

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

For the period of January – March 2011

1. Project Overview

Participating UN Organization:	United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)	Cluster area:	<u>E. Rights and Reconciliation</u> Intermediate Objective: Supported effective and inclusive transitional justice, information and services to the conflict affected
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Project number:	UNPFN/E-2 (PBF/NPL/B-3)	Funding round	
Project Title:	Transitional Justice Project (Peace through Justice)		
Total approved project budget:	US \$ 1,999,830		
Funds committed and disbursed to-date:	1,719,397.02	% of approved budget:	85%
Funds disbursed to-date:	1,245,276.18	% of approved budget:	62%
Project start date:	1 September 2009	Original end date:	31 August 2010
Revised end date (if applicable):	31 August 2011	Anticipated total project duration:	2 years

2. Overview of progress to-date against project outcomes

Outcome	Progress: achievements / results / outputs delivered to-date	% of planned
Draft bills on the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) and on Disappearances tabled in Legislature-Parliament.	Both the draft bills on TRC and Disappearances were approved by the cabinet and are tabled at Legislative Committee in the Legislature-Parliament.	50%
Three regional, four cluster and three thematic consultations (gender, children and minority) held to discuss the draft TRC bill.	All the consultations completed and feedback on the bills provided. More regional consultations with victims' participation are in pipeline, which will be jointly conducted with the Accountability, Impunity and Rule of Law unit of the office and Reparations project.	95%
With the benefit of a Conflict Mapping Report, a Dataset of incidents and a Reference Archive, the MoPR is able to plan and conduct their transitional justice work effectively	The Mapping Team has developed a functional Dataset consisting of several thousand incidents containing an allegation of a serious violation of human rights or international humanitarian law and a Reference Archive consisting of over 25,000 documents.	95%
Civil society organizations strengthened to provide appropriate support to victims	Forty-eight civil society organisations implemented 25 projects. One project	90%

and participants to the Commissions.	produced docudrama on TJ, two projects produced victims' profiles, one project produced information kit for victims, four projects organized more than 9 thousand conflict victims in networks and groups in 22 districts, seven projects produced and broadcast radio programmes on transitional justice, one project produced/telecasted television talk show, two projects performed street dramas and 13 projects organized orientation on TJ at local levels.	
Transitional Justice Resource Centre (TJRC) established and used by victims, activists, government officials, politicians and general public.	Initial preparation for the establishment of TJRC is complete. Some resources are procured and the process of putting them together is underway.	25%

3. Overview of project objectives, results and challenges in this quarter

The key immediate objectives of the project include:

1. the establishment of a Commission of Inquiry on disappearances (COI-D) and a Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) and their effective functioning;
2. strengthening of civil society to provide appropriate support to victims and participants to the Commissions.

In the first quarter of 2011, the project team re-engaged with the Ministry of Peace and Reconstruction for the establishment of the TJRC. Office alteration, selection of NGO to run the TJRC and procurement of equipment are complete and the Resource Centre will be up and running in the next quarter.

The dataset prepared by the project was presented to a group of donor representatives, who have commended that the dataset will be a useful tool for the upcoming TJ Commissions. Sharing of these dataset with wider audience, including national civil society will take place after the OHCHR-Geneva provides its clearance.

Thirteen civil society projects completed their activities so far – 5 projects in 2010 and 8 projects in the first quarter of 2011. During this period, we have realized that it is a time-consuming process to get the reports (narrative, financial and audit) from the grantees refined to a satisfactory level before making requests to Geneva for final payment of 20% funds to them. This delay in making the final payments to grantees seems to have posed financial challenges to local level small organisations.

4. Progress against key indicators in the UNPFN Monitoring and Evaluation Framework

Objective/Strategic outcome 8: Enabled the Government of Nepal to establish functioning Committees and Commissions responsible for addressing transitional justice through the implementation of the CPA and other Peace Agreements:

Output 1:

Target: Enactment of the legislation – Disappearances Act by Jan 2010 and TRC Act by June 2010

Progress: In recent days, the progress on the bills seems quick. It is hoped that the bills will be passed in the second quarter of 2011.

Source of information: The Legislative Committee, Legislature-Parliament

Target: Establishment of a TJ Resource Centre by March 2011

Progress: Initial preparation for the TJRC is complete. Refurbishment of the office is underway, some resource materials are already procured and the process is expected to complete in the second quarter of 2011.

Source of information: Project Board meeting minutes

Output 3:

The Mapping report is a precursor to the establishment of the two transitional justice commissions – neither of

which is set up.

Output 4:

Target: 13 grants provided to local NGOs until August 2010

Progress: 24 grants to local NGOs and 1 grant to INGO approved

Source of information: OHCHR grant committee minutes