

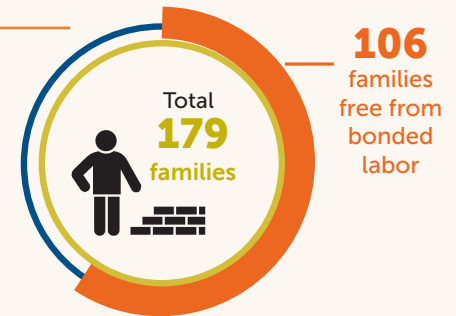


COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS FROM NEPAL:

Tackling Modern Day Slavery & Breaking Cyclical Poverty

READ is tackling modern-day slavery in Nepal by helping workers to break free from bonded labor prevalent in brick kilns. This support is provided through the Jahada and Siraha READ Centers, enduring, trusted institutions capable of mobilizing stakeholders to address pressing community issues.

Modern-day slavery remains a persistent challenge in Nepal, with limited progress despite domestic and international efforts to combat the issue. However, through the adoption of a locally-driven, human-centered approach, READ has helped **106 out of the 179 families engaged in READ's program successfully break free from bonded labor.**



Practical Community Solutions Program

To catalyze this transformation, READ employed a methodology grounded in principles of deep listening, patience, respect, empathy and trust. This created a safe space where laborers could openly confront the obstacles they encountered and collaborate to find sustainable solutions. Concurrently, READ partnered with local governments and kiln owners to expose them to the challenges faced by workers and engage them to help identify enduring remedies. This approach yielded a spectrum of holistic interventions:



Launch of **2** mobile learning centers, which spurred 40 similar Centers launched by the government



Establishment of savings cooperatives, providing local, secure, and affordable credit



Initiation of adult literacy classes



Creation of viable livelihood opportunities

Program Impact

This initiative serves as a testament to how holistic interventions to empower individuals economically, emotionally, and socially can foster stronger, more resilient communities.



72%
increased their income



84%
of children started to attend school regularly



55%
of women had more decision-making power



Over **50**
community leaders have emerged, driving development in their communities



Brick kilns have raised wages and provided safe spaces for kids to learn



What the Community is Saying

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We have better relations with community members. Before we did not talk, now we discuss often.

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Now I am able to earn as I have goats and already some savings.

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I now have respect in the family, my husband stopped drinking alcohol and stopped abusing me.

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Local organizations are listening to us and we can voice our concerns.

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The READ Method

READ builds cohesive, inclusive, and resilient communities where everyone—especially those most marginalized— benefit from knowledge, resources, and opportunities necessary to shape their own dignified and fulfilling futures. READ's method of facilitation empowers communities to recognise their own inherent potential to solve local problems and foster greater prosperity. By fortifying the community library and resource center (READ Center) as a foundational platform for unlocking a community's social and economic potential, READ initiates enduring community-level transformation.

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