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On April 4, 2023, Ms. Elke Wisch, the Country Representative of UNICEF Nepal, paid a courtesy call on Honorable Vice Chairman Dr. Min Bahadur Shrestha. During the meeting, Ms. Wisch briefed Hon. Vice Chairman on UNICEF's current works and ongoing programs in collaboration with the government of Nepal, including the vaccination program, Multi-sector nutrition plan, social protection, and updates regarding the UNICEF supported Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey (MICS). Ms. Wisch also shared information about UNICEF's new country program for Nepal for the year 2023-2028. She expressed her gratitude to the Government of Nepal and the National Planning Commission for adopting effective policy measures for the protection and development of children in Nepal.

Hon. Vice Chairman extended his appreciation to UNICEF for its continued efforts in advocating for the children of Nepal. He expressed his concern regarding Nepal's declining fertility rate and child population and emphasized on the shift on population policy of the country. The discussion focused on expanding the scope of social protection and making social protection schemes shock adaptive in Nepal. Hon. Vice Chairman expressed his wish for effective implementation of the UNICEF's upcoming country program.

UNICEF has been actively engaged in Nepal for over six decades and is dedicated to advancing the rights of all children in Nepal, especially the most marginalized and disadvantaged. UNICEF's focus areas in Nepal are health, nutrition, child protection, education, water, sanitation, and hygiene, as well as social protection. Early childhood development, adolescents, disability, gender, as well as disaster risk reduction, and climate change adaptation are some of the other issues that UNICEF works on across sectors.