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## **Jobs for Peace Programme - Youth Employment and Peace Building**

**Project Title:** Jobs for peace: 12,500 youth employed and empowered through an integrated approach

**Project Period:** January 2009- December 2010

**Activity Areas:** Two districts – Parsa and Rautahat

**Executing Agency:** United Nations Peace Fund for Nepal (UNPFN) has awarded this project to International Labour Organization (ILO) and Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO). They will work with the Government, public and private sector, and civil society at the local level to implement this programme.

### **Program Description:**

Jobs for Peace - Youth Employment and Peace Building Programme will contribute to national peace building and poverty reduction through employment and empowerment of youths. It will enhance conflict-affected youth's access to resources and skills that are critical for their livelihoods, and will create opportunities for productive and decent employment in affected communities, including through post-conflict rehabilitation if necessary. The project will also promote the peaceful gathering of young people and communities through business development and social development activities, facilitating communication and interchange and strengthening the peace building process.

This program aims to help at least 12,500 young women and men engaged in self-employment as well as enabling them to start and run their own business in agriculture, off-farm and non-farm activities, through an integrated approach which combines: i) development of community infrastructure; ii) training-cum-production; iii) entrepreneurship development; iv) empowerment of youth groups; v) strengthening of cooperatives; and vi) facilitating access to financial services vii) a trust fund for youth-led projects. Different tools and methodologies of ILO and FAO will be integrated, adapted and made available for the creation of opportunities for productive employment and decent work.

### **Goals and Objectives**

The goal of this project is to contribute for the achievement of sustainable development and peace consolidation in Nepal by creating opportunities for decent and productive work for under- and unemployed young men and women, and for youth empowerment in the two districts of Rautahat and Parsa. Seven components support this goal:

Component 1: Employment Intensive Infrastructure Development

Component 2: Skills development through training-cum-production



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Component 3: Entrepreneurship development

Component 4: Facilitate youth's access to financial services

Component 5: Cooperatives reinforcement

Component 6: Trust fund for youth-led social projects

Component 7: Recreational activities

## **Target Groups of the Programme**

The JP will focus on the following target groups of young women and men:

- Youth who are unemployed or underemployed
- Youth in aged between 15 and <18 involved in hazardous work or worst forms of child labour to help their transition towards youth employment
- Young women either married and with children, or otherwise having family responsibilities
- Dalit and janjati (indigenous peoples) youth
- Youth from landless households
- Youth under any form of forced or bonded (or quasi-bonded) labour relationships
- Conflict-affected youth including those mentally/psychologically tortured and/or traumatized and those needing post conflict reintegration and rehabilitation
- Physically disabled youth
- At least one third of the beneficiaries will be young women and at least 20% will be Dalits

## **Expected Outcomes**

- 20,000 work-days of employment will be generated through employment intensive infrastructure development
- 3,000 jobs for the youth will be created either in wage employment or self employment through skill enhancement programmes
- 4,000 jobs will be created for young people through the establishment of 2,000 youth-led enterprises with an average of two workers per new enterprise
- Partnering with financial service providers and establishment of a guarantee fund, to facilitate access to financial services for youth, for setting up and developing their enterprises
- 30 youth cooperatives strengthened/formed with linkages to private sector to support at least 4,500 youth cooperative members and their families for increased technical skill and income
- 1,000 youths employed and empowered through trust fund for youth-led projects
- 25 youth-led initiatives will be funded to empower and employ youth and to promote sports, music and arts