

According to National Blindness survey 1980, the population of the blind is estimated 0.84% of the total population in Nepal. Likewise, the blindness survey has indicated the population of low vision people about 1.49 %. The household survey conducted by NAB/NABP within the CBR programme area (i.e. Chitawan district) showed 1.24 % i. e. 5742 (Male blind -852, Female blind - 1154 Male partially sighted = 1664 Female partially sighted = 2072). Likewise, In Nawalparasi district 1.41 % i. e. 8713(Male blind = 887, Female blind = 1206, Male partially Sighted =2934, Female Partially Sighted = 3686. In Dang district .1.11.% i. e. 5073(Male blind = 599 Female blind = 922, Male partially Sighted =.1428, Female Partially Sighted =2124 ) population out of total population 453351 in the district. Like wise, in Kapilbastu district 2.69% i. e. 13382(Male blind=2110 Female blind=2740, Male partially Sighted=4176, Female Partially Sighted=4356). According to NAWB, Kathmandu Valley CBR (Kathmandu, Lalitpur, Bhaktapur)=849, Purvanchal Community Service Centre, Dharan CBR (Sunsari, Morang, Jhapa)=1481, Bara CBR=819, Kaski CBR = 480, Tahahun CBR = 90, Kailali CBR=1334, Kavre CBR=524, Rautahat CBR=270, Syangja Vocational Training Centre=252.

### **Education**

Education for visually impaired children was started in Nepal in 1964 as an integrated special education in Kathmandu. Altogether 2100 visual impaired students are receiving school education, and 660 Students have passed school living certificate (S.L.C), and 91 completed graduation, and 25 BPS persons completed Post graduation. Phd. undergoing : 5. Average SLC passed students every year:70-80.

### **Employment**

The following BPS people have been employed to date through self as well as the effort of NAB:

Teaching in the public school	: 196 persons (41 female, 155 male)
Teaching in the University College	: 5 persons (1 female, 4 male)
Teaching Music	: 13 persons (All male)
Receptionist	: 7 persons (6 female, 1 male)
Supportive staff	: 3 persons (1 female, 2 male)
Proof reader (Braille)	: 2 (1 male and 1 Female)
Book binder	: 1 (female)
Program Leaders	: 5 Male
UN/INGO staff	: 3 Male
Freelancers	: 4 persons (1 female 3 male)
Project staff	: 10 (3 female 7 male)
Factory workers	: 20 (female-3)