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COVER PHOTO: Children walk across a large culvert built with USAID support in Rautahat, Central Region, Nepal.
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SECTION 1: EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This is the fourth quarterly report for the USAID/Nepal Flood Recovery Program (USAID-NFRP) covering implementation and results for the program's six components per Task Order No. EDHI-04-05-00007-00. The report provides a summary of program activities during the period of April 1, 2009 to June 30, 2009. USAID-NFRP works with flood-affected communities throughout the Terai region to increase farmer productivity and income, rehabilitate and develop small-scale community infrastructure, improve awareness of sanitation, nutrition, gender and protection issues and strengthen local organizations by expanding participation among youth and vulnerable populations.

Project achievements this reporting period include:

- Fifty-one community infrastructure projects were completed during the quarter and 24 others are under way.
- 251,431 new beneficiaries were assisted or received direct benefits from project-funded protection and solution activities.
- 73,504 days of temporary employment were generated by infrastructure component activities.
- 1,200 new beneficiaries received training. Program wide, 6,671 have now been trained with USAID-NFRP program funds.
- Investments of \$81,165 into project activities by individuals, communities, local governments and/or other donors made during the quarter.
- Current number of beneficiaries is 277,786, of which, 269,002 are under the Infrastructure component, 2,171 are under LIG, 3,000 under SHN, and 1,500 are under the Organizational Strengthening/Protecting Women and Children component.

Updated Performance Monitoring Plan is attached as an annex to this report. This document and all other project publications are available to USAID through the password-protected USAID-NFRP intranet site: www.fintrac.com/nfrp. A public access Web site is accessible at www.usaid-nfrp.org.

SECTION 2: IMPLEMENTATION

2.1 PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

USAID-NFRP works with flood-affected communities and NGOs throughout the Terai region to increase farmer productivity and income, rehabilitate and develop small-scale community infrastructure, improve awareness of sanitation, nutrition, gender and protection issues and strengthen local organizations by expanding participation among youth and vulnerable populations.

This 24-month activity started in June 2008 and is implemented by Fintrac Inc. in partnership with METCON Consultants and a vast group of local NGOs and subcontractors.

2.1.1 GEOGRAPHIC FOCUS

USAID-NFRP is currently operating in the districts of Parsa, Bara and Rautahat in the Central region and in Kailali, Bardiya and Banke districts in the Mid/Far Western regions of the Terai. Through a comprehensive, analytical process, 10 Village Development Committees (VDCs) were selected in each district based on the severity of damage from the 2007 floods and current levels of vulnerability. Within each VDC, clusters of communities considered ‘most affected’ were prioritized for intervention. These clusters are referred to as ‘VDC worksites’ and vary in size, population, ethnic and social composition.

Table 1: USAID-NFRP Program Districts and VDCs

Central Region		
Bara	Parsa	Rautahat
Barainiya	Amarpatti	Masedawa
Basatpur (Basantapur)	Bagahi	Bishrampur
Bhaluhi Bharwaliya	Birwaguthi	Dumariya
Dewapur	Hariharpur	Fatawa Harsaha
Dharmanagar	Jaymanglapur	Kakanpur (Kanakpur)
Hariharpur	Lahawarthakari	Katahariya
Kachorwa	Mirjapur	Karkach Karmaiya
Matiarwa	Pancharukhi	Laxminiya
Uchidiha	Sabaithawa	Maryadpur
Piparati Jabadi	Samjhauta	Purai
Western Region		
Banke	Bardiya	Kailali
Bankatti	Baganaha	Bhajani
Basudevpur	Baniyabhar	Chauha
Betahani	Dhadhawar	Dansinhapur
Gangapur	Magaragadi	Dododhara
Holiya	Neulapur	Joshipur
Kamdi	Padanaha	Lalbojhi
Matahiya	Rajapur	Munuwa
Manikapur	Sivapur	Narayanpur
Phatepur	Suryapatawa	Pathariya
Udarapur	Thakurdwara	Thapapur

The 60 VDC worksites targeted for support constitute 141 individual communities with a total population of 81,054 people.

Table 2 : Population in Program Worksites

Item	Western Region VDCs			Central Region VDCs			Total
	Banke	Bardiya	Kailali	Bara	Parsa	Rautahat	
Men	6,364	4,789	4,367	10,142	9,089	6,096	40,847
Women	5,985	4,819	4,478	9,421	9,977	5,527	40,207
Total Population	12,349	9,608	8,845	19,563	19,066	11,623	81,054
USAID-NFRP Communities	26	26	17	31	25	16	141

2.1.2 PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Higher level, overall program indicators are to:

- Assist 66,600 beneficiaries
- Build or rehabilitate 150 community infrastructures
- Train 8,100 clients under all program components
- Generate \$820,000 in net sales for beneficiary farmers
- Create 135,000 person-days of temporary employment
- Generate \$367,000 in cost-share investments by communities, local governments and other donors

The program has 49 detailed indicators, of which, 47 have specific established targets. Please note that NFRP is on target or ahead of all the main indicators.

