



Underprivileged Children's Educational Programs (UCEP), Nepal



Administration Building of UCEP Nepal

BACKGROUND OF THE ORGANIZATION:

Underprivileged Children's Educational Programs (UCEP) Nepal was established by Dr. Lindsay Alan Cheyne, a philanthropist of New Zealand in 1978. Initially, it was established as an extension of UCEP-Bangladesh under the umbrella organization UCEP-International. Lindsay Allan Cheyne thought to dedicate his life to the welfare of the children of Bangladesh and later on in Nepal. UCEP Nepal has formal registration with District Administration Office, Bhaktapur under the Institution Registration Act 2034. UCEP Nepal is a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) - affiliated with the Social Welfare Council of Nepal. Since its establishment, the organization has been contributing to the dignified living of underprivileged, marginalized, and disadvantaged children and youths through projects and programs on education and vocational training. Moreover, UCEP Nepal is a pioneer organization in Technical Education and Vocational Training (TVET).



Late. Dr. Lindsay Alan Cheyne

As per current data, UCEP Nepal has imparted skill training to more than 60,000 youths in various occupations running its program and projects throughout the Nation. It has imparted Correctional services to more than 1000 children managing Juvenile Correction home for Nepal Government. Since 2016, UCEP Nepal has provided reintegration support to more than 100 street children running socialization center in its Annex program of Nepal Government. Moreover, UCEP Nepal has supported more than 10,000 children's through education support program, advocacy program through it's networking till date and is willing to address the need of larger mass of youths and children's in future.

VISION:

Ensuring dignified life and livelihood of children and youths.

MISSION:

Children and young people living in difficult circumstances will have enhanced employability with self-dependence, self-employment, and realization of rights and duties.

OBJECTIVES:

1. **Advocate for Rights:** To advocate, promote and ensure human and child rights standards, democratic norms, good governance, social values, state policies, and priorities.
2. **Increase Access:** To increase the accessibility of social, technical, and life skill education for children and youth.
3. **Impart Correctional Service:** To take a leadership role in imparting relevant correctional programs for the children in conflict with the law.
4. **Research and Development:** To play a lead role in transparency, research, and innovation to get the best approach in learning, education, and responsive citizenship.
5. **Expand:** To promote and expand market-relevant vocational training and livelihood opportunities.

THEMATIC AREAS:

1. Education and Livelihood Support Program
2. Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET)
3. Child Protection Program
4. Child Rights Advocacy and Networking

Besides core thematic areas UCEP Nepal is also involved in Humanitarian Projects – during Emergencies (e.g. earthquakes, floods, etc.). Moreover, for the sustainability of the organization, UCEP Nepal has been involved in private partnerships for one decade for income generation through sustainable activities. We have been running various projects and programs under these thematic areas. However, we have a key focus on Skill Training and Child Protection related programs and projects.

1. Education and Livelihood Support Program

Initially, since 1978 education support program was started with conducting general education classes (English, Math's, Science, and Nepali in class 1 to 7) as non-formal education in various community schools in Dang, Kathmandu, Bhaktapur, Morang, and Nepalgunj focusing mainly to the street children's.

Later on, in support of the Nepal Government and Amici dei Bambini- an Italian NGO, education and other essential materials like school bags, uniforms, stationery, etc. were supported to needy students in various schools namely Padmakanya Higher Secondary school, Shree Sharada Lower Secondary School, Juvenile Correctional Home, Bal Mandir and so on.

UCEP Nepal is also working for livelihood-related activities embedded with skill training projects and programs. Looking forward to the need of the country and the demands of the youths we believe livelihood programs are the need of the country.

2. TVET

A. Program: Sano Thimi Technical School (STTS)

STTS – a subsidiary unit running under the umbrella of UCEP Nepal in Santo, Madhyapur Thimi, Bhaktapur. It is popular as a technical training/vocational training school throughout the Nation. There are generally two major intakes, twice a year – as a Bhadra session and Falgun session, where the organization starts both long-term and short-term training. Additionally, the organization has also introduced new sessions Baishak and Poush, for the students who are interested in the short-term training and package-based training. There are more than 15 different occupational trades with courses ranging from one month to one year. The space of various occupational trades of Sanothimi Technical School is used as a test center by NSTB (National Skill Testing Board) – CTEVT for respective occupations. Students who enroll in STTS will get the opportunity to learn real market-based training and also get better confidence to



STTS Trainees

face the skill test learning CTEVT based curriculum. Some of the most demanded training in STTS are automobile (motorcycle mechanics and four-wheeler light vehicle mechanic), Mechanical (general mechanic and welding), Plumbing, Electrical, Tailoring, Draftsmanship, Beautician, Printing press, Barista (coffee making), A/C freeze, and home appliances and much more. We have taken affiliation in more than 35 different occupational trades from CTEVT.

We have very skilled instructors working in STTS and also have a roster of skilled trainers in various occupational trades, so we claim ourselves to be one of the resourceful training centers within the country.

B. Project

UCEP Nepal has been implementing projects in skill training and livelihood for three decades. We have experience in project implementation in more than 65 districts of Nepal. We have good experience working in TVET projects with private, government, Civil Society Organizations (CSO), and INGOs.

Placement, Career Counseling and Marketing Unit (PCMU)

UCEP Nepal has established an identical placement unit in 1997 to facilitate trained graduates into employment opportunities (Self and Wage employment). The unit works to help a significant number of training graduates find jobs by playing a pivotal role in establishing linkage between graduates and prospective employers.

The placement Unit of UCEP Nepal conducts interaction with job providers to get their feedback on the improvement of training programs and facilitates placing graduates in On-the-Job Training (OJT). It also carries activities like arranging trade visits, interacting with employers, graduates, group and individual counseling, etc. On average, the unit has been able to facilitate job placement for 80 percent of its graduates throughout its establishment.



Trainees in practical session

3. Child Protection Program

UCEP Nepal works on the issue of child protection by providing awareness and working in the best interest of children. These cover Right to survival, Right to protection, Right to Participation, and Right to Development as well as Right to information. We work for protecting, promoting, and fulfill children's rights to protect them from abuse, neglect, exploitation, and violence. UCEP Nepal has its detailed Child Protection Policy to work in discipline for the welfare of children. We protect children by bringing positive behavioral changes in children (motivational training, personality and leadership development training, general education, vocational training, soft skill and life skill training, psychosocial and legal counseling) and reintegrate them back into the family/community.

Generally, we work on two principles

Rehabilitation and Restoration: Initially we work to change the unwanted behavior of children and convert it into their good discipline habits. Once their attitude and behavior are changed they are taken to perceptive learning mode and equipping them with the necessary knowledge, skills, and Attitudes.

Reintegration: Making them able to stand independently/reintegrating back to communities/families after they are skill-full.

UCEP Nepal has managed juvenile correction homes (JCH) since 2001 for the Nepal government. UCEP Nepal is taking an active part in government initiation to protect and reduce street children and is managing Socialization Center. UCEP Nepal today claims as one of the pioneer organizations working in the child right and protection area. And has the best experience in managing child protection programs.

A. Juvenile Correction Home (JCH)

UCEP Nepal is managing Juvenile Correction home – a government program of the Ministry of Women Children and Senior Citizens (MOWCSC). It is governed by a management committee chaired by the joined secretary of MOWCSC and overall activities are managed under the management of UCEP Nepal. Moreover, UCEP Nepal is also coordinating with various stakeholders like CJCC (Central Juvenile Justice Coordination Committee), DoPM (Department of Prison Management), District Administration Office, various layers of Jurisdiction, Nepal Police, and other concerned government authorities to address the management need under the best interest of children's. Currently, UCEP Nepal is working for children under the conflict of law providing correctional services to Juvenile delinquents of the Bhaktapur, Kaski, Morang, and Banke districts.

B. Socialization Center:

We focus on pragmatic learning through sharing knowledge to children in areas of household activities- vegetable farming, livestock assistance, music, drawing, sports, creativity and innovation, ICT- Information Communication Technology, general education, vocational education, and much more as per need, for their holistic development. Street children are children from the wild, generally, they are raised with various hardships. We manage the socialization center to educate, make a positive change in them and finally reintegrate them back into the societal setting so that they can live independently or live with their family/relatives in a better way. Currently, we have the capacity of providing service to fifty children.

4. Child Right Advocacy and Networking

UCEP Nepal is a member of various networks working for Child Rights Advocacy like CZOPP- Children as Zone of peace and child protection, NCPD- Network for Child Prisoners and their Dependence, HRTMCC- Human Right Treaty Monitoring Coordinating Committee, SZOP- School at Zone of Peace and so on. Moreover, it has also published Child Protection Policy in 2007 A.D. and all stakeholders are mandated to follow it.



Prince Harry in conversation with trainee during his visit at STTS

Sustainable Program (Income generation Program):

UCEP Nepal has been running a sustainable program to manage the operational cost, various organizational events costs, and administration costs. Under the sustainable program, the organization is working in Private Partnership Model (PPM). The organization is in private partnership with MEPL- Morang Earth Movers Pvt.Ltd has been providing training to heavy equipment mechanical as well as operator training like Backhoe Loader and Excavator. Also, as per the demand of the market additional heavy mechanic operator training like Road Roller, Liftal, Dozer, Crane, forklift, and Grader are delivered to the interested youths. Additionally, the organization is providing light vehicle driving training. The training was introduced to support the demand of the market

in addition to supporting interested automobile mechanic trainees. Even though we run such kinds of sustainable activities we encourage underprivileged youths and women to take such kind of training and we provide subsidies to the target group with various schemes time and again.

Friends of UCEP

Friends of UCEP is an alumni association of the graduates of the organization. This group maintains the connection and network of the UCEP family members (graduates, staff, and other stakeholders). Generally, this group provides varieties of benefits and services that help the alumni to maintain connections with fellow graduates with similar kinds of backgrounds and seek the information in market opportunities.

Whom we work with

We have ample experience working with Bilateral, Multilateral, International Non-Government Agency-INGO, Government agencies, Non-Government Organizations, Private Organizations, Civil Society Organizations, Community based organizations, Mother groups, Youths Clubs, Child Club, Adolescent Girl Clubs, and Individual Donor.

Our Rapports/Network

We have a good rapport with the government, employers' associations, contractor associations, TVET experts, Child protection experts, Legal experts, Business persons, Social activists, and much more. So, we claim ourselves to provide top-notch service in the aforementioned thematic areas as per the supporting organization's need.

Recognition and Awards:

UCEP Nepal has been nationally and internationally awarded its good work some of them are

- Tulsi Meher Samaj Sewa Puraskar – 2056 BS (Awarded by Social Welfare Council)
- EYYPD Project implemented by UCEP Nepal in partnership with Save the Children was awarded WINNER of the Project Excellence Award 2012 by the International Project Management Association (IPMA); Mr. Subas Subedi was awarded Young Project Manager 2012 for the same project.
- Basic Welder Project implemented by UCEP Nepal in partnership with Skills for Employment was awarded Highest Commendation Award by the Asia Pacific Federation of Project Management in 2012.
- Emergency Project implemented by UCEP Nepal in partnership with Finn Church Aid was awarded Gold Winner of Project Excellence Award in the category of Internationally Funded Humanitarian Aid fund Project from IPMA on September 30, 2015.
- His Excellency Prince Harry visited UCEP Nepal on 26th March 2016.
- Past Honorable President Mr. Ram Baran Yadav visited UCEP Nepal on 31st December 2009.



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