

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

Semi-Annual Progress Report

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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 is a summary of the progress made according to the planned and approved activities carried out by Community Self-Reliance Center (CSRC) in the collaboration with Integrated Community Development Organization (ICDO) and Society of Local Volunteers Effort (Solve Nepal) and support from the LWF.

This report covers the period from 1st July to 31st December, 2012. 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.

2. Major Achievements

The major achievement during the reporting period of (1st July to 31st December, 2012) is as follows:

- I. **New VLRF Formation:** A total of 22 new VLRF have been formed in the community having 356 members (190 Female, 39 Dalit, 212 Janjati). All of the VLRF have been mobilized within Debichaur, Bhattedanda, Lele, Lubu, Bhardeu, Chaughare, Chapangaun and Godamchor VDC of Lalitpur district for claiming their rights and economic activities. As per which the organized groups have filed cases of Tenancy settlement, Benissa land by ensuring their access to land rights . They are also in the process of establishing the movement fund considering the sustainability of land movement. The VLRF mobilization has contributed to working independently and strengthening people's organisation and land rights campaigns in their respective areas and issues.
- II. **District Conference of Lalitpur:** Following the strengthening of land rights campaign in Lalitpur district, District Conference was held on 5th December, 2012. Consequently, DLRF Lalitpur has been formed with the presence of landless, tenant and small farmers from 22 Village Land Rights Forum (VLRF). There are altogether 9 members in the DLRF committee including 3 female and 6 male. Newly elected DLRF members were oriented on strengthening the land rights campaign. There was a participation of NLRF General Secretary, CDO, political parties along with participation of 300 landless farmers.
- III. **Land entitlement:** A total of 4 households have received land ownership certificates from tenancy case settlement. The total area covered land is 0.05 ha.

This has secured shelter for these tenant families and has enabled the social dignity and sense of security.

- IV. **Joint Land Ownership:** A total of 48 families have acquired Joint Land Ownership covering the area of 7.74 ha of land. It has enhanced the number of women inheriting equal share of land.

S.No	VDC	Number of families	Land Area
1.	Ghushel	9	40-7-2-0
2.	Bhattedanda	12	44-4-16-0
3.	Debichaur	14	37-2-0-0
4.	Bhardeu	4	22-3-0-0
5.	Chaughare	2	4-10-1-0
6.	Lele	5	2-3-0-0
7.	Lamatar	1	0-7-0-0
8.	Chapagaun	1	0-3-0-0
Total	8 VDC	48 families	151-11-0-0
		Total in Hectare	7.74 Hectares

- V. **Orientation and Training on Land Rights:** Three days land rights training organized at Lele, Lalitpur has build up the capacity of frontline leaders and land right activist in taking the leadership on the land rights campaign. There was a participation of 25 members (10 Female, 5 Dalit, 11 Janjati) of different five VDC's including Lele, Debichaur, Bhardev, Chapagaun and Godamchor. The action plan has been prepared with regard to the Village Land Rights Forum (VLRf) formation, *Benissa* land registration, Joint land ownership campaign and Fallow land utilization respectively. The training has enhanced the knowledge on land rights and campaigning process.
- VI. **Registration of *Benissa* Land:** A total of 9 household of Tallatol VLRf of Lele, laitpur and 23 household of Lele-4 Sohrabhanjyang have submitted the application at revenue office. The revenue office is undertaking the necessary

process for the submitted applications. The Land Reform Department is undertaking the application process received through Revenue office.

- VII. **Publication of Advocacy Materials:** CSRC provided support to Solve Nepal for developing the advocacy materials and in designing process of poster publication on Joint Land Ownership Campaign. Further CSRC supported Solve Nepal in publishing 4000 copies of Booklet on Women and Land Rights. A total of 6 Hoarding Board subjected to the issue of Joint Land Ownership has been placed in the Land Revenue Office and Co-operative offices within Bhardeu, Chaughare, Devichaur, Ghushel and Bhattedanda VDC. Another 3000 poster published in collaboration with Department of land reform and National Women Commission and is being disseminated in community subsequently.
- VIII. **Support to context mapping:** Provided support to ICDO for the finalization of context mapping of 4 VDCs and 16 communities. As per which the report of Context Mapping covering the 4 VDCs has been finalized. It is serving as a good reference to understand the background, issue and context of the respective community. The context mapping report has been helpful for the community to plan for issue based movement and organize people within VLRf.
- IX. **Training for frontline leaders:** 3 days training was organized in 2 phase for the 102 (female 41, 61 male) frontline leaders mobilized around 53 districts in Thimoor, Chitwan. After the training, it has been finalized to prepare land context of each VDC and land reform format. Moreover the frontline leaders have been committed in strengthening the joint land ownership campaign and rural economy by developing the community level plan through co-operatives and agriculture enterprises.
- X. **Mobilization of front line leaders:** A total of 45 frontline leaders (19 Female, 5 Dalit, 30 Janjati) have been facilitating claiming land rights by the landless and tenant farmers. The front line leaders have been strengthening the people organisation at the community level.
- XI. **Capacity Building Training for Single Women:** One day training for single women on land rights advocacy organized in Chapagaun VDC, Lalitpur has enabled the single women in claiming their land rights. There was a participation of 26 women in the program. Through the training the

