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1. Executive Summary

2. Background

3. Key Results Achieved

- **Level of Reporting:**

  Output level results

  Project Outputs:

  Livelihoods restored, and income generation capabilities catalyzed and/or strengthened

  Contributing Outcomes:

  Outcome 2 By 2027, people in Pakistan, especially those most marginalized and at risk of being left behind, will benefit from sustained, inclusive and green economic growth, through catalysing the medium, small and micro-enterprise (MSME) sector, which drives progress, creates adequate decent jobs for youth, adolescent girls and women, people with disabilities, and other vulnerable segments of society; promotes innovative and responsible MSMEs where gender barriers are addressed; and protects workers, including vulnerable and marginalized workers, from all forms of exploitation.

  Contributing Outputs:

  PAK_OUTPUT_2.2 Access to basic services and financial and non-financial assets and services improved to support productive capacities for sustainable livelihoods, jobs employability for youth, girls/women, and other vulnerable groups

  Progress Note:

  1. Distribution of Agriculture Tool Kits: The project successfully completed the distribution of agricultural tool kits to 5,000 beneficiaries in all six flood-affected districts, addressing the extensive damage caused to agricultural land and infrastructure by the 2022 floods in Pakistan. The assessment, conducted through door-to-door visits, verified right holders based on agreed selection criteria. UNDP procured the tool kits, which include essential items like shovels, hand hoes, hammers, and saws, to aid in the recovery and reclamation of inundated land. The process was closely monitored by both the

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implementing partner and UNDP experts. The distribution of these tool kits has been recommended by sectoral groups as an effective intervention for recovering community and domestic spaces, facilitating a quick transition to better living conditions in the project intervention areas. The project has been identified as a high priority by both beneficiaries and community mobilization teams, contributing significantly to the rehabilitation of farmlands, enabling farmers to resume activities, and increasing the overall resilience and sustainability of the agricultural sector. 2. Facilitation of local entrepreneurs in reviving their businesses in the target areas of Sindh, Baluchistan, and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa provinces: To address and cater the adverse impact of floods on entrepreneurs and small business owners, UNDP has identified 2,200 individuals (with at least 50% women) across six intervention districts in Sindh, Balochistan, and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa provinces. These individuals will receive support in the form of business in-kind grants to revive their enterprises. Priority was given to those with prior entrepreneurial experience, especially women and persons with disabilities, with beneficiaries identified through community-based mechanisms to ensure support reaches the most vulnerable households. A research study has been completed to determine the contents of the business development kits, tailored to local needs. Procurement of the recommended items for distribution among selected beneficiaries is currently underway. Furthermore, training sessions were held for identified right holders to enhance the capacity of small business owners in business management. These sessions focused on small-scale enterprises, particularly Karyana stores, guiding them on maintaining registers and managing records effectively to streamline their operations.

- **Level of Reporting:**

  Output level results

  Project Outputs:

  Housing and access to /or essential community services restored

  Contributing Outcomes:

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Progress Note:

1. Provision of health and hygiene kits along with mosquito nets and insect repellents to women and adolescent girls in the target districts of flood affected provinces: The relief and recovery efforts included emergency health support to protect displaced populations and provide hygiene support in transitional settings. Around 6,000 households across six flood-affected districts were provided with basic hygiene kits. These kits included menstrual hygiene management (MHM) items, body and laundry soaps, toothpaste and toothbrush, towels, nail clippers, combs, collapsible jerry cans, water buckets, mugs, lotas, and sanitary napkins. Additionally, mosquito nets and insect repellents were provided to protect household members, especially children and women, from mosquitoes and malaria. Moreover, around 6,000 households across six flood-affected districts received basic health and hygiene education through participation in community-based awareness raising sessions. 2. Installation of solar lighting systems in selected villages of the flood affected areas in the target provinces: To enhance the lives, safety, and security of flood-affected households, especially women, children, persons with disabilities, and the elderly, and to restore electricity and improve safety and security in domestic and community spaces recovering from floods, an assessment for the provision of solar lighting systems was conducted in all six flood-affected targeted districts. This assessment led to the identification and distribution of 2,000 household solar solutions among the identified beneficiaries, with priority given to the most vulnerable households, including men, women, people with disabilities, and vulnerable individuals from religious minorities. The identification process involved door-to-door assessments of 2,000 households based on specific selection criteria. The Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability, and Learning (MEAL) team verified these households for the provision of the solar lighting systems. Data from all verified households were entered into the beneficiary database, and several duplication checks were performed to eliminate duplicate entries. Distribution tokens were then generated for the selected beneficiaries. Distribution points were strategically established in centralized locations, taking into account the distance and ease of access for the beneficiaries, in consultation with Community Organizations (COs). Tokens were distributed to the selected beneficiaries through the engagement of COs, along with providing necessary instructions such as bringing original identity cards along with the token. Beneficiaries were trained on the installation and use of the solar lighting systems by the IP solar technicians through practical demonstrations. This intervention is expected to facilitate sustained and reliable communications in disaster-hit areas, enhance the productivity and profits of small-scale businesses by enabling them to operate in the evening hours, thereby contributing to improved livelihood prospects in project intervention areas. 3. Distribution of water filtration systems to women in affected areas: The floods caused extensive damage to drinking water sources and sanitation and hygiene (WASH) facilities, increasing the risk of water and vector-borne diseases. Women, who often bear the burden of collecting water and looking after children who are most vulnerable to these diseases, are disproportionately affected. In response, UNDP, in partnership with implementing partners, conducted thorough door-to-door assessments across all six districts. These assessments aimed to identify households and communities lacking access to clean drinking water, especially those with the highest vulnerability.

