

ANNEX-II (M&E PLAN)

Problem Statement

The program is necessary to contribute advancing the dignified life of Dalits at Dhangadhi sub-metropolitan of Sudurpaschim province in Nepal or their socio-economic transformation through accountable, transparent and democratic governance system with active participation of civil society organizations.

The intervention is timely and relevant in such a way that the government of Nepal has also available plans, policies and guidelines to promote deepening democracy, social accountability and good governance. In addition, different international treaties on Human Rights (HR) standards have been ratified. The new constitution of Nepal has also provisioned to uplift the civil and political as well as socio-economic rights of Dalits.

The program is specifically trying to address the following problems as;

- Dalit communities are poorly aware of their rights and claiming procedure and the public officials and law enforcement agencies are not fully aware of social accountability for the protection of the rights Dalits. The capacity deficit of responsible institutions and structural/procedural hurdles add further challenges in governance. Poor research, weak knowledge base and limited voice of people in policy making are another challenge.
- According to the survey, 60.7% Dalits have experienced denial in entry into public places whereas 17% are facing face discrimination while accessing public services government offices. Various stakeholders and civil society organizations have weak ownership and collaboration on the issue of Dalits. 43% of Dalit women experience sexual harassment and also facing different five forms of gender based violence which domestic violence accounts for 64%, followed by social violence 17%, rape 8%, sexual abuse 4%, murder 3% and trafficking. Similarly, 57.9% Dalits are literate whereas only 43% has awareness on human rights issues.
- Dhangadhi sub-metropolitan city lies in boarder of India and as it is 'hotbed' for Covid cases. Particularly, Dalits who are engaged in daily wage work and returned from India are facing the problem of joining their hands to mouth and also suffering from starvation. More than 90% of Dalits are still engaged in outside formal sectors without social security (UNDP-2011) for their employability.

Theory of Change

The core problems of project targeted area will be addressed by setting 3 specific objectives; i) ***To strengthen the capacity of elected representatives and local government bodies on social accountability considering the covid-19 pandemic context.*** ii) ***To increase the meaningful participation of Dalits in decision making forums to end social discriminatory practices and access services resources through legal awareness and strengthening democratic institutions*** and iii) ***To improve access of Dalits focusing youth and women in employability for their resilient livelihood options through promoting economic governance.*** Similarly, the action will strengthen the capacity of local government on social accountability tools and also facilitate on Dalit friendly planning and budget process. The project will support to increase the meaningful participation of Dalits in decision making forums adopting democratic practices. It will also strengthen the judiciary committee to ensure Access to Justice (A2J) for vulnerable groups from Dalit community.

List of assumptions

The following are the assumptions to be true in order for our underlying logic to work as;

- Federal Government will expedite the utilization of allocated for the socio-economic development of Dalits
- Local Government Operation Act, 2017 will be implemented effectively and participation of Dalit elected representatives in local institutions will be encouraged.
- Government and other actors continue providing strong support for the inclusion of Dalits in formulating new laws, policies and programs.
- Dalit communities will actively participate in the project activities and lead advocacy initiatives envisioned in the project.
- Elected Dalit representatives will influence decision-making process in favor of Dalits

Project Goal and Objectives

GOAL STATEMENT (1): TO CONTRIBUTE ADVANCING THE DIGNIFIED LIFE OF DALITS OR THEIR SOCIO-ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION THROUGH ACCOUNTABLE, TRANSPARENT AND DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE SYSTEM WITH ACTIVE PARTICIPATION OF CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS

OBJECTIVE 1:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To strengthen the capacity of elected representatives and local government bodies on social accountability considering the covid-19 pandemic context
OBJECTIVE 2:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To increase the meaningful participation of Dalits in decision making forums to end social discriminatory practices and access services resources through legal awareness and strengthening democratic institutions
OBJECTIVE 3:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To improve access of Dalits focusing youth and women in employability for their resilient livelihood options through promoting economic governance.

Planned activities (use table below)

- a. Activities by Objective
- b. Deliverables or Milestones
- c. Outcome/Indicator