2.2 APPROACH AND METHODOLOGY

USAID-NFRP's top priority is delivering an integrated package of high quality services, inputs and training opportunities that directly respond to the real needs of clients (beneficiaries) and have lasting affects that strengthen client capacity to effectively manage physical, economic or social threats. USAID-NFRP takes a participatory approach to program implementation requiring direct access to communities and the capacity to motivate, mobilize and coordinate interventions. By implementing program activities in partnership with local NGOs, through regionally based subcontractors and with district-based local staff, USAID-NFRP maintains a constant presence in the 60 VDC worksites. This ensures substantial participation from a broader range of community members and provides more opportunities to monitor and evaluate the program's effectiveness.

At the component level, USAID-NFRP's strategy for Infrastructure is to rehabilitate or develop small-scale infrastructures (river protections, flood controls, culverts, schools, bathrooms, roads and irrigation systems) that have been identified by communities as their highest priority for flood recovery and improving overall well-being. The target for this component is 150 individual community projects which are designed and built through local subcontractor organizations that also manage the community mobilization and counterpart contributions.

USAID-NFRP's approach to the second component, Livelihoods and Income Generation, is to provide long-term, hands-on production and marketing training and targeted financial assistance to selected producers for three off season (optimal price) periods. Project clients are introduced to new low-cost technologies and approaches in crop diversification, demand-driven production, high value crops and market price information. After completion of the 18-month program, farmers will be capable of sustaining their new businesses and replicating within their communities the knowledge

and skills they have developed. The program's overall objective is to demonstrate the increased output of quality products and sales for a minimum of 1,200 families on 480 hectares of land with an aggregate value of \$820,000 in net sales.

Components 3, 4, and 5, Sanitation, Hygiene and Nutrition, Strengthening of Local Organizations, and Protection of Women and Children, respectively, are implemented by district-based NGOs that carry out capacity building and awareness training activities in target communities, while the USAID-NFRP staff serve as technical leaders and managers of the partner subcontractors.

2.3 REPORTING PERIOD ACTIVITIES

Progress in Infrastructure

The infrastructure component is on schedule to conclude all field activities in the six districts by December 2009. Currently, 62 small infrastructure community projects have been completed, with the remaining 24 projects expected to be completed no later than December 2009.

As the monsoons approach, partner subcontractors have been vigilant in ensuring that projects that could be affected by heavy rains are completed in time. USAID-NFRP has instructed subcontractors to focus on completing flood-sensitive projects such as erosion controls, bridges and road improvements first. In cases where projects cannot be completed before the monsoon, their basic foundations will be established and the project will be out on hold until the rains subside in September.

Progress in Livelihoods & Income Generation

Livelihoods and income generation (LIG) partners, FORWARD and MADE, completed trainings on production and postharvest management, integrated pest management (IPM) and product marketing for 2,171 participant farmers from 330 different production associations this period. During the first series of marketing training, farmers learned to apply basic analytical skills that will enhance their ability to make effective and strategic decisions for future crop cycles. Trainings included visits to local and regional markets to engage important buyers and middlemen; analysis of production costs, price fixation and production timing; mapping of accessible wholesale and export markets; and establishing grassroots market information systems.

Participatory irrigation management plans have been developed for all 330 production associations that outline the sustainable use and delivery of the improved irrigation sets. Many groups have already reported a full recovery of the counterpart contributions they made to pay for the sets by leasing their services to neighbouring farmers not directly supported by the program. Seven demonstration drip irrigation sets were also installed this period.

Progress in Sanitation, Hygiene and Nutrition

Partner subcontractors continue to push the SHN program forward. By early next quarter, all 3,000 trainees will have completed the first round of the three-day community-based awareness trainings in hand-washing, food preparation, disease prevention, water treatments, wastewater and solid waste management, kitchen gardening and improved cooking stoves. The second (final) round of trainings will initiate after the conclusion of the monsoon season in September.

As reported in the previous period, 1,221 households across the 60 program VDCs installed kitchen gardens (KCs) after completing the initial trainings in land preparation and vegetable production. In

this reporting period, trainees were provided additional support in post-harvest handling, storage and food preparation. First harvests began in June and will continue until the end of July.

In May, USAID-NFRP rolled out its improved cooking stove (ICS) program that will help prevent smoke inhalation and reduce dependency on fuel wood for 1,200 families. ICS promoters were selected and trained in each of the 60 program VDCs and are now working with target beneficiaries to install household ICSs and train their families on proper construction, usage and maintenance.

Progress of Strengthening Local Organizational and Protection of Women and Children

Partner NGOs for the SLO and PWC components were selected in March after completion of a competitive screening and evaluation process in the six districts. The programs kicked off with a six-day training-of-trainers event in April that oriented 30 partner staff on USAID-NFRP's approach, methodologies and expected outcomes for both components, which will be implemented over a nine-month period.

Field activities and CBO/YC formation started in May. Due to the impending monsoon season, beneficiary communities requested to start with disaster preparedness and management training first, given the high risk of flooding that Terai families face during the rainy season. As CBOs complete the four-day trainings, USAID-NFRP will provide in-kind donations of vital equipment, tools and supplies that will support the implementation of their recently developed disaster management plans.

