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**FINAL PROJECT NARRATIVE REPORT**

The purpose of the Project Narrative Final Report is to summarize the operational, administrative and substantive activities undertaken to implement UNDEF funded CSOP and CSOP + EA projects. In order to provide a complete picture of project implementation activities, please provide specific examples and anecdotes and attach supplementary materials (as per section 13, page 5). UNDEF will compare the information provided in this report with the signed project document and other materials on file. Please explain in full any changes in project implementation vis-à-vis the signed project. UNDEF will review the report and will request additional information as needed.

The report should be no more than fifteen pages, excluding annexes and must be submitted to the UNDEF Secretariat by email ([democracyfund@un.org](mailto:democracyfund@un.org)) no later than:

- 3 months after project completion of CSOP+EA projects
- 1 month after project completion of CSOP projects

In addition, all projects are required to submit a Final Financial Report. For CSOP projects, the Implementing Agency must submit a Final Financial Utilization Report no later than 3 months after the completion of the project.

For CSOP+EA projects, the Executing Agency must submit a Final Interim Financial Report no later than 3 months after the completion of the project. This report should be accompanied by (a) Final Certified Financial Statement to be submitted no later than 30 June in the year following the financial closing of the project (for example, if the project closes in February 2011 the report would need to be submitted (or received) by 30 June 2010).

<b>1. GENERAL INFORMATION</b>		
<b>UNDEF Project Number: UDF-NEP-07-181</b>		<b>Project Type:</b> <input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/> CSOP <input type="checkbox"/> CSOP+EA
<b>Project Title: Enhancing Political Participation of Marginalized Women in Nepal</b>		
<b>Report Date: 15 November 2010</b>		<b>Project Extended:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, length of extension: <b>Months</b>		
<b>Project Start Date: 01 October 2008</b>	<b>Project End Date: 30 September 2010</b>	<b>Project Duration: 24 Months</b>
<b>Project Location:</b>		<b>For global and regional projects please specify target country(ies), for country projects please specify target areas of the country: N/A</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Global <input type="checkbox"/> Regional <input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/> Country		
<b>Target group(s)/beneficiaries: Marginalized women of 25 Village Development Committees (VDCs) of 5 selected districts of Nepal</b>		
<b>Implementing Agency: Association of District Development Committees of Nepal (ADDCN)</b>		
<b>Executing Agency (if applicable): N/A</b>		

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<b>Implementing Partner(s): World Vision Advocacy Forum (WVAF) &amp; National Indigenous Women Forum (NIWF)</b>	
<b>2. SUMMARY OF THE PROJECT'S FINANCIAL STATUS (in US dollars)</b>	
<b>Total amount of the project budget: USD 350,000.00</b>	<b>Amount of UNDEF grant: USD 350,000.00</b>
<b>Funds utilized: USD 317,275.74</b>	<b>Co-financing, if applicable (matching, parallel, etc.):</b>
<b>Remaining balance: USD 7,724.26</b>	
<b>Any comments:</b>	
<p><b>In addition to this final narrative report, for CSOP projects, the Implementing Agency should send a Final Financial Utilization Report no later than 3 months after the completion of the project.</b></p> <p><b>For CSOP+EA projects, the Executing Agency should send a Final Interim Financial Report no later than 3 months after the completion of the project.</b></p> <p><b>This interim financial report should be completed by Final Certified Financial Statements to be received no later than 30th June of the year following the financial closing of the project.</b></p>	
<b>3. MANAGEMENT ACTIONS</b>	
<b>Please indicate, where applicable, the actions undertaken to manage the project. Please indicate the functions of the management team</b>	
<p><b>Recruitment of Staff:</b></p> <p>As per the provisions in the project document, 12 project staffs for both implementing agency and implementing partners were recruited with effect from October 01, 2008 to September 30, 2010. <i>For more details on staffs recruited and their job descriptions please refer annex 1 &amp; 2 enclosed herewith.</i></p>	
<p><b>Procurement of Equipment:</b></p> <p>Required numbers of office equipment for project management and administrative purpose were procured by project implementing agency and implementing partners. <i>For more details on the list of office equipments purchased please refer annex 3.</i></p>	
<p><b>Partnership Arrangements:</b></p> <p>A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) among Association of District Development Committees of Nepal (ADDCN), World Vision Advocacy Forum (WVAF) and National Indigenous Women Forum (NIWF) was signed for the period of 24 months (October 01, 2008 to September 30, 2010) for smooth operation of UNDEF funded project being implemented in 5 selected districts of Nepal. <i>For more details on partnership agreement please refer annex 4.</i></p>	
<p><b>Establishment of Monitoring or Steering Committees:</b></p> <p>The following composition of project steering committee represented by one member from each implementing partners held its regular meetings on quarterly basis.</p> <p>a) Executive Secretary General, ADDCN Convener</p>	

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- b) Chairperson of WVAF      Member
- c) Representative of NIWF    Member
- d) Project Coordinator      Member Secretary

During the project period, 10 meetings had been successfully conducted. The major decisions taken by the steering committee includes:

- Approval of MoU to be signed among project implementing partners and local partners;
- Approval of ToR of all project staffs;
- Approval of financial guidelines (*please refer annex 5*);
- Approval of quarterly plan and progress reports;
- Approval of WFDs and DWFDs' operation guidelines;
- Approval of training module on Human Rights and Fundamental Democratic Principles, Gender, Social Inclusion & Advocacy(GSIA), Governance, Gender Audit and Public Hearing (GGAPH);
- Approval of operation guidelines prepared for organizing public dialogues on “Marginalized Women's Political Rights and Access to Constitution Making Process” at district and national levels;
- Approval of working procedures for project's progress review meeting held in 5 project districts; and
- Appointed N.K. Sharma and Company (Chartered Accountant) for financial audit of project.

**Other Management Actions taken:**

**Regular Project Staff Meetings:** As per the strategic guidance provided by the steering committee, regular project staff meetings among 3 implementing partners were held on monthly basis. 27 meetings were held during the project period which discussed on various issues such as implementing project activities effectively and timely in line with policies and scheduled established by steering committee, project planning, monitoring and evaluation, design and development of different training packages, field support and field management, design and development of weekly radio programs, and publication of quarterly newsletters.

