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## ABSTRACT

The present thesis entitled *Community Apathy to Address Child Negligence of Hayu Children: A Case Study of Ramechhap Municipality* is the partial fulfillment of the requirements for the Rural Development.

The general objective of the study is to find out the present condition of Hayu children from the perspective of the Negligence. The specific objectives of study area are to analyze the causes and effects of child negligence and role of the community to minimize the existing child negligence.

Child negligence is not taken as seriously as the child abuse since the impacts of the child abuse can be seen whereas the impacts of the neglect cannot be seen. But the effects of the child negligence can be long lasting. There are no reports on the prevalence of child negligence in the hayu community and the cases of child negligence are still not considered as important as child abuse. In abuse children get scars and bruises and the cases of child abuse are visible, however the cases of child negligence are not visible. Therefore, based on their access to the educational facilities and health facilities, mentioned above we can draw the picture in our mind that the place where primary needs of the children are not taken well care.

Out of the 58 households were surveyed both primary and secondary sources were used for the purpose of data collection. Questionnaire schedule, key informant interview, focus group discussion and observation were used for primary data.

'Hayu' is identified as one of indigenous group which is listed as one of the endangered caste of Nepal. It is focused to find out effects, causes of the child negligence in the community. It is observed that the existence of child negligence and the lack of awareness in community regarding this. So, the government should provide different program. Government should provides regular classes for special education to change their traditional mind.

It is hoped that this study community apathy on child negligence is an important work. Thus, attempt will serve as a valuable document now and in future to formulate

policies, strategies, development programmer and projects for upliftment of the status of Hayu children to minimize the negligence and its risks.

This thesis discuss about the negligence of hayu children of Ramechhap Municipality.

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## ACRONYMS

CBS	Central Bureau of Statistics
DDC	District Development Committee
HDI	Human Development Index
INGO	International Non-Government Organization
NGO	Non-Government Organization
NHDR	Nepal Human Development Report
NLSS	Nepal Living Standard Survey
PRA	Participatory Rural Appraisal
VDC	Village Development Committee
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund