

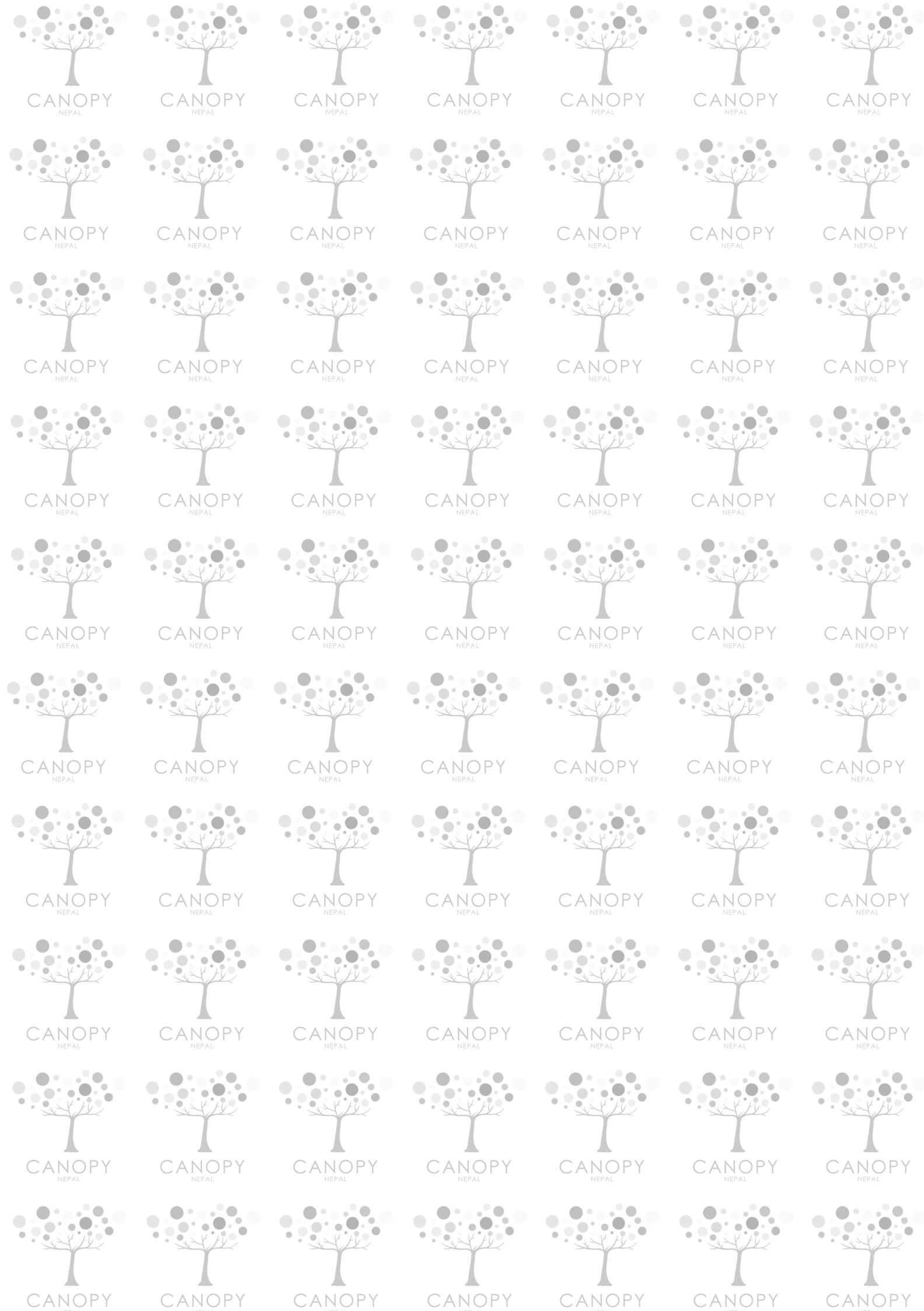


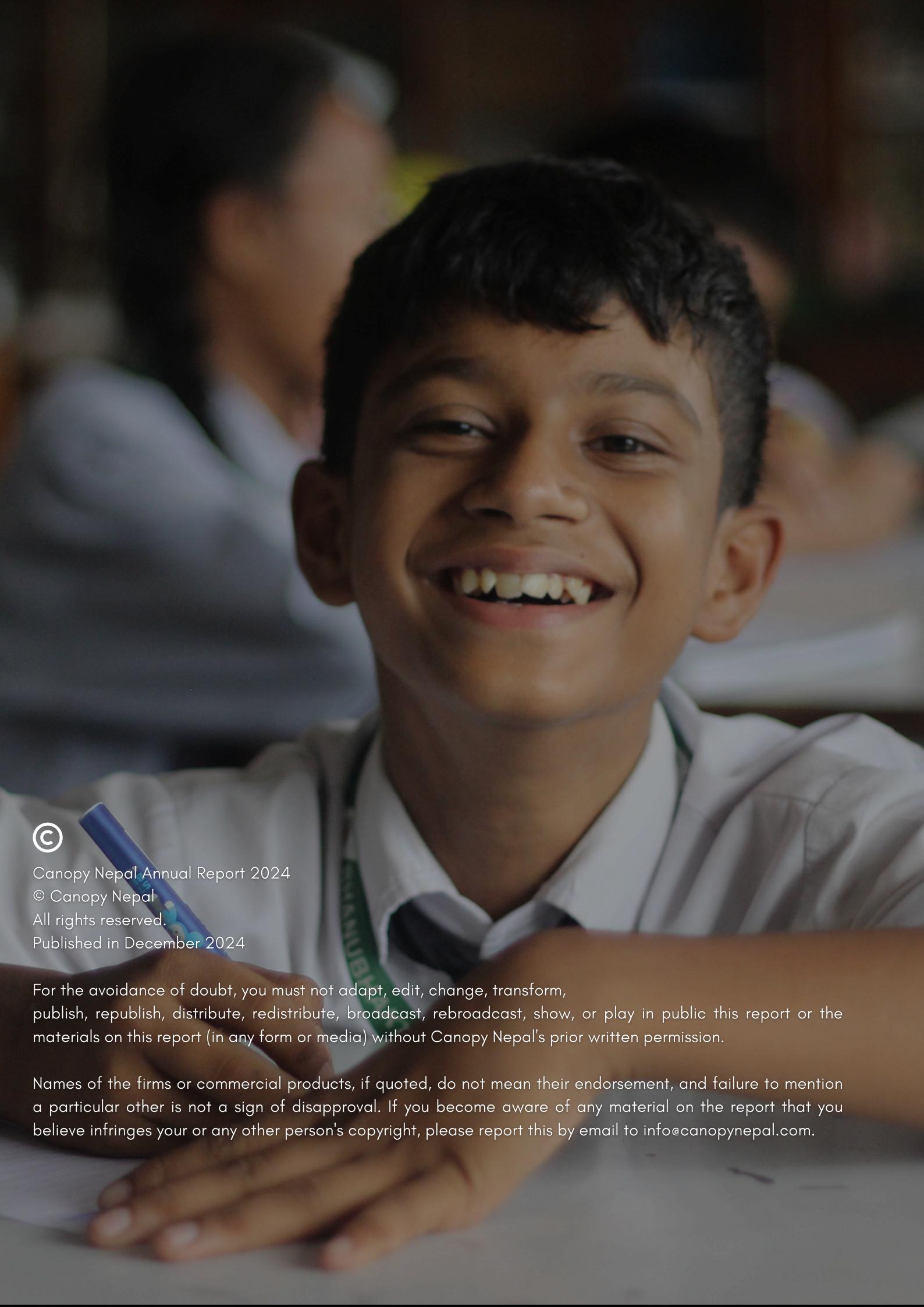
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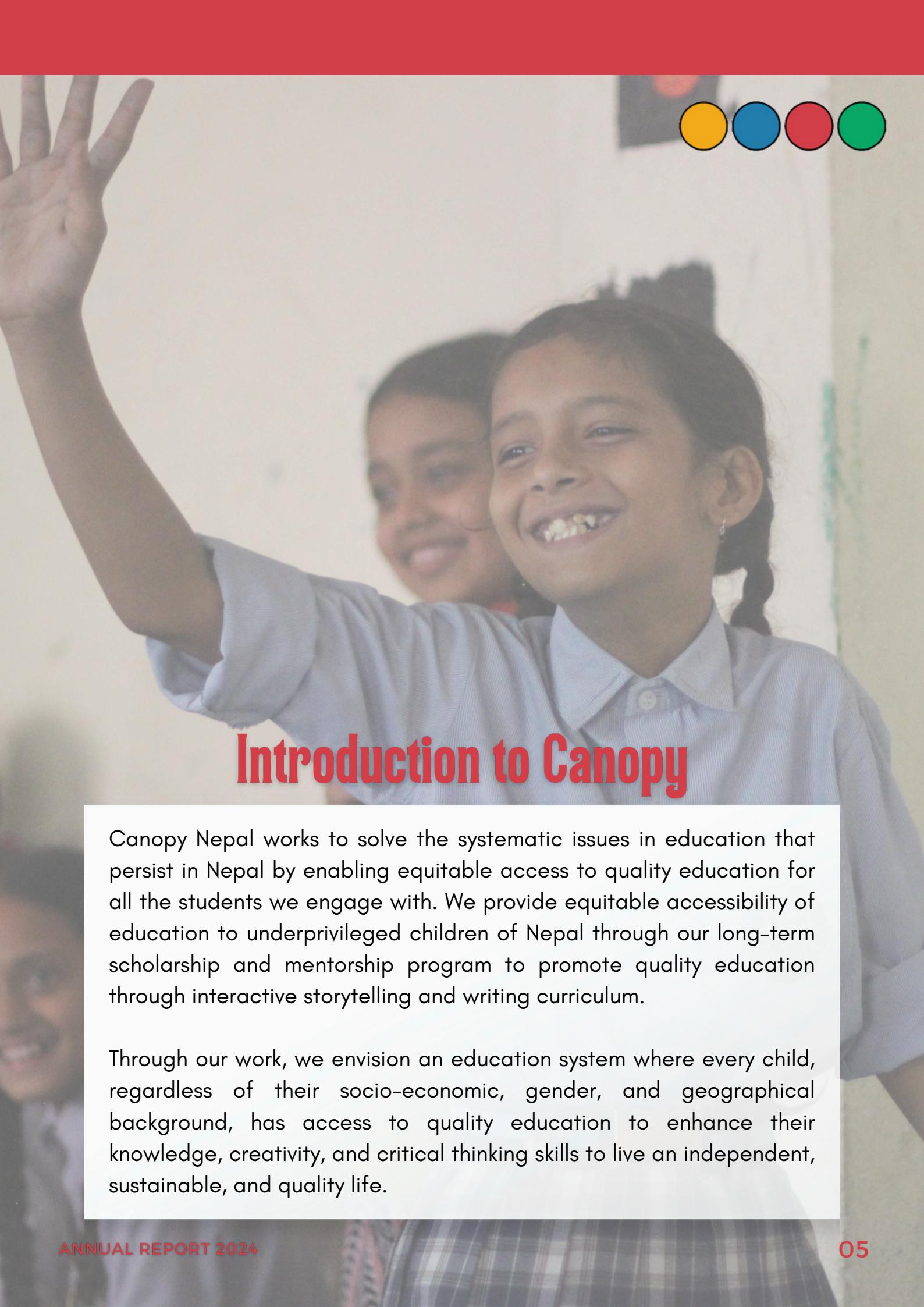
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Introduction to Canopy

Canopy Nepal works to solve the systematic issues in education that persist in Nepal by enabling equitable access to quality education for all the students we engage with. We provide equitable accessibility of education to underprivileged children of Nepal through our long-term scholarship and mentorship program to promote quality education through interactive storytelling and writing curriculum.

Through our work, we envision an education system where every child, regardless of their socio-economic, gender, and geographical background, has access to quality education to enhance their knowledge, creativity, and critical thinking skills to live an independent, sustainable, and quality life.



Message from the Founder

Dear Friends of Canopy,

Welcome to Canopy Nepal's 2024 Annual Report. It fills us with gratitude to reflect on this remarkable year, filled with new milestones, impactful programs, government collaborations, awards and shared moments of joy and learning. From the adaption of our interactive learning programs by the government and expanding to the US, we built strong collaborations this year.

In this report, you will find a detailed overview of our programs, inspiring growth reports of our students and scholars, a transparent account of our finances, and highlights of the year. Through this, we hope to bring you closer to the work you have so passionately supported.

Our accomplishments would not have been possible without the unwavering support of our partners, donors, schools, teachers, parents, team members, students, and scholars. Thank you for believing in our work and always rooting for us. We are thankful for your contributions, thoughtful feedback, engagement on social media, heartfelt emails, visits to the office or one of our sessions or simply taking the time to read this report.

