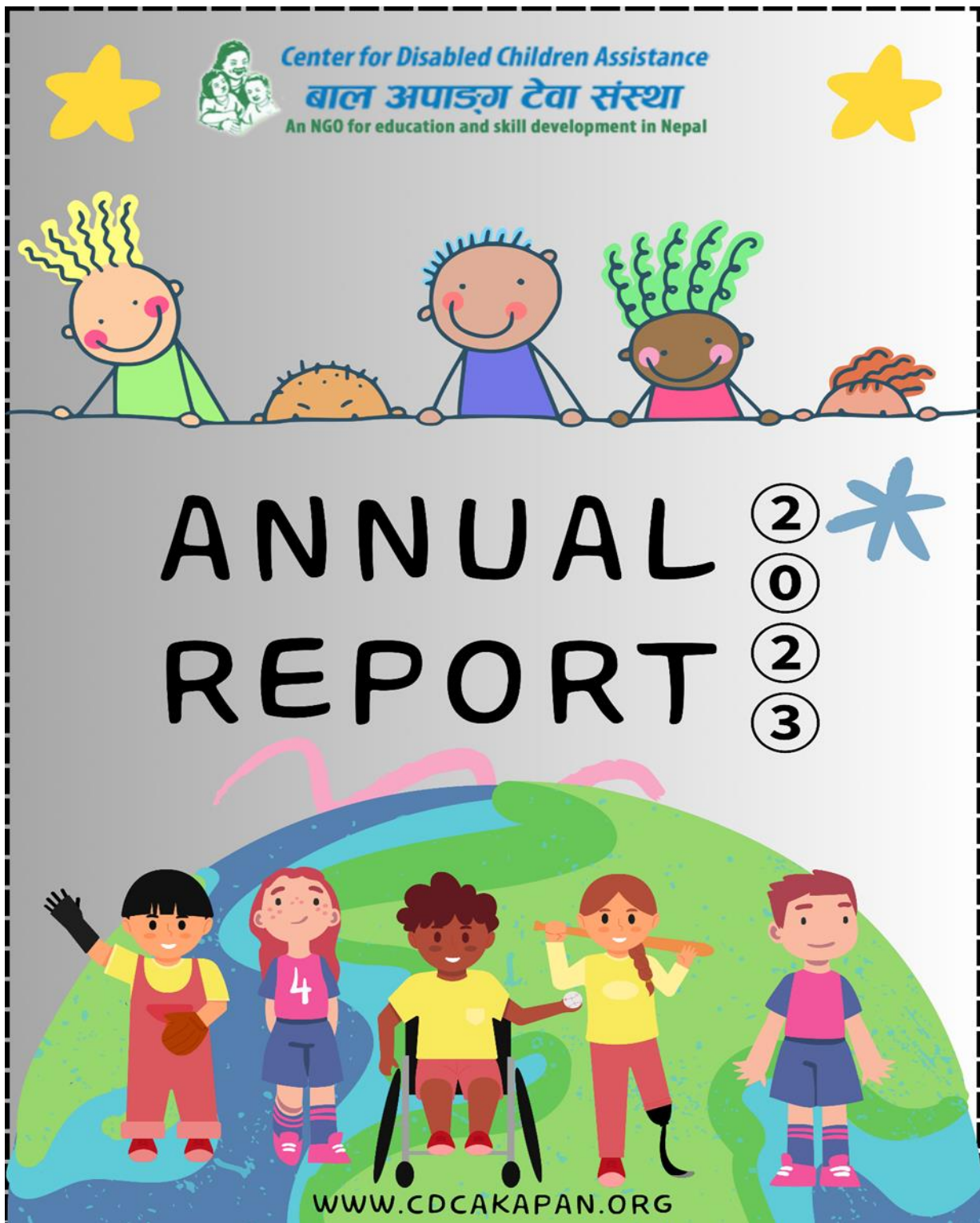




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Message from chairperson:

Re-evaluating the past year allows us to feel grateful and accomplished. As a collective, we have made a significant impact on the lives of people with disabilities and taken meaningful steps toward creating positive change in our communities. An overview of the Center for Disabled Children Assistance's achievements, milestones, and challenges for 2023 is presented in its Annual Report for 2023.

