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ABSTRACT

Children are the reflection of the socio economic reality and also who are the future architects and back bone of the country have inborn rights to survival, protection, education, health care, nutrition and a favorable atmosphere for development. The family is the first school of children and parents are their first teacher. Children learn preliminary social requisites and acquire primary educational foundation from their parents in home. Parents should have great responsibilities and duties to rear up and educate the children. So, parent's role is very significant in social and educational development of a child. In every society there are children who can't live with their natural parents for a variety of reasons. Apart from the death of one or both parents in war or natural disasters or as a result of an accident disease or famine there have been a growing number of cases in the last twenty years in which children have not been able to remain with their families due to social circumstances.

This study "The Orphan Child Condition in Nepal: A Case Study of Umbrella Organization Nepal Swoyambhu Kathmandu" is a quantitative as well as qualitative study to analyze the condition of orphan child in Umbrella Organization Nepal. The study was conducted with the major objective was to find the condition of the orphan children living in Organization and other specific objective were to present the current condition of the Orphan children, to find out the root cause came behind the arrival at this organization and to assess the program conducted by the organization to support the children.

For this study "Umbrella Organization Nepal" was selected and respondents were selected randomly. The field survey, key informant interview, observation, case study, were the techniques of data collection and questionnaire (both structured and unstructured), key informant schedule, observation checklist were the tools for data collection. After the collection of data, the data were analysis both qualitatively and quantitatively.

Analyses of data revealed that majority of the children in this organization are male. Most of the respondents are from those districts which were highly affected by the ten years of conflict. Majority of children have relationship with their family after arriving in the organization. Some respondents don't know about their family. Field survey report shows that fifty per cent respondents left their home due to the death of their father and seven per cent respondents don't know the reasons of leaving home. The organization is supported by Umbrella Foundation, Ireland and also running by the help of other countries and as well as by the foreigner volunteers. There is no any financial support by Government but the land for the Gurje Project in Nuwakot has been provided and all the children of the organization will be taken in Nuwakot by 2011. Children are encouraged to do their personal work according to their skill and capacity. Twenty- five to thirty children are staying in a single home with staffs of family environment. All the children are getting opportunity to read and write. The children are getting increase in every year but the resources are limited, there is a satisfaction management but still huge income sources are necessary to provide safe future for the more orphan children of Nepal.

The most essential for all round development of a child is the "love, care and the security of a family". If children grow out of this, his / her life becomes very difficult and in most cases uncertain. In the case of Nepal the last ten years of conflict separated many children with their parents and having orphan life. To uplift the condition of these orphan children the society, the government and the child related organization should take initiatives.

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Acronyms and Abbreviations

B.S	-	Bikram Sambat
CBS	-	Central Bureau of Statistics
CPN	-	Communist Party Nepal
CWIN	-	Child Worker in Nepal Concerned Center
HDR	-	Human Development Report
HMG/N	-	His Majesty's Government / Nepal
ILO	-	International Labour Organization
INGOs-	-	International Non Governmental Organizations
IPEC	-	International Program on the Elimination of Child Labour
NGOs	-	Non Governmental Organizations
NLS	-	Nepal Law Society
ROC	-	Rights of the Child
SCF	-	Save the Children Fund
SOS	-	Save Our Soul
TYC	-	International Year of the Child
UK	-	United Kingdom
UN	-	United Nation
UNCRC	-	United Nations Convention on the Right of the Children
UNDP	-	United Nation Development Program
UNGASS	-	United Nations General Assembly Special Session on Children
UNICEF	-	United Nations Children Emergency Fund
US	-	United States
USAID	-	United Nations States Agency for International Development
VDC	-	Village Development Committee
WB	-	World Bank
WHO	-	World Health Organization
Yrs	-	Years