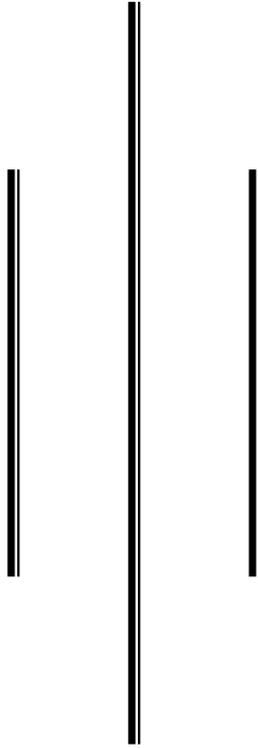


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PART I-BASIC INFORMATION

A. Project Title : **Democratic Dialogue on the Draft Constitution in the Lumbini Zone**

B. Agreement ref: Contract Ref:2009/GRANT/030

C. Project Period: **4 December 2009- 30 November 2010**

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PART II - PROJECT DETAILS

A. Executive Summary (1 Page maximum)

DNF with the support of UNDP/SPCBN implemented a project "**Democracy Dialogue on Draft Constitution in Lumbini Zone**" in the four districts namely Arghakhachi, Kapilbastu, Nawalparasi and Rupandehi. The project began officially from December 2009 and concluded in November 2010. The objectives of the project were to increase awareness on the constituent assembly related matters and make constitution making process more participatory and inclusive, enhance opportunities to make dialogue between CA members and their constituencies and strengthen civil society outreach by which recommendations are reviewed by the CA. The project was very timely and had bridged the gap between constituent assembly and people especially at the prime time of constitution making process in Nepal.

In order to achieve those goals and objectives the project carried out number of activities. Most of them were planned and some unplanned (participating in other meetings, seminar and submission programmes). Due to disturbance in CA schedule by the political parties' interference the activities of the project was also affected and not timely started as anticipated.

The project recruited all the staff required and conducted a one day orientation for all staff and master trainers which helped them internalize the concepts of the project and trained

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to run facilitators trainings. 91 facilitators were trained through the facilitators training for facilitating democratic dialogues at VDC level. There was a diverse range, including gender, caste/ethnicity and differently able people of the participants in the training.

The project carried out democratic dialogues in 265 VDCs and 20 electoral constituencies of four districts. The dialogues have bridged the gap between people and constituent Assembly by the drawing the attention of people in the provisions of draft CA thematic committee reports. At the first of phase of the CA, CA members could not mobilize in all parts of the districts as per their schedule to collect people's opinions and feedbacks for the CA. Most of people had missed the opportunities to interact with CA members to express opinions and suggestions for the CA. But the VDC and Constituent level democratic dialogues have significantly fulfilled these gaps which have further made the people more knowledgeable on the constitution related matters and provided further opportunities to express their concerns and feedbacks to the CA to address people issues in the new constitution. Now, at least, community people of the districts have been aware and more vocal to oversee the constituent assembly affairs and even they are eagerly waiting to see the draft constitution of Nepal whether their concerns and issues are addressed in the draft constitution or not. Another significant output of the project was the completion of constituency level dialogues for the project. It had further provided opportunities to make dialogue between the CA members of the respective constituencies. The findings of the VDC level dialogues had been endorsed through the Constituency level dialogues in the presence of CA members of the constituencies. CA members had expressed their commitment to link the issues and opinions of the people into the CA. Those CA members who had not got chance to interact with their constituencies received the opportunities for dialogue with people during the constituency level dialogues. However, the project faced challenges to present CA members at their constituencies due to political instability, especially at the time of series of prime minister elections and due to their other priorities. Almost at 15 constituencies of the districts the CA members had presence. This had made CA members more responsible towards their constituencies. Another effective means to sensitize people on the constitution related matters were the Radio Programme and DNF news bulletin. DNF regularly informed general people about the updates of constitution making process and the interventions of the project through radio programme which were aired from four local radio FMs of the districts. The radio programmes further provided opportunities for individual to express their opinions and suggestions for the CA. DNF regularly interacted with political parties and CA members to receive their commitment to address the people issues in the new constitution. In this connection, the project even published two issues of **Mukti ko Awaj "Constituent Assembly Special."** to link the outcomes of the project into the Constituent Assembly and other concerned stakeholders who are playing significant roles to contribute in the constitution making and building process of Nepal. DNF has organised the meeting of Dalit sister organizations of political parties to effectively mobilize Dalit caucus on Dalit issues to be institutionalized in the constituent assembly. DNF had also appraised them about the outputs (findings) of the project. DNF project personnel and board members have been largely deployed to monitor the project activities, especially at facilitators training, VDC and constituency level democratic dialogues. The supervision and monitoring had further ensured the quality implementation of the project activities and timely correction for further improvement. DNF personnel and Board member have got opportunities to participate in the trainings, workshops and a series of meetings during the

