



COMMITMENT 1: SECURE TENURE RIGHTS

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1a. Documented land and water rights—number of women and men with legally recognized documentation or evidence of secure rights of land.	The Department of Land Management and Archive (DLMA) provides data on registered land owners. However, data for some districts are not available. There is also government data on the number and percentage of females having ownership of fixed assets. There are 11,076,422 registered landowners recorded. Altogether, 19.71% of households reported the ownership of land or house or both in the name of female member of the household. Around 16% of the total farmland are registered under the name of female or Joint land ownership. Although available, data is not consolidated, and national-level aggregates or summaries may not be produced. Source: Fourteenth plan approach paper, GON, NPC 2016 ADS 2015–2035, Ministry of Agricultural Development (MoAD), Singha Durbar, Nepal	CSOs conduct occasional field research that includes private ownership over land. However, studies are limited in scope (i.e., in areas of operations and number of respondents).	The DLMA does not have the disaggregated data of ownership over different categories of land. Thus, the data available is the consolidated form of data representing all the agricultural land, residential property and industrial zone registered in private name. The data excludes community forest and other public and customary lands.
1b. Perceived tenure security—number of women and men who perceive their rights to land are protected against dispossession or eviction.	Perception of individual is not considered by any survey by the Central Bureau of Statistics (CBS).	CSOs and other research organizations have not conducted any kind of perception survey regarding the tenure security.	
1c. Effective legal and institutional framework put in place at national and local level for securing tenure rights.	There are various enabling land policies, i.e., the Constitution of Nepal, Land Use Policy of 2015, and Land Related Acts (Land Survey and Measurement Act 1963, Land Reform Act 1964, and Land Acquisition Act 1977).	Data is not available from CSOs nor from other sources.	

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1d. Recognition of customary rights, individual and communal.	Customary and communal land governance, such as for lands under the <i>Kipat</i> system, is practiced and recognized by communities. However, there is no law recognizing communal land tenure systems.	Data is not available from CSOs nor from other sources.	
1e. Violations of land and water rights	A number of governments and their agencies have been involved on displacing communities and people residing and operating on the land which is not registered as the private land. Documentation of eviction cases are conducted by the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) of Nepal and the Lawyer's Association for Human Rights of Nepalese Indigenous Peoples (LAHURNIP). At the District Land Reform Offices, there are cases being filed by landowners against tenants filing tenancy land rights claims.	CSOs conduct occasional field researches on the violation of land and water rights in selected areas.	
1f. Budget of national government allocated to tenure rights	National budgets of government agencies are available either online or by request. The government has allocated minimal budget for the tenure security of informal land holders from 2017–2018.	Data is not available from CSOs nor from other sources.	

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COMMITMENT 2: STRONG SMALL-SCALE FARMING SYSTEMS

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2a. Equitable land distribution and redistribution by size, productivity, and number of households.	There are available data on size of land by number of households, gathered through the National Living Standard Survey (2011). Data are also available on the number of landless households. The National Sample Census of Agriculture 2011/12 reports on the number of households operating on x number of hectares which are not their own. There is also data on the number of households with land certificates operating on a number of hectares. The Gini coefficient in land ownership (0.51) is also available.	Data is not available from CSOs nor from other sources.



COMMITMENT 3: DIVERSE TENURE SYSTEMS

3a. Recognition of a continuum of individual and communal rights: the law recognizes a range of rights held by individuals (incl. secondary rights of tenants, sharecroppers, women, etc.)

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Right to property of individuals is guaranteed under Article 25 of the Constitution. Diverse forms of land tenure are practiced and recognized

at the community level. For example, Kipat system of land governance among Limbus in Eastern Hill, sharecropping across the country, and Maate system in Mid-western and Far-western region. Other customary forms of land tenures are also in practice. However, none of these kinds of the land tenure are legally recognized.

Are there any other data available from other sources (CSOs, media, academic or research institutions)?