**Signing of MoUs with District Development Committees:** A separate MoUs between ADDCN and five District Development Committees (DDCs) namely Sankhuwasabha, Kavrepalanchowk, Lamjung, Banke and Kanchanpur was signed for implementation of the project in five districts of Nepal. The terms and condition of MoU included selection of project VDCs, providing physical facilities (office space, furniture and equipments) to the Grassroots Democratic Facilitator (GDF), assignment of focal person from DDC, logistic support for capacity building of DDCs, project fund management at district level, monitoring and reporting of project activities etc.

**Signing of MoU with Central and Local FM Radio Stations:** A MoU between WVAF, responsible for weekly radio program and Communication Corner (Ujyalo 90 Network), a national level FM radio station based in Kathmandu was signed for the production and broadcasting of weekly radio program **Mahila Awaj** (women's voice). Similarly, separate MoUs with the district based local FM stations namely Khandbari FM, Sankhuwasabha; Radio Namobuddha, Kavrepalanchowk; Radio Gorkha, Lamjung; Radio Bheri Awaz, Banke; and Suklaphanta FM, Kanchanpur was also signed for the relay of weekly radio program in 5 project districts. Both agreements covered 72 episodes starting from March 27, 2009 to August 06, 2010. As per the provisions made in MoU with Communication Corner; production, editing and broadcasting of radio program was done at the studio of Ujyalo 90 Network.

**Financial Auditing of the Project:** The steering committee appointed N.K. Sharma and Company, a legally registered firm of chartered accountants, in order to carry out the annual financial as well as performance audit of the project for the period of October 2008 to September 2010.

**Please provide information on any shortcomings, delays or changes in the management actions, (e.g. turnover in**

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**staffing or relocation of project offices/activities), and actions taken to overcome these challenges.**

***Appointment of new Project Coordinator cum Theme Leader:*** As erstwhile Project Coordinator cum Theme Leader (Democracy & Governance) Mr. Parshuram Upadhyay resigned with effect from July 15, 2009, Mr. Daya Sagar Shrestha was appointed as a new project coordinator in August 12, 2010. *For more details on vacancy announcement, please refer annex 6.*

**4. BASELINE DATA**

**Please indicate in bullet point format the baseline data used in the project and how it was collected**

The following activities were undertaken for the baseline data collection in project districts

- Conducted the Participatory Rapid Assessment (PRA) with the total no. of 1224 marginalized women from 75 local women's groups including 25 WFDs (3 groups from each project VDC).
- Focus Group Discussion (FGD) with 20-25 marginalized women from different strata of the selected 25 VDCs.
- Political parties and their representatives, teachers and social leaders of project area also participated in FGDs;
- The rapid assessment components had the following scope of area with total no. of 25 questions and asked to the marginalized women in FGDs:
  - a) knowledge on politics and democratic rights (7 questions);
  - b) access to public services and facilities (6 questions);
  - c) marginalized women's empowerment and inclusion (6 questions);
  - d) marginalized women's access to information (2 questions);
  - e) knowledge on governance and constitution making process (3 questions); and
  - f) formal and informal marginalized women's organizations (1 question)
- An assessment team with representatives from centre, focal person of DDC and GDF was formed and oriented for PRA.
- The assessment team collected both primary and secondary data with the support of Local Development Officers (LDOs) and Information Officer of DDCs and VDC secretaries.

**5. ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN AND OUTPUTS**

**Please outline the key outputs and activities that have been undertaken. UNDEF will use this to compare it to the activities outlined in the Annex III Results Based Framework of the signed project document. The description should include the title of the activity, its location and date, the topics covered and, where applicable, the number of participants.**

**Please provide both quantitative data (e.g. number of participants) and qualitative data (description of activity) for each output and corresponding activity. Add more rows as needed – numbers should correspond with Project Document (in Word format, go to: Table, then click Insert and Rows Below).**

<u>Outputs</u>	<u>Activities</u>
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<b><u>Outputs</u></b>	<b><u>Activities</u></b>
<p><b><u>1. Human Rights and Fundamental Democratic Principles (HRFD)</u></b></p> <p><b>Intended</b></p> <p>1a. Training curriculum on HRFD developed;</p> <p>1b. 20 women trained as local trainers on HRFD;</p> <p>1c. 625 WFD members including women from various political parties and organizations trained on HRFD;</p> <p><b>Actual</b></p> <p>1a. Training curriculum on HRFD developed.</p> <p>1b. Conducted a 5-day ToT on HRFD in Kathmandu for 20 persons.</p> <p>1c. Training manual on HRFD developed and 25 VDCs level trainings conducted from which 623 marginalized women benefitted. The three days trainings in VDCs level were facilitated by the local resource persons capacitated through ToT.</p> <p>1c. Detailed training reports of both centre and VDC level developed and disseminated.</p>	<p><b><u>1. Human Rights and Fundamental Democratic Principles (HRFD)</u></b></p> <p><b>Intended</b></p> <p>1a. Developed training curriculum</p> <p>1b. Conduct 1-ToT in Kathmandu</p> <p>1c. Conduct 25-trainings at district (5-events per district)</p> <p><b>Actual</b></p> <p>1a. <b>Development of a Training curriculum:</b> A Training curriculum on HRFD was developed under the leadership of WVAF.</p> <p>1b. <b>ToT on Human Rights and Fundamental Democratic Principles (HRFD):</b> A 5-days ToT on HRFD was organized in Kathmandu from June 11-15, 2009 by WVAF in close consultation with ADDCN and NIWF. A total of 20 participants (5 GDF, 5 DDC focal person &amp; 10 WFD members) participated in the ToT training. The content was divided into 5 major modules and facilitated by 6 external resource persons. <i>For more details on HRDF training module, please refer annex 7.</i></p> <p>1c. <b>Development of training manual/reports:</b> A training manual on HRFD developed. A 3-day trainings on HRFD at 25 VDCs (5-VDCs per project district) conducted and 623 participants benefitted from the training. The detailed training report of both centre and VDC level developed and disseminated among relevant stakeholders. <i>For more details on each district and VDC level training, please refer annex 8.</i></p>
<p><b><u>2. Develop/Adopt IEC Materials</u></b></p> <p><b>Intended</b></p> <p>2a. A sizeable number of IEC materials (1150-pamphlet, 2300-brochure) related to women's political rights and democracy developed/adopted and disseminated through WFDs</p> <p><b>Actual</b></p> <p>2a. 1300 pamphlets with the theme "<i>Participation of Marginalized Women in politics: Is for Inclusive and Progressive Nepal</i>" (in poster size 18"X24") and 2500 copies of brochures related to women's political rights and democracy was published and disseminated at local and central levels.</p> <p>2a Awareness and understanding on women's political rights and democracy developed/increased among women from marginalized, Dalits, indigenous women, local political leaders, and local authorities.</p>	<p><b><u>2. Develop/Adopt IEC Materials</u></b></p> <p><b>Intended</b></p> <p>2a. Develop/adopt and disseminate IEC materials related to women's political rights and democracy</p> <p><b>Actual</b></p> <p>2a. <b>Development of Brochure:</b> During the third quarter (April - June 2009), WVAF in close consultation with ADDCN and NIWF developed and disseminated 2,500 copies of project brochures to the target beneficiaries and other stakeholders at project districts and Kathmandu (400 copies in 5 districts and 500 in Kathmandu). Copies of brochures were also widely distributed in various programme activities of the partners (<i>Please find the attached Brochures in this Report</i>).</p> <p>2a. <b>Development of pamphlets:</b> In the seventh quarter (Jan - March 2010), 1300 copies of pamphlets with the theme "<i>Political participation of marginalized women is a major necessity for the building of inclusive and prosperous new Nepal</i>" were developed and disseminated. The pamphlets were distributed to the target beneficiaries and other stakeholders at district and Kathmandu (200 copies each for 5 districts &amp; 300 in Kathmandu). The pamphlets were also widely distributed in various programme activities of the partners (<i>Please refer annex 9 and find the attached pamphlets</i>).</p>
<p><b><u>3. Radio Programme</u></b></p> <p><b>Intended</b></p> <p>3a 72 episodes of radio Programmes on women political empowerment and</p>	<p><b><u>3. Radio Programme</u></b></p> <p><b>Intended</b></p> <p>3a. Develop programme on women's political empowerment and participation in political and democratic processes.</p>

