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Victims of Conflict and Income Generation in Conflict
Areas of 2 Districts of Nepal

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ABBREVIATIONS

RCDSC	Rural Community Development and Service Center
VDC	Village Development Committee
DDC	District Development Committee
IDP	Internally Displaced Person
VOC	Victims of Conflict
S/C	Savings and Credit

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Executive Summary

This is the final report of progress, achievements and experiences of the project "Promoting Peace through Increasing Support for Victims of Conflict and Income generation in Conflict Areas of 2 Districts of Nepal ", funded by USAID Nepal for one year (February- December 2006)

The main objectives of the project were to create opportunities for short-term employment for the displaced and dalits, to raise awareness on available health and other governmental and non-governmental services to the victims and displaced persons, to provide legal aid for the victims/families of the armed conflict, to minimize the exploitation of the money lenders and increase the incomes of the Dalits and poor and to increase the capacity of the women/dalit/poor and local level stakeholders on conflict management and peace building. There were two main sub-objectives of the project; i.e. improved infrastructure and expanded economic opportunities in conflict affected areas and increased use of key support service by victims of conflict. Several activities have been planned and implemented under these sub-objectives.

In total, 30 groups of women savings and credit cooperatives groups (S/C groups) are formed having 778 members. The S/C groups have developed and implemented savings and loan mobilization policies. RCDSC has distributed Rs 600,000.00 (Six hundred thousand) to the S/C group as seed money. A total of 113 members have taken loan (Rs. 3000- 15000 in sizes) from the groups and initiated income generation activities. Likewise, 120 members have taken loan (Rs. 300-1000 in size) for medicine and other domestic purposes. Under the food for work activity, 202 persons (Poor, Dalit and victims of conflict) have got direct employment to work in road construction, a total of 4941 meters roads are constructed in Dalit clusters. It made easy to walk the villagers from their clusters to the main road. It helped to build their (Dalit and women) confidence to manage such activities. Similarly, it helped to change social status of Dalit.

Under the sub-objective 2, increased use of key support service by victims of conflict, 20 women got stitching and sewing training and 20 persons got carpentry training for three months. Most of the participants of both training have been involved in self-employment activities by using the skills learned from training. As a result of regular meeting and interactions with IDPs, VOCs and varied stakeholders of the program VDCs and districts, access to the government services of IDPs and VOCs are increased. A total of 20 students from dalits and VOC got scholarship for 10 months. As a result of the scholarship, the children got an opportunity to continue their education.

The community actions (campaign) have been established as sanitation campaigns in all clusters of the project VDCs in both districts. Such actions are being implemented by the initiation of women's S/C groups. Likewise, 113 male and 85 female have got citizenship certificates, 220 children (103 male 117 female) got birth certificates, and 23 couples have got marriage registration certificates.

In total 21 persons (poor, dalit and VOC) got free legal aid service by the lawyers from RCDSC. Such services were collection of necessary evidences, preparing and registration of the writ at the court and pleading at court on behalf of the victims. Likewise, public hearing activities, gave an opportunity to the victims of conflict to raise

their voices for access in front of the service providers. The responsible persons from government line agencies and NGOs have responded the queries and grievance of the victims. The service providers have made commitments for providing positive support to the victims.

The Executive members of RCDSC have performed regular monitoring and interaction visit with the community groups. It is realized that RCDSC must continue technical support to the S/C groups after completion of the grant period and RCDSC has decided to provide continue it. Similarly, the poor, dalits and the victims of violent conflict of neighboring village of the program VDCs are also interested to initiate such activities and to get themselves involved in income generation activities. There is a high demand of such activity in the villages. RCDSC has planned to expand the program in neighboring villages also.

RCDSC have faced some problems and constraints in implementing the project. Massive mobility and various programs of the Maoist rebels in the project VDCs, made it difficult to provide frequent monitoring and facilitation to the groups in the field from the organizational level. Because of the heavy rain and flood (In July-August) transportation was cut off form the field for a couple of weeks. Due to the democratic movement-2, any program at district level could not be organized for two months April and May.

RCDSC has learnt that the local facilitators are very important for the continuation of the project activities in difficult situation. However, regular and prompt communication with the field level facilitators and project office must be maintained. Similarly, good coordination, regular interaction and relationship with local level stakeholders are the major parts to work in the conflict-affected area. It will make possible to implement development activities in cooperation with the local level stakeholders even in the conflict environment.

