

Strategic Management Team Monthly Review Report – April 2018

Progress against Implementation Year 4 Targets = 93.50%

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	2,243	2,243 km DRCN maintained (Total)	107.37%	2,089km DRCN maintained
	1.50km	0.56km	8.06km 3.5m track opened	100.75%	+8 km at 3.5m track opened
	0.00km	0.00km	On-going		
	2.00km	0.76km	11.96km 4.5m full widening	99.67%	+12 km at 4.5m track opened
	3.00km	2.92km	On-going		
	40.00km	45.00km	45.00km road works completed	75.00%	+60 km road completed
Employment days	130,000	162,168 [144,876] [17,292]	823,513 employment days (Total) [Claimed from DFID in Apr-18] [Created from GON budget on RMG maintenance in Apr-18]	132.82%	+620,000 employment days
Capacity Building	60	60	846 training days	104.44%	+810 training days
	1	1	2 local level workshops organised and GIS training materials for 135 municipalities IT staff prepared	75.00%	+4 policies/guidelines developed for and delivered to GoN
CONNECT	7%	4%	82% 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	1	16 internal audits conducted	88.89%	+18 internal audits completed
	1	1	3 trimester progress reports	100%	3 trimester reports completed

Time elapsed in Year 4 = 83.33%

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

Road construction works of 2 corridors (MKDR & MCDR) in BAJ and 1 corridor (SSDR) in KAL substantially completed. SSDR handed over to Raskot Municipality in January.

Financial Progress Against Year 4 Budget = 104.67%

Amount (UK£)

Component	INVOICED this month (April 2018)	IY4 Cumulative Total Cumulative Total	FORECAST for next month (May 2018)
Output 1 (LRN):	358,696.00	1,604,696.25	139,776.00
Output 2 (Employment days):	724,380.00	3,711,652.71	700,000.00
Output 3 (CBID):	26,880.00	97,891.52	2,880.00
Output 4 (CONNECT):	18,329.69	254,246.73	25,000.00
Safeguard:	5,208.74	60,011.40	7,500.50
PMV (Audit and Reports):	29,200.00	233,299.85	17,200.00
Other – TA:	122,000.00	928,000.00	70,000.00
Flexible Fund- (MHLR-CDEL):	53,331.96	203,347.00	40,567.00
Flexible Fund - (Fees escalation + GIS training - RDEL):	42,835.00	132,608.18	30,000.00
OVERALL	1,380,861.39	7,225,753.64	1,032,923.50

Key issues and remarks:

Output 4 (CONNECT) and Safeguard invoiced on actual costs and others based on results. Total invoice exceeded by £188k due to increased result in completed road length and employment days and omission of CBID DLI during projection.

Quality Management

Field Verification Works in IY4	Number	Actions taken
Field verifications conducted this month	20	Reporting on feedback of accomplished works has helped improved monitoring and quality of works
Total field verifications conducted to date	202	
Audit	Number	Key issues / Actions required
Audits conducted this month	1	Audit approach targeted at key issues/risks. One audit on use of Connect component programme funds by private sector partners in DAI and RMG/SMG works conducted during the reporting month.
Total Audits Conducted to Date in IY4	16	

Key issues:

Total issues raised by audit up till April 2018 since the beginning of the programme has reached at 225. Continual improvement actions on 224 issues completed and action on the remaining issue related to the slowed construction progress of GSKDR, HUM ongoing.

Narrative

Core New Construction – New construction of 97.5km road in HUM, MUG, KAL and BAJ ongoing. Road safety, climate resilience and RMG maintenance works in SDDR, KAL and road construction finishing, road safety & climate resilience works of 2 road corridors in BAJ ongoing. In SDDR, Mini Buses started plying to provide transport facilities to local people.

Construction works in JRDR KAL, 2 roads in HUM and 1 road in MUG ongoing. RBG attendance in SDDR remained at 75% and GSKDR remained at 80% in HUM, JRDR remained at 95% in KAL, GDDR remained at 67% in MUG and 100% of work assigned groups in BAJ. RBGs' attendance in MUG and HUM remained less due to engagements of people on farm preparation works for harvesting and local festivals.

Road Maintenance – RMG road maintenance of DRCN in 10 districts and 3 new construction districts except Humla, where no DRCN exists, ongoing. RMG wages of 10 maintenance districts is being paid through DTOs using GoN allocated budget on maintenance. Orientation training to technical focal persons on RMG management handover to local levels of pilot districts completed.

SMG specific road maintenance pilots - second round in DAD, DAI, DOT, ACH and JUM ongoing. SMG works in these districts scheduled to complete in June 2018.

Term Maintenance contracts in DAD and DAI ongoing. Contractors are engaged for specific maintenance works after completing emergency maintenance works in both the districts. About two-third of term maintenance works completed up till April 2018.

Procurement – Delivery of tools, materials and PPE supplies of 7 packages of IY4 contracts completed. Likewise delivery of PPEs, replenishment of medicines for first aid kits, geotextiles and traffic signs of 5 packages of small procurements completed.

