

Design & Appraisal Stage Quality Assurance Report

Form Status: Approved

Overall Rating:	Highly Satisfactory
Decision:	Approve: The project is of sufficient quality to continue as planned. Any management actions must be addressed in a timely manner.
Portfolio/Project Number:	00085986
Portfolio/Project Title:	K4DM phase 2
Portfolio/Project Date:	2021-01-01 / 2023-12-31

Strategic**Quality Rating: Exemplary**

1. Does the project specify how it will contribute to higher level change through linkage to the programme's Theory of Change?

- 3: *The project is clearly linked to the programme's theory of change. It has an explicit change pathway that explains how the project will contribute to outcome level change and why the project's strategy will likely lead to this change. This analysis is backed by credible evidence of what works effectively in this context and includes assumptions and risks.*
- 2: The project is clearly linked to the programme's theory of change. It has a change pathway that explains how the project will contribute to outcome-level change and why the project strategy will likely lead to this change.
- 1: The project document may describe in generic terms how the project will contribute to development results, without an explicit link to the programme's theory of change.

Evidence:

The project's Theory of Change clearly explains the process of achieving higher level impact and outcome through carefully designed and delivered outputs. There are five outputs which will produce the two outcomes that directly address the Project's aim and intended impact. The five outputs include: (i) Building an institutional approach for capacity building; (ii) Creating an enabling environment for evidence-based decision making; (iii) Strengthen the External Resource Mobilization Strategy; (iv) Engage NRBs with the Government of Bangladesh; and (v) Strengthen institutions and modalities for South-South Triangular Cooperation. This analysis is based on credible evidence of what works effectively in this context and includes assumptions and risks. These are linked with CPD Outcome 2.

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2. Is the project aligned with the UNDP Strategic Plan?

- 3: The project responds to at least one of the development settings as specified in the Strategic Plan¹ and adapts at least one Signature Solution². The project's RRF includes all the relevant SP output indicators. (all must be true)
- 2: The project responds to at least one of the development settings as specified in the Strategic Plan⁴. The project's RRF includes at least one SP output indicator, if relevant. (both must be true)
- 1: The project responds to a partner's identified need, but this need falls outside of the UNDP Strategic Plan. Also select this option if none of the relevant SP indicators are included in the RRF.

Evidence:

K4DM Phase-II addresses human rights by creating an enabling environment for informed policy making and making active contributions towards eliminating all forms of poverty in Bangladesh and the SDGs attainment. To this extent, the Project shares extensive inter-dependent goals on mainstreaming a human rights approach with Strategic Plan (SP) Output 1.1.1 and SP Output 1.2.2. In particular, the project responds to Strategic Plan Output 1.2.2: Enabling environment strengthened to expand public and private financing for the achievement of the SDGs.

The project's RRF includes SP output indicator 1.1.1.2: Number of national and subnational governments and other partners sharing their innovative solutions through SSMART and SP output indicator 1.2.2.1: Existence of an enabling environment in place leveraging additional resources from public and private sources for the SDGs.

The Project responds to UNDP's development setting, in particular to SP Outcome 2: 'Accelerate structural transformations for sustainable development' and adapts one Signature Solution of 'Governance for peaceful, just, and inclusive societies'.

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3. Is the project linked to the programme outputs? (i.e., UNDAF Results Group Workplan/CPD, RPD or Strategic Plan IRRF for global projects/strategic interventions not part of a programme)

- Yes
 No

Evidence:

The project is linked with UNDAF Outcome 1/ CPD Outcome 2: Develop and implement improved social policies and programmes that focus on good governance, reduction of structural inequalities and advancement of vulnerable individuals and groups. It is closely intertwined with Project's broader outcomes including a) Evidence-based policy-making towards national development aspirations practiced; and b) External resource mobilization strategy and international economic collaboration strengthened. The project is particularly linked to CPD Output 2.1: Civil society, interest groups, relevant government agencies and political parties have tools and knowledge to set agendas and to develop platforms for building consensus on national issues.

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Relevant

Quality Rating: Highly Satisfactory

4. Do the project target groups leave furthest behind?

- 3: The target groups are clearly specified, prioritising discriminated, and marginalized groups left furthest behind, identified through a rigorous process based on evidence.
- 2: *The target groups are clearly specified, prioritizing groups left furthest behind.*
- 1: The target groups are not clearly specified.