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Narrative Report 2024

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1. Executive Summary

2. Background

3. Key Results Achieved

- **Level of Reporting:**

  Output level results

  Project Outputs:

  Implementati on of Nationally Determined Contribution s mainstreame d in governance and across key sectors

  Contributing Outcomes:

  Outcome 3 By 2027, people living in the Indus River Basin, particularly the most vulnerable, including women, girls, boys, persons with special needs and senior citizens, will have their lives positively impacted by improved water access and utilization, economic development, livelihoods, climate-resilient settlements, and prosperity.

  Contributing Outputs:

  PAK_OUTPUT_3.2 Efficient and sustainable use of fresh marine and terrestrial ecosystems, including the Indus Basin, for resilient communities through interventions for improved health, livelihoods, green economy and clean energy

  Progress Note:

  During the year the Baluchistan Climate Change Policy (approved by Cabinet), the Gilgit Baltistan Environment Policy (in progress) and NDC investment plan (approved) were developed. The Electric Vehicle (EV) Regulatory Framework was finalized and formally submitted to the government for consideration. The Energy Conservation Building Codes Report was also developed. Furthermore, four policy briefs were created to support the implementation of NDC and LT-LEDS in Sindh and Punjab. A workshop was organized with firms and consultants onboarded under the UNDP LT-LEDS workplan to foster synergies and outline a clear roadmap. Further, a consultant was engaged to develop and present the Adaptation Communication Report for Pakistan, while another consultant was onboarded for a detailed survey of brick kilns in KP province, focusing on carbon emissions assessment and reduction strategies, and successfully submitted the first deliverable. Further details are in attachment.

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  Enhanced climate change mitigation and adaptation to foster equitable development, and strengthenin g communit

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  Progress Note:

  A financial agreement for the National Plastic Action Partnership (NPAP) was signed between UNDP and the World Economic Forum (WEF). Additionally, UNDP has been appointed by the World Economic Forum (WEF) as the secretariat for the National Plastic Action Partnership (NPAP). The first advisory consultation workshop on financing Pakistan's National Plastic Action Partnership (NPAP) was held on September 30th, focusing on developing a financial model to incentivize plastic waste circularity. Further details in attachment

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  Output level results

  Project Outputs:

  Strengthened climate resilience for women and marginalised groups through capacity building and inclusive engagement across key sectors

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Progress Note:

Trainings in green skills were launched across eight districts in Gilgit Baltistan. The Gilgit Baltistan Rural Support Programme (GBRSP) achieved a key milestone by establishing 12 green business centers and training 2,000 individuals, including 1,000 women, across 10 districts in green skills and sustainable practices. Additionally, GBRSP trained 1000 young women in eco-tourism and livelihood opportunities in GB. An awareness campaign on Solid Waste Management (SWM) was initiated in various districts of Gilgit Baltistan aiming to reach 76000 people in Gilgit Baltistan. Amendment-I for the cost extension of the Letter of Agreement (LoA) with the Gilgit Baltistan Rural Support Programme (GBRSP) was signed, extending its validity until October 15, 2024, to include additional activities such as procuring and disseminating fuel-efficient cooking stoves. The Dawood Global Foundation (DGF) completed its training program, empowering 1,000 women in rural Sindh, and submitted their final deliverable. Two success stories featured on the UNDP Pakistan website and other social media platforms. Additionally, the Green Career Launchpad was inaugurated at the University of Baltistan, fostering sustainable career development. Further details in attachment

4. Key Challenges Encountered

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Progress Note:

NDC 3.0 is on hold as the government has not nominated any focal for the implementation of NDCs in Pakistan, therefore the activity will move into next year.

5. Project Risks and Issues

Project Risks: Approvals and endorsement from the relevant government departments to initiate project activities in due time might be delayed; it may lead to further delays in achieving the project deliverables. To address the same, close coordination with the relevant provincial and federal governments shall be maintained. Delay in the procurement process may delay the timelines to achieve the target; close follow-up with the procurement team is much required. Non-availability of the relevant consultants/expertise may also hinder the timely progress against the targets. Mitigation Measures: The project team will ensure regular coordination and follow-up with the concerned federal and provincial government departments to process the required documentation as and when required so that the activities can be initiated well in time and ensure effective project implementation. To support the procurement unit colleagues and provide complete reports as per the requirement to avoid unnecessary delays and work closely to expedite the process. To use multiple channels of reaching out to the experts at the national and international levels.

6. Lessons Learned

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7. Conclusions and Way Forward

Sector-wise gender responsive long-term goals for Pakistan Revise and update the NDC document Finalize the portfolio of agriculture sector through gender lens Follow-up with ministry to develop guidelines for effective reporting process on NDC 3.0. Baluchistan Climate Change Policy is designed and planned to be launched early next year. The resources expected to be mobilized for project concept notes submitted to IKI and MAF, amount to 20 million USD and 40 million EUR, respectively. The IC will start working on the validation of technical standards for EV charging infrastructure regulations in coming year. Follow-up meeting with GIZ and other organizations to discuss potential collaboration on the LT-LEDS process in Pakistan. Firm will be taken onboard in 2025 to designing, Training and Installation of Fuel-Efficient Cooking Stoves in Baluchistan. A firm will be engaged to perform NPAP activities.

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8. Other Reporting Requirements

- **Reporting Requirements**

  The gender marker for the project is Gen-2. All climate resilience policies and trainings were made gender responsive and refined using a gender lens. For example, GBRSP (green skills trainings and green business centers) were established to promote women empowerment. NPAP is also made gender responsive through identifying and supporting gender -responsive micro, small & medium - sized enterprises (MSMEs) to promote alternate solutions for innovation in plastic waste management. Last, LT-LEDS conducted a gender-sectoral analysis in energy and agriculture to integrate social inclusion and gender considerations into the LT-LEDS. Further, strengthen capacities of relevant stakeholders under Energy and Agriculture sector to ensure gender consideration and social inclusion into LT-LEDS was completed. Further details are in attachment.