project implementation. DNF has felt that the capacity of DNF project staff including facilitators have enhanced while working with project. In addition, DNF has analyzed all the thematic reports of the CA committee from Dalit perspective. The analyses of reports have identified missing issues of Dalits which further need to be addressed in the draft constitution. The project has faced many challenges during its implementation. However, DNF successfully managed the challenges and timely concluded the project.

DNF has felt that the specific objectives taken by the UNDP/SPCBN have been realized and there may be room for further improvement while working with DNF in future. DNF always welcome candid suggestions and feedbacks from UNDP/SPCBN with regard to jointly working to make the new constitution for the people and by the people and at least at the level of making people aware on their issues and concerns for the new constitution.

B. Project Background: (1 Page)

Nepal is undergoing through historic political transformation through the constituent Assembly. The election of Constituent Assembly has given mandate to 601 CA members to write the new constitution of Nepal. After submission of draft thematic reports of 10 different committees to CA, there was a great need of spreading awareness on these draft thematic reports by involving all the citizen of country in all the steps of constitution making and building process for its wider legitimacy and ownership. In this connection UNDP/SPCBN designed the project to conduct community as well constituency level dialogues under Civil Society Outreach Initiatives Phase II of UNDP/SPCBN. The project has been able to strategically inform and make aware general people of the districts of the zones on the constitutional matters concerning their rights drafted in the 10 different CA committees' thematic papers. Likewise, it also aimed collecting further public opinions and suggestions to be included on the proposed provisions of the committees' reports for writing final constitution of Nepal.

Dalit NGO Federation was partnered with UNDP/SPCBN to contribute in the drafting of new constitution by involving maximum people participation in all the process. The project was implemented in the four districts namely Kapilbastu, Rupandehi, Nawalparasi and Arghakachi of Lumbini zone from western development region. DNF was primarily responsible to conduct VDCs level dialogues at entire 265 VDCs and 20 electoral constituencies of the all four districts. Besides, DNF made responsible to conducting facilitator trainings, broadcasting radio programme through local FM at four districts, publishing special bulletin of DNF related to constitution assembly's affairs and conducting meeting with Dalit caucus of the CA during the project period.

DNF had deployed its three district chapters at Rupandehi, Kapilbastu and Nawalparasi and one member organization at Arghakaachi. In coordination with UNDP/SPCBN, DNF had accomplished all the major activities of the project in a timely manner and submitted the reports of the VDCs and Constituencies level dialogues to the UNDP/SPCBN.

C. Project Objectives (2 paragraph)

The overall goal of the project was to promote participatory constitution building process which has taken the following specific objectives:

Specific objectives of the project:

- Improve people's knowledge on constitution making process and ensure inclusive participation of citizens in the construction of draft constitution.
- Enhance opportunities for dialogue between CA members and their constituencies.
- Strengthen civil society outreach by which recommendations are reviewed by the CA.

D. Project Activities and Result achieved (5 Page maximum)

The following activities were carried out during the project implementation to achieve the abovementioned objectives;

Improve people's knowledge on constitution making process and ensure inclusive participation of citizens in the construction of draft constitution

1. Facilitators Training cum Workshop

To educate people of the districts on the constitution making process and all the provisions drafted in the thematic reports of 10 different CA committees, there was a need of developing some community change agents to convey the constitutional related matters too the community. In this regard, DNF conducted a two days facilitators training cum workshop at three venues (Hotel New Era, Hotel Taj and Butawal Technical Institute of Butawal. The training aimed to develop such change agents in the name of facilitators to conduct civic education and democratic dialogues on the constitutional matters at different levels. In the training, there were altogether 91 facilitators from four districts to be trained on the constitutional matters drafted in the different thematic papers of CA committees. However, the specific objectives of the trainings were as following;

