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Background- Global Forum is a global platform to combat against all forms of caste-based discrimination. Caste based discrimination, even in this modern era, has been persisting in different parts of the world as the degrading forms of practice against *Dalits* community who are often identified as marginalized, historically disadvantaged community and backward community that differs by its specific regions or a country. Caste based discrimination has directly impacted more than 260 million Dalit around the globe especially in south Asia. The socio-economic, political and religious reproduction of caste -based discrimination has resulted Dalit to fall into least developed human category and survive a servitude form of life.

The basic principles of human rights have guided to respect and promote the fundamental rights of every human being for their freedom and non-discrimination. This principle of non-discrimination has been set up to guarantee the rights without discrimination of any kind which includes not only purposeful discrimination, but also protection from policies and practices which may have a discriminatory effect. Beside that

International Convention on the Elimination Racial Discrimination (ICEDHR) is another important landmark to eliminate all forms of discrimination based

on race and color which directly concern to the caste -based discrimination. Almost all the south Asian States have already ratified all these international convention and covenant and there are domestic laws in effect to more or lesser degree, however, the data and evidences shows that the enforcement of these instruments are not effective to ensure the rights of Dalits as a results Dalits are suffering from the caste-based discriminations day by day.

In this fragile state, there are several national and international organizations working for the elimination of this sadistic practice; however, it has not been effective in its end results. There are very few international organizations in order to particularly focus on caste-based discrimination. As the caste -based discrimination has been deeply rooted, it requires a blow of national and international action to wipe out it from that society which still practices. Therefore, Global Forum will play a crucial role to advocate the rights of Dalits in national and international arenas through its international solidarity and lobbying programs.

Global Forum with a team of activist and professionals who are currently living in diaspora, with an objective of providing global solidarity against all form's discrimination, has realized the importance to initiate a global action to combat the illicit forms of discrimination. This forum has been providing and seeking solidarity on the rights-based movement in global

level; empowering and mobilizing affected community to establish their human rights and social justice;

Global Forum has been able to conduct some key program at the national and international level against caste based discrimination from 2019 to 2020 and to contribute to bring justice and equality for Dalits community of Nepal .

Some Activities accomplishment in this period

1. Relief distribution to Corona virus affected families in Nepal Global Forum against caste-based discrimination is engaged to support the vulnerable community during the corona virus (covid-19) starting from the April 2020. According Global Forum Decision raised fund for distribution to victim families in Nepal. Dalit community in Nepal and south Asia most affected from the covid -19, They lost their job, face the food scarcity, face the problem of sanitizer, and they have law education and sanitation. The Global Forum is made plan to distribute some relief to dalit victim in Nepal raised fund 207400 Nepali currency. Global forum develops a guideline for distribution relief based on must marginalized/ affected caste within Dalit, based on the Nepal government relief distribution policy and other element. After completed all process and distributed relief in different part of the country. After successfully distribution of relief Global forum review the program which is one of the milestone of Global forum and appreciated to donors (see Donor list)appreciated to Global forum Nepal team, Global forum's President who directly leading the relief program and other local team members in different regions. Relief distributed at following location.

A. Chaudandi Municipality Udayapur district.

Global forum against caste based discrimination (Global Forum) is organized the relief distribution to corona virus dalit families in Udayapur district . Rice, Dal, oil, salt has been distributed to the families of 76 households in Udayapur, Chaudandigarhi Municipality, Ward No. 2. Due to the corona virus (Covid-19) that has spread in the form of a global epidemic, the world is currently in a lockdown and even Nepal has been in a lockdown for 48 days. Chamal has been distributed as a relief to the families of the most vulnerable families who are disconnected to the stove by daily wages due to the lockdown. The relief was distributed in association with the local government of Nepal (Chaudandi Municipality) and coordination with Global forum Nepal Coordination committee.

As per the decision of the Government of Nepal, relief should be distributed only through the ward chairperson of the local government. The relief has been handed over to the ward chairperson Santosh Subedi after reaching the ward office of Cha.na. pa-2. Local social activist Rajan Kiranti (Basu), Krishna Kumar Shrestha, Kumar Lwagun, Keshab Adhikari, Kumar Khadka, Man Kumar Rai, Ranjana Parajuli, Chuna Thapa Magar, Kamal Dhvaj Rai, Kailash Kafle, Bidur Rai, Priya Rai, Raj with Rs. Kumar Dev, Lok Bahadur Magar, also participate in distribution program. see attached Name list of benefited family. Earlier, the municipality had distributed relief in two phases, according to which 15 days of relief was distributed in the first phase and 10 days in the second phase. Coordinating on behalf of the Global Forum, Kumar Lwagun said that the city has so far provided relief for 25 days but the relief has not been

enough. Speaking at the relief handover program, Ward Chairman Santosh Subedi thanked all the to Global forum for our financial support.

