

Resettlement Verification Report

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Kamidanda-Taldhunga Road Subproject, Initial 10 km Section
(From chainage 22+000 to 32+000)**

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1. Background

1. Kavrepalanchowk, predominantly a rural district, is located in Bagmati Zone, in the Central Development Region of Nepal which borders with Kathmandu, Lalitpur and Bhaktapur districts in the west; Ramechhap and Dolakha districts in the east; Sindhupalchowk district in the north and Sindhuli and Makawanpur districts in the south. It is one of the densely populated district among hill districts of Nepal. The Kamidanda-Taldhunga road subproject is located about 58 km. southeast of Kathmandu and mostly passes through rural areas of this district. Total length of this proposed road is 41.4 km (35.7 km rehabilitation; 6 km new), which starts from Kamidanda, 22 km. south of Khopasi Bazar and passes through the Mahankal Chaur, Falematar, Dandagoan and ends at Salmechakala (Taldhunga) VDCs. The starting point is Kamidanda (Bhanjyang) and the end point is near the border of the Mahankal Chaur. This verification report covers the resettlement plan implementation status of initial 10 km (CH 22+000 to CH 32+000) section of the road-subproject.
2. The Khopasi-Taldhunga Road was started during 1990s by the Rural Infrastructure Development Project (RIDP) funded by ADB. Total length of the road was approximately 63 Km which starts at Khopasi. The Khopasi – Kamidanda section (0 to 22 Km) is completed to fair weather standard and vehicles ply along this road section. Beyond Kamidanda, the road is mostly incomplete and presently do not connect up to Taldunga. There are many incomplete portions of the road, mainly at difficult sections.
3. A team comprising Resettlement Specialist (RS) and Resettlement Associate (RA) from Central Implementation Support Consultant (CISC) had visited the sub-project to verify the progress made on resettlement plan implementation from 8-9 November 2009. During the visit, the team made interactions with the district level project stakeholders such as DPO/DIST/DDC/DLSO/DLRO to understand the status of deed transfer, issuance of updated land certificate to the APs, parcel updating, release the suspension of land transaction etc. at the Dhulikhel. The team also met subproject level stakeholders (affected persons) at the road side (Bhanjyang) in group and individually to obtain related information on resettlement progress.
4. Resettlement impact has been experienced by 9 households (10 plots); 2 – Janajatis (Tamang) and 7 - Brahmin, Chhetri, comprising of 52 persons in the 10 km section through the loss of land and trees. It was found that all the 9 HHs lose less than 20 percent of their total land holdings and less than 10 percent of their productive assets in the road section. In terms of food sufficiency, all the households have above 12 months food security. In addition, no significant impacts are being experienced by APs. A Short Resettlement Plan (RP) has been prepared to mitigate the losses due to the project. Land was donated by the affected persons (APs). Compensation Determination Committee (CDC) has approved the compensation for the lost assets. Cash compensation for trees has been disbursed to the affected persons. The project had assessed the poverty level and socio-economic condition of the affected households to ensure that the land donation is accepted only from the families above poverty line.

2. Sub-project Impact

A total of 9 households were verified as affected either losing land or trees due to the construction of the road. There were no households displaced by the sub-project. The approved resettlement plan of the subproject summarizes the loss as following:

Table 1: Summary of Impacts

Description of Impacts	Number/Quantity	Remarks
1. Total APs		
1.1 Households	9	
1.2 Population	52	
1.2.1 Male	25	
1.2.2 Female	27	
1.3 Average household size	5.8	
2. Number of affected person (APs) by land loss		
2.1 Losing < 20%	52 (9 hhs)	
2.2 Losing >20%	0	
3. Types of Loss		
3.1 Total Area of the land (sqm)	80000	
3.2 Private land (sqm)	1919.91	
3.2.1 Private land under existing road (sqm)	818.87	
3.2.2 Private land new cutting (sqm)	1101.04	
3.3 Registered public land (sqm)	78080.09	
3.4 Total number of plots	10	Nine Households
3.5 Community physical facility	1	Water Tap (budget provisioned in RP)
3.6 Trees of CFUG's	1230 (above girth 12 cm.)	
3.5 Private trees(Firewood, Timber, and Fodder)	149 (above girth 12 cm.)	
4. Compensation Recommendation (NRs.)		
4.1 compensation for trees	218687	1230 trees of CFUGs, 149 private trees

5. Affected people are directly linked to project benefits and thus are willing to voluntarily donate their land after they are fully informed about their entitlements. The project has assessed their socio-economic status and potential impact of land donation and accepted the donation only from those who met the land donation criteria of the project. The resettlement plan and entitlements have been disclosed to the APs through community meetings. Four APs were consulted during verification survey individually along the subproject area. Resettlement verification team asked various queries on process of voluntary land donation, resettlement policy and procedures, awareness on livelihood restoration package and about the benefits of the project. According to the affected persons who were

met during field visit, they made voluntary donation of their land in view of the potential economic as well as social benefits that they anticipated after the completion of the road.

