



**Om Khadka**, a 13-year-old boy, a student from Jhapa district was identified with a PDA 4.5 mm during the heart screening program in Jhapa District. The boy is studying in class 6 in Bir Amar Singh Secondary School. The boy and his family were completely unaware of this heart disease. The boy complains of some difficulties but the family took it as over activity or laziness of the boy, so they did not visit any health sector for check-ups. During the screening event in Birtamod, Jhapa the boy was identified with the PDA. Then his guardian and teacher were called and were counseled to them about the boy's health situation. The guardian was counseled well not to panic and asked them to bring their boy to Kathmandu for further check-up and surgical intervention.

They seem to be worried about this news and were further worried about financial management as they depend on farming for their source of bread and butter. Seeing their situation, the doctor counseled them well and stated that all financial issues will be covered by NHF which gave them some relief.

As per the family history, they have altogether of 5 members in their family and he is the first child of the family. No other family members before had a heart disease history. Om got admitted to Shahid Gangalal National heart Center on January 28, 2021, with the help of NHF staff. He was diagnosed with PDA 4.5 mm, left to right shunt, Mild TR with Normal PA pressure, dilated LA, and LV. LVEF: 60% and LA: 3.4 cm, LVID d/s: 6.5/4.3 cm and AO: 2.4 cm. He underwent surgical intervention of PDA device closure on January 31, 2021.

At present, the child is doing better and studying very well in the school. It is a good achievement of NHF as the life of a child has been saved. Diagnosis and treatment of the child in proper time saved the child from complications and financial burden. It is possible that the child would have to face a hard situation if identified later and would have difficulty undergoing surgical intervention due to financial issues.