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1. Background

Rural Community Development Service Council (RCDSC) has successfully implemented a project- "Promoting Peace through Increasing Support for Victims of Conflict and Income generation in Conflict Areas of 2 Districts of Nepal ", funded by USAID Nepal for one year (February- December 2006).

The project area lies in ten VDCs of two districts (Dhanusha and Mahottari) in the Central Development Region of Nepal. Instances of cultural violence, domestic violence, women/child trafficking, caste/class and communal conflict etc cause the communities of the VDCs remaining backward. The social structure of project VDCs is based on hierarchical caste and patriarchy system. The targeted VDCs are considered as highly affected by armed conflict.

RCDSC has been working with the community projects in the field of gender awareness and against domestic violence since its inception. From the past experiences, RCDSC found that it is essential to provide legal aid to victims of caste and gender based discrimination, violation of all sorts of human rights including domestic violence. This provided us a chance to interact with the district and village level justice mechanism.

In this context, RCDSC has designed and implemented this project targeting the poor women and dalit as the most affected groups from armed conflict.

2. The Report

This is final report of progress, achievements and experiences of the project "Promoting Peace through Increasing Support for Victims of Conflict and Income generation in Conflict Areas of 2 Districts of Nepal ", funded by USAID Nepal for one year (February- December 2006)

The main objectives of the project were to create opportunities for short-term employment for displaced and Dalits, to raise awareness on available health and other governmental and non-governmental services to the victims and displaced persons, to provide legal aid for the victims/families of the armed conflict, to minimize the exploitation of money lenders and increase income of the Dalits and poor and to increase capacity of women/dalit/poor and local level stakeholders on conflict management and peace building. There were two main sub-objectives of the project; i.e. improved infrastructure and expanded economic opportunities in conflict affected areas and increased use of key support service by victims of conflict. Several activities have been planned and implemented under these sub-objectives.

A brief description of planned and achievements of each activity are included in the report. After brief description, major outcomes of the activities, problem faced during the implementation and lessons learned are also presented. Detail implementation approaches are not included in the report as they have already prepared and submitted in quarterly reports. Lists of participants of training/workshop/meeting, current status of the S/C groups, some success stories and photographs are attached in annexes.

3. Salient features of the project

3.1. Project Goal.

The overall goal of this program is to expand economic opportunities for dalits and women in the conflict affected VDCs so that they do not join the armed conflict. It aims to increase capacity of victims of conflict (VOC) and internally displaced persons (IDPs) through human rights and income generation interventions.

3.2. Objectives.

- To create opportunities for short-term employment for displaced and dalits in the urban and rural areas.
- To raise awareness on available health and other governmental and non-governmental services to the victims and displaced persons.
- To provide legal aid for the victims \ families of the armed conflict.
- To increase participation of dalits and poor in the local governance and justice system so that their faith in democracy and local governance increases and they do not join the armed conflict.
- To minimize exploitation of the money lenders and increase incomes of dalits and poor.
- To increase the capacity of women \ dalit \ poor and local level stakeholders on conflict management and peace building.

3.3. Project Period: July-2003 to Jan-2006 (**please clarify the date**)

3.4. Total Budget of the Project: NRs- 3382910.00

3.5. Project Stakeholders:

- The direct stakeholders are the Village Development Committees (VDC's), representatives of the political parties, schoolteachers, dominant castes, and Dalits of the 10-targeted VDC's.
- The VOC and IDP of 10 VDC's and of Dhanusha and Mahottari.
- The indirect stakeholders are the district level governmental and nongovernmental organizations and institutions.

4. Planned and achievements of each activities of the project

List of planned activities; expected output and immediate achievements are presented in the table below;

