

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

For the period of [October – December 2011]¹

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 ² :	Ministry of Land Reform and Management		
Project start date ³ :	July 2010	Original Project end date ⁴ :	December 2010
Revised end date (if applicable) ⁵ :	November 2011	Anticipated total Project duration:	17 months

Total approved project budget:	US\$ 50 000		
Funds committed and spent to-date by the project ⁶ :	US\$ 45,144	As % of approved budget:	90.28%
Funds spent to-date by the project ⁷ :	US\$ 45,144	Project delivery rate ⁸ :	90.28%

2. Description of project goal and strategy⁹

The project has two key objectives:

- i) Provide support to the MoLPR to carry out the cadastral surveying in a more participatory, effective and efficient manner to rehabilitate the cadastre destroyed during the conflict and to issue land titles to the land owners in Vajjnath VDC of Accham district.
- ii) Examine the constraints to restoring land certificates and recommend a methodology that can be more efficient and effective while rolling out the task in other parts of the district or country to overcome these constraints in a conflict sensitive and inclusive manner.

Originally, it was planned that sophisticated GPS and GIS systems would be used to carry out the surveying exercises to establish the lost cadastres. However, given the level of existing infrastructure and the competence of the available human resources, the project was revised in the favour of using more traditional plane table surveying methods but providing however a comparison of traditional and modern technologies by using high resolution image maps. Additionally, the project emphasized its “piloting” character and the need to deliver lessons and advice on the implications of trying to replace land records into national-level policy deliberations or feed into to developing a larger scale project.

3. Overview of progress to-date against project outcomes

Project Outcome(s) ¹⁰	Progress: achievements/results/ outputs delivered to-date ¹¹	% of planned ¹²
Exploring the implications of trying	▪ An initial assessment field visit by the Lead Technical Officer and the Project Manager (one). From this visit, the VDC for	– 100%

<p>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)</p>	<p>piloting was selected and local landowners were consulted in order to seek their participation in the cadastral surveying. After a few rounds of participatory discussions, the local landowners and the local representatives of the political parties agreed to constructively participate in the survey.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Densification of control point, boundary determination and surveying and mapping have all been completed – 100% ▪ Establishment of a Project Steering Committee: The PSC has met twice and has supported the implementation of the project with enhanced local participation during the survey as well as for resolve of any disputes arising during or after the survey activities. – 100% ▪ Establishment of operation of a fully functional field office at Vajinath VDC, Acchaam – 100% ▪ Issuance of 15 – day public notice before commencement of the surveying. This notice enhanced awareness among local landowners about the surveying activities and the person to be contacted for surveying their parcel. – 100% ▪ The Project Manager and FAO Program Officer’s field visit (one). This visit was conducted to check if all the prerequisites had been met before starting the field surveys and upon satisfaction over the preparatory works, field survey was initialized. As many local landowners and the representatives of the local major political parties as possible were consulted with to discuss the details of the participatory methods of surveying and dispute settlement processes. – 100% ▪ 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. Such discussions were held three times in presence of the Project Manager and the Head of the field Team so that disputes were settled through mutual understanding as well as per the existing legal provisions. hold such meetings in case of disputes. ▪ Plane Table Surveying (covering whole VDC) conducted. – 100% ▪ Regular management and monitoring visits to the Vaijanath VDC, Accham carried out by the Project Manager . The visits were useful for the field staff as it helped resolving technical problems as well as enhancing contacts with local stakeholders and facilitating to provide required resources – 100% ▪ Ortho-images have been procured – 100% ▪ Ortho-image map has been prepared – 100% ▪ Cadastral Data Acquisition using Total Station has been completed – 100% ▪ Preparation of Cadastral Map using Total Station Data has been completed – 100% ▪ Titles prepared after first registration has been signed by authorised officer -100% ▪ Land titles distributed -100% 	
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4. Overview of project results, achievements and challenges in this quarter ¹³

The project reaching its completion and achieving its outcome, whereby it is expected that participatory methods of surveying and conflict resolution would be piloted and documented, a number of participatory meetings at local levels have already been conducted and the field works of actual surveying completed. The assurances from the local communities, landowners and political leaders to provide support for smooth and non-conflicting land surveying were evident as the surveying was completed without major conflicts and peaceful resolutions whenever necessary. The project team will also produce a report that documents the best practices for participatory surveying, cadastre re-installation and conflict resolution. Ortho-images have been procured and those images will be compared with the ones produced from plane-table surveying. It is hoped that the most effective and efficient method of preparing the maps and land titles in terms of time, costs and

accuracy will be known through this comparison.

The project currently is preparing a project completion report, a scale-up project proposal and the comparison of results obtained using different technologies. These works have been contracted to a private firm and with a few weeks all the reports will be submitted to FAO. Preparation is under progress for distributing titles to the landowners by the Survey Department.

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

⁸ ‘Project delivery rate’ is a percentage showing how much funds have been spent in comparison to the total approved budget (delivery rate = total funds spent to-date x 100% / total approved budget).

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.