

Strategic Management Team Monthly Review – February 2017

Progress against Implementation Year 3.5 Targets = 45.51%

Result	This month		IY3.5 Cumulative progress to date	% IY3.5 Target	IY3.5 Target (Feb - Jun 2017)
	Target	Progress			
Employment (days)	1,22,000	154,443	154,443 employment days	50.42	+306,294 employment days
LRN (km)	2,100	1,691	1,691km DRCN maintained	84.55	2000 km DRCN maintained
	0.5	0.43	0.43km 2.5m track opened	43.00	+1 km at 2.5m track opened
	0.20	0.19	On-going		
	1.50	1.26	1.26 km 3.5m track opened	42.00	+3 km at 3.5m track opened
	3.00	2.55	On-going		
	2.70	2.79	2.79 km 4.5m full widening	55.80	+5 km at 4.5m full widening
	6.00	7.98	On-going		
CONNECT	33%	36%	36% work plan delivered	N/A	100% work plan delivered
Capacity Building	300	311	311 training days	46.42	+670 training days
	Positive increase year on year		82% satisfaction (Aug 2015)*	100	+5% in satisfaction
	Positive increase year on year		6.52 District CIM Score (Aug 2016)*	100	Increase in District CIM Score

Time elapsed in Year 3.5 = 20%

Key Issues: Recast LogFrame and adopted after DFID's approval.

The RAP3 implementation year now aligned with GoN FY and IY3 plan period is extended by 5 months i.e. up till June 2017. IY3.5 Implementation Plan for the extended period of 5 months is produced and agreed with DFID. Progress reported for the period against LF milestone targets of June 2017.

*Measured in August each year: CIM scores for 2014 & 2015 were 6.73 & 7.05 for Pilot districts and 5.09 & 5.81 for Core districts with average 5.77 & 6.34 for 14 districts.

Financial Progress against IY3.5 Budget = 23.68%

Amount (UK£)

Component	INVOICED this month (February 2017)	IY3.5 Cumulative Total	FORECAST for next month (March 2017)
Output 1 (Employment days):	370,663.20	370,663.20	336,000.00
Output 2 (LRN):	308,976.77	308,976.77	304,267.21
Output 3 (CONNECT):	27,440.12	27,440.12	22,000.00
Output 3 (Safeguard):	6,294.62	6,294.62	6,000.00
Output 4 (CBID):	15,163.74	15,163.74	15,558.41
PMV	29,560.22	29,560.22	55,449.41
Other – TA	67,131.63	67,131.63	154,448.44
Flexible Fund -HMLR	33,500.85	33,500.85	33,500.85
OVERALL	858,731.15	858,731.15	927,224.32

Key issues:

(Do we need to revise any DLIs or the amounts allocated to them?) Output 3 – to be invoiced on actual costs and others on result based. Unit rates are based on DFID approved rates.

Quality Management

Field Verification Works	Number	Actions taken
Field verifications conducted this month	22	
Total field verifications conducted to date in IY3.5	22	
Audit	Number	Key issues / Actions required
Audits conducted this month	2	Audit approach targeted at key issues/risks.
Total Audits Conducted to Date in IY3.5	2	Financial (DDF) audit in Jhapa and Sindhupalchowk.

Key issues:

(Feedback arising from audits and opportunities for continual improvement. Any actions required?) Total issues raised by audit up till January 2017 since the beginning of the programme has reached at 176 and 169 issues have been settled as the part of continual improvement by the management with 7 issues in hand.

