing the residential schools for the children with intellectual disabilities in Belauri of Kanchanpur.

126: The necessary budget has been arranged to provide education in Braille and sign language. A budget has also been allocated for the operation and management of orphanages for orphaned children.

150: A budget has been allocated to implement programs aimed at improving the nutritional status of children, adolescents, pregnant women, and postpartum women residing in the province, along with promoting health and nutrition based on schools and communities.

152: The necessary budget has been arranged will be made to provide training on first aid and basic life support skills to students, security personnel, and vehicle drivers in order to prevent fatalities during emergencies.

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154: With the slogan 'Healthy Children, Empowered Women, and Respected Senior Citizens: Commitment of Sudurpashchim' (स्वास्थ्य बालबालिका, सबल नारी र सम्मानित जेष्ठ नागरिक: सुदुरपश्चिमको प्रतिबद्धता), the Women, Children, and Senior Citizens Decade (2082–2092) program will be implemented. For this necessary budget has been allocated.

155: In partnership with local levels, the campaign 'I am just a child, let me grow – not child marriage, but let me study' (सानै छु म बढ्न देऊ, बाल विवाह होइन पढ्न देऊ) will be continued.

156: A provincial-level integrated violence survivor protection center will be established for the protection of women and children affected by violence.

Major Observations in the Annual Policy, Program, and Budget

Both the federal and the provincial governments seem very progressive towards the policy, programs and budget that mainly focused on the children. They have a very impressive provisions for the child development (highlighting the plans for education with a budget of NPR 2.72 billion for all three Himalaya, Terai, and Hilly regions) and child survival (with different health related plan) aspects with little highlights over the child protection. However, they still lack their policy that enables the child participation aspects.

The free sanitary pad distribution program in schools will continue with an allocated budget of NPR 1.29 billion, benefiting 1.3 million girls.

The federal government has committed Rs. 10.19 billion for the mid-day school meal program ensuring benefit to 2.8 million students and all the reforms ensuring inclusive, quality education and comprehensive child health services, including free cancer treatment for children under 14, cervical cancer vaccination, air-rescue for mothers, integration of child helpline services, and rehabilitation for street children. However, it lacks explicit focus on disasters, sexual and gender minority children, and children with disabilities.

Nutrition programs are prioritized in Koshi, Bagmati, Gandaki, and Karnali provinces through multi-sectoral efforts, with Madhesh running a “Malnutrition Free Province” campaign and Lumbini providing free maternity nutrition food. Continuation of school nurse programs is noted in Koshi, Bagmati, and Sudurpashchim provinces.

Koshi province advances sexual and reproductive health and adolescent mental health, while Lumbini focuses on adolescent capacity building and gender violence prevention. Sudurpashchim includes distribution of hygienic pads for adolescent girls. Gender-friendly approaches are found in Madhesh, Gandaki, Lumbini, Karnali, and Sudurpashchim.

Efforts to end child marriage exist in Koshi, Madhesh, Lumbini, Karnali, and Sudurpashchim, while child labor eradication programs are active in Lumbini and Sudurpashchim. Rehabilitation homes, children’s homes, and child helpline strengthening occur in Koshi and Sudurpashchim.

All provinces show progress in improving education quality and scholarships. Sudurpashchim provides well-equipped residential schools for children with intellectual disabilities. Disability-friendly schools and infrastructure are featured in Madhesh, Bagmati, and Lumbini provinces, with Lumbini also declaring itself a disability-friendly province.

Child-friendly local governance is promoted in Koshi, Lumbini, and Gandaki, with Sudurpaschim uniquely operating a province-level Integrated Fund for the Protection of Children Affected by Violence ensuring their protection. Social protection measures are explicitly included only in Bagmati Province.

In conclusion, provincial and federal programs are broadly progressive, focusing on health, education, nutrition, and child protection, with notable inclusivity by caste and class. While girls and children with disabilities receive some attention, sexual and gender minority children remain largely unaddressed. Additionally, critical issues such as disaster response, cyber-crimes, adolescent-friendly health services, child clubs, and comprehensive child-friendly environments receive limited emphasis across policies.

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 in all provinces and federal level.
2. Technical support to provincial government for incorporating the CFLG issues in the policy and program

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of the upcoming year and declaration as child friendly province as soon as possible.

3. Lobby for the further prioritization of children and children’s issues in the upcoming periodic plans
4. Lobby and advocacy for the prioritization of CFLG agenda in all the local level
5. Inception and execution of the activities and programs to support and scaffold the policy, program and budget of the federal and provincial government.
6. Strong advocacy at both local and provincial levels for robust policy formulation and effective implementation to prevent all forms of violence against children.

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