Training Objectives:

- To enhance the knowledge of selected facilitators on constitution building process as well as the contentious issues provisioned on the draft constitution (On the basis of flip chart).
- To improve the facilitation skills of the facilitators for the effective conduction of the democracy dialogue on draft constitution in VDC level.
- To familiarize the facilitators about the SPCBN/UNDP project, its objectives, major activities, their roles and responsibilities.

There was a diverse range of the participants, including caste, ethnicity, gender, madhesi and differently able people in the trainings. All the contents designed in the trainings have been successfully delivered by the Resource Persons and the objectives of the training are achieved.

DNF central and district board members also participated the training. They had both roles for participation and monitoring during the training. The participants had also active

participation during the training. Adult learning methods to train the participants had been used by the Resource Persons during the training.

Entire Project team had played very effective roles and performed their responsibilities to succeed the training. The monitoring team of SPCBN/UNDP had also instrumental role to sharpen knowledge and skills of the participants in the matters of the training. UNDP/SPCBN team active participation was appreciated by all the participants even though they spent very short time for the purpose. In overall, the project team had assured that those facilitators who benefited from the training were eligible to facilitate the democratic dialogue at the filed.

2. Democratic Dialogues including civic education in 265 VDCs

Democratic dialogues at VDCs level of the four districts aimed to sensitize the people for expressing their concerns and opinions on the constitutional provisions drafted in the draft thematic reports of the CA. Also the Democratic dialogues were instrumental to collect the people's opinion and suggestions to the CA. Therefore, the 265 VDCs of all four districts had been divided into 82 clusters to carry out the VDC level dialogues by mobilizing facilitators. In each cluster, two facilitators (as per need) had been assigned to conduct the VDC level democratic dialogue. The VDCs level dialogue had concluded at the entire VDCs of four districts from 12 May 2010 to 3 June 2010. Those trained facilitators from facilitators training had conducted the dialogues at entire VDCs (42 in Arghakachi, 77 in Kapilbastu, 69 in Rupandehi and 77 in Nawalparasi) of the four districts. Offices of VDC and local school buildings had been used for the VDC level democratic dialogues at most VDCs. There is a diverse participation from all caste, gender, ethnic and religious groups and differently able people in the dialogues. There was an active participation of people during the democracy dialogues at entire VDCs of the four districts. Previously, as per schedule of the Constituent Assembly, CA members had organized the programmes at district and VDCs level to interact with people for the collection of suggestions and feedbacks to the different thematic committees. However, most of the people at VDCs had expressed their opinions that they had missed the opportunities to interact with CA members during the opinion collection at first phase as CA member had visited in the limited places of the districts. In this sense, the VDC level dialogue programmes had provided opportunities for people to understand the work done by the CA, especially about the provisions drafted in the reports of CA thematic committees and made enable them to give their feedbacks and suggestions to the CA. People at VDCs of the districts had belief that their concerns and issues for the new constitution will be relayed by DNF/UNDP team to the CA. There was high number of participation of women, Dalit, Madhesi, Janajati, Muslim and differently able people during the dialogues. The most excluded groups of Dalits such pattaharkatta, musahar and chidimar had also got opportunities to express their issues and concerns for the new constitution. (Datan)

3. Publication of DNF newsletter "Mukti ko Awaj" (Sambidhan Sabha Bisheshanka)

DNF bulletin "Mukti Ko Awaj *"Constituent Assembly Special"* was the effective means to inform constitution related activities and project interventions to the general public and concerned stakeholders. In this regard, DNF has published two issues of the bulletin during

the project period. The bulletin had featured about the interventions of the project activities, interview of CA members of the respective constituencies of the four targeted districts of the project, and different expert's views regarding constituent assembly affairs. The bulletin had been widely distributed to the CA members, general public, different organizations, concerned stakeholders at national level, regional level and district level through DNF networks.

