

# Land and Agrarian Rights Campaign

## Quarterly Progress Report

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## 1. Introduction

This report is a summary of the progress made according to the planned activities carried out by Community Self-Reliance Center (CSRC), collaborating partner organisations together with National Land Rights Forum (NLRF) including District Land Rights Forum (DLRFs) which covers the period from Shrawan to Ashoj 2071 (17<sup>th</sup> July-17 October 2014). This report documents the activities carried out, the progress made and the challenges encountered during the period as per the 'Annual Work Plan and Budget (AWAB) 2014-2015. The main purpose of this report is document and sharing of the progress, achievements and challenges among all the strategic partners, collaborating partners and concerned stakeholders at all levels.

The AWAB, besides specifying activities to be implemented during this quarter, also sets program specific priorities, organizational development needs and quarterly targets to be achieved through the implementation of the activities. These activities are primarily focused on: i) organize and mobilize land-poor farmers enabling them in claiming and exercising land and agrarian rights with improved livelihoods; ii) advance pro land-poor farmers land and agrarian rights policies and governance; iii) reduce gender inequalities strengthening women's right to land; and iv) strengthen CSRC as a well-governed civil society organization and leading knowledge and resource base for social movements.

The existing supporting strategic partners, namely, ActionAid International Nepal, CARE Nepal, Governance Facility, The Lutheran World Federation and Oxfam Nepal.

## 2. Summary of Activities (for this reporting period)

The table below describes CSRC's major activities and corresponding outputs for the reporting period. Numerous smaller and sub-activities were also carried out, but are not included in this table.

| Output and Activity   | Plan and Progress |      |          | Coverage and Progress |        |             |        |       |         |
|---|-------------------|------|----------|-----------------------|--------|-------------|--------|-------|---------|
|   | Unit              | Plan | Progress | Unit                  | Plan   | Progress    | Female | Dalit | Janjati |
| <b>Output 1: Land Rights Forums (LRF) are institutionally strengthened and capacitated to independently and efficiently manage and lead this movement at the local and national levels.</b> |                   |      |          |                       |        |             |        |       |         |
| National context mapping and position paper   | Doc               | 1    | 1        | Copies                | 200    | in progress | -      | -     | -       |
| District context mapping and position paper   | District          | 12   | 30       | Copies                | 18,500 | in progress | -      | -     | -       |
| Village context mapping   | VLRFB             | 250  | 123      | Copies                | 2,220  | 369         | -      | -     | -       |
| <b>Capacity and Leadership Development (Training, workshop, exposure, encampments, meeting and orientation)</b>   |                   |      |          |                       |        |             |        |       |         |