CSOs have conducted studies on the different types of tenure and the continuum of individual and communal rights. CSRC and NLRF have been advocating for peoples' land and resource related rights at grassroots level.









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3b. Respect for and enforcement of a continuum of people's rights.	Although communities are respecting and practicing diverse land and resource related tenures, they are not legally recognized by the government.	Same with 3a
3c. Number and area of community claims made, with registration and verification by government agency.	There are government records on the number of hectares distributed to a number of landless families. There are also data on the number of landless people with applications registered with the Landless Problem Solution Commission. Government also records the number of registered tenants.	The National Engagement Strategy of the International Land Coalition for Nepal has conducted rigorous tenancy campaign all over the country. As the result of the initiated 10,101 tenancy application filled for tenancy separation. Source: 11th Social Audit Report of CSRC, 2018
3d. Policy and legislation developed and implemented that better enables and supports pastoralists, IPs, forest people, fisherfolk, and productive rangeland systems.	The Rangeland Policy of 2012 has a vision to improve the "livelihood of the rangeland dependent communities and thereby contributing to the national economy." However, there is no legislation recognizing communal and indigenous systems.	Data is not available from CSOs nor from other sources.
3e. Customary rights of forest users—communities, groups of rural families and individuals—are legally recognized.	These rights are recognized under the Forest Act of 1993 and the Forest Regulation Act of 1995.	Data is not available from CSOs nor from other sources.



COMMITMENT 4: EQUAL LAND RIGHTS FOR WOMEN

PROPOSED PCLG INDICATORS	Is official data available on the status of implementation of the law?	Are there any other data available from other sources (CSOs, media, academic or research institutions)?
4a. Distribution of agricultural and natural resource holders by sex	Altogether, 19.71% of households reported the ownership of land or house or both in the name of female member of the household. However, data is not consolidated, and national-level aggregates or summaries may not be produced.	CSOs conduct occasional field research that includes number of women with tenure rights to land. Such studies are limited in scope (i.e. in areas of operations and number of respondents).









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COMMITMENT 5: SECURE TERRITORIAL RIGHTS FOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

PROPOSED PCLG INDICATORS	Is official data available on the status of implementation of the law?	Are there any other data available from other sources (CSOs, media, academic or research institutions)?
5a. Recognition of indigenous peoples' autonomous right to lands, territories and resources and sacred ceremony sites in local and national legislation, policies, and programs.	The Constitution of Nepal, Article 261 has provided a provision for formation of Adibasi Janajati Commission (Indigenous People Commission). It is one of the constitutional bodies working for the welfare of IPs.	Nepal Federation of Indigenous Nationalities (NEFIN), an autonomous and representative umbrella organization of the 59 indigenous nationalities or peoples, recognized by the government of Nepal is working for IPs.
5b. Effective implementation of tenure security of indigenous lands (in practice).	There is gap between policy and practices. Government of Nepal does not recognize land tenure system of IPs but in practice they are managing their lands under communal or customary practices like <i>Kipat</i> system.	CSOs occasionally document experiences of partner IP-communities. CSRC has recently conducted a research on locally present land tenure typology in Nepal. Source: www.csrcnepal.org/uploads/publication/QMJWm1DPC4z9nUcVHm_2iglm19Mt3Q8.pdf
5c. Perception of tenure security and resource governance of indigenous lands.	IPs has been struggling to protect their ancestral land and resources from the Mega projects of the government. This often leads to encroachment of their lands without practicing Free Prior Informed Consent (FPIC). The Government has not conducted any kind of perception survey in this matter.	CSOs and academic institutions have not conducted any kind of perception survey in this matter.
5d. Traditional land use and management plan recognized by government.	Traditional land use system in Nepal, though not recognized formally and/or directly by the government, is reflected in the programs and policies of the government as land use and management in Nepal is largely dominated by traditional system in Nepal.	CSOs occasionally document experiences of partner IP-communities. CSRC has recently conducted a research on locally present land tenure typology in Nepal. Source: www.csrcnepal.org/uploads/publication/QMJWm1DPC4z9nUcVHm_2igIm19IMt3Q8.pdf