4. Radio Programme "Pratibaddhata" production and Broadcast

Another effective means to sensitize the grassroots people about CA related affairs and project interventions was the Radio Programme "Pratibaddhata" of DNF. Initially, it was planned to air the Radio Programme from centre level covering district level featurings of project interventions. But, later, the project team realized that it would be more relevant to conduct radio programme at districts separately targeting district audience to educate them about affairs of the CA and project interventions. DNF district chapters had selected four local FM at the districts namely Community Radio Deurali at every Sunday 6:30 pm -7:00 pm (Area Coverage: 35 districts of Nepal) in Arghakachi, Community Radio Buddhar Aawaj at every Wednesday 7:30 am - 8:00 am (Area Coverage: Kapilvastu district and partly some VDCs of Arghakhanchi as well as Rupandehi district) in Kapilbastu, Radio Parasi at every Sudday 8:00 am - 8:30 am (Area Coverage: Nawalparasi, partly some VDCs of Rupandehi, Kapilvastu, Arghakhanchi and Chitwan as well) in Nawalparasi, and Radio Rupandehi FM at every Friday 7:00 pm - 7:30 pm (Area Coverage: Rupandehi district and partly some VDCs of the Kapilvastu, Nawalparasi and Chiwan district as well) in Rupandehi. There was a very good impression at community level as this gave opportunities people to broadcast their real voices received from the dialogues. The Radio Programme at grassroots level had been very popular as every featurings of dialogues programme was covered and individual voice taken during the dialogue made the programme interesting for community. They used to wait to hear the radio programme at its regular time schedule. Besides, the voices of district level political leaders, social activists, even CA members of the respective constituencies, news related constituent assembly, featuring of project interventions, voices of community were regularly broadcasted during the radio programme broadcasting. Radio programme also used for advertising the dialogues programmes and its outputs at larger society of the districts. All together DNF broadcasted 37 episodes through the four FMs (10 in Arghakhaci, 10 in Nawalparasi, 10 in Kapilbastu and 7 in Rupandehi). Rupandehi FM could not air three episodes of the radio programme as not timely payment of Radio Instalment. Those people who were not able to participate in the dialogue programmes had also benefited from the Radio programme listening the findings of the VDCs level dialogues, real community voices and views of other concerned stakeholders regarding constitution related affairs.

Enhance opportunities for dialogue between CA members and their constituencies.

5. Constituency level Democratic Dialogue at 20 electoral constituencies

DNF has successfully carried out Constituency level Democratic dialogues at 20 (2 in Arghakachi, 5 in Kapilbastu, 7 in Rupandehi and 6 in Nawalparasi) electoral constituencies of four districts. The main objective of the constituency dialogue was to submit all the findings VDCs level dialogues of related constituencies to the Constituent Assembly members of the respective constituency. The finding of all VDC level democratic dialogues of the respective constituency had been submitted to the CA members in the most of the constituencies of the districts.

In Nawalparasi, there was a high numbers of CA members' presence during the constituency dialogues. In electoral constituencies of 1, 2 and 3, CA member Roshan Gaha Magar (UML) was present in the dialogue programme. Similarly, CA member Sita Baudel (Moist) in electoral constituency no. 3, CA member Chinak Kurmi (Maoist) in electoral constituency no.4 and CA member Ram Bachan Yadav (UML) in electoral constituency no. 5 were present in the dialogue programmes.

In Rupandehi, Ghanashyam Yadav, elected CA member from Maoist party, in electoral constituency no. 1, Omprakash Yadav, CA member from Madhesi Jana Adhikar Forum (Loktantrik), in electoral constituency no.2 and Bisendra Pasawan, CA member from Dalit Janajati Party, in electoral constituency no. 3 have participated in the constituency level dialogue programmes.

In Arghakachi, in both electoral constituencies, Najir Miya, proportional CA member from UML has participated in the constituency dialogues.

In Kapilbastu, CA member (Proportional) Sangh Prasard Tharu from Maoist in Constituency no 1, CA members Brijesh Kumar Gupta from Ta.Ma.Lo.Pa and Shanti Devi Chamar in Constituency no.2 and CA members Ishwor Kumar Mishra and Jaya Prasad Yadav from Ta.Ma.Lo.Pa in Constituency no.4 were present in the constituency level dialogues programmes.