|  |              |      |         |          |         |        |  |     |     |
|--|--------------|------|---------|----------|---------|--------|--|-----|-----|
| Land encampments   | Times        | 25   | 7       | Person   | 4,000   | 955    | 551  | 384 | 325 |
| Trainings (In series and with follow up and need special curriculum)   | Times        | 4    | 7       | Person   | 450     | 334    | 177  | 71  | 77  |
| Exposures visits (National and International)  | Times        | 5    | 5       | Person   | 50      | 12     | 5  | 2   | 3   |
| Case/Application filling (VDC,DLRO,DLTO and court)   | Families     | 2000 | -       | Families | 2,000   | -      | -  | -   | -   |
| <b>Institutional Development of LRFs (Policies, membership, code of conduct, movement fund, strategy paper, member mobilization, management)</b> |              |      |         |          |         |        |  |     |     |
| Institutional Development of NLRF  | NLRF         | 1    | 1       | Members  | 25      | 23     | 11   | 9   | 5   |
| Institutional Development of DLRF  | DLRF         | 45   | 34      | Members  | 675     | 437    | 204  | 134 | 167 |
| <b>Mobilization/Demonstration</b>  |              |      |         |          |         |        |  |     |     |
| National level campaign  | Campaign     | 1    | 2       | Person   | 150,000 | 11,000 | Campaign on Letter to CA members and Discussion with CA member committee on ensuring land rights within constitution |     |     |
| Issue wise campaign  | Campaign     | 7    | 4       | Person   | 7,000   | 5,000  | Ensuring land rights within constitution, Pressure campaign, land rights assembly                                    |     |     |
| District wise campaign   | Campaign     | 37   | 30      | Person   | 37,000  | 23,000 | Discussion with landless problem solving committee and Ensuring land rights within constitution                      |     |     |
| <b>Agriculture Cooperative and support to agro-based initiatives (in land received community)</b>  |              |      |         |          |         |        |  |     |     |
| Agriculture Cooperative  | Cooperatives | 1    | -       | Members  | 2,000   | -      | -  | -   | -   |
| Agro based initiatives   | Communities  | 4    | -       | Families | 240     | -      | -  | -   | -   |
| CLR Practices  | VDCs         | 6    | 6       | Families | 3,000   | -      | -  | -   | -   |
| <b>Monitoring (Review and Reflection, Social Audit)</b>  |              |      |         |          |         |        |  |     |     |
| Half yearly review and reflections (District Level)  | Times        | 37   | 8 Times | Person   | 6,660   | 186    | 78   | 48  | 72  |
| Half yearly review and reflections (Regional/Unit Level)   | Times        | 0    |         | Person   | 0       |        |  |     |     |
| <b>Meeting, interaction and dialogue with key actors</b>   |              |      |         |          |         |        |  |     |     |
| <b>Human resource (Full time worker, Office secretary)</b>   |              |      |         |          |         |        |  |     |     |
| Campaign Officer   | Persons      | 3    | 3       | Persons  | 3       | 6      | 1  | 2   | 1   |

|   |             |           |             |          |      |       |                                |     |     |
|---|-------------|-----------|-------------|----------|------|-------|--------------------------------|-----|-----|
| District Coordinator  | Persons     | 12        | 11          | Persons  | 12   | 11    | 1                              | 4   | 2   |
| Fulltime Worker   | Persons     | 81        | 73          | Persons  | 61   | 73    | 29                             | 26  | 26  |
| Office Secretary  | Month       | 37        | 36          | Persons  | 37   | 36    | 21                             | 9   | 16  |
| Fulltime Worker (NLRf)  | Month       | 5         | 6           | Persons  | 5    | 6     | 2                              | 1   | 4   |
| Accountant cum Office Secretary (NLRf)  | Month       | 1         | 1           | Persons  | 1    | 1     | 1                              |     | 1   |
| <b>Output 2: Land Rights Forums and CSRC play a critical and constructive role in influencing the formulation and implementation of land and agrarian reform policies and laws.</b> |             |           |             |          |      |       |                                |     |     |
| Lobby and regular constructive dialogue with policy makers  | Times       | 4         | 9           | Person   | 520  | 649   | 444                            | 175 | 337 |
| Public interest litigation  | Case        | 1         |             |          |      |       |                                |     |     |
| Media advocacy/mobilization   |             | 3         | 3           |          |      |       | Mountain TV, CIN, Radio Kalika |     |     |
| Support to journalist for field visit and feature writing (Case Awarded)  | Times       | 1         | -           |          |      |       |                                |     |     |
| Support to alternative policy formulation and implementation-engage with government   | Policy      | 1         | In progress |          |      |       |                                |     |     |
| <b>Output 3 : Women's rights on land ownership are strengthened</b>   |             |           |             |          |      |       |                                |     |     |
| <b>Campaigning on joint ownership certificate (Training, Workshops, Orientation, interaction, mobilization)</b>   |             |           |             |          |      |       |                                |     |     |
| Publish and dissemination of advocacy materials for sensitization of families   | Publication |           | 3           | Copies   | 1000 | 11000 | Poster, Sticker, Info graphics |     |     |
| District level orientation/interactions/workshops   | Times       | 37 distx1 | 37x 9       | Person   | 1110 | 649   | 444                            | 175 | 337 |
| Mobilisations (Mahila and bhumiadhikar sabha and yatra)   | Times       | 1         | 1           | Person   | 100  |       |                                |     |     |
| <b>Support for joint ownership certificate</b>  |             |           |             |          |      |       |                                |     |     |
| Organise Camps for Joint land ownership issue   | Times       | 13        | 6           | Families | 740  | 571   |                                |     |     |
| Support cost for joint certificate making process   | Families    | 1000      | 134         | Area     |      | 31.53 |                                |     |     |

