



Title of the project: Peace Promotion through Radio- Phase II

Implementing Agency: Radio Nepal

Responsible Person: Suresh Kumar Karki, Executive Director, Radio Nepal

Status: Ongoing

Cluster: CA and Peace Building Initiatives at National and Local Levels

Duration: July 10, 2013 to July 9, 2015

Location: Across Nepal (25 districts)

Budget: NRs. 82,023,100

Brief Description:

Peace Promotion through Radio- Phase II project aims at building peace at grassroots level and consolidates 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. Radio has the capacity to support the peace building efforts because it is a tool for raising awareness, promoting dialogues and hence trust between the various stakeholders (specially, communities at different levels in society, people with various political affiliations) and also a platform for all sides to come together and work for a common goal, thus giving a sense of ownership of the peace building process to a large section of Nepali society. Continuing Dialogues such as Radio Peace Debate and Radio Peace Reporting at community level and Radio Peace Drama Series 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.

Goal:

Strengthening democratic participation through civic engagement

Purpose:

Sensitization of the general citizens on their constructive roles in peace building and socio-economic reconstruction

Immediate Objective:

The process of reconciliation, co-existence and recovery strengthened

Output:

- Mobilization of radio forums for promoting social cohesion and non-violence.
- Enhancement of public ownership of peace building for post-conflict reconstruction