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**Role of national pediatric society in reducing pediatric malnutrition in developing countries in context of Nepal****Krishna Prasad Bista**

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Malnutrition is a major public health problem in developing countries, responsible for approximately one-half of all childhood deaths globally. Documents review of the society and the national position papers and the various survey reports is done. The Nepal Paediatric Society (NEPAS) has played pivotal role in the development of community child health by extensive involvement in child health policies, strategies and interventions developed by Government of Nepal along with its partners like WHO, UNICEF. The nutritional status of children in Nepal has improved since 1996. More than half (57%) of children under five were stunted in 1996 compared to 36% in 2016. Consequently there is reduction on wasted and underweight children respectively from 15% and 42% in 1996 to 10% and 27% in 2016. To conclude NEPAS and its members are taking active participation in national child health programs and has an important role to play in advising policy makers on the development of effective responses to social problems that affect children's health.

**Biography**

Krishna Prasad Bista is the President of Nepal Pediatric Society (NEPAS) and a Member of APPA Technical Advisory Group, Nepal, Coordinator-Nutrition chapter, NEPAS and Consultant Pediatrician at Kanti Children's Hospital, Kathmandu. He has obtained Postgraduate Diploma in Child Health from Tribhuvan University, Nepal in 1997. He has worked as a Treasurer for NEPAS from 2008-2010 and worked as General Secretary for NEPAS from 2014-2016. Presently he is working as a President and National Coordinator for Paediatric Nutrition (NEPAS). He is presently working in The Kanti Children's Hospital as a Consultant Pediatrician in Nepal.

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