As we look forward to the new year, we look forward to your continued support and belief in our work as we aim to create an even greater impact in the years to come.

Happy Reading & Happy New Year 2025!

Best Wishes,
Mohit Rauniyar





Awards and Recognitions



Social Innovation
Change Initiative
CENTER FOR PUBLIC LEADERSHIP



HARVARD
Kennedy School

Selected as 2023-24 Cheng
Fellow at Harvard Kennedy School



Awarded as UN Women APAC's 30 for
2030 for work in education and gender

hundrED

Awarded as HundrED's 100
most innovative and
scalable organizations for
2024

Hi

Harvard
innovation lab

Winner of the Spring Social
Impact Fellowship Fund 2024

**INTERNATIONAL
LITERACY
ASSOCIATION**

Awarded as 30 Under 30 for
work in promoting access to
quality education

**GLOBAL
CITIZEN.**

Winner of the Youth Leaders
Award from Global Citizen
Now



Selected for United States
Youth Council under US
Embassy in Nepal



Selected as a Little Big Fellow
to enhance fundraising
strategies



Selected as Youth
Ambassador to work in literacy



Selected as Global
Ambassador for Nepal at
Youth Opportunities



Curriculum recognized and verified by the Ministry of Social Development Bagmati Province and implemented in public schools



Social Innovation Change Initiative
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Selected for United States Youth Council under US Embassy in Nepal

GLOBAL CITIZEN.

Winner of the Youth Leaders Award from Global Citizen Now



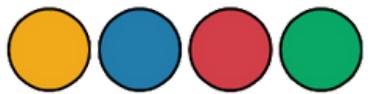
Selected as a Little Big Fellow to enhance fundraising strategies



Selected as Youth Ambassador to work in literacy



Selected as Global Ambassador for Nepal at Youth Opportunities



Government Collaborations

In our process of scaling our work for sustainability and increased impacts, we collaborate with government bodies for them to adapt our interactive curriculum.



Strategized with the Ministry of Social Development, Bagmati Province, to integrate Canopy's storytelling curriculum into the provincial education program



Partnered with Kathmandu Metropolitan City to integrate Katha Bunaun sessions into 20 public schools under the "Book-Free Friday" initiative



Collaborated with Hetauda Sub-Metropolitan City to implement Katha Bunaun and strategies for extracurricular activities under the "Golden Friday - Sunaulo Sukrabar" initiative.



Government Collaborations



Worked with Tokha Municipality to implement creative and interactive learning practices in public schools.



Partnered with Siddhalek Rural Municipality to promote interactive storytelling and create "happy classrooms" in public schools.



Worked with Hadigaun Ward 5 to implement cultural storytelling in schools through Katha Bunaun



Organizational Collaborations



Continued partnership to support scholarship program and components of Learners' Hub



Support to help graduate scholars from high school and undergraduate programs



Support to enhance interactive learning in public schools in Nepal



Support children's education to reduce drop-out rates through their CSR



HARVARD
Kennedy School

Partnership with Canopy to send Harvard Kennedy students to Nepal - Katherine became the first student to come to Canopy to improve our M&E



READ Nepal
Inspiring Rural Prosperity

Strategic partnership to implement story writing and reading culture in Nepali communities

EQUITY BRIDGE NEPAL

Collaborated to implement financial literacy in partner schools and career shadowing



Canopy in Numbers So Far



20,636

**Students
reached**



209

**Scholarships
Awarded**



234

**Schools worked
with**



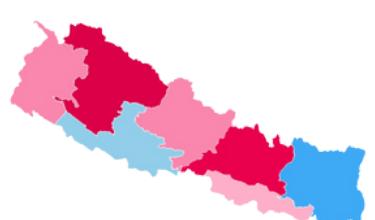
2,399

Sessions



11

Publications



7

**Provinces
reached**



Areas of Impact

1. Canopy Nepal Scholarship Program (CANSHIP)
2. Learners' Hub



CANSHIP

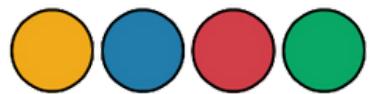


Introduction



Canopy Nepal Scholarship Program or CANSHP is an educational scholarship program that ensures educational accessibility to children and youths from underprivileged backgrounds by fulfilling their basic necessities and providing support in covering their tuition, uniforms, stationery supplies, tiffin expenses, healthy meals, accommodation, and monthly allowances. Along with the support in their formal education, the program supports diligent students to pursue technical and vocational training to prepare them into independent individuals. Furthermore, the program also includes skill enhancement through various workshops, training, counseling, and mentorship to empower the students and enable them for the competitive work environment of tomorrow.

CANSHP's sustained impact is made possible through partnerships with organizations such as the Nepali Children's Education Project (NCEP) in Canada, Friends of Nepal - Adelaide INC. (FONAI) in Australia, and Alaya Nepal.

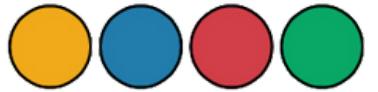


Objectives

- Provide scholarships to children from underprivileged backgrounds, enabling them to access quality education and break the cycle of generational poverty.
- Assist public and community schools in enhancing their capabilities and reducing student dropout rates through targeted support and collaboration.
- Ensure the overall well-being of scholars by conducting regular consultations, skill enhancement workshops, and mentorship programs to foster personal and professional growth.
- Offer psychosocial support and engagement activities, including parent-teacher meetings, to create a nurturing environment that promotes the scholars' mental and emotional health.
- Provide opportunities for technical and vocational training to empower scholars with practical skills, preparing them for a self-sustaining future.
- Strengthen and scale the program's impact by collaborating with national and international partners committed to creating educational opportunities for disadvantaged children.

Focus Areas

- **Educational Scholarship:** An educational scholarship program that primarily assists scholars by covering their education expenses.
- **Nutritional Meals:** Cover the canteen fees of scholars to ensure they have access to nutritional meals.
- **Psychosocial Wellbeing:** Ensure the psychosocial well-being of scholars through regular check-ins and counseling.
- **Career Support:** Support the career development of scholars by providing career counseling and opportunities for professional growth.
- **Technical and Vocational Training:** Provide technical and vocational training to scholars to prepare them for their professional lives.
- **School-Parent-Teacher Support:** Work in collaboration with schools, parents, and teachers to ensure scholars have the support they need.
- **Overall Well-Being:** Focuses on the overall wellbeing of the scholar through individual care and weekly meet-ups.

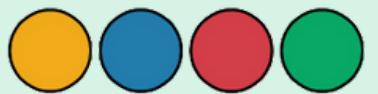


CANSHIP Partner Schools and Colleges



Our Scholars- 2024

- 10 out of 10 (100%) scholars come from extremely poor households, earning less than US\$ 2.15 per person daily. Canopy supports them monetarily and psychosocially and helps them to stay at school.
- 8 out of 10 (83%) of our scholars participate in extracurricular activities, mainly sports (41%) and dance (17%).
- Before joining CANSHIP, 20% of our scholars worked so their families could sustain themselves financially. Now, 0% of them do!
- Our scholars aim to become doctors (19%), engineers (12%), nurses (10%), teachers (7%), government officers (7%) and belong to the army (7%).



Our Scholars- 2024



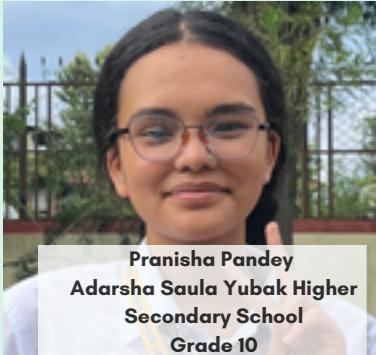
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Adarsha Saula Yubak
Higher Secondary School
Grade 6



Anshika Raut
Adarsha Saula Yubak Higher
Secondary School
Grade 8



Manish Parajuli
Adarsha Saula Yubak
Higher Secondary School
Grade 9



Pranisha Pandey
Adarsha Saula Yubak Higher
Secondary School
Grade 10



Prijan Limbu
Adarsha Saula Yubak Higher
Secondary School
Grade 5



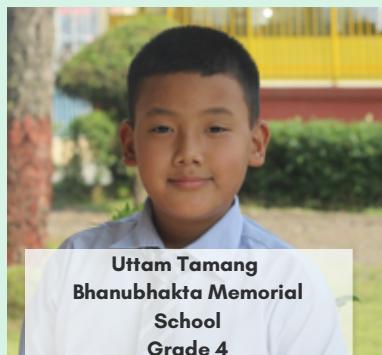
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Adarsha Saula Yubak Higher
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Elisha Chhantyal
Bal Bikas Higher
Secondary School
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Aarya Bhujel
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School
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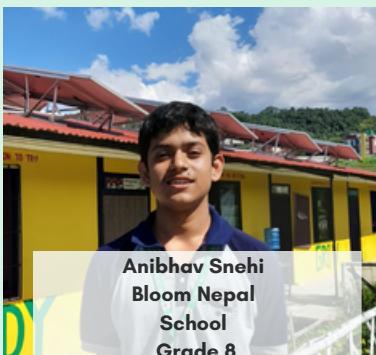
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Bhanubhakta Memorial
School
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Alpita Kumari Mandal
Bloom Nepal
School
Grade 3



Anmol Pun Magar
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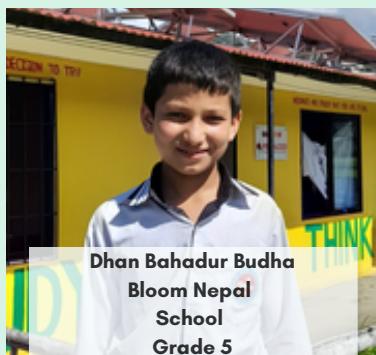
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School
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Bidisha Rai
Bloom Nepal
School
Grade 6



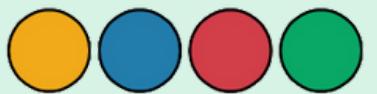
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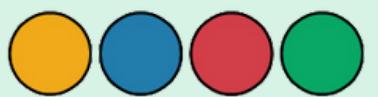


Shristi Poudel
Bloom Nepal
School
Grade 10

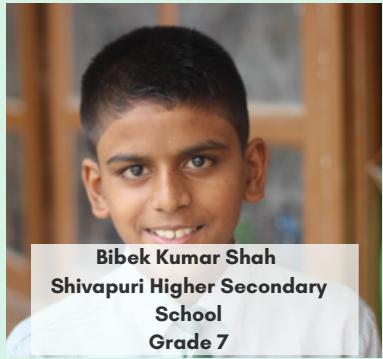


Our Scholars- 2024

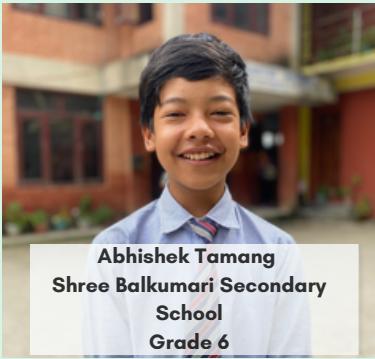




Our Scholars- 2024



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Shivapuri Higher Secondary
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Grade 7



Abhishek Tamang
Shree Balkumari Secondary
School
Grade 6



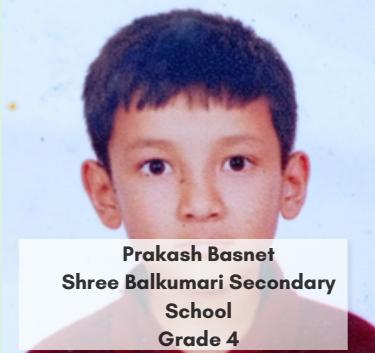
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Kiran BK
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School
Grade 7



Pasang Tamang
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Prakash Basnet
Shree Balkumari Secondary
School
Grade 4



Prakriti Magar
Shree Balkumari
Secondary School
Grade 10



Sunmaya Lamichhane
Shree Balkumari
Secondary School
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Umesh Magar
Shree Balkumari
Secondary School
Grade 8



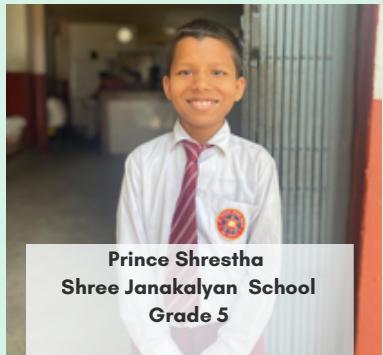
Bhim Magar
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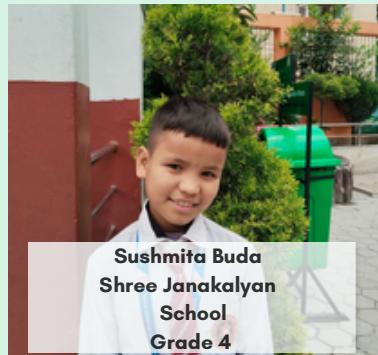
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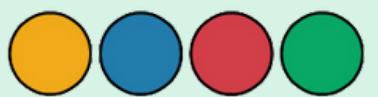
Rekha Bhujel
Shree Janakalyan
School
Grade 9



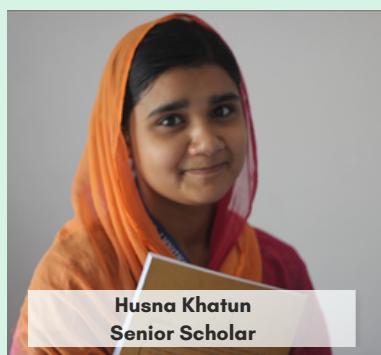
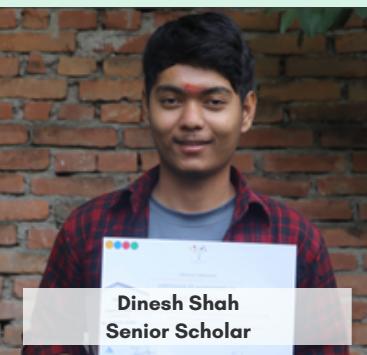
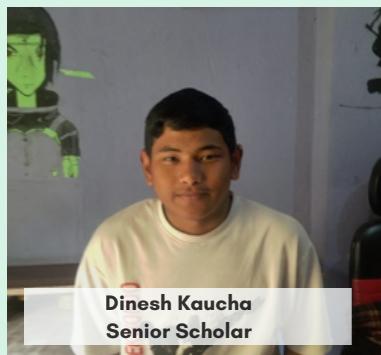
Sujita Thapa
Shree Janakalyan
School
Grade 8

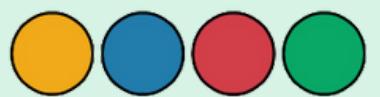


Sushmita Buda
Shree Janakalyan
School
Grade 4



Our Scholars- 2024





Our Scholars- 2024





Outcomes

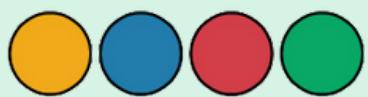
- **Attendance among all scholars has increased by 73% over the course of 2024.**
- Our scholars have achieved a **100% graduate rate** among the scholars who have completed their SEE and +2 examinations.
- In socio-emotional literacy programs, 17 scholars of secondary level learned how to manage their emotions and deal with difficult situations with calmness and strength.
- 26 scholars gained exposure to diverse career paths through **career support programs** which led team discussions and explorations of new courses and professions. It provided clarity to the scholars, helping them better understand their strengths, and passions, including goal setting and potential career paths.
- As part of the **Technical and Vocational Training program** with Alaya, 13 senior scholars participated in a professional development workshop aimed at enhancing their skills like resume writing and explored AI tools, including ChatGPT, equipped with ethical considerations and potential drawbacks associated with technology use.
- A visit to the Art Exhibition at Taragaon museum deepened scholars' understanding of cultural heritage preservation. Interactive sessions highlighted the importance of archiving architecture and artifacts using artistic mediums. Feedback from scholars revealed increased curiosity and interest in cultural heritage.
- Support provided to a scholar's family during flooding emphasized the importance of timely help and solidarity, showcasing the program's role in addressing immediate and emotional needs.