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COMMITMENT 6: LOCALLY-MANAGED ECOSYSTEMS

PROPOSED PCLG INDICATORS	Is official data available on the status of implementation of the law?	Are there any other data available from other sources (CSOs, media, academic or research institutions)?
6a. Comprehensive and sustainable land, forest, and water use planning are formulated and implemented in a participatory manner.	Data on formulated plans may be gathered through the Land Use Plans (Comprehensive Land Use Plans, Regional Land Use Plans, etc.). However, the status of the implementation of land use plans are not assessed. Resources are available but in fragmented form.	Data is not available from CSOs nor from other sources.
6b. Policies and resources are available for community in preparing a comprehensive and sustainable land, forest and water use plan.	There is a national framework on land use planning. Community planning on specific resources (e.g. ancestral domain, forests, water use) are mandated and defined in various sectoral policies. Laws and policies (e.g., Land Use Policy, Land Reform Act, Agricultural Development Strategy, National Urban Development Strategy, Nepal Biodiversity Implementation Plan, Nepal Biodiversity Strategy) speak about sustainable use of land and other natural resources. Housing Rights Bill has been tabled in the Parliament in 2018.	CSOs are assisting communities in preparing rural strategic plans to ensure sustainable use of land and other natural resources.
6c. Urban development planning should be in line with indicator 6a.	Practices of Urban development planning in Nepal is as presented in 6a above.	Data is not available from CSOs nor from other sources.
6d. Land use tenure systems—allows the inclusion of mobile communities and pastoral land use.	The Rangeland Policy of 2012 provides the framework for managing pasturelands issue in Nepal. About 22.6% of the country's land area is categorized as rangeland. However, indigenous issues and nomadic practices are not recognized in this policy. It only aspires to strengthen the livelihoods of pastoralist communities in general.	Data is not available from CSOs nor from other sources.
6e. Number of pasturelands and other natural resources effectively managed and governed by communities recognized by the government.	There are many pasture lands and other natural resources commonly used by certain communities, but it is not recognized by the government. Pasturelands in the High–Himalayan region of Nepal are managed by communities. They are not legal but legitimized by the community practices. The Department of Livestock, DLMA and Ministry of Forests and Environment might have data on number of pasturelands.	Data is not available from CSOs nor from other sources.

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COMMITMENT 7: INCLUSIVE DECISION-MAKING

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7a. Number of vulnerable women, men and youth represented in decision-making mechanisms related to rural land use.	The Constitution of Nepal is progressive in terms of safeguarding the rights of marginalized, excluded groups, and vulnerable people. Further, Civil Service Act 1993 also ensures participation of women in decision-making mechanisms. Government decision-making mechanisms should be constituted as follows: 33% for women, 27% for IPs, 22% for <i>Madhesi</i> , 9% for <i>Dalit</i> , 5% for differently-abled people, 4% for people from remote areas. However, in practice, the procedure is still debatable on its participatory approach and power of decision making.	CSOs and other research institution conduct studies to measure the participation and influence of the vulnerable groups in government bodies.	The numbers themselves may not reveal how participatory the selection process was or what impact their presence has made.
7b. Number of policies and programs formulated as a result of the recommendation of vulnerable representatives.	The Constitution of Nepal provides the legal framework for participation of the historically marginalized section of Nepali society. However, the system of public debate, public hearing and opinion collection is practiced, but not in a uniform manner.	Data is not available from CSOs nor from other sources.	



