

ANNUAL NEWSLETTER

MINORITY FOCUS- 2021

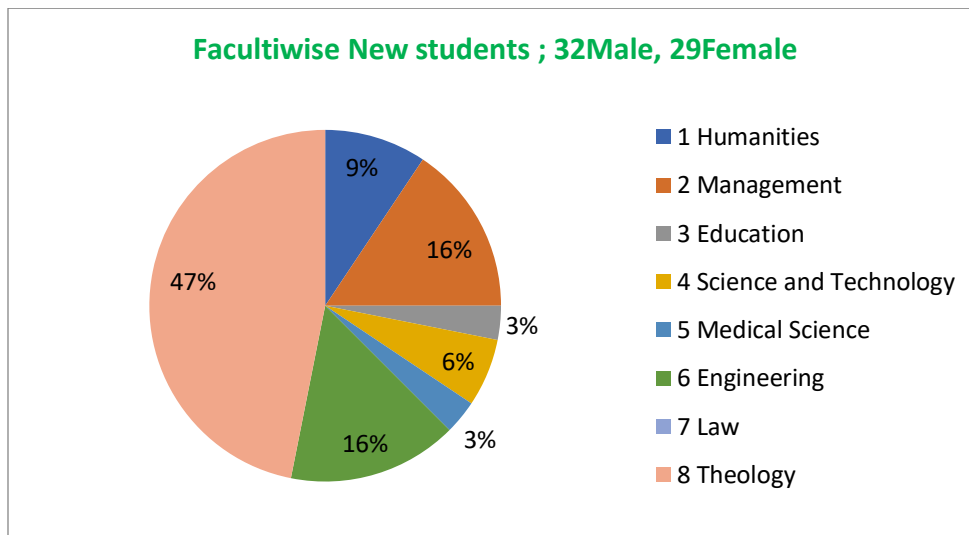
It is our great pleasure to write our annual report for the year 2021. It is our joy to share with you about our activities done during the year. We put every effort to implement our plan in the midst of pandemic.

Students Status

Total students received scholarships during 2021 were 221. The number of ongoing students were 161, the new batch (2021) students were 60. Total number of students completed their studies were 72 (37 Male, 35 Female).

Selection of scholars in 2021

This year we received 102 applications for scholarship. Out of 102 applicants 61 were selected (32Male, 29Female) for scholarship for various faculties. The selection was made based on interviews and assessment of applications guided by policy and criterion.



Counseling and Visiting

Minority FOCUS was in regular contact with the students in order to find out their academic progresses and their grievances. Many of them in need in the midst of pandemic received a relief supports. Most of the student visited offices received counseling. We visited few students to their home and met their families too, needing close monitoring with the purpose to know progresses on their studies.

Students Workshop

April 26 and June 1, 2021

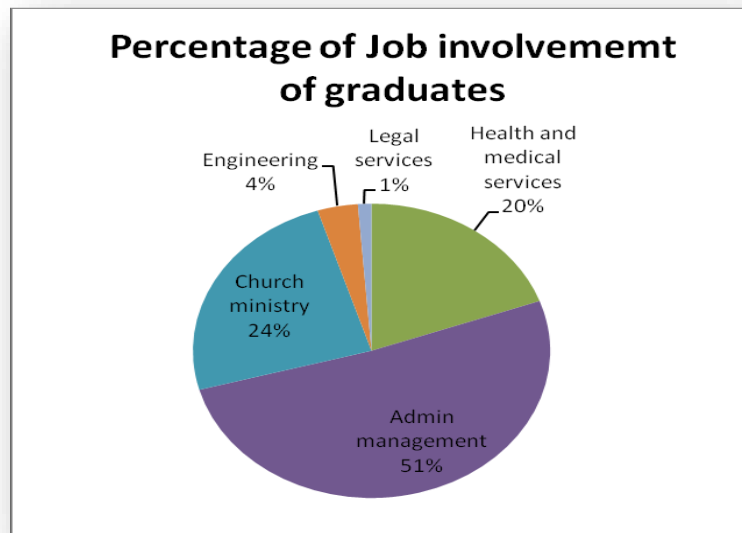
We organized ZOOM assemblies of ongoing students on April and June 2021. It was necessary to introduce our policies and rules and the purpose of scholarship provision. What we have expected from them and how they should focus on their studies and what supports our office provides. Even after the completion of studies we help them to search jobs and advices for what occupation they may be interested to initiate.

We also hope that our students become qualified and committed leaders in bringing changes in the society and wherever they engage influence others and contribute in making and redesigning policies that will help to uplift the societies in need.

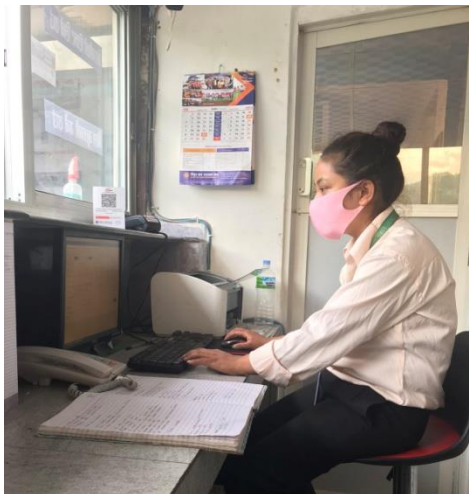
Since the students started their journey exposing themselves to indulge on various courses of studies, they must continue until the studies are successfully completed. It was a challenging time to find out what hindrances and obstacles they have been facing at this time of pandemic situation. We found during the year students of two families severally affected by the corona infection.

