

Building Resilience with Children in Kathmandu's Brick Kilns (BRiCKK)

Project FACTSHEET



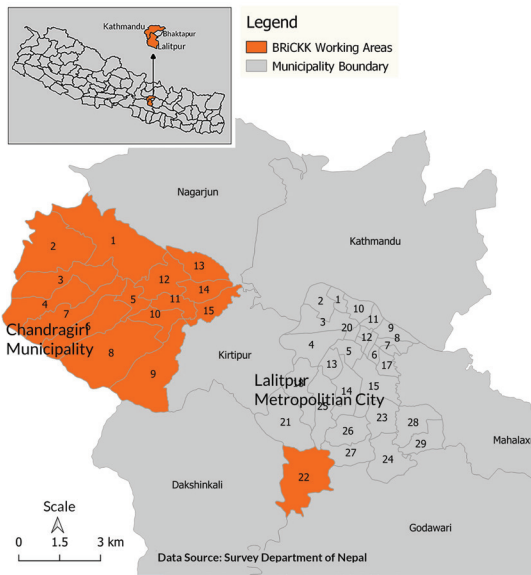
Educational support to children to continue their education

Project Location



Chandragiri Municipality

Lalitpur Metropolitan City-22, Bungamati



BRiCKK Project is a six years project being implemented across 12 brick industries of Kathmandu Valley. The project aims to protect families and their children from hazardous labour.

The project aligns to World Vision citywide approach. The BRiCKK project focuses on the neighborhood of brick industries and work for the protection, education, and livelihood of seasonally migrated children and their families. At the district level, it coordinates and work with local government for system strengthening to ensure protection of children. At city level, it works with concerned Ministries and Government of Nepal in child labour policy formulation, amendment and effective implementation.



24,808
people reached

7,772
Men

8,062
Women

4,246
Boys

4,728
Girls



Project Duration

Phase I 2018 - 2021
Phase II 2022 - 2024

Support Office



World Vision Hong Kong



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Goal



Children and families in Brick kilns are protected from hazardous labour and their families have decent and viable livelihoods

Outcomes

The Government's legal system and implementation plans function more effectively to reach and protect children in Brick kilns

Families engaged in Brick kilns have additional livelihood options

Families and children are empowered to advocate for improvements in safe, decent and non-exploitative environments in brick kilns

Project Impact / Achievements

Strengthening Services and Support Mechanisms

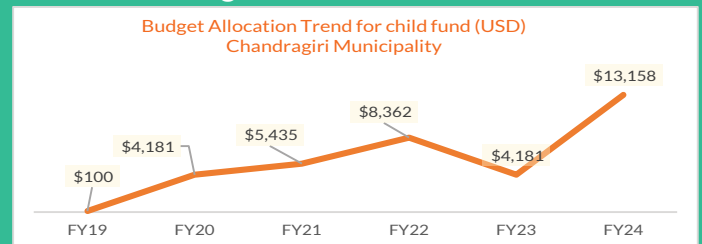
Child Rights Committee, Child Fund, Day Care Operation Guideline endorsed and formed; budget allocated for strengthening child protection mechanism by local government

17 Child Rights Committees (CRC) - 16 in Chandragiri Municipality and one in Lalitpur Metropolitan City-22 functional; **76 children** who were engaged in child labour in the brick industry have been reintegrated; 60% of them have continued their education

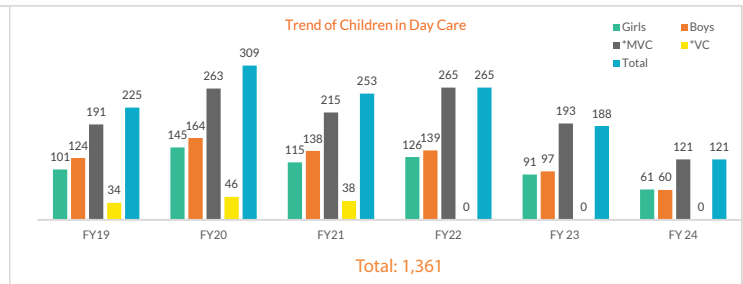
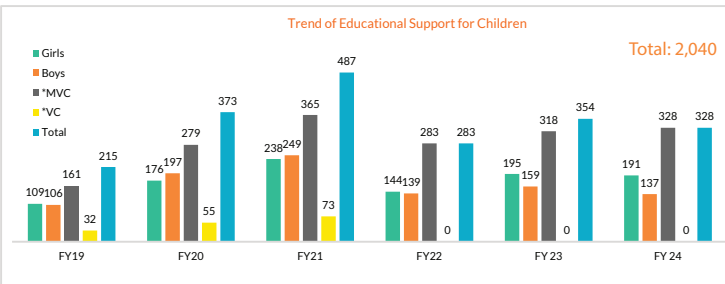
A national-level survey in collaboration with *MoLESS and *CBS conducted on “Changing state and prevalence of child labour in garment and carpet industries in Nepal”