S.N.	Activities	Expected outputs	Immediate achievements
1. Improved infrastructure and expanded economic opportunities in conflict affected areas.			
1.1.	Formation of savings and credit groups of Dalit and poor women in each VDC	30 groups (600 members in 10 VDCs of two districts)	30 groups (778 members) are formed and implementing S/C activities.
1.2.	Training on Savings/credit for the S/C groups.	30 events of two days training (20 participants in each groups and 30 groups)	30 events completed and a total of 592 participants participated in the training
1.3.	Local resource mobilization and leadership training	30 events of 2 days training (20 participants in each groups and 30 groups)	30 events completed and a total of 649 participants participated in the training.
1.5.	Distribution of savings and credit (S/C) materials	For 30 groups (As mentioned in detail budget)	The following materials were distributed to each group and members of each group <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Income register (30) • Expenditure register (30) • Minute register (30) • Pass books (778) • Files (30) • Stamp Pads (30)
1.6.	Distribution of seed money to the S/C groups	NRS 600,000 will be distributed (NRS 20,000 per group for 30 groups)	NRS 600,000.00 (Six hundred Thousand) distributed (NRS 20,000 per group for 30 groups)
1.7.	Saving Accounts training for the president and secretaries of the S/C group	2 events of two days training (One event in one district) for 60 participants	Two events completed and a total of 60 participants participated in the training.
1.8.	Conflict management and peace building training for the members of S/C groups	2 events of two days training (One event in one district) for 60 participants	Two events completed and a total of 60 participants participated in the training.
1.9.	Food for work program	A total of 5000 Meters mud road (6 feet wide and 2 feet high) in ten 10 VDCs.	In total, 4995 meters of such roads have been constructed in the project VDCs of both districts. <i>The length of the road was estimated tentatively in planning and now it is actual length of the road.</i>
1.10	Community Actions	Regular activities on street cleaning, group actions against domestic violence	Such actions are established in the community as an ongoing sanitation campaign.
1.11	Community Campaigns	Campaign for admission in school, and for citizenship,	A total of 198 (113 M., 85F) have got citizenship

		birth, marriage and death certificates	certificates, 220 children (103 M, 117F.) got birth certificates, and 23 couples have got marriage registration certificates.
2. Increased use of key support services by victims of conflict.			
2.1.	Monthly meeting of VOC and IDPs	24 events of one day meeting (12 events in each district).	24 events of one day meeting have been held.
2.2.	Public hearing for victims	4 events (2 events in one district)	Four events (two in Dhanusha and two in Mahottari district) completed.
2.3..	Quarterly interaction of VOC and IDPs with District level stakeholders.	8 events of Quarterly interaction (4 events in each district)	8 events has been held (4 events in each district)
2.4.	Human Rights training for victims	One event of two days training for 20 participants	20 participants (The VOCs and members of S/C groups participated two days training on human rights
2.5.	Legal Aid for Victims	Provide free legal aid services for 24 persons	In total 24 persons got free legal service. The lawyers from RCDSC has provided free legal services in counseling the victims, preparation of writ and registration of the cases at the court, pleading on behalf of the victims at court and collecting necessary evidences.
2.6.	Carpentry Training for victims	Two events of three months training for 20 participants	Two events of such training completed and 20 VOCs participated in the training
2.7.	Scholarship program	20 students victims of conflict will get scholarship for 12 months	20 students selected and they have been awarded scholarship for 10 months. <i>It was planned for 12 months (January-December), but, due to the conflicting situation in the field the program started only from March 2006.</i>
2.8.	Stitching and sewing training for victims.	Two events of three months training for 20 participants	Two events of such training completed and 20 women including the conflict victims participated in the training
3. Other Activities			
3.1	Baseline Survey	Documentation of findings of the survey: Social structure, Indebtedness, domestic and social violence	Base line survey conducted in all the 10 VDCs. Findings of the survey: Social structure, Indebtedness, domestic and social violence are documented

5. Implementation process and strategy of the project

The project was implemented in coordination with the stakeholders of VDC and DDC of the project districts. An orientation workshop for the stakeholders was organized in the beginning of the project. Most of the stakeholders were presented in the workshop and they had been oriented on the aim and objectives of the project. Selection criteria of the beneficiaries (Training participants, students for scholarship, and beneficiaries of the road) were developed in consultation with the stakeholders as well as the specific target groups.

The beneficiaries themselves formed the road management committee and the staff from RCDSC facilitated them. Gender and caste representation in every training, workshop, and meeting and also in management committee was considered to ensure the activities are conducted in an inclusive manner.

6. Major outcomes: The overall outcomes of the project are presented below;

Sub Objective 1. Improved infrastructure and expanded economic opportunities in conflict affected areas

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- Under the food for work activity, a total of 202 persons got overall three weeks employment in the road construction as labors. Each labor has got wages of Rs. 230/day for their work. A total of 4941 Meters length road has been constructed in dalit clusters of ten VDCs. It made easy to walk the villagers from their clusters to the main road. It helped to build their (Dalit and women) confidence to manage such activities. At the same time, it helped to change social status of dalit. Brief presentation of the labor, location, length and date of completion of the road, which is constructed under the food for work activity of the project is presented in a table below;

SN	Name and ward N. of VDC	Total Labor			Length of road (Meters)	Location		Date of completion
		Dalit	Others	Total		From	To	

