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**UNITED NATIONS PEACE FUND FOR NEPAL
PROJECT DOCUMENT COVER SHEET**

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| Participating UN Organization: International Organization for Migration (IOM) United Nations Development Program (UNDP) United Nations Human Settlement Program (UN Habitat) | Priority/Cluster: Rights and Reconciliation |
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| Project Title: Catalytic Support on Land Issues <i>UN Fund Project Number: 00085965</i> | Project Location: Central and 3 districts: Morang, Surkhet and Nawalparasi |
| Project Description: Despite the political and democratic progress since the end of the conflict, Nepal continues to face multiple land issues. Some land issues have existed since centuries and are deeply entrenched in the Nepalese society and linked to the prevailing caste system and structures of feudal land ownership and informal land tenure. Land issues were also one of the one of the prime drivers of 10-year conflict in Nepal. Other land issues have been caused by the conflict, the large-scale displacement and the land seizure it generated. The complexity of these multi-layered land issues and their great political sensitivity have led to an impasse and inability to address them, further aggravated by weak land management institutions at both national and local level and a confused legal framework. Resolving those issues is critical for sustainable peace, social cohesion and long term development in Nepal. Hence, the overall aim and expected peacebuilding impact of this project is the creation of an environment conducive for the development and implementation of a land policy, with provisions of land reform and land use, and the peaceful resolution of land and property conflicts. The direct beneficiaries of this project is the Ministry of Land Reform and Management (MoLRM), the Ministry of Peace and Reconstruction (MoPR), the Survey, Land Revenue and Land Reform offices, the District, Municipality and Village level Development Committees as well as the Land Use Implementation Committees. The ultimate aim of the project is to achieve UNPFN's strategic outcome 4: "Nepal's leaders are prepared to develop a national transition plan for implementation of land reform and property return", which in turn contributes to the strengthening of the overall peace process. | Total Project Cost: USD 1,224,662 Funding available through other sources: N/A Total requested from the PBF in this submission: N/A – No Cost Extension Project Duration 33 months Start date: 15 March 2013 End date: 15 December 2015 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adjustment No Cost extension <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As per original approval: 15 March 2013 – 14 March 2015 (24 months) Proposed revised duration: 15 March 2013- 15 December 2015 (33 months) |

Goal, immediate objectives and anticipated peace-building impact:

Mechanisms in place to peacefully address disputes grounded in competition for access to land and use of limited resources

Outcomes and key activities:

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1. Support consensus building among Nepal's leaders to embark on land reform
2. Central, District, Village Development Committee and Municipality Level Land Use Implementation Committees collect and analyse land related data and prepare Land Use Plans in their prioritized areas in three districts
3. Prepare a draft unified land regulatory framework
4. Assess and enhance land information systems in the three selected districts
5. Improve capacity to resolve land issues in three target districts

Key Activities:

1. Dialogue and bilateral meetings with the political parties to determine their current position and draft a common vocabulary and agenda around land reform issues.
2. Draft VDC, district as well as national level land use planning.
3. Develop implementation guidelines and a legislative framework on land use planning.
4. Develop unified land regulatory framework.
5. Amend and revise the existing major land related acts.
6. Conduct comparative assessment of existing MIS system and SOLA.
7. Develop an implementation plan for SOLA and roll out SOLA in the three districts to the degree possible.
8. Develop a national rollout plan for SOLA.
9. Conduct capacity assessment of the district land offices and enhance their capacity through trainings and workshops for resolution of land issues.

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