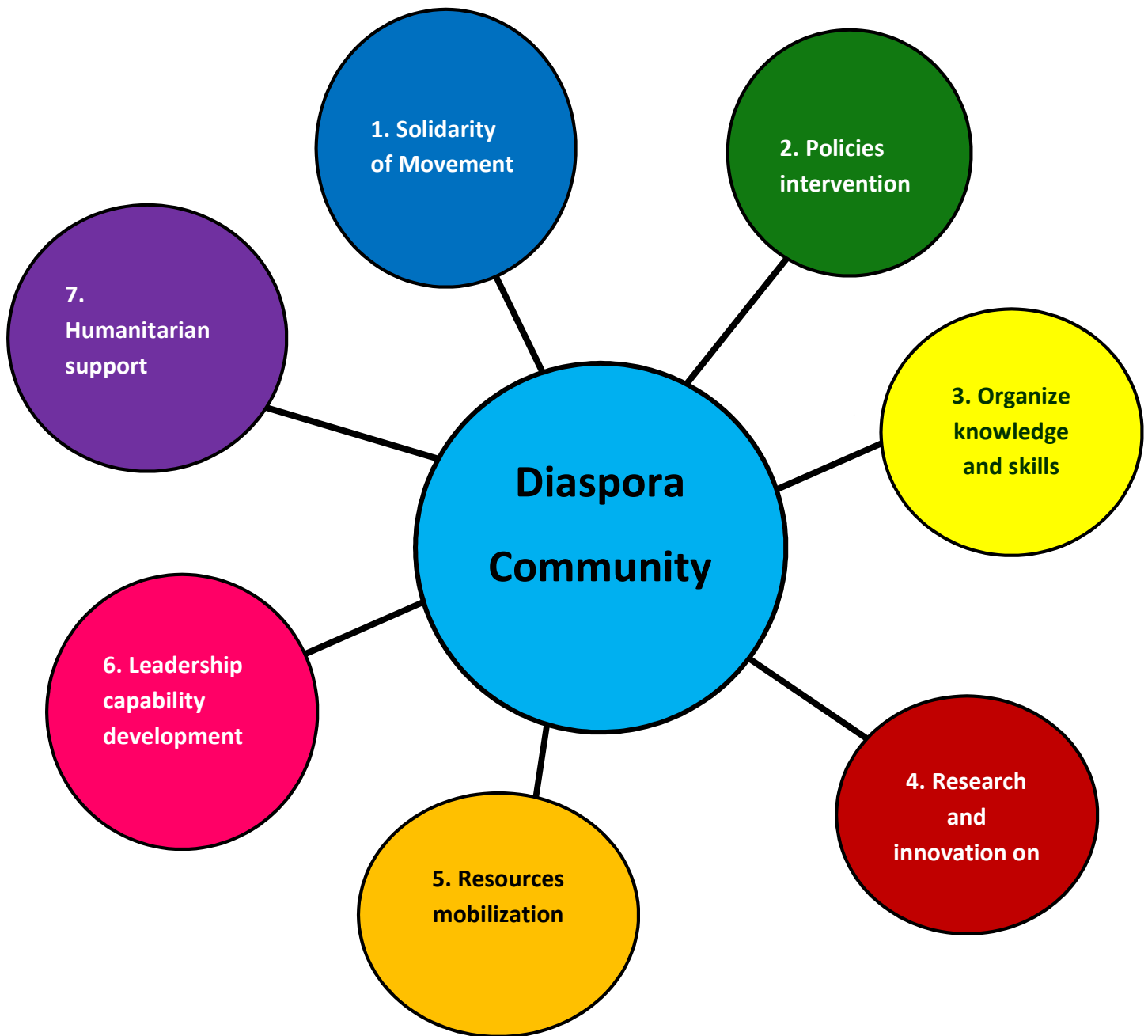


Role of Diaspora Community: - Elimination the caste based discrimination



Background – 260 million people are affected worldwide from the caste based discrimination. In south Asia more than 25 percent people are suffering the massive Human rights violation. The caste system divides the people into so called higher level and lower level. Caste effected communities are still living as “impure” and less human being in effected countries such as Nepal, India , Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Japan, Bhutan. People are in there socially segregated, politically excluded, and economically backward. They have got very low Human Development indicators. In Nepal 25% population are suffering from caste based discrimination and they got low level of development indicators.

