Partners
- Ministry of Land Reform and Management (MoLRM)
- Ministry of Labour and Employment (MoLE)
- Ministry of Women Children and Social Welfare (MoWCSW)
- Rastriya Mukta Haliya Samaj Federation (RMHSF)
- Workers’ and Employers’ Organizations

Donor
United States Department of Labor (USDOL)

Duration
September 2015 – September 2019

Target beneficiaries
Victims of forced labour and trafficking particularly the bonded labours (freed Haliyas), migrant and potential migrant workers.

Ultimate beneficiaries
All workers in informal economy who are vulnerable to trafficking and forced labour, all the stakeholders and policy makers on labour issues including ILO constituents.

Geographical focus
- Across the country for policy issues and human resource
- Two pilot districts (Kanchanpur and Bajura) in the far-western region for direct support to the beneficiaries.

The objective of Bridge Nepal is to effectively eliminate traditional and modern slavery/forced labour systems and to significantly reduce contemporary forms of forced labour, which are often linked to human trafficking. The project aims to put follow-up strategy into practice through the four inter-related outcomes:

1. Strengthen the capacity of line Ministries to develop, implement and monitor policies and national action plans on forced labour;
2. Support for public awareness campaigns against all kinds of forced labour, particularly in bonded labour;
3. Enhance capacity building to improve law enforcement to better identify and document all cases of forced labour;
4. Establish partnerships with the government and local organizations to improve livelihoods programmes/services to victims of bonded labour.
MAIN ACTIVITIES

- Production of PSA, Documentary film and other education materials on Forced Labour
- Training for journalists on forced labour protocol (P29) and Recommendation (R203)
- Organization of advocacy events, workshops and roundtable discussions
- Technical assistant to relevant stakeholders to review/reform of Kamaiya Labour (Prohibition) Act, regulations and relevant action plans
- Technical assistant to relevant stakeholders to review National Action Plan on anti-trafficking and its implementation
- Training for Judges, Police and Labour Inspectors
- Legal research on forced labour cases
- Training and education to Trade Unions and Civil Society Organizations for bridging the gaps in access to remedies
- Capacity and knowledgebase improvement of government agencies in data collection on forced, bonded and child labour
- Sectoral survey to estimate the forced labour in the sector
- Study and research for understanding the forced labour situation, working conditions/environments of the workers in specific sectors
- Direct livelihood support to selected victims (Freed Haliyas) of forced labour in Kanchanpur and Bajura
- Developing the capacity of District Haliya Samaj for advocacy of resettlement and livelihood options for freed Haliyas

PROJECT OUTCOMES

- Formation of Forced Labour Advocacy Group (FLAG) at national and local level
- Communication strategies on forced labor implemented at national level, with a focus on reaching vulnerable groups
- Key stakeholders informed on forced labor advocacy
- Enhanced capacity of beneficiary organization on advocacy and rights of forced labour victims
- Policies and/or integrated national action plans and/or legislations are drafted/revised, and disseminated
- Law enforcement, justice system and other stakeholders trained on law enforcement, prevention and victim assistance
- Labor Inspectors, workers’ and employers’ organizations and other front-line actors trained in the identification of forced labor cases
- Reliable data and information on forced labour produced through statistical surveys and/or other studies
- Enhanced capacity of government in collecting reliable data/information on forced labour, bonded labour and child labour
- Livelihood support provided to victims of FL in selected districts