

Strategic Management Team Monthly Review – July 2016

Progress against Implementation Year 3 Targets = 66.13%				
Result	Achieved this month	IY3 Cumulative to date	% IY3 Target	IY3 Target (Jan 2017)
Employment	188,249 employment days*	852,443 employment days	85.2	+1,000,000 employment days
LRN	2,177km DRCN maintained	2,177km DRCN maintained	100	2000 km DRCN maintained
	0.8km 2.5m track opened	7.4km 2.5m track opened	43.5	+17 km at 2.5m track opened
	0.37km 3.5m track opened	17.87km 3.5m track opened	61.6	+29 km at 3.5m track opened
	0.5km 4.5m full widening	19.3km 4.5m full widening	66.5	+29 km at 4.5m full widening
SED	SED benefited hh	SED benefited hh	N/A	+1,200 SED benefited hh
	Benefited infrastructure hh	Benefited infrastructure hh	N/A	+1,320 benefited hh
	Business service providers	Business service providers	N/A	+92 service providers
Capacity Building	631 training days	2,520 training days	43.4	+5,800 training days
	82% Satisfaction (Aug 2015)	30% satisfaction (Aug 2014)**	273.3	+5% in satisfaction
	6.34 (Measured Aug each year)	6.34 District CIM Score (Aug 2015)*	100	Increase in District CIM Score
Time elapsed in Year 3 = 50.0%				
Key Issues: SED targets are suspended and implementation of Connect programme with input based approach started from June 2016. LogFrame to be recast in August				

* Additional employment days generated but not reported during July-15 to Mar-16 on Trail Bridge construction remained at 144,411 days and compiled in July-16.

** Measured in August each year: Last year's CIM score was 5.77 with Pilot district average now at 7.05

Financial Progress against IY3 Budget = 35.75%			Amount (UK£)
Component	INVOICED this month (July 2016)	Third Year Cumulative Total	FORECAST for next month (August 2016)
Output 1 (employment days):	564,747.00	1,228,941.00	153,452.67
Output 2 (LRN):	77,580.00	687,620.00	212,500.00
Output 3: (Safeguard)	12,770.62	12,770.62	12,000.00
Output 3: (CONNECT)	15,000.00	15,000.00	40,000.00
Output 4 (CBID):	1,6310.00	35,200.00	5,000.00
PMV	500.00	108,000.00	25,100.00
Other – TA	141,935.44	564,910.40	67,131.63
OVERALL	828,843.06	2,652,442.02	515,184.30
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. Output 1 - Unit rates on employment is revised to cover actual expenses. District annual review related DLI under TA is derived and charged as indicated in the approved DLIs tracker.			

Quality Management		
Performance Management and Verification (PMV)	Number	Actions taken
Field verifications conducted this month	15	
Total field verifications conducted to date in IY3	91	
Reportable incident or risk event this month	Number	Key issues / Actions required
Audits conducted this month	0	Audit approach targeted at key issues/risks. Not planned for July
Total Audits Conducted to Date in IY3	16	
Key issues: (Feedback arising from audits and opportunities for continual improvement. Any actions required?) Findings and issues raised by audits reviewed and actions taken by management at monthly continual improvement meeting.		

Narrative

Core New Construction – New construction of 97.5km in HUM, MUG, KAL and BAJ is on-going. Except for a few bioengineering and structure protection measures, new construction works stopped in July due to monsoon rains. Construction works mobilising RBGs and SBGs to be stopped during the monsoon.

Road Maintenance – RMG road maintenance in 10 districts (4 core - ACH, DAI, DOT & JUM and 6 pilots – DAD, PAR, SIN, SAN, MOR & JHA) continued as planned. GON has also allocated NRs 20m for RMG in Pilot districts starting October 2016. RAP providing Light Touch TA. GON to fund all RAP RMG starting 2017. We hope this is the start of DRCN road maintenance system in GoN agencies.

RAP3 TA for Road Improvement Works – The RAP3 technical assistance on construction supervision of contract works implemented using GoN funds through DDF in JHA, MOR and PAR districts is on-going. Improvement works of DOT district completed. Road surface (asphalt concrete) failures of MOR improvement works are under investigation and awaiting report by the independent consultant appointed by RAP3. Works in JHA & PAR are stopped during monsoon. Remaining works expected to complete in Oct-16 in MOR and Dec-16 in JHA and PAR. DoLIDAR to arrange budget for ongoing works in the next FY and RAP3 to continue TA support for construction supervision till works are finished.

Procurement – Additional quantities of tools, materials and safety gears required for next construction working season are collected from new construction districts and assessed to proceed with procurement process at TMO. Deliveries of tools and materials procured for new construction districts substantially completed.

RAP3 CONNECT – Former SED is now split into Connect and Safeguards components. Connect programme activities started in 5 core districts (ACH, BAJ, DAI, DOT and JUM).

- INGOs' work completion reports for SED reviewed, comments provided and waiting for final reports.
- Regional office in DOT has been finalised.
- Due Diligence of CONNECT partners completed and reports from Chartered Accountants awaited.
- Negotiations with Kumari, Prabhu and Triveni Bikaas Banks to extend credit and improved rates for CONNECT partners on-going.

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. Environmental management and climate resilience measures also continued in parallel with road side bio-engineering works in new construction corridors.

Capacity Building – CPD programme continued in all programme districts. Activities of ASPs are continued during this month as well. District Annual Reviews of most districts completed. Support to DoLIDAR on digitisation of DRCN maps continued and preparation of Rural Road Statistics proposed to publish soon. NEC on Professional Engineering programme is under review due to board decision to reduce personal objectives from 10 to 5. IEA opinion being sought.

PMV – Field verification works continued. Continual improvement actions on 104 out of 127 issues raised by audits since the beginning of RAP3 accomplished and actions on remaining 23 issues ongoing. FRA review by DFID consultants expected May end is not received yet.

Risks and Mitigations – Demand for compulsory donations to operate party programmes by CPN Maoist (Biplav) party cadres is intensified and are putting pressure with life threats to district staff especially in KAL, ACH and DAI districts. RAP3 DPMs, RMO Advisor and RMO Regional Manager attended the meeting organised with the party leader (Seti Mahakali Bureau Chief of the party) on 14 July 2016 in Kathmandu. Meeting helped clarify the situation and RAP3 positions in districts. In response the CPN Maoist party leader committed to help resolve the problem and also requested to directly communicate with him for any misunderstanding that arises in future.

Following the meeting with the party leader, no more threats are received and noticed the situation has calmed down at least for now.

Others – RAP3 extension plan is approved by DFID. As per extension RAP3 programme to continue till June 2019. DTMP - 19 out of 20 additional districts are complete with Sarlahi waiting for approval due to transfer of the LDO and ongoing CIAA investigations of other DDC's business. EIA study report of the proposed Mugu Humla link road submitted to MOPE through MOFALD for approval. MOPE has published one month notice in Gorkhapatra, the national daily seeking comments and suggestions on the report from public on 27 July 2016 in the process of approval.