Graduates engaged on Jobs

Over 2000 have been graduated till to date who received scholarship, engaged on the services. Many were found working in leadership positions of NGOs, INGOs and other organizations. A survey shows above job status of job engagement done two years ago. We kept updating the graduate job status. We have some graduates who started health clinics. We also guided some of them interested to join civil government job. Our partners are also keen to see the successes and progress of the



students who were sponsored for the courses that direct to career and jobs or services that will impact their lives, families and society and the nation in order to raise their socio-economic status. We always eager to observe the students underprivileged, marginalized are richly benefited from the scholarship. We have yet to complete the updating of Alumni. We also reminded our graduates to fulfill their financial commitments. Some of them have made contributions with appreciable amount towards FOCUS Nepal. We appreciate them for their valuable donations.



Ms. Swosti Pradhan; BBA - Bachelor in Business Administration

'I come from Sindhupalchowk, one of the 14 earth quake affected districts, made whole village divested including our house was also destroyed with several casualties. Recently again the giant flood shifted the downtown and houses at the bank of the river unexpectedly and unnoticed. Since we had limited income and some income from the traditional farming and cattle rising, my Family was not in the position to support my for higher education. I was much worried of continuing my study. I prayed much about. I applied and I was selected for scholarship. I was provided counseling

support and encouragement by the team of FOCUS. Soon I completed my study, after sometime I got opportunity to apply for the current job. I was successful in the interview, I joined Nuwakot Star Hospital in the position of Accountant. This has become a good source of income for me and my family. My prayer is some day I will become a finance manager or a leader. I am very much thankful to Minority Focus and its abroad partners.



Shikshya Osti, from Chitwan, Nepal.
PCL Nursing (Staff Nurse)

Shikshya Osti is from Madhavpur, a village of Chitwan of Bagmati Province 3.

"I joined Shree Medical and Technical College by taking loan. My parents who were not able to afford my education. I heard about FOCUS provides scholarship in partnership with abroad partners, so I applied for the scholarship, was granted it. That was a great support in completing my nursing course.

After the completion of my nursing three years courses in 2017, I applied for the job at Bhadra Manakamana Private Hospital at Bharatpur from 2018. It's nearly two years, I've been working here as a staff nurse. I have a plan to study Bachelor in Nursing in near future. I have great interest to be equipped with the knowledge and skills in this field of nursing.

I am much grateful to FOCUS and its partners for the invaluable financial assistance provided during my financial crisis situation. That led me to complete the course. Because of this qualification, I have been able to make earning to support my family and it has raised our status in our multi diverse society

Children Education support/ Target Community- a pilot project

In order to measure the impacts of the program, a particular ward 3 of south Lalitpur under the



network with an NGO named Dilasha Aviyan(Console Mission) working in that area. This study place project was initiated by this partnering NGO at the time when children experienced the traumatic effect of earth quake BS 2072. One of our abroad partners was interested in supporting this children education in a particular community. The financial support will be provided from primary level to college education. OUR STUDY

PLACE or coaching center after school has been introduced from 2020. This project has increased the attendance of children in the school, has been raising their educational standard as well. This has become a model for the municipalities and the surrounding of the projected community.

Our Study Place, Naya Gaun Village Visit (Pilot Community)

Naya Gaun is a village situated in southern part of Lalitpur district and former Village Development Committee that is now part of Bagmati Rural Municipality in Province No. 3 of central Nepal. The distance from Kathmandu to Bhattedanda is 35 km (1 and half hour).



On 30 October 2021, along with Rajin Maharjan, program executive of Console Mission (partnering organization of Minority FOCUS), Mandira Awale, Scholarship Coordinator/

Suomen La representative (Partner Organization Suomen La) and Sony Shah from Minority FOCUS visited Bhattedanda of Nayagaun-03 of Bagmati rural municipality where, school students from this community are getting financial support for their coaching classes.

The place is remote area with up and down hills, students have to walk a long distance (1and half hour) to reach their education institute from their homes.

There are 25 students from different schools at different levels getting tuition classes on regular basis. Tuition teachers are assigned to the group of students with different grades according to their potentialities to conduct the classes. One teacher handles 5-6 students from different grades at a time per hour of time period.

We highly appreciate the School Principal and children's parents for their good initiation to start tuition classes for school students in such remote area where general facilities such as water, education, health are not easily accessible to the localities. Volunteers and Coaching tutors are actively performing their responsibilities even though they have certain challenges on their way. We had short discussion session in the coaching class room regarding their experiences, challenges and how are they facing the situation during covid currently, how they had to face in the past.

[Zoom online partnership seminar/ Meetings](#)

We have regular Board meetings. Also we have regular updates and meeting with our partners. Suomen La, partner from Finland organized a workshop on June 9th related to future strategic plan of the partner. An introductory meeting with the newly appointed Country Director of FELM Nepal was also organized.

Suomen La organized another Online meeting on December 2nd, 2021 focused on the results on the future strategies and for further revision different related questions were asked and discussed comments were presented after in online group discussion.

Our Finland partner also organized a Partnership Gathering on Dec 10 of 2021, after a long gap, Mr. Juha, the country director explained about the future strategies.

[Approval / Company Update](#)

Our company has been renewed or updated already during the year (2078—08-09/25-11-2021). Audit report was made ready in time and Tax Clearance Certificate was obtained. Social Welfare Council affiliation membership has been renewed (every 3 yrs by SWC rules).

[Words of Thanks](#)

We are grateful to our abroad financial partners, local partners, graduates, local governmental offices, FOCUS friends and stakeholders, company members and the Executive Board for your cooperation and supports. We always thankful for your loving partnership with FOCUS in developing leaders for multi services and developmental works of this country. We look forward for your financial support for required resources for all that MINORITY FOCUS has planned for 2022.