

United Nations Peace Fund for Nepal (UNPFN)

Project Status Update

For the period of *April to June 2011*¹

1. Project Overview

Participating UN Organization(s):	UN WOMEN, OHCHR	UNPFN Project number:	UNPFN/E-6
		UNPBF Project number (if applicable):	NA

UNPFN Cluster area:	E. Rights and Reconciliation
UNPFN Funding round Strategic Outcome:	Capacity enhancement of national institutions to promote women's participation in peace process and protect the rights of women affected by conflict in line with UNSCRs 1325 and 1820
UNPBF Priority area (if applicable):	NA
UNPBF PMP Result and indicator (if applicable):	NA

Project Title:	Partnership for Equality and Capacity Enhancement (PEACE): Towards Implementation of UNSCRs 1325 and 1820		
National Partners ² :			
Project start date ³ :	April 1, 2010	Original Project end date ⁴ :	March 31, 2012
Revised end date (if applicable) ⁵ :	NA	Anticipated total Project duration:	2 years

Total approved project budget:	US \$ 525,000		
Funds committed and spent to-date by the project ⁶ :	US\$ 187,288.00	Original Project end date ⁷ :	36%
Funds spent to-date by the project ⁸ :	US\$ 187,288.00	Anticipated total Project duration:	36%

2. Description of project goal and strategy⁹

Partnership for Equality and Capacity Enhancement (PEACE): Towards implementation of UNSCRs 1325 and 1820 is a joint project of UN WOMEN and OHCHR Nepal. The focus of the project is to strengthen the capacity of High Level Steering Committee (HLSC), government agencies and civil society for the implementation of UNSCRs 1325 and 1820. The goal of the project is to contribute to consolidation of peace in Nepal through facilitating the implementation of national commitments to gender equality and women's human rights

3. Overview of progress to-date against project outcomes

Project Outcome(s) ¹⁰	Progress: achievements/results/ outputs delivered to-date ¹¹	% of planned ¹²
Outcome 1: State entities create enabling institutional environments to promote and protect women's human rights in line with UNSCRs 1325 and 1820, and other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The National Action Plan (NAP) on UNSCRs 1325 and 1820 has been developed and endorsed by the Government of Nepal (GoN). The National and international launch of NAP have taken place in Nepal (February 17, 2011) and New York 	

<p>human rights instruments especially CEDAW.</p> <p>Output 1.1: Enhanced capacity of High Level Steering Committee (HLSC) to successfully implement its mandate</p> <p>Output 1.2: Enhanced understanding of concerned government authorities on UNSCRs 1325, 1820 and CEDAW from mainstreaming of women's rights in government</p>	<p>(February 22, 2011) respectively. The PEACE project team was engaged in coordinating the activities of national and international level launch of NAP on UNSCRs 1325 and 1820.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project introduction workshop: The PEACE project introduction workshop was organized in December 2010. About 60 participants representing different government agencies, civil society, media and international agencies got exposure to women, peace and security situation in Nepal and the scope of the the PEACE project and its contribution towards the implementation of UNSCRs 1325 and 1820. • Contracting out project activities: <p>Selection process of the partner organization to implement activities related to High Level Steering Committee (HLSC) which is formed for the development and implementation of National Action Plan on UNSCRs 1325 and 1820, is underway. The HLSC is Chaired by the Foreign Minister/DPM and Co-chaired by the Minister of Peace and Reconstruction (MoPR). The HLSC comprises of 25 members including the representatives from different government agencies and civil society. As mentioned in the NAP, the HLSC may invite the Head of UN WOMEN, the representative/s of the Peace Support Working Group (PSWG) on UNSCRs 1325 and 1820, Resident Representative of UNDP and other experts on related subjects, to attend the meeting. The UN WOMEN has been invited to participate and contributed in all the meetings of the HLSC held so far.</p> <p>Process is underway to sign agreement with the National Women's Commission to strengthen their capacity to monitor the implementation of NAP on UNSCRs 1325 and 1820 and CEDAW.</p>	
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programmes and policies	<p>Partnership agreement with the Women's Caucus Secretariat with a view to promote the political commitment for the implementation of NAP on UNSCRs 1325 and 1820 is in the process of being finalized.</p> <p>UN WOMEN is providing the technical support to the Ministry of Peace and Reconstruction (MoPR) through recruiting a consultant to support the Ministry for the preparation of the workshop and design the sectoral plan which is planned to be held in the first week of July. The consultant is supporting the Ministry for all the preparatory works that need to be completed before the Sectoral Plan Workshop.</p>	
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4. Overview of project results, achievements and challenges in this quarter ¹³

Output 1.2: Enhanced understanding of concerned government authorities on UNSCRs 1325, 1820 and CEDAW from mainstreaming of women's rights in government programmes and policies

1. Sectoral Planning Workshop

At present, the Ministry of Peace and Reconstruction (MoPR) is in the process of preparing Sectoral Implementation Plans in order to integrate the NAP on UNSCRs 1325 and 1820 into the planning of sectoral ministries. UN WOMEN is providing the technical support to the MoPR by recruiting a consultant who is supporting the ministry in organizing the workshop and design a framework of the sectoral plan. The consultant is recruited for 30 days with spread over time for three months (April-July, 2011). The Consultant is initiating the preparatory work in close coordination with the Joint Secretary, Mr. Sadhu Ram Sapkota, at the Ministry. The Sectoral Plan Workshop is planned to be held in the first week of July, 2011.

