



UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME
Democratic Transition Unit (DTU)
For Social Cohesion and Democratic Participation (SCDP)

English version
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Travel Report

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Itinerary	Biratnagar-Phidim-Biratnagar
Purpose	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To discuss progress against the planned activities, major achievements, impact of work, opportunities and challenges, and lessons learnt To update the context in which SCDP is operating particularly with focus on DNH, and assess risk factors or dividers for and opportunities to strengthen connectors for social cohesion

1. Persons Accompanying Travel

S.N	Name	Title
1	Dashu Bhandari	

2. Travel Details

Date	From	To	Main Activity
18 June 2017	Biratnagar	Phidim	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Travelled to Ilam by land Had meeting with Chief District Officer and station manager of Eagle FM
19 June 2017			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Had meeting with Deputy Superintendent of Police Had meeting the grantee, Nepal Janauddhar Had meeting with the secretary and the coordinator of High Level Political Mechanism (HLPM) and prepared the meeting for the next day
20 June 2017	Phidim	Ilam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Had meeting with HLPM Had meeting with civil society representatives Had meeting with the Eagle FM team on PSA survey questionnaires and payment settlement. Travelled to Ilam Had meeting with Human Rights Forum (HURF) Nepal in Ilam
21 June 2017	Ilam	Biratnagar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Travelled back to Biratnagar

3. Main activities undertaken during travels (meetings, interactions, discussions)

- Had meetings with HLPM, grantees, civil society representatives and key government officials
- Reviewed HLPM activities in the district and their compliance with the election code of conduct.
- Discussed collaboration and relationships among the political parties.
- Handed over the signed copy of the contract to NJA, the grantee of UNDP-SCDP.
- Had discussion on each individual activity for SCDP focussing on its objectives, target group and selection criteria, execution plan and monitoring and evaluation indicators and plan with NJA
- Discussed SCDP issues in the project areas, Subhang, Phidim and Bharapa and sensitivity with NJA
- Discussed security situation and possible disruption during the election, issues of SCDP in the district with CDO and DSP
- Discussed dividing and connecting factors in Panchthar with the representatives of the Civil Society representatives

4. Main observations and findings

- The planned activities of SCDP are on hold. Not a single activity executed yet.
- HLPM is having regular meeting but only representatives of political parties are taking part. The heads of three big parties are busy in the election campaigns.
- The contract with Eagle FM over but perception survey not conducted yet.
- Negotiation was peaceful

5. Issues and problems observed

- Violation of the election code of conduct
- SCDP activities are on hold.

6. Main decisions of the TRAINING/MEETING

- To address the violation of the election code of conduct
- To review and discuss project activities in detail and prepare execution plan well.

7. Recommendations for further actions

- Detailed discussion of each individual activity with NJA and prepare execution plan
- Good consideration of DNH in activity execution
- Discussion on increasing effectiveness of HLPM and its sustainability

Submission Date :

22 June 2017

Signature:

