



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

<b>Participating UN Organization:</b> United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)	<b>Priority/Cluster:</b> Promote coexistence and peaceful resolution of conflicts 2.1 National Reconciliation
<b>Project Manager</b> Name: Laxman Datt Pant Address: Sanepa-2, Lalitpur, Nepal Telephone: Tel : + 977 1 555 4396 Ext. 30 E-mail: ld.pant@unesco.org	<b>Funding round Strategic Outcome the proposal will contribute towards:</b> Strategic outcome 1
<b>Project Title:</b> Increasing the Safety of Journalists  <i>UN Fund Project Number:</i> PBF/NPL/A-3	<b>Project Location:</b> Eastern Hills and Central terai Districts, Nepal
<b>Project Description:</b> The project aims at improving the security situation of journalists and media professionals in Nepal on three different levels. A nationally owned independent mechanism is to be established that provides an appropriate framework to tackle the issues of endangered journalists and the impunity of the perpetrators. Furthermore, security sector institutions will have the capacity to play their role to protect journalists, and political stakeholders and the public at large will acknowledge the importance of security of journalists for freedom of the media and subsequently Nepal's peace and development process, and will act accordingly. In addition, male and female journalists will be trained on how to encounter cases of threats towards journalists and individual security strategies, respectively. The main anticipated peace building impact of the project is its contribution to increase the population's confidence in security sector institutions by making them more capable, accountable and responsive to Nepal's diverse society. This will be exemplified by addressing the security situation of journalists as they play an essential role in the peace process by providing people access to non-partisan information through independent, free and pluralistic media. This access allows people to better understand the political and socio-economic environment and the implications of political, economic and cultural decisions for their future.	<b>Total Project Cost:</b> USD 566,526  <b>Funding available through other sources:</b> N/A  <b>Total contribution from UNPFPN</b> USD 566,526  <b>Project Duration</b>  <b>Start date:</b> March 2013 <b>End date:</b> 15 December 2015
<b>Goal, immediate objectives and anticipated peacebuilding impact:</b> The project aims at improving the security situation of journalists and media professionals in Nepal on three different levels. A nationally owned independent mechanism is to be established that provides an appropriate framework to tackle the issues of endangered journalists and the impunity of the perpetrators. Furthermore, security sector institutions will have the capacity to play their role to protect journalists, and political stakeholders and the public at large will acknowledge the importance of security of journalists for freedom of the media and subsequently Nepal's peace and development process, and will act accordingly. In addition, male and female journalists will be trained on how to encounter cases of threats towards journalists and individual	

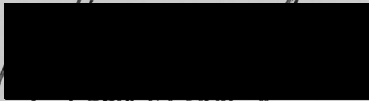
security strategies, respectively.

**Outcomes and key activities:** 1. The NHRC, professional media associations, state agencies and civil society (including political parties) join hands to establish a nationally owned mechanism that ensures a safe environment for journalists  
2. The capacity of state authorities, including security sector institutions and the courts, to better protect journalists is enhanced with the support of civil society, political parties and the public at large  
3. Journalists and media houses have enhanced capacity to protect themselves

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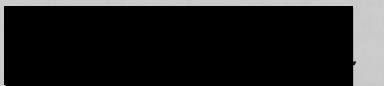


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**Endorsed by the Executive Committee:**

Jamie McGoldrick  
Chair- UN Resident Coordinator for Nepal



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