**Field and Interview Note**

Field workers: JS and OC

Interviewee: PK

Note Taker: OC

Note Checked and Edited by: JS

Language of Interview: Nepali/English

Note Transcribed by: OC

Place: 4th floor World Bank; Darbarmarga

Time: 2:00-3:00 Pm

Date: 25 August 2014

**Major Highlights:**

* Initially Sunaula Hazar Din (golden thousand days) is implemented in 15 districts of Tarai.
* Mostly DFID provides technical assistance to sunaula hazar din.

We met at World Bank office after a while of our phone conversation, as we get there earlier, we waited for a while. As about 2:00 Pm we went to the reception of the office and mentioned to a staff that, we have meeting with PK at 2:00. He asked us to make registration, after registration he gave us ‘visitor pass’ and told us to sit on the sofa located next reception. He then went to informed to PK about our meeting. He returned to the reception and told us, your meeting will start from 2:00 please wait for a while. At 2:00 we went upstairs through lift and a guard helped us to go to PK’s office room.

As we get into the room, JS thanked PK for her time to talk to us. And PK asked for drink, (water or tea) JS told that actually water will be great, then and PK went JS went for water and OC opened his notebook to begin to note down the talk among us. JS and PK returned shortly and JS brought a glass of water for OC as well. JS then initiated talk by telling that we want to about the World Bank’s engagement maternal and child health projects.

PK: World Bank is the largest donor in the health sector of Nepal. It makes contribution in the NHSSP III as well.

JS: do you specifically work on procurement part of the project (Sunaula Hazar Din) or you have your preference to work on?

PK we work on the whole process a process as a partner of the government. Nepal has made a lot of improvement in institutional delivery. Also government of Nepal has several projects on health and nutrition. Among them sunaula hazar din is one, we have worked in this project in implementing in different districts in Nepal. At the first phase we have implemented it in 15 districts of Tarai.

JS: do you provide technical assistance?

PK: yes we do but mostly DFID provides technical assistance for this project.

JS: could you please tell us about the project modality?

PK: we are trying get best expert from the world.

JS: What does World Bank do?

PK: from the very beginning of the project or from the preparatory phase of it we work on the quality assurance of the project.

JS: can you tell me about sunaula hazar din briefly in relation to how you work at the community level?

PK: we encourage community people to identify their own needs once we implement project at the community it is being monitored and supervised by our district based staff. Staff at districts not only monitor and supervise the community projects but make update us on weekly basis through telephone.

JS: how did it come out?

PK: this came from Africa which is done in 850 different cycles, it has conducted in very huge scale which has not done ever before.

JS: how do you do the monitoring and evaluation of the project? We conduct baseline and end line survey of the project.

JS: it sounds that, it (Sunaula Hazar Din) is more influenced by community driven development model.

PK: we provide coaching service to NGOs who work with us and these coaches are individuals. This working modal for this project is developed by Rapid Result Initiation (RRI) and it gets funding from the World Bank. She further explained, it is very structure of 50 days evaluation in the community and 1000 days intervention jointly done by World Bank and National Ministries. And evaluation of the project is conducted by the department of evaluation of World Bank. It is a five year project and long chain involve in it.

JS how this project is going so far? PK it is too early to make any remarks but in overall it is going well. Sunaula hazar din is more flexible than Suhaahara.

JS how do coaches look like? PK a lot of them are women and they are still in some kind of training (she did not mention specifically what sort of training they are involving). They have basic qualification and some skills like community building, group mobilization and so forth. Coaches get intensive training and work with social mobilizers (SM) who are also working at the community under ministry of local development (MoLD).

JS how did you ensure that things are working well at MoHP and district level as well? PK we have our staff at district level they handle the work at the district and we coordinate with central level as well.

JS does this project has link/connection (previous avatar) with any earlier projects? PK no, it does not have any that is why this project is getting concern from internal as well as well as external people.

JS how many technical staffs do you have for this project? PK we have technical persons as our staffs for this project. Do you provide technical assistance for this project? PK mostly we do not, DFID does for this project. We take back seat at the technical committee.

JS so you work in different beats? PK the classical projects of the World Bank are more structured than that of other donors’.

JS do you have your evaluation mechanism? Do you do it on your own? PK we do not do evaluation of the project entirely on our own, based on the result of the project we coordinate with our counterpart at the Ministry of Finance (MoF) we go with the government process but while collaborating with NGOs, they have to follow all the procurement system and process of World Bank and this chain is quite intense.

JS how ideas are generated and then how these ideas are translated into projects? PK we need to respect all the ideas that World Bank has. She further said, we also need to give our eyes and ears to everyone who closely work with the districts, communities and connect to us.

With this discussion, our conversation is concluded we thanked to PK for her time and cooperation and then we left her office.

PK had worked DFID and DENIDA before she did join to World Bank.

*Reflection: after we came out of the main door JS told to OC ‘I was kind of confuse what should be asked to her or not? Whatever I asked she gave similar answer’ after listening to JS, OC told to him that perhaps she is not a key person of the project, she does not have in-depth knowledge about the project so, that we could be one reason, she could not provide specific details that we are looking for. OC further added, we should talk with Manav Bhattarai once to get detail idea about the project. JS told OC, yes that could be one reason, we have Manav’s email write and do accordingly.*