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**Sano Paila announces collaboration with Birgunj Sub-metropolitan City Office to implement a citywide action plan towards the prevention and progressive elimination of child labor.**

**Sano Paila, with support from Birgunj Sub-metropolitan City Office and UNICEF, will connect with existing actors to intervene and repatriate children from vulnerable, abusive and exploitative conditions in Birgunj, Parsa. Within the framework of Child Friendly Local Governance, Sano Paila will work to transform the lives of child laborers, their families, and communities, towards their sense of self-worth, empowerment and development.**

September 22, 2016 / Ashwin 6, 2073, BIRGUNJ – Sano Paila (A Little Step) is pleased to announce its collaboration with Birgunj Sub-metropolitan City Office and UNICEF to provide an integrated response to child labor in Birgunj. As an implementing agency, Sano Paila will provide child laborers with a comprehensive package of protection, education, socio-economic and legal support. The project aims to provide transitional care to rescued children, which includes medical assessments and ongoing treatments, psychosocial counseling and play therapy, nutritional support, and temporary education and housing until the child is able to be reunited/ reintegrated with their families and communities.

The project will further support reintegrated children with schooling, vocational and literacy training in their communities, and many of their family members will be given support for income-generating activities. Children who can't be reintegrated will be placed under Sano Paila's community-based alternative care program for children.

"Children who drop out of school and run away from home often migrate to Birgunj from different parts of the country to take advantage of finding work easily here," said Raunak Raj, Head of Programs and Services at Sano Paila. Birgunj as the commercial capital and a city of itinerants has turned into a transit hub for traffickers thus exposing children to exploitation."

By strengthening abilities and collaborations of mutually enabling community partners – child clubs and agencies, youth groups, civil society, political/government officials, and the security sector, the project will increase community support and commitment for protecting children's rights. As a result, a strong community ownership will be secured to ensure monitoring and strengthening of local child protection system.

Sano Paila will ensure active engagement with children and their lives to protect them from violence, exploitation and abuse. Nevertheless, the project will build a foundation to develop Birgunj as a "Child-Friendly City", promoting the implementation of Convention on the Rights of the Child at the level where it has the greatest direct impact on children's lives.

"We believe that to address the true causes of exploitation of children in Nepal, we must incorporate strategies to address larger economic challenges that contribute to this social problem," said Kanchan Jha, CEO of Sano Paila. "The important goal is to strengthen economic independence of families and communities and enable them to independently take responsibility for their children."

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