



Uttarakhand Forest Resource Management Project (UFRMP) Newsletter

Issue - 2

Message from Chief Project Director

I am happy to share with you the second newsletter of UFRMP. This newsletter summarizes for the readers the institutional structure of the project.

As part of the agreement between Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and Government of Uttarakhand, it is mandated that Project will be implemented under the aegis of an autonomous society and in this direction the State Government has formulated the Uttarakhand Forest Resource Management Society (UFRMS).

This Project seeks to establish innovative approaches for eco-restoration, livelihoods enhancement, eco-tourism promotion and sediment disaster mitigation in forest areas of the state. The models and approaches could then be replicated across the state as well as in other parts of the country. The Project also lays special emphasis on the use of enabling technology, especially GIS, for effective and efficient management of forest resources.

A High Powered Committee (HPC), at the state level, called the governing body of the society, headed by the Chief Secretary of the State is the highest policy decision-making body guiding the Project at the apex level. An Executive Committee (EC), headed by the Principal Secretary Forests will oversee implementation of the Project at regular intervals. The Project is being implemented by a PMU (Project Management Unit) established at the state level. In the field, the Project is executed by Van Panchayats, Divisional Management Unit (DMU) at Division level and Field Management Unit (FMU) at Range level will provide the necessary facilitation support.

In this newsletter we are sharing the institutional structure and responsibility at various levels of the Society. This information, I believe, would contribute towards maintaining transparency that UFRMP would like to promote in its functioning and operations.

Anup Malik, IFS



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Uttarakhand Forest Resource Management Society (UFRMS)

Government of Uttarakhand has constituted the UFRMS, an autonomous society constituted under the Society Registration Act 1860. The primary purpose of constituting this Society is to provide institutional, functional and financial autonomy to implement the Project in a time bound and effective manner.

UFRMS has a three tiered structure.

High Powered Committee (HPC)

At the Apex is the High Powered Committee (HPC) chaired by the Chief Secretary of the Government of Uttarakhand. HPC facilitates co-ordination amongst various departments of the government and other agencies for achieving the objectives of the society. It has the authority to approve the operation manual, Annual Plan of Operation, budget and account of the society. The Committee meets once in every six months, or more frequently, if required, with a prior notice of seven days. In case of urgency, the meeting can also be held at a short notice period. A minimum of six members, excluding the Chairperson, shall form the quorum for the HPC meetings.

Composition of High Powered Committee (HPC)

Chairperson

Chief Secretary, Government of Uttarakhand

Member

Additional Chief Secretary & IDC, Govt. of Uttarakhand
FRDC, Government of Uttarakhand
Principal Secretary, Department of Finance, Govt. of Uttarakhand
Principal Secretary, Forest and Environment
Principal Secretary / Secretary, Rural Development
Principal Secretary, Planning
Principal Secretary/Secretary, Animal Husbandry/ Dairy
Principal Secretary/Secretary, Horticulture
Principal Secretary/Secretary, Tourism

Member / Technical Advisor

PCCF (HoFF), Uttarakhand

Member

PCCF Van Panchayat

Member-Secretary

Chief Project Director, UFRMP



Hon'ble Minister of Forests, Government of Uttarakhand Shri Harak Singh Rawat, Chairing a planning and review meeting of senior UKFD officers.

Executive Committee (EC)

At the second tier, Executive Committee chaired by the Principal Secretary Forest has been constituted. The Executive Committee is the monitoring and guiding body for the project.

The PCCF, UKFD is the Vice Chairperson of the Executive Committee (EC). It meets once in three months or more frequently, if required. Generally seven day prior notice is required to organize the meeting of The Executive Committee. But in case of any urgency, the meeting can be held at a shorter notice. A minimum of 7 members, excluding the chairperson, form the quorum for EC meeting.



The main functions of Executive Committee include:

- Monitoring of financial and physical progress of the programmes and activities of the Society
- Providing guidance to the PMU in preparation of the Annual Plan of Operation and Annual Budget

Composition of Executive Committee:

Chairperson

Principal Secretary, Forest and Environment

Vice Chairperson

PCCF (HoFF), Uttarakhand

Member

Chief Wildlife Warden, Uttarakhand
Additional Secretary, Forest and Environment
Additional Secretary, PWD
Additional Secretary, Animal Husbandry / Dairy
Additional Secretary, Rural Development
Project Director and PDs, Dy PD, Finance and PMU
NGO Representative (CPD Nominee)

Member Secretary

Chief Project Director

Member

Van Panchayat – 2 (one each from Garhwal and Kumaon)

As and when required

PMC, Scientist, Academia etc. from renowned institution /organization/university



Project Management Unit (PMU)

PMU is the state level body that is primarily responsible for implementation of the project. It is headed by the Chief Project Director (CPD) who is assisted by two Project Directors – one each for Garhwal and Kumaon regions

Structure of PMU

Chief Project Director
Project Director (Garhwal)
Project Director (Kumaon)
Finance Controller
Dy. Project Director Forestry (one each for Garhwal & Kumaon)
Dy. Director, Van Panchayat (one each for Garhwal & Kumaon)
Finance Controller / Finance Officer
Project Managers (3) – Disaster Mitigation, Publicity & Documentation Community Development
Support Staff as per requirement





Divisional Management Unit (DMU) and Field Management Unit (FMU)

For implementing the project activities Divisional Management Units at the Division level and Field Management Units at the Range level have been constituted in all Divisions and Ranges in which the project is being implemented. The DFOs and the Range Officers shall head the DMU and FMU respectively in their ex-officio capacity.

Along with the responsibility of executing the Project activities in the field, these units would also facilitate executing the project interventions through Van Panchayats/Self Help Groups as per the requirements of the Project.

YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO THE NEWSLETTER



This is your newsletter. We request and encourage you to share your experiences under the Project. You can highlight activities and achievements of the Van panchayat. You can also consider submitting/sharing inspiring stories of individuals who are doing good works which needs to be shared with other people in the state. This will provide recognition to individuals and provide opportunities for other people to learn from the experiences. You can share your experiences with representative of the Field NGO in your Van Panchayat.

You can also write to us at

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