

Advocacy for Women's Economic Security through Improving Access to and Control over Land

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Acronyms

CSRC	Community Self Reliance Center
DLRF	District Land Rights Forum
ICDO	Integrated Community Development Organisation
LWF	Lutheran World Federation
NLRF	National Land Rights Forum
SOLVE	Society of Local Volunteers Effort
VLRF	Village Land Rights Forum

1. Introduction:

This report covers the period from January to December, 2013. The main purpose of this report is sharing progress, learning and challenges among all the collaborative and supporting organizations and concerned stakeholders at all levels. This reports only covers the progress of land rights campaign of Lalitpur and prepared seprate report of national progress of land rights movement.

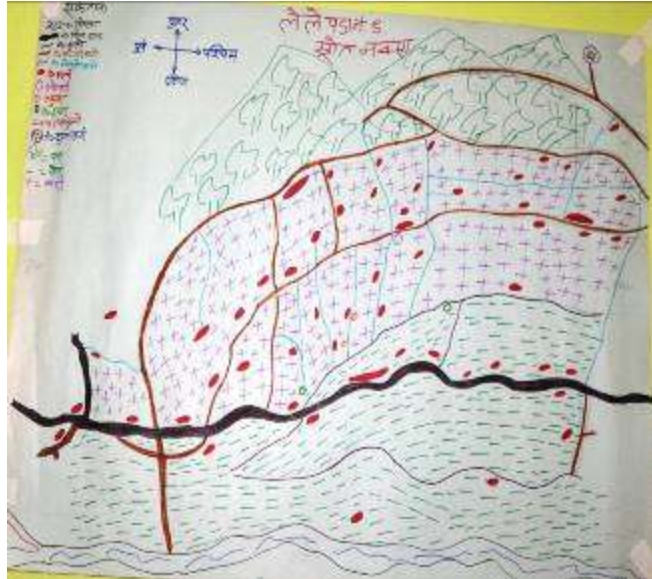
2. Major Achievements

The major achievement during the reporting period of (January to December, 2013) is as follows:

- i. With an ultimate aim of encouraging the members of VLRF, collecting the basic information, identification of issue and movement fund collection; NLRF renovation campaign has been carried out in Lalitpur district. During which the campaign has been reached out in total of 13 VLRF out of 25 VLRF of Lele, Bhardeu and Chaughare, Debichaur VDC of Lalitpur. Apparently regular meeting is being held in community level whilst Tenancy, Guthi, Public Land, *Benissa* has been identified as an existing issue in the Lalitpur on the domain of land. Through the renovation campaign the clear concept of movement fund and NLRF statute have also been oriented amongst the VLRF members. A total of 173 members (66 female, 107 male, 50 dalit, 86 janjati and 37 others) have received NLRF membership.
- ii. Published 10,000 copies of Booklet on Land Use Policy. The published material have been an effective advocacy tool and discussion material subsequently. Further through it's publication and dissemination in lalitpur district, the policy level knowledge and awareness has been much enhanced. Ultimately this has been widely disseminated nationwide effectively.
- iii. A total of 11 Village Land Rights Forums (VLRF) have generated a total NPR 9,450 (\$94.9) (\$1=99.51) as a movement fund. The establishment and continuation of 'movement fund' by the rights holders organized in VLRF's have begin to illustrate that the overall land rights movement/campaign has been moving towards the direction of sustainability. Lele Talla Tol VLRF collected the NPR 3500 (\$35) from each HH and became able to generate NPR 91000 (\$). The collected fund have been utilized to prepare the personal record file of 26 hh with regard to Benissa and have been submitted at Repeal (*Punarabedan*) Court.
- iv. Three (3) new VLRFs have been formed in the community (districts) having 46 members (11 female, 44 dalit). There are total 25 VLRF being mobilized comprising

423 members (198 female, 59 dalit, 82 janjati). Formed people's organisation have been actively mobilized and strengthening land rights campaigns in their respective areas and issues.

