

INITIATIVE FOR PEACEBUILDING

On 19th and 20th October 2008 International Alert held a second round of community consultations in Jumla district in the Karnali region in mid-West Nepal. The consultations were with community organisations in Depalguan, Kudari and Rara VDCs and were facilitated by the Karnali Integrated Rural Development and Research Centre (KIRDARC).

Additional meetings included those with: Village Development Committee (VDC) Secretaries from Rara and Badki; the Chief District Officer (CDO); the Women's Development Office; the Deputy Superintendent of Police; the head Constable of police in Rara VDC; the Chambers of Commerce.

The purpose of the consultations and meetings was to establish if and how the security and justice situation had changed in the aftermath of the CA elections. It was also an opportunity to maintain relations with local NGOs have been involved in the ongoing work (and will be involved in Phase 2 of IfP) and to ensure that information was being fed back to the district level rather than just being extractive. Alert provided information about the current status of Kathmandu level JSSR debates and this and JSSR more generally was discussed.