participants has developed the action plan covering Chapagaun, Gotikhel, Sunakothi and Thecho community on implementing the Single ownership and Joint ownership campaign effectively in their respective community.

- XII. **NLRF Renovation Campaign:** One month campaign covering 30 districts has been carried out visiting 90 VLRF with regard to the NLRF renovation campaign. There was an involvement of 13 central committee members of NLRF. During which the reformation of VLRF, membership distribution and its renewal, discussion on women and land rights and orientation with regard to submission of application form at landless commission was intensively discussed.
- XIII. **Policy level discussion on National Land Policy Formulation:** One Day Consultation Workshop on National Land Policy Formulation with Concerned Stakeholders has delivered important issues from diverse sector to be incorporated in formulation process. The program was held in the joint initiation of CSRC and its Strategic Partners along with Ministry of Land Reform and Management (MOLRM). During which there was a participation of total 165 (17 female, 148 male) members.

3. Quantitative Reporting of Activity-Level Achievements

Strategic Objectives and Results	Results Targets 2011/12			Results achieved (July-December 2012)
Result : Women's institutional linkage and collaboration with other development actors strengthened				
	Plan and Progress			
	Unit	Plan	Progress	
Local Advocacy for women's access to land				
Community Orientation	Times	10	60	There has been a numerous community orientation during the process of VLRF formation and joint ownership campaign within the community

Interaction with stakeholders at the VDC and district levels on land rights issues	VDC	6		-
Capacity Building of single women's organization on land rights advocacy	Times	1	1	One day training on land right advocacy have been organized for building the capacity of single women's organization. There was a participation of 22 women.
Form Lalitpur District Land Rights Forum		1	1	District Land Rights Forum Lalitpur has been formed with the presence of landless farmers from 22 Village Land Rights Forum (VLRG). There are altogether 9 members in the DLRG committee including 6 female and 3 male.
Orientation to DLRG	Times	1	1	Newly elected DLRG members were oriented on strengthening the land rights campaign. There was a presence of 13 members (6 Women, 7 Men, 2 Dalit, and 7 Dalit) in the program.

Develop a poster for community sensitization on important of land rights to women.	Pcs	5000	3000 4000	3000 copies of poster have been developed and distributed in a joint ownership campaign focus district. 4000 copies of Booklet on Women and Land Rights have been published and disseminated
Training for front line leaders and land rights activists (5 days)	Times	2	1	3 days training has been organized for frontline leaders and land rights activists. In total 25 members (10 Female, 5 Dalit, 11 Janjati) of different five VDC's participated in it.
Travel and Monitoring	Months	6	4 times	There has been frequent field monitoring visit in community and district level for providing the support.
National Advocacy on land rights issue				
Policy level discussion	Times	2	1	One Day Consultation Workshop on National Land Policy Formulation with Concerned Stakeholders was held in the joint initiation of CSRC and its Strategic Partners along with Ministry of Land Reform and Management (MOLRM). There was a participation of total 165 (17 female , 148 male) in the program

Training on women's economic security to National Land Rights Forum Members	Times	2	2	3 days training was organized in 2 phase for the 102 (female 41, 61 male) frontline leaders mobilized around 53 districts.
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1. Financial Overview

CSRC's total budget for this reporting period was NPR 1,255,983 The total expenditure remained NPR 1,249,657 which is 99% of the approved budget for the same period. Of total expenditures, programme costs accounted for NPR 1,019,193 (81% of total expenditures) and management costs were NPR 2,30,464 (19% of total expenditure).

2. Learning

- Issue based planning for the movement, participatory behavior and popular education is always crucial in social movement to achieve the expected outcome enhancing the leadership skill of right holders group.
- Along with organizational strengthening, development of frontline leaders is equally important. Rather than being more focused on the expansion of activities and organization; capacity development of the frontline leader must be a primary focus.

3. Annex A : Photo



Tamang couple receiving Joint Land Ownership Certificate in Bhardeu, Lalitpur



District Conference of Lalitpur



New DLRF Team Members, Lalitpur District



Training for Single Women on Land Rights Advocacy