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# 1      **Acronyms & Abbreviations**

AEPC	: Alternative Energy Promotion Center
APF	: Armed Police Force
BPKIHS	: BP Koirala Institute of Health Sciences
CA	: Constituent Assembly
CAAC	: Children Affected by Armed Conflict
CAPwD	: Conflict Affected People with Disabilities
CAP	: Conflict Affected Peoples
CAS	: Constituent Assembly Secretariat
CAW&G	: Conflict Affected Women and Girls
CMCCO	: Cantonment Management Central Coordinator's Office
CPA	: Comprehensive Peace Accord
CSIDB	: Cottage and Small Industry Development Board
CSO	: Civil Society Organization
CTEVT	: Council for Technical Education and Vocational Trainings
CVRPP	: Continuous Voter Registration with Photograph Program
DCSI	: Department of Cottage and Small Industry:
DFID	: Department for International Development
DG	: Donor Group
DAO	: District Administration Office
DEO	: District Election Office
DCC	: District Coordination Committee
DOWS	: Department of Water and Sanitation
DoR	: Department of Roads
DUDBC	: Department of Urban Development and Building Construction
DWSS	: Department of Water Supply and Sewerage
ECN	: Election Commission, Nepal
EU	: European Union
FCA	: Foreign Currency Account
GoN	: Government of Nepal
IAs	: Implementing Agencies
IDP	: Internally Displaced Person
JFA	: Joint Financing Arrangement
LPC	: Local Peace Committee
MAC	: Maoist Army Combatants
MoF	: Ministry of Finance
MoFALD	: Ministry of Federal Affairs and Local Development
MoHA	: Ministry of Home Affairs
MoHP	: Ministry of Health and Population
MoI	: Ministry of Industry
MoLJCAPA	: Ministry of Law, Justice, Constituent Assembly and Parliamentary Affairs
MoPIT	: Ministry of Physical Infrastructure and Transport
MoPR	: Ministry of Peace and Reconstruction
MoUD	: Ministry of Urban Development
MoYS	: Ministry of Youth and Sports
MoWCSW	: Ministry of Women, Children and Social Welfare
MRE	: Mine Risk Education
MVLPC	: Municipality and Village Level Peace Committee

NAP	: National Action Plan
NDF	: National Disability Fund
NEA	: Nepal Electricity Authority
NFDIN	: National Foundation for Development of Indigenous Nationalities
NHRAP	: National Human Rights Action Plan
NTV	: Nepal Television
NP	: Nepal Police
NPTF	: Nepal Peace Trust Fund
OPMCM	: Office of Prime Minister and Council of Ministers
PBNC	: Peace Building Network Committee
PFC	: Public Facilitation Committee
PFOR	: Peace Fund (Operation) Rules, 2008
PFS	: Peace Fund Secretariat
PHQ	: Police Head Quarters
PSA	: Public Service Announcement
PSC	: Project Steering committee
PMC	: Project Management Committee
PPNC	: Peace Building Network Committee
RAO	: Regional Administration Office
RRD	: Relief and Rehabilitation Division
SCSIRMC	: Special Committee on the Supervision, Integration and Rehabilitation of UCPN (M) Maoist Army Combatants
SGBV	: Sexual and Gender Based Violence
TC	: Technical Committee
TC Pool	: Technical Cooperation Pool
UNFPA	: United Nations Population Fund
UNSCR	: United Nations Security Council Resolution
TRC	: Truth and Reconciliation Commission
TOR	: Terms of Reference
WCDO	: Women and Children Development Office

## 2 Executive Summary

This report outlines the four monthly progress of NPTF from 16 July 2013 to 15 November 2013. NPTF is a government led and owned multi-donor fund established in January 2007 to support Nepal's peace process by implementing the Comprehensive Peace Accord (CPA). The operation of NPTF is an on-budget activity that is financially supported by Government of Nepal (GoN) and eight donors, namely Denmark, European Union, Finland, Germany, Norway, Switzerland, United Kingdom and United States of America. The Fund is managed by the Peace Fund Secretariat (PFS) of the Ministry of Peace and Reconstruction (MoPR).

Till date, NPTF has financed a total of 63 projects; of these, 35 projects have been completed and 28 projects are ongoing. These projects have supported various sectors financed under four clusters. The table below shows details of the status of the projects financed through NPTF and overall budget allocation within these clusters.

Name of the Cluster	Projects completed	Projects ongoing	Total Projects	Approved budget (in mn NPR)
1. Cantonment Management, Integration/ Rehabilitation of Combatants	19	3	22	5,539.87
2. Conflict Affected Persons and Communities	1	3	4	1,064.83
3. Security and Transitional Justice	3	12	15	3,947.83
4. Constituent Assembly, Elections and Peace Building Initiatives at National and Local Levels	12	10	22	12,155.20
Sub-total	35	28	63	22,707.73
Technical Cooperation Pool Fund				94.13
Total				22,801.86

Some of the major achievements of the projects approved by NPTF within these four clusters are highlighted below. Since this reporting period was overshadowed by the Constituent Assembly (CA) elections, the required preparations thereof and enforcement of election code of conduct, progresses related to many of the project activities have either slowed down or have been delayed.

Within Cluster 1, following the completion of regrouping, 15,585 ex-MACs received Voluntary Retirement and 1,460 ex-MACs were integrated into the Nepal Army. Of the 6 ex-MACs who chose the rehabilitation package, 5 combatants have completed their training whereas remaining 1 ex-MAC is enrolled in a technical training. The construction works of two bridges in Surkhet, namely Jhupra and Chinghad under the project on "All Weather Access Roads and Bridges" are still ongoing. This project has been extended due to delays in construction of these bridges due to lack of construction materials, delayed work progress by contractor and rainy season hindering the construction works.

In Cluster 2, the construction of rehabilitation center for people with disability at BPKIHS is ongoing. This project has been extended till July 2015 since the procurement process took longer than expected for the 'structural works'. Under similar project with NDF, 328 devices were delivered and 1,085 Physiotherapy Sessions were provided to 598 Conflict Affected People with Disabilities (CAPwD) through 7 collaborating partners in four development regions (except eastern region). It has been a major challenge for this project to reach out to the CAPwDs listed in the MoPR since they are not available in the addresses listed. The IA has expressed the need to adjust the program activities to address these challenges and this is under consideration.

In the third Cluster, 93 units were planned for reconstruction under Police Unit Reconstruction Project - second phase, of which 57 units were completed and 36 units are ongoing. The second phase reconstruction projects have been delayed since some of the police units in remote areas could not be constructed in time since either there were no roads linking them to the market or the roads condition did not allow for transport of construction materials, especially during rainy season and lack of sufficient skilled human resources required for construction. No cost extension has been granted to meet the target. In the third phase, reconstruction of 77 destroyed police units is ongoing, of which 60% works has been completed. On average, about 57.5% of reconstruction works have been completed for 6 women barracks for enhancement of women police's capacity. Similarly, under the project "Support to Mine Action", the activities related to mine risk education have been completed in the schools of 30 districts through District Education Offices and community education has also taken place in 43 districts.

