Curriculum Viate

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**Career Summary:**

Founder Chairperson of an NGO named Divyaankur Child Development Promotion and Research Centre. Has 12 years of diverse experiences in educational sector and services, has delivered programs for child development promoting their basic education rights. Has experience of working with the government, non government and donor systems from field to the national level. Has skills and knowledge of communication at different sectors, has been working in a cross cultural environment and has travelled overseas. Has experience with organizational development process within different organizations. Provides technical services to organize research on educational policies and practices, on Early Childhood Care and Development (ECCD) and has been creating opportunities for quality education. Involves in designing policies, strategies, guidelines, programs, training packages and resource books / materials on ECCD and basic education emphasizing enrollment of girls in schools. Conducts research and trainings on community leadership, women development, strategic planning, monitoring and evaluation (RBM) and project cycle management (PCM).

**Professional Work Experiences**

**Consultant (July 2014 to 30 October, 2014), World Education International.** Providing technical support to strengthen Early Literacy and Numeracy in ECD centers

**Faculty Member (June 2013-June 2014),** Kathmandu University, School of Education**, Coordinator,** M.Ed in Child Rights Education, conduct classes as per requirement

**Program Director (May 2012 to January 2013),** forDivyaankur Child Development Promotion and Research Centre, a national level non-governmental organization leading advocating for promoting early childhood development and education. Develop, design and promote programs, projects, liaison with donors, governments and stakeholders, and resource mobilization. Undertake research, study and survey for the promotion of early childhood development, health, nutrition and education related programs.

**Executive Director (August 2007 to April 2012),** forDivyaankur Child Development Promotion and Research Centre, a national level non-governmental organization leading advocating for promoting early childhood development and quality education services. Provided leadership to a team of more than 15 staff members and represented the organization at different level of stakeholders to advocate the importance of and promote Early Child Development (ECD) and quality education; provide technical expert opinions & supports for bringing national level policies in ECD and provided training to policymakers and in building human resources in ECD and quality education areas. Develop, design and promote programs, projects, liaison with donors, governments and stakeholders, and resource mobilization. Undertake research, study and survey for the promotion of early childhood development and education related programs. Design and develop educational and promotional materials on early childhood development, health, nutrition, home based Early Child Care, Development and Gender in ECD, Parenting Education, and Children for Peace and Participation for Peace (Women and Youth role)

**Program Officer (January 2007 - July 2007),** Network for Participatory Action Nepal (NEPAN)

Instrumental to implement “Raising income and improving health of poor older people in Nepal” project and supported documentation of the project achievements

**Asst. Program Coordinator (January 2004 - December 2006)** Seto Gurans National Child Development Services:

Designed implementation of ECCD programs at community level, started Montessori trainings and community development projects, including educational support programs for conflict affected children; planned, executed and monitored pre / primary school teachers training program and coordinate with donors, government agencies and other stakeholders, the result was increased attention from communities and school management committees for quality basic education and improvements in class rooms.

**Training Officer (April 2001 - December 2003),** Seto Gurans National Child Development Services:

Designed and implemented training on ECCD programs to trainers, supervisors, community facilitators; provided technical support in implementation of ECCD, monitored and documented the best practices.

**Lecturer (July 1999 - December 2001):** Prithivi Narayan Multiple Campus, Pokhara Nepal

Taught Zoology to I.Sc and B.Sc students; Supported practical classes in Lab; Conducted educational visits and tour

