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# Supporting Land and Tenure Initiative in Nepal

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# Background

- Massive **earthquake** occurred in April, 2015 which added further complexity to the existing complex land governance in Nepal.
- 14 districts were severely hit - nearly **9000 people were killed, 900,000 houses destroyed-** some **600,000 completely** and another **300,000 partially**.
- For reconstruction and rehabilitation, 3 major issues were identified-
  - i). **Relocation** of households from the identified vulnerable sites,
  - ii). **Integrated settlement** planning and
  - iii). **Secure tenure** for **informal** and **non-formal** tenure holders.

# On Going Land Reform Program in Nepal

“Support to Land Reform and Land Tenure Initiative in Asia-Pacific”

## Objectives:

1. To support implementation of land reform in Nepal.
2. Support improvement of earthquake recovery and resilience and tenure security for affected communities for sustainable livelihoods in at least 3 affected villages in Dolakha district within the VGGT's framework and GLTN objectives.

**Key Partners:** Global Land Tool Network & Kadaster International

**Implementing Partners:** Ministry of Agriculture, Land Management & Cooperatives, National Reconstruction Authority & its local office, Dept. of Survey & its local district office, Local NGO's-CSRC & HURADEC

# Support Implementation of Land Reform in Nepal

## Key Interventions

**Study of all existing land tenure typologies**



**Develop land policy for a good land governance**



**Fit for Purpose Land Administration Country Engagement Strategy**

## Objectives

Identify key issues related to exiting land tenures & their security concerns

Design land policy to protect land ownership and secured tenure, use, management, property rights and administration, and administrative structures.

Design a Strategy to implement the land policy in the Country context

## Results

**Research Report (English & Nepali)**

**Revised Land Policy document (Nepali & English)**

**FFPLA Country level Engagement Strategy document (English & Nepali)**

# Support Improvement of Earthquake Recovery and Resilience and Tenure Security for Affected Communities for Sustainable Livelihoods

## Piloted: Dolkha

i). Identification, Verification and Recording of informal & non-formal tenure (Phulappa)



ii). Relocation of vulnerable settlement to safe sites (Panipokhari & Bulungkhani)



New Settlement Plan in Panipokhari



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iii). Development of Integrated Settlement Planning as “Build Back Better” community (Dihi and Phashmi villages)



## Use of GLTN Tools:

- Participator Enumeration: Questionnaire Survey & Image Mapping
- Social Tenure Domain Model (STDM)
- Gender Evaluation Criteria (GEC)
- Participatory and Inclusive Land Readjustment (PILaR)

# Young Surveyors Support in Nepal

**Volunteer Community Surveyors (VCS)** have been mobilized in the project under **Volunteer Community Surveyor Program (VCSP)** by Global Land Tool Network (GLTN), the FIG Foundation and the FIG Young Surveyors Network (FIG YSN)



# About Volunteer Community Surveyor

- 3-Volunteer Community Surveyor (2 Male & 1 Female)
- Worked with local NGO [Human Rights Awareness and Development Centre \(HURADEC\)](#)
- Capacity Development:
  - Building HURADEC capacity in application of GLTN tools
  - Basic GIS concepts
  - Participatory mapping of farm and house units captured from community sketches on high resolution satellite imagery



# Outcome of VCSP



Adopting FFPLA Service Delivery at Survey Office of Dolakha: Customized STDM in Open Source QGIS platform

# Conclusion & Recommendation on VCSP

- VCSP was very useful for the ongoing land reform activities in Nepal.
- VCSP provided on job exposure to **Young Surveyor** enhancing their skills working in different context.
- FIG together with the partners should strongly consider scaling up the VCSP
  - Finalization of Land Policy
  - Development of Fit for Purpose Country Level Strategy

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