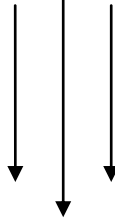


**Proposal**  
On  
**Ensuring Access to Justice for Women and  
Vulnerable Groups through Legal Awareness**



**Submitted To:**

**Enhancing Access to Justice through Institutional Reform Project/A2J  
United Nations Development Programmes/UNDP  
Babarmahal, Kathmandu**



**Submitted By:**

**Rastriya Dalit Network (RDN)-Nepal**  
Dhangadhi sub-metropolitan City –5, Hasanpur Dhangadhi, Kailali  
Contact: +977-91520604 (Office) Email: rdnnepal@yahoo.com  
(Liaison Office, BijuliBajar (Opposite side of Prabhu Bank, Kathmandu)  
in partnership with  
**SAMABESHI Foundation**  
Kathmandu Metropolis, Ward No.-11, Babarmahal,  
G.P.O. Box No: 21066, Kathmandu, Nepal  
Phone/Fax: +977-1-5705194, Email: samavesifoundation.np@gmail.com  
[www.samabeshifoundation.org](http://www.samabeshifoundation.org)

March 10, 2020

## THE APPLICATION FORM

### 1. Applicant:

Project Name:	Ensuring Access to Justice for Women and Vulnerable Groups through Legal Awareness
Full legal name:	Rastriya Dalit Network (RDN) Nepal
Acronym (Where applicable):	RDN Nepal
Legal status:	Non-Government Organization (NGO) DAO Reg. No/date: 681/060, Kailali, 2003 AD
Official address:	Dhangadhi sub-metropolitan-5 Hasanpur Chakmeli Bazar Kailai
Postal address:	Dhangadhi sub-metropolitan-5 Hasanpur Chakmeli Bazar Kailai
Contact person for the project:	Mr. Ganesh B.K.
Telephone No.	+977-9851082733 (Cell)
Fax No.	+977-91-524729
E-mail address:	ganeshbikal@gmail.com rdnnepal@yahoo.com
Website:	www.rdnnepal.org.np

### 2. Description of the applicant:

2.1 What are the main activities of your organization at present? (maximum 30 lines)

#### **Main activities of lead organization (Rastriya Dalit Network-RDN Nepal) are:**

- Evidence-based policy advocacy on Dalit, women and minority rights, mentoring MPs and mock initiatives like Dalit parliament.
- Public awareness and advocacy on women and Dalit rights and non-discrimination through Human rights literacy, legal literacy and constitutional rights literacy.
- Capacity building and of Harawa-Charawa and their organizations on leadership development and collective bargaining as well as basic negotiation skills.
- Capacity enhancement of women and Dalit MPs/MSAs including disadvantaged groups on parliamentary procedures, law-making and oversight.
- Training to members of provincial assembly, trade union representatives, labour lawyers and other right activists on the concept of forced labour and identification of victims.

#### **Main activities of partner organization (SAMABESHI Foundation) are:**

- Conduct seminars/workshops/interactions on women, Dalits and minority rights in respect to constitutional, legal, policy and institutional mechanism and GESI.
- Commission of research/study/reviews on bills/Acts, policies, regulations, and social inclusion of women and Dalits and amendment notice registered in parliament.
- Contribute in 'Dalit special' law-making process by drafting sample/non-governmental bills in line with Article 40 including by bill/Act/policy review and public consultations.
- Registering Writ petition (PIL) and legal-aid service and publishing INCLUSION WATCH a bi-monthly Bulletin in English and Nepali named regularly and publications such as :- (i) non-governmental sample Dalit special bills; (ii) review and publication of national policies, Acts and regulation of federal government; (iii) research-based books publications.

## 2.2 Resources

### The annual budget over the past three years:

Details	2017	2018	2019
Annual Budget	NPR 4,302,870	NPR 5,753,650	NPR 3,209,355.13

### The number of full-time and part-time staff:

- **Lead organization:** full-time 6, and part-time 1
- **Partner organization:** full-time 3, part-time 0, and 3 interns

### Equipment and offices (if any) to be allocated to the project:

S.N	Name of Assets	Quantity	S.N.	Name of Assets	Quantity
<b>Lead organization:</b>					
1	Steel Cupboard	1	8	Wood Rack	3
2	Wood Cheer Attach	1	9	Satellite Radio	1
3	Table	3	10	Motor- cycle	1
4	Telephone	1	11	Laptop Computer	1
5	Desktop Computer	2	12	Camera	1
6	Computer Table	2	13	Chair Spring	2
7	Steel rack	1	14	Chair Plastic	6
<b>Partner organization:</b>					
1	Steel Cupboard	1	5	Camera	1
2	Wood Cupboard	1	6	Telephone	1
3	Table and Chairs	2/2	7	Projector	1
4	Laptop	2	8	Meeting hall	1

**Other relevant resources (if any) to be allocated to the project. N/A\**

## 3. Project Summary:

Location of the Project: Bajhang, Dadeldhura, Baitadi and Kailali Districts of Sudurpaschim Province, Nepal.