- v. VDC level orientation program on Land Use Policy was held after conduction of ward level interaction, gathering, and mapping respectively in 7 wards of Lele VDC. There was a participation of total 580 members (135 female, 31 dalit, 179 janjati) in the program. The orientation program has much enhanced knowledge on productive utilization of fallow land. Further the work regarding portraying the situation of VDC 30 yrs ago, present situation and the situation after 20 yrs of implementation of land use policy has also been finalized.



- vi. Through the good collaboration built with ministry, Ganesh Bhatta, Chief Survey Officer of Survey Department facilitated the orientation program on land use policy in lele VDC of Lalitpur. With the engagement of ministry in VDC level orientation, the community people have been much energized to implement the land use policy in their respective areas.
- vii. A total of 23 frontline leaders (13 Female, 5 Dalit, 8 Janjati) covering 25 VLRF have been facilitating land rights campaign. The front line leaders have been strongly campaigning the Joint Land Ownership campaign, forming VLRF and organizing landless people with it. The frontline leaders have been mobilized and strengthening the campaign in Lele, Godamchaur, Devichaur, Bhattedanda, Chapagaun, Chaughare, and Nallu VDC respectively.
- viii. The Second National Conference of Women Farmer was held from 3-5 March, 2013 at Thimura, Chitwan with the participation of 162 women from 48 districts of Nepal. As per which there was a total of 3 participants (2 female, 1 male) from Lalitpur district. The conference was organized with focused discussion on 'Women's Land Ownership and Identity'. The conference well speculated the women's farmer issues by announcing the action point. The conference was successful in raising the voice of land-poor and women farmer in the domain of ensuring equal land rights. The program was jointly

organized by National Land Rights Forum (NLRF) and Community Self-reliance Center (CSRC). The participants were shared their issues with media and also succeeds lobbying with leaders of political parties at the conference. The Report on “Women Farmer” have been also been published and disseminated accordingly.

- ix. Interaction program on Joint Land Ownership was held in Devichaur, Lele, Bhardeu, Chaughare, Gotikhel and Jharuwarashi, Kaleshwor, Malta, Manikhel VDC of Lalitpur. Through the orientation program the community people have been made well aware about the joint land ownership certificate making process and procedures. There was a participation of 374 members (231 female,30 dalit,122 janjati) in the program.
- x. A total of 20 families have acquired Joint Land Ownership covering an area of 1.17 ha of land. It has enhanced their confidence and number of women inheriting equal share of land increasing the level of consultation with women in household decision. This has ultimately led to increased women stake in family and their dignity in society.
- xi. The learning visit program was organized from 18th to 20th Baisakh with the participation of 10 members (5 female) from district land rights forum and village land rights forum. They were visited some VLRF of Sindhupalchok and interac with members. The exchange programme has enabled the frontline leaders to enhance the knowledge and capability about land rights and process of strengthening VLRF and DLRF.

3. Quantitative Reporting of Activity-Level Achievements

Strategic Objectives and Results	Results Targets (January-December 2013)			Results achieved (January-December 2013)
Objective 1	To develop and strengthen women owned and managed Cooperatives and provide institutional financial services to the community people.			
Result : Women's institutional linkage and collaboration with other development actors strengthened				
	Plan and Progress			
	Unit	Plan	Progress	
Exposure Visit				
Exposure Visit and learning visit to DLRF members	Times	1	1	The learning visit program was organized from 18 th to 20 th Baisakh with the participation of 10 members (5 female) from district land rights forum and village land

				rights forum. The exchange programme has enabled the frontline leaders to enhance the knowledge and capability about land rights and process of strengthening VLRf and DLRF.
Meeting and Linkage with Stakeholders				
Interaction with Stakeholders at the VDC and district level on land rights issues	Times	4	2	2 times discussion and interaction program has been conducted at VDC office of Devichaur among VDC secretary, political leaders and other stakeholders regarding the land survey of Devichaur. The program constituted 30 participants (10 females, 20 males, 4 dalits, 14 janajatis and 14 others).
Policy Advocacy and Social Campaign				
Pilot land use policy in one VDC of Lalitpur				
Community level interaction	Times	17	18	Community level interaction was also held with the presence of 580 participants (135 female, 31 dalit, 179 janjati).
VDC level interaction	Times	2	2	VDC level interaction program was held 2 times for the implementation of Land Use Policy. There was a total 95 participants (Female 70, Dalit 18 and Janjati 20). Through the program community level people has been much aware about the

