

NEPAL TRANSITION TO PEACE (NTTP) INITIATIVE

The **Nepal Transition to Peace (NTTP) Initiative** (2005-2007) is a national peace support program, designed in consultation with the Government of Nepal and political parties to build their capacity to engage in the peace process, create an inclusive multi-party dialogue to address all stakeholders' concerns, and institutionalize government and other peace structures. The NTTP Initiative supports processes that enable Nepali stakeholders to develop common ground by facilitating, within shared spaces, problem-solving interventions and information sharing.

Despite recent major political changes, the national-level need to build capacity for peace is unaltered. Before April 2006, the NTTP Initiative engaged key stakeholders in a confidential dialogue process; since April, NTTP has focused on supporting the Peace Secretariat and political parties to be more effective in securing the peace process and managing the political transition.

The AED-NTTP supports four inter-related activities:

The **Peace Secretariat's** capacity will be enhanced by training, technical support on peace processes, and the establishment of a peace library and documentation center. Through the Peace Secretariat, the NTTP Initiative also supports the high-level, multi-party Peace Committee and the government dialogue team to engage in the peace process.

A **Peace Process Support Group** (formerly the **Facilitation Task Group**), including two Observers (and former Facilitators) of the peace process and representatives from independent civil society and international resource organizations will initiate, manage, and facilitate multi-party and bilateral dialogues/meetings among stakeholders on an ongoing basis to explore and suggest options for a way forward in the national peace process.

Peace Units will be established within each mainstream political party to analyze conflict; build political perspectives; and develop, guide, and advise the party's engagement in the peace process. The Peace Unit coordinators and the members will be linked directly with the NTTP Initiative to contribute to the formal peace process.

An **International Technical Resource Support Group** will provide expertise, technical assistance, and diplomatic support in response to stakeholders' expressed needs for their dialogue and peace processes.

Managed by the Academy for Educational Development (AED), the NTTP Initiative is jointly owned by the government and the political parties, with an active participation of the civil society members. The NTTP Initiative is supported and participated in by multiple international donors.

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