**Output 4: CSRC's governance systems, structures and human resource are strengthened and effectively mobilized.**

**Output 4: Resources Center**

|  |  |   |   |          |     |  |                                   |    |    |
|--|--|---|---|----------|-----|--|-----------------------------------|----|----|
| <b>Issue based Research and dissemination</b>  | Issue                                  | 1 |   | Copies   | 500 | (Land Grabbing)                            |                                   |    |    |
| <b>Academic (PhD)research support on land</b>  | Students                               |   |   |          |     |  |                                   |    |    |
| <b>Institutional development (members, governance policy review and change, accountability, resource generation, general assembly, retreats)</b> |  |   |   |          |     |  |                                   |    |    |
| Develop national and regional level resource centre  | Center                                 | 3 |   |          |     | Strengthening the national resource center |                                   |    |    |
| Establish district level resource centre   | Center                                 | 5 |   |          |     |  |                                   |    |    |
| Meeting ( Partnership, Executive Committee, Management Meeting   | Times                                  | 5 | 2 | Person   |     | 21   | 6                                 |    | 2  |
| Policy review and amendment (all)  | Times                                  | 1 | 2 | Policies | 2   | 2  | Tenants and Land entitleme nt act |    |    |
| General Assembly   | Times                                  | 1 |   | Person   | 50  |  |                                   |    |    |
| Retreat among staff team and board   | Times                                  | 1 | 1 | Person   | 30  | 34   | 16                                | 6  | 10 |
| <b>Monitoring, Review, Reflections of Movement</b>   |  |   |   |          |     |  |                                   |    |    |
| Develop monitoring framework   | Monitoring Framework has been prepared |   |   |          |     |  |                                   |    |    |
| National reviews   | Times                                  | 3 |   | Person   | 150 |  |                                   |    |    |
| Joint annual review and evaluation (Unit and national level)   | Times                                  | 1 |   |          |     |  |                                   |    |    |
| National Social Audit  | Times                                  | 1 | 1 | Person   |     | 158  | 52                                | 19 | 48 |
| Capacity building of members and staff (Training, exposure, orientation etc)   | Times                                  | 4 | 2 | Person   |     | 54   | 26                                | 13 | 20 |
| <b>Publication (Advocacy materials, learning, impacts, research reports, Journals, Land Rights Magazine)</b>                                     |  |   |   |          |     |  |                                   |    |    |
| Annual reflection report (Nepali and English)  | Times                                  | 1 |   | Copies   | 750 |  |                                   |    |    |

|  |       |   |   |        |        |       |                            |  |  |
|--|-------|---|---|--------|--------|-------|----------------------------|--|--|
| Land Rights bulletin publication   | Times | 1 | 1 | Copies | 12,000 | 2,000 |                            |  |  |
| Land First publication   | Times | 2 |   | Copies | 500    |       |                            |  |  |
| Report and books (As per need)   | Times | 5 | 1 | Copies | 5,000  | 500   | Social Audit               |  |  |
| Documentary on different issues  | Times | 1 | 2 | Copies | 200    | 12    | Social Audit and Chhintang |  |  |
| Alliance Building and Coordination at national and international, individual and organizations | Times | 4 | 3 |        |        |       | FAO,IOM, ETO               |  |  |