2. Contracting out project activities

2.1 National Women's Commission (NWC)

As required in the project document, the partnership agreement with the National Women's Commission (NWC) is in the final stages. As a National Women Machinery, NWC has the mandate to monitor the implementation of NAP on UNSCRs 1325 and 1820 and CEDAW. Hence, the technical support provided to NWC through this project will help them to strengthen their monitoring capacity on the implementation of UNSCRs 1325 and 1820.

As per the procurement procedure of the UN WOMEN, the NWC adhered the necessary required procurement process. The partnership contract is in the final stage of being signed.

2.2 Women's Caucus in Constituent Assembly (CA)

As provisioned by the project document, the agreement with the Women's Caucus Secretariat,

to ensure the political commitment for implementation of UNSCRs 1325 and 1820 is in the final stage of being signed.

Following the UN WOMEN's procurement procedures the proposal was developed and submitted by Women's Caucus to UN WOMEN Nepal Office. The necessary procedures were undertaken for the finalization of this partnership contract.

Management Actions

The project has a new Project Assistant on board from June 20, 2011. The project is now equipped with a vehicle.

Challenges

The project had envisaged to start its activities with the Women's Caucus and NWC in May, 2011, however, the initiation of partnership has taken much more time than anticipated. The change in the leadership of the Women's Caucus delayed the finalization of the partnership process. With the new leadership now in place, it is expected that the partnership process will move ahead smoothly.

Similarly, with the NWC the finalization of the necessary documents from the Commission took little longer which delayed the initiation of the activities. Transfer of the current Secretary of NWC kept the process into halt for some time. It has been reported that the new Secretary is in the process of being on board and the process will move further after the Secretary's official arrival at the Commission.

5. Progress against key indicators in the UNPFN Monitoring and Evaluation Framework ¹⁴

UNPFN PRIORITY CLUSTER E. Rights and Reconciliation

Intermediate Objective: Supported effective and inclusive transitional justice, information and services to the conflict affected

Strategic Outcome	Contributing Outputs	Verifiable Indicators	Baseline (by year)	Milestones and Target (by year)	Current / Final Status
9. Improved participation and protection of women, and the delivery of services to conflict affected women strengthen inclusive elements of the Nepal peace process in line with UNSCRs 1325, 1820 and 1612.	Enabling institutional environments to promote and protect women's human rights in line with UNSCRs 1325 and 1820, and other human rights instruments (especially CEDAW) created by state entities	9.1 The National Plan of Action on UNSCRs 1325 and 1820 developed and endorsed by the government	9.1 No NPA	9.1 NPA launched by end of 2010	9.1 NAP was endorsed by the GoN on February 1, 2011. The national and international launch of NAP have taken place in Nepal (February 17, 2011) and New York (February 22, 2011) respectively
		9.2 Enhanced capacity of HLSC to successfully implement its mandate	9.2 No capacity development activities organized	9.2 The capacity need of HLSC assessed by mid 2011	9.2 The capacity need of HLSC assessed by mid August, 2011. Series of meetings have taken place with the MoPR for the preparation of HLSC meeting under this quarter, however, due to change in the government the meeting could not take place as scheduled. The planning is underway to reschedule the meeting.
		9.3 Enhanced understanding of government authorities on UNSCRs 1325/1820 and CEDAW	9.3 Poor understanding of the government of UNSCRs 1325 and 1820 and CEDAW	9.3 The understanding of the concerned government authorities to implement NPA on UNSCRs 1325 and 1820 and CEDAW will be enhanced (2011)	9.3 The understanding of the concerned government authorities to implement NAP on UNSCRs 1325 and 1820 enhanced by 2011. The finalisation of NGO for implementing this activity is underway. The proposals are shortlisted and the operations procedures are under process

¹ Insert the months for the quarter covered by this update (e.g. January to March 2011)

² 'National partners' refers to your key counterparts in project implementation (line Ministries, CSOs etc.). This does not include contractors or project beneficiaries.

³ The project start date should be the date of the first transfer of funds from the MDTF Office.

⁴ Insert the originally approved end date for the project.

⁵ If the project has been revised/extended, include the new revised end date.

⁶ Give total accumulated figure of both spent and committed funds from the start of the project.

⁷ Insert the originally approved end date for the project.

⁸ Give total accumulated figure of disbursed funds from start of the project.

⁹ Insert a brief overall description of what the project is about (5 lines max) – this should remain the same throughout the project.

¹⁰ Insert the higher-level project specific outcomes as defined in the project document.

¹¹ Insert the brief details of accumulated achievements made to-date supporting the project's outcomes.

¹² Insert an assessment of progress in percentage-terms that the project has made towards its target outcome.

¹³ Provide a brief overview of specific activities, outputs, and results that were achieved in this quarter only and to what extent the output delivery contributes to the outcome achievements. The Project should highlight any key issues (e.g. lesson learned, challenges compromising project implementation, what has been planned and what has been achieved etc.) that arose during this quarter, as well highlight any foreseen issues that may arise in the coming period and how this challenges will be addressed.

¹⁴ Please insert and update the "current/final" column to show progress on indicators and in comparison with targets. If modifications are needed, please contact the UNPFN Support Office.