Human development					
Caste	Life expectancy(Year)	Adult literacy rate (%)	Mean of year of schooling	Per capita income US\$	Human development index
Nepal average	55.0	36.72	2254	1186	0.325
Brahamin	60.80	58.00	4647	1533	0.441
chhetri	65.3	42.00	2786	1197	0.348
Occupational caste*	50.0	23.80	1226	764	0.239
*Occupational caste meanly Dalit , Source – Nepal south Asia Center 2007					

According to National census of 2011, 50% caste effected community live below the poverty line. They are land less, and much poorer than the dominant community. Their life expectancy is lower than national average, and also their literacy rate. After the people’s movement of 2005/6 state started to mention some progressive action to improve the situation, but still they are facing the vicious circle of poverty, and social discrimination. After peoples of of 2005/6 the state mentioned the inclusionary policies in Interim constitution but still caste effected community is represent less than their proportionate.

Political inclusion of caste effected community in CA Members

Ratio of Dalit men and women				
	FPTP	PR	Total	% in Dalit
Dalit Women	0	20	20	50
Dalit Men	2	18	20	50
Total	2	38	40	100
% of 575	4		6.96%	
Ratio of Hill and Madhesi Dalit				
	FPTP	PR	Total	% in Dalit
Madhesi Dalit	1	27	28	70
Hill Dalit	1	11	12	30
Total	2	38	40	100

Some progress has made in recently year.

1. Nepal signed the international convention Elimination the caste based discrimination (ICERD), and want to fellow the United Nation principal, and guidelines to elimination caste based discrimination.
2. Interim constitution try to address the issues of caste effected community. Some provision are :-
 - a. Proportionate representation in constituent making process (CAM) in the proportionate election system.
 - b. Legally punish to Untouchability practices.
 - c. Secular state
3. Other inclusive policies / programs
 - a. Inclusion in civil services
 - b. Police and Military
 - c. Provision of Scholarship in the education.
4. Including some programs in National plan

Key issues of caste effect community -

1. Social Exclusion. (Inter-caste marriage, settlement, and other social activities)
2. Proportionate representation in all policy making level.
3. Proportionate representation in all implementation level.
4. Modernizing and making professional of traditional occupation.
5. Access to natural resources.

Role of Diaspora community to improve the situation of caste effected community.

1. **Solidarity to the movement:** - Anti discriminatory movement have been organizing different organizations since long history in Nepal and sometime its brought important change caste affected community. The political sister organizations, civil society organizations are working for establish the right of caste effected community. If Diaspora community provide solidarity anti caste based movement of Nepal will be effective.
2. **Policy intervention:** - Government, political parties, and other development agencies are engaging for the elimination of inequality, poverty, and improving the life standard of people, but they do not have sufficient information and proper policies about the caste effected community. Diaspora community can support and coordinate to formulate proper policies to the related stakeholders.
3. **Organize their knowledge and expertise:** - Different people have different kind of knowledge, talent and expertise. Every individual of Diaspora community use their expertise for the upliftment of the marginalized community.
4. **Innovation and research:**-Innovation and research is important for development. Diaspora community can conduct the innovation and research on different issues of the caste effected community and disseminate reports and finding to the related stakeholders.
5. **Resources mobilization:** - Many development Agencies and donor communities are interested to contribute to improve the situation of caste

affected communities. Diaspora Community can coordinate to them and recommend for the support to targeted community

Budget allocation for Caste affected community by multilateral Agencies 2003

S.N.	Multilateral agencies	Total budget for 1 year	Total budget for Dalit	NRS	Remarks
1	European Union		Euro 55869	46930296	36665715 for one OXFAM
2	UNDP	US\$3747486	US\$374748	26981856	Including the NORAD Fund
3	UNICEF	US\$16.86 million	US\$1.69 million	121392000	10%
Total				19530152	

6. Leadership & Capacity development:

7. Humanitarians support to needy people