

Nepal Development Marketplace 2008

FINAL PROGRESS REPORT

[January /18/2010]

I. Background Information

Project Title: (your project title)		"Gramin Mahuri Shrot Bikas Kendra Ra Mahila Rojgar"	
Project # (provided by NDM 2005)		"RURAL BEE RESOURCE CENTRE FOR EMPLOYMENT OF WOMEN"	
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Project Site:		Ratnapark, Diktel Bazar, Khotang District	
Project Start Date:	30 June 2008	Project End Date	29 June 2009 (but the activities continues afterward)
Total Award		NPR. 1,495,000 (1,597,000)	
Amount Disbursed to Date		NPR. 897,000	(60% of the total Amount)
Second Payment claim		NPR 448,500	(30% of the total Amount)
Final Amount Request to claim		NPR 149,500	(10% of the total Amount)

II. Progress Against Milestones

- i) List the milestone objectives in the first column as expressed in the Project Agreement. The second column should indicate the current status of each milestone objective. In the third column, please provide quantitative data and qualitative information describing the status of the project against that particular milestone.

Milestone Objectives (Major output indications mentioned in the agreement including those mentioned in the proposal)	Status (Completed/ In Progress)	Descriptive Information on the Status
Project implementation prepared	Completed	The project successfully completed its implementation despite of many constraints- rainy season, many Bandas, remoteness, communication failures, electricity load shedding etc.
3 Technicians identified and trained	3 completed	Ms Basanti Rai of Chhitapokhari VDC 6 Khotang, Ms. Kamala Biswakarma of Waplukha VDC 2 of Khotang and Ms. Tara Khatri of Nirmali VDC 2 Khotang were identified and trained at Nepal Government's Bee Development Centre Godavari for 7 days. They were hired from 1 September 2008 till the end of the project. After the completion of the project Basanti and Kamala has been retained in Nahima Agriculture Resource Centre to assist in beekeeping and other activities with the internal funding. Tara has left the centre and joined her family who will be also serving as bee resource person in Nirmalidanda VDC and around.
3 Beehive making carpenters identified and trained	4 completed	Mr. Raj Kumar Rai and Mr. Balaram Rai of Khotang district have been identified and trained as trainers of carenters of Khotang for beehive making and they have been provided a 15 days training at the workshop in Lalitpur district in September 2008. From December 2008, 3 carpenters were identified and they have been trained and provided job in the workshop of Khotang Development Forum in Diktel. Currently 4 four carpenters are engaged in making NEWTON (for Apis serana bee) beehives in the KDF workshop. The centre aims to make and sell average of 500 Newton beehive every year. The carpenters were paid up to the end the project period but now they sustain with their own income by making beehives mainly and make additional income through other woodworks. Mr Balaram Rai has been nominated as the in charge of Khotang Bee Resource Centre.
Beehive making and honey processing	Completed	All equipment for modern hive making and processing have been purchased from Kathmandu and Lalitpur districts. these include wood sowing machine, motor for operating sowing

equipment purchased		machine and other small equipment for carpentry. Honey processing equipment such as honey extractors, base comb making machine, microscope for disease and small insect identification have been purchased and are ready for use.
20 Modern Beehive colonies established in the resource centre of KDF	Completed	20 Bee colonies have been exchanged with farmers and transferred to Newton B improved colonies and they are being kept in the resource centre. The centre will provide technical services as well as selling of some bee colonies with hives to the farmers. Apis serana is the most common bee available in Khotang and hence all hives will have this bee species.
A honey processing and pest control laboratory established in the resource centre	Completed	Processing and laboratory room constructed and the work of fixing equipment has been completed. The centre will provide services on pest control, processing of honey and other technical services.
Materials for at least 120 beehives will be collected and beehive made	Completed	Tuni wood essential for beehive making has been collected from different villages and 120 beehives have been made. Wires, nails and other essential items for making hives have been brought from Kathmandu.
Beekeepers of different VDCs for training purpose identified and trained.	Completed	Technicians were sent to different VDCs to observe the situation of beekeeping in the VDCs. Many experienced farmers in old style beekeeping were contacted in person as well as several announcements were made through local community FM Radios about the training opportunities on improved beekeeping given by the project. Farmers' groups and partner NGOs also were involved in selecting the farmers. A total of 104 farmers among whom 80% women and 20% men from 24 VDCs were trained in modern beekeeping at the household level and 8 farmers (7 women and 1 man) from 3 VDCs were selected and trained for commercial beekeeping. Among the 112 trained farmers 5% belonged to Dalit, 72% Janajati and 23% other category of farmers. Two levels of training were provided to 5 groups of farmers. The first level training was provided by the technicians of the resource centre for 3 days each. The second level training was provided by two most experienced technicians from Godavari Bee Development Centre of the Government of Nepal for 3 days each. Both levels of training were provided at the field level with actual field work. Commercial farmers were given additional practical training at the centre and in their own premises. A district level Beekeepers' Association has also been formed to help the beekeeping activities move forward in Khotang district. On daily basis the beekeeping resource centre is providing technical service to the trained farmers as well as the new comers.