Ministry of Peace and Reconstruction (MoPR) is the main coordinating body for all the projects related to NAP and has disbursed funding to the District Coordination Committee (DCC) for effective coordination at the district level. Through the project being implemented by Ministry of Home Affairs (MoHA), construction of separate gender unit in APF headquarters and three brigades has completed. 1224 officials of MoHA, Nepal Police and APF have been trained on gender awareness. A 24 hours toll free hotline service and mobile van with necessary radio equipment for immediate response to and rescue of SGBV cases in NP. The project by Ministry of Industry (MoI) has been completed in September 2013. Three-month long vocational trainings for 1,588 Conflict Affected Women and Girls (CAWs&Gs) were completed in all the project districts. The Ministry of Women, Children and Social Welfare (MoWCSW) has trained 5,134 members of community women organizations on UNSCR 1325/1820 through 150 training programs. A total of 3,475 people have participated in 150 interaction programs organized to encourage networking of district level organizations involved in promoting women's rights. The Ministry of Law, Justice, Constituent Assembly and Parliamentary Affairs (MoLJCAPA) published and distributed over 6,000 Legal Education Awareness Booklets to the participants of the legal awareness sensitization programs in one VDC each of fifty different districts.

The Office of Prime Minister and Council of Ministers (OPMCM) is implementing the project 'Strengthening the Capacity and Mechanisms of relevant State Institutions to implement Human Rights Plan and Policies in Nepal'. It has conducted two meetings at regional level within this reporting period to receive input for the better promotion of human rights in selected areas including areas of security, justice, gender and socio economic rights.

Through Cluster 4 project on "Strengthening Local Peace Committee" under MoPR, inventory of office equipments and furniture are in place in all 75 districts and 48 DAOs, ensuring that the offices have basic equipments to function effectively. 35 core trainers from MoPR and Local Development Training Academy (LDTA) were trained as resource persons who have oriented 49 LPCs on their roles and responsibilities so far. In order to impart LPCs with core skills and knowledge to promote dialogue and consensus building, conflict mapping and managing local conflict, curriculum had been drafted and piloted in 5 LPCs and 1 for MoPR staff.

Under the project "Next Constituent Assembly Election", 2 days orientation program was conducted for 390 chief returning and returning officers to familiarize them about the election context, election management and polling training was organized in 18775 polling centers and sub centers for 3,99,859 employees including government employees and teachers. Altogether 12.15 million eligible voters were registered, voter roll was finalized and published and voter ID cards were produced and distributed to the voters before polling day. Similarly, the project "Operating Next Constituent Assembly Elections" was able to provide motivational incentives, allowances to the officials and other administrative costs. Voter registration reached 12,147,865 individuals of which 6,166,829 (50.77%) were female and 5,980,881 (49.02%) were male, 155 were third

gender. During elections, On the First Past the Post (FPTP) system: 9,516,724 votes were casted of which valid votes were 9,044,898 (95.14%). 78.34% of the registered total voters had casted their ballots for FPTP. On the proportional representation (PR) system, 9,776,703 votes were casted of which valid votes were 9,463,862 (96.7%). 79.82% of the registered total voters had casted their ballots for PR.

Radio Nepal, in its second phase project, has aired 9 episodes each of radio peace debate, radio peace reporting, and talk program, whereas it has aired 10 episodes of radio peace drama. Similarly, the project on 'Peace building for reconciliation, co-existence and socioeconomic reconstruction through television campaign' has broadcasted 3 episodes of teleserial 'shanti', 3 episodes of swagatam shanti depicting real life stories of nepali youths, 4 episodes of peace tele-quiz, 2 episodes of NTV peace forum, 3 episodes of telemagazine 'shanti ko khoji' screened with news segment and report analysis segment related to peace building efforts, and 2 episodes of talk show. The mobile service programme for citizenship certificate distribution project run by MoHA distributed citizenship to 181,713 persons, of which 59.42% were women, 1% disabled and 2.13% elderly citizen. This is more than targeted 152,500 people.

At the fund level, the 34<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Technical Committee was held on 28 October 2013. As per the authority delegated by the Board, ECN's project 'Operating Next Constituent Assembly Elections (ONCAE), 2013' was approved by the Technical Committee. The meeting also approved the requests for no cost extension of project for construction of rehabilitation center at BP Koirala Institute of Health Sciences and further approved the requests from various Implementing Agencies to use its saved funds from one activity/budget head to another, within the given overall budget of the program. Sectoral Cluster meetings were held to appraise and provide inputs to the project documents submitted by seven NGAs under the pilot initiative 'Peace Fund for NGAs' and provided review and comments on the project submitted by ECN titled 'Operating Next Constituent Assembly Elections (ONCAE), 2013'. During this reporting period, an orientation meeting was held on 20 August 2013 with the Implementing Agencies who had received NPTF funds in last year.

Through TC Pool, following reports were received by the MoPR and PFS during the period: O&M study for MoPR; Project Completion Reports (PCR); Vertical monitoring draft report and activities related to implementation of Capacity Development Strategy were carried out.

The external monitoring team from Scott Wilsons Nepal has submitted the second report in its fourth phase of external outcome monitoring of all the ongoing projects of NPTF, along with social audits of police units and LPCs and submitted its report in September 2013. Two Joint Government Donor monitoring visits, first one to Kaski and Lalitpur and second one to Parsa and Makawanpur, were organized during this period.

The PFS has issued press releases after every Board Meeting of the NPTF, and as required. PFS has also maintained a record of events on photographs and has begun communication with the Implementing Agencies of PFS funded projects on ways to improve internal communication between NPTF stakeholders. PFS Brochure was updated and published in September 2013.

Public Finance Management (PFM) has continued to be top priority for PFS to improve on and has been successful in achieving some of the major milestones. A draft financial management improvement plan has been prepared, covering all aspects of PFM recommended by Mid Term Review of NPTF (Nov/Dec 2012) and previous EU TA assistance (Feb 2013). The PFS carried out quick capacity assessment of Election Commission Nepal to assess the financial management capacity and identify areas for further support to implement projects related to Next Constituent Assembly Election. In the area of fund management, PFS has started getting fund disbursement advice from concerned donors and providing them receipt acknowledgement and reconciling the fund balance with FCGO on a regular basis.

### 3 Introduction

Nepal Peace Trust Fund (NPTF) was established in January 2007 as an internationally unique mechanism, led and owned by the Government of Nepal (GoN) to support the vision and implementation of the Comprehensive Peace Accord (CPA). This accord was a milestone in the process to bring peace after ten years (1996 to 2006) of armed conflict that led to significant damage in terms of loss of life and property and disappearance of many citizens. The children and women were among the most affected by the armed conflict.

The operation of NPTF is an on-budget activity that is financially supported by GoN and eight donors (Denmark, EU, Finland, Germany, Norway, Switzerland, UK and US). The fund is managed by the Peace Fund Secretariat (PFS) of the Ministry of Peace and Reconstruction (MoPR). Its mission is to administer the fund and the process for selecting projects to be supported. Actual implementation of the projects is delegated to the organisations that propose the projects. Since its establishment, NPTF has become the principal body to coordinate between the Government of Nepal and other donor agencies for addressing the necessities of post-conflict peace-building. NPTF is currently in its third phase, having completed its second phase between January 2010 and January 2013.

As a part of good governance and strong communication, NPTF/PFS prepares four monthly reports and annual report at the end of the year in lieu of four monthly report, in line with the provisions stipulated in the Joint Financing Arrangement (JFA), Program Document and the Project Management Manual. This report is submitted to the government and donor groups and shared with all relevant stakeholders. This report outlines the four monthly progress of NPTF from 16 July to 15 November 2013.