### 3.1 Summary of the project

*Within maximum of 10 lines, please include the information on: (a) aim of the project; (b) target groups; (c) main activities*

**The main aim** of this project is creating conducive environment by enhancing knowledge of constitutional and legal rights provisions where access to justice for women and vulnerable groups are protected and guaranteed. **The main target groups are:** Community People including Women, Dalits and marginalized groups and Local Level Government, Local Judicial Committee, Legal aid centers, Local Mediators in synergy with, Federation of Nepali Journalists, Nepal Bar Associations, human rights organizations, government, Legal Aid Center, District Attorney's office, Local Mediation Center, and other Justice Sector Actors etc. **The main activities for legal awareness include:** Development and dissemination of IEC materials; PSA production and broadcasting linking with community-based radios/campaign; seminars/orientations, door-to-door outreach campaign, Media fellowship on necessary constitutional, legal and operational instruments for empowering people.

### 3.2 Objectives

*Within max. of 5 lines describe the main objective of the project*

The project has two objectives: **Objective-1:** Create awareness of targeted women and vulnerable groups of people to enable them to understand and exercise rights and entitlements guaranteed by national normative framework and seeking justice. **Objective-2:** Enhance conceptual understanding and knowledge of women and vulnerable groups on existing normative framework, institutional

mechanism to ensure equal and speedy access to justice. **Objective-3:** To enhance the role and responsibility of judicial committee through empowering judicial committee's members and widening collaboration with CSOs, local mediation and other government agencies.

### 3.3 Justification

*Within max. of 20 lines, provide the following information*

The Constitution of Nepal has safeguarded various rights of women (Article 38), Dalits (Article 40) and other marginalized as well as vulnerable groups (Article 42) under the chapter of Fundamental Rights and Duties including right to equality, rights relating to justice, right against untouchability and discrimination, right to freedom to religion, right against exploitation, right to social security and right to constitutional remedies etc. Furthermore, Muluki Criminal Code 2074 also safeguarded the rights against discrimination and untouchability (Section, 160 & 166), slavery, bounded and forced labor (Section 161, 162, 163), inhuman behavior and witchcraft, discrimination during menstruation (*Chhaupadi*), socially boycotting (Section 168) respectively. Similarly, Local Government Operation Act, 2074 has provisioned local mediation (Section 11/2/L), social security (Section 11/4/F) and Judicial Committee (Section 46-53) respectively. Moreover, there are several special laws regarding to women, Dalit and other vulnerable groups such as Kamaiya-Labour Elimination Act, 2058, Caste-Based Discrimination and Untouchability (Offence and Punishment) Act, 2068, Women-Dalit-Janajati-Tharu-Muslim-Madhesi Commission Act, 2074, Children Act, 2075, Witchcraft Accusation (Offence and Punishment) Act, 2072 respectively. However, these normative interventions are not adequately translated into implementation due to lack of commitment of duty bearers and lack of awareness among the women and vulnerable groups, particularly living in the province. For the effective implementation of these legislative provisions, it is very important that right holders are adequately informed and empowered, and it is very important to aware and sensitize duty bearers about the rights of vulnerable groups too. Against this backdrop, the proposed program aimed at increasing awareness of targeted groups about the normative frameworks and its implementation processes/mechanisms ahead.

### 3.4 Sustainability

*How will your actions ensure sustainability of the results amongst the community (max. 10 lines)*

The project will adopt and ensure following strategies and arrangements for sustainability such as:  
 (i) It will enhance knowledge of local people on constitutional and legislative rights by developing and disseminating various knowledge products and the local government across the targeted districts will be encouraged and advocated to replicate the knowledge products to amplify the result.  
 (ii) The capacity building initiatives are aimed at both at individual as well as institutional level among the women and vulnerable groups which will lead for the policy measures to ensure sustainability. People's awareness on judicial roles, legislative and constitutional framework, legal aid mechanism and increased interface with the representatives build confidence to seek justice. (iii) RDN and SF will establish working relationship with local legal service providers and D-LAC/S-LAC. Ownership and engagement of local government as well as community-based stakeholders is always key for the sustainability of the interventions.

