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<b>Project Name:</b>	<i>The Project on Strengthening Monitoring and Evaluation System in Nepal Phase 2 (SMES 2)</i>		
<b>Country:</b>	Nepal		
<b>Status:</b>	Solo		
<b>Project Duration:</b>	<b>Current Year</b>	<b>Start Date:</b>	<b>End Date:</b>
FY 2011	1 <sup>st</sup> Year	2011.11.25	2012.10.12
FY 2012	2 <sup>nd</sup> Year	2012.11.30	2013.10.18
FY 2013	3 <sup>rd</sup> Year	2013.11.15	2015.5.29
FY	4 <sup>th</sup> Year (Final)		
<b>Assignment Description:</b>			
<p>Following the 10th National Development Plan (FY2002/03 – FY2006/07), which functioned as the poverty reduction strategy paper (PRSP) of Nepal, the Government of Nepal (GoN) implemented the Three Year Interim Plan (TYIP) (FY2007/08 – FY2009/10) and has been implementing the Three Year Plan (TYP) (FY2010/11 – FY2012/13). By implementing the policies and challenges to overcome the widespread poverty and limited financial resources, GoN has regarded good governance as one of the key strategies to deliver development projects and public services more efficiently and effectively. To promote the good governance policy, GoN has implemented policies to strengthen the monitoring and evaluation (M&amp;E) system.</p> <p>Following the GoN request, the Project on Strengthening Monitoring and Evaluation System in Nepal (SMES Project) was conducted for 39 months from October 2006 to December 2009. During the three-year SMES Project Phase I, GoN M&amp;E system was strengthened through: i) M&amp;E human resources development; ii) the creation of the M&amp;E tools; and iii) improvement in the policy makers and planning officers' understanding and support for M&amp;E. It was pointed out, by the terminal evaluation team, that more improvements were needed in M&amp;E information sharing and coordination enhancement between National Planning Commission Secretariat (NPCS) and the line ministries.</p> <p>GoN requested the Government of Japan for technical assistance to further strengthen the monitoring and evaluation system and mechanism in Nepal. Based on the Record of Discussions (R/D) signed by the NPCS and JICA in July 2011, "the Project on Strengthening Monitoring and Evaluation System in Nepal Phase 2 (SMES 2)" will be conducted for 3.5 years from November 2011 to May 2015.</p> <p>SMES 2 aims to strengthen M&amp;E mechanism in which M&amp;E results are reflected in the planning and implementing process, through practice in the field with coordination among MPCS, Ministry and District.</p>			