

Progress Report

Peace Fund Projects

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Acronyms

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| APO | : Assistant Polling Officer |
| CA | : Constituent Assembly |
| CDO | : Chief District Officer |
| CMCCO | : Cantonment Management Central Coordinator's Office |
| CO | : Counting Officer |
| DoR | : Department of Roads |
| DUDBC | : Department of Urban Development and Building Construction |
| EC | : Election Commission |
| GoN | : Government of Nepal |
| IDP | : Internally Displaced Person |
| MoHA | : Ministry of Home Affairs |
| MoPPW | : Ministry of Physical Planning and Works |
| MoPR | : Ministry of Peace and Reconstruction |
| PF | : Peace Fund |
| PO | : Polling Officer |
| SC/PF | : Steering committee of the Peace Fund |
| TC | : Technical Committee |
| TOT | : Training of Trainers |

Highlights

- The Peace Fund (PF) is constituted to contribute to the peace building process of the country by arranging necessary resources to fulfil the aspirations made through the Comprehensive Peace Agreement signed between the Government of Nepal (GoN) and the Nepal Communist Party (Maoists) on November 21, 2006.
- The PF is designated to undertake programs, projects and activities in the five key areas of immediate importance; (i) Cantonment management and rehabilitation of the combatants of the Maoists (ii) Rehabilitation of the displaced, (iii) Act relating to the election of the Constituent Assembly (CA), (iv) Promotion and strengthening of peace and security, and (v) Implementation of peace process and the peace accord.
- The initial global forecast of the required fund under the PF was estimated to be around US\$ 75.5 million during November 2006. However, the GoN has increased this figure to around US\$ 206 million to finance the future projects in the above mentioned five work areas of the Fund. There are already 18 projects in the pipeline, which are waiting for approval of the Technical Committee (TC) and the Steering Committee (SC).
- Against the requirement of funds as mentioned above, the GoN has so far made an arrangement to contribute Rs. 2.44 billion (US\$ 37.5 million) to the PF. Similarly the five friendly donors namely DFID, SDC, Denmark, Norway and Finland have contributed a total of Rs 844 million (US\$ 13 million) so far. All of the committed funds from DFID, Denmark and Norway have been disbursed to the PF. SDC and Finland have so far disbursed two-third and one-third of their commitment respectively.
- The first meeting of the Steering Committee of the PF (SC/PF) was held on April 11, 2007. It had approved to provide the expenses (Rs.57.4 million) to meet the basic need of the Combatants for the month of Baisakh, 2064 (mid April –mid May, 2007); and also for the distribution of relief to the internally displaced persons (IDPs) (Rs. 120 million). The meeting had also agreed to hire the services of two consultants to help the TC to produce professionally analysed project proposals for submission to the SC/PF. Accordingly, an International (since September 2007) and a national consultant (since June 2007) have been hired through UNDP for this purpose. Both of them are attached with the Ministry of Peace and Reconstruction (MoPR).
- The second meeting of the SC/PF approved seven projects in three work areas of the PF on June 28, 2007. Five projects belonged to the Cantonment management and rehabilitation of the combatants of the Maoists; and one project each in Rehabilitation of the displaced, and act relating to the election of the CA, categories.
- GoN had arranged to provide required resources for few programmes on an urgent basis, when the SC/PF meetings could not be held.
- The PF has so far made available Rs 1,123.9 million for the five projects that are approved by the SC/PF under the cantonment management category. The total cost of these projects is estimated to be around Rs 2,491 million.
- The project to construct 1000 temporary houses for the combatants is aimed to accommodate 15 persons in each unit, thus developing facilities for 15,000 combatants, have so far built 820 buildings. There are 180 more buildings presently

under construction. The PF has provided Rs. 12.4 million for completing these constructions.

