

Strategic Management Team Monthly Review Report – January 2018

Progress against Implementation Year 4 Targets = 63.15%

Result	This month		Year four (Jul 17-June 18) Cumulative progress	% IY4 Target	IY4 Target (July 2017 - June 2018)
	Target	Progress			
LRN (km)	2,089	2,286	2,286 km DRCN maintained (Total)	109.43%	2,089km DRCN maintained
	1.00km	1.57km	5.00km 3.5m track opened	62.50%	+8 km at 3.5m track opened
	1.00km	0.76km	6.10km 4.5m full widening	50.83%	+12 km at 4.5m track opened
	5.00km	3.71km	On-going		
	0.00km	0.00km	0 km road works completed	0.00	+60 km road completed
Employment days	60,000	98,351	451,165 employment days (Total)		
		[80,739]	[Claimed from DFID in Jan]	72.77%	+620,000 employment days
		[17,612]	[Created from GON budget on RMG maintenance in Jan]		
Capacity Building	75	75	388 training days	47.90%	+810 training days
	1	1	Second round municipal engagement workshop organised	25.00%	+4 policies/guidelines developed for and delivered to GoN
CONNECT	7%	7%	67% work plan delivered	N/A	100% work plan delivered
Safeguards	8.33%	8.33%	All activities ongoing as planned	N/A	100% work planned delivered
PMV	1	0	10 internal audits conducted	55.55%	+18 internal audits completed
	0	0	2 trimester progress reports	66.66%	3 trimester reports completed

Time elapsed in Year 4 = 58.33%

Remarks: The RAP3 IY4 implementation plan covers a period for July-17 to June-18.

Physical progress on new construction activities has started to pick up with the increased percentage of RBG attendance level in works after elections and agricultural harvesting.

Financial Progress Against Year 4 Budget = 64.09%

Amount (UK£)

Component	INVOICED this month (January 2018)	IY4 Cumulative Total Cumulative Total	FORECAST for next month (February 2018)
Output 1 (LRN):	127,271.32	958,334.33	144,315.92
Output 2 (Employment days):	632,108.07	2,083,138.46	602,910.00
Output 3 (CBID):	3,656.85	66,734.32	3,413.06
Output 4 (CONNECT):	19,507.65	185,991.96	20,000.00
Safeguard:	5,845.97	43,520.45	5,000.00
PMV (Audit and Reports):	1,288.16	185,611.69	11,288.16
Other – TA:	75,000.00	661,000.00	75,000.00
Flexible Fund- (RMG Payment-CDEL):	0	150,015.04	0
Flexible Fund - (MHLR - RDEL):	0	44,667.80	0
Flexible Fund – (Safetyknot - RDEL):	0	45,105.38	0
OVERALL	864,678.03	4,424,119.43	861,927.14

Key issues:

Output 4 (CONNECT) and Safeguard invoiced on actual costs and others based on results.

Quality Management

Field Verification Works in IY4	Number	Actions taken
Field verifications conducted this month	28	Reporting on feedback of accomplished works has helped improved monitoring and quality of works
Total field verifications conducted to date	140	
Audit	Number	Key issues / Actions required
Audits conducted this month	0	Audit approach targeted at key issues/risks. Internal audit was not planned for the reporting month.
Total Audits Conducted to Date in IY4	10	

Key issues:

Total issues raised by audit up till Jan 2018 since the beginning of the programme has reached at 221. Continual improvement actions on all issues completed.

Narrative

Core New Construction – New construction of 97.5km road in HUM, MUG, KAL and BAJ ongoing. SSSR in KAL formally handed over to Raskot Municipality on 31 Jan 2018 and test drives in both road corridors in BAJ took place successfully. RMGs, comprising 4 persons each in 3 groups in SSSR formed and have started routine and recurrent road maintenance works. Low level of RBG attendance due to harvesting, elections and early snowfall during the earlier months has been significantly increased in Jan 2018 and most of the RBGs are reengaged in construction works. RBG attendance in HUM, MUG and 2nd road corridor in KAL remained at 90% in an average. We regret to report the death of a 20 year old worker in Humla on 25th January for which an investigation is currently being conducted.

Road Maintenance – RMG road maintenance of DRCN in 10 districts and 3 new construction districts except Humla, where no DRCN exists, ongoing. Despite continued follow on for release of the GoN budget allocated to cover RMG maintenance costs has not materialised and hence, RMGs in maintenance districts are not being paid for the last 4-5 months. Preparation works on SMG specific road maintenance pilots- second round in DAD, DAI, DOT, ACH and JUM ongoing. SMG are formed and the DTA teams are about to organise training in all districts to kick off works with signing agreements. Works are scheduled to commence in Feb 2018. Term Maintenance contracts in DAD and DAI ongoing. Contractors completed emergency maintenance works in both the districts. New work orders for specific maintenance works to be issued to contractors soon.

