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Help The Needy

A German NGO joins hands with a Nepalese counterpart to support underprivileged children

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Sane Nagarkoti, 10, a resident of Halchowk, just behind Swayambhunath temple, stopped going to school a few months ago because his parents couldn't afford to buy clothes and stationery. The son of a stone quarry worker is now back in class because his needs have been taken care of.

Some 200 children have a story similar to that of Nagarkoti. Although every passer-by could see the plight of the Nagarkoti family, no one seemed to be really aware about the extent of their situation.

With the initiative of Partnership Society-Nepal (PS-Nepal), a local non-governmental organization, steps have been taken to support these children. The group has received support from social workers from Germany and the Netherlands.

In association with social workers from those two countries, PS-Nepal has distributed clothes and stationery to the children of workers.

The German and Dutch social workers were here as part of the 125th anniversary of Henkel KgaA, a Germany-based chemical company.

On behalf of the social workers, Susanne Lucker from Germany and Ines Von Rosentiel from the Netherlands distributed clothes, pens and notebooks to families who were unable to send their children to schools.

The duo also contributed 400 kilograms of clothes to sick children at Kanti Children's Hospital and equipment to the hospital management. "We are helping children in 52 countries around the world," Lucker said.

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