



Induction Report of Community WASH Improvement Project

Gorkha Municipality

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Introduction:

Nepal lost nearly 9,000 people and over 22,000 were injured because of the 25 April and 12 May 2015 earthquakes in central Nepal. Significant infrastructure was lost (as much as 90% in the most affected areas) with, additionally, over 500,000 homes destroyed and some 270,000 damaged¹. In total eight million people were affected out of which 2.3 million people lost their livelihoods and jobs. The Earthquake also extensively damaged public infrastructures, services and private properties - an estimated 3470 classrooms and 79 health post flattened. In addition, the trekking trails and only access routes to middle and Northern Gorkha were cut off in at least six locations due to landslides caused by the earthquake. This was further compounded by the subsequent monsoon rains.

Gorkha District, a part of recently constituted Gandaki state with a population of more than 271,000, was epicentre of 2015 devastated earthquake. Gorkha's population is geographically wide-spread, with small settlements and villages scattered in between deep valleys and mountains. The epicentre of the earthquake was in Barpak, around 50 km from Gorkha town. In Gorkha district alone, 470 deaths were recorded including 20 missing and 1,348 injured. A total 67,364 houses have been reported damaged. Since then with continuous efforts of governmental and nongovernmental organizations, Gorkha is trying to recover from the damaged caused by the 2015 devastated earthquake.

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) is one of major sector, which sustained substantial damages and losses in the earthquake affected districts and need immediate attention. According to PDNA the sector assessment report, out of total 11,288 water supply systems in the 14 most-affected affected districts, 1,570 sustained major damages, 3,663 partial damages, and that approximately 220,000 toilets were partially or destroyed. Likewise, of the total 16,433 water supply systems in the 17 moderately affected districts, 747 sustained major damage, 1,761 were partially damaged, and approximately 168,000 toilets were partially or destroyed. it is reported that 30% population has lost access to clean portable water and 40% population has pushed back from safe sanitation services in Gorkha district.

The Qatar Red Crescent and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Nepal signed an agreement on 6 July 2018, to rehabilitate and rebuild community infrastructure and facilities in Gorkha. The "Community Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Improvement Project" aims at enhancing the access of approximately 10,000 earthquake-affected people to improved community infrastructure and services. The total budget of the project is NRs 36.8 million (US\$ 335,330), out of which Qatar Red Crescent is contributing NRs 16.5 million (US \$150,000), UNDP NRs. 3.3 million (US \$30,000) and the Gorkha Municipality and communities NRs. 17 million (US \$155,370).

¹ Nepal Post Disaster Needs Assessment, 2015

Objectives:

The overall goal of the project is to improve personal and community health through improving basic WASH related community infrastructures/facilities in the earthquake affected communities. To achieve this goal, the project will pursue two interlinked outcomes:

Outcome 1: WASH related community infrastructure rehabilitated, rebuilt, or newly constructed to improve better access to the basic WASH services, and

Outcome 2: Access to WASH services of people in earthquake-affected communities enhanced thereby improved their health condition

This is a six-month joint project with Qatar Red Crescent, UNDP and Gorkha Municipality to help earthquake affected communities to improve their health and disaster resilience. The project activities include construction of two irrigation schemes, a drinking water system, a school building, a health post and over two hundred toilets and installation of hospital waste management system in the district hospital. The project activities are complementary to the planned interventions of the local government and implementation will be coordinated by the concerned ward chairs of the Gorkha municipality.

Induction Programme:

On 30 July, The Gorkha Municipality in consultation with Qatar Red Crescent (QRC) and UNDP organized an induction programme for “Community WASH Improvement Project” was inviting the concerned stakeholders. A joint Community WASH Improvement Project was officially launched by the project partners, Gorkha Municipality, Qatar Red Crescent (QRC) and UNDP. The project activities will be focused in 2, 4 and 6 Wards of the Gorkha Municipality in order to rehabilitate and reconstruct WASH infrastructures damaged by 2015 earthquake.