The **Wheelchair Foundation** has donated 240 wheelchairs to us, which we have distributed all over Nepal, mainly in Limbuni. Regularly, we provide education support to 35 children with the support of **SAMSAL, Friuli Mandi Nepal Namaste & Mitrata Kathmandu** among whom 5 have passed the SEE and 2 have passed the high school education. In collaboration with **Friuli Mandi Nepal Namaste**, we have developed a computer training package and purchased ten computers for the classes. To empower women, we run the tailoring training package for one year, and last year 30 students completed the training. Women who complete the tailoring training package are able to become independent and earn a living. We are able to provide nutritious food to our children with the help of **Fondazione VPAMS**. Children can access nutritious food with this support.

Throughout the year, we would like to express our sincere gratitude to all of the individuals, organizations, and partners who have supported us. Our achievements are a direct result of your belief in our mission, and we are deeply grateful for your unwavering support.

Sincerely,

Dendi Sherpa

Founder Chairperson of CDCA



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Organization chart:





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Introduction:

The Centre for Disabled Children Assistance (CDCA) is a non-governmental, non-profit, non-partisan and secular organization dedicated to promoting the welfare of children with disabilities (CwDs). Our mission is to provide access to services, resources and opportunities that help to improve the quality of life for children with disabilities and their families. We believe that all children, regardless of their disability, should have access to the same opportunities and resources as their peers. The CDCA works to ensure that all children with disabilities have access to quality healthcare, education, and other essential services. CDCA provides a range of services to help CwDs, including medical support, educational opportunities, food, and shelter. Our goal is to create an equitable society where CwDs can live with dignity and access to the same rights and opportunities as everyone else.

The Central Disabled Children's Association (CDCA) is established in 2006 and officially registered with the District Administration Office (DAO) in Kathmandu, the organization's registration number is 861. Since November 5, 2011, CDCA has been affiliated with the Social Welfare Council (SWC), Nepal, with an affiliation number of 20,726.

Brief overview of CDCA activities from the period of October to December 2023.

Working Areas:

1. Care Home
2. Education
3. Wheelchair program
4. Tailoring training
5. Computer training



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1. CDCA Care Home:

The CDCA Care Home, located in Budhanilkantha Municipality Ward no. 11, Kathmandu, Nepal, is currently home to 16 children: 9 boys and 7 girls. These children are from far flung corners of the country, from hilly and mountainous areas such as Solukhumbu, Gorkha, Jumla, Kavre, Rasuwa, Khotang, Okhaldhunga, Dolakha and Kapilastu. The care home aims to provide a safe and nurturing environment for these children, giving them the opportunity to develop and reach their full potential. Our support includes providing food, clothing, education, healthcare, and other essential services. We are working closely with our partners to ensure that all the children receive the support they need. We are proud to announce that we have arranged for a physiotherapist to provide exercises for the children. Additionally, we have equipped the children's section of our facility with an e-library, a study room, and access to the internet, so that they can have access to the resources they need to succeed.





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2. Education:

Equal access to education and resources is a human right. No child should be excluded from an education due to physical, mental, or emotional obstacles. People with disabilities need education to unlock their full potential. Additionally, it promotes inclusivity and equality within society. Education plays a huge role in Nepal's efforts to break down barriers and create an inclusive environment for people with disabilities.

Together with SAMSAL, Mitrata Kahtmandu, and Friuli Mandi Nepal Namste, our organization is providing scholarships to 34 children, 16 of whom are disabled. Since all the children have received one month of vaccinations for Dashain and Tihar, they have gone to their villages to celebrate these festivals. In the meantime, they enjoyed the festival with their friends and families. Additionally, the children learned about Dashain and Tihar traditions. Having returned after a month, children are happy to be back at CDCA & their school has been operating continuously.

We will be dropping five children who have just completed SEE this year, since we do not have sufficient funds to support them. Also, Pradip Gurung and Ramcahndra Bohora have completed their higher education, and now they will leave the CDCA and reunite with their families. We will stay in touch and continue to help as needed.