Customized training manuals have been developed by USAID-NFRP to guide subcontractor staff throughout the implementation of the SLO and PWC components. In July, subcontractors will participate in a nine-day training-of-trainers event on the approach and methodologies for PWC in preparation for field activities that will begin in August.

2.4 CHALLENGES

Political unrest, security incidents, threats of violence and *bandhas* continue to affect program implementation although recent months have been relatively calm as the government of Nepal is in the process of reorganization and formation of a new coalition government. USAID-NFRP staff and partner subcontractors have been effective in maintaining strong relationships with communities and in preventing the influence of local political factors.

SECTION 3: RESULTS

3.1 PROGRESS TO DATE AT-A-GLANCE

Table 5: Progress to date: Higher level, Overall Program Indicators

Activity	Target	Achieved to Date	Balance	Completion Rate
Number of beneficiaries assisted or received direct benefits from USG-funded interventions	66,600	277,786	211,186	417%
Number of community infrastructure projects constructed and/or rehabilitated	150	62	88	41%
Number of individuals who have received USG supported training (all components)	8,100	6,671	1,429	82%
Number of person-days of temporary employment generated by infrastructure activities	135,000	80,100	54,900	59%
Cost sharing leveraged by individuals, communities, local governments and/or other donors	\$367,000	\$159,458	\$207,542	43%

During the reporting period, 251,431 new beneficiaries were assisted or received direct benefits from project-funded protection and solution activities. This brings the current number of beneficiaries to 277,786, of which, 269,002 are under the Infrastructure component, 2,171 are under LIG, 3,000 under SHN, and 1,500 are under the Organizational Strengthening component.

Fifty-one community infrastructure projects were completed and 73,504 days of temporary employment were generated by infrastructure component activities.

During this quarter, 1,200 new beneficiaries received training.

Total investment (cost-shared) into project activities by individuals, communities, local governments and/or other donors amounted to \$81,165 during the quarter.

3.2 PROGRESS TO DATE PER PROGRAM OBJECTIVE

3.2.1 INFRASTRUCTURE

By the end of March, 100 percent of the component's \$1.8 million were committed for a total of 86 community infrastructure projects, 62 of which are completed and 24 are currently under construction, as detailed in the following table.

Table 7: Current USAID-NFRP Commitments in Infrastructure

Project Type	No. Projects	Beneficiaries (households)	Employment (person-days)	Commitment (USD)	Counterpart (USD)	Status	
						Ongoing	Completed
Culverts and Bridges	35	40,981	30,872	\$660,095	\$33,628	8	27
Flood Controls	28	4,677	47,537	\$580,682	\$49,387	1	27
Schools	14	3,579	21,712	\$442,252	\$45,493	13	1
Public Bathrooms	2	1648	133	\$5,731	\$132	1	1
Irrigation Rehab	4	209	3342	\$65,083	\$2,844	0	4
Road Improvements	2	3,369	3,757	\$40,712	\$2,470	0	2
Health Post	1	1,418	520	\$8,148	\$1,997	1	0
TOTAL	86	55,881	107,873	\$1,802,703	\$135,950	24	62

Based on these current commitments, our projections for infrastructure beneficiaries (55,881 households) are more than 621 percent higher than the number of households proposed in the approved Performance Monitoring Plan (PMP). This is largely due to the program's emphasis on cost-effective, high impact projects that serve the common interests of communities and require considerable amounts of unskilled labor.

The 62 projects that completed so far directly benefit 269,002 individuals and have generated 80,100 days of paid unskilled labor.

All 86 infrastructure projects will be completed by December, with the large majority of projects (72, including those already complete) finished by the end of July in preparation of the monsoon rains.

3.2.2 LIVELIHOODS AND INCOME GENERATION

Partner subcontractors FORWARD and MADE continued field-based trainings during the reporting period covering topics such as nursery management, field preparation, irrigation installation and management, integrated pest management (IPM) and pre- and post-harvest management. All 2,171 traditional staple crop farmers that are participating in the LIG program have completed first harvest or will do so by the end of July from a total of 473 hectares of land. The following table details the number of farmers that have completed each of the six LIG training components plus the once-per-cycle farmers' field days.

Table 8: Progress of LIG trainings

No.	Training Type	No. of Trainees
1	Nursery preparation and management	1,877
2a	Crop production management (winter crops)	1,144
2b	Crop production management (summer crops)	1,780
2c	Crop production management (NTFPs)	101
3	Integrated Pest Management	2,052
4	Pre-harvest management	1,792
5	Post-harvest management	1,849
6	Marketing/Commercialization	1,718
7	Farmers' Field Days	111

Substantial progress was also made in the distribution and application of program inputs, including seeds, nursery materials, IPM kits and irrigation sets. To date, all 2,171 participant farmers have received inputs and irrigation sets (330 motorized and 284 treadle pumps) and the program has achieved coverage of 473 of the targeted 480 hectares of productive land. The remaining seven hectares will be supported by the second crop cycle beginning in July.

