

Summary of Overall Progress

For the last few years, many donor agencies as well as private organizations are working hand-in-hand with Pokhara Sub-Metropolitan City in its activities. In this context, Pokhara Sub-Metropolitan City (PSMC) and Japan International Corporation Agency (JICA) signed an agreement on June 7, 2005 for the implementation of Phewa Lake Environment Awareness and Capacity Building Project (PLEACBP) to improve the quality of water in Phewa Lake. In short, we termed this project as PPCB.

The project implemented its activities in wards 1-9 and 17. The first ward level workshop began from August 14, 2004 and finished on September 21, 2004. The ward level workshop was participated by governmental and nongovernmental organizations, local users group, clubs, teachers, intellectuals, journalists and individual. The concept of this ward level workshop was to disseminate information of this project, hear the voices of local people and try to incorporate in the activity. People pointed out the following activities:

- a. Stop the drainage that is directly connected to Phewa Lake.
- b. Make proper rules and regulation and implement them effectively.
- c. Involve more local institutions for the implementation of the project
- d. Increase the program to the watershed area of Phewa Lake i.e. in Villages.
- e. Make the project activities transparent
- f. Reduce waste material in source i.e. from household

This ward level workshop also helped us to collect information on local organizations and individuals. We also conducted the Local Coordination Committee meeting twice and decided to hold it on 8th of every of the Nepali Calendar Month. Likewise, the Project Steering Committee meeting was also held on September 27, 2004 which tried to define the role of PSC, LCC and other institutions.

As the project started late, we formed a three months schedule to accomplish the activities set which is attached in this document.

Achievements in the quarter

Although the agreement between Pokhara Sub-Metropolitan City (PSMC) and Japan International Corporation Agency (JICA) was done on June 7, 2004 the appointment of Project Manager was made only on August 1, 2004. The achievements made starting from August 1 to September 30 are as follows:

1. Ward level Coordination Committee in 10 wards of the defined program area.
2. The Local Coordination Committee (LCC) meeting was held in August and September. It has been decided that the LCC meeting will be held on 8th of every Nepali calendar month.
3. Secondary data are collected to make the participatory Environment Rules and Action Management Plan (PERAMAP)
4. Coordination with Fishery Center of Begnas Lake and concerned institutions for Water Quality Test were established.
5. The terms of Reference (TOR) for the preparation Environment Profile and Resource map was drafted.
6. The first meeting of Project Steering Committee (PSC) was held on September 27, 2004. A discussion program was held after the PSC meeting where people from all walks of life participated. Participants included: Local leaders, Government officials related to lake activities, Private sectors, NGOs, Community-Based organizations, Intellectuals and media personal. The participants stressed the need to expand the program to the watershed area of Phewa Lake i.e. to the VDCs and a drainage system.
7. The preliminary information for the formation of Local Environment Improvement Committee's (LEIC) in ward no. 1 & 2 are completed.

Output

1. For the protection of Phewa Lake, the concept of "Saving the Surrounding Environment of Phewa Lake" has been developed among the people.
2. Locals have made commitments to coordinate with the project activities for the protection of Phewa Lake
3. People felt the importance of Phewa Lake as it is related economically, socially, religiously and culturally.

Bottleneck or obstacles found

1. People raised more voice to extend the program to the buffer zone of Phewa Lake i.e. the village development committee (VDC).
2. During the ward level workshop, people complained that despite large part of Phewa Lake is occupied by Ward 6, the budget allocated through Community Inactivates (CI) to ward number 6 is comparatively less than that of other wards in terms of population and houses.
3. Locals complained for not allocating a separate budget for the removal of Water Hyacinth (Jal Khumbhi).
4. Project had to face more questions on the outcome of past project activities. Locals were dissatisfied over the government bodies who are responsible for the protection of Environment and Phewa Lake.
5. Due to the absence of local elected bodies, it was difficult to find key persons to run ward level programs.
6. The responsibility of LCC is not clear in Project Document.

Achievements of Output (from July 1 to September 30, 2004)

Outputs	Indicators	Targets in term	Achievements in this term	Reasons if planned target wouldn't been satisfied
1. Awareness of Local communities and project partners on the issue of environment conservation is increased.	1.1. Local communities and Project partners are aware of the environmental situation of Phewa Lake Correctly.	1. Ward level workshop. 2. PSMC level workshop 3. Awareness raising materials.	1. Ward level workshop completed in wards 1-9 and 17	1. Program started late due to many reasons. Absence of Local elected bodies
	1.2. Local communities and project partners are sensitized to change their attitude towards conservation of Phewa Lake			
2. Capacity of Local communities and project partners are strengthened.	2.1. All the Local Environment Improvement Committee are actively involved in Phewa Lake Conservation.	1. Formation of LEICs		1. Due to absence of Locally elected bodies
	2.2. PSMC and MOPE are able to manage and monitor the Project.			
	2.3. Active participation of projects partners I workshops, seminars, and training programs.			

3. Local communities and project partners involved in Phewa Lake conservation are able to take initiative for Phewa Lake Conservation	3.1. Number of CI activities planned and completed.			
	3.2. 80% of planned CI activities are completed and budgets are utilized accordingly.			
4. Environment Monitoring of Phewa Lake Conservation is established.	4.1. Water quality tests are conducted periodically			
	4.2. The result of water quality tests are shared among the stakeholders.	1. Water Quality Test		1. Program started late due to many reasons
5. Coordination among the stakeholder is improved.	5.1. Number of the meetings held.	1. Conduct LCC and PSC meetings.	1. LCC meeting done twice. 2. PSC meeting also done.	
	5.2. Meetings are held as per schedule.			