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Project Start Date:	23/09/2019
Project End Date:	23/07/2019
Donor:	Government of Uttarakhand
Implementing Partner:	UNDP
Total Project Budget (all years):	INR 590, 27, 842 (USD 829859)
Core Resources: Non-Core Resources: Government contribution:	Government contribution – USD 829859

Project Brief Description and Outputs:

The project aims to support the Government of Uttarakhand in fast tracking the implementation of the SDGs in the state of Uttarakhand. UNDP has set up a Project Management Unit in the Centre for Public Policy and Good Governance (CPPGG) to support the center in terms of technical assistance in key sectors that contribute to the growth of the state. The project supports the State Government in in technical empowerment of the CPPGG by recruiting sectoral experts in mutually agreed sectors which are beneficial for economic growth and inclusive development through SDGs.

The project objectives:

1. Technical support to CPPGG for boosting economic growth
   - $\Rightarrow$ Develop policy for green growth
   - $\Rightarrow$ Develop policy for ensuring good health and wellbeing
   - $\Rightarrow$ Develop policy for quality education and reduction of inequalities
   - $\Rightarrow$ Develop policy sustainable livelihoods and elimination of poverty
   - $\Rightarrow$ Develop policy for improving connectivity, infrastructure for sustainable rural and urban communities for sustainable economic growth
   - $\Rightarrow$ Devbhoomi lecture series
   - $\Rightarrow$ Training calendar for good governance
2. Technical support to CPPGG for fast tracking SDGs
   - $\Rightarrow$ Build awareness and capacities of all stakeholders around SDG Vision of Uttarakhand and its targets
   - $\Rightarrow$ Adapt SDG Vision for local district level and GP level authorities in their plans and processes; advocacy; capacity building for integration of SDGs into local government planning and implementation
   - $\Rightarrow$ Propose integrated development solutions and innovations to accelerate SDG implementation, develop sophisticated technology-based tools to monitor SDGs and ensure M & E systems are in place to collect data and monitor progress in target achievement as set in SDG VISION 2030 document.

List of focus States/districts

State -	Districts -	
Uttarakhand	All 13 districts	

Overall Project Quality Rating (mark on the scale of 1 to 5 as per the following criteria):

Exemplary (5) *****	High (4) ****	Satisfactory (3) ***	Poor (2) **	Inadequate (1) *
All outputs are rated High or Exemplary	All outputs are rated Satisfactory or higher, and at least two criteria are rated High or Exemplary	One output may be rated Poor, and all other criteria are rated Satisfactory or higher	Two outputs are rated Poor, and all other criteria are rated Satisfactory or higher	One output is rated Inadequate, or more than two criteria are rated Poor
Budget 2020	$188,690			
Expenditure 2020	$188,690			
Delivery %	100%			

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1. Executive Summary

The executive summary is a concise brief on the progress towards the project outputs during the reporting period. The section also includes key implementation challenges, lessons learned and way forward. It is also suggested to include key financial information, such as expenditure for the reporting period, cumulative expenditure and a delivery rate against budget.
(Suggested length - 400 words maximum)

The Centre for Good Governance and Public Policy (CPPGG) was established and recruitment for the technical support provided by UNDP was completed. In addition, CPPGG with support from UNDP has developed an SDG Tool ensuring a monitoring framework for districts and the state. The SDG Tool for ensuring systematic reporting from the district level and to have a dashboard at the State level to review the concurrent performance and ensure competition of the districts and departments. The tool was launched by Chief Minister of Uttarakhand.

2. Project Background

The background should be a short introductory of the project. The situation analysis and the objective sections of the Project Document can be referred to for this section. Also include an up-to-date overview of changes in the context and situations. (Suggested length - maximum half a page)

Uttarakhand was formed in November 2000 by carving out the 13 hill-districts of Uttar Pradesh. Formerly named Uttaranchal, Uttarakhand became the 27th state of India after separation from Uttar Pradesh; Dehradun was named the capital. Uttarakhand's location has strategic significance because part of its borders constitutes the Northern boundary of the country. The state shares borders with Tibet in the North and Nepal in the East, inter-state boundaries with Himachal Pradesh in the West, Northwest and the Gangetic plains of Uttar Pradesh in the South and Nepal. Uttarakhand has diverse geographical features ranging from snow-capped mountain peaks in the North to tropical forests in the South; its climate and vegetation vary accordingly. Hindi, Garhwali and Kumaoni are commonly spoken in the state. English is the medium of education in many of its schools.

The State of Uttarakhand is an "Aspiring" state in the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals as categorized by Government of India, Uttarakhand is a resource rich State which requires clear strategies & action plans to effectively utilise the resources and emerge as a performer. The State also needs support in fast-tracking achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals. The State requires technical support in Awareness building, Innovations, Localisation & Integration and finally concurrent monitoring. UNDP proposes to offer technical support to Department of Planning through experts and curated activities to fast-track the agenda.