To-date, 403 of the program's targeted 480 hectares have been harvested and successfully marketed by beneficiary farmers. Preliminary data on the first production cycle's harvests and sales are currently being analyzed by the USAID-NFRP team, however initial results indicate that net incomes will be significantly higher than the targeted \$820,000 in net sales over three production cycles.

Further details of results to date are shown in the table below, which is an excerpt from USAID-NFRP's Performance Monitoring Plan.

Table 11: Income Generation Activities

3 Objective 2: Provision of Income Generation Activities					
No.	Activity	Target	Achieved to Date	Balance	Completion Rate
3.2	Number of rural households benefiting directly from USG interventions (EG 5.2 Agricultural Sector Productivity)	1,200	2,171	-971	181%
3.4	Number of producers organizations, water users associations, trade and business associations, and community based organizations (CBOs) receiving USG assistance (EG 5.2 Agricultural Sector Productivity)	60	60	0	100%
3.5	Number of new technologies or management practices made available for transfer as a result of USG assistance (EG 5.2 Agricultural Sector Productivity)	1,200	2,171	-971	181%
3.6	Implementation funds disbursed (in USD)	\$450,000	\$217,464	\$232,536	48%
3.7	Cost sharing leveraged by beneficiary farmers (25% of in-kind investment)	\$49,500	\$49,000	0	100%

3.2.3 SANITATION, HYGIENE AND NUTRITION

The SHN partners have completed the first cycle of awareness trainings for 2,330 of the targeted 3,000 community beneficiaries, including 724 women and 1,246 children. Local community health volunteers will coordinate with USAID-NFRP to monitor all 3,000 trainees and assess the trainings' effectiveness in engendering positive behavior changes that improve family hygiene and nutrition.

Table X: Progress in SHN awareness trainings

Indicator	Adult			Children		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Trained Participants	370	724	1,084	580	666	1,246
% Progress	62%	80%	72%	77%	89%	83%

An immediate indicator of the program's impact has been the voluntary construction of improved latrines that are based on the hygiene standards and low-cost construction techniques promoted by our trainers. One group of trainees in Bardiya district immediately built 32 new latrines after completion of its three-day SHN training. Twenty-four trainees in Pathariya VDC of Kailali did the same. After seeing the impact on household sanitation, an additional 20 villagers of Pathariya (not directly supported by the program) built latrines in their homes with the support and guidance of program trainees.

Partner subcontractors are making steady progress in the promotion of improved cooking stoves with 439 of the targeted 1,200 ICSs already installed and functioning.

Table X: Progress in ICS promotion

Indicator	ICS Promoters			HHs Trained	ICSs Installed	% Progress
	Male	Female	Total			
Trained Participants	32	28	60	410	439	37%

The 1,221 kitchen gardens established in the previous quarter began their first harvests in May. Families will continue to receive household-level assistance in food selection, preparation, storage

and handling. Preliminary results indicate that 65% of beneficiaries will use their entire harvests for household consumption. The remaining 35% of households will use the large majority of their harvests for consumption; however, surplus production is intended to be sold which will contribute to increased incomes for families.

Table 12: Sanitation, Hygiene and Nutrition Activities

4 Objective 3: Improved Sanitation, Hygiene and Nutrition					
No.	Activity	Target	Achieved to Date	Balance	Completion Rate
4.2	Number of people trained in improved sanitation, hygiene and nutrition	3,000	3,000	0	100%
4.3	Number of households with improved nutrition due to demonstration kitchen gardens	600	1,221	-621	204%
4.4	Number of households with improved sanitation due to improved cooking stoves	600	439	161	73%
4.8	Implementation funds disbursed (in USD)	\$150,000	\$61,602	\$88,398	41%
4.9	Cost sharing leveraged by beneficiary farmers (25% of in-kind investment)	\$22,500	\$36,740	-\$14,240	163%

SECTION 4: PRIORITY ACTIVITIES FOR NEXT QUARTER

Program activities will follow USAID-NFRP's annual work plan schedule. Highlighted activities include:

Infrastructure Component

- Completion of an estimated 23 infrastructure projects by the end of September (52 were completed by the end of June); only one project will be remaining.
- Program staff will investigate opportunities for reforestation in areas of completed projects to stabilize land and prevent erosion.

Livelihood and Income Generation Component

- Initiation of the 6-day LIG training program for the second crop cycle.
- Completion of the targeted coverage of 480 hectares.

Sanitation, Hygiene and Nutrition

- Initiation of second crop cycle in September for the kitchen gardens.
- 761 improved cooking stoves will be installed by July.

Organizational Strengthening / Protection of Women and Children

- Four regional training-of-trainers events for PWC will be conducted in July and August.
- SLO capacity building and awareness training program will continue in the following quarter.

SECTION 5: MANAGEMENT REPORT

5.1 PROJECT STAFFING

In May, Fintrac facilitated a technical assistance assignment by its Senior Agronomist to assess USAID-NFRP's LIG program, determine the appropriate next steps for production cycles two and three, and provide on-site training to USAID-NFRP staff and partner subcontractors in best practices for high value crop production, pest management and post-harvest handling.