**Projects, Studies and Trainings Facilitated**

* Developed “**Five Year Strategy Plan for Creating Bardiya District a Child Rights Promoting District”** Consultant, Supported by Women and Children Office, Bardiya
* Baseline Study on **“Quality Mapping of ECD Services”** in 8 UNICEF convergent districts, as an associate team leader, supported by UNICEF, Nepal.
* Project Evaluation, “**Common Approach to Sponsorship Program (CASP)”**, as a team member (coordinator), supported by Save the Children Nepal
* Project Evaluation, “**Quality Learning Opportunity (QLO) in ECD centre**”, as a team leader, supported by Save the Children Nepal
* Developed “**Five Year Strategy plan for ECCD programs in Banke District”**, as a consultant supported by District Education Office and Plan Nepal
* Study a **“Masters in Child Rights Education: Perspectives of Potential Stakeholders”**, Kathmandu University, School of Education
* Developed five year strategic framework for **“Creating Banke a Child Right Promoting District”** Consultant, supported by District Child Welfare Board/ Women and Children Office, Banke
* Developed five year strategic framework for **“Creating Banke a Woman Right Promoting District”** Consultant, supported by Women and Children Office, Banke
* “**Rapid Assessment and Capacity Building Training to Improve Quality of ECCDs**” Team Leader, support of Plan International/Nepal Banke Program Unit
* Coordinated and involved for developing **Early Learning and Development Standards (ELDS)** framework under the financial support of UNICEF Nepal
* Written “**Early Learning and Development Standard**” as a domain writer of the Cognitive development and Language domains
* Study on “**Status of Preprimary schools and ECCD centre at rural setting of Lalitpur, Nepal**”
* Action Research “**Promotion of fathers role in early child care and development** “ in Nawalparasi district under the financial support of UNICEF Nepal
* Evaluation studies “**Survey on preschool / ECCD centers**” operated by District Education Office in Saptari District under the financial support of UNICEF Nepal

**Trainings and Workshops Facilitated**

* Facilitated **ToT for program officers and teachers for the Early Childhood Development o**rganized by REED Nepal, Lalitpur
* Facilitated  **TOT on Identifying and Responding to Gender Based Violence in Emergency** organized by Save the Children Banke
* Facilitated **Training for ECD Facilitators** organized by Child Reach Nepal, Lalitpur
* Facilitated workshop for preparing **‘Child Protection Policy’** at Kailali District, supported by District Child Welfare Board and Plan Nepal
* Facilitated workshop for preparing **‘Child Protection Policy’** at Kanchanpur District, supported by District Child Welfare Board, NNSW, Plan Nepal
* Facilitated **District Level ECD Orientation**, In Jajarkot organized by DEO Jajarkot and UNICEF Nepal
* Facilitated **Organization Development and Resource Mobilization** Training, for District Youth Club Network (DYCN), Nepalgunj, Banke
* Facilitated **ToT for Community Women Leadership** organized by Radha Krishna Tharu Jana Sewa Kendra, Bardiya
* Facilitated **Report Writing Training** for project/program coordinators from Mid and far west district organized by Oxfam Nepal, Dadeldhura
* Facilitated **Proposal Writing and PCM Training** to MSW students of St. Xavier College, Thapathali, Kathmandu
* Facilitated a **Capacity Building on ECCD Training**, organized by Plan International/Nepal at Nepalgunj, for the community based organizations (CBO) leaders working in partnership with Plan Nepal to implement the ECCD programs at communities.
* Facilitated a **Young Leadership Development Training** organized by Freed Kamlari Development Forum for ex Kamlari girl leaders representing at their central and district level boards.
* Facilitated a tailor made trainings based on findings of the Rapid Assessment result, to the ECCD Supervisors supported by Plan International/Nepal at Nepalgunj.

