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Livelihood Strategy Survey Questionnaire

1. What are the means of livelihood for your family? (Rank the following in terms of their importance)

- a. Agriculture b. Trade c. Foreign employment d. Others (If others, specify)

2. If any member(s) of your family is/are involved in trade, give the following details.

Name of family member(s)	Type of Trade	Place

3. Since when has/have your family member(s) adopted present trade?

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4. If any members of your family is/are involved in foreign employment, give the following details:

Name of family member(s)	Name of the country

5. Since when, has/have your family member(s) adopted foreign employment.

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6. For what purpose does your family we its income from various sources? (Rank the following in terms of importance.

- a. Basic consumption needs b. Luxury goods c. Land purchase
 d. Investment in others (If others, specify)

7. What were the means of livelihood for your family before the past two decades? (Rank the following

- a. Agriculture b. Trade
 c. Foreign employment d. Others (If others, specify)

8. If you or any member(s) of your family involved in bangle selling /mobile trade, give the following details:

Name of family members	Places for bangle selling

9. Are you or your family member still following bangle selling?

- a. Yes b. No.

10. If no, why did you or your family member leave bangle selling?

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11. Since when you or your family member leave bangle selling?

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12. What factors were responsible or change in bangle selling/mobile trade?

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Land, Agriculture and Livestock raising.

1. Give information about your land holding.

Type of land	Land Size (Ropani)
Khet	
Bari	
Kharyan/ Butyan	

2. Had your household sold or bought land during the past 20 years?

- Sold: a) Yes b) No Bought: a) Yes b) No

3. If yes, give the following details.

Land type	Sold (Ropani)	Bought (Ropani)
Khet		
Bari		
Kharyan/ Butyan		

13. Do you use improved seeds and chemical fertilizers? a) Yes b) No

14. If yes, since when have you started to use these things?

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15. Is there increase in production after the use of these things? a) Yes b) No

16. What type of labour is used in agriculture?

- a) Family labour b) Reciprocal labour
c) Wage labour d) Mix labour

17. If wage labour, since when has it introduced?

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18. Is agricultural production from your land enough for your family whole the year?

- a) Yes b) No

19. If no, for how many months is it enough?

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20. How do you manage the food deficit months?

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21. Give details of the type and number of livestock your family has raised.

Livestock	Total no.
Buffaloes	
Cows	
Oxen	
Goats	

22. Does your family sell livestock or livestock products? a) Yes b) No

23. If yes, give details.

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24. Do you get enough grass/ fodder for livestock? a) Yes b) No

25. If no, how do you manage the grass/ fodder?

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26. What are the sources of firewood for your family?

a) Private forest b) Community forest c) Both

27. Do you get enough firewood for your family? a) Yes b) No

28. If no, how do you manage the firewoods?

a) Purchase b) use other alternative fuel

ANNEX-III

Checklist for Focus Group Discussion

1. Settlement History of Muslims in the study area.
2. History of bangle selling/mobile trade
3. Changes in mobile trade over time
4. Causes of changes in trade pattern.
5. Economic constraints and opportunities for Muslims over time
6. Situation of trade at present
7. Causes for the emergence of foreign employment
8. Effects of various developments in Muslims' livelihood.