5.2 EXPENDITURES TO DATE

ANNEX I: PERFORMANCE MONITORING PLAN

No.	Activity	Target	Result To-Date	Balance	Completion Rate
1	Program Level Objective				
1.1	Number of beneficiaries assisted by USG-supported protection and solutions activities	66,600	277,786	- 211,186	417%
2	Objective 1: Rehabilitation and Rebuilding of Productive Infrastructure				
2.1	Number of community infrastructures constructed a/o rehabilitated	150	62	88	41%
2.1.1	Number of classrooms constructed with USG assistance (Program Element IIP – 2.1 Basic Education)	20	1	19	5%
2.1.2	Number of classrooms repaired with USG assistance (Program Element IIP – 2.1 Basic Education)	15	0	15	0%
2.1.3	Number of model latrines in community schools	30	1	29	3%
2.1.4	Number of drinking water sources installed or improved	20	0	20	0%
2.1.5	Number of community irrigation systems rehabilitated	4	4	0	100%
2.1.6	Number of river protection projects (e.g. embankment protections, gabions, spurs, check dams)	32	26	6	81%
2.1.7	Kilometers of transportation infrastructure constructed or repaired through USG assistance (Program Element EG 4.3 Transport Services)	4	0	4	0%
2.1.8	Number of transportation infrastructure projects such as culverts and small bridges constructed or repaired	25	28	-3	112%
2.2	Number of people in target areas with access to improved drinking water supply as a result of USG assistance (Program Element IIP – 1.8 Clean Water and Sanitation Services)	3,900	0	3,900	0%
2.3	Number of people benefiting from USG sponsored transportation infrastructure projects (Program Element EG 4.3 Transport Services)	24,375	228,027	- 203,652	935%
2.4	Number of households benefited by community infrastructure projects (assumes an average of 150 benefiting HHs per VDC)	9,000	41,385	-32,385	460%
2.5	Number of person-days of temporary employment generated by infrastructure activities (estimated at 15% of construction costs)	135,000	80,100	54,900	59%
2.6	Subcontract funds disbursed (in USD)	\$1,800,000	\$1,386,049	\$413,951	77%
2.7	Cost sharing leveraged from communities, local governments a/o other donor programs (in USD)	\$270,000	\$73,218	\$196,782	27%
3	Objective 2: Provision of Income Generation Activities				
3.1	Number of individuals who have received USG supported long term agricultural sector productivity training (EG 5.2 Agricultural Sector Productivity)	1,200	2,171	-971	181%
	Number of women trained	360	574	-214	159%
3.2	Number of rural households benefiting directly from USG interventions (EG 5.2 Agricultural Sector Productivity)	1,200	2,171	-971	181%

3.3	Number of vulnerable households benefiting directly from USG interventions (EG 5.2 Agricultural Sector Productivity)	600	1,086	-486	181%
3.4	Number of producers organizations, water users associations, trade and business associations, and community based organizations (CBOs) receiving USG assistance (EG 5.2 Agricultural Sector Productivity)	60	60	0	100%
3.5	Number of new technologies or management practices made available for transfer as a result of USG assistance (EG 5.2 Agricultural Sector Productivity)	1,200	2,171	-971	181%
3.6	Implementation funds disbursed (in USD)	\$450,000	\$217,464	\$232,536	48%
3.7	Cost sharing leveraged by beneficiary farmers (25% of in-kind investment)	\$49,500	\$49,500	\$0	100%
4	Objective 3: Improved Sanitation, Hygiene and Nutrition (SHN)				
4.1	Number of people in target areas with access to improved sanitation facilities as a result of USG assistance (Program Element IIP – 1.8 Clean Water and Sanitation Services)	1,500	1,495	5	100%
4.2	Number of people trained in improved sanitation, hygiene and nutrition	3,000	3,000	0	100%
4.3	Number of households with improved nutrition due to demonstration kitchen gardens	600	1,221	-621	204%
4.4	Number of households with improved sanitation due to improved cooking stoves	600	439	161	73%
4.6	% increase in the incidence of hand-washing of SHN trainees	1	0	1	0%
4.7	% of kitchen garden beneficiaries that continue to eat a minimum of five meals per week with green/leafy vegetables	1	0	1	0%
4.8	Subcontract funds disbursed (in USD)	\$150,000	\$61,602	\$88,398	41%
4.9	Cost sharing leveraged (15% minimum, in USD)	\$22,500	\$36,740	\$14,240	163%
5	Objective 4: Strengthening of Local Peace Committees or Other Local Groups				
5.2	Number of groups receiving institutional strengthening and organizational development technical assistance and training	60	60	0	100%
5.3	Number of community members trained	1,500	1,500	0	100%
	Number of women trained	900	780	120	87%
	Number of youth trained	750	300	450	40%
5.4	Subcontract funds disbursed (in USD)	\$150,000	\$54,888	\$95,112	37%
5.5	Cost sharing leveraged (10% minimum, in USD)	\$15,000	\$0	\$15,000	0%
6	Objective 5: Protection of Women and Children				
6.1	Number of people trained	2,400	0	2,400	0%
	Number of women trained	1,200	0	1,200	0%
	Number of youth trained	600	0	600	0%
6.2	Number of women and youth organizations strengthened (assumes one group per VDC)	60	0	60	0%
6.3	Number of people trained in Trafficking-in-person related issues with USG assistance (Program Element PS5.3 – Trafficking-in-Persons and Migrant Smuggling)	2,400	0	2,400	0%
6.4	Subcontract funds disbursed (in USD)	\$50,000	\$0	\$50,000	0%
6.5	Cost sharing leveraged (10% minimum, in USD)	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000	0%
7	Objective 6: Windows of Opportunities				
7.1	Number of special studies (Program Design and Learning Element)	0	0	0	N/A