### 3.5 Amount Requested for the project

Amount requested from A2J	USD	29,972.73	100% of total project cost
Amount provided by project partners	USD	00	0% of total project cost
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>USD/NPR</b>	<b>29,972.73/3,297,000/-</b>	<b>100%</b>

#### 4. Other applications submitted to UNDP and other Donors

4.1 Grants and contracts obtained during the last three years from UNDP or other Donors (including 2016)

<b>Title of project</b>	<b>Source</b>	<b>Amount (USD/NPR)</b>	<b>Date of award</b>
Network Capacity Building Project for Harawa/Charawa and their Organizations in Nepal- NCB Project	The Freedom Fund (FF)	NPR 7,817,700	1 April 2018 to 31 May 2020
Strengthening Public Advocacy and Awareness for promoting the Human rights of freed Haliyas, ex-Kamaiyas, Kamlaris and Harawa-Charawa by eliminating Forced Labors system in Nepal-(SAHAS)	International Labour Organization (ILO)	NPR 1,460,000	1 March 2020 to 31 July 2020
Parliament Support Project	United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)	NPR 933,500	15 August 2019 to 31 November 2019
Collective voice for Human Rights and Dignity-AAWAZ Project	Governance Facility (GF)	NPR 10,002,277	1 December 2015 to 31 May, 2018
Improving Public Financial Management Project	Center for International Cooperation and Studies (CECI)	NPR 3113,150	1 June 2013 to 31 December, 2016

**5. Declaration by applicant:**

I, the undersigned, being the person responsible in the applicant organization for the project, certify that:

- (a) The information given in this application is correct; and  
(b) The applicant organization and the partner organization(s) (where applicable) are eligible in accordance with section 2.1.1 of the Guidelines for Applicants.

Name:	<b>Mr. Ganesh Bahadur Bishwokarma</b>
Position:	<b>Chairperson</b>
Signature:	
Date and Place:	10 March 2020, Kathmandu Nepal

**Annex B. Bank details of applicant**

In a bank operating in Nepal.	Rastriya Dalit Network (RDN)
Account name:	
Bank account no:	010600000351
Bank code:	524
SWIFT code:	BOKLNPKA
Bank name:	Bank of Kathmandu (BoK) Dhangadhi
Bank address:	Dhangadhi sub-metropolitan-2 Chauraha Dhangadhi
Name(s) of signatory(ies):	1. Mr. Ganesh Bahadur Bishwokarma 2. Mr. Jang Bahadur Sunar 3. Mr. Bharat Aagri
Position(s) of signatory(ies):	1. Chairperson 2. Treasurer 3. Admin and Finance Officer

**A. Project Summary:** (maximum of 2 pages)

<b>Title of the Project:</b>	<b>Ensuring Access to Justice for Women and Vulnerable Groups through Legal Awareness</b>
<b>Project Coverage District:</b>	FOUR Districts (Bajhang, Dadeldhura, Baitadi and Kailali) of Sudurpaschim Province.
<b>Project Beneficiaries:</b>	<p><b>Primary beneficiaries:</b> Community People including Women, Dalits and other vulnerable/marginalized groups.</p> <p><b>Stakeholder beneficiaries:</b> Local Governments as well as representatives from women and vulnerable groups, Judicial Committee, Legal aid service providers/Centers, District Bar Association, government implementing/duty bearer agencies, District Legal Aid Committees and Socio-Legal Aid Center, District Attorney's offices and other Justice Sector Actors, civil society organizations, human rights organization and media etc.</p>
<b>Project goal and Objectives:</b>	<p><b>Goal:</b> Contributing for enabling environment for promoting inclusiveness and equitable access to Justice and human rights for women and vulnerable groups by creating massive awareness among the grass-root people on constitutional, legal and institutional provisions.</p> <p><b>Objectives:</b></p> <p><b>Objective-1:</b> To enhance awareness among the women, dalit and other vulnerable groups of people in target areas for claiming their constitutional and legal rights and access to justice.</p> <p><b>Objective-2:</b> To strengthen knowledge of women, Dalit and vulnerable groups about existing normative framework including fundamental rights related laws, institutional mechanism/ Access to Justice mechanism and policy reform at local government to ensure equal and speedy access to justice.</p> <p><b>Objective-3:</b> To enhance the role and responsibility of judicial committee through empowering judicial committee's members and widening collaboration with CSOs, local mediation and other government agencies.</p>
<b>Project Major Activities:</b>	<p><b>Activity 1:</b> Produce, print and dissemination of IEC material on constitutional, legal and institutional framework.</p> <p><b>Activity 2:</b> Dissemination of radio PSA to educate constitutional rights, legal and institutional mechanism of women and vulnerable groups.</p> <p><b>Activity 3:</b> Media Fellowship to write about new legal framework linking access to justice for women.</p> <p><b>Activity 4:</b> Door to Door Outreach at Household level to create awareness.</p> <p><b>Activity 5:</b> Municipality-level dialogues/interactions on constitutional rights and new legal framework at isolated/never reached settlements of targeted Rural Municipality of project districts.</p> <p><b>Activity 6:</b> District level conference focusing the rights of women, Dalits and vulnerable groups to all newly elected women including Dalit Ward Members and executive members on constitutional provisions, Muluki civil and criminal codes, caste-based discrimination and untouchability (offence and punishment) Act, local body operation act and another essential normative framework.</p> <p><b>Activity 7:</b> A District level Multi-stakeholder dialogue/panel discussion program for effective implementation of women, Dalit and vulnerable groups related constitutional and legal provisions and media dissemination</p>