All the projects financed through NPTF are categorized into four clusters namely:

Cluster 1: Cantonment Management and Integration/Rehabilitation of Combatants

Cluster 2: Conflict Affected Persons and Communities

Cluster 3: Security and Transitional Justice

Cluster 4: CA and Peace Building Initiatives at National and Local Levels

The reconstruction of physical infrastructure destroyed during conflict is crosscutting theme.

### 4 The Clusters of the NPTF and its projects

Since the establishment of NPTF in 2007, it has financed a total of 63 projects, as of 15 November 2013. Of these, 35 projects have been completed and 28 projects are ongoing.

Table 1: Status of NPTF approved projects by Cluster

Name of the Cluster	Projects completed	Projects ongoing	Total Projects
1. Cantonment Management, Integration/ Rehabilitation of Combatants	19	3	22
2. Conflict Affected Persons and Communities	1	3	4
3. Security and Transitional Justice	3	12	15
4. Constituent Assembly, Elections and Peace Building Initiatives at National and Local Levels	12	10	22
Sub-total	35	28	63

The progresses of individual projects within the four clusters have been highlighted below. Since this reporting period was overshadowed by the national elections, the required preparations thereof and enforcement of



election code of conduct, progresses related to many of the project activities have either slowed down or have been delayed.

#### 4.1 Cluster 1: Cantonment Management and Rehabilitation of Combatants

A total of 22 projects are financed by NPTF under this category till this reporting date since the establishment of NPTF, out of which 19 projects have been completed and 3 projects are ongoing. The areas covered by the completed projects were construction and maintenance of the physical infrastructures including access and internal roads, temporary residential buildings, kitchens, drinking water, communication, etc and providing essential services such as health, sanitation, water supply, electricity, alternate source of energy, basic needs fulfillment and communication facilities to the ex-Maoist Army Combatants (ex-MACs).

The detailed information about the projects funded by NPTF since 2006 under this cluster is presented on the table below.

Table 2: Status of NPTF projects in Cluster 1

Project Code	Title of Project (in order of approval)	Implementing Agency	Start Date	Completion Date	Status
1/01	Cantonment Access Roads	DoR	Dec. 2006	July 2008	Completed
1/02	Roads and Causeways	DoR/ CMCCO	Dec. 2006	July 2007	Completed
1/03	Physical Infrastructure (houses, containers, etc.)	DUDBC/ CMCCO	March 2007	Nov 2007	Completed
1/04	Water supply	DWSS/ CMCCO	Apr. 2007	July 2007	Completed
1/05	Electricity	NEA/ CMCCO	Apr. 2007	July 2007	Completed
1/06	Telephone	NT/ CMCCO	Apr. 2007	July 2007	Completed
1/07	Basic Needs Fulfilment in Cantonments	CMCCO	April 20, 2007	Nov. 2012	Completed
1/08	Temporary Housing in Cantonments	CMCCO	May 2007	April 12, 2008	Completed
1/09	Temporary Cantonment Infrastructures	DUDBC	Aug. 2007	May 2008	Completed
1/10	Cantonment Health Management Programme (CHMP)	MoHP	Nov. 2007	July 2008	Completed
1/11	Emergency Health Management Programme	MoHP	March 2008	July 15, 2008	Completed
1/12	CHMP Phase II	MoHP	July 2008	July 2009	Completed
1/13	CHMP- Extended to all Satellite Cantonments	MoHP	Jan. 2009	December 2009	Completed
1/14	Installation of Toilet attached Biogas and Solar Systems	AEPC	Feb. 2009	March 2011	Completed
1/15	CHMP Phase-III	MoHP	July 2009	July 2010	Completed
1/16	Cantonment Management Project	CMCCO	Nov. 2009	July 2012	Completed
1/17	Water Supply System in Cantonment	DWSS	Dec. 2009	Nov. 2012	Completed
1/18	All Weather Access Roads and	DOR	Dec. 2009	14 Jan 2014	Ongoing

Project Code	Title of Project (in order of approval)	Implementing Agency	Start Date	Completion Date	Status
	Bridges				
1/19	CHMP Phase IV	MoHP	July 2010	July 2011	Completed
1/20	Establishment of Secretariat of Special Committee/SCSIRMC	Secretariat/SCSI RMC	Apr. 2011	December 15, 2013	Ongoing
1/21	Cantonment Health Management Programme V	MoHP	July 2011	Aug. 2012	Completed
1/22	Rehabilitation Programme for Maoist Army Combatants	MoPR	May 13, 2012	April 2014	Ongoing

The project on Establishment of Secretariat of Special Committee/SCSIRMC is still on going. Since it is continuation of the ongoing rehabilitation and integration process, GoN decided to finance and manage the Office of the Coordinator from the remaining budget of SCSIRMC project till 15 December, 2013. After the completion of regrouping 15585 ex-MACs opted for Voluntary Retirement and 1460 ex-MACs were integrated into the Nepal Army.

Of the 6 ex-MACs who chose the rehabilitation package, 5 combatants have completed Building and Industrial Electrician training in a vocational training institute under CTEVT that was hired as the sub-contractee for the execution of this training. Remaining 1 ex-MAC is enrolled in technical training related to Veterinary Junior Technical Assistant at a Technical College in Far Western Region.

Within Project 1/18, the construction works of two bridges to the cantonments in Surkhet, namely Jhupra and Chinghad are still ongoing, while other planned activities of this project have been completed. This project has been extended due to delays in construction of these bridges due to lack of construction materials, delayed work progress by contractor and rainy season hindering the construction works.

## 4.2 Cluster 2: Conflict Affected Persons and Communities

A total of 4 projects are financed by NPTF under this category till this reporting date since the establishment of NPTF. Current progress shows that 3 projects are ongoing and one is completed.

The detailed information about the projects under this cluster is presented on the table below.

Table 3: Status of NPTF Projects in Cluster 2

Project Code	Title of Project (in order of approval)	Implementing Agency	Start Date	Completion Date	Status
2/01	Special Programme on Relief and Rehabilitation of IDPs	MoPR	Sept. 2007	July 2013	Completed
2/02	Rehabilitation Centre for Conflict Affected Disabled Peoples (BPKIHS)	BPKIHS/ DUDBC	April 2011	July 2015	Ongoing
2/03	Rehabilitation Services for Conflict Affected Disabled People (NDF)	NDF	Sept. 2011	Jan 2014	Ongoing
2/04	1. Targeted Assistance for Conflict Affected Disabled 2. Women Ex-Combatants Requiring Special Support	MoPR	May 1, 2012	April 30, 2014	Ongoing

Two projects on establishing rehabilitation centre for conflict affected people, one at BP Koirala Institute of Health Sciences (BPKIHS), Dharan, and another at National Disability Fund (NDF) have been ongoing. The construction of rehabilitation center at BPKIHS is going on. This project has been extended till July 2015 since the procurement process took longer than expected for the 'structural works'. The construction of structural works for the ground and first floor is almost complete; however, a separate bidding will need to be initiated for completing the 'finishing works'.