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<p>democratic processes broadcasted weekly;</p> <p>3b A sizeable number of populations in project districts and capital city benefited.</p> <p><b>Actual</b></p> <p>3a. In order to develop a radio programme, operational guideline prepared and hired three qualified staffs (Programme Coordinator, Presenter and Assistant Presenter) for the production and broadcasting purpose. Similarly, 72 episodes of weekly radio programme <i>Mahila Awaj (women's voice)</i> on women's political empowerment and participation in political and democratic processes and issues covered in the radio programme discussed by GDFs during D/WFDs quarterly and monthly meetings.</p> <p>3b A sizeable number of populations of more than 35 districts including 5 project districts and Kathmandu benefited from the programme.</p>	<p><b>Actual</b></p> <p>3a. <b>Development of an operational guideline:</b> WVAF in close consultation with project partners developed a radio programme operational guideline and accordingly the radio programme was produced and broadcasted.</p> <p>3a. <b>Hiring of a radio team of qualified staffs:</b> WVAF Nepal in consultation with partners employed three radio production staffs.</p> <p>3a <b>Development of weekly radio programme:</b> 72 episodes of weekly radio programme <i>Mahila Awaj (women's voice)</i> developed .The content of the programme was focused on political empowerment and participation of marginalized women in political and democratic processes. There was sharing of the content among all partners for effectiveness of the programme and necessary feedback. The recording of the programme was done one day prior to the broadcasting that was every Thursday in the studio of Ujyaalo national network by Radio team of the project.</p> <p>3a. <b>Broadcasting of weekly radio programme</b> The weekly radio programme was broadcasted effective from 27 March 2009 to 6 August 2010 every Friday from 7.30 to 8.00 pm. The broadcasting was done from one national FM-Ujyaalo FM 90 Mhz Kathmandu and simultaneously relayed by four district FM stations namely: Khandbari FM Sankhuwasabha; Radio Namobuddha Kavrepalanchowk; Radio Gorkha initially and later Radio Marsyangdi Lamjung; and Radio Bheri Awaz Banke. However, due to time constraints Suklaphanta FM Kanchanpur recorded the program on Friday afternoon from channel (2) and relayed the program at 7:15 PM to 7:45 pm every Friday. The radio program covered about 35 districts of Nepal with sizeable no. of population. <i>(For more details, please refer annex 10 and 11)</i></p>
<p><b>4. Quarterly Newsletters</b></p> <p><b>Intended</b></p> <p>4a 7800 user friendly quarterly newsletters (1300 pieces for 6-times) in a print form published and disseminate widely</p> <p>4b A common platform for all women from different grounds provided and their aspirations and issues shared.</p> <p><b>Actual</b></p> <p>4a. Published 7800 (1300 pieces for 6-times) quarterly newsletters "<i>Mahila Bichar</i>" (Women's Opinion) containing women specific issues. The newsletters widely distributed among members of DWFDs/WFDs and key stakeholders in both VDC and district levels.</p> <p>4b A common platform for all women from different grounds provided and subject matters of quarterly newsletters shared and discussed during D/WFDs quarterly and monthly meetings.</p>	<p><b>4. Quarterly Newsletters</b></p> <p><b>Intended</b></p> <p>4a. Publication and dissemination of women specific issues, such as rights to belong to a political party, rights to participate in public affairs, rights to equal access to public services and rights to elect or to be elected.</p> <p><b>Actual</b></p> <p>4a. <b>Publication and dissemination of quarterly newsletters:</b> NIWF in close coordination with partners published 7800 (1300 pieces for 6 - times) quarterly newsletters "<i>Mahila Bichar</i>" (Women's Opinion) containing women specific issues. <i>For more details, please refer annex 12.</i></p> <p>4a. <b>Dissemination of quarterly newsletters:</b> Quarterly newsletters published were widely distributed among project beneficiaries like members of DWFDs/WFDs and key stakeholders in both the VDC and district level (200 copies of every issue in five districts). The remaining 300 copies of every issue were widely distributed in various programme activities of the partners.</p>
<p><b>5. Alternative Means of Awareness</b></p>	<p><b>5. Alternative Means of Awareness Building</b></p>

