

Strategic Management Team

Monthly Review – November 2016

Progress against Implementation Year 3 Targets = 85.39%					
Result	This month		IY3 Cumulative progress to date	% IY3 Target	IY3 Target (Jan 2017)
	Target	Progress			
Employment (days)	30,000	34,492	1,057,302 employment days	105.7	+1,000,000 employment days
LRN (km)	2,000	1,925	1,925 km DRCN maintained	96.3	2000 km DRCN maintained
	0.0	0.1	7.8km 2.5m track opened	45.9	+17 km at 2.5m track opened
	0.0	0.0	On-going		
	0.2	0.1	18.8km 3.5m track opened	64.8	+29 km at 3.5m track opened
	4.0	2.88	On-going		
	0.2	0.13	20.83km 4.5m full widening	71.8	+29 km at 4.5m full widening
	3.0	6.09	On-going		
SED	NA	NA	SED benefited hh	N/A	+1,200 SED benefited hh
	NA	NA	Benefited infrastructure hh	N/A	+1,320 benefited hh
	NA	NA	Business service providers	N/A	+92 service providers
CONNECT	10%	10%	74% work plan delivered	N/A	100% work plan delivered
Capacity Building	200	657	4,032 training days	69.5	+5,800 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 = 83.3%

Key Issues: SED targets are suspended and implementation of Connect programme with input based approach started from June 2016. Recast LogFrame to be adopted after DFID's approval.

*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 Budget = 70.33%			Amount (UK£)
Component	INVOICED this month (November 2016)	Third Year Cumulative Total	FORECAST for next month (December 2016)
Output 1 (Employment days):	113,993.64	1,830,882.53	132,197.00
Output 2 (LRN):	386,607.68	1,891,885.13	335,999.94
Output 3 (CONNECT):	23,666.05	127,147.55	25,000.00
Output 3 (Safeguard):	5,814.37	44,228.73	10,000.00
Output 4 (CBID):	32,034.01	80,344.43	14,627.40
PMV	15,424.19	248,184.41	15,424.19
Other – TA	141,935.44	995,557.54	79,644.63
OVERALL	719,475.38	5,218,230.32	612,893.17

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	7	
Total field verifications conducted to date in IY3	124	
Audit	Number	Key issues / Actions required
Audits conducted this month	1	Audit approach targeted at key issues/risks.
Total Audits Conducted to Date in IY3	25	Programme Management and Verification (PMV) data management audit in JUM accomplished.

Key issues:
(Feedback arising from audits and opportunities for continual improvement. Any actions required?) Of the 7 issues raised by the audit in the reporting month, 1 issue is related to RAP3 management leaving others for actions related to the district coordinators and the DTAs. Total issues raised by audit up till Nov since the beginning of the programme has reached at 170 and 146 issues have been settled as the part of continual improvement by the management with 24 issues in hand.

Narrative

Core New Construction – New construction of 97.5km road in HUM, MUG, KAL and BAJ is on-going.

RBGs remobilised after celebrating two festivals and agricultural harvesting in BAJ, KAL and MUG. But in HUM road building groups in new construction works will remobilise from early next month. Hand drills for rock breaking works are also being used in these districts.

Road Maintenance – RMG road maintenance in 10 districts (4 core - ACH, DAI, DOT & JUM and 6 pilots – DAD, PAR, SAN, MOR & JHA) continued as planned. But in SIN due to delay in annual contract renewal process by DDC, RMGs could not continue working.

As decided in the RAP3 SC meeting on 28 Nov 2016, GON will provide additional NPR 70 million in this FY to meet budget shortfall of RMG maintenance works in pilot districts. RAP providing “Light Touch” TA in SAN, SIN and DAD.

Arrangements made for the continued road maintenance supervision by recruiting mid- and low-level technical support consultant staff directly under the programme.

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.

The last meeting organised by DDC Morang with the contractor in the presence of the DoLIDAR PC and RAP3 agreed to appoint an independent expert to come up with alternate proposal after field assessment by the DDC. The DDC Morang has yet to formally move in appointing an independent expert.

Contractors restarted works in JHA, the road corridor in MOR & PAR stopped during monsoon and festivals.

Procurement – Contract agreements of two supply contract packages (Gumboots and First Aid Kits) signed.

Supplies of geotextile, G.I. wires and boxes and construction tools to new construction districts on-going.

RAP3 CONNECT – Connect programme in 5 core districts (ACH, BAJ, DAI, DOT and JUM) is on-going.

- MSME #1 Aastha General Store & Suppliers, Jumla partner orientation workshop on DD commitments and working modalities completed.
- 5 MOUs with DDCs signed to develop a software solution to support an online DDC SED database.
- As on date 25 staff recruited into 7 MSME partners (#3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9).
- 91 long term downstream supplier agreements signed across 6 MSME partners (# 3, 4, 6, 7, 8 and 9).
- Coordinating closely and supporting OMF to complete credit assessment related compliance (queries and financial forecasts) of Prabhu Bank Limited to expedite loan sanction process.
- Negotiated with Nimbus Probiotic Tech Industries Private Limited to invest in a 2-week pilot with MSME #3 Belpata Dairy Cooperative to test the feasibility of high yielding cattle feed pellets as an alternative input to increase milk yield, fat content and SNF (solids – not – fats) for their downstream suppliers.

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.

This month First Aid Kit medicines replenished in KAL. Environmental management and climate resilience measures continued in new construction corridors.

Capacity Building – CPD programme continued in all programme districts. Preparation of next year’s ASPs on-going. 1 year extension contract to run “Bikash Ko Baato” through local FM stations.

Support to DoLIDAR on digitisation of DRCN maps continued and preparation of Rural Road Statistics proposed to publish soon. Map digitisation works of all (75) districts completed. NEC on Professional Engineering programme is under review.

PMV –Continual improvement actions on 24 issues are being taken through management and district levels. Of the 132 total issues raised by external financial auditor 127 issues are settled and management actions are ongoing for the remaining.

Actions of issues raised in the internal audits are ongoing. Issues related to erection of RAP3 information board in office premises and preparation of safeguard guideline are underway and RMO training on safe and effective development for HUM & KAL DTAs will be organised in consultation with RMO. Arrangements for smooth handover of duties and responsibilities of staff during transfers are made and will be ensured in future.

Risks and Mitigations – Mitigation measures on risks taken by the programme include as per the following:

- Damage of existing DRCN due to monsoon rains in 10 maintenance districts – RAP3 to provide a total of NPR 4.51 million to cover costs for emergency road maintenance works in SAN, MOR, DAI, JUM, ACH & DOT upon requests;
- RMG budget shortfall in road maintenance districts – RAP3 Steering Committee meeting held on 28 Nov 2016 decided to meet shortfall of RMG maintenance budget by NPR 50 million from GoN source for current FY and agreed to internalise RMG maintenance works in pilot districts in GoN agencies from next FY; and
- Delay on VAT refund to the RAP3 partners – Despite continuous follow up NPR 44 million is still pending in IRD GoN on VAT refund requests made 5-14 months before by the programme. Total VAT amount released by IRD in this month was NPR 2.7 million. However, the total amount to be refunded by IRD is ever increasing.

Others –Recast Logical Framework for extended programme implementation to be adopted after determining milestone targets with DFID.

DTMP - 19 out of 20 additional districts are complete with Sarlahi waiting for the final approval.

EIA study report of Mugu Humla link road – Waiting for approval from MOPE.