Outcomes

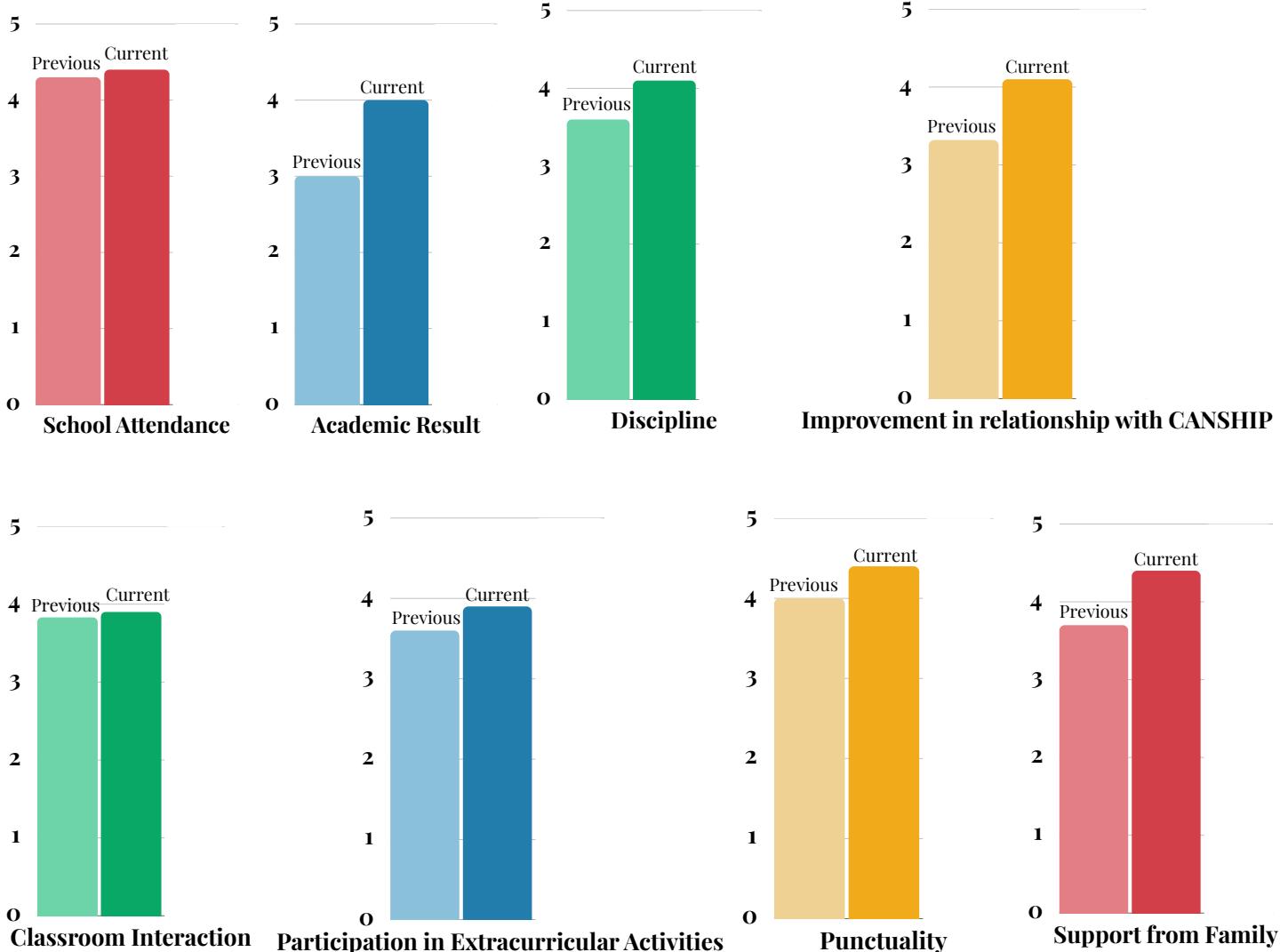
- Seventeen teachers from 10 partner schools met to **discuss academic progress and future collaborations**. They emphasized its positive impact on scholars and their families.
- The zoo visit, participated by 53 scholars, **offered an engaging educational experience** that sparked interest in wildlife and environmental conservation.
- The training sessions for team members led to **significant improvements in their performance and productivity**. This was demonstrated through the successful reenactment during 275 school visits, conducted in 2024, where team members effectively applied their newly acquired skills.
- Conducting 32 home visits has given us a **better understanding of our scholars' personal and family situations, offering valuable insight into their home lives**. It has strengthened our bond with the scholars and allowed us to provide more personalized support tailored to their needs.

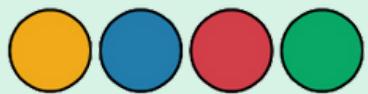




SCHOLARS' GROWTH

Before every academic year, we evaluate our scholars' academic performance, quality of home life, and their relationship with Canopy. With this, we wish to assess the impact of the scholarship on their lives and help them grow in areas that need improvement. This is an average growth of the 67 scholars we are supporting.

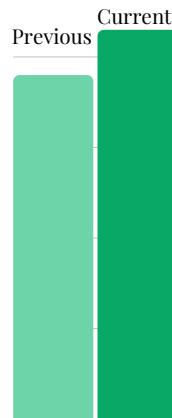




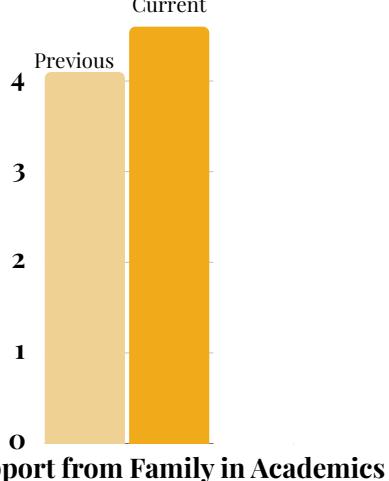
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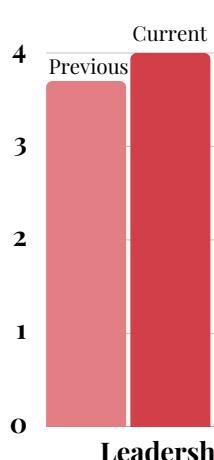
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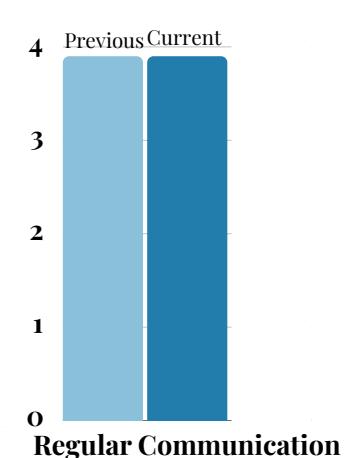
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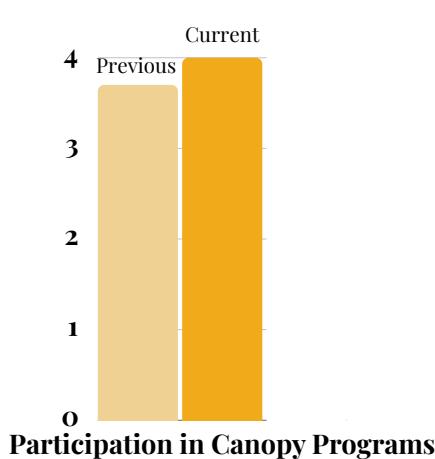
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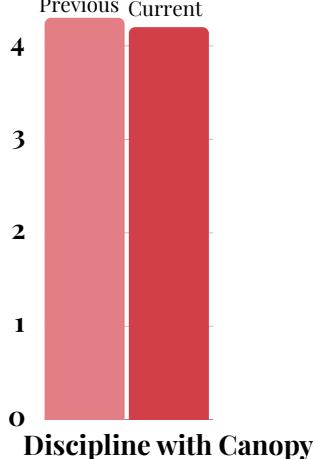
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23%

