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Name of Meeting

NAC- SC Meeting (36)

DATE: 13 FEBRUARY 2014
LOCATION: MINISTRY OF FEDERAL AFFAIRS AND LOCAL DEVELOPMENT, SINGHDURBAR
TIME START: 14:00 TIME END: 16:00
COORDINATOR: MR. RESHMI RAJ PANDEY JOINT SECRETARY/ NPD

Agenda	Decisions made	Action (if any) to be taken by whom and by when:
Introduction	<p>Mr. Reshmi Raj Pandey chaired the first meeting of NAC-SC under his leadership. He welcomed the participants and briefed about the main agenda of the meeting. The main agenda includes progress status and policy issues based on output groups meeting held in the first week of February 2014.</p> <p>Mr. Pandey informed that more than 95 % VDCs have completed their council meetings and most local bodies have followed participatory planning process in formulating annual plan which has helped to mitigate accountability issues caused by the prolonged absence of local election. He also mentioned that new government has stated holding of local election as one of the main priorities.</p>	
Discussion on findings of output groups	The committee discussed on progress and policy issues based on the findings of output groups meeting held in the first week of February 2014 under the chairpersonship of respective output	

	<p>group coordinators.</p> <p>The committee discussed the status and issues under output 1. It was reported that revision of social mobilization guidelines is underway. The committee recommended to include capacity development plans for Local Service Providers (LSP) to assist effective transformation of WCFs in monitoring and oversight role. Livelihood Improvement Plan was also discussed in the meeting. It was clarified that all social mobilizers will be transferred to LSPs by the end of the FY 2013/14.</p> <p>In case of output 2, it was reported that Expression of Interest has been published to mobilize CSOs in implementing social accountability mechanisms in all the districts. It was agreed to issue multi-year contract to CSOs on performance based extension to avoid long procurement process. It was also agreed to hire senior national consultant to design LGAF modality including compliance monitoring role of CSOs.</p> <p>The committee discussed priorities and issues under output 3 which include improving expenditure of development funds in local bodies in early parts of the fiscal year. It was agreed to discuss in the forthcoming NAC meeting on interventions to improve timely release of fund to local bodies.</p> <p>Under output 4 the major activities include PEFA-FRRAP implementation. A joint review team is assessing the status of FRRAP implementation.</p> <p>The committee reviewed the concept note on capacity development strategy and recommended to consider resource planning for local bodies while designing CD strategy. It was also suggested that strategy need to be adaptable to local needs and be linked with MCPM outcomes.</p> <p>The major activities under output 6 include local service delivery, community mediation, social security and vital registration. It was reported that efforts are underway to involve technical division</p>	
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	<p>of MoFALD in quality assurance of community infrastructure.</p> <p>Under output 7 the main priorities include strengthening coordination between local bodies and local service providers. It was reported that cabinet has approved environment friendly local governance framework submitted by the MoFALD.</p> <p>The committee discussed the status of activities under output 8 & 9. Major priority activities under these outputs include organizing Decentralization Implementation Monitoring Committee meeting and updating Decentralization Implementation Plan. It was reported that MoFALD has revised LSGA to facilitate in conducting local body local and submitted to cabinet for approval.</p> <p>The committee appreciated the structure of discussion on priority policy issues and recommended to base for future discussion including the upcoming NAC meeting schedule for 18 February 2014.</p> <p>The committee also appreciated the Output Coordinators, PCU specialists and DP output leads for helping in identifying key priority issues.</p>	
<p>Discussion on other aspects</p>	<p>The committee recommended to structure the upcoming NAC meeting in two parts viz: i) discussion on programme status based on documents mentioned in JFA and priority policy issues and ii) status of programme results matrix of LGCDP-II with focus on strategic priorities e.g local election and PM reform.</p> <p>It was suggested that DPs fund in LGCDP II should be channelled to the communities and less on technical assistance. It was recommended that this could be linked to CAC expansion and income generating activities.</p> <p>The committee decided to request Norway, Denmark, UNDP and UNCDF to sign JFA agreements as early as possible and all development partners to prepare for timely</p>	

	<p>disbursement of funds to avoid any implementation delays.</p> <p>It was clarified that DPs that require refund of unspent funds from LGCDP-I will be refunded once the Office of Auditor General submits the final audit report.</p>	
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ATTENDANCE LOG

S.NO	NAME	DESIGNATION	ORGANIZATION
1	Mr. Reshmi Raj Pandey	Joint Secretary/ NPD	MoFALD/LGCDP
2	Mr. Purusottam Nepal	Under Secretary/Programme Manager	MoFALD/LGCDP
3	Mr. Ramesh K. Adhikari	Under Secretary	MoFALD
4	Mr. Jaydeep Biswas	Governance Advisor	DFID
5	Mr. Saroj Nepal	Sr. Programme Officer	Danish Embassy
6	Mr. Prakash Regmi	SPO	Swiss Embassy
7	Mr. Rune Qvale	JFA Coordinator	LGCDP
8	Ms. Anjali S. Pradhan	Chief CFLG unit	UNICEF
9	Mr. Siddhanta Vikram	Senior PFM Specialist	ADB
10	Mr. Bandhu Ranjan	Public Finance Manager	DFID
11	Mr. Rafeeqe Siddiqui	Programme Officer	UNDP
12	Dr. Horst Mathaus	Programme Coordinator	GiZ
13	Ms. Tatiana Prokhaorova	PO	UNV
14	Dr. Raghu Shrestha	M& E Specialist	LGCDP
15	Mr. Bishwo Raj Basaula	FM Specialist	LGCDP
16	Mr. S.P. Shrestha	Social Mobilization Specialist	LGCDP
17	Ms. Nirmala Thapa	GESI Specialist	LGCDP
18	Ms. Sangita Bhattarai	TA	LGCDP
19	Mr. Surendra Bhandari	AFO	LGCDP
20	Mr. Kamal Jnawali	Section Officer	MoFALD/LGCDP
21	Mr. Ram Krishan Lamichane	Section Officer	MoFALD