

In May, CSRC and Land Right Forum (LRFs) prioritized for tenancy land separation campaign, advocacy for rehabilitation of displaced people and involved to national land policy formulation process.

Activities, Campaign and Achievement of this Month

Joint Land Ownership

In the month of May 67 couples (22 in Bardiya, 3 in Dang, 6 in Sarlahi, 8 in Mohattari, 8 in Siraha and 20 in Okhaldhunga) acquired JLO in 17.8 hectare of land.

Guthi Settlers of Haku Received Tenant Certificate

After 12 years struggle, 60 families of Haku, Rasuwa have finally received the tenancy land ownership certificate which is eligible for grant agreement for housing construction and other transactions except the collateral in the formal institutions. The land in which farmers are living and tilling since generations was registered in the name of *Swayambhu Ghyang Guthi* of Kathmandu.



Figure 1: *Guthi* Settlers Haku of Rasuwa receiving the tenancy land ownership certificate of the land they have been using from generations

The certificate distribution program was organized in the courtyard of District Development Committee jointly by DLRF Rasuwa and *Asahaya Balbaalika Bikas Kendra*. At the program there were attended 143 people including CDO of Rasuwa Chomendra Neupane and LDO Rajendra Dev Pandey along with representatives of different political parties representatives government offices, non-government offices and journalists.



Figure 2: Happy Guthi farmers posing together after receiving land ownership certificate

Tenant Land Separation Campaign

In Mohattari, Saptari, Siraha and Bardiya for tenancy land separation and ownership transfer 320 application have been filed.

In the initiation of District Land Right Forum Banke, Prem Singh Tharu and Somlal Tharu of Baijyanath Village Municipality acquired 1.48 hectare land respectively for which they were fighting for last 14 years. Similarly Pahadi Tharu, Hiralal Tharu and Patiram Tharu of Bhaisahi ward number 10 and Rangi Lodh, Chote Lodh and Mutaaj Naau of Ratnapur Gualaria-10 jointly secured their tenant rights by receiving 1.58 Hectare of land. Furthermore Rabindra Chaudhari of Mohattari was successful in acquiring his tenant right in 0.19 hectare of land.

Similarly in Ichok Landlord Tika Prasad Chapagain and tenant farmer Govinda Pandit, in Helambu Landlord Lopsang lama and tenant farmers Lal Bahadur Kami, Sete Kami and Kanchi Maya Kami came for a joint consensus for settling the tenancy claim of the tenant farmer by going to District Land Revenue Office in Chautara and divide equal half of land between the landlord and the tenant farmers.

Membership Distribution and Formation of VLRF

Total 614 (148 in Bardiya, 44 in Okhaldhunga, 69 in Udaypur and 353 in Saptari) new membership has been distributed .In sindhupalchok 926 membership has been renewed.

In total 5 new VLRFs (3 in Chaudandi municipality and 2 in Katari municipality) have been formed in Udaypur. In these 5 VLRFs there are 275 members among which 157 are females and 118 are males. Similarly 2 VLRFs have been formed in Sarlahi. Likewise in Sarlahi Mahabir and Manakamana VLRF of Malanhiya Pokhari and Gaushala 8 respectively have been reorganized.

Claim of Village Block and Public Land

After the surveyed the village block land of Bayalbaas VLRF Mohattari, it had published the 7 days notice and in response to its 64 household living there has filed application. Likewise in Khayarmara of Mahottari 23 households living in public land who were left out in receiving the tilling certificate have now obtained it from Ward Office.



Figure 3 Farmers after receiving *Aadharpatra*

Access to Local Resources

Lamadanda community forest provided 2.68 Hectare of land to 40 families of Dinabhadri VLRG of Siraha.

District Development Office Mohattari has allocated Rs one hundred thousand to Nayatal Village Land Right Forum of Khayarmara for the construction of Bhumighar. Similarly in Pragatishil Village Land Right Forum of Kishannagar the process of construction of well has almost come to an end.

Orientation to frontline leaders

With the motive of building capacities of the local frontline leaders for developing the facilitating skills and resolve the issues locally DLRG Sarlahi organized an orientation bringing together the frontline leaders from Karmaiya, Rajghat, Dhugrekhol, Janakinagar, Sashapur, Pidari, Faradahawa and Chandranagar. Sessions on National Land Right Forum's history, present status, future strategies and attributes needed to be a front line leader were held. The program was facilitated by Bhawani Ghimire, Aasha Ghatane, Ambika Adhikari and Jit Bahadur Gole. The program was attended by 42 people (9 Dalit, 29 Janajaati and 4 Brahmin/Chhetri) in which 22 were female and 20 were males.