1	Lagma 7	11	10	21	450	Dalit tola	Main cluster	2-Jun
2	Deupura, rupaitha 7	7	15	22	485	Dakshin tola	Main road	5-Jul
3	Ghorghans	31	1	32	481	Kalicharan's house	Bhairab Mandal's house	5-Jul
4	Sonamai	13	2	15	530	Timakia	Main cluster	4-Jul
5	Sunderpur	8	9	17	500	Dalit tola	Main cluster	25-Nov
6	Phulgama	9	6	15	530	Dakshin tola	Main road	22-Nov
7	Nagarain	6	10	16	482	Purbari tola	Main road	10-Nov
8	Mahottari	18	2	20	480	Dalit tola	Main road	15-Sep
9	Sripur	12	6	18	483	Dalit tola	Main road	11-Jul
10	Sonama	16	10	26	520	Dalit tola	Main road	15-Aug
	Total	131	71	202	4941			

Sub objective 2. Increased use of key support service by victims of conflict:

- A total of 20 women from both districts (10 from Dhanusha and 10 from Mahottari) got stitching and sewing training of three months duration. After the training, 13 women are employed in different tailoring shops in Janakpur and Jaleshowr Municipalities. Rests of the 7 participants are self-employed in their respective villages.
- A total of 20 male participants (Victims of Conflict of the project VDCs of both districts) have completed carpentry training for three months and they are involved in various carpentry related activities at local level, such as furniture making, carpentry work in building construction and so on.
- Access to the government services for IDPs and VOCs have increased as a result of regular meetings and interactions with IDPs, VOCs and different stakeholders of the program VDCs and districts. For example, Mr. Jogender Ram (A poor Dalit of Ghorghans VDC) has got Rs. 5000.00 from government as a compensation of his house was that was set into fire. Likewise, 15 Dalit students of the project VDCs got scholarship from government. The targeted VDCs provided positive support in formation of road management committee and also provided support for road construction.
- Under the scholarship activity, a total of 20 students from Dalit and VOC got scholarship for 10 months. As a result of the scholarship, the children got an opportunity to continue their education. **How much give to each students?**
- The community actions (campaign) have been established as sanitation campaigns in all clusters of the project VDCs in both districts. Such actions are being implemented by the initiation of women's S/C groups. Likewise, 113 male and 85 female have got citizenship certificates, 220 children (103 male 117 female) got birth certificates, and 23 couples have got marriage registration certificates.
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- Public hearing activities, gave an opportunity to the victims of conflict to raise their voices for access in front of the service providers. The responsible persons from government line agencies and NGOs have responded the queries and grievance of the victims. The service providers have made commitments for providing positive support to the victims.
- The Executive members of RCDSC have performed regular monitoring and interaction visit with the community groups. It is identified and realized that RCDSC must provide continue technical support to the S/C groups after completion of the grant period. RCDSC has decided to provide continue technical support to the groups. Similarly, the poor, Dalit and the victims of violent conflict of neighboring village of the program VDCs are also interested to initiate such activity and to get involved in income generation activities. There is high demand of such activity in the villages. RCDSC has planned to expand the program in neighboring villages.
- **Other activities;**

A base line survey was conducted in all the 10 VDC's after the preparation of questionnaire and orientation to the project staff. The major findings of the base line survey are as follows: (For detail please see Tables in Annex-2)

- Total Population of 10 targeted VDCs of Dhanusha and Mahottari is 86251, Male-46777 and Female-39474, the total Households are-13787. (For details see Table-10 of Annex-2)
- The social structure of the 10 VDC's is based on hierarchical caste system. There are 2 major religions, Hindu and Muslims in 10 VDC's survey. Ninety percent of the population in the targeted VDC's is of Non-hill origin (Madheshis) and Maithili speaking. The caste structure of the 10 VDC can be divided into dalits and non-dalits. The dalits are regarded as untouchables; the major dalit castes are Dusadh, Chamar, Khatve, Halkhor, Mushar, and Dom etc. The non-dalits are Brhamin, Bhumihar, Rajput and Kayastha and Middle castes like Yadav, Kurmi/Dhanuk, Lohar, Sonar, Hajam, Kumahar, Baniya, Halwai, kewot, Sudi, Teli etc. Though the middle castes are not regarded as untouchables but they are below the upper caste in hierarchy. (For detail data see Table-1 and 2 of Annex-2)
- Economically more than 85 percent of the population in the 10 VDC's depends on agriculture. Ninety one percent of the dalit households in 5 VDC's are landless whereas 66% of the dalit households in Dhanusha are landless. Moreover nearly 71 % of the dalits and poor middle castes are indebted to the local money lenders for loans. Ninety percent of the dalits are landless agricultural labor and they are dependent on the local money lenders and rich farmers. Because of this they do not have access to education, health and decisions making process in their VDC. This has been the root cause of their drift and sympathy towards the Maoist.
- As mentioned above the dalits and poor middle caste have been excluded from the decision making process of the VDC as the data's from the last local election shows that there were only 3% dalit representation among the elected representatives. (For VDC wise data please see Table-7 Annex-2)
- The Reproductive health data of the members of the savings credit group is in process and it will be included in the next report.
- The major types of human rights violations are as follows:

1. Domestic violence.
2. Dowry.
3. Child Marriage.
4. Rape.
5. Property related violence.
6. Murder.
7. Gender discrimination.
8. Caste discrimination.
9. Witch hunting.
10. Human trafficking.

(For details see Table-9-Annex-2)

7. Problems and constraints

The following problems and challenges were faced during the implementation of the project;

- Conflict situation in the country and Maoist attack on Jaleswor and fear of further attack made difficult to mobilize staff for several days in February and March. Due to this situation the activities, which were planned for distinct level, were postponed for some days.
- The frequent bandhs and strikes delayed the activities. We had to postpone the planned activities many times.
- One of the problems faced during the project period was to establish faith with the victims of conflict and internally displaced persons. Because, they fear of both the government and the Maoists. Therefore, they did not express their real feelings and plights in the meetings and interactions in the beginning. Regular interactions and discussion with them by the staff of RCDSC encouraged them to express their thoughts and issues in the meetings.
- Due to massive mobility and various programs of the Maoist rebels in the project VDCs, difficulties were felt to provide frequent monitoring and facilitation to the groups in the field from the organizational level.
- Due to heavy rain and flood in August, transportation was cut off from the field for a couple of weeks.
- The VDC's selected are very faraway and inaccessible so it was difficult to carry on the activities as schedule and also the day-to-day monitoring was affected.

8. Lesson learned

- The appointment of local staff has been an asset to the implementation of the project. The strategy of formation of savings credit to reach to a larger audience and build faith in the targeted community is now giving its result and the faith of the community on RCDSC has increased.
- Local facilitators are very important for the continuation of the project activities in difficult situation. However, regular and prompt communication with the field level facilitators and project office must be maintained.
- Good coordination, regular interaction and relationship with local level stakeholders are the major parts to work in the conflict-affected area. It will make possible to implement development activities in cooperation with the local level stakeholders in conflicting situation.

Rita Devi's Consumer Store

"I have become able to bear my household expenditure and also to pay tuition fee for my children from the income of this retail shop." Rita Devi Mahara, a dalit and landless woman of Gorghans VDC, Dhanusha, said proudly.

Rita Devi Mahara is a poor and dalit women of the project area. She lives with her husband and three children. She used to manage her family with the marginal farming income of her husband before she joined the savings and credit groups. Rita Devi had tried to access some credit for starting a small business in the village, but no one trusted her scheme.



Rita Devi Mahara, in her consumer, Decemer, 2006

Rita Devi Mahara became a member of '*Shiva Mahila Bachat Samuha*' (women s/c group), which is formed in her village in May 2006 under the project "Promoting Peace through Increasing Support for Victims of Conflict and Income Generation in Conflict Areas of two Districts of Nepal", implemented by RCDSC with USAID funding. She actively got involved in meetings and interactions with the other members and the RCDSC field facilitators. She started to save Rs. 30 per month in the s/c group on regular basis. Gradually, she became able to meet her dream when she received loan of Rs. 5000.00 (five thousands) for implementing her idea.

Now, Rita Devi has her own retail shop in the middle of the village. She continues to save Rs. 50 per month in the s/c group. Her husband helps her to bring supplies from the wholesale market and she sales the goods at her retail shop.

Rita Devi has become able to contribute to her household expenditure and also to pay the tuition fee for two children without stress. "Not only the Shiva s/c group supported her in materializing her initiatives, but they also helped improve life of her children", she expressed. Most of the members of s/c group do purchase consumer goods of daily use from her shop to give her some encouragement.

These days Rita Devi and her husband are planning to repay the first loan and receive more loans from the s/c group to expand the store.

Rameshwori Devi Succeeded in Goat Keeping

Rameshwori Devi, dalit women of Mahottari, is so happy when she received Rs. 3000.00 by selling four kids of her two female goats. She had purchased the female goats by the loan from 'Om Mahila Bachat Samuha' (women s/c group) of Mahottari VDC.