- A separate project is run inside the cantonment to develop basic Infrastructures such as electricity supply (done), installation of telephone network (done), construction of internal roads (under progress), development of physical infrastructures especially building (partially done) and drinking water supply system (mostly done). The PF has financed Rs. 175.3 million for these activities. Apart from the PF resources, several friendly donors have also contributed in constructing as well as arranging essential necessities of the cantonment sites.
- The construction of access road project is financed by the PF for the last two-half months only, but the work in progress seems to be satisfactory. It has already opened 38 km tracks; and constructed 135 Km all weather gravel road to connect the road heads with the cantonment sites. In addition to the PF resources of Rs 355.8 million for the project, GoN has also mobilized Rs. 146.8 million from non-PF resources for it.
- The works like constructing kitchens and toilets for the UN personnel, arms container base; and barbed fencing of the camps are completed. Similarly 65 percent of the kitchens and toilets for the platoons are also constructed. Out of the total of 31-health centers 21 are completed. The PF has provided Rs 138.3 million for this purpose.
- The funds for meeting the monthly basic need expenses of the combatants (Rs. 60 per day per person) presently residing in the cantonments (30, 852 persons) have been regularly provided through the contribution of GoN in the PF. The secretariat has so far provided Rs. 346,160 million to the combatants.
- The relief packages are being distributed to the 25,000 IDPs from the second week of October 2007. The MoPR has issued a guideline to this effect to all of the seventy-five District Administration Offices. The PF is financing the entire cost of the project (Rs. 371.6 million), of which only Rs. 250 million is released by the PF secretariat due to paucity of funds in the PF. In addition to the PF resources the GoN had already distributed around Rs. 20 million to the displaced families through the Ministry of Home Affairs (MoHA) earlier. (Rs. 5,000/ family)
- In addition to the GoN's Rs.1,500 million allocated to the Election Commission (EC) through its regular budget for this fiscal year 2007/08, the PF is undertaking a voter education project of Rs. 153.4 million to produce the print and audio visual publicity materials and its distribution (almost published); and trainings at the central, regional and district levels (all completed). Only remaining activities under this project are impact evaluation of direct outreach programme and organization of head quarter and district level conferences. The PF secretariat has released Rs. 121 million to the EC so far and has the shortages of fund to release the remaining amount.
- The PF is also financing the Election Officials and Employees Training Project for the officials who are taking part in the forthcoming CA election. The cost of the project is around Rs. 250 million, of which the PF has released Rs. 118.9 million so far. The EC has already met the targets of organizing Training for Trainers (TOT) for 18 persons; training on operation of electronic machines, operating computers and account management at the central and district levels. Few more trainings are scheduled in the coming months. The PF has shortages of fund to release the remaining amount.
- The details of financial and physical progresses are detailed in the following pages.

Fund disbursed to the PF by contributors

(million)

| | Commitment | | Disbursement Rs | Disbursement Status and date |
|----------------------|-------------|-----------|--------------------|--|
| | | Equiv. US | | |
| GoN | Rs. 2,372.9 | - | 1,442.9 | Deposited on 20-04-07; 26-04-07; 21-05-07; 28-06-07; 16-07-07; & 28-08-07) |
| UK | UKP 2.2 | 4.5 | 316.2 | Full (Deposited on 02-04-07) |
| SDC | CHF 1.5 | 1.3 | 53.9 | Deposited on 03-05-07 |
| Denmark | DKK 20.0 | 3.6 | 240.0 | Full (Deposited on 12-4-07 and 17-8-07) |
| Norway | NOK 13.0 | 2.2 | 144.8 | Full (Deposited on 12-07-07) |
| Finland | Euro 3.0 | 4.1 | 89.1 | Deposited on 17-08-07 |
| Donor's total | | | 844.0 (\$ 13 m) | |
| G. total | | | 2286.9 | |

Release of Fund from the PF

Rs. (million)

| Work Area | Project | Project Cost | Released from the PF | Remarks |
|--|---------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|
| A. Canton. Mangt & Rehab. of comb. | A1 Temporary Housing | 108.3 (revised) | 108.3 | Fully funded |
| | A2 Basic Infrastructure | 290.3 | 175.3 | Fully funded ^{##} |
| | A3 Access Roads | 502.6 | 355.8 | Fully funded ^{##} |
| | A4 Temporary Cantonment Infra. | 253.4 | 138.3 | Fully funded ^{##} |
| | A5 Basic Needs (till mid 08,07) | 1,786.4 | 346.2 | Covered till mid 08-07 |
| B. Rehab. of displaced | B1 Special Program for IDPs | 371.6 | 250.0 | First instalment released |
| C. CA Election | C1 Voter Education | 153.4 | 121.1 | First instalment released |
| | C2 Employees Training | 250.0 | 118.9 | First instalment released |
| D. Security | | - | - | - |
| E. Peace process | | - | - | - |
| Miscellaneous (remuneration of task forces; transport of goods and personnel to field) | | - | 13.4 | |
| Total | | 3,716.0 | 1,627.3 | |

^{##} The GoN from the non-PF resources provided the remaining expenses.