				ongoing process of policy level works. During the interaction the community people raised the issue that in the formed Land Use Implementation Committee, there is a more representation of government than local people. Further local people also raised the issue regarding the uncertainty of effective implementation of land use policy.
Participatory land use mapping	Communities	16	9 (Ward)	VDC level orientation program on Land Use Policy was held after conduction of ward level interaction, gathering, mapping respectively in 9 wards of Lele VDC. There was a participation of total 580 members (135 female) in the program. The orientation program has much enhanced knowledge on productive utilization of fallow land.
Meeting with Ministry and field visit from government	Times	2	1	A meeting was held at Ministry of land reform and management on 23rd of Jestha 2070 regarding the further strategies on implementing the land use policy in VDC level and the role of CSRC and National Land right forum. The meeting decided that the female farmers, businessmen, teachers, activists, of the

				community in Lele of Lalitpur should be made aware and for this, the prerequisites of land use policy should be managed, land use mapping to be done under the leadership of community and acquire the technical support for this, and mobilize the manpower with sound knowledge in land use mapping process in Lele VDC.
Facilitator mobilisation	Person	1	1	Land use mapping is running regular in Lele VDC.
Training on 3 D modeling /mapping	Times	1	-	Due to lack of resource person, the training could not be taken ahead.
Pocket booklet publication on land use	Copies	4000	10,000	Published 10,000 copies of Booklet on Land Use Policy, which has been an effective advocacy tool. The published booklet has been disseminated widely.
Support to DLRF for Campaign on local issues	Events	2	2	NLRF renovation campaign has been carried out in Lalitpur district. During which the campaign has been reached out in total of 13 VLRG of Lele, Bhardeu and Chaughare, Debichaur VDC of Lalitpur
Support to make joint land ownership certificate	Events	1	-	20 couples received a Joint Land Ownership Certificate covering the area of (23 Ropani 2 Aana 3 Paisa) 1.17 hectare of land.

Community Meeting	Events	20	20	DLRF meeting has been held 4 times with the participation of 27 members(13 female, 14 male, 10 dalit, 8 janjati, 9 others) having discussion on strengthening DLRF, systematic management of DLRF bank account, preparation of financial regulation respectively.
VDC level interaction	Events	5	9 VDC(10 Event)	Interaction program on Joint Land Ownership was held in Devichaur, Lele, Bhardeu, Chaughare, Gotikhel and Jharuwarashi, Kaleshwor, Malta, Manikhel VDC of Lalitpur. Through the orientation program the community people have been made well aware about the joint land ownership certificate making process and procedures. There was a participation of 374 members (231 female,30 dalit,122 janjati) in the program.
Frontline leader mobilisation	Person	5	5	A total of 23 frontline leaders (13 Female, 5 Dalit, 8 Janjati) covering 25 VLRF have been facilitating land rights campaign. The front line leaders have been strongly campaigning the Joint Land Ownership campaign, forming VLRF and organizing landless people with it.
Legal and Scribe Support	Couple	50	20	Scribe cost, stationery and other management cost provided to 20 families to support for joint certificate

				making process
District conference on women and land rights	Event	1		-
Publication of Bulletin on Land and Women Rights Issues	Issues	1	1	Published
Orientation and regular meeting of DLRF members	Events	3	9 times (meeting)	DLRF meeting has been held nine times with the participation of 81 members (36 female, 45 male, 36 dalit, 18 janjati, 14 others) having discussion on strengthening DLRF, opening of DLRF bank account, finalization of annual plan and budget implementation partnership agreement respectively.
DLRF member mobilization for land rights campaign and monitoring program	Times	2	Regular	There has been frequent field monitoring visit in community and district level for providing the support.
Capacity building training to frontline leaders and community member on women rights and land rights advocacy	Events	1	1	The training was conducted on 11th and 12th of Asar and constituted 16 participants (10 females, 7 dalits, 5 janajatis and 4 others).
Full Time Worker	Number	1	1	1 Full Time Worker is being mobilized in DLRF Lalitpur with the support from CSRC and Solve Nepal.