Rameshwori Devi: and the kids of her goat, December 2006

Rameshwori is a member of '*Om Mahila Bachat Samuha*' (women s/c group) of Mahottari VDC. The s/c group is formed under the project "Promoting Peace through Increasing Support for Victims of Conflict and Income generation in Conflict Areas of 2 Districts of Nepal", funded by USAID Nepal. The group has been formed in April 2006.

Rameshwori Devi had purchased the goats by taking Rs. 2000.00 (two thousands) from '*Om Mahila Bachat Samuha*' of her village. Rameshwori had kept three goats from the loan of the s/c group. She repaid the principle loan and interest of her s/c group from that money and spent the rest of the money in household expenditure. Rameshwori's estimated profit from goats is at least 4000.00 per year from selling the kids of the goats. She feels proud about selecting the goat raising scheme a practical one for her given easy maintenance, and availability of animal food and fodder in the village.

Annex-1

1.1. List of Participants of Project Orientation: Project Staff and 2 representatives from community:

Sn	Name	Position	Remrks
1	Dr Ajay Kant	Project Coordinator	
2	Sajjan Mohan Rai	Social Mobilizer (Dhanusha)	
3	Devendra Mandal	Social Mobilizer (Mahottari)	
4	Tuka Acharya	Admin and Accounts Officer	
5	Birendar Yadav	field Worker-Mahottari	
6	Bisheshwor Yadav	Field worker-Mahottari	
7	Santosh Jha	Field worker-Mahottari	
8	Ramdinesh Yadav	Field worker-Mahottari	
9	Amardeep Mandal	Field worker-Mahottari	
10	Ghuran Yadav	Field worker-Dhanusha	
11	Jitendar Rai	Field worker-Dhanusha	
12	Srijan Kumar Yadav	Field worker-Dhanusha	
13	Ravindar Lal Karan	Field worker-Dhanusha	
14	Ravindar Kapar	Field worker-Dhanusha	
15	RakeshMandal	Project coordinator (RB)	RCDSC
16	Sangita Karan	Project coordinator(WN)	RCDSC
17	Radheshyam Mandal	Project coordinator(Dalit)	RCDSC
18	Sankar Kapar	Accounts officer	RCDSC
19	Laxman Mandal	Community representative-Mahottari	
20	Birendar Sha	Community Representative Dhanusha	

Annex 2: List of VOCs of the project VDCs

Sn	Name
	Mahottari
1	Santi Devi Paswan
2	Champa Devi Paswan
3	Jahari Devi Paswan
4	Sudama Devi Paswan
5	Mahajani Devi Paswan
6	Dulari Devi Paswan
7	Phulgyan Devi Paswan
8	Laxmi Devi Paswan
9	Bilti Devi Sada
10	Badni Devi Sada
11	Yashoda Devi Sada
12	Nilam Devi Ram
13	Mahri Devi Paswan
14	Sanichari Devi khatve
15	Ganiya Devi Khatve
16	Mussi Devi Khatve
17	Sanichari Devi Sada
18	Dukhi Devi Sada
19	Shallow Devi Sada
20	Hadish Khatun
21	Panno Devi Sada
22	Birati Devi Yadav
23	Satti Devi Yadav
24	Nilam Devi Yadav
25	Pramila Devi yadav
	Dhanusha
27	Samsur Dhami
28	Devendra Mahato
29	Nathuni Kapar
30	Sarvan Mandal
31	Bisundev Yadav
32	Ramdular Kapar
33	Ramkumar Mandal
34	Kewal Mandal
35	Rajkumar Mandal
36	Krishna Lal Karan
37	Indra Kant Jha

Annex 3: A Short discription of the roads, constructed under food for work program

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4	Sonamai	13	2	15	530	Timakia	Main cluster	4-Jul
5	Sunderpur	8	9	17	500	Dalit tola	Main cluster	25-Nov
6	Phulgama	9	6	15	530	Dakshin tola	Main road	22-Nov
7	Nagarain	6	10	16	482	Purbari tola	Main road	10-Nov
8	Mahottari	18	2	20	480	Dalit tola	Main road	15-Sep
9	Sripur	12	6	18	483	Dalit tola	Main road	11-Jul
10	Sonama	16	10	26	520	Dalit tola	Main road	15-Aug
	Total	131	71	202	4941			