The induction programme was attended by Chief of District Coordination Committee (DCC), Joint- Secretary and Spokesperson of Ministry of Federal Affairs and General Administration (MoFAGA), Chief District Officer (CDO), Chief of district level Grant Management and Local Infrastructure for Reconstruction; district line agencies such as water supply and sanitation office, public health office, Irrigation office, Chief and representatives Security Authority at district level, Chairman of project implementing wards and their secretaries, Members of respective Wards Executive Committee, representatives of UNDP and Civil Society etc.

The Mayor of Gorkha Municipality chaired the Induction Programme.

Proceedings of Programme:

The Induction Programme was commenced with introduction of participants followed by welcome speech from the Deputy Mayor of Gorkha Municipality.



Ms. Bina Shrestha, Deputy Mayor of Gorkha Municipality welcomed the participants and expressed her sincere gratitude to UNDP for playing a key role in introducing a new project in the Municipality. She further shared that the Gorkha Municipality will put full efforts to complete all the planned projects on time and establish strong monitoring mechanism to maintain the quality and timely completion of the projects. She expressed her gratitude to all the participants for allocating their valuable time to

attend the Induction Programme and requested their support and advise for the successful completion of the project in a timely manner. She concluded her speech thanking to Qatar Red Crescent, Qatar Government and UNDP for providing all support to Gorkha Municipality.

After the welcome speech, the participants were briefed about the number of project activities with full details; how the project was evolved, implementation modality and time line, financial contribution, recruitment of technical staff and working station, monitoring mechanism, contribution of admin cost from UNDP side and fund transfer modality etc.

Rafeeqe Siddiqui, Program Analyst of UNDP gave an overview and brief background about the conceptualization of Community WASH Improvement project in partnership with Gorkha Municipality, UNDP and Qatar Red Crescent. He shared that UNDP has contributed more than 30,000 USD to cover the administrative cost. Giving the reference of his several past meetings with the Municipality and visit to the project sites and interaction with local



elected representatives and communities, he further explained about the modality of Community WASH improvement project. He also mentioned that the new chapter has begun where Gorkha Municipality has trusted UNDP for partnership and has equally co-financed for this project. He also expressed sincere thanks to the Mayor for providing working space for the project staff inside the Municipality Building.

Mr. Niranjan Tamrakar, Project Manager of Community Infrastructure and Livelihoods Project of UNDP shared the project components and highlighted on the key activities. He stated that the project will collaborate with concerned stakeholders. Funding will be channeled directly to the community from both UNDP and Gorkha Municipality. Mr. Tamrakar stated that the project will be directly implemented through the local community.



The technical details about his presentation is attached. Upon completion of the project brief, the floor was opened for discussion.



Mr. Kishor Jung Thapa, Chairman of Federal of Nepalese Journalist-district Chapter of Gorkha stated that this is one of good examples of partnership with UNDP and QRC and with the local government. He expressed his best wishes for its successful conclusion of the project within the deadline. He also appreciated the Municipality and donor for selecting most marginalized and disadvantaged communities as the beneficiary of the project. He further highlighted on the need of such projects to be able to recover from earthquake devastation.

He further advised to focus on WASH targeted communication activities for behavioral change.

Mr. Ram Kumar Shrestha, Chief of Grant Management and Local Infrastructure for Reconstruction greatly appreciated the project concept and expressed thanks to donors and the Municipality for entering in the partnership. He wished for successful completion of the project on stipulated time and also advised to reconstruct disable friendly infrastructures.



Mr. Pradip Adhikari, Chief Administrator Officer of Gorkha Municipality shared that the proposed project which is going to start soon, is designed as per the need of communities. He expressed his sincere appreciation to UNDP and Qatar Red Crescent; where Municipality has also joined hand, which is an innovative example of a new kind of collaborative approach with the local government. He highlighted the issue of time constraint. He also shared his experience about implementing similar kind of project in the past and timely completion despite of difficult situations. Mr. Adhikari made commitment for his support to help achieve the goals of this project and assured to mobilize available human resources for technical support as well as close monitoring for effective implementation.

