

Date: 26 February 2023

To: The Examiners for the JICA Guidelines  
Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)

Names of the Requesters

Contact information of the Requesters:

Address:

TEL:

FAX:

E-mail:

Our names should be kept confidential and not passed to the Project Proponents, government agencies, or JICA's Operational Departments.

☒ Yes • No (Circle one.)

1. Project with respect to which the objections are submitted

- Country name: Nepal
- Project name: Project for Improvement of Water Supply in Pokhara
- Project site: Pokhara Metropolitan City
- Project outline

2. Substantial damage actually incurred or likely to be incurred by the Requesters:

The people have given their land to the project with the hope and understanding that the project will support through various activities for the upliftment and enhancement of living condition of local people. But the project personnel did not give appropriate attention to solve the issues of local people.

3. Resolution desired by the Requesters:

(In addition to the desired resolution, the Requesters may indicate whether they wish the Examiners to put more focus on conflict resolution or on compliance review, or both in equal measures.)

We requested to construct motor able road (about 4.0 km) with Blacktop from Water Treatment Plant to Purunchaur ( the area where most project affected people live) and construction of motorable bridge over Seti River near Puranchour baura to Marenghat Hemja.

Proposed road and bridge are equally important to NWSC (Water Supply service provider) which is being ignored. Project personnel promised several times to provide road and bridge facilities during meeting and discussion with local community. But now, at the time of completion of project, project officials have not given attention to local people grievances despite regular request and follow up.

Please refer to several communications in this regard Construction in the Annexes.

4. Requesters' efforts to engage in dialogue with the Project Proponents (including grievance redress

Mechanisms):

(If the Requesters are being prevented from having a dialogue with the Project Proponents due to Uncontrollable circumstances, describe the obstacles faced by the Requesters.)

We could not understand why even JICA also not responding our emails to address our issues despite continuous follow up from our side. Please find the email in the Annex:

5. Requesters' efforts to engage in dialogue with JICA's Operational Departments:

(If the Requesters were not satisfied with the response of JICA's Operational Departments, the Requesters may describe the reason for their dissatisfaction.)

**This corresponds to our response on # 4**

6. If the Request is submitted by a representative, explanation on the necessity for submitting the Request through the representative, with an attachment of evidence that the representative has been duly authorized by the Requesters:

In addition to the above, it is desirable to include the following information in the Request:

7. Provision of the JICA Guidelines breached by JICA and facts constituting the JICA's noncompliance, as alleged by the Requesters.

People of this village agreed to give up their agricultural land (where project infrastructures are constructed and laid) for the project with the hope that the community would get support in developing necessary infrastructures for improving the marketability of their agricultural products. As the project did not construct the road and motor able bridge over Seti River, it is the breached of understanding with the poor people who sacrificed their land for the good of the city dwellers benefit. This has affected their rights to have the access to the market and bring improvement in their wellbeing.

8. Cause-and-effect relationship between JICA's non-compliance with the JICA Guidelines and the damage.

Unfulfillment of the request of the community will ultimately tarnish the image of JICA in general and Government of Japan in particular amongst the families that were negatively affected by the project. In addition, it also breaches JICA's commitment of the development project to be socially equitable. While JICA is helping the city population to meet their water shortages, it should not be done at the cost of losing the farm lands of the poor people. Some people would argue that the government has paid compensation for the land accusation, but it has used the state power to forcefully vacate the land for the development.

The Requesters hereby certify that all the matters described here in are true and correct.