Similarly DLRG Mohattari organized an orientation for activist and front line leaders in *Bhumighar* Bardibas. Sessions on VLRG mobilization, women right, stakeholder analysis, attributes needed in a front line leader and strategies needed to strengthen organization were carried out along with exercise on plan development. The program was attended by 47 people (11 dalit, 23 Janajaati, 10 Brahmin, 2 Newar and 1) among which 33 were female and 14 were male.



Figure 4 Participants of Activist Awareness Campaign in Sarlahi



Figure 5 Participants of Activist Awareness Campaign in Mohattari

Tenant Assembly

DLRF Mohattari and Udaypur successfully organized tenant assembly. The motive to organize this assembly was to shade light on delaying attitude of government officials, obligation to bring the receipt of *Kut* payment of each year and oppress to pay bribe from 1000 to 7000 for viewing the book which certifies tenancy right.



Figure 6 Activists talking with the participants of tenant assembly in Mohattari

Through this assembly a 9 member committee (2 female 7 male) in chairmanship of Krishna Bahadur Danuwar was formed. The committee will facilitate in making tenancy ownership transfer simple and straightforward and bolster the application filing process within assigned deadline for tenant ownership division. The

assembly too outlined a campaign and included activities like meeting with municipality and peaceful protest in land revenue office along with press conference.

Dialogue Series

Under the topic "Inclusive Reconstruction" National College and Community Self Reliance Center jointly organized and dialogue series in 31st May 2017. The objective of this episode of dialogue series was to highlight the issues of inclusion in reconstruction process.

The program was addressed by member of National Reconstruction Authority Dr. Bishnu Bhandari and Executive Director of Community Self Reliance Centre Jagat Deuja. In the program Mr. Jagat Deuja highlighted the issues of landless, displaced people and marginalized households and their deprivation in to reconstruction process. Similarly Dr. Bishnu Bhandari shared that though the process of government is complex



Figure 7 Speakers of Dialogue Series

and slow, it will eventually address all the issues of earthquake affected people. He too emphasized on the approved guidelines and their positive implications in lives and livelihood of the earthquake most affected marginalized communities.

Fund Raising Workshop

In collaboration with World Jewish Relief, Community Self Reliance Centre jointly organized a Fund Raising Workshop on 24th March 2017. The program was organized in Bhumighar and was attended by representatives from Friends Service Council Nepal, Community Self Reliance Centre and National Land Right Forum. The program was attended by 31 people among them 17 were female.

The objective of the program was to gain knowledge on fund raising concepts and strategies, to learn the practical approaches and skills of fundraising and to develop a concrete action plan for fund raising. The program was facilitated by Dr Nirmala KC of Tewa, Rebati Raman Dhakal of Youth Vision Nepal and Santoshi Rana of Bihani. Similarly Lyam Darji of National Land Right Forum shared about the existing fund raising practices of the forum.



Figure 8 Glimpse of Fund Raising Workshop

Poultry and Livestock training for Livelihood

In the support Community Self Reliance Center Dalit and landless farmers were given 2-day training on commercial pig farming. Those who didn't have land or enough land for agriculture were chosen for this training. This training has benefitted 37 marginalized, Dalit and landless farmers. The program was facilitated by Veterinary technician of District Livestock Office Mr Ram Sharan Neupane. Among 37 participants 34 were female and 3 were male. These 37 farmers were from Uttargaya, Kalika and Naukund village municipality.



Figure 9 Bishnumaya BK of Rasuwa with her Chickens

Farmers benefit from Agro Enterprise

Members of Charghare Village Land Right Forum of Mohattari earned Rs 80,358 through mushroom farming.



Figure 10 Mushroom cultivated by the members of Charghare VLR

Campaign an agent of change

Mane Vanjyang of Melamchi municipality Sindhupalchok is a Tamang settlement. Before six months including one Health Assistant there was only 3 staff in a health post. The status of infrastructure was also very poor and the staff too was irregular. Likewise those medicines which are to be freely provided by Nepal Government were nowhere to be found.

In this scenario Community Self Reliance Centre organized a community led accountability program with women right forum. Through the program the participants were acquainted about the facilities they are entitled to from the health post. After this the participants started regularly visiting the health post and monitor its activities and get informed about the facilities coming.

Their regular monitoring visits have brought lot of changes. Now additional 4 staffs are recruited, 35 kinds of free medicines are available and their name list has been pasted in a wall where everyone can easily see. This has led to the decline in number of people visiting medical stores to buy medicines. Likewise the staffs are very much punctual. In addition Save the Children supported with five roomed building.

Member of Women Right Forum Maili Tamang said " in these four months we have seen lot of changes and we have learned that we should visit the office of other duty bearers to obtain the facility we are entitled to."



Figure 11 Glimpse of the Program



Figure 12 Name Lists of Medicines