Mr. Narayan Prasad Bhattarai, Chief District Officer of Gorkha District Administration Office

stated that this is a new partnership approach where the local government is committed to equally share the cost of the project. He told that this partnership will stand as model for the replication in other Municipalities. He expressed deep gratitude to UNDP for introducing such innovative concept and bringing the new donor “Qatar Red Crescent”. He also appreciated the selection criteria of project sites which is located in remote area targeting excluded communities. Mr. Narayan Parasad requested to the elected Ward Chairs to encourage the communities to provide their level best volunteer contribution for timely completion of the project. He further shared his experience of other districts where communities took full ownership and contributed on voluntarily basis which helped achieve the results on time. He also requested to the Municipality authorities to start the project implementation as soon as possible so that all the project activities could be completed on time. He further requested the Municipality to revisit the targets of the number of toilets and make adjustment as necessary. He expressed his commitment to provide all the support from his side to the Municipality, Ward Chairs and communities for the successful completion of the project.



Mr. Suresh Adhikary, Joint Secretary and Spokesperson of Ministry of Federal Affairs and General Administration (MoFAGA)

greatly appreciated the contribution and joint partnership between Gorkha Municipality, UNDP and Qatar Red Crescent and wished for its successful completion. Mr. Adhikari mentioned that the UNDP and Qatar Red Crescent has maintained meaningful coordination with the Ministry at central level from the very beginning. He also mentioned that the Gorkha Municipality has also sent formal letter to the Ministry and taken consent before implementation of the project. Mr. Adhikari stated that the elected representatives are fully accountable to the citizens and requested for their meaningful leadership and guidance to complete the planned projects on time. He stated that the implementation of this Community WASH Infrastructure projects had prospective of becoming exemplary model by partnering with local government. Mr. Adhikari encouraged the local government to establish Disaster Management Fund at Municipal Level and expand it up to each Wards level. He shared that the Ministry will provide full support and guidance to make the “fund” bigger and meaningful. He requested with Mayor to start the implementation of Hospital Waste Management as soon as possible and requested UNDP to coordinate with the consultant at central level. He also shared about the latest updates and decisions taken by the Ministry regarding the adjustment of employees and other policies. He concluded his remarks expressing his deep gratitude and sincere thanks to Qatar Red



Crescent, Government of Qatar and UNDP for entering in partnership with the Local Government in Gorkha.

Mr. Ashok Kumar Gurung, Chief of District Coordination Committee wished a successful completion of the project on time. He expressed his commitment to provide full support from his level best, as required. He mentioned that his team will be available all the time to provide coordination support at the district level with other stakeholders and development partners including the local government. He requested with the Hospital management committee to start the process for the construction of Health post as well as installation of the Hospital Waste Management system as soon as possible as these projects are quite beneficial for the citizens. He appreciated the Municipality for selecting the remote ward specially for socially excluded communities. He expressed his sincere thanks to the Qatar Government, Qatar Red Crescent, UNDP and Gorkha Municipality entering in partnership for the community infrastructure related to the WASH.



From the Chair, Mr. Rajan Raj Pant, Mayor of Gorkha Municipality shared that this is the first example for Gorkha Municipality entering into joint partnership with the UNDP and Qatar Red Crescent. He shared that Gorkha Municipality has contributed equal share of the total budget and taken full ownership to complete the project on time. As Gorkha Municipality is committed to provide effective and efficient basic quality services to the citizens, this partnership is definitely going to play an important role to fulfill the vision, mission and aspiration of the people of Gorkha Municipality.



