

Brief Concept Note for the Mobilization of Dalit Election Observation Committee-DEOC targeting Upcoming Local Election-2022

Introduction of the 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, Harawa-Charawa 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. Dalit rights and dignity, human rights and social justice, land rights and natural resource management are the core thematic organization. Similarly, Public Sector Accountability, Deepening Democracy, Gender Equality and Social Inclusion (GESI) Mainstreaming, are its cross-cutting interventions. The strengths of the organizations are outlined as below:

- *Inclusive and functional leadership with knowledge and skill on diversified thematic as well as cross-cutting interventions*
- *More than 15 years of working experience in the field of advocacy, empowerment, mass-mobilization, capacity building, litigation, service delivery etc*
- *At least 40% women representation has been provisioned in its constitution at all level*
- *Leading role in various national and international alliances and networking for collective advocacy interventions*

2. Objectives

- To observe the process of upcoming local election in the field of democracy, governance, right of the citizen, transparency and accountability.

3. Planned Activities:

A. Orientation workshop to Dalit Election Observer: RDN will organize 2 days residential orientation to selected 27 Dalit Election Observer with an aim to enhance their capacity on the specific roles and responsibilities of Dalit Election Observation Committee-DEOC especially on the issues of what to do and what do not?. The orientation program will finalize the guideline of DEOC and also the Terms of References (ToR) of Dalit election observer. In addition, they will be fully well aware on the election code of conduct. One subject-expert will be hired to facilitate the orientation.

B. Formation and mobilization of Dalit Election Observation Committee-DEOC: RDN will form and mobilization a total of 27 Dalit Election Observation Committees-DEOCs at 9 districts in Sudurpaschim province. Out of these total 27 DEOCs, 18 will be formed and mobilized at 18 rural municipalities/municipalities (2 in each district) and 9 at districts. The working area of the land rights campaign supported by open society foundation will be targeted for this initiatives. RDN central office will be used as DEOC secretariat to function the day to day work of the mission. DEOCs will be mobilized for the following purposes targeting landless Dalits in the upcoming election;

- To conduct the inclusion audit of Dalits candidacy from different political parties at local level
- Lobby and advocacy to different political parties for the proportional representation of Dalits in upcoming election
- To conduct overall observation of the electoral system and election process at all levels so that the elections are held in an atmosphere that holds the credibility of its outcome.

- Ensure the conduct of election impartial, free, fair and credible.
- Committed to advocate for following the due process and universally accepted norms and standard practice in order to uphold the democratic credentials of the elections.
- To observe whether the civic and voter's education materials are precise, informative, and effective and observe and take note on election campaign finance

C. Visibility: RDN will print 30 jackets for the Dalit election observers during the observation of elections at local level. RDN will take the permission from election commission of Sudurpaschim provincial government. The observers will monitor the situation of pre-election, during election and after election as the election code of conduction promulgated by election commission.

D. Publication of Report: RDN will publish and disseminate the comprehensive report compiling the facts and findings of observation. A total 500 copies of reports will be published to share the findings and recommendations of the Dalit Election Observation Committee-DEOC.

4. Estimated Budget:

SN	Particular	Unit	Qty	Rate	Day	Total (NPR)
Orientation workshop to Dalit Election Observer						
	Hall Rent	Number	1	5000	2	10000
	Projector	Number	1	2000	2	4000
	Banner	Number	1	1000	1	1000
	Stationary	Person	30	500	1	15000
	Travel	Person	30	1500	2	90000
	Food and Accommodation	Person	30	2000	3	180000
	Resource Person	Person	1	10000	2	20000
	Total					320000
Formation and mobilization of Dalit Election Observation Committee-DEOC						
	Dalit Election Observer Mobilization	Person	18	1000	5	90000
	Total					90000
	RDN contribution in the mobilization of Dalit Election Observer	Person	27	1000	25	675000
	Total					675000
Visibility						
	Printing of Jacket	Person	27	1000	1	27000
	Total					27000
Publication of Report						
	Editing	Person	1	20000	1	20000
	Proof Reading	Person	1	25000	1	25000
	Printing including lay-out	Piece	500	100	1	50000
	Total					95000
	Sub-Total					532000
	RDN Contribution					675000
	Requested Amount from OSPC					532000