	<p>in all four Districts. The potential stakeholders will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ District Administrative Office</li> <li>▪ District Police Office</li> <li>▪ District Legal Aid Committee</li> <li>▪ District Bar Association</li> <li>▪ District Attorney's office</li> <li>▪ District Federation of Nepalese Journalists</li> <li>▪ District level representatives of NGOs/CSOs,</li> <li>▪ District level women and Dalit rights leaders/activists.</li> </ul> <p><b>Activity 8:</b> FOUR district level interaction/orientation among the chair and members of judicial committees for exchanging experiences to increase its effectiveness in the future.</p>
<b>Project Expected outputs/deliverables:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The knowledge products on major constitutional provisions, fundamental rights, fundamental rights related laws, Muluki civil codes and criminal codes, local governance Operation Act and Local Judicial Committee, women and vulnerable groups related special laws will be developed and widely disseminated.</li> <li>▪ Minimum of 10 news/articles on constitutional rights, legal provisions, Judicial Committee Mechanism, Legal Aid, New Civil code and criminal code will be published in National and Local daily papers/online which will serve for legal awareness.</li> <li>▪ 3 Radio PSAs on new normative framework, institutional mechanism about rights and judicial committee's mandate will be produced and widely disseminated through local community radios.</li> <li>▪ Information booklet, brochure will be developed and disseminated.</li> <li>▪ Inter-community dialogues will be consulted on the issue of constitutional rights, judicial committee and other newly promulgated codes to enhance awareness about legal provisions and access to justice mechanism.</li> <li>▪ 100 female ward members of targeted districts, chairs and members of judicial committees will be oriented on constitutional framework, civil and criminal code, legal aid other legislative framework, policy framework on GESI and laws against discrimination and untouchability.</li> <li>▪ District level multi-stakeholder consultation will be conducted for effective implementation of women and vulnerable groups laws on the ground.</li> <li>▪ <i>Deuda</i> Dance camp will be organized with legal songs.</li> </ul>
<b>Project Implementing Period:</b>	1st April 2020 to 30 November, 2020
<b>Overall Project Management:</b>	Rastriya Dalit Network (RDN) Nepal
<b>Locally Project Management &amp; implementation Partner:</b>	SAMABESHI Foundation (SF)



**B. General information about applicant organization:** (maximum of 1 page)

**Lead Organization:**

Rastriya Dalit Network (RDN) Nepal is the national level Dalit organization working in the field of Dalit rights, land rights, Haliya rights, Kamaiya rights and Human Rights through community mobilization, capacity building and advocacy campaigns since the time of its establishment. It is working all over the country in 77 Districts. It has one Dalit activist in each district and 7 provincial chapters formed and functional. RDN Nepal is registered as a non-governmental organization in District Administration Office, Kailali and affiliated in Social Welfare Council in 2003 AD. It organizes the General Assembly each year and election in each three years through democratic practice. It has regular audit and social audit from the very beginning. RDN Nepal has been working on human rights and social justice to end impunity, deprivation through human rights based to development. There are 17 members in executive committee board. Out of them, more than 40% represents from women. A total 12 members (5 from key position and 7 from each province) are directly elected from its general assembly and rest 5 are nominated from various sectors (1 from Badi, one from freed Haliyas, one from elected Dalit representatives and 2 from women). The vision of the organization is to create just society without caste-based untouchability and discrimination as recognized by the universal principles whereas the mission is to play a lead role in establishing a human rights-oriented resource centre for Dalit's identity, representation and access.

**About the implementing Partners:**

SAMABESHI Foundation (SF) does have legal status in our country Nepal. SF was established in 2003 AD, under the Organization Registration Act, 1977 in Kathmandu District Administrative Office (DAO/Reg. No. 378) with the major objective of conducting research, publication and evidence-based policy advocacy on social inclusion of marginalized groups mainly of women and Dalits. It was then consecutively affiliated to Social Welfare Council (SWC/Aff. No. 34929), Inland Revenue Department (PAN No. 600519331), Kathmandu District Coordination Committee (DAO/DCC-Reg. No. 378), Kathmandu Metropolitan City (KMC/Reg. No. 421) and Inland Revenue Office as a tax-exempt organization (Cert. No. 44) as required by laws that will submit all the scanned legal documents with this short concept note (proposal). The General Assembly is the supreme body to guide, instruct and formulate and amend necessary plans and policies of organizations. Then it would elect the executive committee/board with five major posts of office bearers with full authority to run the organization to meeting the set Vision, Mission, Goals and Objectives (VMGOs). A monitoring and evaluation sub-committee is in place with the convenorship of Treasurer. Then the board appoints members of advisory committee with the aim to get necessary suggestion and feedback to SF. Under the board, dedicated and hard-working small team of staff is in place as headed by Executive Director with the role of direct report to the Chairperson for the overall management of the program. And all the activities being carried out will directly or indirectly benefitting to the women, Dalits, Adivasis/Janajatis, Madhesis and the other marginalized communities.

