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Abstract

The thesis entitled, " Status of Land Ownership and Its Impacts on Rural Livelihood: A Case Study of Rudrapur VDC, Rupandehi District)" highlights on the impact of having land and its role on Livelihood of rural people. The objective of this study is to analyze the status of land ownership and its' impact on local people of Rudrapur VDC. The present study was carried out in Rudrapur VDC of Rupandehi district, which is located in the Western Development Region in Lumbini Zone. The study has been based on both secondary and primary data and information. Secondary data were used to present the background of the study and supplement and complement the findings of the study. Rudrapur VDC of Rupandehi district was selected for the study where population the total population 20,689 and 4567 households (CBS 2068 BS) total. Among them 90 household were selected by using random sampling techniques. Household survey has been taken from the selected household, using questionnaire.

Nepal is agricultural country more than 70% population are depended in agriculture which has directly related to land. Land Ownership is one of the important means farmers because if they have no land certificate they should pay some crops of the production or land revenue to others like Guthi, and other institution because such so called social organization also claims on the land. This study is significant for those who want to study the impact of land ownership on local people living in Rudrapur VDC.

While analyzing the socio economic status of the respondents it found that 44.44% are male and remaining 55.56% are female. In the study area female respondents are more than male respondents. 77.78% are between 20 to 30 years old age group. Similarly 17.78% are between 30 to 40 years old age group, 35.56% are between 40 to 50 years old group, 28.89% are between 50 to 60 years old age group and remaining 10% are more than 60 years old. According to data high number of respondents is between 40 to 50 years old age group and low number of respondents is between 20 to 30 years old group. Most of the respondents are married. 27.78% are Brahmins/Chhetri, 37.78% are Tharu likewise 18.89% are Madhesi and remaining 15.56% are others like Dalit, Magar, Gugung etc. In the study area most of the household fulfill their lack of food from labor. Most of the respondents faced various problems in their life because of not having own land such as they could not draw loan from financial institution and Banks . They

felt humiliation while other people behave them as sukumbashi though they have land since their ancestor time. Sometime Jamindar and government forest department create threaten to them.

Government had made various commissions to solve the problem though the problem is same in the study area it should be solved as soon as possible. Getting land in one name is human right so human rights activist should think about the issue and should advocate. Government forest department and land department should work in collaboration and solve the problem. Government should make one independents commission to solve the problem. Political parties should conscious about the problems

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