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<p><b><u>Building</u></b> <b>Intended</b> 5a. 5-mass awareness campaigns (1-event per district) by using alternative means to make aware local people on genuine political issues of women organized and at least 500 local people directly involved.</p> <p><b>Actual</b> 5a. Two days ToT on street drama was conducted for 20 participants (4 persons of 5 project districts) on women's participation in politics and issues related to it. 5a. Street dramas on women's participation in politics and issues organized in 16 different places of project districts. 5a. A total of 3,454 people observed the street drama and increased their understanding on importance of women's participation in politics and democratic processes and issues related to it.</p>	<p><b>Intended</b> 5a. Organize campaign, rally or perform alternative means, i.e. popular folk theatre, drama, etc. on genuine political issues of women.</p> <p><b>Actual</b> 5a. <b>ToT on street drama:</b> WVAF Nepal in close consultation with partners conducted two days ToT on street drama in Kathmandu from November 9-10, 2009. ToT was provided to 20 participants including D/WFDs members, District Facilitators and DDC Focal Persons from 5 project districts. The trained artists performed street drama at district level.  5a. <b>Staging in districts:</b> Street dramas organized in 16 locations of the project districts by the local trained artists during the period (28 Dec2009-21 April 2010). Street dramas observed by 3,454 local people (<i>for more detail information, please refer annex 13</i>).</p>																		
<p><b>6.Participatory Rapid Assessment</b> <b>Intended</b> 6a.1-narrative report and database on political situation of women in the project area developed by the project team and WFD</p> <p><b>Actual</b> 6a. A Participatory Rapid Situation Analysis (PRSA) conducted in all the 25 selected VDCs (3 groups in each project VDC) from 5 project districts by 17 assessment team members led by an external expert.  6a. Findings of PRSA shared in each project district with district level stakeholders such as local authorities, political parties, DWFD, and WFD members etc. and awareness on political situation of women in the project VDCs raised.</p>	<p><b>6. Participatory Rapid Assessment</b> <b>Intended</b> 6a. Conduct Participatory Rapid Situation Analysis</p> <p><b>Actual</b> 6a. <b>Conduction of Participatory Rapid Situation Analysis (PRSA):</b> The PRSA conducted for 75 groups of 25 selected VDCs (5 VDCs x 3 groups x 5 project districts) during 22 March to 21 April 2009. A total of 1224 marginalized women participated in the PRSA including the WFD members. The PRSA lead by the implementing agency NIWF and supported by ADDCN and WVAF. The four main activities carried out for conduction of PRSA were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Development of Assessment team (17 members team)</li> <li>• Development of checklist/questionnaire (25 questionnaire):</li> <li>• Orientation on checklist/questionnaire for conduction of group discussion in the district (project partner and assessment):</li> <li>• Development of a narrative report: A narrative report and database on political situation of women in the project VDCs developed and shared the findings with district level stakeholders.</li> </ul> <p>The sharing meeting conducted in districts are as follows:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="699 1598 1395 1791"> <thead> <tr> <th>S. No</th> <th>District</th> <th>Date</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>Kanchanpur</td> <td>5 June 2009</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2</td> <td>Banke</td> <td>4 August 2009</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3</td> <td>Lamjung</td> <td>20 June 2009</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4</td> <td>Kavrepalanchowk</td> <td>1 July 2009</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5</td> <td>Sankhuwasabha</td> <td>6 July 2009</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	S. No	District	Date	1	Kanchanpur	5 June 2009	2	Banke	4 August 2009	3	Lamjung	20 June 2009	4	Kavrepalanchowk	1 July 2009	5	Sankhuwasabha	6 July 2009
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<p><b>7. Capacity Building of Local Authority</b> <b>Intended</b> 7a Facility for WFD monthly and DWFD quarterly interaction/meeting provided by</p>	<p><b>7. Capacity Building of Local Authority</b> <b>Intended</b> 7a. Establish support mechanism in each project VDC and DDC 7b. Provide logistic supports and provision of focal points</p>																		

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<p>VDC and DDC respectively.</p> <p>7b Essential logistic supports i.e. IT equipments to each DDC provided</p> <p>7c Grassroots political and democracy processes facilitated by local government officials and 5-local frontline leader</p> <p><b>Actual</b></p> <p>7a Financial support for local level activities conducted by D/WFDs in districts channelized through DDCs.</p> <p>7a Meeting hall and other facilities for WFD monthly and DWFD quarterly meetings and other events provided by DDCs and VDCs.</p> <p>7a. Active participated of VDC secretaries, LDOs and representatives from political parties and CBOs in meetings and other activities of WFDs and DWFDs.</p> <p>7b Provided financial support to DDCs for purchase of essential IT equipments and logistic supports for monitoring the activities</p> <p>7c Five GDFs from marginalized women communities and five DDC focal persons appointed and capacitated in order to facilitate the grassroots political and democracy processes.</p>	<p>7c. Facilitate grassroots democratic (GD) processes</p> <p><b>Actual</b></p> <p>7a <b>Funds channelized through DDCs:</b> Project's funds for local level activities such as WFDs monthly and DWFDs quarterly interaction/meetings and events conducted by D/WFDs in districts channelized through DDCs in quarterly/event basis. Meeting hall and other facilities for WFD monthly and DWFD quarterly interaction/meetings and other events provided by VDC and DDC as and when necessary. Active participation of VDC Secretaries, LDOs and representatives from political parties and CBOs in meetings and other activities of WFDs and DWFDs.</p> <p>7b Financial supports provided to the DDCs for purchase of essential IT equipments and logistic supports for monitoring. Essential IT equipments such as computers, printers, camera etc. purchased by each DDC as per their requirements.</p> <p>7c <b>Appointment of GDF and Focal persons:</b> Five GDFs from marginalized women communities appointed through specific selection process in each project district. Similarly, Five DDC focal persons appointed in each district. The GDFs and DDC focal persons fully capacitated in facilitating the grassroots political and democracy processes to achieve the projects' goals and in monitoring field level activities to ensure valid information and accountability of the project. Focal persons worked as key persons and acted as bridge between local authorities and D/WFDs members. <i>(For detail, please refer Annex 14)</i></p>
<p><b>8. Gender, Social Inclusion and Advocacy (GSIA)</b></p> <p><b>Intended</b></p> <p>8a Training curriculum GSIA developed</p> <p>8b. 20 women developed as local trainers on GSIA</p> <p>8c 125 WFD members including other women from various political parties and organizations trained on GSIA</p> <p><b>Actual</b></p> <p>8a. Training curriculum on Gender, Social Inclusion and Advocacy (GSIA) developed.</p> <p>8b. A 5-day ToT on Gender, Social Inclusion and Advocacy (GSIA) in Kathmandu conducted where 20 participants (DWFD members/District focal persons and GDFs developed as local trainers on GSIA.</p> <p>8c. A total of 121 D/WFD members including women from various political parties and organizations trained on Gender, Social Inclusion and Advocacy (GSIA).</p> <p>8d. Detailed training reports of both centre</p>	<p><b>8. Gender, Social Inclusion and Advocacy (GSIA)</b></p> <p><b>Intended</b></p> <p>8a. Developed training curriculum</p> <p>8b. Conduct 1-ToT in Kathmandu</p> <p>8c. Conduct 5-trainings at district (1 event per district)</p> <p><b>Actual</b></p> <p>8a. <b>Development of a Training curriculum:</b> A Training curriculum on Gender, Social Inclusion and Advocacy (GSIA) was developed by the Project team in close consultation with the resource persons under the leadership of the implementing partner NIWF <i>(please refer the major contents of training curriculum of GSIA in annex 15)</i>.</p> <p>8b. <b>Organization of ToT:</b> A 5-days ToT on GSIA was organized in Kathmandu from 10-14 November, 2009 by the Project team under the leadership the implementing partner NIWF. The ToT program divided into 20 technical sessions and facilitated by 3 external resource persons having good expertise in the field of gender and social inclusion. A total of 20 (10 DWFD members, 5 GDF &amp; 5 Focal Persons) participated in the ToT training.</p> <p>8c. <b>Development of training manual/reports:</b> A training manual on GSIA developed by hiring an internal resource person and accordingly three days trainings on GSIA conducted at 5 project district (one event per district). A total of 121 D/WFD members</p>



