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ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT

Project Number: PAK 3056-17/0004

***Kamyab Jawan: Youth and
Social Cohesion Project in
Khyber Pakhtunkhwa
Phase 2***

Project Duration: Oct 2018 to Sept 2021

October 2018 - September 2019

ACRONYMS

AWS	Amazon Web Services
CBOs	Community Based Organizations
CODE	Cursor of Development and Education Pakistan
CSOs	Civil Society Organizations
ECI	Empowerment Thru Creative Integration
IFT	Insan Foundation Trust
KP	Khyber Pakhtunkhwa
KPITB	Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Information Technology Board
PILDAT	Pakistan Institute of Legislative Development and Transparency
PVE	Preventing Violent Extremism
PWDs	Persons with disabilities
RNE	Royal Norwegian Embassy
SAPs	Social Action Projects
SDGs	Sustainable Development Goals
STEAM	Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics
UNSC	United Nations Security Council
YAD	Youth Affairs Department
YDI	Youth Development Index
YEP	Youth Empowerment Programme

PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND OUTPUTS

Pakistan currently has the largest generation of young people ever in its history, with about two-thirds of the total population of 207.7m under 30 years of age. According to UNDP's latest National Human Development Report (2017), "As a section of the populace that is transiting to adulthood, this 'youth bulge' will prove to be either a dividend or a disaster for the country, depending on if Pakistan invests in youth by providing them with quality education, quality employment, and meaningful engagement opportunities."

A large proportion of the young people live in an environment of multidimensional and intersectional vulnerabilities, especially in conflict-affected regions such as Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP). Young people not only risk recruitment by extremist groups, but also are subject to structural factors that affect their levels of tolerance, civic participation and radicalisation. UNDP's 'Kamyab Jawan Pakistan' (Successful Youth) Youth Empowerment Programme (YEP) is aimed at reducing young people's vulnerability to violent extremism and radicalisation by creating opportunities for knowledge, skills and leadership development; active citizen and policy engagement; and economic empowerment as means and end to sustaining peace in Pakistan. An important achievement of UNDP's Youth Programme, is the technical assistance provided in the development of the Federal Government of Pakistan's new flagship Youth Programme which decided to adopt the name of Kamyab Jawan. Based on the lessons learned from previous youth programming in Pakistan and globally the team was able to provide substantive inputs for the design of the National Youth Development Framework, a strategic document to align and coordinate efforts being made by the Provincial Governments to promote youth empowerment as well as well as the design of the Federal Youth Programme for which the Federal Government has allocated 100 billion PKR. Many of the lessons learned from previous work under the Youth and Social Cohesion Project were incorporated, in particular the youth community centre experience.

The programme supports the implementation of the Government of Pakistan's National Counter Extremism Policy Guidelines (2018), particularly the priority areas (2) civic engagement and (5) reformation, rehabilitation, reintegration and renunciation. The Youth and Social Cohesion Project (YSCP) Phase II in KP is part of this larger multi-donor Programme to mainstream youth as active stakeholders and participants in the national development agenda of Pakistan.

THE PROJECT OUTPUTS INCLUDE:

Total Target of Youth - 10,524



OUTPUT 1
2,324 youth

Youth engagement in policy making, implementation and monitoring: *Future public policies in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa include substantive inputs from youth.*



OUTPUT 2
200 youth

Youth civic education for an inclusive society: *Vulnerable youth are provided with civic education and skills to facilitate their reintegration into an inclusive society.*



OUTPUT 3
8,000 youth

Youth economic empowerment: *Youth's potential to contribute to inclusive and sustainable economic growth harnessed and catalysed.*

TOTAL TARGET OF YOUTH ACHIEVED TO DATE



	Youth Engaged	Planned For Next Quarter
 Output 1	3,669	554
 Output 2	63	200
 Output 3	770	2,700

STATUS OF THE PROJECT FUNDED BY ROYAL NORWEGIAN EMBASSY

OUTPUTS	OUTPUTS INDICATORS	STATUS AS OF OCTOBER 2019
 <p>Output 1: Future public policies in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa include substantive inputs from youth</p>	<p>1.1 Extent to which youth are successfully positioned as active stakeholders/partners in provincial policy planning structures, processes and implementation for positive impact.</p> <p>Baseline 1.1: 0 (Not Adequate) Target 1.1: 2 (Partially)</p>	<p>Partially achieved (51-75% results achieved)</p> <p>Details: Over 2,000 youth have participated in engagement and empowerment related trainings to ensure they are aware of their rights and can communicate effectively. The upcoming Provincial Youth-Led Policy Forum in KP will now give youth the opportunity to position themselves for real policy impact by establishing a Youth-Led Provincial Accountability Mechanism.</p>
	<p>1.2 Extent to which a positive and evidence-based PVE narrative is mainstreamed on traditional and social media.</p> <p>Baseline 1.2: 1 (Limited positive narrative) Target 1.2: 3 (Substantial positive and empirically informed content)</p>	<p>Not adequately achieved (0-25% results achieved)</p> <p>Details: While key messages have been disseminated through social media to a relatively large audience, more targeted messaging at a larger scale is planned over the next 6 months.</p>
	<p>1.3 District Level Youth Development Index finalized and approved by Provincial Authorities</p> <p>Baseline 1.2: 1 (Regional YDI developed by NHDR) Target 1.2: 3 (Approved and endorsed)</p>	<p>Not adequately achieved (0-25% results achieved)</p> <p>Details: Progress Halted as PC1 is still under preparation with Pakistan Bureau of Statistics. UNDP will increase efforts to accelerate progress in next quarter.</p>