Cash balance of the PF

Rs. million

| | Income | Expenses | Balance | Remarks |
|-------------------|---------|----------|---------|--|
| PF cash situation | 2,286.9 | 1,627.3 | 664.7 | Balance includes unspent amount of Rs. 5.1 million, which was returned to the PF on 09-07-07 |

Individual progresses of the PF financed projects

Project: A1. Construction of Temporary Housing in Cantonments

Peace Fund Work Area: *Cantonment Management and Rehabilitation of the Combatants of the Maoists*

Implementing Entity: *Cantonment Management Central Coordinator's Office*

Reporting Period: *Till mid September 2007*

1. Purpose

The comprehensive peace accord and subsequent agreements have stated to organize living of combatants in several cantonments. GoN is made responsible to provide necessary shelters and the basic requirements for them. Thus a project to this effect was designed to provide better living for the combatants in several cantonments. The houses are built using corrugated sheet roofs, bamboo truce, and wooden frames. Each house accommodates 15 combatants in it. Though there are 30,852 combatants in the cantonments at present, the SC/PF had decided to build only 1000 houses for the time being.

This project is implemented under the responsibility of the Cantonment Management Central Coordinator's Office (CMCCO). However, the ultimate implementer of it is the Department of Urban Development and Building Construction (DUDBC) of the Ministry of Physical Planning and Works (MoPPW). Other offices involved in implementation include MoHA, MoPR, Central and local level implementation committees and DUDBC's Division Offices.

2. Resources

The total estimated cost of the project is Rs 106 million (Rs 106,000/ unit) for the construction of temporary houses in the cantonments.

The SC/PF had decided to provide the PF resources for the construction of these 1000 temporary houses. Prior to the SC/PF's meeting, the GoN had sanctioned Rs 93.6 million for the construction of buildings as a matter of urgency. The second SC/PF had approved on June 28, 2007 to release Rs. 12.4 million for it. This amount has already been released by the PF secretariat to the CMCCO on August 2007. CMCCO has also forwarded it to the ultimate implementers.

During the course of implementation the cost of the project has slightly gone up by Rs. 2.3 million.

3. Results

The following is the progress made so far

| Item | Unit cost (Rs. 000) | No of units* | Total cost (Rs. million) | Progress Status (September, 2007) |
|---------------------|------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|---|
| Temporary houses | 106 | 1000 | 106 | 820 buildings are completed 180 buildings are under construction |

** It is also the annual target

The infrastructures that are built in the cantonment sites can be easily dismantled and transported to other desired locations. These constructions are less costly and are built to cope with the present short-term needs.

The construction works did not encounter difficulty in coordination from other related institutions and individuals. However, the CMCCO, which has been playing an intermediary role in this project is facing problem in coordination, follow up and obtaining timely progress and status reports from the ultimate implementers. The agreement signed by CMCCO and the PF secretariat at the time of release of fund has held CMCCO to be responsible to furnish such progress reports to the PF secretariat.

4. Future work plan

The 1000 houses can accommodate only around half of the current number of combatants who are residing in different campsites. Hence the additional number houses have to be built according to the result of the re verification process that is underway. The cost of the houses remains almost same.

Project: A2. Basic Infrastructure Building in the Cantonment Sites

Peace Fund Work Area: *Cantonment Management and Rehabilitation of the Combatants of the Maoists*

Implementing Entity: *Cantonment Management Central Coordinator's Office*

Reporting Period: *Till mid September 2007*

1. Purpose

In accordance with the Comprehensive Peace Accord and subsequent agreements reached between the GoN and the Maoists, the combatants are presently settled in 7 main and 21 sub cantonment sites situated in different parts of the country. As these sites are developed in new areas there was a need to develop few basic infrastructures e.g. electrification, internal roads, shelters, drinking water, telephone, etc.

