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SAATHI

NEWSLETTER



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PRIMARY MUST NOT BE SECONDARY

Despite living a comfortable life in the city with impressive qualifications, many young graduates become Saathi teachers and commit two years to teaching in rural schools. What motivates them to make this decision, and what valuable lessons do they gain from this experience?

Being a Saathi teacher is a significant commitment, requiring graduates to leave their comfort zones and adapt to rural life. The opportunity to positively impact the education and lives of underprivileged children is a significant motivator for many. They recognize the importance of quality education in breaking the cycle of poverty and want to contribute to this cause.

Welcome to our May newsletter, which will give an insight into the lives of our Saathi teachers.

A new cohort of 12 Saathi teachers has just completed their training in Kathmandu to prepare them for their teaching journey. This newsletter includes this group's profiles just setting out for their schools. We are delighted by the diversity of their backgrounds and the range of skills they will bring to the classroom.

In the second part, we hear the stories of Saathi teachers who have completed two years of the programme. What have they learnt, what adventures have they encountered, and what a difference have they made to their young students?

The rural areas of Tanahu are benefiting from urban youth

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Saathi Teachers Profile 2023

Our new Saathi teachers have been selected and placed in 10 primary schools. Here are the profiles of these wonderful new Saathis who are committing two years of their lives to work in rural primary schools.



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2023- UPDATE

SAATHI RECRUITMENT

Recruitment for the Saathi Teachers Programme began on December 15th of this year and lasted three months. Over 250 individuals applied for the position, but only 50 made it to the final interview. Ultimately, only 12 candidates were selected for the programme.



SAATHI SCHOOL

The Saathi Teachers Program received a fourth batch of young people from seven different districts this year, in 2023, with various academic and age backgrounds.

The Saathi teachers program, which is run by HELP in collaboration with the MONDO foundation, includes a significant investment in Saathi School. It emphasizes every person's unique attitude, tests them on their innermost values, and gives them challenging reading assignments and deadlines.

In essence, these training days assist in contextualizing skills according to students' needs and connecting academic knowledge and real-life experiences.



Parents Event- Immersion into the ethos of Saathi Programme

On March 18th, after selecting candidates, we held an event called "Immersion into the Ethos of Saathi Programme and Parents Events" to orient the guardians of the new cohort. The event's objective was to make the new cohort aware of the importance and potential of working in primary education, emphasizing how two years of teaching could help them gain clarity and confidence in their career paths.



TEACHERS WORKSHOP

We held a 2-day workshop for 10 teachers from 5 schools in Tripurasundari RM. The training covered Classroom Management, Teaching Material Preparation, Digital Literacy, Child Psychology, and Parent Management.



2023- UPDATE

EXPANSION OF PROGRAMME

Following the Saathi Info session with various local governments, two local governments applied for the Saathi Teachers Programme. Eventually, Abukhaireni RM in Tanahu District was chosen based on working feasibility and criteria set by HELP.

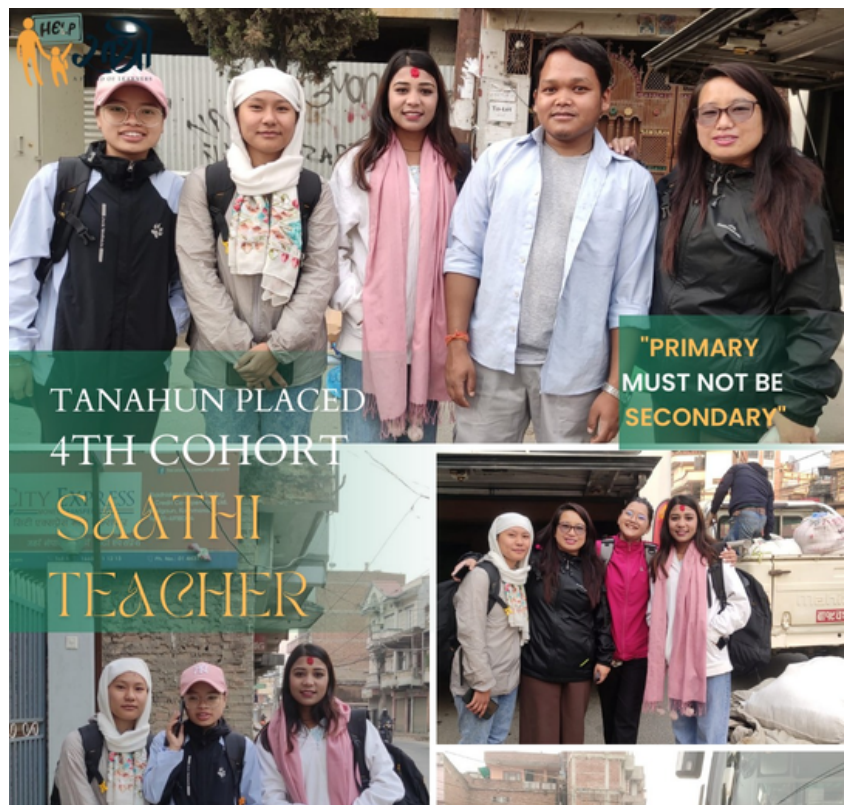
Our team then visited several schools in Abukhaireni RM and identified five schools across three wards suitable for the programme. On April 7th, the CEO of HELP and the Chief of Abukhaireni RM held a final discussion and signed an MoU for a two-year Saathi Teachers Programme involving 10 Saathis across the five selected schools.



SAATHI PLACEMENT

After completing Saathi School, a programme aimed at empowering individuals to become change agents in their communities, 12 graduates were placed at 9 different schools across Panchpokkhari RM, Tripurasundari RM in Sindhupalchowk, and Abukhaireni RM in Tanahu District.

On April 21st, these 12 individuals were placed in their respective schools by their TDCs and began their journey as educators at the start of a new academic session.



ALUMNI STORIES

Shir Bd Tamang - Saathi Teacher 2021

*Was placed at: Shree Panchakanya Basic School,
Chamkhu-Melamchi*

I wanted to be a teacher from an early age; my dream was to become a teacher and build an educated society by giving good education to children, which I saw in Saathi Teachers Programme. Also, after joining this programme, the training I received at different times helped me to develop my ability. After getting that training, I applied the approaches suggested, and the impact on students was amazing. The overall two-year journey was great for working to change the foundation of education



Gopi Waiba - Saathi Teacher 2021

*Was placed at Shree Saraswoti Basic School, Thakle-
Melamchi*

Saathi Teachers is a fantastic opportunity that helped me grow personally and professionally. Working with students taught me a lot, and I had a lifetime experience exploring rural villages. During my two-year journey, I gained valuable memories, learning, and ideas for my career. This two-way learning process allowed me to share my knowledge and learn from the children, locals, and environment. I discovered that every child is talented and unique and needs an opportunity to showcase their skills.



Yamuna Budhathoki - Saathi Teacher 2021

*Was placed at Shree Bachhalamai Basic School,
Lekharkha-Sindhupalchowk*

I worked to take steps to help the students fulfil their dreams, teaching and playing with the children who have many plans for their future. During my two-year journey, I familiarized myself with new places, environments, geography, culture, language, customs, living habits, school and students and truly experienced what Nepal is like. My journey was truly unforgettable for me.



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