

# United Nations Peace Fund for Nepal (UNPFN) Project Status Update

For the period of *[April – June 2011]*

## 1. Project Overview

Participating UN Organization(s):	FAO	UNPFN Project number:	UNPFN/C-2
		UNPBF Project number (if applicable):	NA

UNPFN Cluster area:	C: Recovery/Quick Impact Project
UNPFN Funding round Strategic Outcome:	
UNPBF Priority area (if applicable):	NA
UNPBF PMP Result and indicator (if applicable):	NA

Project Title:	Piloting Land Registration and Land Management in Accham District		
National Partners:	Ministry of Land Reform and Management		
Project start date:	July 2010	Original Project end date :	December 2010
Revised end date (if applicable):	November 2011	Anticipated total Project duration:	17 months

Total approved project budget:	US\$ 50 000		
Funds committed and spent to-date by the project:	US\$ 9128	As % of approved budget:	18.25%
Funds spent to-date by the project:	US\$ 9 128	Project delivery rate:	18.25%

## 2. Description of project goal and strategy

The project originally aimed at piloting the use of sophisticated GPS and GIS systems to carry out the surveying exercises to establish the cadastres lost during the ten year long domestic conflict in Accham district. It also aimed at examining the constraints in practice to restoring land certificates in a conflict sensitive and inclusive manner and recommending the best methods to overcome these constraints. However, given the level of existing infrastructure and the competence of the available human resources, the revised project document denounced the use of sophisticated tools in favour of using the more traditional plane table surveying methods. However, it does propose that traditional technology be compared with the more modern ones by using high resolution image maps. And, it still retains the objective of carrying out the cadastral surveying in a more participatory, effective and efficient manner.

## 3. Overview of progress to-date against project outcomes

Project Outcome(s)	Progress: achievements/results/ outputs delivered to-date	% of planned
Exploring the implications of trying to replace destroyed land records during the conflict in the district and making concrete proposals for new land certificates by creating maximum consensus for proactive land management intervention (participatory land use planning)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ An initial assessment field visit by the Lead Technical Officer and the Project Manager (one)</li> <li>▪ Establishment of a Project Steering Committee</li> <li>▪ The Project Manager and FAO Program Officer's field visit (one)</li> <li>▪ Establishment of operation of a fully functional field office at Vajjnath VDC, Acchaam</li> </ul>	<p>– 100%</p> <p>– 100%</p> <p>– 100%</p> <p>– 100%</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Issuance of 15 – day public notice before commencement of the surveying</li> <li>▪ Participatory discussion with the landowners, local communities and political leaders with the objective of gaining their assurances of highest level of cooperation to the project management during the surveying exercises and especially in cases of conflict resolution</li> <li>▪ Plane Table Surveying (covering whole VDC)</li> <li>▪ Regular management and monitoring visits to the Baizanath VDC, Accham carried out by the Project Manager</li> </ul>	<p>– 100%</p> <p>– 100%</p> <p>– 70%</p> <p>– 50%</p>
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#### **4. Overview of project results, achievements and challenges in this quarter**

Towards the end of achieving the project outcome, participatory meetings at local levels have already been conducted wherein assurances from the local communities, landowners and political leaders have been received for smooth and non-conflicting land surveying.

Because of the delay in no-cost extension of the project, the actual surveying could only take place just before the start of the monsoon. Hence, the monsoon rains have disrupted some parts of the field works. However, 70 – 80% of the field works have already been completed.