### 3. Major Achievements (17 July to 17 October 2014)

- Access and Utilization of Public Land:** A total of 252 landless farmer families acquired 15.34 ha unused public lands through Village Development Committees (VDCs). VDCs have provided use rights to the tilling and living families. The land-poor farmers have begun to grow vegetables, cash crops and cereal crops. This has become important means to improve subsistent livelihoods.
- Utilization of Local resources:** At the community level, 506 families have been able to receive NPR 503,913 (\$5,073) from Village Development Committees (VDCs), District Development Committees (DDCs) and local line agencies. The local initiatives of Village Land Rights Forums (VLRf) have supported in strengthening the land rights movement through the mobilization and access to community resources.
- Movement Fund:** A total of 445 Village Land Rights Forums (VLRf)s have generated a total NPR 325,441 (\$3,276) from their members as a movement fund. They have spent NPR 54,368 (\$547) for carrying out local level land rights campaigns like land rights assembly, campaign for ensuring land rights within the constitution and various discussion with Landless Problem Solving Commission (LPSC). Similarly DLRf's have generated NPR 171,520 (\$1726) from their members as movement fund and spent NPR 162,090 (\$1632) for local initiatives. This movement fund is a means of financing for local level actions and seed for sustaining the movement activities. The movement fund, whatever the amount maybe, has created encouraging amount of ownership amongst the VLRf/DLRf members. The movement fund is collected in terms of both cash and kind (mostly kind like handful of rice, pulses and vegetables) that are needed for village, district and national level campaigns.
- VLRf Formation and Mobilization:** Four (4) new VLRf's have been formed in the community in Kailali and Kanchanpur districts having 141 members (94 women, 72 Dalits, 69 Janjati). This support has contributed to helping them to work independently

and strengthen people's organisation and land rights campaigns in their respective areas and issues.

- **Acquisition of Tilling Certificates:** A total of 1968 families have received tilling certificates. The certificates are the valuable instrument to protect security of tenure. The families now have been feeling enormous amount of relief and sense of peace that they should not be evicted anymore. The tilling certificate has been an ultimate proof against the eviction.
- **Trainings and Orientation:** A total of 334 land rights activities (177 women, 71 Dalits, 77 Janjatis) attended seven training and orientation sessions on land rights and strengthening People's Organizations. The training and orientation process has enabled landless /tenant farmers to speak for their interests, which they consider the greatest asset they have had from the land-rights movement/campaign. Further it has been a important process of sensitizing, mobilizing and motivating right holders to actively participate in land rights movement.
- **Participatory Monitoring and Evaluation Training:** CSRC organized a three days participatory monitoring and evaluation training for land rights movement coordinators and officers. On behalf of strategic partners, Care Nepal and Governance Facility also facilitated sessions. The participants enhanced knowledge about results-oriented PME process, concept of participatory monitoring, importance of baselines, usages of progress markers and results-based report writing skill. Likewise, they further learned about the results-framework of the new land rights movement strategy 2014-2019. A district wise work plan was formulated to make utilize the lesson learnt efficiently during the training which is being implemented accordingly There were a total 25 participants including 13 women, 8 dalits and 11 janajatis respectively.
- **Advocacy Skill Training:** Advocacy skill Training was organized (five-day long) for partners of Food Governance Project of Oxfam Nepal. A total 19 participants (13 female, 3 dalit, 3 janjati) were able to learn more about power mapping, influencing strategy, message development process. Ultimately advocacy strategy on the core issues of project has been drafted.
- **Land-poor Farmers' Representation in District Landless Problems Solving Committee:** A total of six leaders of DLRF and NLRF have been nominated in the District Landless Problems Solving Committees from Sarlahi, Saptari, Rasuwa, Sindhupalchowk, Mahottari and Sindhuli districts by the Ministry of Land Reform and Management. Further the Landless Commission is being formed in 72 districts. The issues raised during the movement have been incorporated in the ToR of Landless Commission.
- **Campaign for Ensuring Land Rights in Constitution:** NLRF Nepal is taking lead to advocate for incorporating land right agendas in the new Constitution. In this regard, NLRF delegation met Constituent Assembly (CA) Members and debated for land



reform/rights in the Constitution. NLRP has put forward its suggestions in writing to the CA Committees and political parties. They also had consultation with Dr. Baburam Bhattarai, Chairperson of Political Dialogue and Consensus Committee of the Constituent Assembly, Bishnu Paudel, President of Review Committee of last CA decisions, Narayankaji Shrestha vice chair of UCPN Maoist and submitted memorandum.