7.2	Number of Baseline or Feasibility Studies (Program Design and Learning Element)	0	0	0	N/A
7.3	Subcontract funds disbursed	\$50,000	\$0	\$50,000	0%
7.4	10% cost sharing target (in USD)	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000	0%

ANNEX II: MONTHLY REPORTS



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Build Back Better

USAID-NFRP works with flood-affected communities throughout the Terai to increase farmer productivity and income, rehabilitate and develop small-scale community infrastructure, improve awareness of sanitation, nutrition, gender and protection issues and strengthen local organizational capacities through enhanced participation of youth and vulnerable populations. This 24-month activity started in June 2008 and is implemented by Fintrac Inc., a US agribusiness firm, in partnership with METCON Consultants and local NGOs and subcontractors.

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INFRASTRUCTURE

The infrastructure component is now fully booked with 50 projects currently under construction and 35 completed, benefitting more than 9,000 households. By the estimated time of completion in December 2009, this program will benefit 24,468 flood-affected families across the six program districts. USAID-NFRP is currently on schedule to finish 84 percent of its projects by July 2009, before the start of the monsoon season.

In March, USAID-NFRP initiated construction of its largest infrastructure project to-date: a 32-meter vented culvert in Jaymanglapur VDC (Parsa district) that will improve transportation and support local economic development for more than 5,000 neighboring households. The District Development Committee (DDC) of Parsa has recognized the importance and high demand for this project by committing \$13,500 to co-finance the construction of this large culvert.

AGRICULTURE

Livelihoods and income generation (LIG) partners, FORWARD and MADE, completed trainings on production and postharvest management, integrated pest management (IPM) and product marketing for 2,144 participant farmers from 330 different production associations this period. During the first series of marketing training, farmers learned to apply basic analytical skills that will enhance their ability to make effective and strategic decisions for future crop cycles. Trainings included visits to local and regional markets to engage important buyers and middlemen; analysis of production costs, price fixation and production timing; mapping of



Photos by Fintrac, Inc.

This latrine was built by a beneficiary of USAID-NFRP's sanitation, hygiene and nutrition training program. Dozens of other beneficiaries also built latrines, which greatly improve household sanitation and hygiene.

INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS AT A GLANCE

Project Type	Ongoing	Completed
Culverts and Bridges	17	17
Flood Controls	16	12
Schools	13	1
Public Bathrooms	1	1
Irrigation Rehabilitation	2	2
Road Improvements	0	2
Health Post	1	
TOTAL	50	35

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accessible wholesale and export markets; and establishing grassroots market information systems. The program's preliminary income data will be presented in the coming month as beneficiaries report their initial harvests and sales of program supported crops.

Substantial progress was also made in the distribution and application of program inputs, including seeds, nursery materials, IPM kits and irrigation sets. To date, all 2,144 participant farmers have received inputs and irrigation sets (330 motorized and 284 treadle pumps) and the program has achieved coverage of 473 of the targeted 480 hectares of productive land. The remaining seven hectares will be supported by the second crop cycle beginning in June.

Participatory irrigation management plans have been developed for all 330 production associations that outline the sustainable use and delivery of the improved irrigation sets. Many groups have already reported a full recovery of the counterpart contributions they made to pay for the sets by leasing their services to neighboring farmers not directly supported by the program. Seven demonstration drip irrigation sets were also installed this period; by August there will be a drip system in each of the 60 program VDCs.

SANITATION, HYGIENE & NUTRITION

SHN partners have completed the first cycle of awareness trainings for 2,213 community beneficiaries, including 791 women and 990 children. Local community health volunteers will coordinate with USAID-NFRP to monitor all 3,000 targeted beneficiaries and assess the trainings' effectiveness in engendering positive behavior changes that improve family hygiene and nutrition. An immediate indicator of the program's impact has been the voluntary construction of improved latrines that are based on the hygiene standards and low-cost construction techniques promoted by our trainers. One group of trainees in Bardiya district immediately built 32 new latrines after completion of its three-day SHN training. Twenty-four trainees in Pathariya VDC of Kailali did the same. After seeing the impact on household sanitation, an additional 20 villagers of Pathariya (not directly supported by the program) built latrines in their homes with the support and guidance of program trainees.

