

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

For the period of *Jan to Mar 2011*

## 1. Project Overview

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| <b>Participating UN Organization:</b> | United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS) | <b>Cluster area:</b> | Reintegration |
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| <b>Project number:</b>                         | UNPFN/A-1f   | <b>Funding round Strategic Outcome:</b>    | n/a         |
| <b>Project Title:</b>                          | <b>Support to IEDD/EOD Operations in Nepal, Amendment 6 : Capacity Development for a stand-alone Mine Action capability in Nepal</b> |  |             |
| <b>Total approved project budget:</b>          | <b>\$1,403,958</b>   |  |             |
| <b>Funds committed and disbursed to-date :</b> | \$1,240,626  | <b>% of approved budget:</b>               | 88%         |
| <b>Funds disbursed to-date:</b>                | \$ 823,636.60  | <b>% of approved budget:</b>               | 66%         |
| <b>Project start date:</b>                     | Dec 2009   | <b>Original end date:</b>                  | 30 Nov 2011 |
| <b>Revised end date (if applicable):</b>       | 31 Dec 2011  | <b>Anticipated total project duration:</b> | 25 months   |

## 2. Overview of progress to-date against project outcomes

| Outcome  | Progress: achievements / results / outputs delivered to-date   | % of planned            |
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| 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 National Technical Standard Guidelines for demining and MRE which have been recommended by Technical Committee for approval from the Mine Action Steering Committee   | 75%                     |
| Nepal Army meets its commitments under the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) and Agreement Monitoring of the Management of Arms and Armies (AMMAA).  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ 9 minefields cleared during the quarter with the total of 45 minefields cleared as of 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011 out of 53 minefields.</li> <li>✓ Unable to deploy deminers for IED field clearance due to Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) for IED field clearance not being signed.</li> </ul> | 84.9 % approx<br><br>0% |
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## 3. Overview of project objectives, results and challenges in this quarter

- 1.1 - MoPR initiated the mine risk education programmes in different 43 districts through Local Peace Committee (LPC) with NPR 150,000.00 provided to each LPC.
- 1.2 - 84.9 % of Mine Fields cleared (as of March 2011)
- 1.3 - Fourth Platoon deployed on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2011 and has cleared 2 minefields till March end.
- 1.4 - 1 casualty from anti-personal mine and 3 from IED have been recorded in Jan 2011 from 3 incidents whereas in Feb and Mar no incidents were found.
- 1.5 - Delay in the endorsement process of MoA due to recurrent administrative burden in concerned ministries.

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

MoPR Mine Action Section is not only showing its active participation in the coordination and implementation of mine action activities but also in the area of mine risk education. The mine risk education programme through LPC has been initiated in different 43 districts. There is the plan of conducting 30 sessions in each district with 35 people in each session which leads to the target of educating around 45,000 people. These districts have been selected on the basis of the casualties data provided by INSEC. MoPR chaired Mine Action Joint Working Group Meeting for the third time. During this reporting period, only 3 incidents resulting 4 casualties have been recorded which occurred in Jan 2011 and among 4 casualties 1 was killed and 3 were injured. But no such incidents were found in Feb and March.