At least 100 colonies transferred from traditional to modern beehives in the farmers field	Completed	So far 100 Newton B hives have been distributed to the farmers and bees have been transferred from the old hives to the new ones. One hive has been given to each farmer with 50% price subsidy to 76 household farmers and 3 hives each has been given to 8 commercial farmers in 50% subsidy. Those farmers who have been trained but not received beehives will also gradually get the beehives. Majority of farmers are from Janajati community they are all women and an association of beekeepers have been formed to deal with all problems and prospects of beekeeping.
Monitoring of activities	Continuing	Since beekeeping has a very high potential in Khotang, this program will continue to be one of the main one for Khotang Development Forum. Hence internal monitoring will continue by the management committee and other technical staff of KDF. Responsible officers including Mr. Rabindra Suwal from PAF also inspected the project activities in December 2008 and 2009.
Reporting	Continuing	This is the final reporting to PAF for this particular project. Since this is a continuing activity of Khotang Development Forum, further reports will be circulated in the future as and when prepared. There has been some changes in this reporting in terms of activities which were undertaken after the date of project duration.
Research for donors for further expansion of the activities (VDC, DDC, PAF, RAP, Coops, Banks, others) initiated	Continuing	Discussions are going on with VDC, DDC, Gharelu, Agri Office, RAP, SDC and SEP projects. Hope PAF continues to provide support in the future. There is great scope in the future.

ii) If you did not achieve some of your stated milestone objectives, please explain the reasons.

Although project activities have been achieved as planned, however rainy season, many Bandas, power outages, communication breakdown (telephone, internet), transportation (no motor access) difficulties, long dry season (less flower) caused difficulties in project implementation. Participation of women in beekeeping was very difficult because of the traditional belief that women have monthly cycle (menstruation) that bees don't accept.

iii) Has your project's overall accomplishments to date exceeded the original plan?

Yes

No

If Yes, describe your achievements:

III. Overall Project Progress

i) What have been the main challenges of your project to date? What, if any, adjustments have you made to your original business plan in order to overcome the challenges and meet your objectives?

Challenges:	Adjustments:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Participation of women was difficult due to traditional belief• Season- monsoon which prevented the bee activities to undertake for the beginners• Power outage hampered making beehives in carpentry workshop	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Men were also included in training and participation• Delayed beginning but completion was possible in time frame• Back up generator has been arranged

ii) Have any of your objectives changed or have you added new objectives since you signed your Project Agreement? If Yes, explain the changes.

Yes No

iii) Do you have any concerns about meeting your next milestone objectives?

Yes No

If Yes, what are the concerns and how do you plan on addressing those challenges?

iii) Although this is an interim report, are there any development outcomes or results of your activities to date that you would like to call attention to?

iv) Reminder: In accordance with Paragraph 3.1.1 of the Project Agreement, each project team is required to submit a statement of account showing the use of the funds within three months after the last disbursement. As a part of periodical expenditure review exercise, please provide an annex with un-audited summary of expenses during this reporting period.

IV. Ancillary Achievements

i) Have you or has your organization received any awards/recognitions or media attention as a result of your NDM-funded project during this period?

Yes No

If Yes, please specify the sources and identify the names.

Award /Recognition	Media
<input type="checkbox"/> Local:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local: over 40 FM of all Nepal
<input type="checkbox"/> National:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National: NTV/Kantipur daily- Mero Jindagi Mero Biswas
<input type="checkbox"/> International:	<input type="checkbox"/> International:

Explain the Award/Recognition or the Media content:

Antena Foundation Nepal and Sara Sarans (Vijay Kumar Pandey) had prepared a media program called "Mero Jindagi Mero Biswas" of 26 Development Champions of Nepal in which the Project Coordinator Madan Rai was one of them. The program was televised several times in Nepal Television, Sagarmatha channels and over 40 FM radio stations and printed media on Kantipur and Nagarik Dailies. Incharge Balaram Rai was also highlighted by Kantipur Television channel.

Attach web links/news clips, if available:

ii) Has your organization made any new partnerships as a result of this project during this reporting period?

Yes No

If Yes, specify type of the organization from the list below and describe nature of the partnership:

<input type="checkbox"/> Local Government:	<input type="checkbox"/> Multilateral Development Agency:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Government:	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Corporations:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NGO:	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:
<input type="checkbox"/> Bilateral Development Agency:	

iii) Sustainability and scalability after completion of the DM fund are top of the DM Team's priorities. Has your organization leveraged new funding or secured future funding during this reporting period?

Yes No

If Yes, provide the following information.

Funding Sources: Names of the Organizations
 Amounts Funded/Committed: US\$ 000,000

V. Requests to the NDM

i) Do you have any comments on the overall process and support provided by the NDM Team or Project Liaison?

We are satisfied with the support and services provided to us

ii) If your contact information has changed, please provide us with the new information.

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VI. Confidential Report

Please provide, if any, sensitive comments or requests in the box below. Information provided in this section will be handled as confidential and will not be publicly posted on the DM website.

None so far

Annex I. Project Expenses for this Reporting Period

Items	NDM Contribution	P.O Contribution
1 Personnel	39,200 (392,000)	0
2 Materials and Equipment	65,500 (645,000)	0
3 Training	17,000 (170,000)	0
4 Travel	2,500 (25,000)	0
5 Evaluation/Information Dissemination	2,500 (25,000)	0
6 General Administration/Overhead	4,000 (40,000)	0
7 Other (Processing, lab and workshop)	20,000 (200,000)	100,000 (102,000)
Total Expenses	149,500 (1,495,000)	102,000

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Approved by Project Liaison

Date

Received by DM Team

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