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Water filtration systems provided to 2000 households to ensure access to safe drinking water for the effected communities.

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4. Key Challenges Encountered

- **Level of Reporting:**

  Project level results

  Contributing Outcomes:

  Contributing Outputs:

  Progress Note:

  1. Prioritization of Affected Communities: Identifying and prioritizing the most impacted communities for proposed interventions presented a procedural challenge. Leveraging UNDP's extensive experience in similar interventions within targeted districts, coupled with robust collaboration with district-level authorities and humanitarian actors, facilitated the precise targeting of the most vulnerable communities. 2. Extreme Weather Conditions: The prevalence of intense heat waves posed logistical hurdles for field activities. Moreover, the availability of communities and stakeholders was hindered by these adverse weather conditions. Implementation of precautionary measures, including the provision of protective gear such as caps and ensuring access to fresh water, effectively mitigated the adverse effects of extreme weather conditions. 3. Non-availability of communities due to Seasonal demands: Concurrent with the project timeline, the seasonal demands of rice harvesting and land preparation for subsequent crops limited the accessibility of communities for hygiene awareness sessions. Flexible scheduling of the community-based awareness raising sessions was adopted to accommodate the convenience and availability of communities and stakeholders.

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5. Project Risks and Issues

Security Risk: Since the project operates in fragile security context, extra measures were adopted to cope with the challenges specially in Balochistan. Hiring of 3rd party monitoring, remote monitoring and technology-based solutions were adopted during the implementation. High Inflation rate: Due to higher inflation rate, the cost of the implementation was impacted. Proactive financial planning and management, helped to achieve the results despite of the economic challenges. Political Uncertainty and Turnover in govt: Throughout 2023, the political situation remained uncertain and huge turnover observed in the government. Strong institutional linkage was maintained to cope up with the situation.

6. Lessons Learned

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7. Conclusions and Way Forward

In 2024, the project will continue with its key implementation activities. Under Output 1: Restoration of housing, and access to/and or revival of essential community services, the implementation includes, the initiation of planning, designing, and implementation of reconstruction of damaged houses, the provision of 15,000 Agriculture tool kits to the flood effected communities and repair/reconstruction of community physical infrastructure (roads, bridges, drainage, access to facilities). Under output 2: Livelihoods restored, and income generation capabilities catalyzed and/or strengthened, the implementation activities for 2024 include, undertaking of gender sensitive rapid assessment of small businesses in target areas focusing on their livelihood assets, local economy, markets, and priority value chains, as well as factors influencing vulnerability and targeting strategies/criteria, supporting 1,030 farmers (owing 4,800 hectares of land) in reviving agriculture-based livelihoods practices in flood affected areas (through provision of inputs seeds, fertilizers etc.), supporting 5,200 local entrepreneurs in reviving small scale businesses in flood affected areas through the provision of enterprise development kits to 2,200 individuals and through capacity development of 3,000 entrepreneurs and capacity building of 1000 individuals in flood affected areas on climate resilient and sustainable agricultural practices. Under Output 3: Governance and service delivery restored and resumed, the implementation activities include, supporting the Government in improved M&E and enhanced accountability of projects under the Resilient Recovery, Reconstruction and Rehabilitation Framework and capacity building at the Federal and provincial levels for improved

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and equitable implementation of the 4RF. Under Output 4: Environmental clean-up accelerated in tandem with strengthened capacities for disaster risk management and resilience, the implementation activities for 2024 include training of 350 Government officials on mainstreaming climate and disaster resilience in development planning and the development of communication materials to ensure the promotion and exposure of project results in DRR.

8. Other Reporting Requirements

- No items to display.

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