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2nd term result of children is listed below:

S/N	Name	Grade	Grade Point Average	Average Grade
1	Mekh Bahadur Budhathoki	UKG	4.00	A+
2	Rebina Sunar	2	3.82	A+
3	Bimina Sunar	3	3.42	A
4	Manish Rai	4	3.73	A+
5	Ganga Tamang	8	NG	
6	Ganesh Pun	8	2.40	B
7	Bhumika Adhikari	8	3.16	B+
8	Lkapa Gelu Sherpa	8	2.71	B
9	Tenzi Sherpa	10	1.89	C
10	Pasang Sherpa	10	1.71	C
11	Nishan Basnet	10	2.51	B
12	Finzu Sherpa	4	NG	
13	Sanju Limbu	8	NG	
14	Hastaram Rai	10	NG	
15	Jamuna Tamang	8	NG	



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Wheelchair maintenance program:

Wheelchairs are mobility aids for people who can't walk. Various types of wheelchairs are available, such as manual wheelchairs and electric wheelchairs. Wheelchairs give disabled people independence and freedom. Devices such as these can significantly impact people's mobility, access, and quality of life.

Nepal needs wheelchair maintenance for several reasons. First and foremost, it ensures the safety and well-being of wheelchair users. Keeping parts and components in good shape can prevent accidents and injuries. Maintaining a wheelchair will reduce frequent replacements. Especially in countries like Nepal, where wheelchair availability may be limited. Maintaining wheelchairs increases efficiency. Maintaining wheelchairs ensures they operate smoothly on various surfaces and terrains.

We have been conducting wheelchair maintenance projects since 2018. Mr. Tek Bahadur Budhathoki supervises this project, which aims to ensure that wheelchair users have access to quality wheelchairs and services. Repair and replacement of wheelchair components are available as well as free safety checks. As part of our service, we also provide wheelchair users and their families with education and training regarding wheelchair maintenance. In conclusion, wheelchair maintenance in Nepal is essential for ensuring their safety, longevity, and optimal performance. With the assistance of Pemba Wonchu Sherpa, Mr. Tek Bahadur was able to repair 14 wheelchairs during this quarter. They repaired 70 wheelchairs during the year 2023/24. Pemba Wonchu Sherpa and Mr. Tek Bahadur are committed to providing better access to wheelchairs to those who are in need.

Our challenge is that wheelchair spare parts are not readily available in Nepal. There is a need to locate a reliable supplier who can provide these parts within a reasonable timeframe.



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Wheelchair maintenance program

The 240 wheelchairs we received from the Wheelchair Foundation have been distributed in Kapilvastu district in Lumbini province. We distributed these wheelchairs in collaboration with the local government and a non-governmental organization. We not



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only provide wheelchairs, but also provide information on how to maintain and use them.
In total, 120 wheelchairs have been distributed in the district of Kapilvastu.



Wheelchair distribution in Kapilvastu District



Tailoring Training:



Tailoring training is running under the supervision of Ms. Chanda Thapa. We are providing tailoring classes to young women and girls in Chandrouta Shivaraj Municipality with the support of SAMSAL which empowers them to create, design, and bring their ideas to life. It equips them with valuable skills, fosters self-confidence and independence, promotes gender equality, and contributes to economic growth. By investing in the empowerment of these individuals, we are investing in a better future for them and their communities. With this skill they can work in the fashion industry, start their own clothing business, or become tailors. By acquiring knowledge and skills, they gain sustainable employment and financial independence. This project has a significant impact on the economy and community. Providing young women and girls with skills encourages economic growth. Through their own small businesses or by joining the workforce, these individuals become active contributors to society. Through the production and sale of garments, they can create jobs and stimulate local economies. It empowers them to create, design, and bring their ideas to life.



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Dress sews in tailoring training classes.



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Computer training:

Under the supervision of Mr. Sanchin Poherel and Mingma Sherpa, we are conducting computer training with the support of Friuli Mandi Nepal Namaste. Mingma Sherpa teaches classes for 1-9 grade students while Sachin Pokherel teaches classes for grades 10-12. Computer skills are essential for personal and professional development. Computer training enhances educational opportunities for children. Having access to computers and the internet allows them to explore a vast range of educational and knowledge resources. It is possible for them to conduct research, access online courses, and expand their knowledge of a variety of topics. Children gain valuable technical skills through computer training. Additionally, these skills will prepare them for careers in a variety of fields in the future.



Computer training classes



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