Narrative
<p>Core New Construction – New construction of 97.5km road in HUM, MUG, KAL and BAJ is on-going.</p> <p>Most of RBG members engaged in construction works in BAJ and KAL, whereas the RBG attendance remained at 85% in HUM and 80% in MUG. Use of hand drills for rock breaking works have been useful to expedite construction works in these districts.</p> <p>Review of detailed engineering designs of entry sections of RAP3 roads bulldozed by DDCs in MUG and BAJ is underway and scheduled to start construction works in April 2017. Length of entry sections is 3.1km in MUG and 1.8km in BAJ with a total of 4.9km of rehabilitation works.</p>
<p>Road Maintenance – RMG road maintenance in 10 districts (5 core - ACH, DAI, JUM, DOT & DAD and 5 pilots – SAN, MOR & JHA except SIN & PAR) continued as planned. RMG maintenance in PAR and SIN stopped from 1 Jan-17 and 1 Feb-17 due to unavailability of fund supposed to be released from the GoN source.</p> <p>Approval of additional fund to meet budget shortfall of RMG maintenance works in pilot districts for the current FY from GON is underway and expected to be finalised soon. Additional allocation of NPR 50 million to be sufficient to cover RMG maintenance costs in pilot districts for the current GoN FY.</p> <p>RAP providing “Light Touch” TA in SAN, SIN and DAD. Arrangements made for the continued road maintenance supervision by technical staff recruited directly under the programme.</p>
<p>RAP3 TA for Road Improvement Works – The RAP3 technical assistance on construction supervision of contract works implemented using GoN funds through DDF in JHA and MOR districts on-going with a very slow rate of progress. Improvement works of DOT district completed and PAR district substantially completed.</p> <p>The DDC Morang requested DoLIDAR to form a panel of independent experts to re-examine defective works of the contractor and recommend corrective measures. RAP3 drafted TOR for the proposed panel of independent experts in consultation with PC/DoLIDAR and DoLIDAR is expected to nominate the panel soon.</p>
<p>Procurement – Procurement process of hand drill spare parts completed. As reported by the supplier, gumboots supply delayed due to demonetisation of IR currency notes earlier to be resumed soon.</p> <p>Supervision consultants’ contracts of Mugu and Humla completed. Junior level staff working under SCs are taken over on 3 months’ probation and will be confirmed under satisfactory due diligence test on past work performance of each individuals by the programme. Contract with SIDeF, Supervision Consultants working in Kalikot is extended up till August 2017.</p>
<p>RAP3 CONNECT – Connect programme in 6 core districts (ACH, BAJ, DAD, DAI, DOT and JUM) is on-going.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Initiated programme activation works in Dadeldhura; 10 MBCs linked to and 31 Yuva Vayus selected for MSME #6 DAFACOS, and 15 HDs identified for MSME #2. ii. 64 HDs are in business across 3 districts having invested NPR 1,014,277 in start-up capital to-date. iii. Facilitated joint meeting between PBL and UNL to reach agreement on rate of interest of 5% for loans to a maximum of NRs. 15,000 to HDs. iv. Order for 4 MT of Jumli beans confirmed by retail chains Saleways & BBSM for a trial to assess market demand. v. Construction of ginger processing facility completed. Processing of 7.64 MT of ginger collected from 47 suppliers on-going. vi. 30 bank accounts opened for ginger downstream suppliers with Prabhu Bank Limited, Dhangadhi branch to avail value chain financing, of which 23 accounts are for women farmers. vii. MoU signed with Narayan Campus, Dailekh to set-up Satellite Incubation Centre and Future Entrepreneurs Club. viii. 10 KUSOM MBA students successfully completed student consultant placements within 10 SMEs in Doti and Achham. ix. Level 1 orientation completed for 318 Yuva Vayus across 106 MBCs in 6 districts.
<p>Safeguards – Social mobilisation, workers’ and work site safety in all programme districts and group saving and credit schemes in new construction corridor districts are continued.</p> <p>Rehabilitation works of damages of public utilities ongoing. Environmental management and climate resilience measures continued in new construction corridors.</p>
<p>Capacity Building – CPD programme continued in all programme districts. Implementation of District ASPs for the year 2016-17 on-going. Of the total 11 proposed item of supports to GoN, 2 completed and 3 are underway.</p> <p>Radio programme “Bikashko Baato” through local FM stations ongoing. Advisory Group meeting organised to review progress of the radio programme run by Antenna foundation. NEC on Professional Engineering programme is under review.</p>
<p>PMV – Continual improvement actions on 7 issues are being taken through management and district levels. Of the 132 total issues raised by external financial auditor 131 issues are settled and management action is ongoing for the one remaining.</p> <p>Actions on issues raised in the internal audits are ongoing. Issues related to preparation of safeguard guideline and brief notes on RBG saving and credit are underway. It is learnt that MEL has initiated task on preparing unified approach of preparing ARAMP to all projects in cooperation with DoLIDAR.</p>
<p>Risks and Mitigations – Mitigation measures on risks taken by the programme include as per the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Donation demand</i> – Donation drives to operate party programmes by CPN Maoist (Biplav) reinitiated in some western districts; and • <i>VAT refund to the RAP3 partners</i> – Total VAT amount released by IRD in this month was NPR 4.7 million with remaining 2.8 million of requests.
<p>Others – Recast Logical Framework for extended programme implementation adopted after approval from DFID.</p> <p>RAP3 Project document prepared and submitted to DFID for review and comments.</p> <p>Due diligence checks of former SCs’ staff and stores underway in HUM and MUG.</p> <p>A team of Infrastructure Adviser DFID, 2 journalists from national daily newspapers and RAP DPM visited KAL and DAI districts</p>

and field visit reports circulated.