**Average
Growth**



OUTPUTS of CANSHP

Educational Scholarship

14 **25**

Scholars Graduated Schools and Colleges

81 **67**

Scholars Active Scholars

12

New Scholars Added

Overall Well-Being

275 **1544**

School Visits Individual Scholar Meets

268 **74**

Well-Being Assessment Home Visits

6864 **16**

Meals Provided Psychosocial Assessment

Parents-Teachers-School Support

11 **17**

School Orientations Teacher Office Visits

18 **32**

Parents Office Visits Home Visits

Career Support

2 **26**

Job Placements at Canopy Nepal Career Counseling Sessions

10 **83**

Scholars Employed Scholars Benefitted

Technical and Vocational Training

50

Scholars in 2 Sessions on Menstrual Hygiene Management

15

Scholars in Emotional Wellbeing session by Mankaa Kura

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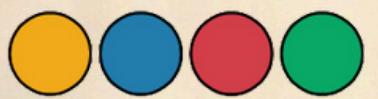
Scholar in 3 Socio-Emotional Literacy sessions with Self Awareness academy

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Scholars in Designing Target Planner

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Scholars in Capacity building Workshop by Alaya



Learners' Hub



Introduction

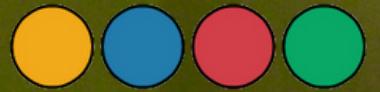


Learners' Hub is a program that emphasizes the implementation of interactive learning aiming to mold students into independent learners by equipping them with soft skills that are essential to making self-sustaining informed decisions. The program creates a smooth learning environment for facilitators and learners where both can explore their creativity, and skills and grow past their potential.

Objectives

The objective of Learners' Hub is to equip students with various soft skills like critical thinking, creative thinking, self-expression, and leadership skills. We also aim to,

- Help students become independent learners
- Help students foster their imagination and creativity skills
- Guide students in crafting well-structured and thematic stories
- Provide tools and resources for effective expression of ideas.
- Introduce how to approach and write a story through different beginnings, endings, and narrative types.
- Emphasize presentation skills like eye contact and non-verbal communication.
- Enhance writing and reading skills to develop fundamental literacy abilities in an expressive and creative setting.



Katha Bunaun

Katha Bunaun is a story writing and presentation program that focuses on the freedom of expression of young students as an important aspect of the development of young minds where students write theme-based stories. We use interactive teaching pedagogy to nurture students' self-expression, creativity, and critical thinking skills through personal storytelling and writing. By guiding students to reflect on personal experiences and broader social issues, the program parallelly prepares them for academic success and societal engagement. We emphasize originality and imaginative thinking to foster confident storytellers who can analyze, evaluate, and articulate ideas effectively.

Objectives

- Encourage regular school attendance by engaging students through interactive and immersive sessions designed to cultivate their creativity.
- Promote critical and creative thinking by empowering students to write and share their own original stories, fostering imagination and independent thought.
- Provide an emotional outlet by offering students a platform to express their emotions and thoughts through story writing.
- Build public speaking confidence by familiarizing learners with techniques for presenting and expressing ideas effectively.
- Explore diverse storytelling methods by introducing students to various forms of storytelling, including drama, monologues, mime, and other creative approaches to narrative expression.



Achievements

- Successfully **incorporated Katha Bunaun curriculum in 20 different schools** through Kathmandu Metropolitan City's Text Book Free Friday sessions.
- **Expanded the Katha Bunaun program beyond Kathmandu** to Dhading, Hetauda, Tokha, and Tarkeshwor, in cooperation with the local governments. This expansion aims to bring creative storytelling and learning to more students across the region.
- **Published a storybook** highlighting the impactful stories of first-time storywriters from Godawari, in collaboration with READ Nepal, who explored the theme of climate change.
- Conducted **Katha Bunaun sessions with students at Kritipur** in collaboration with the US Embassy Book Bus and Karkhana Samuha.
- Conducted **brainstorming sessions with more than 2400 grade 10 students** across 50 schools in Kathmandu during Kathmandu Metropolitan City's Festival camp.
- Launched the **annual magazine, the tenth edition of Buneka Katha** in the presence of young story writers, focal teachers, and representatives from partner schools.
- **Showcased a theatrical rendition of a story written by a fellow student** of Valley View School.
- Organised the annual **Katha Bunaun Competition** with participation from different schools allowing them to explore their creativity through the theme of "Through the Mirror".
- **Supported by Bubbles and Berries, a venture of our previous facilitator**, conducted Katha Bunaun sessions for Janakalyan students.



EIC

EIC is a skill development program targeted toward marginalized students grappling with social inequalities. This program is an enhancement effort for underserved individuals facing social fragmentation. EIC focuses on soft skills, including reading, writing, speaking, listening, critical thinking, and creative thinking. To improve and better these skills, the program adapts a blend of reading materials, virtual resources, and auditory content. It is facilitated to support learning in a familiar language while also fostering independent learning, encouraging students to persistently refine their abilities beyond classrooms.

Objectives

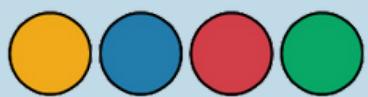
- EIC enhances students' writing, reading, listening, and speaking skills through grammar, reading activities, and self-expression sessions.
- The program fosters critical and creative thinking while promoting independent skill development with individual support.
- EIC highlights the significance of teamwork, communication, and leadership.
- Students gain confidence in articulating their ideas, views, and vocabulary comprehension, emphasizing spelling patterns and word structures.
- EIC's holistic approach encourages students to identify their strengths and weaknesses, ensuring effective and impactful communication.



