

WAWCAS Newsletter, June 2023



WAWCAS Child Groups drive Campaign to Boost Child Admission to Schools

Children are development partners, and we recognize the importance of their participation in our WAWCAS Program in Nepal. Since 2022, WAWCAS has offered the children of women entering the 16 months Training Program to join a Child Group in their local area. Every second Saturday for 10 months they meet and play, sing, and discuss. They make a group action plan with an individual commitment to implement the topics they learned about e.g. sanitation, nutrition, and child rights. They have a wonderful time with their friends.

Every child is unique and special. We value this and do our utmost to bring out this uniqueness hidden in every child. We support their development into becoming responsible citizens and we support them to understand and unfold their fundamental human rights. And we encourage the children to take an active part in activities relevant for their daily life – and their future.

WAWCAS has expanded its program into a new region in the lowland – Rauthahat. We are facing many new challenges in this part of Nepal, and the Child Groups found that many children in their community did not go to school. Soon they decided to launch a Campaign aimed at driving school admission up. They conducted home visits trying to motivate the parents to send their children to school. The campaign created new awareness in the community of the importance of education – and also the right of children to have an education.



Actually, in Rauthahat school admission was planned to end by first week of May, but as part of the Campaign representatives of the Child Groups – supported by the WAWCAS trainers – met with the School Headmasters and convinced them to extend the admission period. Eventually the school authorities agreed to continue admission until June 15.

So, every morning and every evening – for 4 hours every day – these children and their WAWCAS trainers continue to do home visits to convince parents of their obligation to send their children to school.

Some of the mothers of the children join these home visits to support them. It is so great to see how they together across generations support each other to convince other parents of the importance of sending their children to school.

Just after one week four new children have been enrolled in school. This is a very inspiring moment in the village and the children are so proud of their collaboration in the Child Groups, when they see school admission improving.



Women Stories

Every month, four WAWCAS women add a new blog to their story on the website. In June they completed the last of their 16 blogs and you can get insight into the daily struggles and happy moments in the lives of Sunita, Radha, Binita and Durga by clicking the link below.

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