35 out of 39 local governments of Bagmati Province established Child Protection Mechanism as a result of sensitisation on National Master plan for elimination of child labour (2018-2028)

Established **Child Fund** allocating 5017.56 USD every year since 2020; 76 children supported through child fund between 2020-23 to address child well-being issues



Six wards of Chandragiri Municipality were declared child labour free fulfilling all the required criteria



Increased regular school attendee from brick industries from 44.9% baseline figure to 80.7% in endline as a result of educational support

Selected Chandragiri Municipality to be declared child labour-free local government by *MoLESS and has been awarded (4150 USD) as an encouragement to scale up the initiative

Increased meaningful child participation at national and regional level consultation on policy formation and advocacy efforts for child labour elimination and child protection

Day care centers reached 1,361 children in brick kilns; providing access to nutritious food, basic numeracy, and reading skills; 80% children feel safer and protected compared to 64% in baseline after daycare operation

2,677 Parents provided with positive parenting sessions to create a protective environment for children in brick industries

12 day care centers for brick kiln workers' children aged 2-5 years established and employers allocated budget, approximately 1600 USD yearly to operate daycare centre



Before attending daycare centre, Prakriti used to play in mud and dust because I had to work whole day in brick industry, and couldn't take care of her properly. I was worried about her whereabouts. Now, I don't have to worry about her safety as the daycare provided her with a safe space and nutritious food along with learning environment.

- Anita, mother of Prakriti

* MVC - Most Vulnerable Children
MoLESS - Ministry of Labour, Employment and Social Security

VC - Vulnerable Children
CBS - Central Bureau of Statistics

163 Workers provided vocational life skill training on Masonry [2], Building Electrician [37], Bike Repairing [32], Excavator (JCB) Driving [2] and Tailoring [90]; among them, 7 participants completed advance level training to sharpen their skills; out of these participants, 90 pursued learned skills and pursued their career on the skills provided leaving hazardous work

30 out of 55 workers supported have continued alternate livelihood; workers supported with livestock sent their children to school regularly

696 Brick Workers linked to financial institutions have continued the saving habit

After getting orientation on saving habits and income expenditure management, I came to know the importance of saving. Now, I have started saving for my daughter's future, I have saved Rs. 27,000 till date.
- Soni, Brick Industry Worker



Brick industry workers provided with tailoring training allowing them to pursue alternate livelihood

Occupational Safety and Health

Supported in the construction of

17

Toilets

14

Bathrooms

18

Toilet Reconstruction

10

Water Facility

6

Water Well

Plantation, gardening, and waste bins set up by workers have made them healthy, safe and protected from different risks in the industrial environment

1,289 Members of 369 households linked to Government Health Insurance scheme to minimise the occupational risk in the brick industries

12 Safety and Health Committees activated to advocate for workers' safety and health

3,301 Workers received medical screening through 10 health camps across the brick industries



I was initially worried when my children got ill. I did not have much cash at home. Thankfully, the health insurance that I had helped me cover the expenses. I showed the insurance card at the hospital which had all the details of the insurance policy and it worked. I didn't have to pay a single penny! Now I have realised how useful my health insurance is. I am going to use it anytime someone in the family needs it for health-related treatment.

- Brick Industry Worker



352 Households
supported with
Food and
Hygiene Kits

288 Children
received
Self-learning
materials

175 Children
in 4 child safe houses
supported with
Food Items

**12 Handwashing
Corners**
established

10 Oxygen Cylinders
30 Pulse Oximeters
30 Thermal Gun
50 PPE Sets distributed



Lesson Learnt

The holistic programme approach with a focus on all forms of child labour in the targeted programme area to eliminate child labour is found to be more effective.

The Government's monitoring mechanism is a strong tool to eliminate child labour, therefore system strengthening of local governments should be an important aspect.

The implementation of existing policies by all tiers of the government is required to eliminate child labour of all forms. It is equally important to have continued programmes in source districts to stop targeted families with their children from seasonal migration.

The private sectors are key actors who play significant role to eliminate child labour by abiding with the laws and policies developed by the government to ensure decent work environment. Thus, inclusive planning, close coordination and their engagement in implementation is crucial.



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