3. Financial Overview

CSRC's total budget for this reporting period was NPR 1,452,649. The total expenditure remained NPR 928,378 which is 63.90% of the approved budget for the same period. Of total expenditures, programme costs accounted for NPR 427,735 (44.47% of total expenditures) and management costs were NPR 500,643 (101.97% of total expenditure).

4. Learning

- VLRF, DLRF and NLRF must be simultaneously strengthened for the effective strengthening of people's organization.
- Mobilizing the team of frontline leaders in community monitoring visit reflected the real scenario of community enhancing the efficiency of ongoing campaign.
- The second layer frontline leader must be developed in VLRF and DLRF for effective functioning of activities/campaign.

5. Challenges

- Due to lack of committed members in DLRF, conflict aroused within the DLRF members of Lalitpur. Ultimately conference was held and few new members were elected.

Annex :

Case Study

Joint land entitlement enhanced our confidence

Kalpana Thapa Magar resident of Jharrorasi-5, Lalitpur is actively advocating against women violence. Through the campaigning on Joint land ownership by DLRF Lalitpur, she got to know about the joint land entitlement. Apparently, Kalpana along with her husband made joint land ownership certificate. Now both Kalpana and her husband is happy that she is the owner of 0.05 ha of land. The couples are much happy with this. In her own initiation other 4 couple have also made joint certificate.



After joint land entitlement she has build on the confidence to commercialize the vegetable farming. She has planning to do pig farming and continue the agricultural enterprises. She shared “ Only acquiring the rights is not sufficient but must have

capability to utilize it properly. Another most important thing is single women can also live independently if she have land entitlement.”

Annex : Photo



Orientation program on Joint Land Ownership Campaign



Interaction program on Joint Land Ownership, Kaleshwor VDC of Lalitpur



Orientation program on National Land Use Policy, Lele of Lalitpur

Annex:**Joint Land Ownership**

S.N.	Couple Name	VDC	Area of Land
1	Nara Bahadur/Kainli Tamang	Chhampi-8	3-6-2-0
2	Subba/Mangali Kami	Chhampi-8	0-7-2-0, 0-9-2-0
3	Bharat/Pramila Bajgain	Chhampi-8	1-0-0-0
4	Magar/ Chameli Tamang	Chhampi-8	0-7-2-0
5	Sainla/ Maili Chumi	Chhampi-8	0-9-2-0
6	Prahlad/Kalpana Thapa Magar	Jharrorasi-5	1-3-0-0
7	Raghunath/Pabitra Pokheral	Jharrorasi-5	0-6-2-0
8	Sanat Kumar/Anjana KC	Jharrorasi-5	1-14-2-0
9	Bhimsen/Mithu Thapa Magar	Jharrorasi-5	1-0-0-0
10	Ganga/Mukunda Chalise	Chapagaun	5-2-1-0
11	Govinda Timelsena/Anita Bajgain	Malta	0-10-3-0
12	Devraj/Subhadra Lamichhane	Malta	1-4-0-0
13	Bel Bahadur/Gyani Lamichhane	Malta	1-3-0-0
14	Gyan Prasad/Sita Sapkota	Malta	0-10-0-0
15	Chhabilal/Saraswati Sapkota	Malta	1-11-0-0
16	Bijaya/Lalita Darji	Malta	0-5-0-0-
17	Ram Sharan/Ishwari Darlami	Malta	0-7-0-0
18	Kedarnath/Saraswati Ghimire	Malta	1-3-0-0
19	Shiba Prasad/Nirmala Darlami	Malta	1-7-0-0
20	Chandranath/Uma Lamichhane	Malta	2-14-0-0
Total			23-2-3-0
			1.17 hectare