

From Protocol to Practice: A Bridge to Global Action on Forced Labour (The Bridge Project)



AT A GLANCE

→ 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

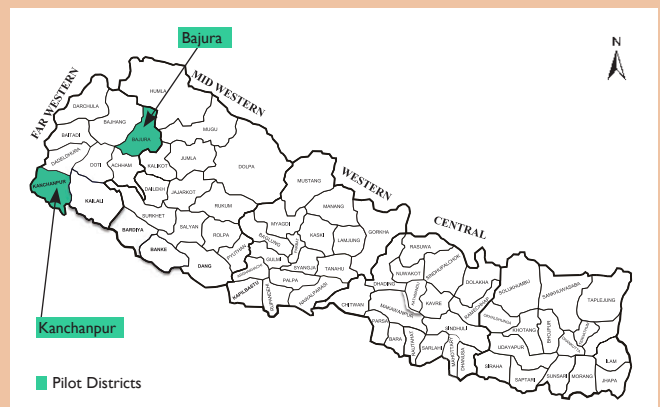
- Across the country for policy issues and human resource
- Two pilot districts (Kanchanpur and Bajura) in the far-western region for direct support to the beneficiaries.

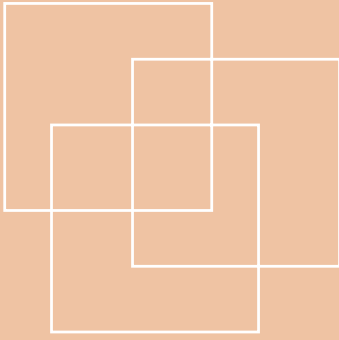


PROJECT OBJECTIVES

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:

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





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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 round-table 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
- Sectorial 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

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