The CMCCO is the main coordinator of implementation of this project. The existing seven cantonment management offices also support in its implementation. The MoPPW is designated as its sole implementer. The following are the responsibility of stated organization in implementing this project:

| Activities | Implementer |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| Electricity supply | Nepal Electricity Authority |
| Internal road's network | Department of Roads (DoR), MoPPW |
| Physical infrastructures for housing | DUDBC, MoPPW |
| Drinking water supply | Department of Water Supply and Sewerage (DWSS), MoPPW |
| Telephone network | Nepal Telecom |

2. Resources

Following is the resources availed to different activities:

| Activities | Budget (Rs. million) | Release |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|
| Electricity supply | 35.00 | Full |
| Internal road's network | 40.00 | Full |
| Physical infrastructures for housing | 59.28 | Full |
| Drinking water supply | 37.98 | Full |
| Telephone network | 3.00 | Full |
| Total | 175.26 | |

As the development of cantonment sites had become urgent, the PF secretariat had released all above mentioned funds to the CMCCO as early as April 2007. The fund was also immediately forwarded by the CMCCO to all the three implementers of the project as mentioned above.

3. Results

The installation of electricity and telephone network has been completed. The progress in the construction of internal roads in the cantonment sites is covered under the Project A3. Similarly, progress in developing physical infrastructure (housing) and drinking water supply system are also covered under the Project A1 and Project A4 respectively as both of these projects are carried out under the aegis of the MoPPW.

The CMCCO, which has been playing an intermediary role in this project, is facing problem in coordination, follow up and obtaining timely progress and status reports from the ultimate implementers. The agreement signed by CMCCO and the PF secretariat at the time of release of fund has held CMCCO to be responsible to furnish such progress reports to the PF secretariat. It demands for a revisit to the existing process of progress reporting to ensure the timely availability of reports.

4. Future work plan

The cantonments are still in need of development of infrastructures for which considerable amount of resources may be required. Such projects are also in the formulation stages with the GoN.

Project: A3. Construction of Access Roads to the Cantonment Sites

Peace Fund Work Area: *Cantonment Management and Rehabilitation of the Combatants of the Maoists*

Implementing Entity: *Department of Roads, Ministry of Physical Planning and Works*

Reporting Period: *Till mid September 2007*

1. Purpose

The combatants are residing in relatively new locations, which are far from the local settlements. Hence the development of fair weather road accesses to those cantonment sites has become essential for the transportation goods and individuals. It is also important, as the UN monitors have to pass through these accesses regularly. Thus this project is designed to develop uninterrupted accesses to all 28-cantonment sites by building/upgrading all weather gravel roads. This development also benefits over half a million local residents.

The field offices, Division of Road Offices, of the DoR solely implement this project.

2. Resources

The total cost of the project is estimated to be around Rs. 502.6 million, of which the GoN has managed to finance Rs. 146.8 million from non-PF resources. The second meeting of the SC/PF had approved this project to bear the remaining expenses. Accordingly, the PF secretariat has released Rs. 355.8 million to the DoR on July 27, 2007.

The DoR has so far released Rs. 77.9 million to its field offices. As the DoR has a procedure to release funds only on the basis of the achieved quality standards, and satisfactory work progress the second instalment of fund, i.e. over Rs. 20 million, is due to be released before mid October 2007.

3. Results

DoR has received the PF's fund only two and half months ago. Hence the works under this programme has now started to gear up in full speed. In addition the monsoon weather had also some impacts on delaying the construction works. However, except at few locations, especially in the conflict zone of Tarai (Janakpur), the road construction and upgrading works are in progress. The main activities undertaken so far include (i) construction of earthen track; (ii) construction of structures, including drainage structures; and (iii) gravel works.

During the course of implementation, the DoR has faced several constraints as it was flooded by new demands from the locals and combatants. At several occasions the construction works were also temporarily hampered. Obviously, these new expectations were demanding increased cost of the project. This has pushed the implementers to seek for some contingencies in the project finances to take up at least few genuine demands of the local community during the construction of access roads.

It has also faced administrative problems due to unclear authorities of the CDO, who were authorized to approve the work programs till last fiscal year but were not allowed to do it in this fiscal year. This is causing confusions at the field level for the approval of work programs before taking up new constructions.

