

Project Title: 0407 Public Consultation for Constitution Making (Phase I), 2009

Name of Implementing Agency: Constituent Assembly Secretariat Singha Durbar, Kathmandu, Nepal.

Project Coverage Area: Throughout the country

Duration: 15 Dec 2008 to 23 March 2009

Status: Completed

Location: All over the country

Total Project Budget: Nrs 300,776,000



Objectives:

- To engage Nepali citizens in drafting of the new Constitution.
- To carry out extensive publicity of the consultation process.
- Enable Constituent Assembly (CA) members to collect public opinions at the field level by carrying out consultations.

Summary of Achievements:

Town-hall type meetings - 1906, Public submissions of the comments	63,427
Teams of CA members visited to interact with locals	40
Compilation of filled questionnaires	431,216
Analysis of Questionnaires	494,643
Submission of reports by the Committees	40

Outcomes:

- High level of engagement of the public in consultant processes resulting in people feeling that they had opportunities to express their views.¹
- Improved understanding of public on constitution and its reflection in CA discussions.²

Issues:

- Some members of the rural population felt that the consultation by CA members used long and complex questionnaires with limited information.

¹ Questionnaires in 75 districts; more than 2000 programs/events and 500000 suggestions collected (IDEA-OHCHR-UNDP report).

² 11 Thematic CA Committees have submitted their reports to the CA (Nepal, 2011) (Nepal, 2011)²