



Project Title: 0415 – Peace Promotion Through Radio

Name of Implementing Agency: Radio Nepal

Project Coverage Area: Across Nepal (with a focus on 17 districts - Darchula, Kanchanpur , Kailali, Bajura, Mugu, Surkhet, Dang, Rolpa, Myagdi, Palpa, Lamjung, Chitwan, Sindhuli, Hetauda, Khotang, Panchthar, Siraha)

Status: Ongoing

Duration: Jan 2012 to Dec 2012

Total Project Budget: NRs. 19,906,656

Goal:

Sustainable peace characterized by full respect for human rights and non-existence of impunity ensured

Purpose:

Collective engagement of conflict-affected people in peace building initiative to create an enabling environment in which people live in co-existence and without fear and are able to take part in decisions and processes that affect their lives.

Description of the project:

Peace Promotion through Radio project aims at building peace at grassroots level and consolidate peace efforts being undertaken in the country. Media, particularly radio, the most pervasive means of communication and dissemination with more than 86% of the population-coverage, can support the peace building efforts by raising awareness of the general public, identifying structural issues to be addressed, sensitising stakeholders on issues to be dealt with immediately (such as reconciliation, rehabilitation, reconstruction and recovery), building relationships of trust amongst different actors and mobilising them in the peace building process.

Dialogues such as Radio Peace Debate (RPD) and Radio Peace Reporting (RPR) at community level and Radio Peace Drama Series (RPDS) would be thus crucially important to help conflict-affected communities grapple with the changes in the political context, and generate hopes amongst them that there will be prevalence of peace and progress again in their vicinity, and inculcate ethos of co-existence, non-violence and social cohesion in them– which will truly help achieve the necessary transformation of the society and the state, where violent conflicts do not exist.

Outcomes: Yet to emerge as the project is in initial stages of implementation.

Expected Outputs:

Output 1: The catalytic roles of radio forums mobilised for consolidating social cohesion and non-violence.

Output 2: Public awareness about dynamics of peace building enhanced gearing-up the people for post-conflict development.