

7. Conclusion and Recommendations

The development of CSO land reform monitoring indicators in Nepal is a new initiative of CSRC in coordination with Land watch Asia, ANGO and ILC Asia. This brief report on CSO monitoring indicators identifies and analyzes the status, scope, issues and challenges around the monitoring indicators for land reform.

The monitoring indicators have been identified in five components of land reform and highlighted key indicators and their verifiers. While reviewing the indicators, we identified that there are gaps in data as well as a lack of updated information, which need to be further explored and periodically updated to inform concerned stakeholders.

Since this is an initial step in developing monitoring indicators, there should be a CSO monitoring mechanism in place with ownership and commitment for continuity, along with clear TOR to facilitate policy advocacy in land reform issues.

The development of CSO monitoring indicators identified the information and data gaps in various components of land reform policies and implementations. Mainly, these are related to policy compliance. Therefore, there are recommendations to government bodies, donors and CBOs:

Government

- Formation of independent land monitoring committee/development of monitoring system with ToR (needs to have wider consultation)
- Accessible data base to public with source/should ensure the access and validity of information
- Land Reform policy framework should include all the stakeholders

Periodic review of indicators, collection of recommendations and release of findings

- Land reform commission should be inclusive (including those who are land less)
- Effective use of the investment of bilateral agencies

CSOs

- Formation of common platform of all the CSOs working in land reform issues, particularly the development of CSOs monitoring mechanism.
- Generate, flow and use of relevant information and data to inform land reform advocacy campaign.
- Coordinate with other stakeholders for policy development and implementation

Donors

- Funding support to develop land reform monitoring system, CSO capacity building and further research activities.