COMMITMENT 8: TRANSPARENT AND ACCESSIBLE INFORMATION

PROPOSED PCLG INDICATORS	Is official data available on the status of implementation of the law?	Are there any other data available from other sources (CSOs, media, academic or research institutions)?
8a. Public access to policies, regulations and mechanisms that provide timely, reliable and accessible data on land and land-related issues.	Under the Article 27 of the Constitution of Nepal, 2015 and the Right to Information Act, 2017 the right to information of all the Nepali citizen on public matters is ensured. However, most of the data are outdated, not user-friendly, and are pre-tabulated. In some agencies, users have to pay fees to access data.	CSOs regularly conduct interaction and orientation programs to acquaint communities and other people on the policies, regulations and mechanisms initiated by the government on land-related issues.



COMMITMENT 9: EFFECTIVE ACTIONS AGAINST LAND GRABBING

Are there any other data available **PROPOSED PCLG** Is official data available on the status of implementation of from other sources (CSOs, media, **Comments on the INDICATORS** the law? academic or research institutions)? indicator, if any CSOs conduct occasional Regulations on the use of land and policies for the 9a. Effective land policy, legal and institutional protection of tenure are available. The Environment Protection monitoring of land and resource framework for rights of their partner-communities. Act 1997, Section 3 and Environment Protection Regulation, private and public 1997, Land Acquisition Act 1977 and the Constitution of Nepal investments in place are the major legal provisions to prevent land grabs. and implemented to However, there remain several issues on the implementation prevent land grabs, of laws. There are inherent loopholes in the agrarian reform law that allow for land use conversion of smallholder farms. Tenure including the existence of of land is also subject to overlaps in instruments, policies, and procedural jurisdiction of agencies. Some titles have been issued for public safeguards. domains. There is continued encroachment of private or commercial interests into community land and water resources. Regulatory mechanisms of the government are also weak.

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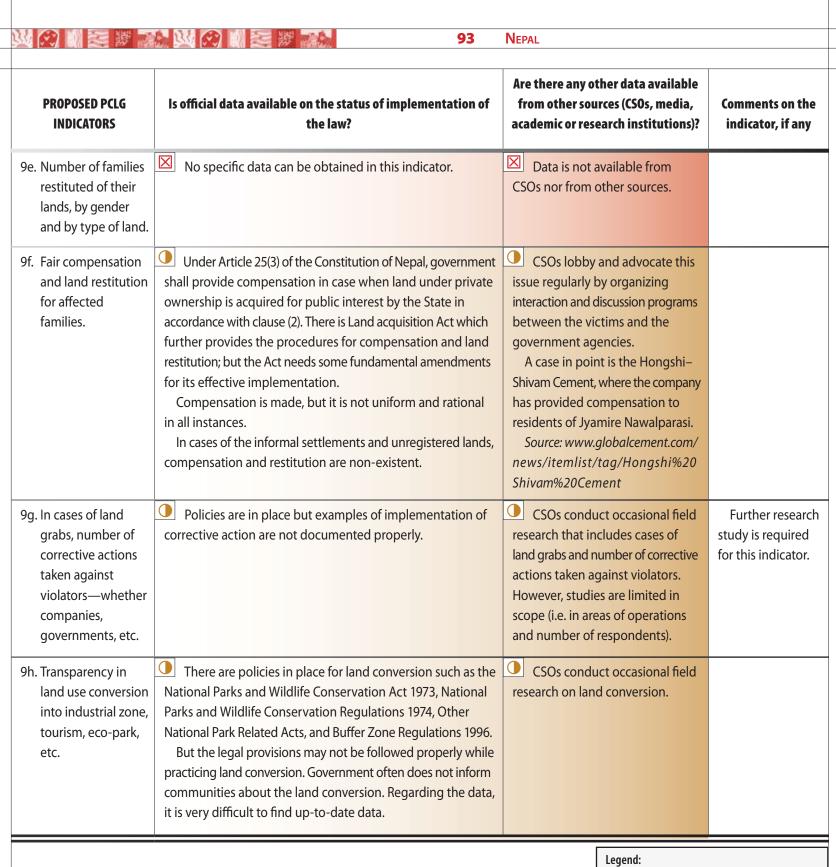






