

# 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 five 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.



**15,073**

people reached

**4,322**

Men

**4,837**

Women

**2,822**

Boys

**3,092**

Girls



### Project Duration

Phase I **2018 - 2021**

Phase II **2022 - 2023**

Implementing Partner  
**Child Development Society**

Support Office



**World Vision Hong Kong**

### 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

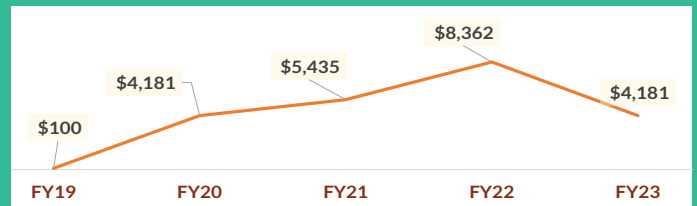
**Child Rights Committee, Child Fund, Day Care Operation Guideline** endorsed and formed; budget allocated for strengthening child protection mechanism by local government

**17 Child Rights Committees (CRC)** - 16 in Chandragiri Municipality and one in Lalitpur Metropolitan City-22 functional; **42 children** who were engaged in child labour in the brick industry have been reintegrated; 60% of them have continued their education

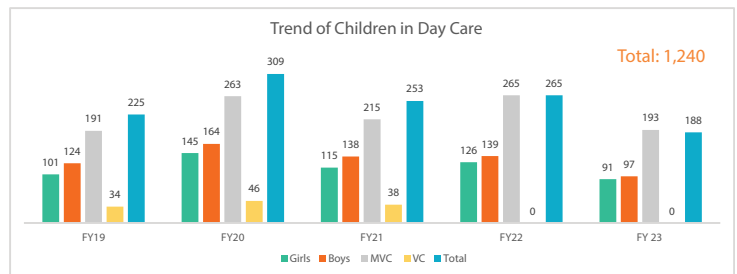
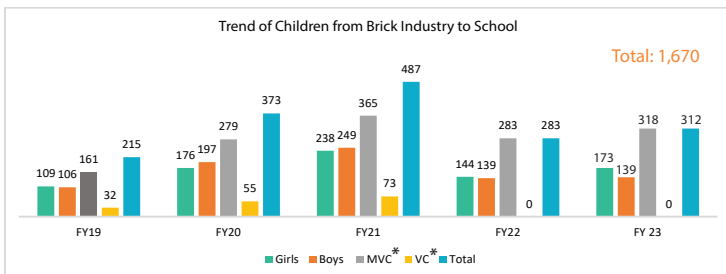
**A national-level survey** in collaboration with \*MoLESS and \*CBS conducted on “Changing state and prevalence of child labour in garment and carpet industries in Nepal” Read [HERE...](#)

**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 5000 USD every year since 2020; 76 children supported through child fund between 2020-23 to address child well-being issues



**Chandragiri Municipality Ward 14** was declared child labour free in 2022 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 1,240 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



**154 Workers** provided vocational life skill training on Masonry [2], Building Electrician [33], Bike Repairing [32], Excavator (JCB) Driving [2] and Tailoring [85]; 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

**589 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



Food and Hygiene Kits distributed to  
**352 Households**



**288** Children received self-learning materials



Food Items distributed to  
**175** Children in  
**4** Child Safe Houses



**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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