



Creating education opportunities for marginalised girls and children with disabilities

The European Union is improving the quality and engagement of children's education in Madhesh Province, which has the lowest Human Development Index and literacy rate in Nepal. Applying a community-based approach, the SAHAYATRA project – Strengthening Civil Society for Resilient and Inclusive Education Governance – uplifts especially girls, Dalit and ethnic minorities, and children with disabilities in the four districts of Bara, Parsa, Rautahat and Sarlahi by intervening at home, their communities, schools as well as local government.

No Child Left Behind



SAHAYATRA is working with

10,000 girls and children

from marginalised communities in Madhesh Province



~50% of out-of-school Nepali children

23.18% Dalit

11.59% Muslim

10.47% Indigenous



47.9% Poverty Rate against national **28.7%**

Change Begins At Home



+15,000 parents

engaged to increase school attendance, improve literacy and numeracy and advocate with teachers for community-led actions

In **Basatpur**

- Designated learning spaces at home
- Attending afterschool activities
- Advocating for regular meals at school, free school uniforms & longer school days

The Big Sisters: Changing Community Behavior



20 young female school graduates in

20 community schools

Didis provide:

- Homework support
- Guidance to teachers and parents
- Advocacy & awareness through school's youth clubs
- Motivation to young girls to do well in school

Child-Friendly Classrooms



120 teachers trained

- Play-based teaching methods in new and improved Early Childhood Development Centres
- Psychosocial counselling and gender-responsive teaching skills
- How to advocate with parents for increased budgets, extracurricular activities, better hygiene for girls and access for children with disabilities

Partnering with Government



48 officials from **8** municipalities



40 provincial officials



40 federal government officials



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About the project

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Voluntary Service Overseas

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TSK Partners:

Prerana, National Campaign for Education and Jan Jagaran Youth Club