Government of Uttarakhand has initiated the process of SDG implementation and has nominated a nodal department for handholding the SDG agenda in the State. The Directorate of Economics & Statistics, Department of Planning has come up with a vision document focusing on sectoral growth aligned with SDGs. The State is in the process of finalization of indicators and preparation of the framework for implementation of the SDG agenda. Planning department has conducted Mapping of

State Depts. programmes/schemes and an action Plan for implementation of SDGs under preparation. State has tentatively decided to adopt the National Indicator Framework for monitoring of SDGs. The Department of Planning/ Directorate of Economics & Statistics (DES) is the nodal department for collection, validation and analysis of data. State has emerged as front runner on various development sectors and has the potential of emerging as a model for other States in actualization of the Peoples Agenda 2030. Planning Department has taken keen interest in initiating the localization of the agenda and is looking forward for technical associations.

In spite of higher Growth rate of 6.8%[1] (2017-18) the state has increasing un employment rate. While poverty levels in Uttarakhand are lower than in other states, pockets within the state display a high incidence of poverty, and consumption inequality is increasing. There is a need to fast-track the growth in sectors identified by the State such as Environment & Climate Change, Health, Education, Gender, Value Chain etc. The State is bestowed with a Centre for Public Policy & Good Governance (CPPGG) which has the mandate to support the development planning and policy preparation in the State.

Government of Uttarakhand has partnered with UNDP to set up a PMU in Centre of Public Policy and Good Governance to support in terms of technical resource in key sectors which needs a rejig to ensure that these sectors perform well and contribute to the growth of the State. UNDP will also support the State Government in technical empowerment of the Centre for Public Policy & Good Governance, Uttarakhand by recruiting sectoral experts in mutually agreed sectors which are beneficial for the economic growth of the State and manage the policy development for fostering economic growth and inclusive development through SDGs, under the leadership and guidance of Secretary planning.

3. Project Performance and Results

3.1. Contribution towards Country Programme Outcome

CPD Outcome: By 2022, there is improved and more equitable access to, and utilization of quality affordable health, nutrition and water sanitation service			
Indicator(s): Number of states in which gram panchayat prepare integrated development plans oriented to SDGs	Baseline: To be established	Target(s): 1	**Achievement(s):**

3.2. Progress towards Project Results/Outputs

Project Output I: Ensure CPPGG PMU team is on board and functional and has established team and clear work plan for next 6 months

Indicator(s)	Baseline	Target(s)	Achievement(s)
Work plan developed and team onboarded	0	8	4

Description of project output level <u>results achieved</u> in 2021:

A team of six specialist are on board in CPPGG PMU. While four had joined in 2019, process of onboarding two is ingoing.

Overall Output Status (mark the output on the scale of 1 to 5 as per the following criteria):

Exemplary (5) *****	High (4) ****	Satisfactory (3) ***	Poor (2) **	Inadequate (1) *
The project is expected to over-achieve targeted outputs and/or expected levels of quality, and there is evidence that outputs are contributing to targeted outcomes	The project is expected to over-achieve targeted outputs and/or expected levels of quality	The project is expected to achieve targeted outputs with expected levels of quality	The project is expected to partially achieve targeted outputs, with less than expected levels of quality	Project outputs will likely not be achieved and/or are not likely to be effective in supporting the achievement of targeted outcomes

Means of Verification: HR reports

4. Project Risks and Issues

This section identifies and analyses project risks and issues that:
1) had an impact on project deliverables[1] (quality, schedule, etc.) During the reporting period, or

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[1] A deliverable is defined as the result of an activity or in other terms the product which contributes to the achievement of project outputs).

2) were newly identified during the reporting period and are being addressed by the project (in the case of risks, "addressed" means to mitigate their effects or decrease the likelihood of impact, and in the case of issues, how to resolve them).

a. Updated Project Risks and Actions

<u>Project Risk 1:</u>
- The many relevant State, District and Local level agencies do not remain engaged for the project period due to changes in administrative structures

Actions taken:
- CPPGG ensured to be in regular touch with department level officials and apprise the new administrative heads about the ongoing work with the specific department.

<u>Project Risk 2:</u>
- CPPGG may require more support to become self-sustainable entity as envisaged during the project period.

Actions taken:
- Initiated exploring funding opportunities.

b. Updated Project Issues and Actions

<u>Project Issue 1:</u>
- Delay in fund disbursal by the State created obstructions in project implementation.
- Lack of capacity building of experts

Actions taken:
- Regular follow up with state level officials for expediting the disbursal proposal.
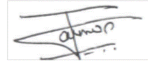
<u>Project Issue 2:</u>
Actions taken:

5. Lessons Learned

This section should capture the lessons learned to ensure on-going learning, knowledge sharing and communication within the organisation and with the partners/donors. It should include analysis on the following contents:
1) *Key project successes and factors which supported these successes;*
2) *Difficulties encountered and measures taken to overcome these difficulties;*
3) *Analysis on what could have been done differently / better to attain the project results;*
4) *Recommendations to improve future programming.*
(Suggested length – half a page to 1 page)

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