The project has so far progressed as follows: (i) against the target of 48.39 Km it has already opened 38 km tracks; (ii) 70% of the construction of drainage structures are completed; (iii) similarly 60% of the construction of structures are also done; (iv) out of targeted construction of 265 Km of all weather gravel roads it has already constructed 135 Kms; and (v) 230 Km are already made fully accessible.

4. Future work plan

As there is no dearth of fund, the remaining works will be completed as scheduled.

Project: A4. Temporary Physical Infrastructures in the Cantonments

Peace Fund Work Area: *Cantonment Management and Rehabilitation of the Combatants of the Maoists*

Implementing Entity: *Department of Urban Development and Building Construction, Ministry of Physical Planning and Works*

Reporting Period: *Till mid September 2007*

1. Purpose

The comprehensive peace accord and subsequent agreements have bestowed responsibility of developing and managing necessary basic infrastructures and facilities to the GoN. Thus the SC/PF had decided to undertake construction of necessary utilities, kitchens, health centres etc in the cantonment sites. These facilities were also required for the UN monitors and the Interim Taskforce members. As the arms of Maoists had also to be stored in a safe place the required construction works for it was also handled under it.

The DUDBC of the MoPPW implement this project. Other offices involved in implementation include MoHA, MoPR, Central and local level implementation committees and DUDBC's Division Offices.

2. Resources

The total estimated cost of the project is Rs 253.4 million. There had been some expenses already incurred in the project prior to the meeting of the SC/PF. Hence, as per the decision of the second meeting of the SC/PF on June, 2007 the PF secretariat had released the full remaining amount of Rs. 138.3 million to the MoPPW on July, 2007.

3. Results

The following is the progress so far

| Item | Unit cost (Rs. 000) | No of units** | Total cost (Rs. million) | Progress Status |
|---|--------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Toilet/ UN personnel | 275.00 | 7 | 1.92 | Completed |
| UN Kitchen | 445.71 | 7 | 3.12 | Completed |
| Arms container base and fencing | 554.86 | 7 | 3.88 | Completed |
| Platoon toilet | 221.00 | 181 | 40.00 | 116 completed/ 65 under const. |
| Platoon kitchen | 465.00 | 252 | 117.18 | 165 completed/ 87 under const. |
| Health centre | 685.00 | 31 | 21.24 | 21 completed/ 10 under const. |
| Barbed fencing | 2.12 | - | 36.79 | 17356m completed |
| Others (Brigade office, store, electricity wiring, pipeline, internal road, footpath, temporary toilet, soakpit, generator shed, tent base, etc | | | 23.39 | |

** No of unit also indicates the yearly target

The infrastructures that are built in the cantonment sites can be easily dismantled and transported to other desired locations.

The construction works did not encounter difficulty in coordination from other related institutions and individuals.

4. Future work plan

The constructions are underway to meet the annual targets. But there has been following demands emerged in the cantonment sites:

Platoon toilets: 291
Platoon Kitchens: 170
Barbed fencing: 48,606 metres

The above new demands cost around Rs. 322.17 million.

There is also a need to construct one doctor's residences in each of the cantonment sites, which is estimated to cost around Rs. 16 million.

Project: A5. Basic Need Fulfilment in the Cantonments

Peace Fund Work Area: *Cantonment Management and Rehabilitation of the Combatants of the Maoists*

Implementing Entity: *Office of the Central Coordinator for the Cantonment Management*

Reporting Period: *Till mid September 2007*

1. Purpose

In accordance with the agreement reached between the GoN and the Maoists, the combatants are presently residing in 7 main and 21 sub cantonment sites in different parts of the country. To support their living, the GoN has adopted a policy to provide Rs 60 per day to all 30,852 combatants to fulfil their monthly basic needs, especially food.

2. Resources

The basic need cost of Rs. 265,067,200, covering a period till the month of Chaitra 2063 (mid April 2007), was provided by the GoN through its non-Fund resources.