B. Relief distribution in Boudha Jorpati

Kathmandu. The Global Forum against Caste Discrimination has distributed relief materials in the Buddhist area of Kathmandu, which is facing problems due to the ongoing lockdown. The Kathmandu Municipal Corporation ward no 6. Relief materials have been distributed to 6 dalits workers and 25 families living in this area Vijay Ghimire Vishwakarma, a member of the Global Forum Nepal Coordinating Committee coordination the distribution program. We provided 10 kg of rice, 1 liter of oil and 2 kg of pulses to the every family for 25 and total family is 25. Chairman of the Global Forum Tirtha Bishwakarma, Kathmandu Metropolitan City Ward No. 6 People's Representative Ram Hari Pudasaini, Coordinator of the Global Forum Nepal Coordinating Committee Mohan Bishwakarma, members Vijay Ghimire Bishwakarma and Jayaram Kaliraj were present on the distribution program.

C. Relief distribution in udayapur Triyuga municipality in musha basti

The Global Forum Against Caste Discrimination has distributed food and needy things to the needy families who are facing difficulties due to the lockdown. The forum has distributed relief in Musahar Basti in Udaipur Triyuga Municipality Ward No. 9. Relief has been distributed to 110 families in Musahar Basti in coordination with Triyuga Municipality and Dalit Rights Network. The Global forum has distributed food grains including rice, pulses, salt and oil for about a week. Khadak Bahadur Pariyar, coordinator of Udayapur District Development Committee, Dhan Bahadur Danubar, chairman of Bada No. 9, local representative of Global

Forum and Dilip Rasaili coordinator of Dalit Rights Network were present in the relief distribution program.

D. Relief distribution in Sunsary Harinagara -3

on Jesthe 13 2077 , Global forum is distributed relief in sunsary district Harinagara word number 3 with the coordination of Local government and local partiner organization Dalit coordination committee sunsary . All Mushar people lost their job in this lockdown period. They are engaging in agriculture labor which is temporary. In this lockdown people in this community facing the problem of food, senitizer,mask and other necessary good which must need for safe from covid -19. Global form is distributed rice , oil, Dal, salt to 30 families of Mushar caste in this area. Relief materials is handover from Honorable Umita baraily member of providence Assembly providence No 1 government of Nepal and local coordination by Shanti Gajmer president of Dalit coordination committee Itahari sunsary.

E. Relief distribution in Chepang Basti Makawan pur District

on 28th May 2020 , Global forum is successfully distributed the relief to chepang families in Rakshilang -5 Makawanpur district bagmati providence

of Nepal. Mayar Krisha praja provided the necessary of relief in this Municipality for Dalits and chepang families. Global forum is coordinate to Chandra shing parja president of ward 5 where most of the dalit and

poor families are living. Chepang dalit are more marginalized caste group in the community. They are using the food nuts from the jungle due to the scarcity of grain and poor economic condition. Global forum reaches with chadrasing Parja ward number 5 president of Rakshirang rural municipality and he provided detail number of family who are facing the hand to mouth program. Some people are hungry from lockdown because they are losing their job in lockdown time. Global forum is coordinated with local government representative Chandrasing prajapati ward 5 president and Kamal Biswokarma president Dalit sensitization center of Makawanpu. During the distribution invited Mayor of Municipality, and other political party leaders. 19 Dalit families and 15 Chepang families are benefited from the relief distribution.

F. Relief distribution to David Rajan memorial school

On 10 of May, coordination with Nepal coordination committee Global forum is distributed relief to student of David Rajan school. The school is funded by Rajan Biswokarma for children who are orphan and poor and from the Dalit community from 20 years. Altogether 30 students are living in school hostel and school is providing to them food and other necessary goods. Due to the lockdown period they are facing many problems in this hostel and feeling difficult to survive. Rajan Biswokarma is informed to global forum and request some relief for survival to student and Global forum is provided rice, Dal, oil, bread, beaten rice etc for 30 hostel student for 15 days.