Procurement – Except for HUM, delivery of tools, materials and PPE supplies of 7 packages of IY4 contracts completed. Remaining deliveries of construction tools and gabion wires for HUM ongoing. Small procurements works like traffic sign posts for SSSR KAL and safety helmets for all new construction districts ongoing.

RAP3 CONNECT – Connect programme in 6 core districts (ACH, BAJ, DAD, DAI, DOT and JUM) ongoing. MSME #2 – 393 Hamri Didis appointed, 286 trading with a billed value to date of NPR 5,392,665. MSME #5 – 321 MT of fresh ginger purchased; 156 MT processed; and 13 MT ready to export MSME #4 & MSME #9 – 40 Micro Business Clusters have renewed their contracts with Hatemalo Seed Promotion Cooperative (12 MBCs) and Pawan Agriculture Collection Centre (28 MBCs) EE #6 - 12 KUSOM MBA students travelled to the Mid and Far West (DAD, DAI and DOT) to complete their Rural Enterprise Service Placements, supporting 15 businesses. EE #8 - Harvard EPoD team member visited Kathmandu to progress ideas for the proposed RCT.

Safeguards – Social mobilisation, workers’ and work site safety, rehabilitation and reinstatement of damaged structures and public utilities in new construction districts ongoing. Support on implementation of future engagement plans of ex-RBGs and use of group saving monies in SSSR KAL ongoing. 2 public audits conducted in KAL and account management training organised to the representatives of Cooperatives and Producers’ Groups formed by RBGs in BAJ. Implementation of mitigation measures by Climate Resilience Audit of SSSR, KAL nearing completion and audit of 2 road corridors in BAJ scheduled for next month. Road safety audit of two road corridors in BAJ completed and report preparation works ongoing.

MHLR Design – MHLR spend up till July 2018 to be borne through RAP3. Detail engineering survey works of remaining section (Chankheli-Darma) of MHLR completed and detailed engineering design works ongoing. Study on carbon footprints of MHLR construction to be started soon. Follow up actions on GoN’s approval in coordination with District Forest Office HUM and MUG for tree felling works, strategic approach to safer construction using machines ongoing.

Capacity Building – Radio programme “Bikashko Baato” through local FM stations is ongoing. Antenna Foundation captured SSSR road handover events for preparation of a programme to run through FM radio stations. Support to NEC to introduce Professional Engineering programme ongoing. Evaluation of first batch of applicants seeking Professional Engineering from senior route ongoing. Proposal for local level support plan under the new federal set-up is being considered. The mode of support to be prepared on the availability of budget and remaining programme period will be finalised in consultation with and concurrence of DFID. GIS maps of 14 RAP3 districts delineating DRCN and village roads, municipal and ward boundaries under the new federal set-up prepared. Likewise, 60 of 135 total Rural/Municipalities of 14 RAP3 programme districts maps prepared and preparation of remaining Rural/Municipalities of programme districts ongoing.

PMV – Continual improvement actions on 221 issues raised by audit up till Jan 2018 completed. External financial audit report of programme spend incurred during Feb 2016 – Jun 2017 expected to receive by mid-Feb 2018. Emergency procedure document RAP3 activities and progress and MHLR implementation status were reviewed by RAP3 Steering Committee Meeting held on 22 Jan 2018. The meeting also discussed on ways forward of MHLR implementation including GoN’s approval on DFID funding.

Risks and Mitigations – Mitigation measures on risks taken by the programme include the following:
Effects of provisional and federal level elections in new construction road corridor works – The combined effects of slowed construction progress due to elections, extended monsoon and early snowfall on new construction work progress reassessed. The effects are mitigated with increased building groups and remaining works in 2 road corridors in HUM and second road corridor in KAL are expected to complete by March 2019. RAP3 has started communicating on activities with local levels to minimise envisioned risks.
Effects of unusual increment of district daily wage rates in works – Additional cost of construction to due to wage increase up till this year can be absorbed from budget allocated for inflation by the programme.

Others – RAP3 has commenced a study on economic analysis of rural roads. The study proposes to take references of some roads constructed in the proceeding phases in eastern and western cluster districts of the programme. The team led by the consultant economist is ongoing.