The SC/PF has decided to bear such monthly expenses through the PF resources. Accordingly, the expenses covering the period since mid April till mid October 2007 are released by the PF secretariat to the CMCCO as follows:

| Expenses to cover till | Amount (Rs.) | Released by the PF on |
|------------------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| mid May, 2007 | 57,385 | Apr, 2007 |
| mid Jun, 2007 | 57,385 | Mar, 2007 |
| mid Jul, 2007 | 59,236 | Jun, 2007 |
| mid Aug, 2007 | 59,236 | Jul, 2007 |
| mid Sep, 2007 | 57,385 | Sep, 2007 |
| mid Oct, 2007 | 55,533 | Sep, 2007 |
| Total | 346,160 | |

This amount has so far been provided through the fund deposited by the GoN in the PF. All of these released funds are already forwarded by the CMCCO to the Local Cantonment Management Offices for distribution to the combatants.

In addition, the PF resources are also used for the remuneration of the Interim task force (Rs.7,210,000); transport expenses of the re-verification team (Rs.5,505,000); and transportation of the tents (Rs. 650,000).

3. Results

The CMCCO has been playing an intermediary role and thus facing problem of coordination, follow up and obtaining timely progress and status reports from the ultimate implementers. The agreement signed by CMCCO and the PF secretariat at the time of release of fund has held CMCCO to be responsible to furnish such progress reports to the PF secretariat.

4. Future work plan

The basic need expenses have to be continued till the combatants are confined in the designated camps. The number of these combatants is expected to alter after the re-verification process, which is presently under progress. Accordingly, the required budget and its mode of distribution have also to be readjusted.

As the CMCCO has not yet received the statement of expenses and related documents there is a need to revisit the current process of fund transfer to ensure the timely reporting of the released funds.

The future budget requirement depends upon the size of the combatants and its duration. However, the availability of required fund has to be ensured without any delays. As the distribution of the basic need fulfilment expenses are fixed and mandatory to be availed at certain specified dates it would be advisable for the SC/PF to authorize the PF secretariat to release such monthly expenses as required.

Project: B1. Special Program of the Rehabilitation of Internally Displaced People in Nepal

Peace Fund Work Area: *Rehabilitation of the Displaced*

Implementing Entity: *Ministry of Peace and Reconstruction*

Reporting Period: *Till mid September 2007*

1. Purpose

The prolonged conflict in the country pushed thousands of villagers to leave their homes in fear of their life. Most of these IDPs are deprived to use their properties and are now living in hardship in newer places especially in the urban centres. The preliminary estimate of such population stands at around 50,000. Thus, there is a responsibility of the GoN to come out with suitable rehabilitation programmes to help them return to their homes safely, engage them in gainful employments, and also to make efforts to recover their property that were left unattended or captured by different forces during their absence.

The GoN is keen on addressing the issues of the displaced population due to the conflict in the country in past years. A coordination committee is constituted in each district under the chairpersonship of the Chief District Officer (CDO), to oversee all activities emerged at the local level. Among others, the committee is also responsible for (i) the identification of IDPs; (ii) distribution of relief packages; (iii) monitoring of all IDP related activities. The GoN has also declared National Policies on IDPs in 2007.

In view of it a rehabilitation program is designed to provide relief packages to the identified IDPs to meet their basic and essential needs and also to help them return to their homes. The project is also aimed to contribute in maintaining peace through social reconciliation. Among others, the project has provisions to grant monetary support to the IDPs for the transportation, daily expenses, maintenance/ construction of houses and education, etc. The present relief support to the IDPs, as approved by the GoN, and new proposal under consideration are as follows:

| Activity | | Current GoN rates | New rates under consideration |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------|---|--|
| Daily expenses (especially food)** | | Rs. 60/ day/ person (for two months) | Same rate extended for four months |
| Educational support** | | Rs.1,000/ child below 16 yr (lump sum) | No change |
| Transportation** | | Rs. 300-1,000/ person (lump sum) | Additional incidental expenses (Rs.500) |
| House** | Construction | Rs. 10,000 (lump sum) | Rs. 20,000 |
| | Repair | Rs. 5,000 (lump sum) | Rs. 7,500 |
| Loan** | Agri. inputs | Rs. 10,000 (lump sum) | No change |
| | Agri equipments incl. cattle | Rs. 10,000 (lump sum) | No change |

** The transport allowance is given at the district head quarters where the IDPs are temporarily living and all other packages are given after their return to the original settlements.

The MoPR, through the support and involvement of the District Administration Offices, implements the project that is approved by the SC/PF in June 2007. MoPR has engaged the

concerned agencies of UN in implementation and monitoring of the project activities as decided by the SC/PF.

