

Concept note on Community of Practice Workshop
Conduct joint cross-learning sharing meeting of Harwa-Charwa, Haliya and Kamaiya Networks
(Activity Code: 1.1.5)

Background

ActionAid International Nepal is implementing "Ending Agriculture Bonded Labour in Nepal (EABL)" in Bardiya, Doti and Bajura Districts with partial implementation in Dang, Banke, Kailali and Kanchanpur districts. The overall goal of the project is a significant reduction in the prevalence of agricultural bonded labour in Nepal and survivors accessing sustainable freedom by receiving support for recovery and long-term resilience against exploitation. The project is also being implemented in Eastern Terai districts by the Freedom Fund, who are working with Harwa-Charwas in Saptari, Siraha and Dhanusa Districts.

Bonded labour has been traditionally implemented in Terai region and Western Hilly regions as a part of the feudalistic society. After decades and centuries of bonded labour, Kamaiyas and Haliyas started movements with support from different social organizations. After years of struggle, Kamaiyas and Haliyas were emancipated in 2058 BS and 2065 BS respectively. However, Kamlahri continued their struggles, and their emancipation was declared in 2068. Since the promulgation of Kamaiya Prohibition Act, 2002; the Kamaiyas and Haliyas issues have been identified, their data collected, and rehabilitation process is conducted but partially still ongoing. After the recent declaration by Nepal Government on Shrawan 2, 2079, the loans of Harwa-Charwas have been eliminated, but their data collection and rehabilitation is yet to start. However, the government responsibility doesn't end in the emancipation of the ex-bonded labour families as the government had committed to better livelihood opportunities, education, and health facilities for those communities.

Introduction

After series of meeting with federal level government and its officials, especially during May 27-28, 2022; Nepal Government cancelled all the loans of Harwa-Charwas (through 4-point declaration) on Shrawan 2, 2079 in an event organized by Ministry of Land Reformation, Cooperatives and Poverty Alleviation. This has been a landmark for the bonded labour community and the EABL project itself. However, the bonded labour communities, in support from the EABL project still need to discuss about the advocacy strategy to pressurize and support Nepal government for proper rehabilitation of Harwa-Charwas, Kamaiyas and Haliyas. Hence a joint meeting is proposed to be conducted as part of Community of Practice Workshop among bonded labour communities under activity named **Conduct joint cross-learning sharing meeting of Harwa-Charwa, Haliya and Kamaiya Networks (Activity Code: 1.1.5)** as proposed in the project document.

Objectives

The workshop will be organized with the following objectives:

- Target and Achievement sharing of lead partners and project implementing partners and bonded labour communities.
- Learning sharing among the bonded labour communities in the process of rehabilitation.
- Discussion on the joint movement strategy, action plan to continue the joint movement.

Participants:

Approximately 36 people from Haliya, Kamaiya and Harwa-Charwa communities (The number of participants to be confirmed in consultation with the Freedom Fund.)

S.N.	Particulars	Organization	Total Number
1	PO/PC- 1 & Organization Board/ Management- 1	KMJS Bardiya, EDC Doti, PeaceWin Bajura, CIC Dhanusa, DJKYC Siraha, JDS Saptari, SCDC Saptari	14
2	Team Leader	Rastriya Dalit Network	1
3	Network Members	Harwa-Charwa-8, Bajura- 1, Doti- 1, Haliya Mahasangha- 3, Freed Kamaiya Society- 2	15
4	Advisors, Legal Advisor	Freedom Fund	3
5	Project Coordinator/Program Officer/ Program Manager/ Admin	ActionAid Nepal	4
Total			37

Duration: 2 days (Date depending upon discussion with Freedom Fund, RDN and other stakeholders.)
Possibly in September 2022; between 20-23.

Budget:

The tentative calculations are made as follows:

S.N.	Particulars	Details	Total	Remarks
1	Full Board	37 people * 2.5 days* 1 Time * NPR. 2000	185,000.00	KMJS Bardiya, EDC Doti, PeaceWin Bajura, CIC Dhanusa, DJKYC Siraha, JDS Saptari, SCDC Saptari
2	Stationary, Training Materials & Miscellaneous	1 event * 1 Time * NPR. 5000	5,000.00	
3	Expenses during travel for Haliya and Kamaiya representatives	7 people (5 Haliya, 2 Kamaiya) * NPR. 5,000	70,000.00	2 Haliya District Representatives and 5 National Agricultural Bonded Labour Struggle Committee members (3 Haliya and 2 Kamaiya) - Use Local Vehicle
4	Vehicle Hire (For visit in the community)	1 time * NPR. 20000	20,000.00	
5	Travel from AAIN Partner Staffs and Organization Representatives	1 time	0.00	To be arranged under own travel budget
6	Travel for RDN, FF, Harwa-Charwas and Partner from Madhesh Pradesh	1 time	0.00	To be arranged by FF
Total Calculated Budget			280,000.00	

Draft Schedule:

Day 1				
Time	Particulars	Process	Responsibility	Remarks
7:30-9:00	Breakfast and Registration		AAN	
9:00-9:30	Welcome, Introduction (only If required) Objective sharing		FF/AAN	
9:30-12:00 (Tea Breaks between the discussions)	Discussion on Progress (Target Vs Achievement from Jan-August 2022) in outcome level and plans till December 2022	Acknowledging the number of partners from East and west; the project implementing teams will discuss on what they have achieved, challenges, learning etc and will share unitedly	FF/AAN for facilitation of the discussion	National Agricultural Bonded Labour Struggle Committee will separately prepare for sharing of their progress. Will be supported by RDN/AAIN/FF
12:00-1:00	Updates and plans sharing- Madhesh Pradesh	PowerPoint Presentation or any method	JDS/DJKYC/SC DC/CDC	
1:00-2:00	Lunch Break			
2:00-3:00	Updates and plans Sharing- Lumbini and Sudupraschim Province	PowerPoint Presentation or any method	KMJS/EDC/PeaceWin	
3:00-5:30 (Tea Breaks in Between)	Updates and plans sharing- Bonded Labour struggle Committee/RDN/AAIN/FF	PowerPoint Presentation or any method	Bonded Labour struggle Committee/RDN/AAIN/FF	
Day 2				
7:30-8:30	Breakfast			
8:30-1:00	Travel, Visit to Kamaiya Community in Badhaiyatal Rural Municipality and Return	Field Visit	AAN/KMJS/FKS	1 Bus arrangement by ActionAid
1:00-2:00	Lunch Break			
2:00-3:00	Field Visit Experience sharing	Plenary Discussion	AAIN/FF	
3:00-4:30	Joint Actions Plans for next 3-6 months	Plenary Discussion – Development of joint action plans	AAIN/FF	(Tea breaks between the discussions)
4:30-5:00	Closing, remarks from FF international, AAIN and participants			