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<p><b>Stakeholder</b></p> <p><b>Intended</b></p> <p>10a. Local authorities and the project stakeholders well informed about the project by organizing 5-district level public meetings</p> <p>10b. Target community well informed by organizing 25-VDC level public meetings.</p> <p>10c. 25- pre-organization orientation to grassroots democracy facilitators (GDFs) and selected.</p> <p>10d. 4-half-yearly review/sharing meeting among partners, stakeholders and project team in Kathmandu held</p> <p><b>Actual</b></p> <p>10a. A total of 107 persons including representatives from local authorities, political parties and other stakeholders oriented on UNDEF project and its implementation modalities in five project districts.</p> <p>10b. A total of 25 VDCs out of 247 VDCs from five project districts based on DAG mapping, remoteness and concentration of marginalized population selected</p> <p>10c. A total of 1,666 local people including marginalized women and newly selected five GDFs well informed about the UNDEF project and its implementation modalities in five project districts</p> <p>10d. Four half-yearly review/sharing meetings held in Kathmandu. The sharing meetings attended by national and district level stakeholders and project team</p>	<p><b>Intended</b></p> <p>10a. Hold pre-consultation meeting with local authorities, political parties and stakeholders in districts</p> <p>10b. Hold pre-consultation meeting with the target VDC and community and conduct Pre-organization orientation (PoT) in village</p> <p>10c. Half-yearly review/sharing meeting in Kathmandu</p> <p><b>Actual</b></p> <p>10a. <b>Pre-consultation meetings:</b> Five pre-consultation meetings (one event per district) were held with local authorities, political parties and stakeholders. A total of 107 persons including representatives from local authorities, political parties and other stakeholders oriented about UNDEF project. A total of 25 VDCs based on DAG mapping, remoteness and concentration of marginalized population selected to implement the project. The details of selected VDCs are as follows:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="703 716 1539 953"> <thead> <tr> <th>District</th> <th>Date</th> <th>No. of Participants</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Kanchanpur</td> <td>Feb. 17, 2009</td> <td>23</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Banke</td> <td>Feb. 11, 2009</td> <td>18</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lamjung</td> <td>Jan. 16, 2009</td> <td>25</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Kavrepalanchok</td> <td>Jan.12, 2009</td> <td>20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sankhuwasabha</td> <td>Feb.9, 2009</td> <td>21</td> </tr> <tr> <td align="center" colspan="2"><b>Total</b></td> <td><b>107</b></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>10b. <b>Pre-consultation meeting with the target VDC and community:</b> A total of 25 pre-consultation meetings and pre-organization orientation (PoT) held in the initiation period of project at local level. During the period from 21 March to 20 April 2009 in which 1,666 people including marginalized women and newly selected five GDFs well informed about the UNDEF project and its implementation modalities. The pre-consultation meeting supported to form WFDs at local level. <i>For detail, please refer annex 17.</i></p> <p>10c. <b>Half-yearly review/sharing meetings:</b> Four half-yearly review/sharing meetings held in different places of Kathmandu Valley. The details of which are as follows:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="678 1325 1531 1606"> <thead> <tr> <th>Review Meeting</th> <th>Place &amp; Date</th> <th>No. of Participants</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>First half yearly review meeting</td> <td>08-09 May 2009 at Godabari, Lalitpur</td> <td>30</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Second half yearly review meeting</td> <td>14-15 Nov. 2009 at Nagarkot, Bhaktapur</td> <td>25</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Third half yearly review meeting</td> <td>30 April 2010, Lalitpur</td> <td>39</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Fourth half yearly review meeting</td> <td>28 Septemer, 2010, Kathmandu</td> <td>41</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>The progress of the DWFs shared in the meetings by the chairpersons/representatives and LDOs where many stakeholders including the Hon. Memer of Constituent Assembly (CA), member of National Planning Commission (NPC), representative of Ministry of Local Development (MoLD), Assistant Resident Representative (ARR) of UNDP gave their remarks and provided feedbacks. The report of each review meeting produced. <i>For detail, please refer annex 18.</i></p>	District	Date	No. of Participants	Kanchanpur	Feb. 17, 2009	23	Banke	Feb. 11, 2009	18	Lamjung	Jan. 16, 2009	25	Kavrepalanchok	Jan.12, 2009	20	Sankhuwasabha	Feb.9, 2009	21	<b>Total</b>		<b>107</b>	Review Meeting	Place & Date	No. of Participants	First half yearly review meeting	08-09 May 2009 at Godabari, Lalitpur	30	Second half yearly review meeting	14-15 Nov. 2009 at Nagarkot, Bhaktapur	25	Third half yearly review meeting	30 April 2010, Lalitpur	39	Fourth half yearly review meeting	28 Septemer, 2010, Kathmandu	41
