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**Ministry of Population and Environment (MoPE)**  
**Department of Hydrology and Meteorology (DHM)**  
**Community Based Flood and Glacial Lake Outburst Risk Reduction Project (CFGORRP)**  
**Field Visit Report**

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**Team Members:**

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Media team

**Overall objective of the field visit/ mission:**

The overall objective of this visit was to facilitate the “Media Trip to Imja Lake” organized by UNDP Nepal and to attend the formal inaugural ceremony of Imja Lake construction works.

The visit was undertaken from 17-24 November 2016.

**1. Key Activities Carried Out During the Field Visit/ Mission:**

The details of the key activities carried out during the field visit are described in the table below.

Date/ Day	Districts/VDCs visited	Persons/ Groups interacted with	Description of Field visit Program/Activities
Day 1: 17 November 2016	Kathmandu-Lukla		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Travel to Lukla from Kathmandu – by air and arrived Lukla at 8:30 am</li> </ul>
	Ghat	Observation of Evacuation center at Pemacholing Primary School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Media team visited the Pemacholing Primary School to observe the Evacuation Center. They interacted with the school teacher. Team was briefed about the objective OS strengthening drinking water and toilet facilities in the school.</li> </ul>
	Phakding		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Team trekked to Phakding and stayed overnight.</li> </ul>
Day 2: 18 November 2016	Phakding	Mr. Nawang Thome Sherpa, Taskforce member	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Nawang Thome Sherpa, a task force member briefed the media team about project intervention at Phakding. He also explained the automated siren installed at community level and its functionality.</li> <li>Team also visited the station of automated siren in Phakding and took pictures.</li> </ul>
	Benkar	Mr. Dawa Chhiring Sherpa, Taskforce member	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Team observed the FA, LSAR and CBEWS equipment kept in the house of Mr. Dawa Chhiring Sherpa, taskforce member. They also interviewed him about the use of equipment.</li> </ul>
	Monjo	Ms. Pasang Rai, LRP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Team visited Monjo Shool and observed the toilets and drinking water facility at school. They also interacted with Ms. Pasang Rai about the project interventions in Monjo and Chumau for reducing GLOF risk reduction.</li> </ul>
	Jorsalle	Mr. Ang Dorjee Sherpa, Taskforce Member	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The team met Mr. Ang Dorjee Sherpa, Taskforce Member in Jorsalle. He briefed the team about the initiations undertaken by the project at settlement level. However, the team could not visit the siren station at Jorsalle.</li> </ul>
	Namche		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trek to Namche and Overnight Stay</li> </ul>

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Day 3: November 19, 2016	Sagarmatha National Park (SNP) Office, Namche	Mr. Ganesh Pant, Chief Conservation Officer, SNP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Media Team visited the SNP office. Mr. Ganesh Pant made presentation about the SNP and briefed about the Imja Risk Reduction initiatives of the project.</li> </ul>
	Khumjung		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trek to Khumjung and Back to Namche for acclimatization. Overnight at Namche.</li> </ul>
	Pungithanka	Mr. Mingmar Lama, LRP,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On the way to Phungithanka from Namche, media team observed the evacuation center at open space in Phungithanka. They observed toilets and drinking water facility and took pictures.</li> <li>The team also met the Mr. Mingmar Lama, LRP and discussed about the project interventions. They also observed the automated siren. Mr. Mingmar Lama was interviewed by the media team.</li> </ul>
	Tengboche		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Media team observed the toilets and drinking water facility strengthened at Tengboche Ghumba.</li> </ul>
	Debuche		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trek to Debuche and overnight stay.</li> </ul>
Day 5: November 21, 2016	Pangboche	Mr. Pasang Nuru Sherpa, Chairperson Taskforce TF chair Mr. Tej B. Shahi, Health Post Incharge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Media team met Mr. Pasang Nuru Sherpa, Taskforce chairperson and discussed about the project intervention in the Pangboche and how it helps to reduce GLOF risks in the area.</li> <li>The team also visited the Health Post in upper settlement in the Pangboche and met with Mr. Tej B. Shahi. Mr. Shahi explained how the health care support made by project has helped him to deliver the effective services to the local people.</li> </ul>
	Dingboche		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trek to Dingboche and night stay.</li> </ul>

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<b>Day 6: November 22, 2016</b>	Chukkung		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Media Team travelled to Chukkung and stayed in there.</li> </ul>
		Mr. Mingmar Sherpa, Taskforce member, Dingboche Local communities from Pangboche and Dingboche, Lamas from Tengboche Ghumba	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Media team interacted with the local people from Pangboche and Dingboche in Chukung. Likewise, Mr. Mingmar Sherpa, Taskforce member also briefed the team about the interventions of project in Dingboche.</li> <li>The team also met the Lamas from Tengboche ghumba who are about to perform puja during Inaguration of Imja Lake construction works.</li> </ul>
<b>Day 7: November 23, 2016</b>	Imja Lake		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The team arrived on Imja Lake construction site at 7:30 am.</li> <li>Upon arrival they started interviewing locals, project and Nepal Amry personnel about the Imja Lake lowering works.</li> <li>They observed the inaugural ceremony, interviewed VIPs.</li> <li>They visited the Main Lake area, took pictures and video clips for their use and records.</li> </ul>
	Dingboche		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The team then trekked back to Dinboche and stayed there.</li> </ul>
<b>Day 8: November 24 2016</b>	Lukla		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Travel to Luka from Dingboche on Helicopter</li> </ul>
	Kathmandu		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Arrived to Kathmandu by air plane.</li> </ul>

**2. Recommendations and conclusions:**

- NA

**3. Outputs from the Field Visit/ Mission:**

- After the visit, media team published the feature articles and photo stories about Imja GLOF risk mitigation works in their respective media. This has helped to reach national and global audiences with Imja GLOF risk reduction initiatives undertaken as a collaborative effort of the Government of Nepal, UNDP and Nepal Army.

**4. Likely Follow-ups that might be necessary after the visit (*What Next?*):**

- NA

**5. Major changes, if any, since the last Field Visit:**

- NA