



CASP Newsletter

The Community-based Alternative Schooling Project

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Report of SIRAHA district visit from April 21-23

CASP team (Mr. Dahal from NFEC, Ms.Oda, Mr.Gautam, and Ms.Kobayashi from CASP) was going to SIRAHA district from 21-23 of April in order to attend the 10th District Monthly Meeting (DMM) and to share progress of pilot activities with Nepal Red Cross Society (NRCS) Siraha. In particular, the team must discuss with DMM members when actually start the pilot class of School Outreach Program (SOP) and Flexible Schooling Program (FSP) can be started.

DMM was held on 22nd of April, in which the members discussed about following topics, (1) sharing NGO activities implemented by NRCS, (2) sharing recent progress, especially facilitator selection and its result, (3) distribution of Alternative Schooling Program (ASP) monitoring file and others.

Firstly, the representative of NRCS presented each activities and results. Until this April, NRCS had done Program orientation and street drama which makes people understand value and importance of FSP and SOP. In addition, NRCS established Class Management Committee (CMC) and provided proper training for 50 participants such as lecture methodology and group discussion. 16 Education Volunteers (EVs) were selected from target communities for assisting SOP and FSP implementation. From now on, NRCS and DMM share each ideas about hoarding board on which CASP's message will be advertised. Regarding the presentation, DMM members and also CASP team asked the details and gave comments.



SIRAHA District Education Office

Secondly, Mr. Chaudhary, the District Education Officer, and other DEO staffs informed the progress of facilitator* selection in each target area. In March, candidates were selected by CASP's criteria such as community- person (expecting single female) who completed secondary school with appropriate status and so on.

Unfortunately a few facilitators had resigned the job after his/her facilitator training for some reason, so that DMM must consider how we find alternative person and how to provide the training for them. In addition, they are still waiting SOP/FSP text book from central department.

Although there are several problems to start the class, all classes hopefully start in early May.

In next volume on coming June, we will report Dhading district and IIDC activities.

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A family who live in front of District Education Office



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* Facilitator : Facilitator is similar to Teacher in formal school. However facilitators can take just 15 days facilitator training course.

Partner NGO : Nepal Red Cross Society (NRCS) in Siraha

NRCS is an our partner NGO which strongly support CASP's pilot activities. In Siraha district, we expect NRCS not only to bridge each target communities, but also to inform local level's information toward us. Although we may have many difficulty in contact for some reason, it is necessary for us to discuss many thing in order to improve our activities.

According to the leaflet, NRCS in Siraha district mainly works for healthcare program, formal and non-formal education programs, natural disaster program, agriculture program, community development, poverty alleviation program etc.



Orientation at Vidhayanagar

From this April (or May), SOP and FSP classes will be started in pilot area.



EV selection at Tenuwapatti

NGOs activities for community mobilization and awareness of SOP and FSP are very important parts of this initial stage. Although our cooperative activities have been started for several months, we are working together until 2008, the end of CASP activities.



NRCS staffs and CASP team in front of NRCS

Recent Topics of CASP

NFEC :Technical Team Meeting

The 16th Technical Team Meeting (TTM) was held in April 22, in which we could share the implementation schedule of CASP's SOP and FSP classes, the feedback from NRCS's activities, and confirmation of ASP Monitoring System.

The 16th TTM will be on April 28, and we continuously discuss about SOP and FSP class management and so on.

CASP was introduced by HIMAL Magazine

CASP's activities was reported by Himal magazine issued on February.



CASP Calendar 2062

CASP distributes our official calendar to NFEC, DEOs, NGOs and other ganizations.



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According to Nepali traditional calendar, new year has come on this middle of April , and also we CASP started our third fiscal year from this April. All of us consider that this year should be a remarkable year to improve our project.

We will inform other activities in CASP newsletter vol.3 in June!