Altogether, 328 devices delivered and 1085 Physiotherapy Sessions have been provided to 598 Conflict Affected People with disabilities (CAPwD) through 7 collaborating partners in four development regions (except eastern region) through NDF. Six sets of mobile camps were conducted to reach out to the people with disabilities. It has been a major challenge for this project to reach out to the CAPwDs listed in the MoPR since they are not available in the addresses listed. Also, since the project does not have provision for travel and accommodation allowance, it is unaffordable for CAPwDs from remote areas to come to the service centers. On the other hand, CAPwDs with higher degree of disability are unable to come to centre and require home based services. The IA has expressed the need to adjust the program activities to address these challenges and this is under consideration.

### 4.3 Cluster 3: Security and Transitional Justice

Out of total of 15 projects, 12 are ongoing and 3 are completed within this cluster.

The detailed information about the projects under this cluster is presented on the table below:

Table 4: Status of NPTF projects in Cluster 3

Project Code	Title of Project (in order of approval)	Implementing Agencies	Start Date	Completion Date	Status
3/01	Reconstruction of Police Units Phase I	NP	Nov. 09	Dec. 2012	Completed
3/02	Support to Mine Action	MoPR	June 10	July 2014	Ongoing
3/03	Reconstruction of Police Units Phase II	NP	Sept. 2011	January 2014	Ongoing
3/04	NAP 1325 and 1820: Promoting Ownership for Women's Empowerment and Recovery	MoPR	July 8, 2012	July 7, 2014	Ongoing
3/05	NAP 1325 and 1820: Partnership on Women Empowerment and Representation	MoWCSW	July 2012	July 2014	Ongoing
3/06	NAP 1325 and 1820: Enhancing Access to Justice for Women, Girls and Conflict Affected Peoples	MoLJCAPA	July 8, 2012	July 2014	Ongoing
3/07	NAP 1325 and 1820: Prevention, Protection and Recovery Programme	MoHA	July 1, 2012	June 31, 2014	Ongoing
3/08	NAP 1325 and 1820: Enhancing Capacity of Conflict Affected Women and Girls for	MoI	July 8, 2012	Sept 2013	Completed

Project Code	Title of Project (in order of approval)	Implementing Agencies	Start Date	Completion Date	Status
	Employment and Enterprise Development				
3/09	NAP 1325 and 1820: Sensitizing Local Bodies and Key Stakeholders	MoFALD	July 5, 2012	July 4, 2013	Completed
3/10	Capacity Enhancement of NP to Contribute to Peace Process Effectively	NP	May 13, 2012	Aug. 2014	Ongoing
3/11	Police Units Reconstruction Phase III	NP	Aug. 2012	Aug. 2014	Ongoing
3/12	Strengthening the Capacity and Mechanisms of relevant State Institutions to Implement Human Rights Plans and Policies in Nepal	OPMCM	Jan. 2013	Dec. 2015	Ongoing
3/13	NAP 1325 and 1820 Promoting Women's Participation in Peace Building Process and Economic Opportunities	MoD	July 2013	June 2015	Ongoing
3/14	NAP 1325 and 1820 Empowering Conflict Affected Women and Girls through Literacy and Livelihood skills	NFEC	July 2013	June 2015	Ongoing
3/15	NAP 1325 and 1820 Promoting Equal Participation of Women and Girls in peace building process	NWC	July 10, 2013	July 9, 2015	Ongoing

93 units were planned in Police Unit Reconstruction Project - second phase, of which reconstruction has completed for 57 units and construction process is ongoing for remaining 36 units. In the third phase, construction of 77 of the destroyed police units is going on of which 60% works has completed on an average. On average about 57.5% of construction works have completed for 6 women barracks (Nepalgunj 65%, Butwal 75%, Bharatpur 70%, Dipayal 60%, Police Academy 50%, Police HQ 25%) with child care centers. Sensitization programs have been carried out using various mass media to encourage women to join Nepal Police. 600 Police personnel have been trained on SGBV and NAP 1325 & 1820.

There have been visible outcomes in the communities where police units have been reconstructed, including better working environment for police personnel, resulting in better motivation for them to work. The second phase reconstruction projects have been delayed since some of the police units in remote areas could not be constructed in time since either there were no roads linking them to the market or the roads condition did not allow for transport of construction materials, especially during rainy season and lack of sufficient skilled human resources required for construction. No cost extension has been granted to meet the target.

Mine Risk Education has completed in schools through District Education Offices in 30 districts and community education has taken place in 43 districts. This project has been extended due to inability to complete targeted activities pertaining to frequent transfer of concerned official in the Department.

A total of 10 projects on implementation of National Action Plan on UNSCR 1325 and 1820 with a budget of NPR 844 million had been funded by NPTF of which one project by Ministry of Federal Affairs and Local Development (MoFALD) had completed in last reporting period and a project implemented by Ministry of Industry (MoI) has completed in this reporting period. Ministry of Peace and Reconstruction (MoPR) is the main coordinating body for all the projects related to NAP and has disbursed funding to the District Coordination Committee (DCC) for effective coordination at the district level. Orientation to DCCs on NAP implementation has been completed in 42 districts and CAW&G interns were hired in 54 districts to support the DCCs. A media working group has been formed which has met for 3 times.

Through the project being implemented by Ministry of Home Affairs (MoHA), construction of separate gender unit in APF headquarters and three brigades has completed. 1224 officials of MoHA, Nepal Police and APF have been trained on gender awareness. 2 days regional workshop was held on SGBV to officials of Mudda Sakha in District Administration. A 24 hours toll free hotline service and mobile van with necessary radio equipment for immediate response to and rescue of SGBV cases in NP. A separate prison for women is being constructed in Nakhu Jail and separate buildings for dealing with cases related to women and children are being constructed in 5 selected district police offices.

The project by Ministry of Industry (MoI) has been completed in September 2013. The implementation of the project activities was done by Cottage and Small Industry Development Board (CSIDB) in 17 districts and by Department of Cottage and Small Industry (DCSI) in 8 districts, reaching the target groups of 25 districts. The project conducted orientation program to the gender focal persons and key project officials on UNSCR 1325/1820 in all 25 districts; distributed relief packages handbook provided by MoPR to the target groups and stakeholders and the informative materials on UNSCR 1325/1820 to the beneficiaries. Three-month long vocational trainings for Conflict Affected Women and Girls (CAWs&Gs) were completed in all the project districts. 1,588 out of targeted 1,620 CAWs&Gs have successfully completed the trainings on sewing, beauty parlour, briquette, computer repair, *dhaka* weaving, radio/tv repair, mobile repair, candle making, woollen shawls/bags and incense sticks. A few of the enrollees had to drop out due to personal reasons due to which the target could not be achieved. All of the training graduates received 3 day entrepreneurship development training, including an introduction to UNSCR 1325 and 1820, business ideas and techniques, behaviour test and enhancement and business plan idea. Following their completion of the training, 323 CAWs&Gs were able to start their business whereas 649 were preparing to start their micro-enterprise.

Some of the District Development Committees had provided additional support that helped the program to give maximum benefits to the beneficiaries. DDC Rolpa had provided NRs 200,000 to the shawl making group for establishing their enterprises; DDC Accham had provided financial support for additional training of two months; and DDC Parbat had paid the room rent for Dhaka weavers. Some of the lessons learned from this project is that the training has brought together CAWs&Gs who were affected by both parties to conflict. It has helped to reconcile their relationship, however, additional component such as reconciliation activities and psychosocial counselling needs to be built on these projects for a long term healing. Furthermore, after the training is complete, regular mentoring and technical guidance needs to be provided to them so that they can establish themselves in their new entrepreneurship.

