

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

Quarterly Progress Report (July-September, 2013)



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Acronyms

CSRC	Community Self Reliance Centre
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 July to September, 2013. The main purpose of this report is sharing progress, learning and challenges among the collaborative and supporting organizations and concerned stakeholders at all levels.

2. Major Achievements

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

- i. The first draft of the National Land Policy has been prepared on the basis of consultation and submitted review reports on sectoral national policies and international land policy. The first draft of national land policy has been distributed to various experts; receiving their feedback is ongoing.
- ii. Published 10,000 Copies of Booklet on Land Use Policy which has been an effective sensitization tool. The published booklet has been disseminated widely.
- iii. 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 12 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. Further personal file of 14 hh under *Benissa* land and 26 hh under public land has been prepared with it.
- iv. VDC level orientation was held for the implementation of Land Use Policy. There was a total 65 participants (Female 40, Male 25, Dalit 9 and Janjati 13). Through the program community level people has been much alert about the ongoing process of policy level works. Further the feedback has also been collected form grass root level with regard to the implementation of Land Use Policy. Moreover Community level interaction was also held with the presence of 20 participants (20 Female, 20 Dalit). As per which *Ward Citizen Forum* has taken ahead the work of ward level discussion and the works of land use mapping.

- v. A total of 22 frontline leaders (6 Female, 6 Dalit, 30 Janjati) covering 21 VLRFs have been facilitating land rights campaigns. The front line leaders have been strengthening the people organisation at the community and district level. The frontline leaders have been mobilized in Lele, Godamchaur, Devichaur, Bhattedanda, Chapagaun, Chaughare, and Nallu to conduct campaigns and form VLRFs.
- vi. During this reporting period, a total of 10 couples received a Joint Land Ownership Certificate covering the area of (16 Ropani 2 Aana 3 Paisa) 0.82 hectare of land. It has enhanced the number of women inheriting equal share of land.
- vii. CSRC's Sixth National Annual Social Audit was organized on 30th August, 2013. Social audit has helped the organization to strengthen its good governance. Stakeholders are well informed about the organization's activities, achievements and financial transactions. Social auditing process has been empowering for both the organisation as well as the rights holders. Thus, strengthening the ownership of initiatives by targeted communities and enabling an environment to learn and gain insight into own works through feedback and input received from stakeholders. This has helped CSRC to improve performance and ensure accountability and transparency.
- viii. The numbers of policy level initiations were made very effectively during the reporting period. The top leaders of political parties have agreed to put land reform issues in their election manifesto in specific after the consultation. The NLRF team met with the various political parties with written position paper to request the implementation of scientific land reform on behalf of landless and tenant farmers and include the land and agrarian issue in their election manifesto.
- ix. CSRC is leading the preparation of an International Convention on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR) Alternate Report. International Convention on Economic, Social and Cultural (ICESCR) shadow report is drafted and held five regional consultations and cases collected from all regions on different issues. Different regional and national consultation workshops have been carried out following the field visits in various target groups as Raji, Badi, Musahar, Tenants, Chepang, etc to prepare the report. In order to bring the genuine issues, some case studies have also been carried out. The cases follow- land rights violation, land ownership of women and Dalits, etc.

3. Quantitative Reporting of Activity-Level Achievements

Strategic Objectives and Results	Results Targets (January-June 2013)	Results achieved (July-September 2013)
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Objective: To develop and strengthen women owned and managed co-operatives 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	
Meeting and Linkage with Stakeholders				
Interaction with Stakeholders at the VDC and district level on land rights issues	Times	1		–
Policy Advocacy and Social Campaign				
Pilot land use policy in one VDC of Lalitpur	Events	1	Running	
Community Level Interaction	Times	8	1	Community level interaction was also held with the presence of 20 participants (20 Female, 20 Dalit). As per which Ward Citizen Forum has taken ahead the work of ward level discussion and the works of land use mapping.
VDC Level Interaction	Times	1	1	VDC level orientation program was held for the implementation of Land Use Policy. There was a total 65 participants (Female 40, Male 25, Dalit 9 and Janjati 13). Through the program community level people has been much alter about the ongoing process of policy level works.
Pocket booklet publication on land use	Copies	1	1	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	1	1	NLRF renovation campaign has been carried out in Lalitpur district. During which the campaign has been reached out in total of 12 VLRf of Lele, Bhardeu and Chaughare,

				Debichaur VDC of Lalitpur
Support to make joint land ownership certificate	Events	1	-	10 couples received a Joint Land Ownership Certificate covering the area of (16 Ropani 2 Aana 3 Paisa) 0.82 hectare of land.
Orientation and regular meeting of DLRF members	Times	1	4	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.
DLRF member mobilization for land rights campaign and program monitoring	Times	2	Regular	There has been frequent field monitoring visit in community and district level for providing the support.

4. Financial Overview

CSRC's total budget for this reporting period was NPR 844,500. The total expenditure remained NPR 598,191 which is 70% of periodic budget and 41% of annual revised budget where approved revised budget for the year is 1,452,649. Of total expenditures, programme costs accounted for NPR 246,928 (42% of total expenditures) and management costs were NPR 351,263 (58% of total expenditure).

5. Learning

- The process of collaborating with District Land Rights Forum (DLRF) must be preceded further by properly analyzing the situation of primary groups (VLRG), their capability, accountability and improving the fragile areas within it.

6. Annex: Photos



A couple receiving Joint Land Ownership Certificate in Lele, Lalitpur



Interaction Program on Joint Land Ownership Campaign held in Bhardeu, Lalitpur



CSRC's Annual Social Audit, 2013



CSRC's Annual Social Audit, 2013

Discussion program on Joint Land Ownership Campaign, Lele, Lalitpur