**C. Relevant experience:** (maximum of 1 page)

**Relevant experience of RDN are:** RDN Nepal has more than one and half decades of working experience in regards to the policy advocacy, social inclusion, awareness raising and empowerment targeting socio-economic as well as political rights of Dalits, women, land-poor and other marginalized communities such as forced labours; freed Haliyas, ex-Kamaiyas, Kamalaris and Harawa-Charawa. Particularly, it has experience of implementing various projects with the financial support of UNDP, AAIN, ESP, RDIF, WFO, GF, RRI,

CCO, CECI, the Freedom Fund (FF) and ILO etc. Basically, RDN Nepal has capability in the implementation of various issues-based projects in close coordination with consortium partners. Similarly, the project entitled as *"Strengthening Public Awareness and Advocacy to End Untouchability and Caste Based Discrimination in Nepal"* has been implemented by RDN Nepal with the financial support of Enabling State Program (ESP) as lead partner in 4 districts (Kailali, Kanchnapur, Doti and Aacham) whereas Equity Development Center (EDC) Doti and Oppressed Community Upliftment and Awareness Development (OUADF) in Achham were local partners for the implementation of the project. It also implemented *"Parliament Support Project (PSP)"* with the support of UNDP with an aim to enhance the capacity of Dalit MSAs including needy and selected women and disadvantaged groups, to support them in fulfilling an effective role within the SA. Currently it has been implementing *"Network Capacity Building of Harawa-Charawa and their organizations in Nepal-NCB project"* with the financial support of the Freedom Fund (FF) and Awareness raising program targeting freed Haliyas and ex-Kamaiyas funded by International Labour Organization (ILO).

**Relevant experience of SAMABESI Foundation are:**

- Conducted several seminars/workshops/interactions on Dalits and minority rights in respect to constitutional, legal, policy and inclusion issues/agendas.
- Commissioned research/study/reviews on laws, policies, regulations, land rights and social inclusion of Dalit MPs in federal and provincial parliaments.
- Contributed in inclusive law-making process in Federal Parliament by conducting bill/Act/policy review and public/stakeholder consultations and providing a set of recommendation.
- Contributed in 'Dalit special' law-making process to be enacted by drafting the THREE sample/non-governmental bills for translating constitutional rights of Dalits into laws under the Article 40 of Constitution.
- Providing Legal Aid Support to the victims of caste/descent-based discrimination and untouchability cases across the country as per needs.

**Publications:**

- (1) ***Inclusion Watch***: Published 12 issues of bi-monthly Bulletin in English and Nepali.
- (2) ***Sample Bills draft***: Drafted three non-governmental sample bills and published as follows:
  - *Dalit Literature and Cultural Academy Formation Bill, 2017*
  - *Dalit Development Authority Formation Bill, 2017*
  - *Dalits' Indigenous Knowledge/Skills/Art and Profession Protection Bill, 2017*
- (3) **Policy, Act and Regulation review and publication:**
  - *Reviewed the national policies of the government of Nepal on Women, Dalit, minority and social inclusion perspectives, 2018.*
  - *Reviewed all Federal Acts on Women, Dalit, minority and social inclusion perspectives, 2017.*
  - *Reviewed the Federal Regulations on Women, Dalit, minority and social inclusion perspectives, 2018.*
- (4) **Study and publication:** *State and Impact of Dalit Women's Representation in Federal Parliament and Provincial Assemblies in Nepal 2019*
- (5) **Book Publication**
  - *An Outlook of Inclusion in Nepal, 2019*
  - *GoN's Periodic Report on CERD 2018: Dalits CSO's Alternative Report and Achievement, 2019*