2. Interaction program on Justice to victims from Rukum massacre and other caste based discriminated cases to Dalit in Nepal”

Global Forum against caste based discrimination Nepal coordination committee is organized a discussion program on Justice to victims from Rukum massacre and other caste based discriminated cases to Dalit in Nepal on 10th of the August 2020 through the virtual meeting . This program is organized for building common understanding of Rukum massacre and other caste based discrimination cases in different parts of the Nepal. since last some year main dalit organizations are not conducted jointly movement and organizing different way on same issues and same case. They are not creating the strong voice of dalits. The government, political parties and other related parties is not receiving the force from the dalits organizations since last some years. Many Dalits are facing caste-based discrimination, untouchability, exclusion are increasing. Dalits are living with caste based discriminations in every second. Therefore, Global forum wants to facilitate to organization to build the unity of dalit organizations. Therefore, Global forum invited to main political parties dalit sisters organizations and other civil society organizations in the discussion program. main objective of this program is create the situation to Dalit political sister organization for jointly organize movement campaign against murder rape and other caste base discrimination cases over the country. last June 10 in west Rukum district Nabraj Bk of Jajarkot Veri municipality and his 5 friends are killed by so called non dalit people which they are visiting Nabraj girlfriend. Since some last year many caste based discriminated cases are increasing like in Dhanusa , siraha, saptari and so many places.

They are not facing the caste based discrimination they killed by so called high caste people.

Many NGOs and political parties sisters organization is working for elimination caste based discrimination and established the equitable society but they are organizing separate campaigning against caste based discrimination. Global forum wants to build the strong movement through building the unity of dalit related organization also gain the solidarity from the other community. Therefore, Global Forum Nepal coordination committee organize this event inviting to political sister organizations, civil society organizations and other expert in the discussion program. In the program Mr Bom Biswakarma co in charge of Nepal Dalit Liberation organization speak the situation of Dalit movement and express his desire to make unity of dalit organizations. Mr Jiban Pariyar from Nepal Dalit sang (Leader of Nepali congress) is also expressed his views on the unity of dalit and present way of unity of Dalit movement. Mr Jitu Gautam Honorable former state minister also emphasis the unity of Dalits, youth leader Mr. Deepak Sony , Dalit political leader Mr Ganesh Bk, Moti Lal Nepal from Dallit civil society organization, Bhakta biswokarma from DNF, Dalit activist Kamala Himchuli, Advocate Mohan Shasankar, Advocate Yam Kumari Dattel, Dhan B Biswokarma from Japam , Nabraj Bk from Qtar also participated in this program and all the participant focus following strategy for jointly work .

1. All participants also request to political sisters organization to make unity of Dalit organizations and other civil society organizations.

1. Ready to build the unity of Dalits

3. jointly work together for dalits rights and justice for dalit victims,

4. Review their work and strategy and formulated the new strategy for unity of Dalits

3. Declaration free nation and challenges to implementation

Jesth 20, 2077 Global forum against the caste based discriminations is organized a interaction program on "**Declaration of free national and challenged to implementation**" in Nepal through virtual because the coovid-19. Honorable former Prime Minister Madhav Kumar Nepal was participated as chief guest and other guest are Honorable Gori Pradhan former member of National human right commission, Honorable Ramlakhan Harijan Member of national Assembly, Mr Bed parsad Bhattarai secretary of National Human right commission Charan Parsai senior human right activist, Mr Bhakta Biswokarma acting president of DNF, Mr Arjun Sunar President of Nepal oppressed community Europe , Saru Sunar from Dalit unity network, Iswari Bisworkarma President of DWO, Trilok Chandra Biswas president of NNDSWO, and other participant from Europe , USA, Japan and other countries. Mr. Tirtha Biswokarma president of Global forum is chaired that program and senior voice president. General Secretary Motilal Nepali is presented the objectives of this program. Sushil bk is provided the vote for thanks to tha all guests.

Former prime Minister Madhav kumar Nepal said that untouchability practices still happing in the country even we passed 14 year of the Declaration of free untouchability nation. Dalit community had

contributed in all kind of nation building process like democratic and social movement . Our nation could not forget the contribution of Dalit community. The Nepal constituent 2072 is provided the some important rights of Dalit but still they are suffering from the caste based discrimination. we have some positive indicators like capacity building of dalits is increased, education level and some financial condition is going to improvement but dalits are facing the untouchability practices over the country. they are Still living without houses, good health and sanitation facilities low per-capitaincome etc.

