



# Voice of Children

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## VOC receives International Award

Voice of Children (VOC) received 2014 Star Impact Award for Protection from Asia-Pacific Winners category. The award is granted for tireless work to provide safe, happy and healthy environments for vulnerable children. Director of VOC, Mr. Krishna Thapa received the award from Bill Clinton, 42<sup>nd</sup> President of the United States, in a grand ceremony at Kensington Palace, U.K. on 13th December 2014.



The Stars Impact Awards recognize and reward outstanding local organizations improving the lives of children in the countries. The award was categorized in four different themes such as; Health, Education, Protection and WASH from Africa-Middle East, Asia-Pacific and Latin America-Caribbean. VOC received US\$120,000 as an Asia-Pacific Winner in Protection category where in the same category, 2014 Nobel Prize winner Bachpan Bachao Andolan from India received runner up award. For the Star Impact Award, there were 500 applicants of 65 countries from the world. Among 136 applicants of 13 countries from Asia-Pacific region, the organization was selected for the winner of 2014 Stars Impact Award.



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Stars Foundation invests in organizations and ideas that transform the lives of disadvantaged children and their communities globally. It is an independent charity founded in 2001 by Al-Dabbagh Group which is based in London. It seeks to champion and amplify the efforts of those working on the front line in the fight against poverty and child mortality.

Krishna Thapa, Founder of Voice of Children in Nepal receives the 2014 Stars Impact Award for Protection in Asia-Pacific from President Bill Clinton and Stars Foundation Founding Chairman HE Amr Al-Dabbagh.

## MAJOR ACTIVITIES OF THIS QUARTER



## CELEBRATED Festivals

On 3rd October 2014, Dashain festival celebrated among 14 children in Welcome Center and 9 children in Preparation Center. Children were informed about the importance of festivals and its impact in our daily life and society. Then they received tika and jamara from social workers as this is the festival to get blessing from elder ones for good health & prosperity. The children enjoyed swing and kite flying which is popular recreational during this great festival. Most of the children were in a home visit to celebrate this festival with their families.

Likewise, children from Preparation Center celebrated Tihar festival by playing Deusi Bhailo (sing the songs and dance as they go to various homes, collecting money, sweets, food and giving blessings for prosperity) along with the children from Welcome Center & Reintegration Program places near to Welcome Center. The children enjoyed having sel-roti (traditional ring-shaped rice doughnut mostly prepared during Tihar) that was cooked in the center. As in this festival brother put seven colored tika in their forehead for blessing from their sister, 2 children received tika from female staff at Preparation Center.

Christmas day was also celebrated in the Preparation Center with the participation of 31 children. Before the event, children got orientation about the Christmas day. The day celebrated with exchanging good wishes among staff & children and organizing sports events. Finally prizes were distributed to the winners.

## Children participated in New Delhi Workshop

Two children from Voice of Children participated in an International Workshop in New Delhi, India from 27<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> October organized by Butterflies. The workshop was focused on the Child Development Khazana (CDK). 24 different organizations from 8 different countries were participated in the workshop. All the organizations shared the progress status of CDK among the children and adult focal persons. Besides this, children learned life skills, radio programs, BBC (Butterflies Broadcasting Children) and visited some historical places of New Delhi as well. 3 different organizations (Voice of Children, Kathmandu, Child Welfare Scheme, Pokhara and Youth Society Nepal, Chitwan) participated as delegates from Nepal.



Children participating on picnic program organized by Eastern Region Program, VOC on the occasion of Dashain festival.



## MAJOR ACTIVITIES.....

### Annual Seminar 2014



Voice of Children conducted Annual Staff's Seminar 2014 on 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> December 2014, in Phewa Wildlife Resort,

Sauraha. The team of 45 members including board members participated in the seminar. Since 2008, VOC is regularly organizing annual seminar with an objective to share and get feedback on program implementation from each unit. At the same, it is very much helpful to build good coordination among the staffs and to understand all program activities. Each of the program units presented the assessment of the year 2014 and planning of the year 2015.

### Social Audit Conducted

Social Audit of the fiscal year 2070/071 is conducted with the participation of board members, staffs,



beneficiaries (children and families), representatives from different social organizations, partners, supporters, stakeholders and governmental & non-governmental officials on 4th December 2014. VOC has been conducting the social audit since last year to maintain the transparency within the organizations. It also supports to increase the accountability and to internalize issue among the stakeholders. Chief Guest of the program, Mr. Dilli Ram Giri, the chairperson of Central Child Welfare Board (CCWB), congratulated VOC for conducting social audit and he also emphasized that CCWB is always willing to work in coordination with VOC. Another guest of the program, Mr. Rabindra Kumar, the member Secretary of Social Welfare Council, also admired the work of VOC.

### Organized Dissemination seminar

A Seminar organized on 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2014 at Local Development Training Academy, Jawalakhel. The objective of the



program was to share the information on Family Development Program under VOC and to share the ideas and get feedback from like-minded organization to make the program more successful in the coming days. At the same, it was organized to build a good relationship and coordination among all the stakeholders which is also helpful to minimize the duplication on program implementation.

### International Day against Child Abuse

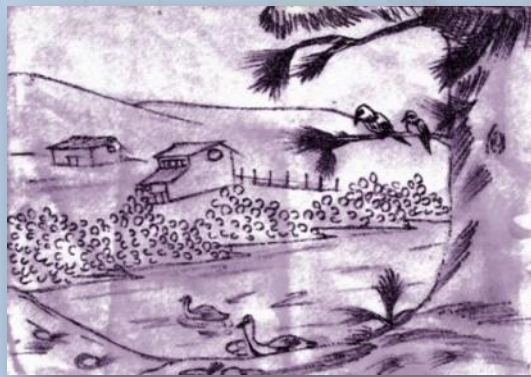
International Day against Child Abuse celebrated on 19th November 2014 by organizing different program at Preparation Center. 31 children from PC and 11 children from Welcome Centre participated in the program. The program started with the quiz contest. There were 3 groups with 5 children in each group. Other children enjoyed by actively participating in the event as audience. After the quiz contest, the program co-coordinator provided orientation on International Child Abuse Day. At the end, children painted their palm and impress it in the banner to mark stop child abuse.







## Children's Creations



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