

**Project Title: 0412 - Strengthening Local Peace Committees: Peace with the bottom-up approach**

**Name of Implementing Agency:** MoPR

**Collaborating agencies:** Selected state training institutions and international and local resource providers

**Project Coverage Area:** MoPR, 75 districts

**Location:** MoPR, 75 districts

**Status:** Ongoing

**Duration:** February 2011 to July 2013

**Total Project Budget:** Rs 435,220,800



**Context:**

The concept of Local Peace Committees (LPCs) came with the objective to secure peace through a process at local level, creating a conducive environment for the implementation of the local aspects of the peace agreements. This further includes enabling community participation in the constitution-building and reconciliation processes, facilitate the implementation of development initiatives, and ensure full democracy at the local level with involvement from all sides. It is of course pertinent that central level political dynamics and scenarios will always impact the results of LPCs.

**Goal:** Strengthen Local Peace Committees as effective, autonomous local peace structures.

**Summary of Achievements:**

- Training institutes are being selected and training manuals are under preparation
- Procurement of logistics is completed

**Outcomes**

Wider awareness on LPC and its activities is providing a platform for CAP to access support<sup>1</sup> while proving, in most cases, to be a reliable peace building partner for local level peace building initiatives.

**Issues:** LPC continues to be affected by political interference mostly at central level while absence of conflict sensitive skills among its members and resource base limits full realisation of its potentials

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<sup>1</sup> More than 50% of respondents from External Monitoring survey have knowledge of LPC formation in the district. Additionally, out of 140 respondents, 58% said LPC is effectively facilitating relief support programmes.