

PRESS RELEASE

The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) has agreed to provide a grant assistance of US\$28 Million (equivalent to about Rs.1789Million) to the Government of Nepal. A Country Programme Action Plan (CPAP) to this effect was signed between the Government of Nepal and the UNFPA at Kathmandu today.

Under the CPAP, UNFPA will provide US\$ 17 million from its Regular Resources and US\$ 11 million from other financing modalities. The duration of this CPAP is 3 years (2008-2010). The programme will contribute to the government plan to attain prosperity and build peace by reducing human poverty through good governance, social justice and inclusive development approaches. The CPAP has defined Reproductive Health, Population and Development, and Gender related outcomes as its programme components. The Programme is based on the principle of realization of human rights, including reproductive rights- the basic rights for all couples and individuals, both women and men, to decide freely and responsibly the number, spacing and timing of their children and to have access to information and to basic reproductive health services.

Of the total assistance of US\$ 28 million, the programme components by funds are: (a) US\$17 million for Reproductive Health, (b) US\$5 million for Population and Development, (c) US\$5 million for Gender, and (d) US\$ 1 million for Programme Coordination and Assistance.

Mr. Krishna Gyawali, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Finance and Ms.Junko Sazaki, UNFPA Representative signed the CPAP on behalf of the Government of Nepal and UNFPA, respectively.

The Government of Nepal has expressed its sincere appreciation to the UNFPA for the assistance and continued support in the socio-economic development of Nepal.

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