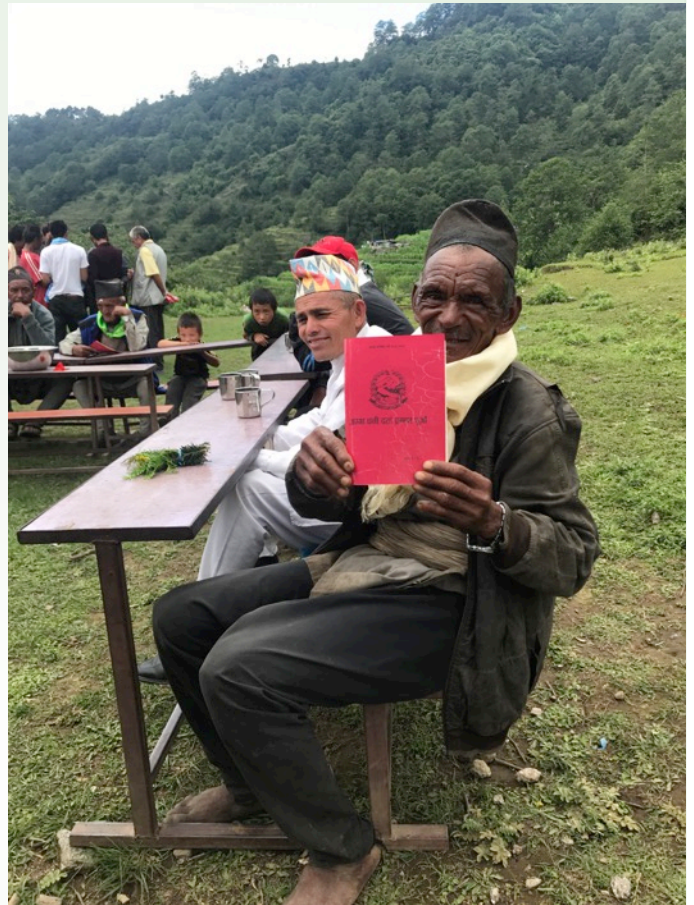


# LAND OWNERSHIP DISTRIBUTION CEREMONY SIMPAL KAVRE



In Simpal Kavre, Chhareghya on Saturday the 9<sup>th</sup> of June, 2018, a land ownership distribution ceremony took place where 18 families received a land ownership certificate for the first time in their lives. Simpal Kavre is a picturesque mountainside village, located in ward 1 of Sindhupalchok. Now with the ownership of the land in the family's name, the villagers are not required to donate a percentage of their crop to the religious leader, increasing their own food supply at the end of the month.

The movement owes gratitude to the people who began supporting the transition six to seven years ago. Activists in the village formed the Village Land Rights Forum (VLR) and began sharing what little knowledge they had on legal provisions. One year ago their application to the Land Revenue Office was submitted, the Land Revenue Office replied requesting numerous documents and the tedious path to ownership persisted. The work completed ensured approval by the Land Revenue Office and in due course they received their certificates.



Saturday marked a momentous occasion for this village. Everyone was beaming with joy as they received their ceremonial scarves and commenced the formalities. Community leaders such as the Vice Chairperson of Indrawati Rural Municipality, Wada Char, Religious Leader and Land Rights Activists made fervent speeches to the attendees who listened in admiration. 692 ropnai land was distribute to those who applied for ownership. One by one, the villagers came up to receive their certificates empowering each family and acknowledging their tireless work.