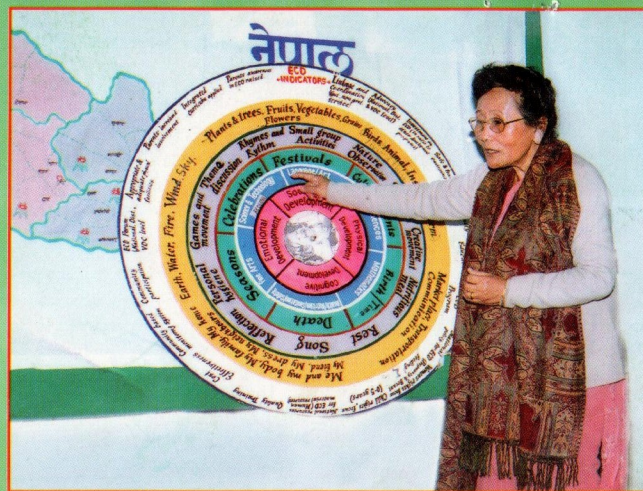


This organization has been conducting various research activities to generate innovative ideas to implement in the ECD practices.

1. Parenting Education Resource book
2. Facilitators ECD Resource book
3. Entry point to ECD
4. ECD in Action for Quality ECD
5. Curriculum Based Thematic Learning materials
6. Trainers manual
7. Children's books

- ✦ Parenting Education
- ✦ Entry Point ECD (1 ½ - 3 yrs)
- ✦ Home Based ECD (Birth - 3 yrs)
- ✦ Contextual ECD Centre (3 - 5 yrs)
- ✦ Low cost Toy Making Workshop / Training
- ✦ Children for Peace program for child club & school children



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# Seto Gurans National Child Development Services

Seto Gurans National Child Development service is a pioneer organization in the field of Early Childhood Development at national, district and community level. It is registered as an Educational Non Governmental organization, working since 1979 in advocacy, introducing various modules for children, parents, community and other stakeholders. It aims to reach the hearts and minds of children from most disadvantaged groups as well as all ECD age group children, their families and communities. It has shown sincere commitment to the ideals of child centered development approaches and a belief in the rights of all children to grow their full potential – physically, emotionally, socially and intellectually. At the time of its origin, there was hardly a non-governmental organization which worked for such group of children's right. The organization has produced independent District Seto Gurans child development service through the local team of trained human resource in 59 district out of the 75 district of Nepal with support of Save the Children.

Etymological meaning of Seto Gurans is White Rhododendron, a flower which bloom in the high altitude with environmental bottleneck. It is unfamiliar to those who are concerned to the rights of excluded group of children. At the mean time, Lali Gurans -Red Rhododendron found in abundance on the foothills of Nepal is therefore well known and honored as the National Flower. Symbolically Seto Gurans reflects those children who survive under difficult situation, and context with respect to gender, caste, creed, ethnicity and geographical barriers. They are also deprived of their early childhood development rights.



## Seto Gurans Vision

Seto Gurans envisions Nepal as a country, in which the rights of all children are ensured, where all children receive quality opportunities for learning and developing their full potential, so as to grow up healthy, happy and with self-esteem, to become contributing members in future for the positive transformation of the society and the nation.

## Five years Vision

- I. Seto Gurans National Child Development Services' will play leading role in the field of Early Childhood Development at national level and assert its identity at international level as established, able, sustainable, innovative resource organization working for the promotion and expansion of ECD.

## Mission

- ✦ Provide opportunities for all round development of the children of ECD age
- ✦ Collaborate and cooperate with stakeholders for service delivery
- ✦ Ensure quality environment for ECD
- ✦ Support stakeholders for the expansion, promotion and development of ECD

## Goal

- ✦ To sensitize, lobby and advocate for ECD programs
  - ✦ To provide services for the development, expansion, promotion, and innovation of ECD program
  - ✦ To support for ensuring the quality of ECD
  - ✦ To improve the economic sustainability of the institution
  - ✦ To develop and expand supportive networks for the promotion and expansion of ECD Programme
  - ✦ To develop the overall capacity of the organization
- Beliefs

## Beliefs

- ✦ ECD is foundation for balanced human beings.
  - ✦ ECD is foundation for education ECD is strategy for peace.
  - ✦ ECD is breakthrough for social change and poverty alleviation
- 1st of November 1979, was the day when Seto Gurans touched the life of 26 children of untouchable community living in the slums of Lalitpur. This experimental program took place in a room generously offered by St. Xavier's school in its premises. Seto Gurans was the first in Nepal to adopt creative and cognitive approach in early childhood education/ development in its own cultural context, where children learn to discover for and by them. Mount Carmel International Training Centre, Israel, which has provided continuous support to Nepal for human resource development in ECD, Seto Gurans has been privileged to develop trainer in ECD.
- Unicef and INGOs like Save the Children/US recognized and recommended the new approach of Seto Gurans as a model for rural communities in Small Farmers Development Program and Production Credit for Rural Women. Other INGOs such as Plan International and Save the Children/Norway also integrated early childhood development with the community development program. The needs and the rights of the children demanded more of this type of program and the emerging need was responded by establishing Seto Gurans National Child Development Services (a training and resource centre), which was registered in 1986 under The Ministry of Education & Culture. Presently, Seto Gurans is a national level non-government educational organization, affiliated to Social Welfare Council, Children Zone of Peace (CZOPP), National Campaign for Education (NCE). It is registered in District Administration office Lalitpur as an NGO as per the act.

## Programme / Activities Advocacy

It played leading role in the formation of constituent Assembly Early Childhood Development Caucus (CA, ECD caucus) in 2010. ECD Caucus,

Seto Gurans and ECD professionals group contributed in endorsing ECD in New constitution of Nepal and playing significant role in advocacy of ECD.

## Empowerment

The organization has also been deliberately focusing the women, local and national leaders, CBOs, etc. for empowering them in the favor of ECD. It also encourages qualified unemployed housewives to develop as able ECD professionals at local and national level.

Human Resource Development Seto Gurans NCDS' single most significant initiative in recent years has been to develop human resources in early childhood development (ECD) at the district level - a joint venture with save the children/ Norway. ECD trainings in Nepal has for the most part been dependent on Kathmandu based ECD expertise. One year long diploma course in ECD has now opened up important opportunities, as it is a truly national approach and marks the beginning of a new phase in Seto Gurans' work for the children of Nepal.

District Seto Gurans is contributing highly as resource and support for ECD initiatives both for governmental and non-governmental organization, municipality and community groups throughout the districts. Seto Gurans NCDS works closely in affiliation with District Seto Gurans and provides regular pedagogical support in their work.

## ECD model Program

Seto Gurans has taken initiative to establish culture based quality ECD replication by the government and non-government organization.

Regional resource centre Districts in each region have been selected for coordinating to serve as regional resource group for linkages and coordination among the districts in the region.

