



**Project Title: 0106– Basic Infrastructure Building in the Cantonment Sites (Telephone Sub Project)**

**Name of Implementing Agency:** Nepal Telecom

**Status:** Completed

**Duration:** 20th April 2007- 16 July, 2007

**Location:** All 28 cantonment sites: Danabari, Taadi, Yangshila, (**Ilam**); Belsot, Ranibas. Khayarmara, Dudhauri, (**Sindhuli**); Bhutia, Garibas, Rasauli, (**Chitwan**); Sainamaina, Ramnagar, Hattikhor, Rakachuli, (**Nawalparasi**); Sangram, Tila, Ungha, (**Rolpa**); Khotepani, Lekhparsa, Ghurmi (**Surkhet**); Ghorangi, Badaipur, Sahajpur (**Kailali**)

**Beneficiaries:** 30,582 Maoists combatants and other neighbouring communities

**Total Project Budget:** NPR 4 Million

**Description:**

This is a sub-project of Cluster 1 that aims to provide Telephone Services in the 28 Cantonment Sites. The Cantonment Management Central Coordinator's Office is mainly responsible to coordinate implementation of this project. Nepal Telecom has carried out the implementation of this sub project.

**Summary of Achievements:**

The Basic Infrastructure Building (Telephone Network sub project) was completed as per plan providing communication services to a total number of 30,582 users in the cantonment sites. Activities of the sub project included procurement and installation of CDMA; VHF; Landlines; and VSATs.

**Outcome:**

Improved communication in the cantonments resulted in better connection of the combatants with family members and engagement with the wider society.

**Issues:**

Communication facilities were often considered inadequate until the wider coverage of the areas by mobile phone networks which the combatants subsequently started to use.