

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 carried out by Community Self-Reliance Center (CSRC), national collaborating partner organisations (Abhiyan Nepal, CSDR, CDECF, JDS, RDS and SWAN) together with District Land Rights Forums (DLRFs) and National Land Rights Forum (NLRF) in this quarter which covers the period from 1stMagh- 31st Chaitra, 2069 (14th January –13th April, 2013).The main purpose of this report is to share information regarding CSRC activities among all of the supporting organisations and concerned stakeholders at all levels.

The existing supporting strategic partners are ActionAid Nepal (AAN), CARE Nepal, DanidaHUGOU, Oxfam GB, Lutheran World Federation (LWF) and Swiss Development Cooperation (SDC).

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 here.

Output and Activity	Plan and Progress			Coverage and Progress					
	Unit	Plan	Progress	Unit	Plan	Progress	Female	Dalit	Janjati
Output 1: The National Land Rights Forum (NLRF) strengthened as a people's organization to lead the land rights movement									
Overall management and coordination	NC	1	1	Person	20	30	11	3	6
Full-time worker (National Secretariat of NLRF)	Person	4	5	Person	4	5	1	2	2
Accountant cum office secretary (NLRF)	Person	1	1	Person	1	1	1	1	0
Meeting (National) NLRF meeeting	Time	1	1	Person	21	16	7	6	6
Campaign (Result Oriented), National movement for implementation of the action plan.	Time	1	1 time 10 places	Person	10,000	50,000	-	-	-

NLRF Strengthening and Renovation	Time	1	1 Times 4 Districts (Okhaldhunga, Khotang, Nawalparasi, Palpa)	Person	30	211	103	55	55
Special orientation for all frontline leaders	District	6	1 (Myagdi)	Person	150	30	18	30	-
Campaign costs for one visible movement	Districts	32	31	Districts	32	31	-	-	-
Full-time worker (district level)	Person	32	33	Person	32	33	11	11	8
NLRF office secretary (district level)	Person	32	30	Person	32	30	23	9	10
Extension/Strengthening of DLRF	Districts	21	12	Districts	21	12	76	60	37
Land encampment	Times	0	16	Person	0	1089	538	274	656
Training and orientation	Times	0	11	Person	0	446	304	115	172
Activist support	Person	80	78	Person	80	78	37	30	39
Formation of agricultural cooperatives	Cooperative	5	2	Person	1050	71	37	4	40
Facilitation of REFLECT circles (BhumiSekai Kendra)	Circles	126	62	Person	3150	1565	1257	575	664
Output 2: Clarity and consensus about land reform established, and land reform policy and frameworks suitable to the needs and realities of Nepal developed and implemented									
Policy dialogue at national level (ADS and NRM)	Times	1	2	Person	50	33	12	2	2

Develop viable alternative land reform and management models through action research (CLR)	VDC	5	5	HH	5464	5464	-	-	-
Media mobilisation (radio programme and others)	Throughout			Radio	5	5			
Policy dialogue at District and Regional level	Times	-	26	Person	-	1722	741	551	660
Public campaign, Demonstrations, rallies & submission of memoranda	Times	2	4	Person	4500	2300	-	-	-
Support to process of claiming economic activities	Community	2	1	HH	50	13	-	-	-
Output 3: Learning generated from ground level actions and practices, and knowledge disseminated at all levels									
Establishment of resource centers both at national and sub-national levels									
National level resource center	RC	1	1	RC	1	-	-	-	-
Mobilization of alliances (Resource Organizations) engaged in land rights movement									
Resource Organization Coordinator	Person	3	4	Person	3	4	0	1	1
District Coordinators	Person	15	14	Person	15	14	4	5	4
Assistant finance Officers (RCs & ROs)	Person	7	7	Person	7	7	0	2	1

Study and Findings Sharing	Issues	1	3	Studies (Land Grabbing, Land Conversion, Access of Dalit in NRM)	1	3	-	-	-
Publications and dissemination of advocacy materials, periodic reports, journals and bulletins	Issue	2	4	Copies	35000	18,500	0	0	0
Quarterly Review and Reflection	Times	9	7	Person	200	206	65	79	82
Output 4: New land policies introduced guaranteeing women and men equal rights to own land.									
Dialogue and pressurize to the government to implement policy and program on women access to land.	Times	5	2 (Jhapa, Nawalparasi)	Person	300	93	41	18	17
Regional conference of women leader and activist.	Places	2	1 time	Person	400	177	156	35	52
Joint ownership Campaign	families	125 check it	92	families	125 Quarterly target	92	-	-	-

3. Major Quarterly Achievements (14th January –13th April, 2013)

1. A total of 126 households have received land ownership certificates. Of these 40 received from Land Registration Settlement, 4 received from Ukhada Land settlement and another 82 received from Village Block Land. The area of land received amounts to 19.52 ha.

