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Brief Report of Sharing on International Experiences on Women's Access to Land

A brief report on 'Legislative Provisions Regulating Women's Access and Ownership of Land and Property in Nepal' was produced as a part of the joint project of International Organization for Migration (IOM), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN Habitat): *Empowering Women for Women (W4W): Access to Land for Sustainable Peace in Nepal*, funded by the United Nations Peace building Fund (UNPBF). Since the report focused on the international best practices on women's access to land and legal provision, it was extracted the major practicable and replicable legal provisions and practices of more than 15 countries from Latin America, Africa and Asian continent and shared in five regions; eastern, central, western, mid western and far western including parliament members and political leaders in Kathmandu. The study was shared with MSLDF of five regions through power point presentation followed by plenary discussion. The major reflections of sharing are as follows;

- Respectable and active participation from members of parliament, political parties especially Interparty Women's Alliance, Government officials especially Women Development Officers, CSOs representatives and women and land rights activists.
- Since UNDP has been organising regular dialogue sessions among them, it was closely linked with previous sessions/dialogue and the international best practices and learning contributed to realize the policy and implementation gaps in our Nepali context.
- Since the presentation focused on the practicable practices and learning of international level, participants realized that why could not do here, if it is easily happening in other countries and that made the presentation more interactive and empowering.
- All five regions developed some informal action plans for the coming days on women's access to land especially joint ownership campaign of women and men.

- Since participants returned back with some enthusiasm and informal action plan, they have expected some sort of support from UNDP like regular follow up and review session in their respective districts and small financials support.
- Since already formed 'land dialogue loose forum' it is needed to organize regular meeting and some institutional support to them.

Issues in Presentation

- In the case of Nepal, there is provision of waving the land registration fees of first, second and Madesh movement but the financial bill has not spoke on disappeared people of arm conflict.
- The financial bill provision the land tax waving for genuine landless people but the process is long and difficult to take the recommendation letter from the VDC. Most of the VDC Secretaries reluctant to provide the recommendation letter.
- Still staffs of Land Revenue Offices are not aware on the tax waving of women and they are still not positive on joint land ownership of women and men.
- VDC, DDC and Land Revenue Offices have no budget for women's land rights. Without financial support, it is difficult to make the land ownership by rural women. So it should be included the VDC and Municipal programme.
- State should announce the policy compulsory joint ownership of married family; voluntary process does not give the justice to women and takes long time to get the land property.
- Nepal government has no strong monitoring system on the implementation of policy on women's access to land. Ministry of Local Development should write the local level to form inclusive committee to implement the policy of women's access to land.

At last, I share my sincere thanks to UNDP and UNDP regional offices and especially Ms. Manorama Sunuwar for giving me this opportunity and I also learned a lot.

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UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME
Democratic Transition Unit (DTU)
For Social Cohesion and Democratic Participation (SCDP)

Travel Report

Name :	Mohan Kumar Karna
Title :	Regional Dialogue Advisor
Itinerary:	Biratnagar- Ilam - Phiddim-Biratnagar
Purpose :	Meeting with Youth Leaders and LPC of Panchthar

1. Persons Accompanying Travel

S.No.	Name	Title
1.	Indra Luitel	Driver

2. Travel Details

Date	From	To	Main Activity
11/05/2016	Biratnagar	Ilam	Travelled from Biratnagar to Ilam.
12/05/2016	Ilam	Phiddim- Ilam	Met with Youth Leaders and LPC members in Panchthar and returned to Ilam on the same day.
13/05/2016	Ilam	Biratnagar	Returned to Biratnagar

3. Main activities undertaken during travels (meetings, interactions, discussions)

- Observed the meeting of Youth Leaders dialogue forum in Panchthar. - Put strategic advice to strengthen the network further. - Discussed further activities with LPC Panchthar.

4. Main observations and findings

- Youth Leaders of Panchthar needed training for conflict management.

5. Issues and problems observed

None

6. Main decisions of the TRAINING

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7. Recommendations for further actions

Organise training for Youth leaders asap
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Travel Report

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Name :	Dr. Purna Bahadur Nepali
Title :	Consultant - LAND
Itinerary:	Kathmandu - Biratnagar - Kathmandu
Purpose :	To facilitate Dialogue on Land Position Paper of Tarai/Madhes based Parties on 27 May 2016 at Biratnagar.

1. Persons Accompanying Travel

S.No.	Name	Title
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2. Travel Details

Date	From	To	Main Activity
26 May 2016	Kathmandu	Biratnagar	Facilitated Dialogue Workshop on Land Position Paper of Tarai/Madhes based Parties on 27 May 2016 at Biratnagar.
28 May 2016	Biratnagar	Kathmandu	

3. Main activities undertaken during travels (meetings, interactions, discussions)

- Dialogue Workshop on Land Position Paper of Tarai/Madhes based Parties on 27 May 2016 at Biratnagar for participants from Morang, Sunsari, Saptari and Siraha districts.
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4. Main observations and findings

The participants were very enthusiastic and participated actively

5. Issues and problems observed

NA

6. Main decisions of the TRAINING

Work plan would be prepared and other activities carried out accordingly
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7. Recommendations for further actions

Monitor periodic follow up activities

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Nepal

UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME
Peacebuilding and Recovery Unit (PBRU)
For Conflict Prevention Programme (CPP)

Travel Report

Name :	Rajendra K Gurung
Title :	FO
Itinerary:	Kathmandu – Pokhara- Kathmandu
Purpose :	To reconcile the PPCF error and to verify the assets .

1. Persons Accompanying Travel

S.No.	Name	Title

2. Travel Details

Date	From	To	Main Activity
26 May 2016	Kathmandu	Pokhara	Reconciled PPCF and verified the Project Assets
28 May 2016	Pokhara	Kathmandu	

3. Main activities undertaken during travels (meetings, interactions, discussions)

Interaction and discussion about the closures procedures of Field Office – WR , Physical verification of assets and final list of non-consumable items is prepared & reconciliation PPCF is done and reconciliation voucher is raised.

4. Main observations and findings

N/A

5. Issues and problems observed

N/A

6. Main decisions of the TRAINING

N/A

7. Recommendations for further actions

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