**D. Problem analysis:** (maximum of ½ page)

The Constitution of Nepal has adopted the principle of federal democratic governance structure, republicanism, secularism, inclusiveness and social justice as progressive provisions. The Constitution has safeguarded several fundamental rights including women's right, Dalit's rights and right to equality and non-discrimination extensively. Also, enacted comprehensive and integrated Muluki Civil and Criminal Codes which are considered to be radical departure from Nepal's traditional criminal justice system. These new codes have adopted various standard principles of judicial trial and justice system and included provisions in compliance with Nepal's international human rights obligations and principles of GESI, equality and non-discrimination. Moreover, a few special laws have enacted for women, Dalit and vulnerable groups respectively. The Local Governance Operation Act has provisioned for Judicial Committee headed by Deputy Mayor/Vice-Chair of Municipality/Rural municipality as an alternative dispute settlement mechanism that are seen as an innovation to ensure effective, easy and speedy justice system to the people specially for women and other vulnerable groups. However, it is evident that women and vulnerable groups particularly living in remote areas/in the province still lack knowledgeable about how their rights have been enshrined in the constitution and laws and how those can be enjoyed through which arrangement of government. The local government are bestowed with 22 exclusive rights including judicial rights to be exercised through Judicial Committee. Unfortunately, local people particularly women, Dalit and marginalized groups living in remote areas are not aware enough of all these provisions. This problem not only prevails among grass-root people, it also prevails among leaders and activists at local level and even the local government representatives. Due to lack of awareness on their constitutional and legal rights, judicial procedures and institutional mechanism, particularly Dalit and marginalized women are unable to seek justice when their rights are violated. Additionally, even the laws enforcement agencies/agents and duty barriers in local level are also not aware enough about the existing normative framework about women and vulnerable groups and the same situation prevails among the local leaders, activist and youths.

**E. Project objectives:** (maximum of ½ page)

The goal of the project is contributing for enabling environment for promoting inclusiveness and equitable access to Justice and human rights for women and vulnerable groups by creating massive awareness among the grass-root people on constitutional, legal and institutional provisions.

**The Objectives of the project are:** The overall objective of the project is to strengthening access to justice for Women and other vulnerable groups through enhancing legal awareness:

**Objective-1:** To enhance awareness among the women, dalit and other vulnerable groups of people in target areas for claiming their constitutional and legal rights and access to justice.

**Objective-2:** To strengthen knowledge of women, Dalit and vulnerable groups about existing normative framework including fundamental rights related laws, institutional mechanism/ Access to Justice mechanism at local government to ensure equal and speedy access to justice.

**Objective-3:** To enhance the role and responsibility of judicial committee through empowering judicial committee's members and widening collaboration with CSOs, local mediation and other government agencies.

**F. Expected results:** (maximum of ½ page)

The expected results of the project will be as follows:

- Increased knowledge and awareness on constitutional, legal including new laws (fundamental rights related and new codes) and institutional framework about 20000 people among the women and vulnerable groups.
- Aware women and vulnerable groups about the roles and responsibilities of judicial committees, mediation centers and other remedial mechanism.
- Enhanced capacity of targeted right holders about integrated legal aid policies/provisions and mechanism/procedures and socio-psycho element of socio-legal aid model.
- Increased collaboration and engagement of school, teachers and students in disseminating information on constitutional, legal and institutional framework.
- Increased collaboration and participation of influential district level stakeholders such as District Administrative Office, Police Office, Legal Aid Committee, Bar Association, Attorney's office, Federation of Nepalese Journalists, human rights activities, CBOs, community-based user groups, mediators, and local government in this regard.
- Enhanced access of women and vulnerable groups of targeted location to the information on their constitutional and legal rights and mechanisms to access to justice.
- Increased responsiveness and sensitization among duty bearers on the rights of women and vulnerable groups.

**G. Target audience:** (maximum of ½ page)

- (i) **Primary target audience:** Women, Dalits and other vulnerable groups are primary target audience of the project. It will increase awareness of most marginalized women and Dalits through outreach-based interactions combined with strategic media mobilization. It will also directly benefit local government representatives from women, Dalit and vulnerable groups including member of judicial committee. CBO leaders, community-based women groups and other users' groups, community health workers, Dalits and women rights activists and RDN and SF's members will also be directly benefitted from this intervention.
- (ii) **Secondary target audience:** Local government, legal aid service providers, local mediation centers, judicial committees, District Administrative Office, Police Office, Legal Aid Committee, Bar Association, Attorney's office, Federation of Nepalese Journalists, human rights organization, law enforcement and justice sector actors civil society organizations etc. are the secondary target audience as stakeholders in the District.

**H. Project Activities:** (maximum of 1 page)

The key activities leading to expected results and objective of the projects are narrated below.

**Activity 1: Produce, print and dissemination of IEC material:** Under the project 4000 copies (1000 for each District) of a booklet on constitutional, legal and institutional provisions relating to women, Dalit and Children and vulnerable groups, criminal and civil codes, special laws, fundamental rights related laws, local judicial committees and other normative framework will be produced, printed and disseminated in school teachers, students, the community people and elected representatives and district and local level stakeholders. Similarly, 120 copies of Flip Charts on constitutional and legislative rights of women, Dalit and Children will be produced to be used for orientation sessions and interactions.

**Activity 2: Wider dissemination of PSA:** In order to educate the target audience (women, Dalit and vulnerable groups) as well as stakeholder audience, three radio PSAs on:- (i) constitutional rights of women and Dalit; (ii) Legal framework relating to fundamental rights including special laws for women and dalit; and (iii) provisions of Muluki civil and criminal code, and provisions of Judicial Committee will be developed. These PSAs will be aired through the local community radios of the selected four project districts. The PSAs will be

aired one time an alternative day in peak hours (Morning and Evening) up to two months around the awareness campaigns at school and community. Considering the need of the community, PSA will be made in local language so that local people can understand the content.

