

Field Visit Report

Project Area: Sindhupalchowk, Nepal

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Field Visited: EFF Students

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1. Rajan Shrestha:

Background, Home and School:

Rajan (17) is studying in grade 10 in Sadabahar English School. He is a good student in school and good at extra activities especially in football. He is living with his married cousin sister nearby school who runs small Grocery shop in Khadichaur, Sindhupalchowk and helps her during his leisure time.

His permanent home is in Kothe, Sindhupalchowk about 15 minutes ride from school where his dump mother and elder brother lives. After completion of grade 10 he will be living with mother and brother. His father passed away when he was just 9 months old. After the demise of father the home situation was difficult for dumb mother and elder brother being small as well that was the reason he was enrolled in Children's home in Barhabise, Sindhupalchowk named FIfon. During our visit we couldn't meet her mother but according to his uncle she can work but cannot speak properly. His elder brother is involved in farming and managing family living.

Rajan's home was completely demolished on 25th April 2015, but with hard work from elder brother and government fund they were able to build the house.

Aim for our Visit:

Our major Aim was to get information whether he needs further support for the continuation for his studies, interests, and his expertise after his completion of grade 10 also called (Secondary Education Examination SEE) which is the final school year in school.

Outcome of the visit:

During our visit we have noticed family members are cooperative and their relatives (uncles, aunt) are supportive towards them. He will get good family environment at home.

Future planning:

Support for vocational education would be helpful for him. We have slightly shared information on differences between technical subjects and other academic subjects. We gave time to decide after SEE examination. Short term support for technical subjects would be helpful for him for other expenses we should enroll family to cover those costs.



Pic: Discussion with Rajan and his uncle (Elder brother of his father)



Pic: Rajan



Pic Rajan

2. Alisha Neupane:

Background Home and School:

Alisha Neupane (17) previously from Children's home Sindhupalchowk (Fifon) was re-integrated in her maternal home and staying with her maternal grandfather (74) and grandmother. Grandfather is heart patient and cannot work. Her maternal uncle was involved in shop business in Kathmandu but couldn't do well and had debt so he flew abroad to golf countries. Presently she is studying in grade 10 in Green Land secondary School in Lamo Sanghu, Sindhupalchowk. She had her younger sister who used to study in same school but mother couldn't cover her cost that is why her younger sister is taken to Chitwan and enrolled in government school there with her mother's sister. Mother doesn't have fixed job as per discussion she trade goods in Tarai areas and visits Alisha when there are problems and difficulties for her parents.

Alisha is an average student and regular at school. Her final school year examination of grade 10 (SEE) preparations she was enrolled in boarding in school.

Future Plans:

During our visit we were not able to meet the mother as she was outside valley. She is the only means of income at home now. We have to discuss with her before taking any decisions but with our general talks she would be cover basic requirements for her and might need short support for her education and there are also other possibilities to enroll Alisha herself in some sort of income generation programmes after completion of her course.



Alisha (Mahalaxmi Neupane) in her school



Alisha's Maternal Grandparents home where Alisha lives



Alisha with her Maternal Grandfather and Maternal Grandmother

3. Pratima poudel:

Background, School and Education

Pratima Poudel (6) is studying in LKG in Green land school, Lamosangu, Sindhupalchowk. She was enrolled in school by one of the teacher from school because of the difficult situation at their home. Their home was completely destroyed on 25th April mega earthquake. Her mother eloped with another man when she was too young and his father was mentally ill who has been missing since September 2017. Only means of support for her is her grandmother. She has about 25 years of uncle who doesn't visit home and stays in Kathmandu with his wife and family. Grandmother and Pratima has been sustaining in temporary shelter (Zinc Sheets) where all things are in same room. They are managing living in difficulties. During rainy season it's even worst.

They do not have any regular means of income. Grandmother (about 50) works in another land to earn their living.

Future Plans:

As they do not have regular means of income and no other family members to take care. A long term educational support is necessary and school also provides certain support for this family. We have to figure out the capacities of grandmother whether she could rear goats for her living.



Pic Pratima in her school with school Principal



Pic Pratima Poudel



Pic Pratima Poudel's present shelter



Pic: Pratima Poudel's Grand mom

4. Lalita Parajuli

Background: Lalita is also young girl of seven years. She is living with her mother and elder sister **Laxmi Parajuli**. Both their parents were dump and father passed away during 2nd earthquake on April 2015. Her elder sister is studying in grade -10 in a government school In **Khaadichaur**.She is the only one who can look after her sister and mother in family. Also her mother helps her on household work and could grow some crops in the field too.