Annex-4

Current Status of the fund of S/C groups

Sn	Name of Groups/District Wise	VDC	Total No of Participants			Monthly savings/per son	Total Savings	Seed Money	Total	Loan disbursed
			Female	Male	Total					
	Mahotari District									
1	Laxmi Mahila Bachat Samuha	Sonma	15	0	15	30	4050	20000	24050	22840
2	Dhan Laxmi Mahila Bachat Samuha	Sonma	15	0	15	30	4050	20000	24050	21645
3	Sonabati Mahola Bachat Samuha	Sonma	5	12	17	30	4590	20000	24590	22131
4	Sheel Mahila Bachat Samuha	Mahottari	27	0	27	30	7290	20000	27290	24561
5	Om Mahila Bachat Samuha	Mahottari	9	16	25	30	6750	20000	26750	24075
6	Ramjanki Mahila Bachat Samuha	Mahottari	25	3	28	30	7560	20000	27560	24804
7	Laligurash Mahila Bachat Samuha	Sundarpur	25	0	25	30	6750	20000	26750	24075
8	Radha Mahila Bachat Samuha	Sundarpur	6	14	20	30	5400	20000	25400	22860
9	Mahadev Bachat Samuha	Sundarpur	8	9	17	30	4590	20000	24590	22376
10	Bhuiama Bachat Samuha	Siripur	13	7	20	30	5400	20000	25400	24130
11	Gopal Bachat Samuha	Siripur	7	10	17	30	4590	20000	24590	23360
12	Saraswati Mahila Bachat Samuha	Siripur	10	9	19	30	5130	20000	25130	23870
13	Parmeshwari Mahila Bachat Samuha	Sonami Than	13	3	16	25	3600	20000	23600	22420
14	Sobha Mahila Bachat Samuha	Sonami Than	17	0	17	25	3825	20000	23825	22630
15	Sonamai Mahila Bachat Samuha	Sonami Than	13	1	14	25	3150	20000	23150	22550
	Total in Mahottari		208	84	292		76725	300000	376725	348327
	Dhanusha									
1	Ganesh Mahila Bachat Samuha	Lagma	34	0	34	30	9180	20000	29180	26262
2	Laligurash Purush Bachat Samuha	Lagma	25	0	25	100	22500	20000	42500	38250
3	Mabhavani Mahila Bachat Samuha	Lagma	20	0	20	30	5400	20000	25400	22860
4	Saraswati Mahila Bachat Samuha	Nagrain	33	0	33	30	8910	20000	28910	26590
5	Laxmi Mahila Bachat Samuha	Nagrain	35	0	35	30	9450	20000	29450	26505
6	Durga Mahila Bachat Samuha	Nagrain	39	0	39	30	10530	20000	30530	27477
7	Saraswati Mahila Bachat Samuha	Phulgama	35	0	35	30	9450	20000	29450	26505
8	Sita Mahila Bachat Samuha	Phulgama	30	5	35	30	9450	20000	29450	26505
9	Janki Mahila Bachat Samuha	Phulgama	30		30	30	8100	20000	28100	25290
10	Badehi Mahila Bachat Samuha	Ghorghas	29	0	29	30	7830	20000	27830	25047
11	Siv Mahila Bachat Samuha	Ghorghas	22	15	37	30	9990	20000	29990	26991
12	Ma Bhagwati Mahila Bachat Samuha	Ghorghas	30	0	30	30	8100	20000	28100	26695

13	Laxmi Mahila Bachat Samuha	Ghorghas	30	0	30	30	8100	20000	28100	26695
14	Jai Ma Basno Devi Mahila B. S	Deopura Rupai	14	7	21	30	5670	20000	25670	24300
15	Ja Ma Santoshi Mahila BS	Deopura Rupai	28	0	28	30	7560	20000	27560	26800
16	Jai Ma Basno Devi Mahila B. S	Deopura Rupai	25	0	25	30	6750	20000	26750	22900
	Total		459	27	486		146970	320000	466970	425672
	Total for Dhanusha and Mahottari		667	111	778		223695	620000	843695	773999