Resources

The SC/PF has approved to finance Rs. 371.6 million for this project through the PF resources. However, due to paucity of funds the PF secretariat has released only Rs. 250 million to the MoPR on September 2007. It has no funds left for financing the remaining amount. Obviously, the PF will have the shortages of funds to finance the IDPs requirements according to the new proposal.

2. Results

MoPR has identified around 25,000 IDPs in different districts of the country so far. It has recently sent necessary funds (Rs.189.5 million in total) to all District Administration Offices in the seventy-five districts. A guideline for distributing relief and rehabilitation packages to the IDPs are also sent to the CDOs. The distribution of the packages is due to start from next week (October 7, 2007).

3. Future work plan

The identification process of IDPs will be continued and the eligible ones will be gradually included under this project's coverage.

Project: C1. Voter Education Program for the Constituent Assembly Election

Peace Fund Work Area: *Act relating to the Constituent Assembly election*

Implementing Entity: *Election Commission*

Reporting Period: *Till mid September 2007*

1. Purpose

The GoN has reached a historical Comprehensive Peace Agreement with the Maoists. The agreement has also provided to hold an election of the CA in a peaceful manner on a mutually agreed date. In this order all the concerned political parties and the civil society are preparing for their meaningful participation in the forthcoming election. The EC seeks technical support on several essential grounds to conduct election in a free and fair environment. Hence, this project is designed to enrich the awareness of the people towards CA and educating them on the matters concerned with CA and the election procedures and formalities. Such program is essential as the people are voting for the first time in the history of this country to constitute an authoritative CA.

This project is aimed to provide voters with timely and accurate official electoral information, facilitating easy access for all segments of Nepalese population to encourage to participate in the forthcoming election; and also to promote the national electoral management body as legitimate and solely responsible for implementing credible election.

The EC is the implementer of this project. It has also taken the support of the Local Development Training Academy in conducting trainings.

2. Resources

The GoN has provided Rs.1,500 million through its budget for this fiscal year for the EC. This budget is not sufficient to undertake all necessary activities planned for the sake of conducting a free and fair election. Hence, The SC/PF had approved on June 2007 to finance the entire expenses of this project through its resources. It was also decided to bear the expenses through the earmarked fund of Denmark's contribution in the PF. The project is estimated to cost around Rs. 153.4 million. Accordingly, the PF secretariat has released Rs. 121.1 million to the EPN on last week of July 2007.

3. Results

The following are the outputs so far:

| Items | Quarterly Target | Progress |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|--|
| Billboards | 175 | 175 flex printed-ready for distribution |
| Stickers for public transport | 100,000 | 100,000 printed-ready for distribution |
| Posters in different languages | 1,200,000 | 94,000 printed on distribution to villages |
| Pamphlets | 2,600,000 | 1,800,000 printed on distribution at district and villages/ printing in 16 different languages is being done |
| Local VE projects for 75 districts | | DVESC is selecting/ implementing projects |

| Items | Quarterly Target | Progress |
|--|-------------------------------------|---|
| SMS messages | 3 | Will be conducted on time |
| Radio announcements: (i) 1 min jingle (ii) 1 min spot (iii) 1min spot in 16 languages (iv) 30 min educational program (v) 30 min radio drama | (i) 6 (ii) 6 (iii) 17 (iv) 24 (v) 6 | (i) 4 produced / broadcasted (ii) 2 produced / broadcasted (iii) spots in 16 languages produced / broadcasted (iv) 8 produced / broadcasted, and (v) being produced |
| TV broadcast and VE materials: (i) jingles (ii) 5 min teledramas (iii) 30 min telefilms (iv) 30 min talk shows | (i) 3 (ii) 3 (iii) 2 (iv) 6 | (i) 2 jingles produced/ broadcasted (ii) being produced (iii) being produced (iv) being produced |
| Training and monitoring materials: (i) Flipcharts for VEVs (ii) printing of EC guidelines (iii) VEV bags | (i) 20,000 (ii) 10,000 (iii) 9,231 | (i) Printed /being used by volunteers (ii) Printed /being used by volunteers (iii) produced/ being used by volunteers |
| HQ Master Training for Trainers - 30 persons | 30 persons | Completed |
| Regional Training | 308 persons | Completed |
| District Training | 9231persons | Completed |
| VEV mobilization | 8,400 | Are deployed from 18 th Sep 2007 |
| Impact evaluation of direct outreach programme | 1 | Being planned |
| HQ and district level conferences | | Being conducted |