The first round of training for family kitchen gardening was also completed this period. A total of 1,221 beneficiaries participated in the two-day workshops. Upon completion they were provided in-kind assistance for quality seeds and materials to establish nutritionally balanced 330 m² kitchen gardens in each of their homes. First harvests



USAID-NFRP built this erosion and river control gabion in Pathariya VDC, Kailali district.



The program is improving irrigation by rehabilitating aqueducts such as this one in Thakurdwara VDC, Bardiya district.



A USAID-NFRP demonstration farmer (right) shows his long bean crop to LIG Specialist Dr. BB Mathema.



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started in May and families will continue to receive household-level assistance in food selection, preparation, storage and handling.

In early May, USAID-NFRP rolled out its improved cooking stove (ICS) program that will help prevent smoke inhalation and reduce dependency on fuel wood for 1,200 families. ICS promoters have been selected and trained in each of the 60 program VDCs and are now working with target beneficiaries to install household ICSs and train their families on proper construction, usage and maintenance.

LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS / WOMEN & CHILDREN

Partner NGOs for the SLO and PWC components were selected in March after completion of a competitive screening and evaluation process in the six districts. The programs kicked off with a six-day training-of-trainers event in April that oriented 30 partner staff on USAID-NFRP’s approach, methodologies and expected outcomes for both components, which will be implemented over a nine-month period. By January 2010, 5,400 people from 60 community-based organizations (CBOs) and 60 youth clubs will be capacitated in community development, youth leadership, disaster preparedness, protection and awareness issues, and gender rights and equality.

Field activities and CBO/YC formation started in May. Due to the impending monsoon season, beneficiary communities have requested that we start with disaster preparedness and management training first, given the high risk of flooding that Terai families face during the rainy season. As CBOs complete the four-day trainings, USAID-NFRP will provide in-kind donations of vital equipment, tools and supplies that will support the implementation of their recently developed disaster management plans.



A farmer packs cucumbers in the field.



Men and women participate in a training-of-trainers on integrated pest management conducted by agronomists from partners FORWARD and MADE.