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<p>11a. Women leaders organized</p> <p>11b. 25-WFD and 5-DWFD formed and fully functional</p> <p>11c. 500-monthly meeting (100 per district) of WFD in VDC and 30-quarterly meeting (5 per district) of DWFD in DDC ensured</p> <p>11d. Women issues discussed and project KSA shared in the meeting</p> <p><b>Actual</b></p> <p>11a A guideline for WFD developed by the project team.</p> <p>11b. A total of 25 WFDs (one in each VDC) comprising 320 members formed.</p> <p>11c. Five DWFD comprising 83 members formed in each district by federating WFDs of each district into DWFD.</p> <p>11d. Women issues in various areas discussed and project Knowledge, Skill and Attitude (KSA) shared in the meeting</p>	<p>11a. Develop guideline for women forum for democracy (WFD)</p> <p>11b. Form WFD in each VDC</p> <p>11c. Federate WFDs into district women forum for democracy (DWFD) in each district</p> <p>11d. Ensure monthly interaction/meeting of WDF in VDC and quarterly interaction/meeting of DWFD in DDC</p> <p><b>Actual</b></p> <p><b>11a. Development of a Guideline:</b> A guideline for WFD developed. The guideline included the procedures for WFD formation, number of WFD members (9 to 13) and their role and responsibilities.</p> <p><b>11b. Formation of WFD in each VDC:</b> Pre-consultation meeting with VDCs secretaries and community people conducted leading to formation of 25 WFDs comprising 289 marginalized women. Till the end of the project, the member of WFDs increased from 289 to 325. <i>For details, please refer annex 19.</i></p> <p><b>11c. Formation of DWFD in each district:</b> A guideline for formation of DWFD developed and five DWFDs comprising 83 marginalized women formed by federating WFDs of each district into DWFD. A total of 36 quarterly meeting held by DWFD during project period. <i>For details, please refer annex 20.</i></p> <p><b>11d. Women issues discussed and project KSA shared in the meeting:</b> A total 460 monthly meetings of WFDs and 36 quarterly meetings of DWFDs conducted throughout the project period and issues of women such as political participation, domestic violence, and abuse of human rights etc. shared and discussed.</p>																												
<p><b>12. Public dialogue on Constitution Building</b></p> <p><b>Intended</b></p> <p>12a. Five public dialogue (One per district) and one national seminar (in Kathmandu) with meaningful participation of various political parties, CA members, CSOs, caste/ethnicity based organizations, authorities organized and the issues discussed and findings widely disseminated as tool for advocacy</p> <p><b>Actual</b></p> <p>12a. One day district level public dialogue program in five districts on "Marginalized Women's Political Rights and Access to Constitution Making Process" organized. A total of 228 participants comprising of members from DWFDs, CA members, representatives from major political parties, indigenous women, <i>Dalits</i>, local authorities, journalists participated.</p> <p>12a One-day national seminar conducted in Kathmandu where 150 participants</p>	<p><b>12. Public dialogue on Constitution Building</b></p> <p>12a. Develop guideline for public dialogue in district and national level</p> <p>12b. Organize public dialogue on women's political rights and access to constitution making process in districts</p> <p>12c. Organize national seminar to sensitize major political parties, CA members to address women's issues in democratic and constitution making processes</p> <p><b>Actual</b></p> <p>12a. A guideline for conduction of public dialogue on constitution making in district and national level developed. Five woman lawyers (one in each district) oriented and developed as local facilitators to conduct the public debates in all project districts in uniform manner.</p> <p>12b. 5- (one per district) one day district level public dialogue program titled "<i>Marginalized Women's Political Rights and Access to Constitution Making Process</i>" in 5 project districts organized. The details of the district level public dialogue program are as follows:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="711 1619 1503 1822"> <thead> <tr> <th>Districts</th> <th>Location</th> <th>Date</th> <th>Participants</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Lamjung</td> <td>Besisahar</td> <td>11 Jan. 2010</td> <td>42</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Kavrepalanchowk</td> <td>Dhulikhel</td> <td>21 Jan. 2010</td> <td>50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Kanchanpur</td> <td>Mahendranagar</td> <td>21 Jan. 2010</td> <td>44</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Banke</td> <td>Nepalgunj</td> <td>20 Jan. 2010</td> <td>52</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sankhuwasabha</td> <td>Khandbari</td> <td>09 Jan. 2010</td> <td>40</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>228</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>12c. One-day national seminar on <i>space of marginalized women in new constitution of Nepal</i> conducted in Kathmandu on 16 March 2010.</p>	Districts	Location	Date	Participants	Lamjung	Besisahar	11 Jan. 2010	42	Kavrepalanchowk	Dhulikhel	21 Jan. 2010	50	Kanchanpur	Mahendranagar	21 Jan. 2010	44	Banke	Nepalgunj	20 Jan. 2010	52	Sankhuwasabha	Khandbari	09 Jan. 2010	40	Total			228
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<p>including the chairperson and members of CA, MoLD, delegates of DWFDs and other stakeholders participated.</p> <p>12aThe issues related to marginalized women's political rights and access to constitution making Process" discussed thoroughly and findings widely disseminated.</p>	<p>The seminar attended by 150 participants including the chairperson of CA, Mr. Subash Chandra Nembang as the chief guest, Minister of Local Development, CA members, delegates of DWFDs and other stakeholders. 42-point suggestions to address women's issues in democratic constitution determined by marginalized women in the districts public dialogues presented, discussed and finalized in the seminar. The 42-point memorandum submitted to His Excellency President Dr. Ram Baran Yadav and Hon'ble Prime Minister Mr. Madhav Kumar Nepal on 16 March, 2010.</p>
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**6. OUTCOMES**