The Ministry of Women, Children and Social Welfare (MoWCSW) has trained 5,134 members of community women organizations on UNSCR 1325/1820 through 150 training programs. A total of 3,475 people have participated in 150 interaction programs organized to encourage networking of district level organizations involved in promoting women's rights. So far, interaction programs were held for duty bearers from 75 WDOs at central level and district level on existing Acts and policies related to women's participation. Till now, 1,899 people, specifically SGBVs victims and CAWs&Gs have benefited from the services being provided by 15 district service centers.

The Ministry of Law, Justice, Constituent Assembly and Parliamentary Affairs (MoLJCAPA) published Legal Education Awareness Booklet in simpler language dealing with fundamental human rights, woman's rights, children's right, elderly peoples' rights, rights of person with disability and the booklet also shed light on some of the pressings social issues such as trafficking human being, fraudulent activities in foreign employment, and major provisions of the UNSCR 1325 & 1820. So far, more than 6,000 booklets have been distributed to the participants of the legal awareness sensitization programs in one VDC each of fifty different districts.

The Office of Prime Minister and Council of Ministers (OPMCM) in implementing the project 'Strengthening the Capacity and Mechanisms of relevant State Institutions to implement Human Rights Plan and Policies in Nepal' has conducted two meetings at regional level within this reporting period to receive input for the better promotion of human rights in selected areas including areas of security, justice, gender and socio economic rights.

#### 4.4 Cluster 4: CA and Peace Building Initiatives at National and Local Levels

So far, 22 projects have been funded within this cluster, of which 12 projects are completed and 10 projects are ongoing. The detailed information about the projects under this cluster is presented on the table below:

Table 5: Status of NPTF projects in Cluster 4

Project Code	Title of Project (in order of approval)	Implementing Agencies	Start Date	Completion Date	Status
4/01	Voter Education	ECN	July 2007	Jan. 2008	Completed
4/02	Election Officials and Employees Training	ECN	Sept. 2007	Dec. 2007	Completed
4/03	Voter Education Programme for the CA Election	ECN	Feb. 2008	March 2008	Completed
4/04	Election Commission Capacity Building	ECN	Feb. 2008	May 2008	Completed
4/05	Deployment of Polling Officers	ECN	March 2008	July 2008	Completed
4/06	Administrative Budget of the Secretariat	PFS	July 2008	July 2009	Completed
4/07	Public Consultation for Constitution Making Phase I	CAS	Dec. 2008	March 2009	Completed
4/08	Constituent Assembly By-Election - 2009	ECN	Feb. 2009	April 2009	Completed
4/09	Efficient Management of Electoral Process	ECN	Oct. 2009	Dec 2011	Completed
4/10	Operational Budget of the PFS	PFS	Dec. 09	Dec 2013	Ongoing
4/11	Institutional and Organizational Support to NPTF	PFS	Dec. 1, 09	Dec 2013	Ongoing
4/12	Strengthening Local Peace Committees	MoPR	June 2011	July 2014	Ongoing
4/13	Dialogue on Indigenous Nationalities Rights	NFDIN	Jan. 2011	May 2013	Completed
4/14	Continued Voter	ECN	July 2011	Nov 2012	Completed

Project Code	Title of Project (in order of approval)	Implementing Agencies	Start Date	Completion Date	Status
	Registration with Photograph Programme Phase II				
4/15	Peace Promotion through Radio	Radio Nepal	Jan. 1, 2012	Feb 2013	Completed
4/16	Peace Campaign for Solidarity and Unity	MoPR	July 1, 2012	June 2014	Ongoing
4/17	Support to Elections Project (STEPS)	EC	Jan 1, 2013	Dec 2013	Ongoing
4/18	Mobile Service Program for Citizenship Certificate Distribution	MoHA	April 1, 2013	Nov 2013	Ongoing
4/19	Next Constituent Assembly Elections (NCAE), 2013	ECN	July 10, 2013	Feb, 2014	Ongoing
4/20	Peace Building for Reconciliation, Coexistence and Socioeconomic Reconstruction through Television Campaign	NTV	July 10, 2013	Jan 2015	Ongoing
4/21	Peace Promotion through Radio- Phase 2	Radio Nepal	July 10, 2013	July, 2015	Ongoing
4/22	Operating Next Constituent Assembly Elections (ONCAE), 2013	ECN	July 15, 2013	February 28, 2014	Ongoing

Through “Strengthening Local Peace Committee” project under MoPR, inventory of office equipments and furniture are in place in all 75 districts and 48 DAOs, ensuring that the offices have basic equipments to function effectively. Web based information receiving and sending template has been established for LPC Secretary monthly reporting and monthly reports are being received by MoPR. 35 core trainers from MoPR and Local Development Training Academy (LDTA) were trained as resource persons who have oriented 49 LPCs on their roles and responsibilities so far. In order to impart LPCs with core skills and knowledge to promote dialogue and consensus building, conflict mapping and managing local conflict, curriculum had been drafted and piloted in 5 LPCs and 1 for MoPR staff. Based on experiences gained through this pilot, the curriculum is currently being revised.

The “Support to Election Project” (STEP) project did not implement any activities in this reporting period since Election Commission was busy implementing the other two projects, namely, NCAE and ONCAE, related to the Constituent Assembly Elections.

Under the project “ Next Constituent Assembly Election”, 2 days orientation program was conducted for 390 chief returning and returning officers to familiarize them about the election context, election management and polling training was organized in 18775 polling centers and sub centers for 3,99,859 employees including government employees and teachers. Altogether 12.15 million eligible voters were registered, voter roll was finalized and published and voter ID cards were produced and distributed to the voters before polling day. Similarly, electoral education materials (leaflets, handbooks) were produced and distributed to 87.4% voters.

Some 15,000 volunteers/Ni Si Ka were trained and mobilized, all 18,775 polling centers were monitored by 55 high level monitoring team from November 7 to November 20, 2013, macro and micro monitoring was done by deploying staffs in all 240 returning officers office.

Similarly, the project “Operating Next Constituent Assembly Elections” was able to provide motivational incentives, allowances to the officials, managing the supply of drinking water and electricity, ensuring fast and better communication, renting houses, procuring office materials, procuring printing paper and printing of ballot and providing regular consultancy and other services for office operation.

Some Facts and Figures related to the Constituent Assembly Election:

- Voter registration reached 12,147,865 individuals of which 6,166,829 (50.77%) were female and 5,980,881 (49.02%) were male, 155 were third gender.
- Basic information and pertinent notice from ECN were published, PSA and jingles were broadcast in 30 different languages in National daily Gorkhapatra, 12 national television channels, 17 local TV channels, 304 FM stations throughout the country; 72 street dramas and concert were organized for voter education and participation in elections
- 10,013 polling locations, 18,438 polling centers, 337 temporary polling centers; 49 polling centers were disable friendly in 15 districts.
- On the First Past the Post (FPTP) system: 9,516,724 votes were casted of which valid votes were 9,044,898 (95.14%). 78.34% of the total voters registered had casted their ballots for FPTP.
- On the proportional representation (PR) system, 9,776,703 votes were casted of which valid votes were 9,463,862 (96.7%). 79.82% of the total voters registered had casted their ballots for PR.
- Of 6,126 candidates from 122 parties, 238 candidates from different parties and 2 independent candidates were elected. Of the total 240 candidates, 10 are female. Likewise, among 10,709 candidates listed for PR proposed by 122 parties, seats were secured by 30 political parties.