4. **Future work plan**

- Installation of bill boards
- Continuation of VEV mobilization and VI card distribution
- Continuation of Radio and Television programmes
- Establishment of call centre
- Continuation of VE local projects
- Continuation of newspaper ads
- SMS message
- Distribution of remaining printed materials
- Monitoring and evaluation of the programme
- Involvement of NGOs in appropriate activities

Project: C2. Election Officials and Employees Training

Peace Fund Work Area: *Act relating to the Constituent Assembly Election*

Implementing Entity: *Election Commission*

Reporting Period: *Till mid September 2007*

1. Purpose

This project is designed to provide necessary trainings to the electoral officers and all others who are going to be taking part in organizing and conducting the forthcoming CA election. The trainings are being organized in Kathmandu and other appropriate locations.

Apart from the PF, EC has taken support on similar activities from the IFES/ USAID; and Election Commission of India. The EC is the main implementer of this project. It has also involved the Local Development Training Academy in conducting trainings.

2. Resources

The cost of the project is around Rs. 250 million. The PF secretariat has so far released Rs. 118.9 million (in September 2007) from the contribution of Denmark in the PF.

This project is cleared and recommended to the SC/PF by the TC for funding through the Danish contribution in the PF. Channelling the Danish assistance to the EC projects was principally consented during the second meeting of the SC/PF. Thus, as the meeting of the SC/PF could not be held in time to immediately release the required funds to the EC, the PF secretariat had released the fund as a matter of urgency. The secretariat is submitting this project in the forthcoming meeting of the SC/PF for its concurrence.

3. Results

As the fund has just been lately released, many of the works are scheduled for the future. The activities done are as follows:

| Activity | No of participants | | Group | Location |
|--|--------------------|---------|-------|---|
| | Target | Achiev. | | |
| Master TOT(senior election experts) | 25 | 18 | 1 | Kathmandu |
| Regional training for returning officers (240) District Election Officers (75) and training focal points (75) | 390 | 389 | 14 | Kath (119), Biratnagar (87) Pokhara (82) Nepalgunj (62) Dhangdhi (39) |
| Training of electronic machine TOT on EVM | 15 | 15 | 1 | Central Level |
| Technical Training on Computer operations | 80 | 75 | 5 | Biratnagar (17) Kath. (22) Pokhara (17) Nepalgunj (10) Dhangdhi (10) |
| Training on account management | 75 | 73 | 4 | Biratnagar (16) Kath. (17) Pokhara (16) Nepalgunj (24) |

4. Future work plan

The remaining activities of the project are planned as follows

| Activity | Target | | Venue and time |
|---|--|---|--|
| | Participants | Groups | |
| TOT on Poling and counting | 20 | 1 | Kath: Oct 14-16, 07 |
| Training for POs and COs | 960 | 34 | 14 Zonal HQs: Oct 28- Nov 2, 07 |
| Orientation of Counting staff | 25,000 | 240 | District level |
| Training of Pos and Assistant Polling Officers (APOs) (21,500 each) | 43,000 | 1,450 | District level (75): Nov 1-16, 07 |
| Briefing on Polling staffs | 190,000 | 21,500 | Poling centre level: Nov 20-21, 07 |
| Training on electronic voting machine: (i) for Ros & DEOs (ii) for Pos & APOs (iii) for Cos (iv) briefing to polling staffs | (i) 10 (ii) 1000 (iii) 30 (iv) 2500 | (i) 5 (ii) 40 (iii) 5 (iv) 500 | (i) District level (ii) District level (iii) District level (iv) Polling centre level |
| Training on inventory management and security of election materials | 150 | 10 | Oct 14-17, 07 |
| Orientation on CA election procedures for the representatives of political parties, media, and Civil society organizations | 3,750 | 150 | District level: Oct, 07 |

Alongwith the trainings as mentioned above the EC will also organize stakeholders' orientation and review workshops at the district level.