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New Secretary in MoPR

The new Secretary to the Ministry of Peace and Reconstruction (MoPR), Mr. Dhana Bahadur Tamang has assumed office on 21 October. He has the experience of 25 years in the civil service. Mr. Tamang has been transferred to this Ministry from the Public Procurement Monitoring Office. Mr. Tamang succeeded Mr. Dharanidhar Khatiwada, who has recently retired from civil service after serving for 35 years.

Mr. Tamang was briefed by the NPTF Director Mr. Sadharam Sapkota on the activities and status of NPTF operations in its premises on Oct 22.

Technical Committee Meeting held

The Technical Committee of the Nepal Peace Trust Fund (NPTF) approved the project document submitted by Election Commission Nepal titled "Operating Next constituent Assembly Elections, 2013" with a budget of NPR 3 Billion on 28 Oct based on the authority delegated to it by the 15th meeting of the NPTF Board. It was earlier discussed and reviewed by the Sectoral Cluster of the NPTF.

NPTF Director inaugurated two Area Police Units

The PFS Director, Mr. Sapkota inaugurated two newly constructed Area Police Offices in Kerabari/Morang and Mahendra Nagar/Sunsari districts on 20th Oct. They were reconstructed under "Police Units Reconstruction-Phase II" project, which was funded by the NPTF.

UNPBF Mission Visited PFS

Review mission of the UN Peace Building Fund visited PFS on 28 Oct and shared experiences with the PFS team.

Joint Monitoring team observed election activities

A team of eleven officials including PFS and donor representatives from Denmark, DFID, EU, GIZ, Norway and USAID visited Parsa and Makawanpur districts to observe election related activities of the Election Commission, Nepal's project titled "Next Constituent Assembly Election 2013" funded by NPTF. During the field visit, the team interacted with Chief District Officers, District Election Officers, Returning Officers and voter educators. They also observed community level voter education activities in Padam Pokhari VDC and Hetauda municipality of Makawanpur district.

CDU Activity

Two meeting of the CDU were held on Oct 7 and Oct 30 and discussed on involvement of Conflict Prevention Programme/UNDP on Capacity Development activities. Other projects were also approved by the CDU.