



**As an out come of April 2016 campaign, 111 couples (Okhaldhunga-107, Udaypur-4) received a Joint Land Ownership (JLO) certificates in the total area of 17.97 hactares of land.**

#### Agreement on Joint Land Ownership (JLO) Certificate

Tekraj Bhattarai has understood that Joint Land ownership (JLO) certificate movement has benefited male along with female. He was married to Bimala Dhamala from Kuntadevi VDC at the age of 22 and now they have two daughters. With the realization of the importance of higher education for his daughters, he went to Saudi Arabia so that he can start earning. But time and again he was worried because of the news he used to hear about the elopement of his friends' wives where the women took away all the earnings of their husband. He was frightful about what might happen in the future and if it might happen to him he would become helpless.

As he got back to Nepal after five years for a vacation he was very happy to know about the Joint Land ownership initiation taken by the land right forum. After consulting with his wife in order to increase trust for each other they made JLO in 0.42 ha Land.

## Happy to get land certificate



27 members of Rajdevi Land Right Forum of Lahan Municipality ward no. 13, 14 families of Bastipur got Village Block land certificate. They have been actively participating in land movement for the last 12 years. Rikma Bishwokarma, president of Rajdevi VLRG said – We have been able to get the land certificate of this land only after struggling and doing multiple movements from more than a decade. The Village Block land was measured five years back but the certificate was not distributed. Distribution of the Village Block land certificate started from April 2016 only after a delegation of members from VLRG and DLRG of Siraha went to District Land Revenue Office in March. Further, 259 families from Bastipur got the land certificate. Ganiram after getting the land certificate says, “Now only we are assured that we will not be evicted from the land we are residing for generation.” Along with this, she also expressed her plan of making a JLO certificate of this land.

## Dialogue for co-operation:

On 19th April, a dialogue program with the multi stakeholder was held in Kuntadevi VDC of Okhaldunga with the agenda of women's right in land. Altogether 27 people including presidents and representatives of NC, CPN (UML), UCPNM and RPP were present in the program. This dialogue was successful in getting co-operation from local stakeholders for the JLO campaign in VDC.

## Policy discussion held on land use bill

Ministry of Land Reform and Management, Government of Nepal drafted the Land Use Act according to approved land use policy in 2015. The concerns of land poor, agriculture labourers and small holder's farmers are not addressed properly at the draft. In this context, CSRC, NLRG and NFGF jointly organized the policy dialogue on 6th April 2016. Lawmakers, head of the farmer organizations, high-level government officials, leader of civil societies and media person actively participated at the programme. The number of concerns and alternatives were discussed and government has given the commitment to include in the second draft. CSRC has also developed the policy brief on this issue.

## Friendship towards organization, assistance to victims of catch fire

Forty-six houses of Gangapur VDC of Dang got burnt after a fire caught on the 11th of April 2016. Out of the 46 houses, 7 were members of Dang VLRF. With the feeling of brotherhood for the people of land right forum Bhawanapur, VLRF helped by donating 103 kg rice, 445 kg wheat, 1 kg lentil, 1 kg salt to the victim families. Similarly, Madhavpur, Parsa, Lalpur, Dang, Dharmapur and Prasiya VLRF helped the villagers by providing 20 quintal paddy and 5 quintal rice. Likewise, DLRF Dang was able to help by collecting 392 pieces of clothes, 12 set utensils from Gorahi town.

## Rally against evection

DLRF, Surkhet conducted a rally in protest of eviction. The rally was organized in Birendranagar as a reaction after the District Forest Office mobilized police for the evicting the people who had been living in Birendranagar Municipality for generations. Although government of Nepal has been talking about making efforts in reducing poverty, every year the Ministry of Forest has been allocating budget to the District Forest Office to burn the houses of squatters. In this regard, DLRF has submitted a memorandum to the Minister of Land Reform and Managment through the CDO of Surkhet.



## Identity card to Haliyas

Freed Haliyas Rehabilitation Committee has been distributing the identity cards to verify Haliyas. DLRF Dadeldhura is facilitating the process by filed application, follow-up and for getting application from local governments. 24 Haliyas of Bagarkot and Chipur VDCs has able to get ID card in April 2016



## Entrepreneurship training:

Two-day entrepreneurship training was conducted altogether three times for the vegetable farmers of Kalikasthan, Rasuwa. 92 farmers of the community were benefited from the training. Among them 60 and 32 farmers involved in onion and in tomato farming respectively. The training also contributed and capacitated specifically on recording income and expenses of the business they are engaged, enhancing the quality of the production and improving the relation with the market.

## Discussion on solutions of land problems

The issue of landless of Birtaguthi, Rasuwa district is still complex. After the earthquake, displaced and homeless families and the safety of earthquake victims have become a sensitive matter.

District Land Rights Forum, Rasuwa, organized a discussion on solving the land related problems at District Administration Office, Dhunche. Total 34 people of different government and non-government organisations and community people participated in the discussion namely, Chief District Officer Krishna Prasad Adhikaari, representative of Land Revenue along with Nepal Police D.S.P. of Armed Police, leaders of political parties, representatives of local social organizations and representatives of displaced camps, Guthi, representatives of Birta and landless farmers and leaders of District Land Right Forum (DLRF).

## Commemoration of earthquake memorial day



On 25th of April, 2015 Earthquake Memorial Day was commemorated at Bhumighar. Memories and lessons of the earthquake days were shared in the gathering held at Bhumighar. Later in the evening, candle lighting ceremony was conducted in the memories of people who lost their lives. A condolence was dedicated to 682 people of Rasuwa district, who lost their lives.



Picture taking after orientation in Helambu of Sindhupalchok: 37 CSRC employees based in Talarang, Sindhupalchok Office were oriented about values and policy of CSRC. Also discussed the implemented various programme and correlation between the programme and efficient working strategy.

### **Enterpenurship training**



92 farmers of Rasuwa have got two days enterpenurship development training in three different sessions. Now farmers were able to calculate there invest and income in simple way. Also enhanced basic level of marketing skills.

## Potato farming income resulting to house construction:



Maya Neupane, Dhaibung 6, Rasuwa has commenced construction of her house as of the income generated from CSRC-Rasuwa supported Potato farming. Maya planted a total of 300 kg of potato seeds where 240 kg she got with the support of CSRC and 60 kg from her own investment, she successfully produced 3100 kg ( 31 quintal) potatoes. Out of which she could earn NPR 50,000 by selling 2500 kg at the rate of NPR 20 per 25 quintal. She also saved some portion for her son who lives in Kathmandu for his studies and about 600 kg for self- consumption plus storing it for future purpose. Maya further added “Earning of NPR. 50,000 by producing potatoes with the support of the institution is a matter of delight.”

At last, Maya cheerfully showed the foundation of the house that she has started constructing from the NPR 50,000 income generated from potato farming.

## Cucumber in tunel



Rupa Giri in her tunel with Cucumber, 14 farmers including her of Duwachour VDC of Sindhupalchok produced the Cucumber and selling with good prices.

## Women discussion center in Sindhupalchok



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