Small procurements works like HDPE pipes, cement and binding wires for all new construction districts ongoing.

RAP3 CONNECT – Connect programme in 6 core districts (ACH, BAJ, DAD, DAI, DOT and JUM) ongoing.

MSME #2 – 400 Hamri Didis appointed, 293 trading with a billed value to date of NPR 5,880,661

MSME #4 – Contract between PACC & Regmi Mandi for purchase of fresh vegetables renewed for further 5 years; new JTA recruited and will join from 1 May 2018.

MSME #5 – 598.62 MT of fresh ginger purchased for processing; 483.64 MT processed; 25.5 MT exported.

MSME #7 – STOS public meeting conducted; long term agreements with 13 DSSs renewed & signed with an additional 24 DSSs.

MSME #9 – Co-investment terms for seed grading machine agreed with HSPC; construction of 4 irrigation ponds started.

EE #6 – 3 interns complete internship, of which 2 are appointed as Enterprise Graduates.

EE #7 – Resource library established at both FECs; FEC Narayan Campus celebrated production of first batch of copy books with an event attended by federal government representative.

Safeguards – Social mobilisation, workers' and work site safety, rehabilitation and reinstatement of damaged structures and public utilities in new construction districts ongoing. Support on future engagement plans of ex-RBGs in new construction districts and use of group saving monies in BAJ and KAL ongoing.

LRUC level public audits in both road corridors of BAJ and one corridor of MUG organised. Road safety awareness raising training programme to students of all schools located in the road zone of influence to kick off after opening of new sessions of schools in BAJ and KAL.

Finalisation of Climate Resilience and Road Safety Audit reports of both road corridors, BAJ ongoing.

MHLR Design – Detailed engineering design of the Chankheli-Darma section of MHLR finalisation works ongoing.

Visiting Regional Director of DFID announced UKaid funding for construction of MHLR through RAP in a function organised in Karnali Pradesh secretariat in Surkhet on 24 April 2018.

Contracts with 5 excavator owners signed and 4 excavators crossed Mugu Karnali river to kick off EBRW pilot works. Likewise, RAP procured a tractor and trailer that have crossed the river to transport fuel for EBRW pilot works.

Capacity Building – Radio programme “Bikashko Baato” through local FM stations is ongoing. NEC introduced Professional Engineering programme in Nepal with the programme support and NEC conferred title of Professional Engineering to the first batch of 13 applicants through the senior route on 9 April 2018.

Preparation of training materials to run a basic level GIS course for municipality technicians in RAP3 districts completed. The first batch of 6-days training to GEs to commence on 1 May 2018 in Kathmandu and 5 more batches of the training to be followed for IT technicians of 135 Rural/Municipalities of all programme districts.

GIS based digitized maps of 99 of 135 Rural/Municipalities of RAP3 districts prepared and preparation of the remaining Rural/Municipalities to be continued after completion of GIS training.

PMV – Continual improvement actions on 224 of 225 total issues raised by audit up till April 2018 completed. Action on the remaining issue related to the reasons for slowed construction progress in GSKDR, HUM reviewed and actions ongoing by replacing the technical team led by the EO from MUG.

External third party financial audit report of programme spend incurred during Feb 2016 – Jun 2017 finalised. Management action on audit recommendations for improvement ongoing.

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

GoN budget allocation for RMG road maintenance works in 14 RAP3 districts – RAP3 has reported to GoN through PC/DoLIDAR to ensure budget allocation for RMG maintenance works and continue maintenance works in all RAP3 districts. Briefing notes identifying approximate budget need for financing RMG maintenance through RBN and APPIIC initiatives prepared and submitted.

DoR financing to road construction works through contract on MHLR in Mugu – DoR agreed to cancel the contract proposed to utilise NPR 15 million of this year's allocated budget upon receipt of written assurance from DoLIDAR that the proposed road to build from donor's funding. As agreed in the meeting, DoLIDAR informed DoR on DFID's funding assurance.

Others – Comments on the draft study report on economic analysis of rural roads taking references of some roads constructed in the preceding phases in eastern and western cluster districts and one newly constructed road corridor in KAL under Phase 3 of the programme submitted by the Consultant Economist provided to consider for finalisation of the report.

Annex

CBID	Capacity Building and Institutional Development
DFID	Department for International Development (UK Aid)
DLI	Disbursement Linked Indicator
DoLIDAR	Department of Local Infrastructure Development and Agricultural Roads
DoR	Department of Road
DRCN	District Road Core Network
DTO	District Technical Office
EBRW	Equipment Based Road Work
EE	Enabling Environment
EO	Engineering Officer
GE	Graduate Engineer
GIS	Geographic Information System
GoN	Government of Nepal
LRN	Local Road Network
LRUC	Local Road User Committee
MHLR	Mugu Humla Rink Road
MSME	Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
NEC	Nepal Engineering Council
PC	Programme Coordinator
PMV	Performance Management and Verification
PPE	Personal Protective Equipment
RAP	Rural Access Programme
RMG	Road Maintenance Group
SBG	Special Building Group
SMG	Specific Maintenance Group