

# Monitoring of Resettlement and Rehabilitation Activities of Rampur Hydroelectric Project

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## Introduction

The monitoring of R&R and SCDP activities of RHEP was assigned to Agro-Economic Research centre (AERC), H.P. University, Shimla in October 2007 for a period of two years. The TOR required the activities to be monitored quarterly during the first year and biannually during the second year. There are 18 activities under R&R and SCDP components of RAP. The implementation of such activities has been monitored for the period ending 30.09.2007. The details of present **status/progress** of these activities have been presented in Annex.-1. The methodology (Annex.-2) adopted for the monitoring of activities mainly relied on group discussions, focused interviews involving various categories of stakeholder. All the villages, where R&R and SCDP activities are under progress, were visited by the monitoring team (Annex.-3).

The monitoring team came out with the following findings.

## A. Activities Under RAP

### 1. Private Land Acquisition

Private land of 29.10 hectares was acquired from **141 families comprising 202 land owners / co-owners**. Out of these 35 families became landless. Compensation of Rs.6,50,000 per Bigha has been paid as per norms to 201 beneficiaries. One beneficiary of Dutt Nagar has yet to receive the compensation. All the beneficiaries are more than satisfied with the amount of compensation which is many times higher than the prevailing market rates.

### 2. Rehabilitation Grant (RG)

Rehabilitation grant has been provided to all the 35 landless families certified by Deputy Commissioner Kullu. Rehabilitation grant **amounting to Rs. 45,000/- to Rs. 65,000/-** has not been made available in Dutt Nagar as the issue is still pending with Deputy Commissioner, Shimla. All the PAFs, who have received the grant are satisfied with provision of **RG**.

### 3. Provision of House/ House Plots (Resettlement facility)

SJVNL has identified 15 houseless families **as certified by DC Kullu**. Initially, it was planned to provide the plot of size 60 Sq. Meters for construction of houses. Later on, the size was increased to 280 Sq. meters greatly benefiting the affected household. All these families belong to Schedule Caste category. The plots have been developed by the project (**5 plots at village Averi + 10 plots at village Bayal**).

#### **4. Transit Allowance**

All 15 houseless families have been transitional allowance @Rs. 2,000 per month for 18 months along with shifting allowance of Rs. 5,000. All the families were satisfied with the amount of grant and the period for which it has been made available.

#### **5. Assistance for Construction of Houses**

The acquired houses have been evaluated by a private agency and the compensation paid accordingly. For the construction of new houses 40 % of the total amount of Rs. 1,80,000 has been received by all the 15 families and they do not have any problems in this regard.

#### **6. Income Generation Activities**

The activity is yet to start as the certified list of PAFs is still awaited from DC Kullu.

#### **7. Provision of Technical Education**

During the years 2006-07 and 2007-08, 70 students were sponsored for technical education in various ITIs. Out of these, three students have been reported to drop out of courses. The parents of students sponsored were largely satisfied with the scheme but they **expecting enhancement of scholarship amount which is at present Rs. 700/- pm.**

#### **8. Merit Scholarship**

One application from project affected family and 4 from project affected area were received for Merit scholarship. Total amount of Rs 29000/ has been released to them. All the students/ parents were satisfied with the amount of the scholarship and its disbursement.

#### **9. Regular Employment in the Project**

There is one post of Pharmacist and that has been earmarked for PAFs. One application for the post has been received and the matter was still under consideration. In addition to this 5 Data Entry Operators and 2 Supervisors have been employed through its contractors and a total of 220 persons have been provided employment through major contractors.

#### **10. Hiring of Vehicles**

Out of 18 light vehicles 10 numbers have been hired from project affected families/residents of project affected area. There was no other request for hiring of vehicles pending.

#### **11. Petty Contracts**

D- Class works **of the value upto Rs. 10 lacs** have been earmarked for contractors from project affected areas. Besides SJVNL, the major civil contractors are also further sub-contracting their works to the contractors from project affected area. Works with a total value of Rs 10.95 Crores have been awarded to the local contractors out of which 24 works amounting 1.52 cores have been awarded to local contractors. The main problem in this regard is non-issuance of EPF

numbers by the Labour Department and hence the desirous and industrious entrepreneurs are not able to take advantage of reserving D- Class contracts to the local population.

#### **12. Financial Assistance to Cattleheds Acquired**

List of **PAFs eligible for cattleshed grant** was still awaited from DC Kullu.

#### **13. Health Facilities**

The health facilities provided are in the form of mobile health van which visits the project affected panchayats twice a week. More than 16 thousand patients have been treated till Sept 2007.

#### **14. Infrastructural Facilities to schools of project area**

Financial assistance ranging between Rs. 5,000 to Rs. 10,000 has been released to 49 schools for carrying out plantation work around the schools. All principals have been issued letters to forward their demands **like furniture, teaching aids, sports items etc.** in this concern.

#### **15. Grievances Redressal Committee**

The notification for the constitution of the Committee has been issued by DC Kullu. Names of representatives of project affected families were still awaited.

#### **16. Upgradation of Small Infrastructural and Community Development Facilities**

**Infrastructural and** Community development works worth Rs. 88.93 lacs have been executed and other works amounting to Rs. 55.62 lacs were under progress in project affected areas.

#### **17. Financial Assistance to Vulnerable Families**

Certified list of vulnerable families was still awaited from DC Kullu.