He said we all should fight for eliminate the caste -based discrimination and establish the socialism political system. Another speaker Hon. Gouri pardhan former Member of NHC is provided great solidarity to the dalit right movement ,Senor Human right leader Mr Charan Parsai is presented the real situation of Dalit community in Nepal and he emphasized the implementation of legal provision where sited in Nepal constitution and other legal provision for Dallit community. Bed parsad Bhattarai Secretary of Nation Human right commission is presented atrocities cases over the country of caste- based discrimination. NHC is supporting the elimination the caste -based discrimination. Bhatka biswokarma Acting president of DNF, Trilok Chandra Biswas president of NNDSWO, kala Swarnakar president of FEDO, Iswari BK president DWO, and other guests and participant also comment and present the views on untouchability practices .

from the progam participants and guests are relized that to elimination the caste-based discrimination political parties and Nepal government should be sensitized to implement legal provision and program. Global

forum is extended the relationship to main political parties, government and other development agencies.

3.2 Interaction program on Role of the state elimination the caste Discrimination;-

Likewise global forum was conduct very significant interaction virtual program on role of state for elimination to caste discrimination stigma. This program chief guest was hold by parliament ex-speaker honorable Mr. Damantha Dhungana and special guest was Prof. Dr. Yubraj Sangrula. Advocate Mr. Shaym Bishowkarma was presented the role of state for elimination to caste discrimination stigma system work papers on this workshop virtual program. This program announcer was Ms. Anita pariyar. The consequence of discussion was focused on state role for elimination disgraceful caste discrimination stigma. So, power holder class has more accountable for creating justifiable society to emphasized Dalit dignifying rights. At same time Ms rupa sunar presented the testimony on he discrimination in rent of house. Before some she discriminated by landlord when she searches the room for rent.

4) International Conference on Role of the diaspora community eliminating caste based discrimination October – 17 2020 Kathmandu

Global forum was planning to organized international conference on Elimination of caste based discrimination for Development and prosperity in the same time other organization announced that organize an international conference against caste based discrimination in Kathmandu. we all(10) organizations realized that to make collaboratives way that should be jointly organize that event and we

agreed to organized an international conference on “The Role of diaspora community to Elimination caste-based discrimination” linking with concurrent issues of Dalit community of Nepal and building strong network of Nepali dalit diaspora community to support the Dalit movement of Nepal..

Objectives:

The main objective of this conference had advocate for the elimination of caste- based discrimination in order to improve the situation of Dalits in Nepal and other countries. The specific objectives are: To analysis the present situation of Dalit community and find out lacks and barriers to implementation policies, provisions of government and other stakeholders to develop situation of Dalit and elimination of caste-based discrimination. Analyse situation of diaspora Dalit community and recommend establishing strong network in the overseas to support the caste-based discrimination and development of Dalits community. Build the strong network with national and international organizations which are working for the Dalits cause.

In the Inauguration session, We will invited to the Hon. Jagat Biswokarma Minister youth and sport as a chief. Pro Man Ha bahadur Biswokarma leader of Nepali congress, Jitu Goutam Leader of CPN , Bom Biswokarma leader of CPN, Tilak Pariyar Leader of CPN, Laxmi Pariyar leader of Nepali congress, Bijul K biswokarma Leader of Nepali confress, Durga sob Secretery of Nayashakti party, Dalmardan Kami Dalit political leader, Bhakta biswokarm acting president of DNF, Trilok Chandra biswas president of NNDSWO, Renu sijapati general sec FEDO and other dalit and non dalit leder are invited as guest in the conference. 2 hours

long inauguration session speakers from Nepal government, political parties' representatives, international development agencies, civil society organizations, NRNA representatives and Dalit political leaders are provided solidarity to the international campaigning to elimination the caste based discrimination.

*In Second session A paper on “**Dalits in federal system of Nepal**” presented by Dr Budhdi Nepali. The main objective of this session will be to review the pro-Dalit policies of country, he presented inclusion situation of Dalit after lunched the constitution of Nepal 2072BS. , and make recommendation to government and other stakeholders to address the gaps. participants experts were provided the feedback. another paper on “another paper on Role of the UN Development agencies to elimination caste. based discrimination presented by Ganesh bk Deulayal he presented the investment of Donor agencies for elimination the c aste base d discrimination expertise were provided the feedback on this presentation. likewise another paper on Dalit movement and its direction I presented by Dr. Nirmal Biswokarma. Dr nirmal is presented the way of the Dalit movement of Nepal . This. International conference is declared some recommendation to Government , development agencies and stakeholder for the Development of Dalit*

6. some strong vice of Global Forum through

- Press release against Rukum muder case, Kaski discrimination case, Corona vitim people in Nepal and other many caste based discrimination cases.

