

Project: Strengthening Business Climate to Improve Economic Governance

Funding Partner: The Asia Foundation (TAF)

Start Date: June 15, 2009

End Date: September 30, 2012

Project Location: Rupendehi, Kaski, Morang and Banke districts

Detailed Narrative Description of the Project

The project aims at improving climate for promoting business through engagement of local public –private actors and stakeholders. The project provides platforms for government agencies, municipalities and business associations to identify issues and address them through dialogues and positive engagement.

Institute of Governance and Development (IGD) has carried out Public Private Dialogues (PPDs) at the districts – Rupandehi and Kaski in cooperation with The Asia Foundation. The dialogues between public and private stakeholders have been organized with the purpose of addressing the problems/issues raised by the local level small-scale entrepreneurs with support of public stakeholders or government line agencies.

The overall objective of the PPDs is to promote business environment at the local level through involvement and commitment of stakeholders. The specific objectives of the PPDs are:

- To provide common forum for business enterprises (Private Sectors) and concerned government stakeholders (Public Sectors) to discuss the business related issues and their solution at the local level
- To promote the dialogic culture to ascertain solutions of the issues/problems through local initiation
- To increase the trust and cooperation between public and private sectors to enhance business prospects at the local level

Detailed Description of the Actual Services provided

- Conducted Business Climate Perception Survey in August 2009 (Phase I) and in September, 2010 (Phase II)
- Conducted Public Private Dialogues (PPDs) in Rupendehi, Kaski, Morang and Banke districts
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PPD PROCEEDINGS AND IMPLEMENTATION AT DIFFERENT DISTRICTS**ISSUES PRIORITIZED FOR THE PRIVATE PUBLIC DIALOGUES (PPDs)**

A series of informal discussions (meets) with the private stakeholders were held at the district level and finally the issues were prioritized for each PPDs. While identifying and finalizing the issues, the following aspects were given utmost consideration:

- Local
- concretion

- Ownership by the concerned private sectors
- Actionable/doable/implementable at the local level
- Result oriented
- Multiplier effects
- Enhancing business prospects incalculable and tangible terms

INFORMAL INTERACTIONS

For each PPD proceeding, IGD staff at the district level, held informal interactions with both the public and private stakeholders at the local level for organizing the PPD events.

PPD/PUBLIC FORUMS CONDUCTED

PPD events were organized between public and private sectors on the issues raised by private stakeholders. Private entrepreneurs and government representatives actively participated in the dialogues and in most of the cases they arrived at conclusion for redressal of issues raised by the former. At the end of the each dialogue a **Working Group**, a mechanism comprising the representatives of public and private stakeholders were formed to implement the decisions/commitments.

Status of Issues and PPD/Public Forums at a glance

Descriptions	Districts			
	Kaski	Rupandehi	Morang	Banke
Total Issues raised	15	25	8	8
PPDs held	13	23	6	8
Issues resolved	9	17	4	5
Issues ongoing follow up (implementation)	4	8	0	0
Issues discontinued/dismissed	1	0	4	3

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PPD DECISIONS

Each working group committed to make all necessary arrangement to translate the PPD commitments into action. For this purpose, Working Group's meets were held often in succession. In some issues, a series of meeting were held to press for the implementation of PPD's commitments.

PPD issues and their resolution at a glance

Districts	Ongoing	Resolved	Dismissed	Discontinued	Total
Kaski	5	9	1	0	15
Rupandehi	8	17	0	0	25
Morang	0	4	0	2	6
Banke	0	5	0	3	8
Total	13	35	1	5	54