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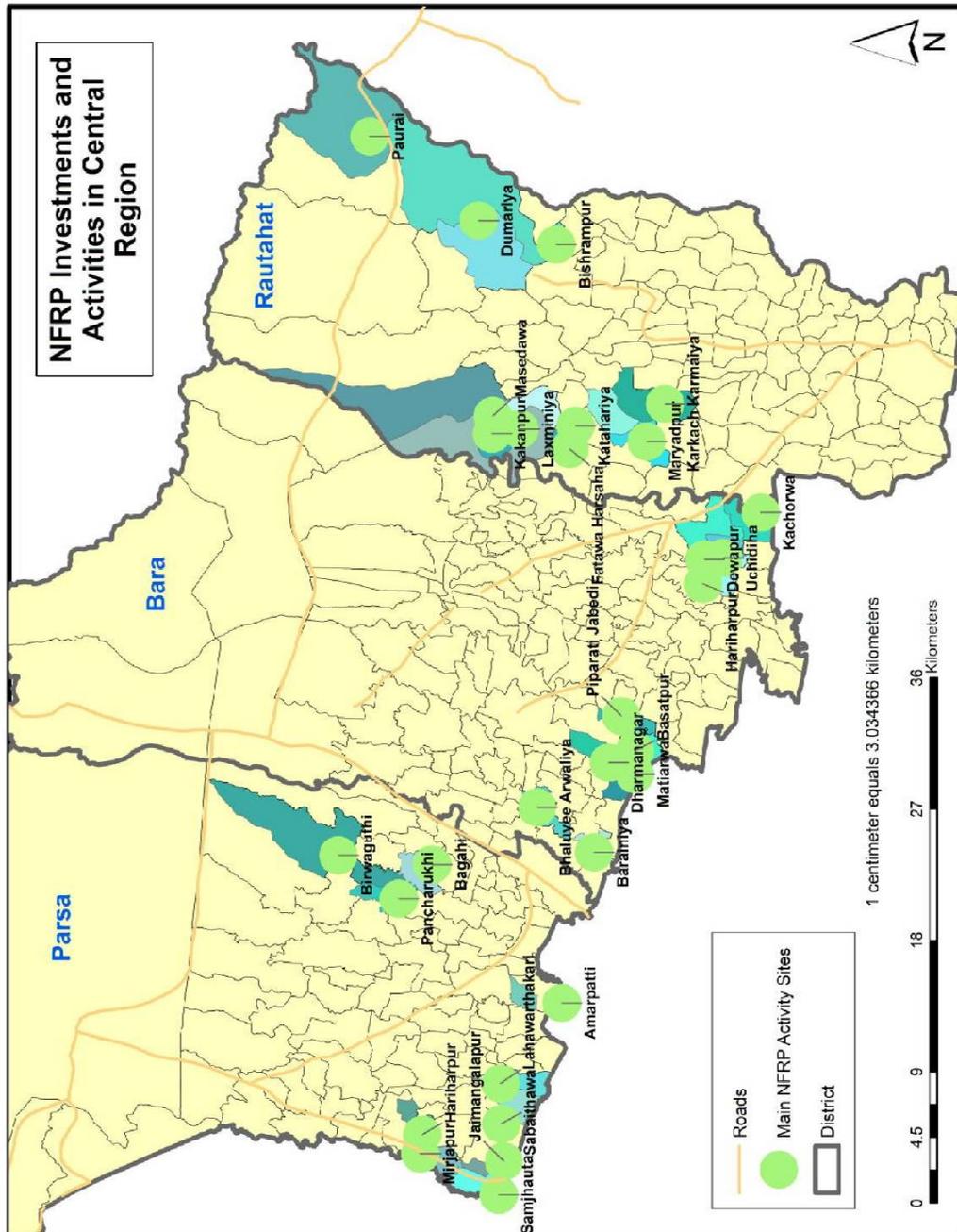
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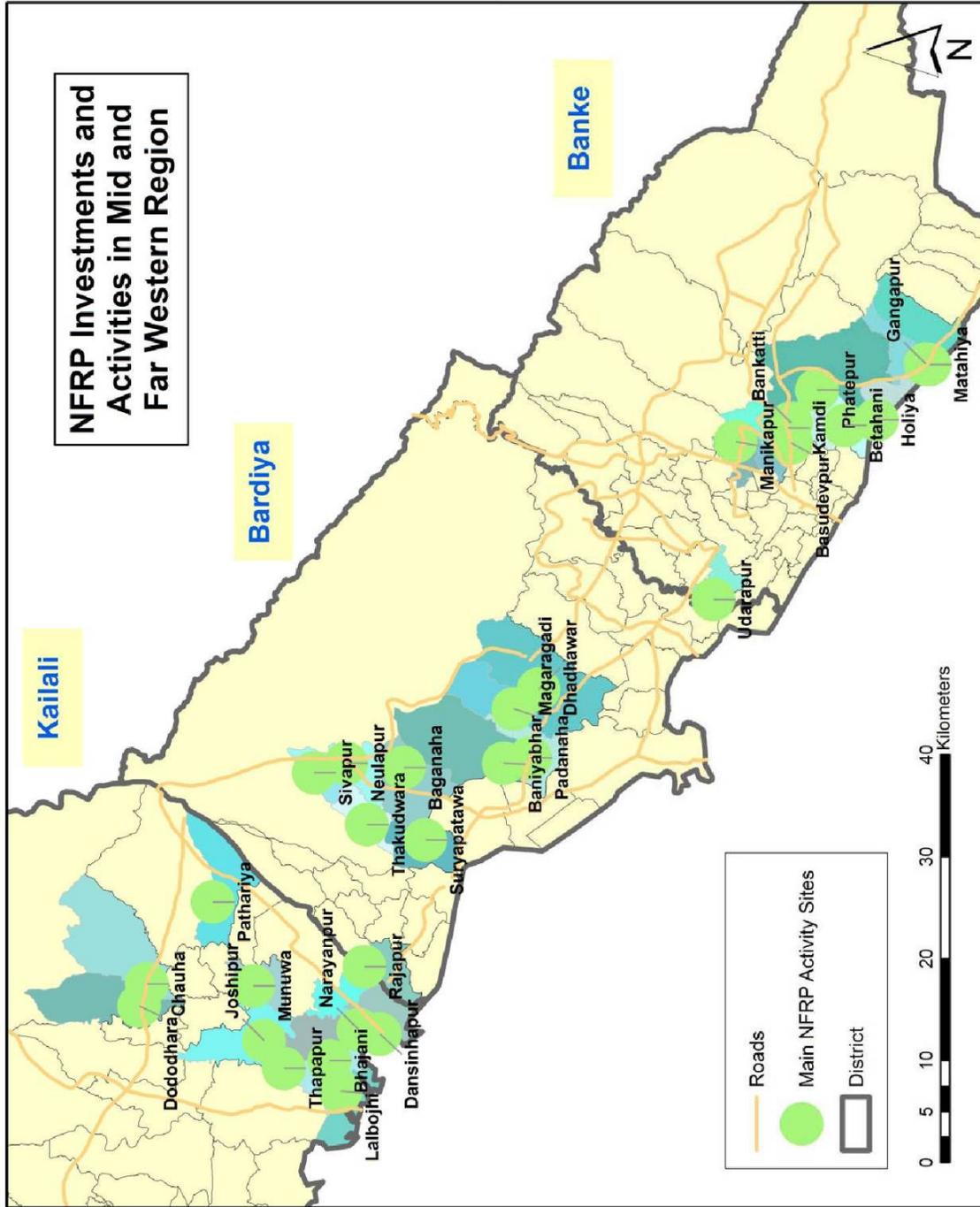
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ANNEX III: USAID-NFRP CLIENT DISTRIBUTION MAPS BY REGION







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BACK COVER PHOTO: USAID-NFRP field staff conduct SLO training-of-trainers in Sauraha, Chitwan district, Nepal. *Photo by Shiv Narayan Tharu.*