- **Workshop on Chure Issue:** CSRC organized a workshop jointly with HIMAWANTI on Chure issues in Kathmandu. There were total 32 participants including seven CA members in the event. The issue of land rights of the people living in and around *Chure* was discussed in the workshop. Through team efforts and action, the Environment Sub-committee of Parliament organized a meeting and decided to form another sub-committee to study on Chure issue.
- **Land Acquisition Act:** Land acquisition act is being developed where CSRC is reviewing the international practices and lobbying for this to ensure transparency and participatory. As per which position paper have been submitted to government.

- **Letter to CA Members:** A total of 4,338 landless people from various districts of Nepal wrote hand written letters addressing CA members and consistently reminding to include land reform issue in new constitution

10<sup>th</sup> September 2014

Honorable Constituent Assembly Member,  
Mr. Pushpakamal Dahal  
Constituent Assembly Office, Singhdurbar Kathmandu Nepal

*We being Nepali citizen can proudly say that, if I am hurt and feeling helpless then it should hurt you as well. Nepalese must live in harmony by helping those discriminated and marginalized people. To help those people in need is the humanitarian work.*

*Honorable Constituent Assembly Member, it has been 10 months since you got victory over Siraha district in election process. You delivered long speech on development but I did not hear the speech about provision of land to Landless, Haruwa/Charuwa and freedom of Haruwa/Charuwa from slaves. In Siraha district there are total 18,722 Haruwa/Charuwa. Specifically Haruwa/Charuwa are form Dalit background. They have been working for the sake of others since their birth. There is no any specific plan of political party regarding the freedom of Haruwa/Charuwa. Your party members are not sensitive about the issue of Haruwa/Charuwa and their sentiments. At least you should try to be empathetic towards them. Sadly I have to say that you are not taking the issues seriously which is being raised by District Land Rights Forum. Is Haruwa/Charuwa always compelled to work for their landlords. It has been already 90 years that Chandra Shamsher abolished the Slavery System. Your party Nepal Communist Party of Maoist has not yet understood and entered in the life of Haruwa/Charuwa. You all talk about revolution and equality but still there is existence of discrimination, untouchability. What type of strategy is this?*

**Handwritten Letter to CA Member, from Samasti Lal Ale of Siraha district**

- **Amendment of Land Act:** The discussion is ongoing in Parliament regarding the 6<sup>th</sup> Amendment of Land Act. Due to the CSRC's efforts, the new bill has made provision for keeping the door open for settling tenancy cases. The bill also incorporated provision that the land revenue office will deploy the team of officials in the village and settle the tenancy cases there instead of people coming to land revenue office at the district headquarters. This bill also has made provision of imposing land ceiling. These are the agendas that CSRC pushed.
- **Advocacy of Land Agenda in SAARC Summit.** A group of civil society organizations including CSRC, Oxfam Nepal and SAWTEE in coordination with

People's SAARC held a national consultation to find out concurrent issues being faced by the people in the region. The identified issues have been handed over to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to proceed in the appropriate SAARC mechanism. Poor people's rights over land and natural resources were one of the pertinent issues discussed and advocated in the consultation and afterwards advocacy initiatives.

- **Land Issue in Agriculture Development Strategy:** The Agriculture Development Strategy is currently under debate in the Parliamentary Sub-committee on Agriculture. One of the contented issues in the strategy is contract farming. The strategy has adopted approach to benefit corporate farming and larger producers rather than providing genuine and reasonable benefit to the small and land-poor farmers. CSRC produced a policy brief (highlighting importance of family farming and utilizing existing available land rather leasing lands by the poor people paying rental) and made it available to all Sub-Committee members for consideration. This was a resource materials prepared for facilitating debate to consider the concerns of the land-poor farmers. CSRC and alliance for Land, Agricultural and Food rights aggressively lobbied to the Sub-Committee members, CA members and political leaders. CA members have made public commitment to incorporate provisions to protect the interests of land-poor farmers.
- **Joint Land Ownership:** A total of 134 families have acquired Joint Land Ownership covering an area of 31.53 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.
- **Publication and Knowledge Building:** A total of four publications (12,000 copies) have been published within this quarter. As per which Women and Land Rights Poster (2000), Sticker (8000), Infographics on Agriculture Budget (1000), Social Audit Report (500) and a study report of land grabbing entitled "Land Grabbing in Nepal and Its Impact", (500) have been published and disseminated widely. Moreover monthly update, periodic reports, campaign update, research, video/documentary have been shared respectively. These published materials have been an advocacy tool and has helped to enhance the understanding on land rights movement.
- **Strategic Partnership Meeting:** Strategic Partnership Meeting was held with presence of all Strategic Partners. CSRC made a presentation on strategic objectives (2014-2019) and annual targets (2014/2015). The meeting approved the annual work plan and budget 2014/2015 and the important decisions regarding approval of annual work plan and budget July 2014 to June 2015, sharing of Monthly Update (English) with major focus on changes and outcome of the campaign and holding the meeting with CSRC regarding the issue of Common Auditing have been made and shared accordingly.
- **7<sup>th</sup> National Annual Social Audit:** CSRC's Seventh National Annual Social Auditing process helped to improve performance, integration between right holders and duty bearers. Thus ensuring accountability and transparency. Conduction of Social Audit enables people's right to information, stimulating the right holders to take part in social actions and social

mobilizations. Stakeholders are well informed about the organization's activities, achievements and financial transactions through this process. There was a presence of total 150 (52 women, 19 Dalits, 48 Janjati) participants in the social audit. Dr. Yubraj Khatiwada, Governor of Nepal Rasta Bank was the chief guest where he spoke encouraging words in favor of land rights of the land-poor people.

- **CSRC and NLRF Representation on International Forums:** National and International participation and representation created a great platform to recognize the achievement of land movement and enhance international networking. NLRF and CSRC attended the side event on Forest and Family Farming for Food Security and Nutrition organized by Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) in partnership with the Indigenous Partnership for Agro-biodiversity and Food Sovereignty and the Asian Farmers Association for Sustainable Rural Development in Rome, Italy. This was a mechanism for agencies to have first hand information and concerns from the real farmers. NLRF participant put forward views stating "Community forests are being over-used by timber-harvesting companies. Landless and small farmers who live the forests should be protected and their knowledge must be recognized" which was well appreciated by all. The event raised an important discussion on interconnection of forests and farms at the landscape level. It further emphasized the important role of forests and trees in family farming and food security through the direct provision of nutritious food and by maintaining sustainable agricultural systems, thus ensuring local livelihoods. Similarly, representation in Training on International Nonviolence Youth Program (NYP), ILC Asia Land Forum/Regional Assembly and "Right-based governance beyond borders: The role of extraterritorial obligations (ETOs).

#### **4. Challenges**

The following major challenges were faced during the previous quarter:

- Forced eviction of the Sukumbasis (landless squatters) by community forests, community-managed schools, district forest offices, local zamindars (landlords), and National Wildlife Management offices;
- Low level of legal skill of activists and stagnation of the skill for documenting the land rights violation cases.

#### **5. Priorities for Next Quarter**

The following major activities have been planned for coming quarter:

- Lobbying with political parties for include land agenda properly in new constitution and implementation of 13 points of action plan of high level land reform commission.
- Developing position paper of land rights movement through wider consultation

- Policy inputs on contract farming bill, land reform bill 6th amendment, land acquisition bill
- Monitoring of Landless Squatters Problem Solving Commission and take initiative for amending the ToR of the Commission in favor of land-poor farmers.
- Regional farmer's assembly and consultations on land grabbing and women's land rights
- Community land-rights initiatives
- Strengthen and fully operate regional resource center with expansion of staff and activists.
- Campaign against eviction and tenancy rights
- Campaigning on strengthening peoples organisation and capacity building;

## **6. Staff, Board and Organizational Management**

- Signed the MoU between CSRC and NLRP with the finalization of annual plan and budget of 2071/72 having two days planning meeting at Thimura.
- The external and internal auditing of CSRC was conducted. The discussion was made with the auditors about management letters and audit findings.
- Recruited 3 new staff and 1 intern for CSRC. Newly recruited staff includes Ms. Bhagwati Ghale, Campaign Officer for Lalitpur District, Mr. Bhola Paswan, Campaign officer for Udaypur, Siraha and Saptari, Ms. Ramita Shrestha, Office Secretary and Ms. Reeta Baram, Research Intern.
- Prepared the detail activity and budget plan of various campaign and research project proposed by Abhiyan Nepal, COLARP, CDS and MODE under the NES. After detailing the activity, budget was also signed and made MoU between CSRC and respective organisation.
- CSRC New Strategy July 2014- June 2019 has been effective from July 2014.
- Developed a self- assessment tool for enhancing NLRP/DLRPs capacity and to ensure good governance and transparency.
- PME framework has been finalized which aligns with the new strategy and subsequently applied this at different levels of CSRC's work.
- Annual staff performance appraisal form has been revised and forwarded accordingly.
- Child protection policy, Anti corruption policy and Sexual exploitation policy has been finalized, which is important in strengthening the organizational system and governance.
- A Team building workshop was organized by CSRC with presence of Board members, General members and CSRC staffs. The workshop enriched the discussion on organization

culture. The Team Building Workshop has created the sound environment to be together with all staff, board members and general members at one place. Ultimately it has enhanced the team spirit and harmony with in team members.

**Staff and board members participated in the following training and workshops at the national and international levels.**

| <b>S.No</b> | <b>Nature of Training/Workshop</b>  | <b>Date</b>   | <b>Place</b>         | <b>Participant</b>   | <b>Organizer</b>                                    |
|-------------|---|---|----------------------|--|---|
| 1.          | “Right-based governance beyond borders: The role of extraterritorial obligations (ETOs) | 31 <sup>st</sup> August - 4 <sup>th</sup> September | Thailand             | Kalpna Karki, Campaign Coordinator   | ETOs Forum  |
| 2.          | Training on International Nonviolence Youth Program (NYP) training                      | 5-22 September 2014                                 | India                | 5 Land Right Activist(Kumar Thapa, Sailendra Rai, Purna Sunwar, Shreelaxmi Shrestha,Ranjana Tamang                                   | Ekta Foundation Trust and International Initiatives |
| 3.          | Planning Meeting  | 13-14 September 2014                                | Bhopal, India        | Jagat Deuja, Executive Director  | International Initiatives(II)                       |
| 4.          | Land Watch Asia Meeting and Asian Human Rights and Land Rights Conference               | 15-18 September,2 014                               | Phnom Penh, Cambodia | Jagat Basnet, ODA  | ANGOC and ILC Asia                                  |
| 5.          | ILC Asia Land Forum/Regional Assembly   | 6-10 October, 2014                                  | Gopnaad of Gujarat   | Jyoti Baidya, PME and Research Coordinator; Prema Shahi, NLRF Executive Member and Homendra Thapa Magar, Chairperson of DLRF Bardiya | International Land Coalition and Marag India        |
| 6.          | Conference on Forest and Family Farming for Food Security and Nutrition                 | 16 October, 2014                                    | Rome, Italy          | Lyam Bahadur Darji, Chief Secretary of NLRF and Man Bahadur Chhetri, Boardl Member of CSRC   | Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)             |

## 7. Annexes

### Annex: A Case Study

#### I. Profit From Agricultural Enterprise in Bhagwanpur VLRF

Bhagwanpur Village Land Rights Forum (VLRF) of Dang district was established in 2006 comprising 25 members. VLRF members decided to utilize river bank land nearby the village. They planted Pulse seeds and Sweet Potato in 2.68 ha of land but could not produce enough quantity in initial years. However they kept on planting various crops like sweet potato, rice, wheat, maize, vegetables. Later the income increased from \$ 352.36 (NPR35, 000) to \$604 (NPR.60, 000) in



annual basis. With this progress, they planted peanuts in 0.5 ha in total of 1.34 ha of river bank land and sold out 7 quintal peanuts. As per which they collected \$836 (NPR. 83,000) for their movement fund. They have planted rice and vegetables in 0.84 ha land and the production is yet to come. They save their earnings in saving groups and they own certain number of shares in a saving cooperative limited. Till now, they have been able to save \$ 1684 (NPR.167250/-) in their cooperative. The members get 50 % discount from there while buying seeds for their vegetable farming. They can also get debt amount of \$ 503.3 (NPR 50,000) up to \$1007 (NPR.1, 00,000) for their personal commercial purpose without any sort of mortgage.

#### II. Happiness Received from Joint Land Entitlement



My name is Nanda Prasad Agasti of Dhaibung VDC, Rasuwa. I am a member of Santoshi VLRF which was formed in 2009. Since then we are actively involved in land rights movement of our village. I have a issue of Birta land since ancestors. I possess 0.05 ha land of my own. On 18th May 2014, our VLRF organized sit-in in front of Dhunche Revenue Office demanding for entitlement of Birta land. Campaigning continuously for seven days, on 24 May, 2014 we succeeded to

build an agreement with Ministry of Land Reform and Management to address our demands in speedy process. This success enhanced our courage and we continued to held discussions in various issues within our forum. VLRF was strongly raising the Joint land Ownership campaign in respective districts. We all became well aware about securing women's right on land.

Afterward, I also decided to make joint land ownership certificate. So, I along with my wife went to Kalikasthan Land Revenue Office on 17 June, 2014. With the joint land entitlement the happiness of my wife was visibly seen. We were the first to make joint land ownership certificate. We are much positive that we will be able to get success in acquiring a Birta Land as we succeeded in preparing Joint Land Ownership Certificate.

## **Annex B: Submission of Memorandum to Top Political Leaders and CA members**

### **The issue of land right in the constitution**

The proposal of National Land Rights Forum, Nepal

#### **Fundamental Rights**

- There will be provision of secure housing rights for all the citizen
- All the citizen should have rights to food. There will be guarantee for food sovereignty.
- There will be proper land ceiling and land will be distributed to the landless and small farmers by the state. *There should be clear clarification about the issue of compensation in the constitution which should be as follows.*
  - To provide compensation of the land under land ceiling by lawful measures Not to provide compensation of the land that is above the land ceiling
  - Not to provide the compensation of the land for the absentee landlord. In such cases the land ceiling will not be considered. (There should be clear provision to ensure land reform in favor of tiller farmers both women and men. There should also be the provisions that the one, who are not engaged in farming, should not be provided agricultural land. Additionally, agricultural land must be ensured for the genuine tillers

#### **Rights against exploitation**

Nobody can be made ploughman, *Haruwa, Charuwa, Kamlari*, and bonded labor by others against their will. Only the farmers who are engaged in agricultural activities on their own will be allowed to conduct farming. But those who farm as per contract and sharecropping will be considered labour exploitation and it will not be practiced.

#### **Rights of social justice**

There will be equal participation of women and men farmers in all sectors ensuring the inclusion and in terms of the structural development of the state

#### **Responsibilities of the state**

Rehabilitation of the policies for tillers, slum-dwellers, ploughmen, *Haruwa, Charuwa, Kamaiya, Kamlari*, and agricultural labors, with economic and social security.

#### **Directorial concept**

The objective of the state should be to end feudal financial and production system and implement united land reform structure to bring changes in the livelihood of the poor people by the proper utilization of the natural resources and not making it individualistic by the execution of social lawful distribution of the benefits.

#### **Policies**

- The state needs to have lawful management on the individual and social ownership of land for the landless, tillers and agricultural laborers. For this, the constituent assembly needs to address the policies in terms of effective righteousness, agricultural support, and rural development.
- The state should promote to take the process of rural development and united land reform simultaneously
- The state should not allow any multi-national or international companies to have individual ownership of land.

#### **Federal composition**

There will be management of representation in different structure and decision making level of the state as per the inclusion concept. In each structure of state, the representation will be ensured considering farmers population.

#### **Land and agricultural development commission**

There will be establishment of a land and agricultural development commission with seven executive committee members. Further district level land and agriculture development commission will be formed which will be for four years. In the commission, land and agricultural specialists, farmers can be members and also in the role of a chairperson.

## Annex: C

### Program glimpses of this quarter



**CSRC Social Audit 2071**



**Interaction Program on Smallholder Women and Landless Farmers**



**Land Rights Assembly held in Siraha district**



**Participatory Monitoring and Evaluation Training held**