Achievements

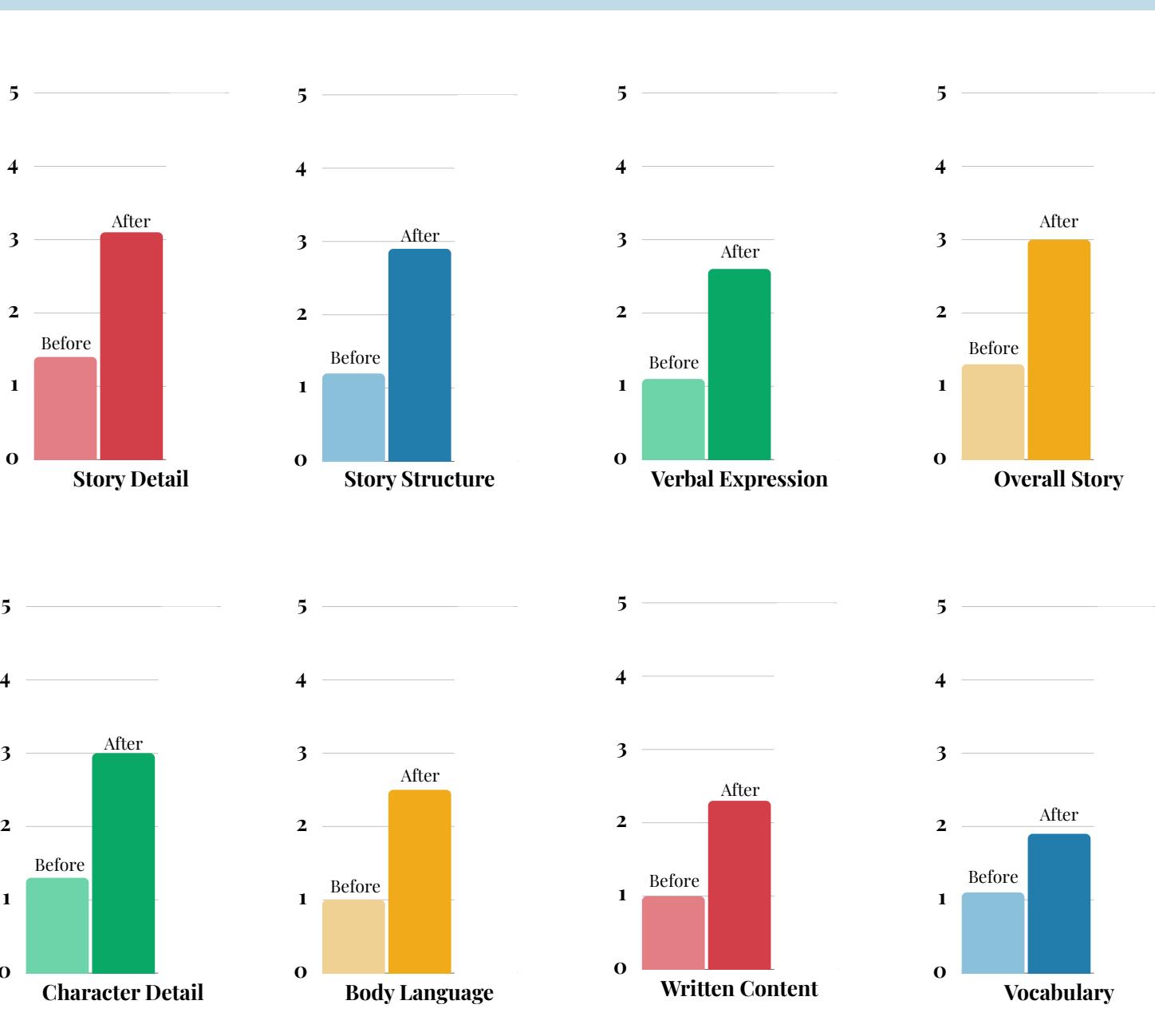
- **Enhanced students' writing skills by 88.77% and reading by 75%** which helped them in their academic results as well as in their self-expression.
- **Successfully improved the students' speaking by 96.5%** which significantly helped the students become less shy in front of audiences, and voicing out their opinions freely.
- **Empowered students with essential** communication, decision-making, problem-solving, and analytical reasoning skills, unleashing their creative capabilities.
- Through a combination of reading materials, virtual resources, and auditory content, **students have developed their listening skills by 94.7%** leading to a deeper understanding of diverse topics.
- **Helped students build stronger interpersonal skills**, with increased collaboration and teamwork demonstrated in group activities.

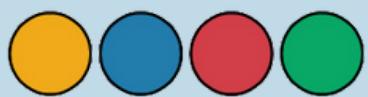




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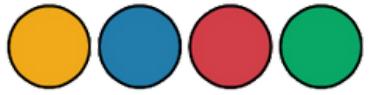




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Output of Learners' Hub



3,526
Students
reached



139
Sessions



60
Schools worked
with



1091+
Hours of
preparation



1436+
Hours of
sessions



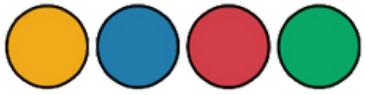
3322+
Numbers of
stories



4-10
Grades
worked with



2
Publications



Learners' Hub Partner Schools and Colleges





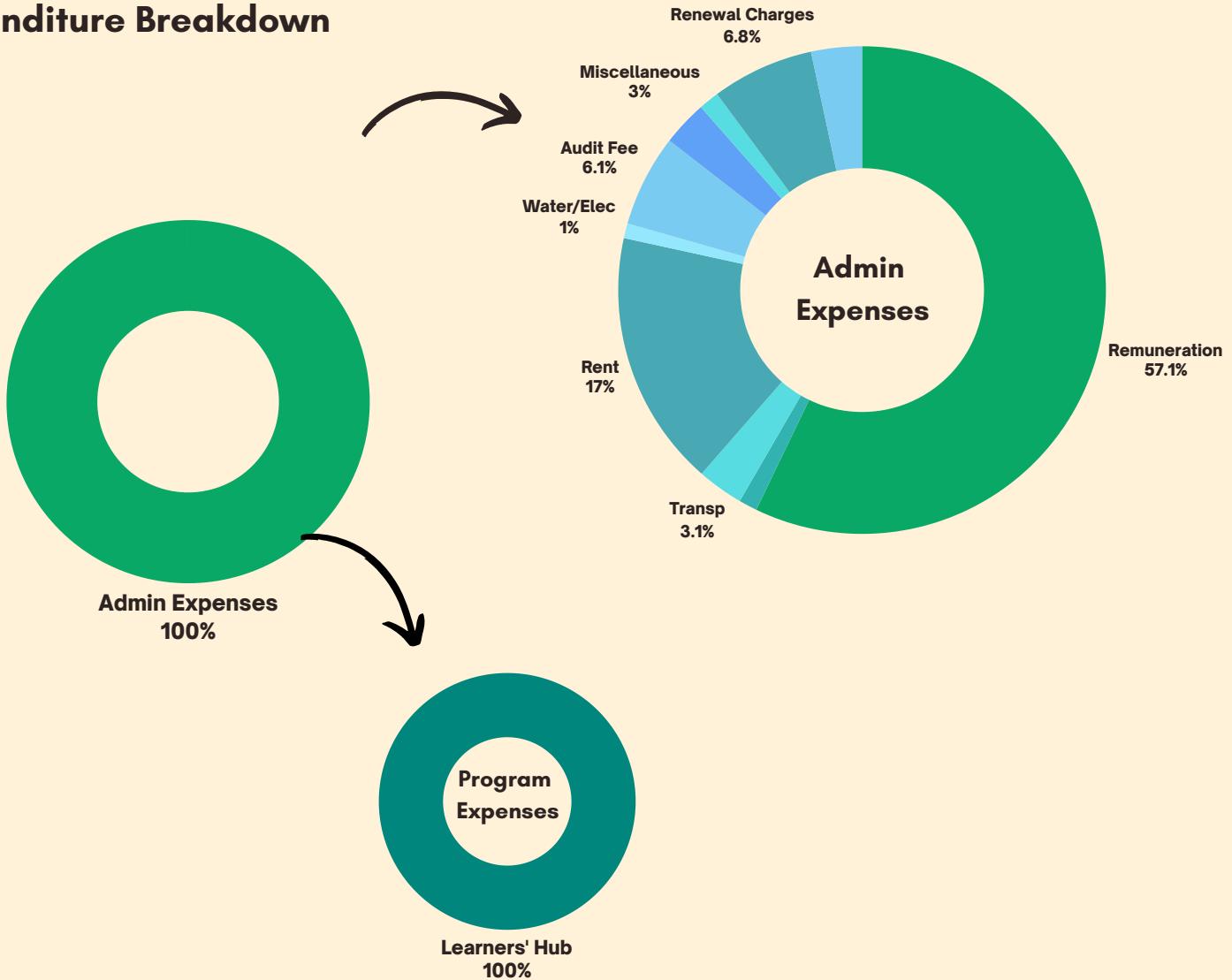
Finance Report

This internal financial report prepared by the Finance Team of Canopy Nepal shows the overall financial health of the organization in 2024. The latest official financial report of Canopy Nepal is the Annual Audit Report of Fiscal Year 2023/24 available in our website. Please note that all amounts are in Nepali Currency (NRs.)