Radio Nepal, in its second phase project, has aired 9 episodes each of radio peace debate, radio peace reporting, and talk program, whereas it has aired 10 episodes of radio peace drama. Building on the lessons learned in the first phase, a peace journalism workshop and training for 2 days was organized in Kathmandu for central region. 2500 stickers and 2500 brochures on the programs have been published of which 1500 copies have been distributed in different districts across the country.

Similarly, the project on ‘Peace building for reconciliation, co-existence and socioeconomic reconstruction through television campaign’ has broadcasted 3 episodes of teleserial ‘shanti’, 3 episodes of swagatam shanti depicting real life stories of neapli youths, 4 episodes of peace tele-quiz, 2 episodes of NTV peace forum, 3 episodes of telemagazine ‘shanti ko khoji’ screened with news segment and report analysis segment related to peace building efforts, and 2 episodes of talk show. The programs have received a number of positive feedback from the viewers such as: ‘the programs are good’; ‘new issues have been raised’; ‘right people have been selected to speak on screen’; ‘you have given a new angle to existing social and political issues’.

Airing time of various peace programs from NTV:	
Teleserial ‘Shanti’:	Saturday 19.25
Shanti doot:	Tuesday 21.30
Peace quiz:	Thursday 22.00
NTV Peace Forum:	Sunday 21.30
Shantiko khoji:	Wednesday 21.30
Shanti sandesh:	First and third Friday of the month at 21.30

The mobile service programme for citizenship certificate distribution project run by MoHA distributed citizenship to 181,713 persons, of which 59.42% were women, 1% disabled and 2.13% elderly citizen. This is more than targeted 152,500 people. 1 day M&E refresher training was provided to 75 officials from MoHA/RAO.



## 5 NPTF Finances

The table presented below represents the cluster-wise NPTF Financial Progress for the corresponding projects (as of 15 November, 2013):

**Table 6: Cluster-wise Program Financial Progress Report Covering the period 16 July 2013 to 15 November 2013 (Figures in Million (NRs.))**

Name of the Cluster	Approved Budget (A)	Total Fund Released (B)	Total Expenditure (C)	Fund Returned (D)	Total Fund Balance with IAs (B-C-D)	Total Expenditure / Approved Budget % (C/A*100)
1. Cantonment Management, Integration/ Rehabilitation of Combatants	5,539.87	5,278.27	5,222.76	1.50	54.01	54.01
2. Conflict Affected Persons and Communities	1,064.83	1,049.52	402.57	-	646.95	646.95
3. Security and Transitional Justice	3,947.83	3,892.55	2,819.69	-	1,072.86	1,072.86
4. Constituent Assembly and Peace Building Initiatives at National and Local Levels	12,155.20	8,284.77	6,311.42	0.40	1,972.95	1,970.42
Sub-total	<b>22,707.73</b>	<b>18,505.11</b>	<b>14,756.44</b>	<b>1.90</b>	<b>3,746.77</b>	<b>3,744.24</b>
Technical Cooperation Pool Fund	94.13	74.44	55.52	-	18.92	21.44
Total	<b>22,801.86</b>	<b>18,579.55</b>	<b>14,811.96</b>	<b>1.90</b>	<b>3,765.69</b>	<b>3,765.68</b>

The table below shows how much money is available to fund pending projects and the amount of shortfall that needs to be covered by additional future contributions:

**Table 7: Projected Cash Flow Shortfall in NPTF as of 15 November 2013**

Donors	Figures in Millions					
	FCA Balance as at 15 November 2013 in NPR a	Individual Account Balance as at 15 November 2013 in NPR b	Non-freeze Account Balance as at 15 November 2013 in NPR c	Balance of Fund as at 15 November 2013 in NPR d=a+b+c	Total committed fund in NPR e	Total uncommitted Fund as at 15 November 2013 in NPR f=d-e
Denmark	191.12	-	-	191.12	20.00	171.12
DFID	918.13	40.96	11.23	970.32	250.00	720.32
European Union	1,583.69	-	0.83	1,584.53	410.00	1,174.53
Germany	77.12	28.27	-	105.39	-	105.39
Finland	447.45	-	3.08	450.54	90.30	360.24
Norway	344.89	-	0.20	345.09	29.7	315.39
Switzerland	860.61	-	7.87	868.49	200.00	668.49

USAID	51.33	-	-	51.33	0.00	51.33
Total Balance	4,474.36	69.23	23.23	4,566.81	1,000.00	3,566.81
Add: GoN Budget for 2013/14						660.00
Next Constituent Assembly Election, 2013 (NCAE), remaining budget						2,574.97
Less: Project Expenses in Pipelines				In Appraisal Phase*		894.92
Projected Cash Flow Shortfall in NPTF as at 15 November 2013						756.92

Note: Committed fund means fund already disbursed but has not taken out from FCA by FCGO

## 6 Progress at Fund Level

The following meetings were held during this reporting period for making crucial decisions related to technical appraisal and approval of new projects, discussion on progress of the fund and the projects and capacity development of MoPR, including PFS.

### 6.1 Technical Committee Meetings

The 34<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Technical Committee was held on 28 October 2013. As per the authority delegated by the Board, ECN's project 'Operating Next Constituent Assembly Elections (ONCAE), 2013' was approved by the Technical Committee. The meeting also approved the requests for no cost extension of project for construction of rehabilitation center at BP Koirala Institute of Health Sciences and further approved the requests from following Implementing Agencies to use its saved funds from one activity/budget head to another, within the given overall budget of the program:

- Office of the Coordinator for Army Integration's (Special Committee Secretariat) project on 'Establishment of Special Committee/SCSIRMC'.
- Nepal Police's project on 'Capacity Enhancement of Nepal Police to Contribute to Peace Process Effectively'.
- Ministry of Home Affairs' project on 'Mobile Service Programme for Citizenship Certificate Distribution'.
- Ministry of Women, Children and Social Welfare's project on 'Implementation of NAP 1325/1820: Partnership on women Empowerment and Representation'.

### 6.2 Sectoral Cluster Meetings

Following Sectoral Cluster meetings were held to appraise and provide inputs to the project documents submitted by seven NGAs under the pilot initiative 'Peace Fund for NGAs':-

Sectoral Cluster 2 meeting was held on 26 August 2013 to review following prodocs:

- Promotion of National Action Plan and Livelihood Enhancement of Poor Vulnerable Women and Girls submitted by Backward Society Education (BASE),
- Capacity Building of Local Dialogue Facilitators and Organizations, Establishment and Sustainability of Dialogue Centers for Peace Building by Forum for Protection of Public Interest (ProPublic) and
- Building Peace through Community Development by Forum for Awareness and Youth Activity Nepal (FAYA-Nepal)

Sectoral Cluster 3 was held on 27 August 2013 to review following prodocs:

- Empowering People with Essential Resources submitted by Equal Access Nepal and
- Gender Mainstreaming in Local Peace building Programmes by Antenna Foundation

Sectoral Cluster 4 was held on 27 August 2013 to review following prodocs:

- Grassroots intervention for sustainable peace submitted by Media Initiative for Rights, Equity and Social Transformation (MIREST Nepal) and

## 2. Peace Building from Below (PBB) By Rural Reconstruction Nepal (RRN)

In addition, Sectoral Cluster 4 meeting was held on 13 September 2013 which provided review and comments on the project submitted by ECN titled 'Operating Next Constituent Assembly Elections (ONCAE), 2013'.