3. Achievements on Resettlement Activities Recommended by RP

6. The following table provides the details of resettlement action recommended by the RP and progress achieved to verification survey date, 8-9 November 2009.

Table 2: Achievements on Resettlement Action Recommended by RP

S.N	Activity recommended	Achieved	Notes and Progress
1.	Staff for resettlement purpose	1	Resettlement assistant have been appointed on May 2009. Before that Social Development Specialist was handling the resettlement related responsibilities.
2.	Formation/activation of the Compensation Determination Committee (CDC)	Completed	CDC was activated and meeting was organized on 8 th January 2009
3.	Formation of Grievance Redress Sub-Committee (GRSC)	2	At Mahankal and Chasinkharka VDC
4.	Valuation of affected assets	Completed	The CDC has approved the compensation rates of the land based on market price and followed the norms of district forest office in the case of trees
5.	Notification and Information Campaign	Carried out	On various dates
6.	Preparation of land donation agreement paper with owners	100 %	January 26, 2009
7	Application Form collected for compensation for trees.	100%	August 28, 2009
8.	Disbursement of compensation for trees	100%	November 2, 2009
9.	Deed transfer to GoN	100%	By August 2009
10	Affected people to be notified about preferential employment as local labour on the project	Completed	APs are aware about the preferential employment as local labour in the project. APs are included in the road Building Groups (RBGs) and construction works has been awarded to them. 18 RBGs (including a group of aps) formed and works allocated.
11	Identification of program for livelihood enhancement skill training (LEST)	Completed	Finalized the LEST based on APs interest (Vegetable gardening - 5, veterinary - 1,dairy processing – 3 and Carpentry – 1) through rounds of meetings with them.
12	Implementation of LEST	To be initiated	Planned and budgeted in RP. Coordination with the training agencies is ongoing and expected to start soon.

13	Appreciation Program	To be organized	Planned and budgeted in RP. Program to be organized soon.
14	Rehabilitation of community water tap	To be rehabilitated	Planned and budgeted in RP. Rehabilitation will be done as per convenience during or immediately after road construction

4. Completion of Resettlement Activities

7. Voluntary donation declarations, land donation agreement paper and deed transfer of all 10 plots have been completed. Before signing the land donation agreement paper, the owners were informed about the criteria of land donation. During field verification consultation meeting, APs were asked the reason for the voluntarily donation of land. They mentioned that they want to see vehicle plying on the road, increased economic activities in the area and employment opportunity in their door steps. Compensation payments for trees have been completed. Various training needs were identified for Project affected family members and these activities are expected to be initiated soon.

5. Further Action Required

8. Following actions are necessary to complete the resettlement activities as per the Resettlement Plan.

- Implementation of the LEST is to be initiated with a clear training plan in coordination with the concerned training agencies.
- Appreciation program for APs who voluntarily donated land for the project is to be initiated.
- The community water supply system has to be rehabilitated, which will be done harmonizing civil work construction.

9. The resettlement verification team during their field study found that all the households affected by the road section have already paid compensation. Therefore this initial 10 km. section of the road is eligible to initiate the civil works.

6. Certification of Completion of Resettlement Activity

10. This is to certify that the required resettlement activity under the Resettlement Framework of the RRRSDP for Involuntary Resettlement has been successfully completed and hence construction contracts can proceed for the initial 10 km (CH 22+000 to CH 32+000) section of the road-subproject.

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Annex 1: Compensation Disbursement Status of Kamidada- Taldhunga Subproject (Initial 10 km. Section)

Type of loss/activities	Recommended by RP and Achievement
Total affected households	9 (10 plots)
HHs interviewed	4
Preparation of land donation agreement paper with owners	10 (Head of the 9 families)
Deed Transfer	10 plots
Compensation payment for trees (1230 CFUGs' trees and 149 of households')	5 (one Community Forest Users' Group and six to the households)

Annex 2: Lists of Affected People Interviewed During Verification Survey

Name of the APs	VDC/Settlement	Type of Loss	Remarks
1. Shyam Bahadur Waiba	Chyasingkharka	Land, tree	
2. Tilak Prasad Dangal	Mahankal	Land,	
3. Tanka Prasad Dahal	Mahankal	Land,	
4. Dev Hari Dahal	Mahankal	Land,	

Annex 3: Photographs



Mini-truck Carrying Milk-cans from Kamidada to Market.



APs Providing Information on Sub-project Impact



Meeting/Interaction with Local Stakeholders and APs at Bhanjyang.

Annex 4: Compensation Payment Receipts and other Supporting Documents