**Activity 3: Awarding Media Fellowship:** Local and national level Journalists will be encouraged to write news, stories, features and articles related to constitutional and legal provisions and access to justice mechanism, level of awareness and status of implementation at present so that community awareness on these frameworks enhanced. For this end, 15 journalists working at district as well as National level media are awarded fellowship which will result publication of 15 news articles through national as well as local level newspapers.

**Activity 4: Door to Door Campaign:** Altogether 4000 households will be reached out through this initiative to amplify the awareness campaign through door-to-door campaign across the targeted districts through Social mobilizers appointed under this project and IEC materials will be disseminated through door-to-door campaign.

**Activity 5: Municipality-level dialogue/interactions:** Altogether 8 (1 Municipality and 1 Rural Municipality in each District) selected municipality-level dialogue/interactions on the constitutional and legal framework such as fundamental rights related laws, special laws, Muluki civil and criminal codes and alternative access to justice mechanism such as Judicial Committee will be organized in which 400 participants) people will be participated in the program. The session will be facilitated by knowledgeable and trained persons from D-LAC/S-LAC, District Attorney, Bar Association, Police, human as well as civil rights activist and staff members of RDN and SF.

**Activity 6: District-level conference with multi-stakeholder focusing on the rights of women, Dalits and vulnerable groups:** The conference will target ward level elected representatives particularly Female Dalit and women ward members and executive members of target Municipalities/Rural Municipalities and women and Dalit activists including District-level multi-stakeholders. The participants of this programme will be from representatives of District Administrative Office, District Police Office, District Legal Aid Committee, District Bar Association, District Attorney's office, District office of the Federation of Nepalese Journalists, District level representatives of NGOs/CSOs and District level women and Dalit rights leaders/activists. About 200 members will be oriented through these orientations. At the end of the conference, declaration will be promulgated which will be used to follow-up the action plan (road map) of the local government bodies.

**Activity 7:** FOUR district level interaction/orientation among the chair and members of judicial committees for exchanging experiences to increase its effectiveness in the future. Altogether about 100 chairs and members of judicial committees will be oriented on the role and responsibilities of the committees and the members including related normative framework on women, Dalit and vulnerable groups.

**Activity-8: Support local government to formulate/revise GESI policy:** The project will coordinate selected 4 local government (one local government mechanism in each district) to formulate/revise the gender equality and social inclusion (GESI) policy framework. During the course, target beneficiaries and major stakeholders will be widely consulted. The subject-expert will be hired in the process. The local government mechanism will share the total resources for the development of GESI policy.

#### **I. Organizational capacity improvement:** (maximum of ½ page)

The project will contribute significantly for the enhancement of institutional capacity of both RDN as well as SAMABESHI Foundation. It will support to develop SF and RDN to develop own human resources for strengthening its works. Moreover, it will give an avenue to learn from UNDP resources and build synergies in actions. SAMABESHI Foundation whose

interventions so far focused more on law and policy review at National level will gain significant expertise and experience of working at community level through collaboration with RDN. In this respect, the technical assistance from UNDP team will be supportive for developing and improving organization capacity. It also provides opportunities to establish working relationship with District and local level government agencies, elected representatives, non-governmental institutions/activists for improving justice role of local level and enhance access of vulnerable people to justice. The project will also further enhance management and project delivery capacity of district team.

**J. Work Plan:**(maximum of 3 pages)

SN	Activities	Total Target	Apr	May	June	July	Aug
<b>Objective-1:</b> Enhanced awareness of women, Dalit and other vulnerable groups of people in target areas for claiming their constitutional and legislative rights and seeking justice							
1.1	Produce, print and dissemination of IEC material regarding constitutional and legal provision	4000 copies (1000 for each District) and 120 Flip charts					
1.2	Produce and dissemination of PSA to educate constitutional rights of special groups	3 local community radios					
1.3	Awarding Media Fellowship	15 Journalists					
1.4	Door to Door Campaign	4000 HHs					
<b>Objective-2:</b> To strengthen knowledge of women, Dalit and vulnerable groups about existing normative framework including fundamental rights related laws, institutional mechanism/ Access to Justice mechanism and policy reform at local government to ensure equal and speedy access to justice.							
2.1	Municipality-level dialogue/interactions on the constitutional and legal framework and alternative access to justice mechanism	4 Municipality/Rural Municipality among 400 participants					
2.2	Support local government to formulate/revise GESI policy	4 local governments					
2.3	District level conference including multi-stakeholders focusing the rights of women, Dalits and vulnerable groups among the elected women and Dalit representatives and activists	4 events of conference					
<b>Objective-3:</b> To enhance the role and responsibility of judicial committee through empowering judicial committee's members and widening collaboration with CSOs, local mediation and other government agencies.							
3.1	District level interaction/orientation among the chair and	<b>4 interactions/ orientations</b>					

	members of judicial committees for exchanging experiences to increase its effectiveness in the future.						
4	Final Evaluation and Reporting						