### 6.3 Meetings with the Implementing Agencies

During this reporting period, an orientation meeting was held on 20 August 2013 with the Implementing Agencies who had received NPTF funds in last year. The meeting explained various aspects of Project cycle management at NPTF, and explained the templates on project performance report, financial progress report and project completion report to the Implementing Agencies.

## 7 Technical Cooperation (TC) Pool

Following reports were received by the MoPR and PFS during the period:

- **O&M study for MoPR:** The study was carried out in close cooperation with the Ministry of General Administration. It reviewed the existing organizational structure of the MoPR and recommended for improvements to address the present challenges in the country's ongoing peace process. The study was carried out through an external consultant and financed under track 1.
- **Project Completion Reports(PCR):** External consultants were hired to prepare PCRs of NPTF projects belonging to clusters 1 and 4 financed through track 2.
- **Vertical monitoring draft report.** Vertical monitoring of projects belonging to NPTF clusters 1 and selected projects related to conflict affected people with disability within cluster 2 were carried out through the external consultants and financed under track 2. The draft report is currently being finalized.

Following activities were carried out in implementing the Capacity Development Strategy of the MoPR:

- Sixth induction program was organized for 11 MoPR officials on 28-29 July in Kathmandu.
- CDU was facilitated by the PFS to utilize the saving from the previous project to finance for the implementation of the CD Action Plan, Phase II project. This project is in implementation in the MoPR since 16 Jul 2013.
- 3 meetings of CDU were held and documented respectively on 19 Aug, 07 Oct and 30 Oct.
- A workshop on M&E Framework for CDU activities was held in MoPR on 25 Sep.
- The mechanism of Peace Focal persons (PFPs) has been reactivated. Its ToR has been approved by the MoPR and subsequently an orientation programme was organized for the PFPs during 29-31 Aug in Kathmandu. This event was participated by 65 officials including 35 PFPs from different GoN organizations. UNDP had also collaborated and facilitated one full day programme on conflict sensitive analysis.

The second phase of the project on Capacity Enhancement and Operational Support to the PFS is in implementation since 16 Jul 2013. This project supports PFS in the areas of project planning and management, capacity enhancement, M&E, communications and admin and management costs.

The USAID supported GESI Advisor (one-year position) joined PFS since July 2013.

## 8 Monitoring and Evaluation

### 8.1 External Outcome Monitoring

The external monitoring team from Scott Wilsons Nepal has submitted the second report in its fourth phase of external outcome monitoring of all the ongoing projects of NPTF, along with social audits of police units and LPCs and submitted its report in September 2013.

The monitoring report highlights some impressive outcomes of NPTF projects, points out certain drawbacks in the implementation of the projects and recommends actions for improvements. Along with the recommendations for MoPR at policy level and implementing agencies at the implementation level, following have been suggested for NPTF/MoPR/MoFALD/MoHA/MoWCSW and MoLJCAPA.

- NPTF should support in launching second generation programs such as vocational and life skill and entrepreneurship trainings to ex-combatants including VMLR and person associated with armed conflict without further delay.
- The project of MoPR designed for rehabilitation of vulnerable groups (wounded CAP/ex-combatants and lactating female combatants) needs to be implemented at local level as early as possible..
- MoPR is suggested to carry out MRE of next phase in the districts where there is risk of IED.
- NPTF is suggested to encourage NDF to adopt conflict sensitive approach during the contract and define exit period of its project.
- MoPR should encourage LPCs to increase their frequency of interaction program such as Social Audit with CAP and stakeholders so that the beneficiaries become clear on LPC's ToR.
- LPCs with good performance should be recognized for their work to motivate them.
- MoPR needs to provide training on data management and record keeping to LPCs
- NPTF is suggested to continue support for integrated camp as it contributes in conflict transformation by addressing root causes of conflict to some extent (mainly improved access of citizens to state facilities).
- MoPR needs to carry out an orientation to DCC interns on their ToR.
- MoPR should strengthen vertical and horizontal coordination.
- MoPR needs to provide resources and clear guidelines to DCCs
- MoFALD, MoHA, MoWCSW need to increase the intensity of sensitization program on NAP among the duty bearers.
- MoWCSW to encourage WCDOs to carry out activities which can contribute in increasing quality of women participation in decision making.
- MoWCSW needs to continue promotional activities on NAP provisions through media.
- MoWCSW should launch Safe House project in rest of the districts and ensure safety of its staffs and users.
- MoLJCAPA needs to increase intensity and coverage of the legal sensitization training.
- MoLJCAPA is also suggested to review and revise laws related to Transitional Justice and UNSCR 1325 and 1820 without delay.

NPTF will work on addressing these recommendations as a part of project development and implementation in future. The recommendations made to implementing agencies in its report of fourth phase were shared with implementing agencies in the focal point meeting. NPTF will encourage implementing agencies to incorporate reconciliation related program and peace related orientation sessions in new project documents in future.

## **8.2 Joint Monitoring Visit**

Two Joint Government Donor monitoring visits were organized during this period. First visit was organized to Kaski and Lalipur from 23-24 September to monitor NPTF and UNPFN funded projects. Second monitoring visit to Parsa and Makwanpur districts was organized from 28- 29 October 2013 to monitor election related projects. The projects that were visited during the monitoring mission on 23-24 September, 2013 ( Kaski and Lalipur) were:

NPTF 3/05 Partnership on Women Empowerment and Representation (POWER)

NPTF 3/07 Prevention, Protection and Recovery Program

NPTF 3/03 Reconstruction of Police Units, Phase II (Police Unit – Dhampus)

UNPFN PBF/NPL/A-3 Increasing the security of journalists

UNPFN/E-7 Technical Assistance to the Ministry of Peace and Reconstruction in the Implementation of Psychosocial Counselling and Support Services to Conflict Affected Persons

**Major Recommendations:**

1. DWCO should take the leadership in the implementation of NAP 1325 and 1820 and better coordination could be sought as a member secretary of district Coordination Committee.
2. Sensitization and training programs should be conducted for police personnel as soon as possible
3. District Police Office should give due emphasis on the completion of projects in the easily accessible areas in given time.

The projects that were visited during the monitoring mission on 28-29 October, 2013 (Parsa and Makwanpur) were:

4/19 Next Constituent Assembly Elections (NCAE), 2013 and

4/22 Operating Next Constituent Assembly Election (ONCAE), 2013

**Major Recommendations:**

1. ECN should clarify whether it is possible to distribute Voter ID cards before election and what process they are going to adopt to distribute those cards.
2. ECN and concerned authorities should assure the voters about their security by informing them about the security arrangements made for the election.

A joint report on observations and recommendations from these visits were produced subsequently and the recommendations were shared with the respective implementing agencies. The Implementing Agencies are working on addressing most of the recommendations within their projects.

## **9 Communications**

PFS has continued to publish its monthly newsletter. (The 14 edition /out of it 4 editions was published during the reporting period). The website has also been updated regularly. The website contains news, reports, strategic documents, photographs of NPTF activities and links with YouTube videos on interviews with NPTF officials, donors and beneficiaries.

The PFS has issued press releases after every Board Meeting of the NPTF, and as required. PFS has also maintained a record of events on photographs and has begun communication with the Implementing Agencies of PFS funded projects on ways to improve internal communication between NPTF stakeholders. PFS Brochure was updated and published in September 2013 and will be further improved.

