



Monthly Newsletter of the Nepal Peace Trust Fund Volume 11, August 2013

Projects approved by NPTF Board

The fifteenth meeting of the Nepal Peace Trust Fund (NPTF) Board held on 8 July approved four new projects worth 4,983.64 million Nepali rupees. The projects include Election Commission, Nepal's (ECN's) project on "Next Constituent Assembly Elections" with a budget of NPR 4,756.49 million, National Women Commission's project on "Promoting Equal Participation of Women in Decision Making Positions and Peace Building Process" with a budget of NPR 25.10 million, Nepal Television's project on "Peace Building for Reconciliation, Coexistence and Socioeconomic Reconstruction through Television Campaign" with a budget of NPR 120.03 million and Radio Nepal's project on "Peace Promotion through Radio- Phase II" with a budget of NPR 82.02 million. These projects were recommended by the Technical Committee on 3 July for approval.

The Board also decided to disburse additional NPR 3 billion to the ECN for the purposes of the upcoming elections to the Constituent Assembly upon programme/activities approved by Technical Committee of the NPTF.

High Level delegation to the MoPR

A five member delegation from the Government of Timor-Leste, headed by Minister for Social Solidarity, Ms. Isabel Amaral Guterres met the Secretary of Ministry of Peace and Reconstruction (MoPR) on 31 July. The discussion covered the areas of peacebuilding, transitional justice and implementation status of National Action Plan on UNSCR 1325/1820 of both the countries.

Core Cluster meeting held

The meeting of the Core Cluster held on 5 July reviewed 8 concept notes submitted by Non-Government Actors (NGAs) under the pilot initiative of PFS on 'Peace Fund for NGA' and also recommended these concept notes to the Administration Agent, GIZ, for further actions.

External monitoring of NPTF Projects

The external monitoring team, Scott Wilson Nepal, shared their reflections from field visit to Achham, Doti and Ramechhap districts in a meeting at PFS on 26 July.

CDU Activities

- Sixth Induction program was held for eleven MoPR officials on 28-29 July in Kathmandu.
- A meeting was held on 30 July to discuss on issues of O & M of the MoPR and to feed input to the consultant. The final report is expected to come by Mid-August.
- A workshop was organized on 4 July to discuss on ToR for the Peace Focal Persons (PFPs). The ToR has now been approved by MoPR and an orientation is planned for PFPs in Mid-July.
- A taskforce has been constituted by MoPR on 3 July to formulate M & E framework for CD activities.

New GESI Advisor in the PFS

Dr. Munni Sharma, Gender Equality and Social Inclusion Advisor funded under the technical support by USAID has joined PFS from 22 July.