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

Travel Report

Name :	Krishna Jogi
Title :	Regional Dialogue Coordinator
Itinerary:	Biratnagar-Panchthar- Biratnagar
Purpose :	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>To attend preparatory meeting with local stakeholders for organizing social cohesion promotional cultural diversity festival on 28-29 Nov 2016 in Jorpokhari of Panchthar,</li><li>Onsite monitoring of grant activities in Bharapa and</li><li>Conduct lecture series in a High school of Bharapa VDC on social cohesion and community security.</li></ul>

1. Persons Accompanying Travel

S.N.	Name	Title
1	Bashu Bhandari	Driver

2. Travel Details

Date	From	To	Main Activity
19 Nov 2016	Biratnagar	Panchthar	- Travelled to Panchthar.
22 Nov 2016	Panchthar	Biratnagar	- Returned back to duty station.

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

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Attended preparatory meeting with local stakeholders for organizing social cohesion promotional cultural diversity festival to be organized on 28-29 Nov 2016 in Jorpokhari of Panchthar.</li><li>Monitored the Jorpokhari Police office building renovation activity under MCG and interacted with locals and police personnel.</li><li>Monitored grant activities in Bharapa (poultry farming and tunnel-based off-season vegetables) and interacted with beneficiaries.</li><li>Conducted lecture series in a High school of Bharapa VDC on social cohesion and community security, in collaboration with Police and partner NGO.</li></ul>
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4. Main observations and findings

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The preparation for cultural diversity festival is satisfactory and the local stakeholders are seriously engaged in preparation. The Minister for Peace and Reconstruction has confirmed her presence in the festival as chief guest.</li><li>The implementation of grant activities found satisfactory. The beneficiaries of poultry farming and vegetable farming are organised in their own groups and started interaction about improving collaboration and inter-community cohesion and taking part in community level discussions. The farmers are happy with the support provided for improving their livelihood and seem to be enthusiastic with the success of their enterprises.</li><li>A good collaboration between two VDCs (Bharapa and Subhang), locals and the partner NGO-NJA was observed in renovation of Police Post building, as the two VDCs provided NPR 60000.00 as matching fund to build new kitchen for police personnel and renovate the office building and the locals provided unskilled labour and local materials i.e. bamboo, raw wood etc.</li><li>The understanding of 140 young students of Jorpokhari Secondary school, Bharapa, Panchthar has been increased about the legal provisions and process for dealing with various crimes, role of students for prevention of community crimes and a favourable environment has been created for Police-youths collaboration for strengthening community security system.</li></ul>
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5. Issues and problems observed

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>NTR</li></ul>
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6. Main decisions of the TRAINING/MEETING

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>NTR</li></ul>
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7. Recommendations for further actions

NTR
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<b>Name :</b>	Satish Pandey
<b>Title :</b>	Project Coordinator- Community Security
<b>Itinerary:</b>	Nepalgunj-Rajapur-Nepalgunj
<b>Purpose :</b>	Execute activities planned under RO work plan

**1. Persons Accompanying Travel**

S.No.	Name	Title
1	Gopal Shrestha	Driver

**2. Travel Details**

Date	From	To	Main Activity
24 November 2016	Nepalgunj	Rajapur, Bardiya	Execute the planned activities
25 November 2016	Rajapur, Bardiya	Nepalgunj	Return to Duty station in Nepalgunj

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

- The cluster level community security committee was organised and were encouraged for the sustainability functioning to address the social cohesion and community security issues in the Rajapur
- 2 youth police activity was organised where the youths and students were encouraged for their crucial role as social cohesion champions and youth police relations were strengthened.
- An interaction meeting with school management committee and police was organized where the school management committee and school principals were committed to incorporate the agenda of social cohesion and community security in the school improvement plan and thus in their annual calendar

**4. Main observations and findings**

- The social cohesion and community security is broader thematic area that needs to be prioritized in schooling and in education to develop a decent society. Thus, the initiatives of engagement of school management committee and principals in incorporating agenda of social cohesion and community security in school improvement plan worked well
- The idea of exploring the sustainability of seeking budget from municipality and VDCs in implementation of community security plans worked well as this would enable the regular funding from development institutions.
- The continuation of youth police activity was working well again to build youths and police relations. The engagement of police in youths' activities will discourage youths in opting for crime and violence and also build positivity towards the police role.
- The sensitization on SDGs at the same time of the activities was also found working and more visible

**5. Issues and problems observed**

- Rajapur is more popular for agricultural land and have more farmers with Tharu population high in those belts. Since they are busy in morning in agricultural works, it was very challenging to bring them into activities even in school and in meetings.

**6. Main decisions of the TRAINING**

- The interaction with school management committee has greater impact as the interaction was organised with presidents of school management committee and principals of all schools in Rajapur municipality and VDCs. They shared that this was the first such meeting organised with stakeholders of education to get their commitment and feedback on social cohesion and community security.
- The interaction also explored the commitment level from the school's principal and mgmt. committee to



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<b>Title :</b>	Regional Dialogue Coordinator
<b>Itinerary:</b>	Biratnagar-Panchthar- Biratnagar
<b>Purpose :</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To attend social cohesion promotional cultural diversity festival on 28-29 Nov 2016 in Jorpokhari of Panchthar,</li> <li>• Conduct context analysis and planning workshop in Panchthar on 30 November 2016.</li> <li>• Conduct workshop with youths to promote them as social cohesion champions in Panchthar on 1-2 December 2016.</li> </ul>

**1. Persons Accompanying Travel**

S.N.	Name	Title
1	Bashu Bhandari	Driver

**2. Travel Details**

Date	From	To	Main Activity
27 Nov 2016	Biratnagar	Panchthar	- Travelled to Panchthar.
3 Dec 2016	Panchthar	Biratnagar	- Returned back to duty station.

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

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attended social cohesion promotional cultural diversity festival held in Jorpokhari of Panchthar.</li> <li>• Organized/facilitated context analysis and planning workshop with local stakeholders to gather programmatic ideas for next year's planning.</li> <li>• Monitored grant activities in Bharapa (poultry farming and tunnel-based off-season vegetables) and interacted with beneficiaries along with UNDP Field Office (monitoring team) colleague.</li> <li>• Organized, managed and facilitated the workshop with youths to promote them as social cohesion champions.</li> </ul>
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**4. Main observations and findings**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minister for Peace and Reconstruction Sita Devi Yadav inaugurated the festival on 28 November 2016 and made commitment to provide government's support for establishing a cultural diversity museum in Jorpokhari area to promote social cohesion and tourism. The festival contributed to improve social interactions and relations among diverse communities, and to spur positive attitude to ethnic/cultural diversity and inter-community ties among the local citizens.</li> <li>• Collected programmatic ideas/activities for next year's planning.</li> <li>• The capacity of 39 youths from across various castes and ethnic groups, religions and political lines, has been built for promoting social cohesion at the local level as social cohesion champions.</li> </ul>
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**5. Issues and problems observed**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NTR</li> </ul>
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**6. Main decisions of the TRAINING/MEETING**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NTR</li> </ul>
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**7. Recommendations for further actions**

NTR
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