Both elected and nominated CA members under proportional quota have participated in the dialogue programmes. Constituency level dialogue programmes have endorsed the findings of VDC level dialogues in the present of respective CA member of the constituencies. This process has further sensitized the people of the respective constituency as well as made accountable to the CA member of the same constituency to ensure the peoples' issues and concerns in the new constitution. It has made enable people of the respective constituency to make dialogue with the CA members at the time of the opinion collection on draft constitution. In the constituency level dialogues, there were presence of representatives of various political parties and their sister wings, local civil society leaders and activists, media persons, human rights activists, government bureaucrat, and general people, including Dalit, women, indigenous, differently able people, Muslim and Madhesi among others. Out of 20 electoral constituencies, there was presence of CA members at 15 constituencies of the four districts.

Strengthen civil society outreach by which recommendation are reviewed by the CA

6. Mobilization of different caucus

To develop strategic link with Dalit caucus with regard to institutionalize the Dalit issues into the Constituent Assembly, the first meeting with Dalit sister organizations of major political parties was organized at DNF premises. There is an alliance of Dalit sister organizations of political parties to be mobilized on Dalit issues to systematically influence to their mother parties and Dalit caucus within the Constituent Assembly. Dalit sister wings have jointly developed a common agenda of Dalits to advocate Dalit issues within and outside the constituent assembly through their parties and their respective Dalit CA member in the Constituent Assembly. Dalit caucus primarily is attached with Dalit sister wings and their mother political parties. Taking this opportunity, DNF apprised the sister organizations about the findings of VDC and constituent level democratic dialogues and submitted the issues of Dalits received from the dialogues and other consultations to systematically influence into the constituent assembly. There were also participation of Dalit CA member affiliated with the sister wing in the meeting. Padma Lal Bishowkarma, CA member from Maoist party was present in the meeting who further encouraged DNF to mobilize its Member Organizations all over the country to collect the people's issues for the constituent assembly. DNF initiated to create a platform for Dalit sister organizations to mobilize their respective CA members into the constituent assembly for systematically institutionalize Dalit issues into the CA. However, as planned, other meeting with Dalit caucus was not possible, especially at the time of election of the new government.

7. Supervision and Monitoring

DNF personnel and its board official were largely deployed during facilitations trainings, VDC and Constituent level democracy dialogues for ensuring quality of the programme. It had further helped in timely improvement of the programme for effective implementation of the project. The project team, including Project Manager, Communication and Documentation Officer, and Finance Officer carried out the supervision and monitoring visits two time times to the districts level activities, especially at the time of facilitators trainings and VDC level democratic dialogues. During the monitoring visit of the project team, it found at one VDCs that there was lack of participants as set standard and also not the presence of local level political leaders and activists. That's why it postponed the dialogue programme in the consensus of facilitators and district coordinators and rescheduled the programme for second time. Second time the dialogue programme was conducted successfully with quality participants. During the constituent level dialogues, the district board members and central board members were involved in managing the time of CA members and monitoring the programme. Mr Ram Lakhan Harijan, vice president of DNF centre, had visited most of the districts at the time of constituency level dialogue.

2. Organizational Initiatives

DNF has analysed the reports of ten thematic committees of the CA from Dalit perspective. It has further recommended to the CA to include those Dalit rights not included in the

thematic reports. DNF has an alliance with other federations to jointly advocate on the people rights with the CA.

3. Organizational Capacity Building

The project deployed altogether eight staff, including Project Manager, Communication and Documentation Officer, Finance Officer and District Coordinators four and 91 facilitators at central and district level. While working with the project the project staff and 91 facilitators have been capacitated in terms of increasing facilitation and delivery skills, gaining necessary knowledge with regard constitution assembly matters. The project also has strengthened their event managing, communication and report writing skills. The project staffs have got further opportunities to take part meetings, workshops and trainings organized by UNDP/SPCBN. The organisation have further benefited from constitution related publications and books of UNDP which have also been widely distributed to the concerned organizations and individuals to make them more knowledgeable and vocal to contribute the constitution making process.

PART IV

4. Major Achievement

(Describe major achievement of project in relation to its planned activities, accomplishment and outcomes.)

1. All the planned activities of project were successfully implemented on time,
2. Altogether, 265 VDC level democratic dialogues and 20 Constituency level dialogues were conducted in the four districts.
3. **6332** female **7504** male) people participated in VDC level and Constituency level dialogues
4. Participation of nearly 46 percent Dalit women
5. Voices of grassroots people have been brought forwarded to the constituent Assembly
6. Publication of Mukti Ko Awaj "**Sambidhan Sabha Bishesanka**"
7. Enhancement of knowledge of grassroots people about constitution related affairs through radio programme
8. Grassroots people have been more vocal to reflect their hidden issues and concerns to be addressed in the new constitution.
9. Submission of reports of VDCs and constituent level dialogues' findings to the Constituent Assembly of Nepal.

PART III – LESSONS LEARNED AND RECOMMENDATIONS (1 Page)

Lesson learnt

- A monitoring visit is always useful to have an effective programme as the visit of UNDP and project staffs proved to be phenomenal to have a good loktantrik sambad at VDC level and constituency level as good number of people were present and expressed their views.

- The political instability of the country is very detrimental when the involvement of CA members is required in the project. Most of the time they were found busy meeting their respective leaders.
- In each VDCs after the completion of the loktantrik sambad one male and one female volunteers were selected to liaise between the project and the people of the area. A need was felt to train and orient them more as facilitators training was not only enough so that they could work better.
- During the Loktantrik Sambad, most of the female participants were silent. They did not actively participate because of male domination. So it was necessary to play Sambad with female only in some areas.
- Where the participants were mixed (male and female) in the loktantrik sambad females were least vocal. When the participants were only female they speak therefore, it was not always good to have a mixed groups.

Challenges:

- It was mid of the agriculture season so our facilitators were having difficult time to run the constituency level dialogues in the villages.
- UNDP released 80% budget for conducting the whole project activities, which made difficult to run the remaining activities without budget.
- Political instability- Maoist strikes and political struggles among the major political parties during the project period delayed the CA schedule which also affected the project activities too.
- In the absence of the 20% budget, it was very difficult to run the project especially at the time of Constituency level dialogues.
- It was very difficult to confirm the time of CA members. Many times the constituency level dialogues were postponed in the request of CA members due to their other schedules.
- VDC level dialogues had been carried out at the time of completing the tenure of Constituent Assembly. Grassroots people had misconception that the initiatives for dialogues taken for collecting people issues for the new constitution were futile.

Recommendation:

- UNDP should release 100% budget for conducting the programs, which helps to conduct the project smoothly,
- There must be follow up programmes with CA members to ensure their commitment expressed during the constituency level dialogues for ensuring citizens' rights in New Constitution.
- UNDP should continue these kinds of projects in the days to come for educating the community for rights and enabling for raising the rights in New Constitution,
- Loktantrik Sambad is one of the best tool to raise the voices from community, so that these kinds of activities should be continuously conducted until the promulgation of New Constitution,
- Major political parties and CA should take initiation to ensure the rights of Dalits and marginalized community in up coming constitution,

- It is needed to create moral pressure to CA and major political parties for ensuring the peoples' rights in New Constitution and civil Society organizations should take responsibilities for it,
- Joint effort is most powerful than the individual effort, so civil organizations should stand in one place for establishing the people rights,
- To educate the community, especially marginalized and excluded groups about constitution making process and people's participation for their ownership is essential in this crucial time, so UNDP should continued these types of activities in Dalit and other excluded community in the days to come.

Success story/Case story: (See in Annexes if any)

Laziman Musalman, 40 year lady with differently able, inhabitant of Bhadurgung, Kapilbastu. She has relatively small height than average one. She also attended the VDC level democracy dialogue organized by DNF District Chapter-Kapilbastu. She has appealed to the Constituent Assembly that the new constitution of Nepal must ensure employment to people according to their physical ability and height. She knew about VDC level dialogue programme through the Radio Programme of DNF and enthusiastically attended the programme to express her opinion. According to her People like Laziman is discriminated at workplace and provided different remuneration according to their physical position. But she has confidence that she is also able to work like average one.

