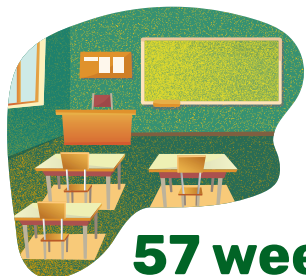


Infographic summarising the findings from a participatory research aiming at **collecting and amplifying children's voices in Nepal**

Education



57 weeks
of schools closure



8 millions

learners affected by the disruption of education due to the pandemic and lack of proper access to alternative educational programmes

50%

curriculum reduced due to lack of students since schools partly reopened

- As schools had to divide classes in two sessions - morning and afternoon students only got half a day instead of an entire day
- Students did not return back to school when they reopened due to the fear of contracting the virus and the lack of protective equipment in schools

Physical and mental health

Children's health was impacted through a lack of access to essential health services during lockdown:

Delayed vaccination



Impact on nutrition



Rise in unwanted pregnancies including early/teenage



Rise in maternal morbidity and mortality



Children and young people's mental and physical health was also greatly impacted. Almost all of those who were consulted reported:



Feelings of anxiety, boredom and sadness



Few of them were struggling with suicidal thoughts



Rise in child abuse and violence

Economical impact

↓ Hardship faced by families who lost their incomes during lockdown

↓ Causing hunger in marginalized areas where people rely on daily work



Positive impacts

↓ Adopted new practices such as washing hands

↓ Everyone was happy to go back to school

↓ Increased appreciation towards the value of education

Upcoming efforts

If lockdown continues, efforts should focus on

- Increased accessibility to social safety nets to ensure proper access to food despite the losses of income
- Increased availability of remote education programmes and interventions to all
- Development and availability of psychosocial support
- Availability and accessibility of MNH (ANC, Institutional Delivery, PNC) and family planning services

Data was collected in Sarlahi and Saptari districts, Nepal, in December 2020.