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Message from Founder:

The opportunity to reflect on the past year gives us a sense of accomplishment and gratitude. Through our efforts, we have made positive changes in the lives of persons with disabilities. We present an overview of our achievements, milestones, and challenges in the Center for Disabled Children Assistance (CDCA) Annual Report 2025.

In 2025, the Wheelchair Foundation donated 260 wheelchairs to CDCA, which were distributed across different parts of Nepal. We also continued to provide educational support to 18 children with the support of Mitrata Kathmandu (France) and Friuli Mandi Nepal Namaste (Italy). Among these children, five successfully passed the Secondary Education Examination (SEE), and two completed their higher secondary education.

To promote women's empowerment, we conducted a one-year tailoring training program. Last year, 30 women successfully completed the training. This program enabled women to become self-reliant and earn a sustainable income. The project was operated using our own funds after the withdrawal of support from SAMSAL one year ago. Due to insufficient funding, the program has now been closed; however, we plan to restart it if new donor support becomes available.

Following the withdrawal of our donors, SAMSAL and Fondazione VPAMS, CDCA faced significant financial challenges. As a result, we had to transfer children from private schools to government schools and close several projects. Fondazione VPAMS had previously supported our Accommodation and Care Home project, and we are currently seeking new donors to continue this important initiative.

We extend our sincere gratitude to all individuals, organizations, and partners who supported us throughout the year. Our achievements would not have been possible without your trust in our mission. We deeply appreciate your continued encouragement and support.

Sincerely,

Dendi Sherpa

Founder and Executive Officer

Center for Disabled Children Assistance (CDCA)

Introduction to organization:

The Centre for Disabled Children Assistance (CDCA) is a non-governmental, non-profit organization established in 2006. It is dedicated to the holistic development of children with disabilities in Nepal. CDCA advocates for inclusive education, healthcare, employment, rehabilitation, and social integration. The organization is also engaged in awareness-raising, policy dialogue, and community mobilization to safeguard and promote the rights of persons with disabilities at the federal, provincial, and local levels.

CDCA is registered with the District Administration Office, Kathmandu (Reg. No. 861) and affiliated with the Social Welfare Council (SWC), Nepal since November 5, 2006

(Affiliation No. 20,726).

Our core mission is to ensure that children with disabilities receive access to quality education, medical care, food, and shelter, empowering them to live dignified lives with equal rights and opportunities.

Working areas of CDCA

- ☐ CDCA Care Home
- ☐ Education
- ☐ Wheelchair repair & maintenace



The infographic for the CDCA PROGRAM features a central graphic of a large number '3' composed of three overlapping circles. Each circle contains a photograph: a child in a wheelchair, a man working on a bicycle wheel, and a group of children. To the left of the '3' is a list of services with checkmarks. Below the '3' are three smaller images: a group of children, a CDCA Care Home building, and a child working on a sewing machine. The top left corner has the CDCA logo. The bottom left corner contains contact information. The bottom right corner has a small image of a child working on a sewing machine.

CDCA PROGRAM

- ✓ CDCA Care Home
- ✓ Education/ scholarship
- ✓ Wheelchair service/ distribution
- ✓ Tailoring training

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Wheelchair Distribution

Wheelchair Service

Education/ scholarship

CDCA Care Home

Tailoring training

CDCA Care Home Activities

- ☐ Computer classes
- ☐ Counselling classes
- ☐ Music Classes

CDCA Care Home:

The CDCA Care Home in Budhanilkantha-11, Kathmandu, is home to 13 children with disabilities. They include:

- ☐ 7 boys with physical disabilities
- ☐ 2 boys with cerebral palsy
- ☐ 4 girls with physical disabilities

The Care Home aims to give children a safe and supportive place to grow, learn, and reach their potential. With support from partners, CDCA provides food, clothing, education, healthcare, and other basic needs. Physiotherapists also lead regular exercises to improve mobility and health. To support learning, the home has study rooms, e-books, and internet access, helping children succeed in school and life. CDCA also hires tuition teachers to assist children with specific subjects, including mathematics and English.





Education

This is an important element of CDCA's mission, which is ensuring that children with disabilities have equal access to education. We currently have 18 children attending school because of this program. CDCA also offers rehabilitation programmes and provides assistance to children who need tuition in specific subjects, such as mathematics and English, through tuition teachers. Recently, they completed their third term exam and are now on winter break for two weeks. There were some children who went to their village.



We extend our deepest gratitude to Ms. Jennevie Ho of Singapore for her unwavering support of CDCA children's education. Her generous annual contributions toward educational materials have created valuable opportunities for children who require school support.

Wheelchair maintenance and distribution program:

The Wheelchair Maintenance Project is being carried out at the CDCA Care Home under the supervision of Mr. Tek Bahadur Budhathoki. At present, the project is a self-funded initiative of CDCA. Regular maintenance is essential to ensure wheelchairs function effectively and remain safe for users. Proper upkeep helps prevent unexpected breakdowns, addresses minor issues before they develop into major problems, extends the lifespan of the wheelchair, and ensures comfort, reliability, and safety for users. This year, Mr. Tek Bahadur Budhathoki made a valuable contribution by repairing more than 70 wheelchairs.



Our main source of wheelchairs and spare parts is the Wheelchair Foundation, which donates to Nepal every year. Along with wheelchairs, they also send some spare parts. This year, we received 260 wheelchairs and a small number of spare parts, including 10 special wheelchairs. However, this support is not enough to meet the increasing demand. This year, we distributed a total of 144 wheelchairs. Of these, 25 were provided to Panchkhal Municipality, 16 to the Spinal Injury Rehabilitation Center, 20 to Accham Nepal, and the remaining wheelchairs were distributed to individuals.

As part of our first distribution, we distributed 30 wheelchairs in CDCA Care Home on 9th November 2025, with Glen Mather as our wheelchair donor this year 2025. On 11th November, we distributed 25 wheelchairs in Panchkhal Municipality, coordinated by Karuna Foundation Nepal. Our plan was to distribute wheelchairs in province 2 after the distribution in CDCA, but due to Zenji's protest there was a massive distriction in province 2. As a result, we had to distribute at Panchkal Municipality in conjunction with Karuna Foundation Nepal.



Our upcoming wheelchair distribution is planned in Nepalgunj. We aim to distribute 30 wheelchairs in the areas around Nepalgunj School. In addition, we plan to distribute 36 wheelchairs in Karnali Province in collaboration with Karuna Foundation Nepal.

We would like to thank the Wheelchair Foundation for donating one container of wheelchairs every year and for making a meaningful difference in the lives of people with disabilities. This humanitarian support has transformed many lives by restoring mobility, dignity, and hope, allowing people with disabilities to begin a new chapter in their lives.

Our financial challenges:

The withdrawal of CDCA's major donors led to substantial financial constraints this year. In response to this change, the organization has been unable to maintain its core programs and services.

SAMSAL (Korea) previously provided critical support for children's education, office management, and the tailoring training project, contributing significantly to program implementation and organizational operations. Fondazione VPAMS supported the CDCA Care Home by covering essential costs, including accommodation, food, and land rent, ensuring a safe and stable living environment for children.

CDCA is now facing a funding gap due to the end of support from both donors. As a result, the organization is looking for new donors and strategic partnerships to continue supporting children in need.

Wishing you happy new year 2026:

Happy New Year 2026 to all our valued donors and well-wishers! We hope the year is going well for you and look forward to your continuous support throughout 2026.

