

United Nations Peace Fund for Nepal (UNPFN) Project Status Update August- September 2010			
Participating UN Organization:	International Organization for Migration (IOM) Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)	UN Fund cluster and Nepal PBF Priority area:	PBF Nepal Priority Area 1: Strengthening State Capacity for Sustaining Peace
Project number:	UNPFN/E-4	Funding round Strategic Objective:	Delivery of successful reparations program and consolidation of the Nepal peace process
Title:	Fairness and Efficiency in Reparations to Conflict-Affected Persons		
Total approved project budget:	Total: USD 1,017,583 (IOM: USD 737,662) (OHCHR: USD 279,922)		
Funds committed: (IOM)	USD 4,754	% of approved:	1%
Funds disbursed (IOM):	USD 226,116	% of approved:	31%
Funds disbursed (OHCHR):	USD 4,907	% of approved:	1%
Forecast final date:	31 July 2011	Delay (months):	
Anticipated total project duration:	15 months		

Outcome	Progress: achievements / results / outputs delivered	% of planned
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Government has effective and transparent structures and procedures in place to implement reparations program Improved capacity of the Ministry of Peace and Reconstruction (MoPR) and three District Administration Offices (DAOs) selected for the implementation of the reparations programs 	1. Administrative set-up of reparations units at IOM and OHCHR	100% and 33% respectively
	2. Analysis conducted of existing interim relief structures, guidelines, procedures and mechanisms for conflict victims in Nepal	90%
	3. Workshop held with Government of Nepal (GoN) officials on results of Mapping Exercise and Gap Analysis	100%
	4. Outreach strategy developed (including gender perspectives) to maximize participation of conflict victims in future reparations program.	30%
	5. Draft Reparations Policy developed	10%

Qualitative achievements against objectives and results

1. Administrative set-up of reparations units

The IOM International Reparations Officer joined the mission in early August and the team consists of three members: International Reparations Officer, National Reparations Officer and Reparations Assistant. The OHCHR National Officer was recruited in September and the International Officer is set to join in November hence the low expenditure on that component of the budget.

2. Analysis of the existing interim relief structures, guidelines, procedures and mechanisms for conflict victims in Nepal

Members of the Reparations Unit in IOM and members of the Accountability, Impunity and Rule of Law (AIR) team in OHCHR conducted two joint field missions in the eastern and mid-western regions of Nepal during mid-August. The objective of the field visits was to gather more information on the current state of the relief program for conflict victims and input these into the Mapping Exercise and Gap Analysis. Besides the field visits, desk research, interviews and consultations with relevant stakeholders helped to gather information for this study. The Mapping Exercise and Gap Analysis report is divided into the following seven analytical areas: Policy, Outreach, Intake, Registration, Processing, Delivery, Control Mechanisms, and Monitoring. Each of these analytical areas is further divided into three sub-sections, which include observations, analysis and recommendations. Process flows for each category of the existing interim relief mechanisms were also developed to visually highlight the existing structures, guidelines, procedures and mechanisms.

The draft report on the Mapping Exercise and Gap Analysis of the interim relief and rehabilitation process is finalized. The findings of the report were shared with government officials who are involved in the current interim relief and rehabilitation program during the workshop on *“Reparations and Interim Relief to the Conflict Victims in Nepal”* (see #4 below). The final report, which includes a set of recommendations based on the findings of mapping exercise, will be provided and endorsed by the MoPR in November.

The inaugural issue of the IOM Nepal Reparations Newsletter was published in September. The goal of the newsletter is to share news and raise issues related to reparations in Nepal as well as broader issues of transitional justice. The quarterly newsletter comprises news of the joint IOM/OHCHR reparations project, articles from readers, reports on best practices from other countries and news concerning reparations and wider transitional justice issues in Nepal.