Referring to the concerns and worries on time constraint and other associated challenges, Mr. Panta reiterated that the Municipality has such experience of completing reconstruction of School building within 9 months after the Earthquake. He assured that the project will be completed in stipulated time despite difficult situations. He also mentioned that the Municipality has selected the project sites on the basis of requirement of basic services for the most disadvantaged and marginalized communities specially representing the religious minorities, Dalits and national indigenous communities. He also mentioned that the establishment of these projects will support for the upliftment of their living standards. Mr. Mayor told that the Municipality authorities will conduct detail assessment of construction of

toilets and if required, then Municipality will shift the resources to complete the drinking Water Scheme in Ward No 4. He also shared his concept improving the eco-cultural tourism in his area and highlighted municipal efforts on improvement of environment. He also stated that Municipality has established Disaster Management Fund by allocating USD 20,0000 (NRs 2 Million). He further shared that he has successfully expanded this fund up to the Ward level and at present each Wards have allocated USD 1,000 (NRs. 100,000).

The Mayor assured that the programme will be implemented with full participation, leadership and ownership of the Local Government, Ward Committees and local communities. He shared that the Municipality has already allocated half of the total budget of the project. He further requested UNDP to provide coordination support for the hospital waste management activity as soon as possible. The Mayor expressed sincere thanks to all the participants for participating in the induction programme and providing their advice. The Mayor concluded his remarks by expressing sincere thanks and deep gratitude to the Qatar Red Crescent, Government of Qatar and UNDP Nepal team for bringing the resources for community WASH Improvement projects specially for the most marginalised and socially excluded communities of Gorkha Municipality.

At the end, the induction meeting concluded with the following notes:

1. There was an agreement among the stakeholders on project work plan, activities and implementation modality.
2. Gorkha Urban Municipality re-assured its lead role in implementation of the project as per the commitment:
 - (a) Municipality to provide working space for the project staff
 - (b) Regular monitoring visits will be conducted by municipal authorities for smooth implementation of the project activities.

Activities and composition of beneficiaries:

Following table highlights the key activities of Community WASH Improvement Project in Gorkha districts and categorization of beneficiaries in Ward 2 where the WASH improvement project has major focus

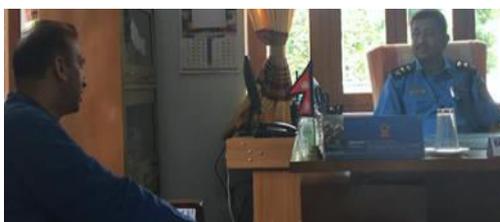


Pre-Induction Interactions with District Authorities:

In addition, prior to the induction programme, together with UNDP Gorkha Office the team from UNDP Country Office organized several meetings with the district authorities including Municipal leadership and its key officials. These interaction meetings were found quite productive for the smooth implementation of the projects as well as supported to the Local Government to get full ownership and other coordination support from the local administration to complete the projects on timely manner.



Meeting with Municipality Team



Meeting with District Police Office

During the meeting, it was agreed that UNDP will support Gorkha Municipality to coordinate with the

central level consultant for the implementation of Hospital Waste Management as soon as possible. It was also agreed that UNDP will support to organize the training on Integrating Recovery, Reconstruction, DRR and CCA in its annual and periodic plan for Palungtar Municipality as soon as possible.

The District authorities also agreed to provide their full support while conducting the high-level visit from QRC and UNDP in the Gorkha District. The CDO also appreciated UNDP team for inviting the Senior Joint Secretary and Spokesperson of the Ministry of Federal Affairs and General Administration (MoFAGA), Mr. Suresh Adhikary to facilitate a session during induction programme as well as sharing the updates from the Ministry side.



Meeting with Plauntar Municipality Mayor



Meeting with the Chief District Officer (CDO)

The Chief District Officer (CDO) appreciated the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) team for conducting the pre-meeting in his office and sharing other updates about UNDP supported projects in Gorkha Districts. The Chief District Officer also appreciated the UNDP Nepal Office for appointing Mr. Manish Gautam as the UNDP representative based in Gorkha district on regular basis.

Participants in Inception Programme of WASH Improvement Projects

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