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

Oct - Dec 2010

Participating UN Organization:	United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS)	UN Fund cluster and Nepal PBF Priority area:	Cantonment/Reintegration
Project number:	UNPFN/A-1f	Funding round Strategic Outcome:	n/a
Title:	Support to IED/EOD Operations in Nepal, Amendment 7: Capacity Development for a stand-alone Mine Action capability in Nepal		
Total approved project budget:	\$1,403,958		
Funds committed:	\$1,240,626	% of approved:	88%
Funds disbursed:	526,321 (2010) confirmed +50,000 (Dec2009)approx.576,321 Total	% of approved:	37% +4% = 41%
Forecast final date:	December 2011	Delay (months):	
Anticipated total project duration:	Two Years		

Outcome	Progress: achievements / results / outputs delivered	% of planned
The Government of Nepal develops and implements a national mine action strategy and the Ministry of Peace and Reconstruction (MoPR) coordinates mine action activities including Quality Management.	MoPR with the support of UNMAT has drafted the National Mine Action Strategy and is in process of endorsement whereas the National Technical Standard Guidelines for demining and MRE are under review by the technical committee.	70%
Nepal Army meets its commitments under the Comprehensive Peace Agreement	✓ Completion of the Nepal Army Mine Action Coordination Centre (NAMACC) – UNMAT Capacity Development Plan.	100%
(CPA) and Agreement Monitoring of the Management of Arms and Armies (AMMAA).	✓ 3 minefields cleared during the quarter with the total of 36 minefields cleared as of 31 st December 2010 out of 53 minefields.	67.9 % approx

Qualitative achievements against objectives and results and any challenges

- 1.1 MoPR will be funding the clearance of remaining 17 minefields from January 2011.
- 1.2 67.9 % of Mine Fields cleared (as of December 2010)

1.3 - 2 casualties have been recorded in 2010 from anti-personal landmine.

Progress against key indicators in the UNPFN Monitoring and Evaluation framework

MoPR Mine Action Section is now taking an increasing role in the coordination and implementation of mine action activities and also involved in the management of the demining activities by actively participating in handover of cleared land with local communities and chairing the Mine Action Joint Working Group. Nepal Army Mine Action Coordination Centre has been actively involved in the clearance of minefields and till Dec 2010 36 out of 53 minefields has been cleared. Casualties from victim activated explosions have also been reduced to 41 until Dec 2010 whereas 104 casualties were recorded in 2007, 72 in 2008 and 70 in 2009 which show the clear picture of reduction in the casualties by 61 percent by Dec 2010. This was achieved due to the Mine Risk Education programmes conducted in various high risk areas and also due to the clearance of minefields.