**Please describe the results made on achieving the outcomes in a manner that can be compared to the projected outcomes and outcome indicators in the signed project document.**

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**Intended Outcome 1: Improved women’s capacity to strengthen democratic process at the local level**

**Outcome Indicators**

1. 20-local trainers on human rights and fundamental democratic principles developed and they train 625-marginalized women including women from various political parties and organizations in the selected districts
2. Awareness and understanding on political and democratic processes among marginalized women increased through variety of means, i.e. IEC materials, radio, newsletter, training, etc

**Results achieved**

1. 20 local people trained on human rights and fundamental democratic principles.
2. 623 marginalized women trained on human rights and fundamental democratic principles
3. Detail training manual and training reports produced on human rights and fundamental democratic principles
4. 20 local resource persons trained on street drama
5. A total of 3,454 local people's understanding on Political Participation of Marginalized Women increased.
4. Awareness and understanding among marginalized women on political and democratic processes as well as political rights of women increased.
5. IEC materials on issues related to women's participation in political and democratic processes in Nepal published and disseminated.

**Intended Outcome 2: Increased capacity of CSO and local authority on civic empowerment and advocacy tool and techniques**

**Outcome Indicators**

1. A narrative report on women’s political situation shared among the stakeholders and used as tool for awareness raising
2. 20-DDC personnel and district political leaders developed as local trainer on governance, gender auditing and public hearing (GGAPH) training
3. 150-local authorities and stakeholders trained/oriented on governance, gender auditing and public hearing to support women political activisms at local level
4. 20-local trainers on gender, social inclusion and advocacy developed and they train 625-marginalized women including women from various political parties and organizations in the selected districts

**Results achieved**

- 1 A detailed narrative report and database on political situation of women of the project area produced
2. Awareness among local authorities, CSO and other stakeholders on political situation of women of the project area increased

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3. 20 local resource persons including local authority on governance, gender auditing and public hearing (GGAPH) as well as gender, social inclusion and advocacy (GSIA) trained.
4. 150 local authorities and stakeholders on governance, gender auditing and public hearing trained.
5. Support for women political activisms at local level increased.
4. 625 marginalized women trained on gender, social inclusion and advocacy including women from various political parties and organizations of the project districts.
5. Capacity of local authorities increased on gender, social inclusion and advocacy issues and increased participation of women in political processes in districts and VDCs.

**Intended Outcome 3:** Established/strengthened network to take proactive steps towards creating space for women's political participation

**Outcome Indicators**

1. 25-WFDs at VDC and 5-DWFDs at district fully functional and take proactive steps to create space for marginalized women in local politics
2. Linkages and network among WFDs and with political parties, CSOs and local authorities established and a common platform for collaboration created
3. Marginalized women developed into a critical mass to strengthen political and democratic processes at grassroots and they bring their genuine political issues in public discourse and in mainstream politics

**Results achieved**

1. Marginalized women organized into a critical mass with the formation of 25-WFDs at VDCs and 5- DWFDs at districts.
2. 25 WFDs at VDC and 5-DWFDs at districts fully functional and taking proactive steps to create space for marginalized women in local politics. D/WFDs members have been taking part in the council meetings of respective VDCs and DDCs and participating in formulation of local development plan and budget allocation. Coalition, network and advocacy for political participation of women in general and marginalized women in particular developed. Through proper advocacy and capacitating of D/WFDs members, they have succeeded in receiving small grants/trainings /other benefits from local governments such as DDCs, VDCs and district level line agencies. Last year D/WFDs have received a total grant of NRs. 917,982 (US\$ 13,000) and and this fiscal year has also been ensured by local authorities for marginalized women's empowerment as per local needs.
3. Desired linkages and network among D/WFDs and political parties, CSOs and local authorities established and a common platform for collaboration created. D/WFDs members nominated as chairperson, secretary & member in local institutions like school management committees, Nepal Red Cross Society, Town level/district Committee of Political parties, regional network of violence against women etc.
4. With the increased awareness and capacity of CSOs and local authorities on civic empowerment Political and democratic process at grassroots strengthened.
5. Genuine political issues related to women discussed in public discourse and in mainstream politics.

**If intended outcomes have not been completed or are still in process, please explain the reasons.**

N/A

**Please indicate if any outcomes not planned have been there are any other outcomes not originally planned have resulted.**

**DWFDs members met President and Prime Minister of Nepal:**

Facilitated by project team, the DWFD members met the first President of Republic of Nepal, His Excellency Dr. Ram Baran Yadav and Rt. Hon'ble Prime Minister Mr. Madhav Kumar Nepal on March 16, 2010 and submitted 42-points memorandum on marginalized women's rights to be addressed in new constitution. During the meeting President Dr. Yadav and Prime Minister Mr. Nepal expressed happiness about the progresses made by DWFDs and assured to forward the memorandum to the Constituent Assembly for serious consideration.

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During the project period, two district level review meetings were conducted by DWFD in all districts in order to intensify monitoring of the project activities and sharing the progress and achievements among the concerned stakeholders in the district. One day district levels review/sharing meetings were jointly organized by respective DDCs and DWFDs on following dates:

Districts	1 <sup>st</sup> Review Meeting		2 <sup>nd</sup> Review Meeting	
	Date	No. of Participants	Date	No. of Participants
Kanchanpur	24 April 2010	62	6 Sept. 2010	30
Banke	13 April 2010	43	15 Sept. 2010	54
Lamjung	16 April 2010	51	6 Sept. 2010	52
Kavrepalanchowk	12 April 2010	42	30 Aug. 2010	45
Sankhuwasabha	16 April 2010	50	15 Sept. 2010	35
<b>Total</b>		<b>248</b>		<b>216</b>

At the outset of the meeting, women representatives from WFDs and DWFDs presented the progress and achievements made by them, problems encountered during implementation of the project and how they overcame all difficulties. The representatives from different political parties and other invitees commented on the each presentation and put their concerns over the entire project being implemented in the districts. Local Development Officer and VDC Secretaries expressed their happiness about the progress made by D/WFDs and pledged for the grants and technical assistance from DDC and VDC office to the D/WFDs.

During the 1st review meeting a documentary on "Women's Political Rights to be Addressed on New Constitution" was also shown to the invitees.

**7. PROJECT SCHEDULE CHANGES**

**Please outline any significant changes in the project document and any impacts on the project schedule. Explain the reasons for any changes.**

No such changes have been occurred in the original work plan.

**8. CONSTRAINTS OR ISSUES AFFECTING IMPLEMENTATION**

**Please explain any constraints or issues which have affected implementation. Please be as specific and concise as possible.**

- During the initial period of the project, frequent general strikes called by disgruntled political parties caused some delay and hindrances in the implementation of planned activities. Further, UCPN (Maoist) led government initiation to form interim local bodies in January 2009 could not be realized due to failure in reaching a consensus with other political parties also caused some delay in project implementation. Similarly, the engagement of VDC secretaries in by-election of Constituent Assembly elections in April 10, 2009 also deferred some of the activities.
- The delay in release of second tranche budget resulted in the delay of implementation of some of the activities. However, the intended activities were completed within the stipulated time frame.

**9. SUCCESSES AND ACHIEVEMENTS**

**Please outline the project's major successes and achievements. Be as specific and concise as possible.**

The project within a short of time has contributed to overall empowerment of marginalized women of Nepal who because of patriarchy and prevalent gender stereotyping had been excluded from public spheres. The target beneficiaries of the project have been politically empowered and have been self assertive, confident and vocal in issues pertaining to their rights. The project has also contributed to enhancing advocacy skills of women. This is supported by the fact that they met with the President- Ram Baran Yadav and Prime Minister Madhav Kumar Nepal and submitted a 42 points memorandum on the inclusion of marginalized women in the new Constitution of Nepal.