Annex 5: findings of Baseline Survey

1. Castewise Indebtdness in 5 VDC's of Mahottari.

Sn	Caste /Religion	THH	Loans form government Banks	Loans from Savu Mahajans	Loans Not Taken	Loan taken from S/C group
1	Brhamin	603	45	86	472	0
2	Bhumihar	95	18	36	41	0
3	Rajput/Chetri	7	3	1	3	0
4	Kayastha	9	1	2	6	0
5	Newari and other upper hill castes	54	8	37	3	3
	Total Upper Caste	768	75	162	525	3
6	Yadav	4758	192	1819	2726	21
7	Dhanuk	434	10	293	106	25
8	Kalwar	87	9	54	24	0
9	Hajam	90	0	83	7	0
10	Lohar	143	2	121	8	10
11	Keot	65	2	10	43	9
12	Suri	250	2	2	244	3
13	Teli	253	3	13	233	4
14	Halwai	93	4	51	35	3
15	Sonar	100	6	30	59	5
16	Bin/Malaha	171	2	158	7	7
17	Jogi	24	0	21	0	3
18	Pandit	107	5	89	13	0
19	Mali	21	0	21	3	0
20	Sanyasi	13	0	11	2	0
	Total Middle Castes	6609	237	2776	3510	89
21	Dushadh	96	0	61	6	29
22	Tatma	129	1	102	14	12
23	Chamar	332	0	298	2	32
24	Nuniya	65	0	44	8	13
25	Khatve	220	0	184	9	27
26	Dom	12	0	11	1	0
27	Halkhor	2	0	2	0	0
28	Mushar	1726	0	1602	2	22
29	Bherihar	4	0	4	0	0
30	Tamang	26	2	19	5	0
31	Gurung	15	4	7	4	0
	Total Dalits and Schedule Tribes	2627	7	2334	51	135
32	Total Muslims	1087	99	954	19	15
	Grand Total	11091	418	6226	4105	242
	Percent	100				

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Statement of Expenditure
Milestone - 4

Financial Year : December 19th, 2005 to December 18, 2006					
Report : October to December' 06					
Activities	Total Budget	Actual Expenditure			Balance Amount
		This Period	Previous Period	Cumulative	
Salary for project staff and facilitators	558,000.00	139,500.00	418,500.00	558,000.00	-
Preparation for baseline survey and conduct the survey	29,550.00	12,950.00	16,528.00	29,478.00	72.00
Project orientation	12,750.00	-	12,750.00	12,750.00	-
TOT on conflict management	44,500.00	-	44,350.00	44,350.00	150.00
Human rights training for project staffs	22,000.00	-	21,870.00	21,870.00	130.00
Initiate food for work program	590,400.00	217,100.00	372,200.00	589,300.00	1,100.00
Local transportation	36,000.00	10,408.00	25,036.00	35,444.00	556.00
Office Rent	48,000.00	12,000.00	36,000.00	48,000.00	-
Communication	36,000.00	8,894.00	27,076.00	35,970.00	30.00
Stationary photocopy	48,000.00	11,355.00	36,566.00	47,921.00	79.00
Training of S/C groups for field workers	30,500.00	-	30,575.00	30,575.00	(75.00)
Saving Credit training for groups	210,000.00	-	209,330.00	209,330.00	670.00
Training on saving A/C for president	77,000.00	-	77,000.00	77,000.00	-
Training on conflict management/peace	77,000.00	-	77,000.00	77,000.00	-
Initiate local resource mobilization training	214,000.00	-	213,189.00	213,189.00	811.00
Human rights training For victims	27,500.00	-	27,842.00	27,842.00	(342.00)
Stitching and knitting training for victims	204,000.00	3,002.00	200,917.00	203,919.00	81.00
Carpentry Training for Victims	102,000.00	-	101,890.00	101,890.00	110.00
Distribution of Savings credit materials	29,310.00	-	29,250.00	29,250.00	60.00
Distribution of Seed money to groups	600,000.00	200,000.00	400,000.00	600,000.00	-
Quarterly interaction	18,000.00	4,520.00	16,670.00	21,190.00	(3,190.00)
Monthly Meeting of VOC and IDPs	14,400.00	1,290.00	12,060.00	13,350.00	1,050.00
Provide legal aid for the victims of conflict	96,000.00	51,975.00	43,047.00	95,022.00	978.00
Initiate public hearing for victims	18,000.00	4,120.00	12,042.00	16,162.00	1,838.00
Initiate scholarship Program	240,000.00	60,000.00	140,000.00	200,000.00	40,000.00
Grand Total	3,382,910.00	737,114.00	2,601,688.00	3,338,802.00	44,108.00

RCDSC certifies that this statement of Expenditure is true and correct to the best of our Knowledge and belief, and that payment or credit has not been received by RCDSC

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PHOTOGRAPHS

Pavitra Devi
(Dalit woman),
Ghorghans
VDC. She has
planted potato
in her farm by
the loan from
S/C group.
November 3.





A Dalit Women (VOC). Her son was accused as Maoist and killed by the army. She is in her farm.



A Women (VOC) of Ghorghans , She has started shewing service in her village after getting training from RCDSC.



The Dalit women of Project VDCs, in a procession for the easy access to citizenship card distribution.