OBJECTIVE	ACTIVITY	OUTPUT/DELIVERABLE	OUTCOME
OBJ-1: TO STRENGTHEN THE CAPACITY OF ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT BODIES ON SOCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY CONSIDERING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC CONTEXT	A. Project personnel B. Project kick-off/induction Meeting C. Orientation to elected representatives, CSOs and government line-agencies on the use of social accountability tools adopting safety measures in covid-19 pandemic situation at ward level D. Lobby and advocacy for Dalit friendly planning and budget through analysis of local government budget E. Conduct Public Hearing and broadcast from Local FM radio F. Installment and application of mobile apps for E-Governance G. Support local government to formulate Support local government to formulate Dalit Empowerment and Inclusion Strategic Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased capacity of local government bodies on social accountability tools • Right holders and duty bearers sensitized towards pro-poor and gender sensitive planning and budgeting • Local government mechanisms are strengthened and functional • Ward level audit reports are released to public 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthened accountable governance system of local government bodies through participatory pro-poor budget • Increased access of Dalits to individual Social Security Entitlements (specifically, senior Citizen and single women’s entitlements) and basic education service
OBJ-2: TO INCREASE THE MEANINGFUL PARTICIPATION OF DALITS IN DECISION MAKING FORUMS TO END SOCIAL DISCRIMINATORY PRACTICES AND ACCESS SERVICES RESOURCES THROUGH LEGAL	H. Formation and strengthening ward-level Dalit Rights Forums (DRFs) I. Advocacy campaign to increase the meaningful participation of Dalits in government agencies and social structures J. Publish and disseminate the IEC materials related to constitutional rights of Dalits K. Municipality level training among elected Dalit women, rights activists	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhanced capacity of right holders for identifying advocacy issues and evidences • Strengthened capacity of the right holders to meaningfully participate and influence in decision making process • Produced knowledge of Dalits on major constitutional provisions • Strengthened capacity of elected Dalit women, rights activists and 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased access of right holders to government budget, public resources and services, and decision making forums which impact them • Increased knowledge of right holders on constitutional rights • Increased capacity of Dalit and their community to advocate for their rights to

AWARENESS AND STRENGTHENING DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS

OBJ-3: TO IMPROVE ACCESS OF DALITS FOCUSING YOUTH AND WOMEN IN EMPLOYABILITY FOR THEIR RESILIENT LIVELIHOOD OPTIONS THROUGH PROMOTING ECONOMIC GOVERNANCE.

and member of judicial committee

member of judicial committee for functional legal justice mechanism

equality and non-discrimination and filing cases against discrimination

- L. Situation analysis concerning socio-economic issues of Dalits
- M. Policy review and feedback on planning and budget of provincial government through webinar dialogue
- N. Policy conference of Dhangadhi sub-metropolitan for service delivery targeting socio-economic rights of Dalits
- O. One Days ward level Orientation on Economy Literacy and Budget Advocacy targeting representatives of Dalit Rights Forum
- P. SWC project Approval/Monitoring Visit
- Q. Mobilization of Budget Advocacy Expert (part Time 50%)

- Policy makers and duty bearers are well informed on qualitative data regarding the socio-economic status of Dalits.
- Increased duty bearers' capacity to fulfill their responsibilities and obligations
- Increased capacity of target groups in accessing employment opportunities for their better livelihood options

- Improved knowledge, sharing and understanding among relevant stakeholders to improve the socio-economic status of Dalit.
- Increased access target beneficiaries on employment opportunity.

Indicators (use table below)

- a. Standard
- b. Custom
- c. Methods for data collection

Objective	Indicator	Type	Data collection method	Frequency
Obj-1: To strengthen the capacity of elected representatives and local government bodies on social accountability considering the covid-19 pandemic context.	• Number of local government bodies adopted accountable mechanism to bring attention to public resource by contextual plan	Standard	Government records, media coverage, Monitoring Reports	Quarterly
	• Number of CSOs actively participated in public hearing providing comments	Standard	Program Attendance sheet, Event Report, Audit Reports and photos	Quarterly
	• Number of advocacy events with local legislature and its committees engaged	Standard	Records of police office and judiciary committee, periodic progress reports	Quarterly
	• Number of elected representatives and CSOs capacitated on Social Accountability (SA) tools	Standard	Government records, indicator tracking sheet, monitoring reports	Quarterly
Obj-2: To increase the meaningful participation of Dalits in decision making forums to end social discriminatory practices and access services resources through legal awareness and strengthening democratic institutions	• The equitable participation of Dalits in decision making process increased by 5%	Standard	Dalit Inclusion Audit Report, program reports, success stories etc	Quarterly
	• Number of networks/forums of right holders systematically claim for their rights entitlements	Standard	Program progress reports, program photos, media news coverage, Progress report etc	Quarterly
	• Number of advocacy campaigns carried-out to encourage and increase women's civic participation	Standard	Meeting minute, Beneficiary list, data tracking sheet, progress reports etc	Quarterly
	• Number of Dalits directly awareness on their constitutional rights	Standard	Records of ICE materials publication and dissemination, Activity Reports	Quarterly
	• Number of HHs (Dalits) increased access in public services and resources	Standard	Training evaluation, Event Report, Program Photos, News coverage etc	Quarterly
Obj-3: To improve access of Dalits focusing youth and women in employability for their resilient livelihood options through promoting economic governance.	• Number of relevant stakeholders improved knowledge on socio-economic dimensions of Dalits, opportunities and challenges	Standard	Program Report, Attendance of Participants, Media coverage, Periodic progress Reports, program photos etc	Quarterly
	• Number of right holders increased access employment opportunities	Custom	Event Reports, Monitoring Reports, Data base management system, news records	Quarterly
	• Number of plan and policies formulated and implemented by government body for socio-economic empowerment of Dalits	Custom	Government record, monitoring report, program progress reports, media news etc	Quarterly