Strengthening The National Rural Transport Programme (SNRTP)





AT A GLANCE

Partners: Department of Local Infrastructure and Agricultural Roads (DoLIDAR), Ministry of Federal Affairs and Local Development (MoFALD)

Donor: The World Bank

Duration: March 2014 to July 2019

Target beneficiaries: 15.1 million Population living in the 36 selected project districts; 3.9 million person days decent paid job through routine maintenance:

Physical target: 5,500 km Routine and 1,500 km Periodic Maintenance of Rural Roads, Bridges and crossing Structures

Geographical focus: 36 districts covered District Road Core Network (DRCN) across the country





PROJECT OBJECTIVES

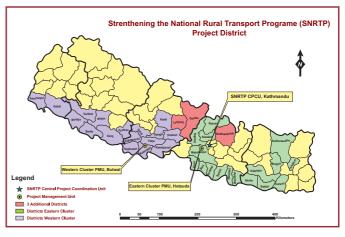
SNRTP is one of the largest infrastructure projects of the Government of Nepal. The project aims to assist the government in building bridges and upgrading, rehabilitating and maintaining local road networks and river crossing structures in 36 selected district across Nepal. The ILO provides technical assistance in road and river crossing structures maintenance.

In order to properly and effectively handle the large number of contracts associated with the project, the ILO adopted a Group & Performance-Based Routine Maintenance System to create decent employment, simplify the management, reduce costs, make the working process transparent and ensure quality standards.

The project employs local workers, mainly women and deprived in coordination with local government, and financial service provided to the worker by Bank with skill development training on road maintenance and income generation to improve their socio economic status.

The project targets to create 3.9 million days paid decent job through maintenance. Main philosophy of routine maintenance system is to adopt performance group based maintenance.





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Project Components and Major Achievements

Activities Target Project achievements as of September, 2016 Component A: Institutional Strengthening, Technical Assistance and Monitoring

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- Institutional Strengthening and Technical Assistance
- Beneficiary Monitoring of Physical Works under Component B of the project
- An Impact Study of Selected Project Interventions
- ILO Technical Assistance for Routine and Periodic Maintenance through 36 Engineers, 36 Sub Engineers in districts and two Senior Engineers and 2 Rural Transport Infrastructure Management System (RuTIMS) Engineers.in two Project Management Unit (PMU)s;
- RuTIMS System developed for update of rural roads inventories, and monitoring & planning. Open Street Map (OSM), Mobile/ Tablet based monitoring being used linked with RuTIMS to trace progress of road under SNRTP.
- Produced 36 Annual Road Maintenance Plan (ARMP) and Multi Year Road Maintenance Plan (MYRMP) of the districts through using RuTIMS software.
- Road Maintenance Group (RMG) Payments through Bank Accounts in all 36 districts.
 Implementation support to districts: 72 Project Support Engineers (PSEs), 36 Social
- and Environmental Safeguard Consultants in project districts.
 Material Testing Laboratory and equipment established in 36 districts.
- Technical Audit of Routine Maintenance of roads: National Vigilance Centre as third party monitoring.
- Beneficiary monitoring ongoing by Local Road User committee (LRUCs) and Community based Organization (CBOs).
- Users training held in all the project districts.
- Developed Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) and RMG guideline, OSH posters.
 All maintenance workers using OSH safety gears and being connected to health centres, Bank, free transportations and covered accidental insurance.
- Developed Grievance Redressal Mechanism.
- Organised different technical and management training, workshops and International Exposure Tours for capacity building for DoLIDAR, District Technical Offices and Project team.
- Logistic support to Project team and Districts.

Component B: Maintenance, Upgrading and Rehabilitation of Rural Transport Infrastructures

RTI Improvement Works

Routine Maintenance

 5,500 km of district core road network undergoing routine maintenance (5 year target)

Periodic Maintenance

 1,500 km of roads undergoing periodic maintenance (5 year target)

Upgrading and Rehabilitation

 1,400 km upgrading and rehabilitation of District Road core networks.

- Routine maintenance ongoing in 5,421 km of roads with employment of 2,708 RMG in 687 group for maintaining 321 no of road on performance based group contract.
- Generated 1.5 million paid person days till reporting period against 3.9 million project target.
- 67% female RMG employed as RMG.
- 80% among total RMG were selected from marginalised and disadvantage group (poor unemployed women and youths from local communities along road side).
- Monthly average NPR 13,600 (USD128) paid to each RMG.
- Bank account, OSH gears, Maintenance tools, Health Linkage, Free transportation linkage, accidental linkage, identity card provided to 2708 RMG.
- Bio-engineering Works: 39,107 m2 has been done to stabilize the slop.
- Road side plantation: 11,706 no of road side plantation completed for environmental and road safety.
- Periodic Mainténance: 54 DPR prepared for 551 km length and 581 Km roads are under maintenance.
- Upgrading of roads: 58 DPR prepared for 70 Roads with total 814 km and
- 880 km of roads are under contract.
- Bridges construction: DPR of 13 bridges having 420 m span completed and under contracting process.

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