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Statement of Congratulations to First Elected Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Ward Presidents and Members of Municipal Assembly of Birgunj Metropolitan

Birgunj, 28 September, 2017- Sano Paila family extends its heartiest congratulations to the first elected Mayor Mr. Vijay Kumar Sarawgi, Deputy Mayor Ms. Shanti Karki, 32 Ward Presidents and Members of Municipal Assembly of Birgunj Metropolitan. We wish them a great success during their tenure and look forward for the new Administration to advance acceptance, inclusion and development for children, youth and women with special needs.

Birgunj is a special place for Sano Paila and is our home city. It's where we initiated our 'first step' towards community building ten years ago. Unlike many organizations that oversee most of their projects and programs in Nepal from the capital, our Head Office based in Birgunj oversees operations in State 2 including that in Kathmandu, Janakpur, Gorkha and Kalikot as well. This comes with its own challenges but this conveys the message of decentralisation and supports us in being impactful at our primary sites.

Birgunj Metropolitan City Office has been a strong partner of Sano Paila since 2007 supporting several initiatives including our first initiative School of Recovery and Reformation. What started as a community initiative supported by Birgunj Metropolitan Office is now a self-sustainable facility serving local youth affected by drugs and crime. In 2016, Sano Paila collaborated with Birgunj Metropolitan Office and UNICEF to implement a citywide action plan towards the prevention and progressive elimination of child labor in Birgunj Metropolitan. Through this project, we transform the lives of child labourers, their families, and communities, towards their sense of self-worth, empowerment and development.

As a friend and partner of Birgunj Metropolitan Office, Sano Paila looks forward to working with the new Municipal Executive and Assembly Members to deliver social and health care and build opportunities for all our young citizens so that they can learn, grow and prosper in Birgunj. Over a decade, Sano Paila has developed a strong framework to work in partnership with local government institutions, unions, and other independent associations. We proactively involve local government bodies, private institutions, and volunteer organizations in planning, designing, implementing and monitoring interventions.

"The other municipalities and village councils in State 2 districts have also elected their new representatives. There is a lot of responsibility and work ahead for the elected officials. Their success will depend hugely on the ways in which they work in harmony with key industries and institutions to build a brighter vision", said Mr. Kanchan Jha, CEO of Sano Paila. Sano Paila looks forward to working with them in improving lives of people.