**Seminar / Papers Presented**

* “Culturally Responsive Early Childhood Program” a paper presented in Education for Rural Transformation, Symposium 2014. Dhulikhel, Kavre.
* “Role of Langugae in Learning and Development of the Children” a paper presented in World Forum to Early Childhood Education, Puerto Rico, USA, May 5-9, 2014
* “When the Teachers Ignored a Multicultural Class room” a paper presented in Global Summit to Early Child Education, Vancouver, Canada. April 9-13, 2014
* “*Children’s Rights: as an Academic Discourse”* Workshop on Important of Child Rights in Academia; In the Context of Nepal and South Asia. A workshop jointly organized by Kathmandu University School of Education with the University Institute Kurt Bosch and International Institute for the Rights of the Children, Sion, Switzerland. 9-10 December 2013, Lalitpur
* *“Early Child Development, Help Them Grow Right”* International Conference on Quality in Class Room, 4- 7 April, 2013, Lalitpur
* *“Structural Arrangement for Quality ECD Services”* Fourth National Conference for Early Childhood Development, 26-27 November, 2012, Lalitpur
* *“ Multicultural Classroom and Need of the Children: An Ethnographic Study in Nepal”* Comparative Education Society of India (CESI) *Annual International Conference 2012,* 10 - 12 October, 2012, Jammu , India
* *“Role of Socio-cultural Environment in Children’s Learning and Development”* and international conference on “Language, Society and Culture in Asian Context”, 8-10 March, 2012, Hyderabad , India
* *“Investment in Early Childhood Development”* Third National ECD Seminar, organized by CERID and UNICEF on 15-16 February 2009, Kathmandu
* *“ECD approaches; Children Growing up with Respect”*, First National Seminar for the children below 3 years, organized by Seto Gurans National Child Development Services, 13October 2006, Kathmandu
* *“Early Childhood Development - Strategy for Peace”*, National Seminar, organized by Seto Gurans NCDS, 17-21 December 2006, Kathmandu
* *“Home Based ECD programs: 0-3 years in Nepal”*, Second National ECD Seminar, organized by CERID and UNICEF on April 27-29, 2005, Kathmandu
* *“Importance of Early Childhood Development”*, First National Conference for ECD Facilitators, 22-24 April 2005,Lalitpur

**Publication**

* Socio-cultural Environment and Children’s Learning and Development: An Ethnographic Study in Nepal, Published by: LAP LAMBERT Academic Publishing; April 25, 2013

**Professional Association**

**Ambassodor for Childhood, Decade for Childhood Program (2012-2022).** Alliance for Childhood Education International (AECI), USA

**Executing Member:** Sikai Samuha Pvt ltd, Anamnagar, Kathamndu

**Executive Member:** Divyaankur Child Development Promotion and Research Centre, a non-governmental organization

**Executive Member:** Business Promotion and Research Centre (BPRC), Kathmandu

**Executive Member:** Comparative Education Society Nepal (CESON), Lalitpur

**Executive Member:** Network for Participatory Action Nepal (NEPAN), a non-governmental organization

**Member:** Nepal Forum for Early Childhood Development, Kathmandu, Nepal

**Member:** National ECCD Networking Group, Nepal Government, Department of Education

**Member:** Education Network Nepal, Kathmandu

**Organization Affiliation**

**Member:** District Early Child Development Board, District Education Office, Lalitpur

**Member:** National Women Council

**Member:** Peace Coordination Committee (Under the Ministry of Peace and Reconstruction)

**Education**

**PhD in Education, Development Studies (Thesis: Children’s Literacy Skills; an Ethnographic Study in Nepal, ongoing),** School of Education, Kathmandu University

**M. Phil in Education, Development Studies** (Sociology of Education, Research Methods, Program Monitoring and Evaluation) (**Dissertation: An Ethnography on Socio-cultural Environment and Children’s Learning and Development**), School of Education Kathmandu University – 2012

**B. Ed. Supervision and Administration**, Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu - 2004

**Master in Science (Zoology)**, Tribhuvan University, Nepal - 1996

**Trainings Participated**

**International**

* Certificate on “Community Development Leadership by Women” (7-18 May 2012) Coady International Institute, St. Francis Xavier University, Antigonish, NS, Canada
* Graduate Seminar “From Early Child Development to Human Development: Integrating Perspectives” (7-25 February, 2005), Aga Khan University, Karachi, Pakistan
* Management of Preschool Settings (6-28 November, 2002), Goldameir Mount Carmel International Training Centre, Haifa, Israel

**National**

* Autism and Education (18July 2011), Divyaankur and Knowledge for People, USA
* Orientation on Art Therapy; releasing emotions through the use of arts (17 July 2010), Seto Gurans National Child Development Services, Nepal
* Pre-literacy and Numeracy Workshop (18-21 April, 2010), Save the Children Nepal
* Training of Writers Group on Early Learning and Development Standard (ELDS), (5-7 November 2008), UNICEF, Nepal
* Ethnographic Action Research (June 2005), Equal Access Nepal and Queensland University Australia

**Language**

**Nepali**: Native; **English:** Fluent in written and spoken; Able to communicate in Hindi

**Countries Visited**

USA, Canada, China, India, Israel, Pakistan, Thailand, United Kingdom