On external communications, PFS has reviewed a proposal for launching a program on NPTF activities on a private station with fairly wide audiences. The program will be launched early next year following a review and improvements of the proposals.

On archiving, the communication team has begun collecting NPTF funded project documents and agreements and has begun work towards establishing a resource. Work has also begun towards finalizing the PFS/NPTF's draft communication strategy, for which a short term consultant has been recruited. The consultant has also been assisting the planning of communication activities to be carried out in the coming years.

The PFS has commissioned a project to document the election to the Constituent Assembly on video. The service provider has completed the filming of the election process. PFS will review the editing script after which the service provider will carry out the final editing and prepare the video for screening.

## **10 Public Finance Management (PFM)**

Public Finance Management (PFM) has continued to be top priority for PFS to improve on and has been successful in achieving some of the major milestones. A draft financial management improvement plan covering all aspects of PFM recommended by Mid Term Review of NPTF (Nov/Dec 2012) and previous EU TA assistance (Feb 2013) has been prepared with the assistance of EU TA and is in process of discussion with Donor Group for finalization. The PFS carried out quick capacity assessment of Election Commission Nepal to assess the financial management capacity and identify areas for further support to implement projects related to Next Constituent Assembly Election. This was for the first time such an activity was performed by PFS and it is envisaged that similar exercise will be done in future for major funding. This exercise resulted in formulating an accompanying measure stipulating actions that are required to take up by the implementing agency to be eligible for subsequent instalment of funds from PFS.

Comments from Donors on the quality and contents of the four monthly reports and project account indicate that the NPTF is making good progress towards its objectives of improving PFM. PFS Finance Section is actively involving in reviewing project documents and incorporating financial risks and mitigation measures, imparting financial and progress reporting trainings to implementing partners, etc. PFS Finance Team was also involved in providing technical support to ECN in developing Financial Management Training Materials and taking trainings to the concerned stakeholders (around 300 government officials) at the Training of Trainers held in Kathmandu and regional level trainings held in 5 regions.

In the area of fund management, PFS has started getting fund disbursement advice from concerned donors and providing them receipt acknowledgement and reconciling the fund balance with FCGO on a regular basis.

## **11 Non Government Actor (NGA) Pilot Initiative**

The Pilot Initiative Peace Fund for Non-Government Actors (NGA) was put on hold after the prevailing Code of Conduct for the Elections to the Constituent Assembly on 19 November 2013 became effective. As soon as the Code of Conduct is no longer in effect, the Steering Committee of the TC pool will be presented with the final, NPTF Sectoral Cluster appraised project documents of NGAs. Stakeholders have been informed of the postponement in implementation, while NGAs have been requested by the Administrative Agent to adjust their timeline for their projects since the original envisioned starting date in October could not be met. Once the decision making process settles, the Administrative Agent will request NGAs to begin project implementation at the earliest and to finalize their respective projects until 31 August 2014.

## Annex 1: Completed Projects Funded by NPTF

Name of Completed Projects	IAS	Approved Budget till 15 Nov 2013, NPR	Fund Released Till 15 Nov 2013, NPR	Accumulated Expenditure till 15 Nov 2013, NPR
Project: 1/02,1/03,1/04,1/05,1/06,1/08 and 1/09 Infrastructure Building	DUDBC	419,520,000.00	411,035,729.41	411,035,729.41
Project: 1/07 Basic Needs Fulfillment in the Cantonments	CMCCO	3,453,672,878.00	3,452,903,080.00	3,452,903,080.00
Project: 1/14 Biogas and Solar System in Cantonment	AEP	25,422,036.00	25,330,928.00	25,330,928.00
Project: 1/16 Cantonment Management Project	CMCCO	101,120,000.00	10,700,000.00	10,700,000.00
Project: 1/17 Water Supply System Development in the Cantonments	DoWS	36,659,000.00	34,821,457.92	34,821,457.92
Project: 1/10,1/11,1/12,1/13, 1/15 and 1/19 Cantonment Health Management Program Phase 1-4	MoH	336,450,000.00	302,618,179.91	302,618,179.91
Project: 1/21 Cantonment Health Management Program Phase V	MoH	110,000,000.00	93,872,845.00	91,522,119.20
Project: 2/01 Special Program for Relief and Rehabilitation of the Internally Displaced Persons	MoPR	370,000,000.00	357,200,253.00	357,200,253.00
Project: 3/01 Reconstruction of Police Units Phase I	PHQ	801,371,008.00	750,716,008.00	725,686,582.10
Project: 3/08 NAP 1325 and 1820: Enhancing Capacity of Conflict Affected Women and Girls for Employment and Enterprise Development	MoI	60,956,640.00	60,965,640.00	53,906,749.75
Project: 3/09 NAP 1325 and 1820: Sensitizing Local Bodies and Key Stakeholders	MoFALD	20,560,000.00	20,560,000.00	20,326,827.00
Project: 4/01 Voter's Education, 4/03 Voter Education Program for the CA election	ECN	372,630,000.00	246,698,497.46	246,698,497.46
Project: 4/02 Election Officials and Employment Training ,4/04 Election Commission Capacity Building	ECN	492,860,000.00	133,292,207.71	133,292,207.71
Project: 4/05 Deployment of Polling Officer	ECN	1,250,640,000.00	885,572,109.60	885,572,109.60
Project: 4/06 Administrative Budget	PFS	1,238,496.00	1,238,496.00	1,238,496.00
Project: 4/07 Public Consultation for Constitution	CA	300,776,000.00	116,127,057.11	116,127,057.11
Project: 4/08 By-Election	ECN	38,910,000.00	28,978,664.90	28,978,664.90
Project: 4/09 Efficient Management of Electoral Process	ECN	380,000,000.00	188,939,941.67	188,939,941.67
Project: 4/13 Peace Building through Dialogue on Indigenous Nationalities Rights	INC	24,556,500.00	24,556,500.00	24,154,337.00
Project: 4/14 Continued Voter Registration Programme Phase II	ECN	397,500,000.00	338,849,348.04	338,849,348.04
Project: 4/15 Peace Promotion through Radio	Radio Nepal	19,906,656.00	19,297,360.87	19,297,360.87
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>9,014,749,214.00</b>	<b>7,504,274,304.60</b>	<b>7,469,199,926.65</b>

## Annex 2: List of Pipeline Projects

S. N	Name of Pipeline Projects	Estimated Budget (NPR)
1	Economic empowerment of conflict affected women and Girls through livestock-based Enterprises/MoA	154,459,000.00
2.	Enhancing Livelihood of Conflict affected Women and girls through Agro-based Enterprises/MoA	141,256,000.00
3.	The Rehabilitation and Reintegration of Children Affected by Armed conflict and children in Emergency Situations/MOWCSW	349,535,625.00
4.	Implementation of NAP for UNSCR 1612 (Children in armed conflict)/MoPR/MoE/MoHP/MoI	TBD*
5	Strengthening Nepal Police to implement UNSCR 1325 and 1820 for contributing in peace process/NP	249,669,992.00
	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>894,920,617.00</b>

\*Projects for Implementation of NAP for UNSCR 1612 are on pipeline, the budget for the same is to be discussed and decided. The Implementing Agencies for the same are MoPR, MoE, MoHP, and MoI.