Housing: Her house was knocked down by the earthquake back in **April 25th '2015..** They are living in small hut afterwards. Generally, there are only three people in a house.

Income: There is no income in the family. They have to depend on agriculture.

School: Lalita is studying in Grade-LKG in **Greenaland English School**. She is doing well in her study. And we are helping her in her educational need.

Medical situation: It seems normal in the family regarding their medical situation. As I mention above her mother is dumb.

Major problem:They are still living in small hut. The reason is they couldn't rebuild their house. They got some relief from government which is not enough and no other means of income.

How EFF can help her further: We need to guide and give some opportunity to her sister Laxmi. So that she might be able to look after her younger sister in future. This is just a plan did after her SEE examination. On the other hand we also could help with some idea of goat farming for her mother but we need to consider their space. As they have limited living space.



Lalita Parajuli



Lalita Parajuli with Pratima Poudel



Mother of Lalita Parajuli



Discussion with family and community

5. Suraj Nepali

Background: Suraj is a young boy seventeen years. He is living with his father and mother. He has his one sister who is studying in grade-11. His father has alcoholic problem. He was in rehabilitation center for six months. When he was back from rehabilitation center he was okay for 4 months without consuming alcohol and started working as sewing clothes but after few months he started repeating same habit of alcohol taking. Now days he is not helping the family and even leave home for few days as well. The mother is looking after the family. Suraj helps his mother in when he has time after school and studies and quite understandable. We have provided sewing machine for his father which is not in use now but mother have kept that safe.

Housing: His house was knocked down by the earthquake back in **April 25th '2015**. They all are survived in earthquake. They are living in small hut. After their huge contribution their house is now under construction. The school is one and half hour downstairs from his village.

Income: There is only mother in the family as income source. She usually keeps some goats and does some chicken farming to pay for his educational fees.

School: He is studying in grade-10 in **Ketu Higher Secondary School**. This is his final year to graduate SEE. Since, three months he is staying in hostel for SEE preparation. As he shares his feelings to us he is planning to choose subject Travel and Tourism. Also he is doing well at school.

Medical situation: It seems normal in the family regarding their medical situation

Major problem: They are still living in small hut. They are constructing home and is in progress. The main problem is alcoholic problem of his father.

How EFF can help her further: We need to support him in finding some training center for Travel and Tourism course after SEE and for her sister for short term training courses so that both of them could manage themselves for their home situation.



Suraj in front of their temporary shelter



Suraj's under construction home.



Suraj's mother Sharing

6. Anusha Thapa

Background: Anusha is 11 years young girl. She is living with her mother in her village called **Sanopalati, Sindhupalchowk**. Her father was passed away when she was small child. There are only two members in the family but they have few relatives nearby their home.

Housing: Her house was knocked down by the earthquake back in **April 25th '2015**. They all are survived in earthquake. They are living in small hut. Her house is in a process of reconstruction.

Income: There is only mother in the family as income source. She keeps some goats and does some chicken besides farming to look after her.

School: She is studying in grade-3 in **New keystone Boarding School**.She is doing well at school.

Medical situation: It seems normal in the family regarding their medical situation.

Major problem: They are still living in small hut. They are nearly going to finish reconstruction. The main problem is lack of enough income sources.

How EFF can help her further: We need to help her mother to increase income based on her capacities.



Class Teacher of Anusha Thapa



Anusha Thapa's School



Anusha Thapa in front of their Temporary home

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8. Pratima Thapa (Binda Thapa):

Background: Pratima Thapa is a young girl of 18 years old. She is living with her uncle, aunt and grandmother. She has her two elder brothers and one younger sister. One of her elder brother is in Malaysia couple of months ago. And next brother is studying with the help of one of the Swiss NGO. Her sister was adapted to Spain when she was young, she does have contact with her too.

Housing: Her house was knocked down by the earthquake back in **April 25th '2015**. They all are survived in earthquake. They are living in a proper house from last month.

Income: Uncle and aunt are the main source of income at present.

School: She is studying in grade-10 in **Phulpingkot Higher Secondary School**. She is doing well at school. As she shares her future plan with us she is planning to get training of beautician after her SEE.

Medical situation: It seems normal in the family regarding their medical situation

Major problem: Still unstable family support and guidance.

How EFF can help her further: We need to co-ordinate with her brothers for future plan.