**K. Project Monitoring and Evaluation** (maximum of ½ page)

RDN and SF's will form a joint Project Management Committee (PMC) for implementation, monitoring and evaluation (M&E) of the project in line with UNDP requirement. All staffs will be adequately briefed to ensure timely and quality reporting, documentation of learning and evaluation. The reporting will be both narrative and financial that correspond the result commitment of the project. Monthly review/planning meeting at district level will be a participatory mechanism for district team. Responsible central staffs and board members will be mobilized for field monitoring. The field monitoring report will inform about changing context and performance in the fields. RDN Nepal and SF will use the information gathered from monitoring as evidence of changes in the lives of target beneficiaries. The information collected under the project will be systematically documented, published and shared with funding agencies, local government bodies including other relevant stakeholders and various forums. The information will also be used as knowledge management and up scaling and replication in other development projects. The success stories/human interest stories will be produced which will be disseminated among stakeholders.

The indicators and methods for assessing progress against objectives include as follows:

Objectives and Indicators	Sources of verification
<b>Objective-1: (Activities 1 to 4)</b>	
Activities (No. 1 to 4) will be conducted under this objectives through where about 4000 local people aware <b>directly</b> and more than 10000 people aware <b>indirectly</b> in target Districts in increasing knowledge on constitutional rights, legislative frameworks on Muluki criminal and civil codes, fundamental rights related laws, special laws and Judicial Committee, GESI and non-discriminatory laws and alternative justice mechanism etc via radio broadcasting and article publishing in various news papers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Number of ICE materials publication and dissemination.</li> <li>▪ Records of door-to-door campaign</li> <li>▪ Record of producing/disseminating PSA materials and numbers of radio episode broadcasted and their regular audience.</li> <li>▪ Record of published articles by media fellows and their regular audience/readers</li> <li>▪ Progress report</li> </ul>
<b>Objective-2: (Activities 5-7)</b>	
Activities 5-7 will be conducted under this objective through where 400 elected local level representatives from women and Dalits and 200 representatives of District and local level duty/stakeholders aware <b>directly</b> in increasing knowledge on normative framework, institutional mechanism and their role and responsibilities for effective implementation on the ground.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Attendance/minutes of participants of Municipality-level dialogues/interactions</li> <li>▪ Attendance/minutes of participants of Districts-level dialogues/interactions</li> <li>▪ Events completion reports.</li> <li>▪ Dissemination of GESI policy</li> <li>▪ Media coverage</li> </ul>
<b>Objective-3:</b>	
Activities no. 8 will be conducted under this	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Attendance/minutes of participants of</li> </ul>

<p>objective through where about 100 chairs and members of judicial committees will be aware <b>directly</b> on the role and responsibilities of the committees and the members including related normative framework on women, Dalit and vulnerable groups</p>	<p>interactions/orientations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Events completion reports.</li> <li>▪ Media coverage</li> <li>▪ Progress report</li> </ul>
---	--

**L. Budget:** (maximum of 2 pages)

The total budget for this project is USD 29,972.73 (NPR. 3,297,000) for the period of 1 April 2020 to 31 August 2020. The budget of this project is prepared by given the guideline and formats of RFP. The detail budget of project is presented in a separate MS Excel file (See Annex Sheet).

**M. CSO Staff CV:**

The names of the staffs who will be directly responsible for the project are mentioned as below:

1. Mr. Hukum Bahadur Sarki (Program Focal Person (25% time)
2. Mr. Surya Nepali (Project Coordinator, 100% time)
3. Ms. Reeta Rijal (Finance and Admin Officer, 100% time)
4. Ms. Parbati Aagri (Programme Communication Assistant-30%)

Note: The CVs of proposed staffs mentioned above have been attached with this proposal

**Other staffs for the Project:**

The names of the other staffs for the project are mentioned as below:

1. Ms. Saraswati Nepali (Social Mobilization/District Field Officer-100% at Baitadi)
2. Mr. Gorakha Sarki (Social Mobilization/District Field Officer-100% at Kailai)
3. Mr. Chakra Aagri (Social Mobilization/District Field Officer-100% at Bajhang)
4. Mr. Jagadish Chunara (Social Mobilization/District Field Officer-100% at Dadeldhura)

Note: The CVs of proposed staffs mentioned above have been attached with this proposal



**N. Partners of the Applicant and Partnership Statement:**

The Partnership Statement is attached along with this proposal.