The project has succeeded in capacitating women of the project VDCs/Districts for political participation and participation in the democratic process at the local level such as D/WFDs members who prior had no access to VDCs

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/DDCs are now invited and taking part in the council meetings of their respective VDCs and DDCs, advocating or creating pressure for fund allocation for women groups and able to fetch small grants/trainings and other benefits from DDCs VDCs and Small Scale and Cottage Industries, District Health Post, Agriculture and Animal Husbandry Department etc, Furthermore, these women have been actively involved in advocacy with the line agencies of the districts for protection and promotion of the rights of women in general and marginalized women in particular. The proof these women have been capacitated is further evidenced from the fact that these women who were initially confined within the four walls of kitchen and subjected to social and political exclusion have now been nominated in various local institutions like school management committees, Nepal Red Cross Society-district chapter, Town level/district Committee of Political parties, regional network of violence against women, community forest user's committees etc.

Moreover, the women from the networks have developed the capacity to discuss in public discourse and in mainstream politics genuine political issues related to women such as property and inheritance rights, rights to education and literacy, rights to citizenship, right to marriage and divorce, rights to complaints, right to raise voices against social injustices etc. The project has capacitated them to raise their voices against tradition based social evils or human rights abuses against women such as early marriage, polygamy, polyandry (multiple husbands), dowry system, witchery, women trafficking, domestic violence, sexual harassment at school, college and at workplace, forced sex, prostitution, rape and marital rape, molestation etc. Being aware they have on their own initiation taken out rallies/campaign against women trafficking/liquor consumption, gambling etc. Further, these forums have emerged as platforms for receiving local level complaints against the issues related to women and these forums are playing the role of mediator in solving local issues related to women.

To conclude it can be said that these women who were prior to the implementation of this project were subjected to domination, discrimination, exploitation, domestic and gender based violence, discriminatory laws and social deprivations etc due to patriarchal society have developed awareness and understanding on political and democratic processes, human/women/constitutional rights and governance and developed advocacy skills in claiming their rights at the local levels as well as developed skills in solving issues related to women. They have derived general knowledge on women's empowerment and inclusive democracy and advocacy and have taken initiative in observation of important days related to women like women's day, violence against women day etc in order to promote and protect women rights. Being aware and capacitated they are also freely participating in public/social life and have shown interest in carrying out social work like road construction, cleanliness drive etc.

**10. COMMENTS ON OVERALL PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION**

**Please provide an assessment of the outcomes of the project in relation to project objectives.**

The main objective of the project was to increase capacity and political participation of marginalized women to strengthen political and democratic processes in Nepal. As envisioned by the project the outcomes of the project have been found satisfactory in fulfilling the above mentioned objective of project. The capacity of the women at local levels have been further strengthened which has been directly or indirectly contributing to strengthen democratic processes at the local level. Political participation of women in local governance level has increased which is one of the successes of the project. Women have been organized and are proactively working to ensure their rights at different levels. The beneficiary women at the grassroots have gained confidence, knowledge and skills enabling them to take active part in community based of broader social initiatives.

These women have got the synergy to continue their work of advocating their rights. The project has capacitated these women network to raise their voices against tradition based social evils or human rights abuses against women such as early marriage, polygamy, polyandry (multiple husbands), dowry system, witchery, chhaupadi, kamlari, Dewki, women trafficking, domestic violence, sexual harassment at school, college and at workplace, forced sex, prostitution, rape and marital rape, molestation etc. The overall impact of the project on the target group and target region has been highly appreciative and this is evident from the outstanding work they have been doing through the network. Another important aspect of this project is the willingness on the part of women networks in the district and VDC levels in continuing their work and sustaining the networks for the promotion of rights particularly political rights of women in their respective

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districts and VDCs. These women have been actively working in seeking funds from local bodies and some of them already received some small grants. These women have mobilized the local development funds received from DDC in various issues related to women. Programs on various themes such as Child Marriage, Domestic Violence and polygamy, human rights and human rights of women have been conducted with the self initiation of women networks. These women have become an active agent of change and are being gradually recognized for their works at the grassroots levels.

**Please include observations on the extent to which project objectives were met and whether the project has contributed to any *unforeseen* results (be they positive or negative).**

N/A

**Please highlight the impact of the project on both the target group and target region.**

The target groups have been able to raise their voices for the participation in local governance and democratic practices. This program has been model for local authorities to extend its program in other VDCs. The Honorable member of NPC Dr. Prem Kunwar has expressed his views in 4th Half Yearly Meeting at Kathmandu to extend this successful program in other districts by allocating budget in RED BOOK. Further, the Local Development Officer has also assured to continue conducting this program in project districts by covering other VDCs as adjoining VDCs were already influenced by Radio program and they already demanded to launch this program at their respective area.

**11. ANY OTHER REMARKS (highlights, brief anecdotes, etc.)**

N/A

**12. PROJECT EVALUATION**

As indicated in the [project document guidelines](#), a project evaluation should be conducted.

**For CSOP projects, UNDEF will inform the Implementing Agency about the evaluation strategy to be undertaken. In some cases, the evaluation will be commissioned by UNDEF and in others the Implementing Agency will be requested to commission an independent evaluation paid by UNDEF.**

**For CSOP+EA projects, the Executing Agency is responsible for conducting an evaluation. For further details, please refer to [UNDEF evaluation guidelines](#). At this stage, indicate in the sections below the requested information.**

Name of Evaluator: UNDP-Nepal

Contact Details for the Evaluator: N/A

Estimated funds for the Evaluation Mission: N/A

Date/Timeline of the Evaluation: N/A

**13. ANNEXES**

**Please summarize all materials produced (documents, publications, websites, etc.) and provide other relevant supplementary materials (e.g. curriculum outline, training evaluation, conference/workshop programs and reports, photos of events, press clippings, etc.).**

**Please attach these to the report. Please note these documents can either be sent by email or on a disc by post (as part of the project costs).**

The following documents have been attached in the report:

- 20 Annexes for the further information related with this final report;
- Publication (5th & 6th issues of Newsletter);
- 4th Half Yearly Report; and
- Some photos of project activities



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- Fund Accountability Statement (October 2008-September 2010)
- Financial Utilization Report (October 2008-September 2010)

Remaining other documents related with project activities completed in First and Second tranche periods have already been sent in mid-term and second progress report.

**14. SIGNATURE**

Executing Agency (If applicable)	Implementing Agency(ies)
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