This has secured shelter for these tenant and landless families and has enabled social dignity and a sense of security, also contributing toward food security. *(Refer to annex for details)*

2. Regional Land gathering (Mass Gathering and demonstration) was held from eastern to western region in the leadership of NLRF. More than 50 Thousands of landless, small farmers, squatters, *haliya* and flood victim participated at the programme with the ultimate aim of building people's constitution, ensuring land rights within constitution and implementation of the report of Landless Commission. With the continuous pressure and massive mobilization of landless people, the ministry of land reform and management submitted the 13 point action plan in the Cabinet. As per which, the collection of data of total land, landless, tenant and farmers nationwide has been approved and exerted in practice.
3. CSRC's is conducting a study on 'Women's Access to Land and Land Grabbing' and a study on the 'Converting Agricultural Land to Non Agriculture Use'. These studies have been strong evidence in providing clarity on the issue of land and as an advocacy material for land rights movement. There will be a consistent effort to make the report result oriented in coming days.
4. Regional Tenant Conference was held in eastern and western region in the leadership of NLRF. This campaign has not only put forth the demands of tenant farmer but their clear role and commitment has also been declared. Moreover the practical alternative has been put forward for solving the problem of tenants. There was a participation of thousands of tenant farmers from various districts.
5. In Naubasta-7 Bajurelitole of Banke the Forest Administration evicted 29 landless people and destroyed the houses exerting fire. Opposing against this awful action, DLRF Surkhet organized the Rally, Procession and sit-in in front of the District Administration Office (DAO) in collaboration with the other organizations. Consequently 29 HH have been rehabilitated in the same place. District Administration Office has also provided 3 quintal rice and 10 tents as a relief package.
6. 1535 (842 female, 389 dalit, 828 janjati) land rights activists and front line leaders were provided with training and orientation sessions on land rights and strengthening people's organizations. This training helped in the ability to file cases at the district land reform/land revenue offices. This has enabled facilitation of land-related legal matters in groups at the community level as well.

7. 51 New Village Land Rights Forums (VLRFs) were formed and organized which included 1600 members (802 female, 526 dalit, 855 janjati) and mobilized 2643 people's organization for their rights claim and economic activities. This support has contributed to working independently and strengthening people's organisation and land rights campaigns in their respective areas and issues.
8. A total of 92 households have acquired Joint Land Ownership covering the area of 29.11 ha of land. The campaign is being undertaken rapidly at various district and community levels with the progress being made. (*Refer to annex for details*)
9. The Reflection Report 2012, Land Rights Bulletin, A Stories of Displacement, has been published by CSRC. Likewise the booklet of Joint Land Ownership Campaign and Code of Conduct of National Land Rights Forum has also been published.
10. Two new cooperatives have been formed which has led to the mobilization of a total of 71 members (37 female, 4 dalit, 40 janjati). These cooperatives have also been directly involved in agricultural activity on fallow and other unused land.
11. 62 land learning centres have been running at community level with 1565 participants (1257 female, 575 dalit and 664 janjati). These centres have contributed considerably to strengthening the local land rights campaign and people's organisations. They have addressed such issues as:-use of VDC resources; membership of CFUG; protection against land rights violations; planning of land rights campaigns.
12. The Second National Conference of Farmer Women was successful in raising the voice of land-poor and women farmer in the domain of ensuring equal land right. The conference well speculated the women's issues with focused discussion on 'Women's Land Ownership and Identity' and by announcing the action point for the substantial expansion of campaign. The conference also enhanced the debate on women and land rights and provided the platform for landless women farmer to express their feelings, build power and exchange knowledge and learning.
13. The *Haliyas* has been legally announced as *Freed Haliya*, since 4 years but however they are compelled to work as Haliya. So, the *Haliyas* of Baitadi organized a rally and held dialogue with concerned stakeholders at Sahilek, headquarter of Baitadi demanding for their rehabilitation and specific provision of Housing and Agricultural Land not being limited with provision of facilities and relief packages. Consequently the Haliyas has been more organized and their demand has been clearly put forth into debate and discussion.

14. NLRF in co-ordination with District Land Rights Forum (DLRF) in various districts, the campaign for the timely distribution of identity card has been carried out nationwide. Through the effective campaigning, as a result a total of 10525 HH have received the Landless Identity Card.
15. CSRC along with INSEC and RRN is leading the preparation of an International Convention on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR) Alternate Report. The report drafting committee and consultant has been formed to start the report writing process. Similarly Planning Meeting to Develop Nepal CSO Collective Report for (ICESCR), UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights' was held on 2nd April jointly organized by CSRC in collaboration with PWESCR (The Programme on Women's Economic, Social and Cultural Rights). Ms. Priti Darooka (Executive Director, PWESCR) shared the international experience on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and focused on the systematic approach required as per the process of writing ESCR Alternate Report. The meeting has provided a specific guideline to be considered while drafting an ESCR Alternate Report and another planning framework specifically indicating the definite timeline for conducting the next phase of ESCR workshop has been decided to draft.
16. Following the strengthening of land rights campaign, district conference has been held in Myagdi, Dhanusha, Mahottari, Rautahat, Sindhupalchowk, Kailali, Kapilvastu, Kanchanpur, Bajura, Accham, Morang and Nawalparasi district respectively. Subsequently, newly elected 144 DLRF members (76 female, 60 dalit and 37 janjati) were oriented on the land rights issue.

4. Challenges

The following major challenges were faced during the previous quarter:

- Continued eviction of significant numbers of landless people who have been residing near the forest land.
- Difficult to motivate family members for preparing Joint Land Ownership Certificate.

5. Priorities (for the coming quarter)

The following major activities have been planned for coming quarter:

- Review of existing strategy 2009-2013 and formation of new strategy addressing the past experiences and existing issues is to be focused
- Expansion of Joint Land ownership Campaign
- Campaigning on tenant and landless people identification and identity card distribution;
- Campaigning on Peoples organisation strengthening and capacity building;
- Formation of women's agricultural cooperatives and linking these with agro economic activities;
- Lobbying with political parties for include land agenda properly in their manifesto
- Finalize the CSO Land Monitoring Report
- Engage in ESCR shadow report writing; and
- Support to formulate the National Land Policy

6. Staff, Board and Membership

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

S.No	Nature of Training/Workshop	Date	Place	Participant	Organizer
1.	ToT on Conflict Transformation and Human rights	21-25 January, 2013	Kathmandu	Kalpana Karki, Regional Program Officer	DanidaHUGOU
2	Global platform (Initiatives International) meeting and sharing of non-violence movement	15-27 March, 2013	Dakar, Senegal	Jagat Basnet, Executive Director	Initiatives International
3	Monitoring and Evaluation Workshop	20-21 March, 2013	Kathmandu	Jagat Deuja, Program Manager and JyotiBaidya, Monitoring and Evaluation Officer	Care Nepal

4	PWESCR 3rd Leadership Training	25-31 March, 2013	Dhulikhel, Kathmandu	Kalpana Karki ,Regional Program Officer	PWESCR (The Programme on Women's Economic, Social and Cultural Rights)
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7. Annexes

Annex: A Case Study

Establishment of Own *BhumiGhar*(Community Building)

In Gangaparapur VDC-8 Banki Village Land Rights Forum (VLRf) succeeded in building up their own *BhumiGhar* (Community Building). Organized total 23 VLRf members are delighted that establishment of *BhumiGharis* an ultimate evidence of sustainability of land rights campaign.

Back then, VLRf members had to face a lot of struggle to reach up to this phase. They regularly discussed about establishing a *BhumiGhar* in weekly VLRf meeting. Through the effective discussion and planning, subsequently 0.03 ha public land was identified. With the arrangement of land, VLRf members started exploring the networks for the provision of materials needed to build the home. As per which they submitted at Local Community Forestry User Group (CFUG) the application stating the specific resources required for building home. Consequently, CFUG agreed to provide the wood and timber costing NPR 30,000 (\$347) in free of charge. Moreover for the arrangement other resources and cover the remaining expenses, 25 VLRf members did labour donation for 5 days in turn wise. With the labour donation of VLRf members and support from other local agencies we were able to receive NPR 1, 10,000 (\$1,274) for the establishment of *BhumiGhar* says Chairperson of VLRf, Premdaiya Chaudhary.



Now the regular meeting is being held in own *BhumiGhar*. VLRf members are happy to have discussion and meeting in newly formed *BhumiGhar* with the feeling of permanence and security.

Annex: B

Land Entitlement

Place	HH	Area of land	In Hectare	Source
Sindhupalchowk	37	303 Ropani	15.53	Land Registration Settlement
Maisthan, Mahottari	3	2 Bigha 7 1/2 dhur	1.33	Land Registration Settlement
Rupandehi	4	1 Bigha 11 Kattha	1.03	Ukhada Land
Padariya -7, 8 Siraha	82	2 bigha 9 kattha 17 dhur	1.63	Village Block Land
Total	126		19.52 ha	

Joint Land Ownership

Districts	HH	Total Area of Land	Total Area of Land (In Hectare)
Sindhupalchowk	22	212 Ropani	10.87
Nuwakot	11	58 Ropani	2.97
Rasuwa	5	30 Ropani	1.53
Lalitpur	1	2 Ropani	0.10
Dang	1	7 Kattha 30 Dhur	0.23
Sarlahi	4	2 Kattha 2 Dhur	0.06
Mahottari	16	5 Bigha 19 Kattha 11 Dhur	3.96
Parbat	1	49.68 sq m	
Palpa	1	11 ropani, 12 aana ,1 daam	0.56
Khotang	4	112 Ropani -8 aana -13 daam	5.74
Dadeldhura	2	4 aana	
Sunsari	14	2 Bigha 6 Kattha 17 dhur	1.53
Jhapa	7	2 Bigha 1 Kattha 14 dhur	1.36
Dhankuta	3	4 Ropani 4 Aana 2 pata	0.2
Total	92 HH	-	29.11 ha

Annex: C

Program glimpses of this quarter



National Farmer Women Conference



Campaign for the distribution of Landless Identity Card



Haliya Gathering held at Baitadi District



Regional Tenants Conference, Sunsari District

Annex: D Media Clips



सुकुम्बासी बस्ती हटाइयो
बाँके (कास)- निकुञ्ज क्षेत्रमा पर्ने भन्दा नौवास्ता ७ सुतैयाका सुकुम्बासी बस्ती बसोबास हटाएको छ। बाँके राष्ट्रिय निकुञ्जले मंगलबार प्रहरीको सहयोगमा १८ घरमा डोजर लगाएको थियो। प्रहरीले डोजर लगाएपछि स्थानीय सामुदायिक वनका उपभोक्ताले बस्तीमा आगो लगाएको पीडितको दाबी छ। कोहलपुर इलाका प्रहरीका निरीक्षक रवीन्द्र खड्काले निकुञ्जको अनुरोधमा अतिक्रमण बस्ती हटाएको बताए। पीडितले आफूहरू घरभित्र बसिरहेका बेला एक्कासि आगो लगाएको दाबी गरेका छन्। जानकारी नै नगराई आगो लगाएका कारण उनीहरू आक्रोशित भएका थिए।

सुकुम्बासीलाई परिचयपत्र
अन्वयपूर्ण समाधानलाई
महेन्द्रनगर, १० वैशाख: जनप्रमुख विद्यालया सुकुम्बासीलाई परिचयपत्र विद्यालय दूध पाएको का सुकुम्बासी बस्तीमा समाधान आयोग जिल्ला समिति कञ्चनपुरले जिल्लाका सुकुम्बासीलाई परिचयपत्र हितगत गर्ने थालेको छ।
आयोगका प्रकाश निवेदनायोगी जयनन्दनसिंह विद्याले समितिमा परिचयपत्र हितगत गर्न आगो लगाएको दाबी गरेका छन्।

भूमिमा महिलाको स्वामित्व बढाउन माग
अन्वयपूर्ण समाधानलाई
महेन्द्रनगर, १० वैशाख: भूमिमा महिलाको स्वामित्व बढाउन माग गरिएको छ। भूमिमा महिलाको स्वामित्व बढाउन माग गरिएको छ।



Landless farmers displaying placards at a meeting organised by the National Land Rights Forum in Belbari, Morang, on Friday.

महिलालाई भूमिको स्वामित्व चाहियो: अधिकारकर्मी
महेन्द्रनगर, १० वैशाख: महिलाहरूलाई भूमिको स्वामित्व चाहियो। अधिकारकर्मीले भनिन्।

भूमिहीनलाई खानालको आधारभूत
महेन्द्रनगर, १० वैशाख: भूमिहीनलाई खानालको आधारभूत। भूमिहीनलाई खानालको आधारभूत।

संयुक्त लालपुर्जा अभियान विस्तार हुने
महेन्द्रनगर, १० वैशाख: संयुक्त लालपुर्जा अभियान विस्तार हुने। संयुक्त लालपुर्जा अभियान विस्तार हुने।

भूमिहीन किसानको मोहीसभा
महेन्द्रनगर, १० वैशाख: भूमिहीन किसानको मोहीसभा। भूमिहीन किसानको मोहीसभा।



भोट हाल्न किसानका सर्त
महेन्द्रनगर, १० वैशाख: भोट हाल्न किसानका सर्त। भोट हाल्न किसानका सर्त।