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ABSTRACT

Addressing the problems of children rag pickers, various NGOs, INGOs and local clubs and other organization are being conducting different program in Nepal .The purpose of organizations are to promote their education level and to provide them different vocational program for their livelihood. But it is still going on. The objective of the study is to observe the status of rag pickers with their daily activities and income.

The studies analysis the socio-economic status and demographics characteristics of children rag pickers. There were 90 samples, among of them 70 were boys and 20 girls. Demographic characters included the sex, age and migration status of the respondent. Socio status was measured in terms of literacy rate, education attainment, caste\ethencity status, family size and composition and food habit, consumption of drugs and alcohol and habits of spending leasure time. Similarly the economic status was measured in terms of family occupation, working site, rag picking season, rag picking time, daily collection collection materials, place of selling rags, other jobs and daily income. The findings of the study show majority of rags pickers are boys, majority of boys rag pickers are migrant, boys are comparatively literate than girls, majority of rag pickers are from indigenious group, child rag pickers usually originated from non agricultural family with 3-5 family members, they come into this job due to family distruction, although they live out of house but they eat cooked food then junk food, they collect mainly plastics and plastics made materials, they get price for their rags varies according to quality of collected materials, they collect rags from market site and dumping site, winter season and morning time is right time to collect rags, smoking and using alcohol is commen in rag pickers, besides collecting rags they spend their leasure time by doing different jobs, they select different area for their sleep in night. This study utilized both qualitative and quantitative technique for data collection. The respondent selected by convenience method. Information collected from the children rag pickers under age 16 years old.

It is observed that as respondent rag pickers were very vulnerable situation. They need support of humanitarian to promote their life style and for their safe future.

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

ASFR	Age Specific Fertility Rate
CBS	Central Bureau of Statistics
CDPS	Central Department of Population Studies
CDR	Central Development Region
CRC	Convention on the Right of Child
CWIN	Child workers in Nepal Concerned Centre
CWS	Child Welfare Society
ILO	International Labor Organization
INGO	International Non-government Organization
INSEC	Informal Sector Services Center
IPEC	International Program for the Elimination of Child labor
NGO	Non-government Organization
NPC	Nepal Planning Commission
NPS	National Planning Commission
NSO	National Statistics Office
UNDP	United Nation Development Program
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund