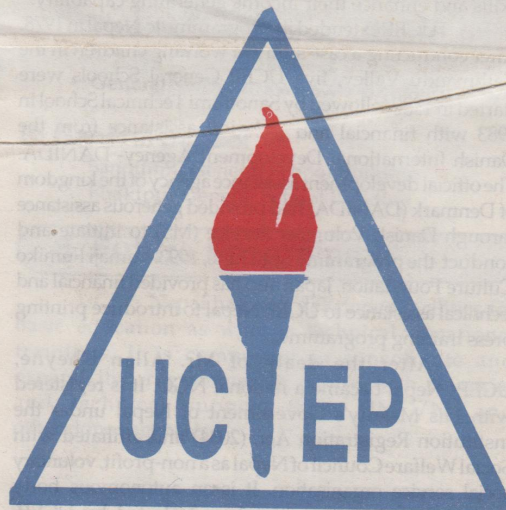


UCEP



NEPAL

1. Background

Underprivileged Children's Education Programme (UCEP), Nepal is a Non-Governmental Voluntary Organisation committed to promote the welfare of deprived Nepali children by providing them an opportunity to get vocational and technical skills and live respectable and dignified life.

UCEP was established in Dhaka, Bangladesh in 1972 by the late Mr. Allan Cheyne, a Newzealander, with the objective of providing opportunity for street and working children to attend the school, learn technical skills and enhance their income generating capability.

UCEP extended its programme to Nepal in 1978.

After conducting a case study of working children in the Kathmandu Valley, five UCEP General Schools were started in 1980 followed by Sanothimi Technical School in 1983 with financial and technical assistance from the Danish International Development Agency- DANIDA. The official development assistance agency of the kingdom of Denmark (DANIDA) had provided generous assistance through Danish Volunteer Service (MS) to initiate and conduct the programme until June, 1993. Yamaji Fumiko Culture Foundation, Japan also has provided financial and technical assistance to UCEP Nepal to introduce printing press training programme.

After the death of Mr. Allan Cheyne, UCEP- Nepal became a national NGO. It is registered with His Majesty's Government of Nepal under the Institution Registration Act, (2034) and affiliated with Social Welfare Council of Nepal as a non-profit, voluntary social service organisation. It is an autonomous body comprising of an executive board elected by UCEP- Nepal General Assembly.

2. Objectives

The main objectives of UCEP-Nepal are:

- to provide elementary education to underprivileged children,
- to impart vocational and technical training in different trades to the underprivileged Nepali children to make them self-reliant to live a respectable and dignified life,

- to inculcate a sense of dignity of labour among the destitute children,
- to raise their awareness on family well-being, sanitation and public and personal hygiene,
- to promote interest and welfare of underprivileged vulnerable children,
- to provide facilities to enable students to learn while they earn, and
- to conduct study and disseminate the problems of underprivileged children of Nepal and to implement appropriate programmes.

3. Target Group

UCEP Nepal works for underprivileged street and working children up to 14 years of age who have previously not received any education, or are school dropouts in the early stage of their primary education. The major categories of such underprivileged children are:

Direct worker: Those who are directly involved in some kind of manual job such as waiters, day labours, house servants, garment workers and carpet weavers.

Non-worker: Street children including beggars.

Indirect workers: Children who help parents in household works, traditional handicraft/farming etc.

4. Principles and Strategies

To attain its fundamental goal of providing educational services to under privileged children UCEP-Nepal emphasizes sustainability of its programme through participation fees and other related income generation activities. This is very important for an NGO operating in a country like Nepal where government due to its financial constraints is not in a position to provide full support to NGOs. UCEP plans to realize certain percentage of its operation cost from participation fees and income generating activities. The contribution from income generation activities however, is expected to increase gradually.

UCEP general school facilities are planned basically to provide basic education to the target children to increase the coverage and the number of beneficiaries of general education activities.

Programme budgeting approach and built-in performance evaluation mechanism have been followed to make UCEP management more responsible for resource mobilization.

5. Activities

UCEP Nepal is carrying out following activities for the underprivileged children to fulfill its objectives.

A. Technical Education

Sanothimi Technical School established in 1983 is offering following trade courses:-

- General Mechanics including general fitter's and plumbing
- Draftsmanship
- Automobile Mechanics
- Printing
- Computer Science
- Tailoring

B. General Education

At present UCEP Nepal is conducting out of school classes (basic education) for under privileged children of 8-14 years age group.

C. Programme for Displaced Carpet Children

The destitute carpet children who formerly worked in the carpet factories and are displaced now, are being provided with hostel and basic education facilities under the UCEP/AAFLI joint programme.

6. Financial Resources

To carry out programmes for underprivileged children UCEP-Nepal seeks and gets support from Government, NGOs, INGOs other donor agencies and individuals. Besides external support UCEP Nepal carries out its own income generation along with skill development training.

7. Fixed Assets

A. Sanothimi Technical School (STS)

STS has more than 67 Ropani land with following building and workshop facilities:-

- Office building
- Tailoring, Computer Science & General class room building
- Food Management & hostel building
- Printing press building
- Auto mechanics workshop including store
- Welding, Plumbing and General fitters Workshop
- General Mechanics workshop including store

B. General School

- Sanothimi General School Building
- Bhaktpur General School Building

8. Future Programme

UCEP- Nepal has well developed facilities for basic education as well as technical/vocational trainings. It is committed to consolidate and expand its programmes in future with financial and technical support from HMG/N, and other donor agencies.

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