


FIELD VISIT NOTES

Visit to: Public Audit Jumla District		Date: 10 Feb 2015
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Purpose:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitate Public audit of DRCN Road Jumla 		
No.	SUBJECT: Public audit report	ACTION
1	 <p>Public audit DRCN Road:- The RMUC organized the meeting for public audit of RAP3 LRN Road corridor area of DRCN 63DR001,4,8,10 and 11. All meeting chaired by RMUC price dent</p>	

and where Participated political party ,civil society member, RMUC member , road maintenance worker DDC /VDC representative ,RAP DTA staff, SC staff and others, where the secretary of RMUC present the allocated road budget distribution , payment of workers wages and working events.

WHO IS INVOLVED

Basically, everybody who is interested is welcome to join the event. However, the key stakeholders, listed below, are specifically invited, either personally or through letters. All public audit meeting chaired by RMUC price dent..

- Workers compulsory at list above 50%
- Political party representatives
- Local concern Peoples
- Representatives from VDC Representative
- DDC ,DTO Representative
- RAP3 -DTA staff
- SC staff

All the Participant and concern stake holders as following in tables.

Road Code	Locati on/Pla ce	Conducted Date	Events	Nos. of Participant			
				DDC/DTO	RAP ,SC Team	RMUC and Concern stake holders	Total

63DR001	Bagbazzar	27 Jun-014, 06Aug-014, 16 sep-014	3	6	6	116	128
63DR004	Narakot	17 Sep-014, 24 Jul-014, 11 Dec-014	3	3	8	123	133
63DR008b	Pattmara	04 Jan-015, 21Aug-014, 05 Jul-014	3	4	9	167	180
63DR010	Dillichaur	24 Aug-014, 18 Jun-014, 04 Jan-015	3	6	10	106	122
63DR011	Chau mmchaur	21 Aug-014, 23 Jul-014, 26 Dec-014	3	3	8	147	158
Total			15	22	41	659	721

Transparency

All project relevant information is transparently shared. Discussions are held and inquiries are replied to by different power holders (RMUC, RMGs, Concern Holders, DDC, DTO DTA RAP3 and SC Team. A billboard is erected that displays a summary. The people very much appreciate this increased transparency

Participation

The various steps of the process are designed specifically to RMUCs workers and RMGs members give an opportunity to express their views and concerns in relation to the projects for which they are organized. Furthermore, there is a minimum attendance required: at least above 50% of the users have to be present; otherwise the event is cancelled. Thus, it is important to fix the date carefully and avoid

Feedback

Users and other stakeholders are highly encouraged to raise their concerns and share their experiences. Some local partners have developed innovative ideas such as “Hording board”, where people can place their concerns anonymously. Comments and concerns are taken into account and, if technically and financially possible, project implementation is adjusted to people’s wishes.

Public Hearing

A Public Hearing is conducted in the preparation phase, before actual implementation starts. The event provides a space for the people to deliberate their concerns and if necessary modify the project implementation slightly. Organizational policies, costs and material provided, labor contribution, social processes, as well as the responsibilities of different stakeholders are discussed. An implementation and construction work plan is elaborated jointly. Finally, an agreement is signed by everyone to express commitment and ownership.

Public Review

This second event is carried out at least once during implementation phase to monitor the progress. Have all stakeholders committed to their tasks? Has the material been delivered as promised? Have the trainings been conducted? Have people deposited into the operation and maintenance fund as agreed? The project progress is presented to the stakeholders and opened up for discussions. The public review is a self-monitoring tool for quality control and adherence to the implementation plan.

Public Audit

After a project is completed, the users jointly commission and audit the project performance. A “final audit report” is presented to the public, comprising all cash and in-kind transactions. Clarifications on issues raised and decisions in case of embezzlement are also made during the public audit event. It is the last opportunity for people to complain about missing payments or

material, or other issues. After everything is decided to be correct, a future outlook on how to best make use of the scheme concludes the event.

CONCLUSIONS

The RA3 has proved to be the right methodology to ensure downward accountability and to sensitize the people on their “Right to Information”. Also the government has recognized the importance of downward accountability and made it legally compulsory to conduct such an event three times in working period. The practice has reduced tensions and mistrust in the communities and has contributed to a higher awareness on the right to information and the importance of accountability.

Accountability makes a difference to both the organization and its stakeholders. It increases the credibility and legitimacy of development organizations, strengthens governance structures, and leads to learning and innovation. Furthermore it ensures that the needs of the stakeholders are taken into account and that their awareness and accountability increases.

In the process of public audit the following social criteria were used:

- A .Priority to participate the compulsory at least above 50 % workers.
- B. Participated political party, civil society member users group, DDC /VDC , RAP DTA staff, SC staff and others.
- C.RMUC secretary present allocated road budget distribution and payment of workers wages.
- D. Public hearing.
- E .Public review.
- F. Cross question to workers about payment of wages.

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