



Brief Concept Note For Federal Level Advocacy Campaign on Agriculture Bonded Labours

1. Project Overview: Rastriya Dalit Network (RDN) Nepal and Action Aid Nepal (AAN) have been implementing the project entitled as **“Ending Agriculture Bonded Labours in Nepal”** for the period from 1st April, 2021 to 31st December, 2023 with the financial support of the Freedom Fund in close coordination with Forced Labours elimination Advocacy Group (FLeAG) and Harawa-Charawa, Haliya and Kamaiya (HCHaK) networks. The project has directly covered 8 districts in south east terai districts, namely: **Saptari, Siraha, Dhanusha, Mahottari, Sarlahi, Rauthat, Bara and Parsa) of province 2 in Nepal**, one district-Bardiya in Lumbini province and 2 districts-Doti and Bajura in Sudurpaschi, province also covered the Kathmandu for national level policy advocacy.

2. Operational Context: On the occasion of the 22nd anniversary of the declaration of Kamaiya emancipation, existing Harwa Charwa practice in Nepal has been emancipated by the Honorable Prime Minister Mr. Sher Bahadur Deuba through a special message on 18th July, 2022. On this instance, the 4 point messages were delivered through organizing special program which has been sent as special letter by the Government of Nepal for the implementation of that historic declaration. Similarly, the election commission of Nepal has recently declared the election date of provincial state assembly and house of representative on upcoming 20 November, 2022. During the same course of time, political parties at central level have formed their own manifesto drafting committee.

3. Objectives

- To address the agricultural bonded labours issues in the manifesto of different political parties initiated by their central committees as commitment
- To explore possible area of collaboration and support in the implementation of government plan and policies focusing the issues of agriculture bonded labours; freed Harawa-Charawa, Haliyas and Kamaiyas at federal level

4. Activity Description

Activity-4.1: Delegation to office of the central committee of political parties: As the political parties are one of the key stakeholders for the advocacy, one event of delegation to the 5 central committees of political parties; CPN (UML), Nepali congress, CPN (moist-centre), CPN (Unified Socialist) and Janata Samajbadi will be carried-out at Kathmandu. The delegation will contribute addressing the demands of agricultural bonded labours in their manifesto as commitment.

Activity-4.1: Face to face meetings with bureaucracy and government officials: Action Aid and RDN will facilitate national agriculture bonded labours struggle committee members to conduct 2 events of inter-face meetings at ministry of land reform as well as labour and employment at federal level. The meeting will discuss on the technical aspects of implementation methodology of government policies. The activity contributes also explore the possible area of collaboration in effective implementation of government plan and policies.

5. Participants: A total of 6 national agriculture bonded labours struggle committee (Freed Haliya network=2, Freed Kamaiya network=2 and freed Harawa-Charawa network=2) will take part in the federal level advocacy activities as mentioned above.

6. Duration, venue and Activity Schedule: The policy advocacy activities will be conducted for the period from **24-27 September, 2022 at Kathmandu** as mentioned below;

Date	Activity
24 September, 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrive at Kathmandu
25 September, 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delegation to central committee political parties; CPN (UML), Nepali congress, CPN (moist-centre), CPN (Unified Socialist) and Janata Samajbadi
26 September, 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review meeting on the response of central committee political parties and preparation for face-face meeting with ministry with land management, cooperative and poverty alleviation
27 September, 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct face to face meeting with ministry of land management, cooperative and poverty alleviation.

8. Expected Results/Outcomes:

- Central committee of different political parties positively responded the demands of agriculture bonded labours and incorporated in their manifestos.
- Ministry of land management, cooperative and poverty alleviation shared its details plan regarding the data collection, verification and rehabilitation of freed Harawa-Charawa, missed Haliyas and Kamaiyas.

9. Estimated Budget:

SN	Particular	Qty	Rate	Day	Amount
A	Action Aid Nepal (AAN)				
	Air Travel for Haliya and Kamaiya network members	3	7500	2	45,000
	Local Travel for Haliya and Kamaiya network members	4	1000	4	16,000
	DSA for Freed Haliyas and Kamaiya network members	4	1250	5	25,000
	Lodge cost for Freed Haliyas and Kamaiya network members	4	1000	4	16,000
	Total (NPR)				1,02,000
B	Rastriya Dalit Network (RDN) Nepal				
	Bus Travel for Harawa-Charawa network members	2	3000	2	12,000
	DSA for Harawa-Charawa network members	2	2000	5	20,000
	Local Travel for Harawa-Charawa networks members	4	1000	4	16,000
	Communication and stationary	LS			5,000
	Total (NPR)				53,000
	Grand Total (A+B)				155,000

10. Financial Management & Reporting: As agreed, out of the total estimated budget **NPR 155,000**, RDN will manage **NPR 53,000** as travel and DSA cost to the 2 representatives from freed Harawa-Charawa network and rest **NPR 102,000** will be paid by Action Aid Nepal for the travel and DSA cost to 4 representatives from freed Haliya and Kamaiya networks. **Mr. Hukum Bdr. Sarki-Executive Director of RDN will take full responsibility for the overall documentation and reporting of policy advocacy activities at federal level.**