7. organizational development

- *organize several 25 EB meeting 17 Secretariate meeting make several decisions to make plan program for achieve the goal of organization.*
- *New National committee formation, in japan, S Korea, focal person in Honking, Australia Portugal and India,Qtar,UK .*
- *To make strong movement we start to jointly affords with other organizations(NASO, ICDR,PDRC).*
- *Global forum is extended the work over the world.*
- *Now We collect the member from new countries.*

8. Some Key achievement in this period

1. Our voice is reach with Nepal government, political parties and other stakeholders and other development agencies.

2. we are success to bring many organization, expertise and activists. for support the dalit movement of Nepal.

3. Global Forum is Establishing as a good and strong network organization.

4. provide humanitarian support and increased the popularity of Global Forum in grassroot level.

5. Global forum is success to bring political parties sister organizations for organize unified movement against Rukum genocide, Sambhu ram muders, Gobind ram muders , Angirita Pasi and other caste based discrimination casen , muders, rap to dalit community.

9. Problem faced in this time

- *Financial scarcity- many of us are facing financial problems because of lack of opportunity in good employment, business. Most of our people is living in Gulf countries with entry level job, Hourly job in USA, and other countries.*
- *Motivation - We are not able to create the motivated environment to work on this organization due to our time limit, and other circumstances.*
- *Unclear some policies - unclear policies on National chapter mobilization,*
- *Scattered communities - different countries difficult to manage their time.*
- *lack of skill on organization development, movement and social work.*
- *COVID-19 affected to our planned activities*

10. Opportunities

- *Many diaspora people increasing in different countries*
- *Some new organizations are willing to jointly work to eliminate caste-based discrimination*
- *Many people abroad interested to contribute to Nepali Dalit movement*
- *we have human resources in different countries*
- *Some friends interested to invest in Nepal*
- *Caste based discrimination out of Nepal also is increasing*
- *UN and other international bilateral multilateral organizations recognize the issues of Dalit*

11. Key issues of Global forum for further action -

- 1. Highly increased the Caste based discrimination and Genocide, murders, rap to Dalit community.*
- 2. Implementation of Constitution and legal provision.*
- 3. Proportionate representation in all level of policy making and implementation.*
- 4. Modernizing and making professional of traditional occupation.*
- 5. mobilization resources of many country for Dalit development in*

1. Further strategy to work

A. 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.*

B. 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. **C. 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. **Innovation D. 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.

E. 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

Dalit salvation outlooks:

Ideology of the Hindu theological prejudice culture has poses a grave and unprecedented threat to the secular society of country. When political parties and social organization mobilized caste and class struggle which has been to draw sharp attention to the ruler class and ruler caste for change the caste discrimination practice. It has highly big impact of exiting segregation derogatory caste stigma system for change their monopoly anarchism from Nepali society.

The peoples struggle and sacrifice has support to built new constitution. The constitution Dalit fundamental rights has provide Dalit dignity but unfortunately the power holder groups has not implementation to Dalit fundamental

rights. The Nepali division of society into a hierarchy of disgraceful castes system still has not broken shackle of caste slavery. So it is time to remove caste persecution from the society by the radical democratic and socialism struggle for established egalitarian society. We will trying to destroy on unhuman caste discrimination system and the Brahmanical inborn superiority notions by our hard, strong social political joint struggle.

Now, feudal oligarchy aristocracy tyrannical monarchy a political system has abolished, government has change but untouchability social stigma has not change in social lands. Because the ruler class and caste did not give space to Dalit for access on decision making bodies power structure.

The present Dalit cultural subordination system has prevailing in society. The ruler class and ruler caste social political dominant hegemony practice are alive in society. The caste discrimination existing unequal social structure is root cause to elevate caste injustice by dominant caste to Dalit peoples from subjugated and derogated practice. They do not want change their discrimination connotation from their regime. So we are necessary to make national international working space strategies for struggle agnist untouchability system.

Future Action line and our new dreams hopes:

1. To make consensus among whole 'Dalit social change makers' for carving Dalit common agenda and start unified Dalit movement for ensure Dalit reach on power structure.

2. To lobby and advocating on power holder, decision making bodies for implementation the significant of Dalit fundamental rights article 40 sub-article 1-6 by make a laws .

3. To build Dalit sovereignty for unified Dalit non Dalit one platform to joint struggle for Dalit make free, independents from dominant caste hegemony.

4.To develop the Dalit bargaining power for play powerful role for elimination the existing caste discrimination system.

5.To organize continental discussion program on caste discrimination inborn irrelevant phenomena and its worse impacts to national development integrated process.

thanks

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