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Ob. Number of communities challenging land rights violation attempts—ranging from official complaints to actual legal challenges—and their description	The judicial courts and other different government agencies have desks for receiving complaints and violation reports from communities. However, data are not nationally-consolidated, and are scattered among the different agencies. Some agencies and courts do not categorize whether the cases and complaints are due to land conflicts. Reports on violations are also not easily verifiable, as they mostly rely on anecdotes. Most of the indigenous communities have been complaining about the land grabbing due to the development aggregation: for example, Nijgad International Airport in Tangiya Basti, Bara, Budhigandaki Hydropower in Gorkha and Dhading District, Provincial Army Headquarter in Bardibas Army Camp, Mahottari, Province no 2.	CSOs conduct occasional monitoring of land and resource rights of their partner-communities. Other sources of this data include courts and media reports.	
Oc. Availability of dispute resolution mechanisms: number of women and men, indigenous and local communities that have access to effective disputeresolution mechanisms	There are available dispute-resolution mechanisms ranging from customary, administrative, quasi-judicial, judicial and multi-sectoral approaches. The Local Government Operation Act, 2017 has provided the right of dispute resolution to local authorities as well. Here, Judicial Committees are established at each local government unit, chaired by Deputy Mayor or Deputy Chair, and by the Land Reform Office for tenancy issues.	Data is not available from CSOs nor from other sources.	
od. Land dispute resolution effectiveness: number of individuals/ households/ communities that reported a land conflict or dispute in the past three years that have had the conflict or dispute resolved	There is government data on the status of land dispute cases for the past 2 years (i.e. 2016/17). The Cases registered at Land Revenue Office are as follows: # of cases received: 146938 and # of cases adjudicated: 8793. Agrarian reform records of land dispute cases are filed in the District Land Revenue Office. Data on other kinds of land dispute are scattered across several agencies, including the judicial courts.	Village and District Chapters of National Land Rights Forum (NLRF) have been involved on dispute resolutions at community level, but this kind of initiatives are not documented well.	













COMMITMENT 10: PROTECTION FOR LAND RIGHTS DEFENDERS

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10a. Legal basis for the protection of land rights defenders.	Nepal is a signatory to the Universal Declaration on Human Rights, and other human rights and humanitarian conventions/treaties but no specific law which is formulated to protect land rights defenders in Nepal. In addition, however, Constitution guarantees the right to life in a broader sense. National Human Rights Commission has developed the guideline for the protections of land rights defenders	Data is not available from CSOs nor from other sources.	
10b. Protective measures taken.	The justice system does not provide legal protection for land rights defenders involved in legal battles. However, a general protective measure as per the constitution is provided to all the Nepalese citizen.	Few CSOs occasionally have initiatives to protect land rights defenders.	
10c. Number of land rights defenders that have been threatened, arrested, killed, missing and jailed, specify number of violent acts against women.	Cases of killings of Land rights defenders are non-existent. However, front-line land right activists are getting occasional threats from disguised landless people, land owners, Forest Department and other government offices but there is no data on these instances. Reports on violations are also not easily verifiable, as they are mostly anecdotal.	Data is not available from CSOs nor from other sources.	
10d. Availability of effective mechanisms to protect, respect, and fulfil the rights of land rights defenders.	In the context of Nepal there is general human right provision in practice, but no specific provisions for land rights defenders or activists. At times, protective measures are not provided since it is the government that is the aggressor.	Data is not available from CSOs nor from other sources.	Indicator 10d is very similar to indicator 10b.
10e. Availability of effective mechanisms—with sufficient budget—for the rehabilitation of land rights defenders and families that have been jailed or harassed.	Data is not available from government.	Data is not available from CSOs nor from other sources.	



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