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NPTF Board Approves Projects worth NPR 636 million

The 19th meeting of the Board of the Nepal Peace Trust Fund (NPTF) approved two projects of NPR 636 million for supporting livelihoods of conflict-affected people and for strengthening the Local Peace Committees on Thursday.

Ek Nath Dhakal, Minister of Peace and Reconstruction, chaired the meeting that was attended by Dip Narayan Sah, Minister of State for Peace and Reconstruction, Dr. Kripa Sindhu Prasad, member of the National Planning Commission, and representatives from the Ministry of Home Affairs, Unified Communist Party of Nepal and the Rashtriya Prajatantra Party Nepal.

One project that will be implemented by the MoPR in collaboration with Tribhuvan University aims to strengthen the LPCs for promoting local peace, and is expected to cost NPR 146 million.

The other project will be implemented by a consortium of five agencies led by the Ministry of Industry (MoI) and aims to support socio-economic integration of conflict-affected people through vocational training and enterprise development, and is expected to cost NPR 490 million.

The MoI's project partners include Ministry of Agricultural Development, the Council for Technical and Vocational Training, Industrial Enterprise Development Institute and the Federation of Nepalese Chambers of Commerce and Industry.

Both projects will be implemented in 35 districts that were most affected by the conflict.

"With most of its tasks accomplished the Fund is inching towards closure," said Ek Nath Dhakal, minister MoPR. "Projects now are focused on consolidating the past achievements and facilitating smooth closure by carrying out the unfinished business."

Officiating secretary of the MoPR, Rishi Rajbhandari informed the meeting on the progress of NPTF since its inception in 2007, saying that of 65 projects supported by NPTF, 59 have been completed and the remaining six are expected to be completed by mid-July 2016.

Until March 2016 the approved projects had a budget of NPR 23.9 billion of which 18.1 billion has been disbursed, he said, adding that the Implementing Agencies had spent NPR 16.4 billion.

A major proportion of funds went to support the constituent assembly, and peace building (52%). The other high spending area was the management of cantonments and the integration and rehabilitation of former Maoist combatants (24%), security and transitional justice (20%), and support to conflict-affected people (4%).

The NPTF has approved seven projects for its final phase from 2014 to July 2017.

Andreas Roettger, head of cooperation of the European Union in Nepal represented the Donor Chair at the meeting. He said he had visited some LPCs and it was important to strengthen them.

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