Other remarks

PART IV – EVALUATION OF PERFORMANCE

A. Relevance (Half page)

(Analyse the relevance of project in the context of Nepal and its importance for the rights of marginalized community)

Nepal is undergoing historic political transformation. All the people from different segment like Dalit, women, Madhesi, Janajati, People from excluded regions and differently able people Nepal are continuing their struggles to ensure their fundamental rights in the new constitution of Nepal. Despite the whole Constituent Assembly is trying to make the constituent making process very participatory, but specific process of writing new constitution as scheduled are not moving forward as expected. More interventions are required to influence the constituent making process at various level. Similarly, at the community level, wider level of mass awareness must be ensured among Dalit community for ownership and legitimacy of the new constitution. The whole CA members must be accountable toward peoples' issues for ensuring their rights in the constitution. The civil society organizations, international community must play the role of monitoring the affairs of CA so that the constituent assembly can be more responsible and accountable towards people issues to be addressed in the new constitution.

The project supported by UNDP was very timely as this has contributed to make the constitution making process very participatory in one hand in other make them listen to what people all over the country think about the process and outcome so that ultimately it becomes constitution for the people and by the people.

B. Impact (Half page)

(Assess the overall impact of project to the community empowerment, advocacy of marginalized community and policy influence at the national level)

- Mass awareness on the provision of the CA thematic committee reports
- Community empowerment through Loktantrik Sambad
- Leadership development
- Collection of people issues at grassroots level
- Community empowerment on the importance of Constitution

After completion of VDC and Constituent level dialogues, people have been more knowledgeable about constitution related affairs. They have been more conscious about their rights whether it will be ensured in the new constitution or not. In our follow up with district staff, facilitators, community activists, grassroots people frequently reminds DNF staffs, local facilitators to check whether their suggestion and feedbacks given at VDC and Constituent level dialogues are reached into the constituent assembly or not. It is surprisingly to note such type of expression from community people which denotes the example of community empowerment and the enhancement of their knowledge with regard to the constitution matters. The initiatives of the project have also made accountable to the CA members towards their constituencies.

PART V- FINANCIAL PEFORMANCE

A. Brief description of the financial progress versus plan (2 Paragraph)

Democratic Dialogue on the Draft Constitution in the Lumbini Zone project is a small grant project supported by Support to Participatory Constitution Building in Nepal (SPCBN-Project)/UNDP. The total amount allocated was 4.572 million rupees for 12 months. Most of the budget heads ended up in break-even, however, the budget for bulletin, Caucus, were not spent as we were not able to publish final issues of bulletin due to the Communication and Documentation officer's resignation at the end of October 2010. PM himself needed to involved in the reporting of constituency level dialogues. So it was due.

The total expenditure of the budget is Rs.4.54 million. All the project activities were accomplished by contributing rest of budget from every organization in the provision of reimbursing 20% budget from UNDP.

B. Outstanding issues (2 Paragraph-Describe any deferral, change into budget heads or any over expenditure issues)

The overhead of the project has exceeded by Rs. 25871.03

Appendix:

A. List of meetings, workshop organized with CA members including program organized in districts

The following CA members have attended the Constituency level dialogues and interacted with DNF through radio programme as well.

Sita Baudel (Moist) (CN.3), Chinak Kurmi (Maoist) (CN.4) and Ram Bachan Yadav (UML) (CN.5) (Nawalparasi)

Ghanashyam Yadav (Maoist) (CN.1) Omprakash Yadav, MJF (Loktantrik) (CN.2) and Bisendra Pasawan, (Dalit Janajati Party) (CN.3) (Rupandehi)

Najir Miya, (UML) (CN. 1 & 2) (Argakhachi)

Sangh Prasard Tharu (Maoist) (CN.1), Brijesh Kumar (Ta.Ma.Lo.Pa) and Shanti Devi Chamar (C.N.2) and Ishwor Kumar Mishra and Jaya Prasad Yadav (Ta.Ma.Lo.Pa) (CN.4) (Kapilbastu)

Annexes:

A. Final Financial Report (Prepare report on given format)

B. Final Database of Loktantrik Sambad

C. Summary Report of Final Submissions (Not available)

D. Photographs



(CA Member Sita Baudel expressed her commitment to address people issues received from the constituency Level dialogue)



(Participants of VDC level democratic dialogue held at Arghakhanchi district)