

The Bridge Project

- Millions of men, women, and children are in forced labour – trafficked, held in debt bondage, or working under slave-like conditions. The vast majority are exploited in the private economy, by individuals or enterprises, in various sectors (agriculture, construction, manufacture, domestic work, etc.)
- In June 2014, governments, employers and workers at the ILO International Labour Conference voted overwhelmingly to adopt a Protocol and a Recommendation which supplement the Forced Labour Convention, 1930 (No. 29), and provide specific guidance on effective measures to be taken to eliminate all forms of forced labour, in the areas of prevention, protection of victims and access to justice
- The Bridge Project will work globally, as well as in Nepal, Peru, Mauritania and Malaysia to support efforts to turn this guidance into practice
- The project will strive to eliminate traditional and state-imposed forced labour systems and to significantly reduce contemporary forms of forced labour, which are often linked to human trafficking, through the following objectives:
 - i. Increase knowledge, awareness, and ratification of the ILO Protocol and Recommendation;
 - ii. Improve national policies and/or action plans and/or legislation on forced labour with strong implementation, monitoring, and enforcement mechanisms;
 - iii. Increase efforts to collect reliable data in order to carry out research and share knowledge across institutions at national, regional, and global levels;
 - iv. Enhance workers' and employers' organizations ability to support the fight against forced labour; and
 - v. Increase awareness and access to livelihood programs for victims of forced labour.



- “50 for Freedom” is a campaign led by the International Labour Organization (ILO) and its partners, the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) and the International Organization of Employers (IOE)
- The campaign aims at promoting ratification of the ILO Forced Labour Protocol and raising awareness on forced labour, trafficking and modern slavery
- **“The goal is to achieve at least 50 ratifications of the Protocol on Forced Labour by 2018”** Beyond this ratification goal, the campaign is an opportunity to raise awareness about forced labour and to give more visibility to what is concretely being done all around the world to prevent and combat forced labour and trafficking”
- Join the campaign on www.50forfreedom.org

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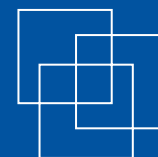
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From Protocol to Practice: A Bridge to Global Action on Forced Labour (The Bridge Project)



A freed-Haliya ploughing field

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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

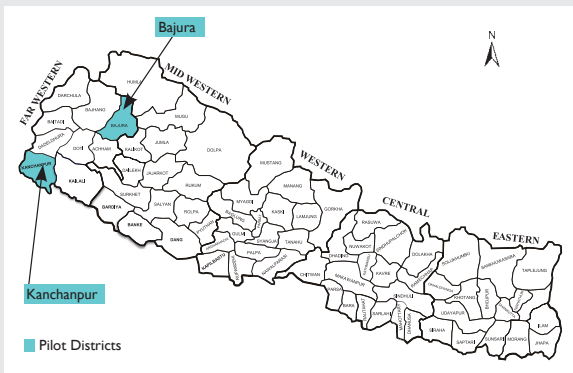
Victims of forced labour and trafficking (particularly Haliyas), migrants and potential migrant workers

→ Ultimate beneficiaries

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

→ Geographical focus

- National level on policy issues
- Two pilot districts (Kanchanpur and Bajura) in the far-western region for direct support to the beneficiaries



PROJECT OBJECTIVES

In Nepal, the Bridge Project aims 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 achieve this by:

- Strengthening the capacity of line ministries to develop, implement and monitor policies and national action plans on forced labour;
- Increasing public awareness and knowledge on forced labour, particularly bonded labour;
- Enhancing capacity to effectively enforce legislation and to better identify and document all cases of forced labour;
- Increasing efforts to collect reliable data on forced labour;
- Establishing partnerships with the government and local organizations to improve livelihood programmes/services to victims of bonded labour.



PROJECT OUTCOMES

- Forced Labour Advocacy Group (FLAG) established at national and local levels
- National Communication strategy on forced labour developed and implemented, with a focus on reaching vulnerable groups
- Implementing partners' capacity enhanced on forced labour advocacy
- Legislation, policies and national action plans on forced labour drafted or revised
- Law enforcement agencies and justice system officials trained on law enforcement, prevention and victim assistance
- Labour inspectors, workers' organizations, employers' organizations and other front-line actors trained on the identification of forced labour cases
- Reliable data and information on forced labour produced through statistical surveys and other studies
- Capacity of the government in collecting reliable data and information on forced labour enhanced
- Livelihood support provided to victims of forced labour in selected districts

