

**Asian Development Bank (ADB), Accountability Mechanism, Complaint Form**  
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**A. Choice of function - problem solving or compliance review** (Choose one below)

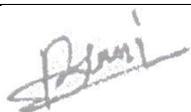
**Special Project Facilitator** for problem solving (Assists people who are directly and materially harmed by specific problems caused, or is likely to be caused, by ADB-assisted projects through informal, flexible, and consensus-based methods with the consent and participation of all parties concerned)

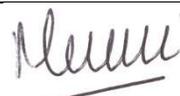
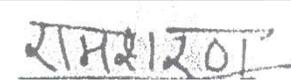
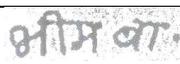
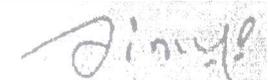
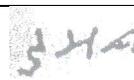
**Compliance Review Panel** for compliance review (Investigates alleged noncompliance by ADB with its operational policies and procedures in any ADB-assisted project in the course of the formulation, processing, or implementation of the project that directly, materially, and adversely affects, or is likely to affect, local people, as well as monitors the implementation of remedial action relates to the harm or likely harm caused by noncompliance)

**B. Confidentiality**

Do you want your identities to be kept confidential?  Yes  No

**C. Complainants** (Anonymous complaints will not be accepted. There must be at least two project-affected complainants.)

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**Authorized Representative or Assistant(if any).**(Information regarding the representatives, or persons assisting complainants in filing the complaint, will be disclosed,except when they are also complainants and they request confidentiality.)

Complainant represented	Name and designation (Mr., Ms., Mrs.)	Signature	Position/ Organization (If any)	Mailing Address	Telephone number (landline/mobile)	E-mail address
	Mr. Niraj Karki		Civil Engineer, Material Test Pvt. Ltd.		+977-9841164651	niraj_trip@hotmail.com

#### D. Project

Name	Tamakoshi – Kathmandu 220/ 400 KVA Transmission Line Project
Location	Dolakha and Ramechhap Districts, Nepal
Brief description	Nepal Electricity Authority (NEA) is implementing Electricity Transmission Expansion and Supply Improvement Project (Loan 2808/ Grant 0270/ Grant 0271) with the financial assistance from Asian Development Bank (ADB). The project includes among other sub-projects Tamakoshi- Kathmandu 220/400 kV transmission line project (Project). The project scope includes the following: a. Tamakoshi (New Khimti)- Barhabise 220/400 kV Transmission Line

- b. Barhabise substation and bay extension at New Khimti substation
- c. Barhabise-Kathmandu 220/400 kV and 132 kV Transmission line
- d. Substations at Lapsipedi (Bojini) and Changunarayan

The Transmission Line Project is located in Middle Mountain and Hilly region of Nepal. The TL of Khimti-Barhabise Section starts from substation at Manthali Municipality (Former Phulasi VDC) of Ramechhap District and immediately enters into Melung Rural Municipality of Dolakha District. In Dolakha District, the alignment passes through 2 Rural Municipalities and 2 Municipalities fall under this section.

Similarly, the TL of Barhabise-Kathmandu Section starts from substation at Barhabise Municipality of Sindhupalchowk District. The alignment passes through 2 Rural Municipalities (Balephi and Indrwati) and 2 Municipalities (Barhabise and Chautara Sangachowkgadhi) of Sindhupalchowk, one Municipality (Madandeupur) of Kavrepalanchowk, one municipality (Changunarayan) of Bhaktapur and one Municipality (Shankarpur) of Kathmandu District. Altogether 4 Rural Municipalities and 7 Municipalities of 4 Districts (Sindhupalchowk, Kavrepalanchowk, Bhaktapur and Kathmandu) are taken for IEE study. Similarly, 132kV TL from Changunarayan Substation will be connected to Tower no. 014 SS-M (Duwakot) through 4km four circuit line named as looped in/ looped out line. The Initial Environmental Examination of this project has been approved by MoE.

**E. Complaint:**

What direct and material harm has the ADB-assisted project caused, or will likely cause, to the complainants?

The proposed 220/400 KV Transmission Line alignment passes right through our private land and homes. Farmers rely on these lands to grow paddies, maize, and other cash crops for their living. Altogether 30 households comprising of about 150 family members who are living within the right of way (RoW) of this project will be directly affected by it.

The project management team has highly devaluated our lands and the houses along the transmission line and the towers occupied by the Right of Way (wire-strung). The valuation is 10 times less than the current market value which is unrealistic and is unacceptable. If the project is completed, the commercial value of our land decreases. Automatically, the mortgage value decreases as well. Banks won't be willing to take them as a mortgage, nor would anyone be willing to buy them. Many of us use the land for a living to feed our family while some had spent years of hard work just to buy a piece of it. Those who spent their life saving on purchasing these lands would lose a ton of money. Many of us will be living and working within the area influenced by the High-Tension Line which emits high emf radiation which is harmful to human health mostly in children's that may cause Leukemia.

IEE report does not address these issues and the project does not have any compensation plan for which is absolutely against the objectives of the donor

institute (ADB).

As per the approved updated IEE report (article 7.3 rule of Economic, Social cum Cultural Environment), it states that the land will be acquired by the project office "land acquisition rule 2034 B.S cum with the mutual understanding between project and affected families". (See attached updated IEE report in Nepali version). Contrary to this project, the concerning authority has already decided on compensation without consulting any of the affected families.

Similarly, the compensation plan of the project as per the updated IEE report states that 10-20% shall be paid for the land covered by Right of Way (wire-strung) and 100% for the area covered by the towers. This surprised us since the project uses our land and sells the same electricity to us at full price. We believe this is an act of injustice and extreme exploitation of us.

Also, the decision made by the project office is not transparent and fair which does not comply with the policy made with the objectives of the Donor. During the process of land acquisition, neither the representative from the families nor the representative of the local body (Ward Committee) has been informed.

Have the complainants made prior efforts to solve the problem(s) and issue(s) with the ADB operations department including Resident Mission concerned?

**Yes.** If YES, please provide the following: when, how, by whom, and with whom the efforts were made. Please describe any response the complainants may have received from or any actions taken by ADB.

We have sent an application to ADB, Nepal Resident Mission which has been acknowledged on 29<sup>th</sup> of June, 2021.

Since then, no any actions were undertaken for the issues/ matter.

We are still awaiting from the concerned authorities to solve the issues.

**No**

## F. Optional Information

1. What is the complainants' desired outcome or remedy for the complaint?

Change in alignment of the Transmission Line as few people would be affected.

Fair Compensation of the land and buildings within the right of way of Transmission Line as per the discussions between the affected parties and the Client.

Equivalent land replacement.

2. Anything else you would like to add?

This project helps for the development of the country.

And, we are not against this project. We too want our country to be in the list of the developed nations.

But, the project cannot hurt or affect us in the name of development.

They can't degrade our real value of land and buildings.

Name of the person who completed this form: Mr. Niraj Karki



Signature:

Date: 2021-07-16