3. Workshop with GoN officials on results of Mapping Exercise and Gap Analysis

A joint workshop was conducted on *“Reparations and Interim Relief to the conflict victims in Nepal”* by IOM and OHCHR on 13th- 14th September. The reparations experts from IOM headquarters facilitated the two-day workshop. The workshop was organized for government officials involved in the implementation of the interim relief to conflict victims in Nepal. The workshop engaged government officials from different ministries such as the Ministry of Home Affairs (MoHA), Ministry of Peace and Reconstruction (MoPR), Ministry of Health and Population (MoHP) and the Ministry of Education (MoE). Besides central government officials, government officials from the districts of Bardiya, Morang, Dhanusa and Jumla, also attended the workshop.

The purpose of the workshop was to provide conceptual orientation on the principles and international standards of reparations, review the current relief and rehabilitation processes in Nepal and explore ways to improve them. Moreover, the workshop was held to share and validate the result of the Mapping Exercise and Gap Analysis of the relief and rehabilitation process for conflict victims in Nepal.

4. Outreach strategy developed (including gender perspectives) to maximize the participation of conflict victims in future reparations program.

The project has initiated the development of an outreach strategy and implementation plan for the MoPR. The needs of the victims, with special attention to women and children, will be taken into consideration while developing an outreach strategy. The team is expected to complete the draft of the outreach strategy and

implementation plan by the end of November.

5. Draft Reparations Policy

OHCHR is carrying out mapping of organizations working on Transitional Justice (TJ) issues in Nepal with focus on reparations and victim support. In this regards, assessment and analysis of international best policies and practices on reparations has also been initiated to build upon the work on the reparations policy for Nepal. A series of discussion program with various stakeholders such as parliamentarians, leaders of political parties, civil society actors and conflict victims groups is planned while drafting the reparations policy. International best policies and practices will be used as the basis for discussion with the stakeholders to see if these fit in Nepal's context while developing politically neutral and unbiased reparations policy.

Progress against key indicators in the UNPFN Monitoring and Evaluation Framework

The indicators mentioned below are taken from the project document and are set to measure project progress over an eight months period. As the project commenced in May, these indicators are used to measure project progress over a five months time period. The same indicators will be used for the December report

Indicators for the reporting period

1. Process Flow of the ongoing activities established, key issues and gaps identified: Draft report including process flow describing how MoPR received the claim from the victims to delivering the benefits to the victims developed. The report also identifies key issues and gaps in the current processes and procedures. The final report will be launched by the end of November 2010.

2 (a). Link between the existing processes and future reparations established. Main directions for intervention agreed: The links have been established and reported on through the mapping report. This is something that will also be further developed with the preparation of the draft reparations policy.

(b). Core Human Resources Capacity within MoPR identified, established and supported: Core Human resources within MoPR and district implementation agencies mapped and relationships established. Support through technical assistance and capacity building is an ongoing process.

(3): Report and Recommendations (including technical specifications) for the improvement of the existing practices related to the Interim Relief activities delivered to the MoPR and other relevant stakeholders: Draft report with recommendations shared with the MoPR and other officials, responsible for the implementation of the interim relief program to validate and check the findings of the Mapping Exercise and Gap Analysis. The final report will be launched by the end of November 2010.

4) Workshop for MoPR and other government officials and interested parties organized: Report produced on the two day joint workshop held in Kathmandu for MoPR and other government officials responsible for the implementation of the interim relief program.

5) Draft reparations policy prepared and coordinated with the relevant stakeholders: Mapping of organizations working on TJ issues in Nepal with focus on reparations and victim support and mapping of international policies and best practices on reparations will be ready by the end of November.

6) Outreach Strategy developed and delivered to the MoPR and other stakeholders: First internal draft of the outreach strategy to maximize participation of conflict victims in future reparations program developed. The final outreach strategy will be ready in December 2010.

7) Financial and Narrative Progress Report: The financial progress report will be submitted in December 2010. The narrative progress reports as required by UNPFN have been prepared and submitted.