#### **18. Support Services for Horticultural/Agricultural Activities**

Such activities are yet to be initiated

#### **Suggestions/Aspirations of PAF**

1. The families which have been provided **house plots** for houses, **have** demanded jeep-able approach road for facilitating the carriage of construction material.
2. The parents of students availing the facility of technical education felt that the amount of Rs. 1500-2000 per month would be more realistic and appropriate.
3. The rate for hiring of vehicles should be increased.
4. Execution of small development activities should be carried out only through Panchayat.

#### **Recommendations and Policy Issues**

1. Introduction of non-land based income generation activities for the landless families.
2. Crop diversification towards cash crops, especially on marginal land holdings.

- of private and community grazing lands, adoption of silvi-pastoral model.
3. Organization of cooperative societies for marketing of output by PAF.

### **B. Activities Under Sustainable Community Development Programmes (SCDP)**

The infrastructure and community development works have been initiated after the resolution to the effect and prioritizing the works on the basis of local needs was passed by Gram Sabha. This clearly indicates that the works undertaken are based on local needs and aspirations. The current status of these works has been monitored by the civil engineer and the details are presented below.

#	Name of the Work	Evaluation	Response of Community
1	Provision of Irrigation	1400 meters of masonry water channel constructed at Bayal. There is no problem reported by the beneficiaries.	The flow of water has increased by 20-30 % greatly saving the time required for irrigation. The provision of masonry channel has also greatly reduced the repair works which were frequently required earlier.
2	Foot path and foot bridges	One foot bridge was repaired across Satluj and 5 footpaths were paved with plain cement concrete in villages Badari, Bakhan, Lower Badhari and Koyal. These paths are 3 feet wide and quality of work is of desired level. The width should ideally be 4 ft wherever it is possible. Steps have been provided at many places where the slope is more than 25-30 <sup>o</sup> making the paths safer especially during the rainy season.	The community as a whole has been satisfied with the paving of footpath but felt that the activity should be extended to other places also. They felt that width should also be increased. About 30 % persons felt that the quality has been compromised in the construction and hence the project authorities should be stricter with quality control.
3	Streetlight	The street light works in Poshna and Bayal were executed through HPSEB. Despite the heavy expenditure there is much left to be desired. Only half tubes are used on full height poles making the light dim. Full tubes must have been used.	The people claimed that flexible wires of substandard quality have been used which is not a standard practice and especially with such a large investment. A few persons felt that alternative layout of poles would have been more effective. Solar light could also be used. People also demanded mercury lights.
4	Fair and festivals	It is very prudent to facilitate local fairs and festivals by providing financial grants. It is effective way of earning peoples goodwill. The project also facilitated sports activities by providing grants to tournaments. Cricket kits were distributed to Panchayats under RHEP.	The people largely appreciated the goodwill gesture of RHEP.
5	School infrastructure	The activities under this head included construction of classrooms, store, basket ball and badminton courts and leveling of play grounds, retaining walls etc. The work has been executed as per norms and end users are satisfied from it. The play ground of Dutt Nagar school could be made more even as it becomes risky to play hockey etc there. Marking of basketball court is still pending. Play ground is constructed in Bayal by providing bulldozer. The 49 schools falling in RHEP area have been provided with infrastructure like computers, furniture etc. In order to generate environmental awareness, schools have been provided financial grant for purchase of nursery for tree plantation etc. The fencing of play ground in Chatti school has been shown to be completed whereas it is not.	The students and their parents are satisfied from the activities. Some parents were highly appreciative of RHEP for conducting such activities.
	Miscellaneous activities	Providing and fixing of CGI sheet roofing in temple and community hall in Bayal. The quality of work is up to desired level. Two storied RCC Panchayat ghar is being constructed at Brow and brick work in first floor is in progress. Crematorium has been constructed in village Koyal, no roof has been provided. The crematorium should have been made on improved lines.	People appreciated the activity but felt that such works should be taken up on priority and work execution be expedited. People of Koyal wanted the roof on crematorium and some provision for people to sit on.

## ANNEX-1

### QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT OF DIFFERENT ACTIVITIES UNDER R&R PLAN OF RHEP

Sl. No.	Activities	Target	Revised Target	Progress during the quarter	Cumulative progress	% of progress	Remarks
1	Private Land Acquisition						
2	Rehabilitation Grant						
3	Provision of House Plots						
4	Transit Allowance						
5	Assistance for Construction of Houses						
6	Regular Employment in the Project						
7	Hiring of Vehicles						
8	Petty Contracts						
9	Income Generation Activities						
10	Provision of Technical Education						
11	Merit Scholarship						
12	Compensation for losses caused due to blast damage						
13	Health Facilities						
14	Compensation for losses caused to crop						
15	Grievances Redressal Committee						
16	Financial assistance for construction of cattle shed						
17	Infrastructural facilities to school of project area						
18	Upgradation of infrastructural and community development works						

## **Annexure-2: Methodology**

The methodology adopted was based on repeated visits of monitoring team to the villages. The team was split in to two sub-teams; one comprising of two social scientists and other of civil engineer. The sub-teams relied on observations, individual interviews and group interviews with stakeholders. The observations were cross-checked with the responses of Project Management before accepting and presenting these as monitored values or responses.

## **Annex.-3: Monitoring Team**

The monitoring team comprised of following:

1. Dr. Ranveer Singh – Social Scientist
2. Dr. C.S. Vaidya – Social Scientist
3. Er. Sanjay Bhardwaj – Civil Engineer

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