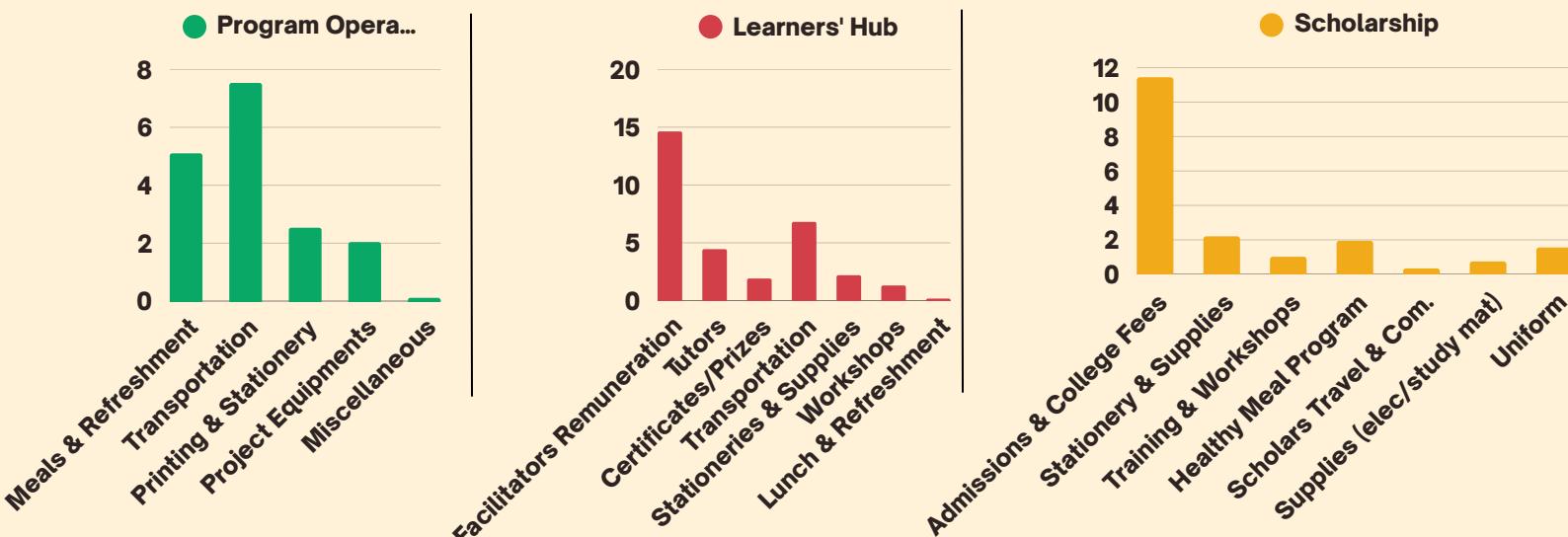
Finance



Expenditure Breakdown



Program Expenses Breakdown (In NRs. 100,000s)



Finance



Overview of Expenses 2024

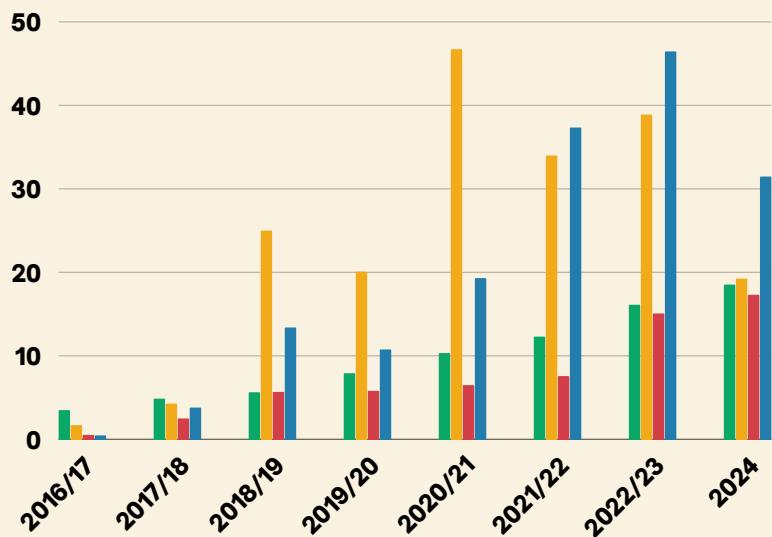


Yearly Expenses

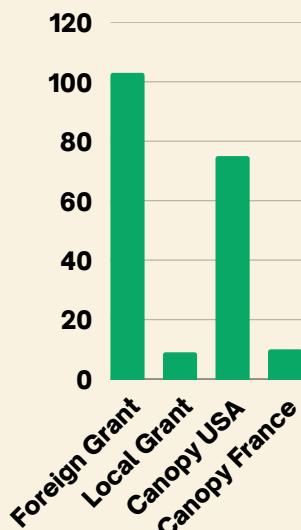
Comparison of Expenses Over the Years (In NRs. 100,000s)

● Admin Expenses ● Scholarship Expenses

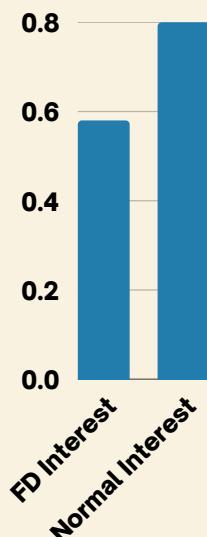
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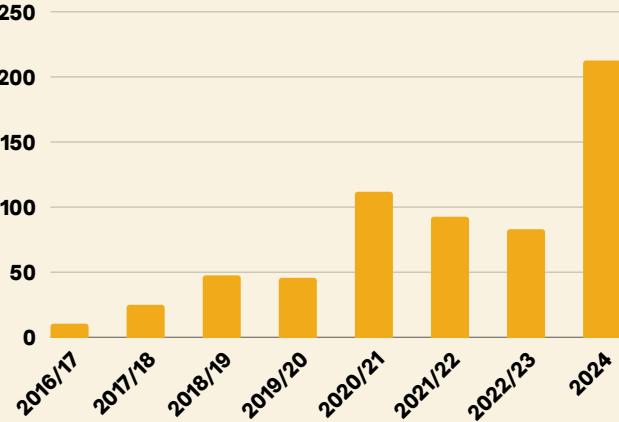
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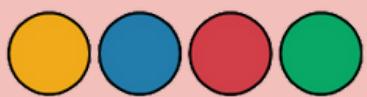


Yearly Income



Comparison of Fund Raised Over The Years (In NRs. 100,000s)





Canopy in Numbers: 2024



3,607
Students
reached



188
Sessions



13
Scholars
Added



25
Career
Counseling
provided

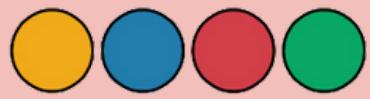


75
Schools worked
with



2
Publications





Schools and Organizations Worked with





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