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 <p>Output 2: Vulnerable youth are provided with civic education and skills to facilitate their reintegration into an inclusive society.</p>	<p>2.1 Extent to which peace and diversity promoted among madrassah students and young people in conflict with the law.</p> <p>Baseline 2.1: 1 (Zero Support) Targets 2.1: 2 (Substantial interest)</p>	<p>Not adequately achieved (0-25% results achieved)</p> <p>Details: Activity was put on hold on the request of the Federal Education Ministry (who has recently been given the mandate to coordinate Madrassah reform) to ensure overall synergy with Government efforts in this space, namely the ongoing Registration of Madaris. An agreement has now been reached with the Federal Ministry to proceed in partnership to implement the planned activities in KP. These will initiate before the end of the year.</p>
	<p>2.2 Number of trained youth who are socially reintegrated with gainful employment and positive community relations</p> <p>Baseline 2.2: 0 Targets 2.2: 200</p>	<p>Marginally achieved (26-50% results achieved)</p> <p>Details: The preliminary process of discussing the model with the Government of KP, conducting field visits, ensuring coherence with ongoing UNDP interventions in this area (namely Rule of Law programming) has already been completed. UNDP aims to have a partner initiate on-ground activities by the end of the month.</p>
 <p>Output 3: Youth's potential to contribute to inclusive and sustainable economic growth harnessed and catalyzed</p>	<p>3.1 Number of youth trained and in employment</p> <p>Baseline 3.1: 0 Target 3.1: 3000 (50% male and 50% female)</p>	<p>770</p>

OVERVIEW OF THE ANNUAL PROGRESS (OCT 2018 - SEPT 2019)

During the current reporting period (October 2018 - September 2019), the project directly engaged around **4,502** youth- including 2,735 men, 1,757 women, 10 transgenders, out of which 88 were persons with disabilities (PWDs) and 90 belonged from minority groups. While initial numbers of transgender community members and people with disabilities are relatively low despite considerable efforts to reach out to youth in these communities, the project has taken several steps to ensure higher inclusivity in future interventions. One specific example of this is the Youth Innovation Challenge, where a specific training of trainers was carried out for trans leaders and outreach material was prepared which specifically featured trans youth as an incentive for them to apply. As a result, 6 out of 46 youth selected for the next round of the youth innovation challenge are from the trans community. Progress from these projects will be reported in the next report.

Another example where UNDP worked closely with the partner to ensure inclusion of people with disabilities is a cultural event organized in the Peshawar Jawan Markaz. The purpose of the activity was to promote indigenous folk music of KP and to rejuvenate art and cultural activities, following some targeted outreach to



Partnership meeting with the Prime Minister

particularly excluded groups a total of 163 young people participated in the event including 25 PWDs and 35 from minority groups.

A further **2,103** were engaged through digital means in KP.

Some of the main highlights of this period include:

- UNDP developed a policy level partnership with the office of the Special Assistant to the Prime Minister for Youth Affairs and supported the development of the National Youth Development Framework to highlight the importance of addressing the needs and concerns of youth across the spectrum. This partnership was confirmed in a High-Level meeting with the Prime Minister himself.

- 20 young women were trained and mentored to become community leaders in the field of peace and security in partnership with Insan Foundation trust (IFT).
- Empowerment Thru Creative Integration (ECI) facilitated 15 activists (including six females), in designing and implementing three Social Action Projects (SAPs) in KP to promote sports, cultural activities, and social and economic empowerment of youth at the grassroots level.
- 180 young people of KP were given an opportunity to discuss policy issues affecting youth directly with parliamentarians in coordination with Pakistan Institute of Legislative Development and Transparency (PILDAT).
- Youth Innovation Challenge was launched in KP and 43 young people with the most relevant and innovative plans to promote and sustain youth engagement in their communities were granted awards of PKR 70,000 per project.
- UNDP has initiated the process to develop the country's first ever district/tehsil level Youth Development Index in collaboration with UNDP's Development Policy Unit (DPU), the Prime Minister Office's Youth Wing, and the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS).
- UNDP signed a Letter of Agreement with the Youth Directorate, Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa to develop and sustain youth friendly public spaces in the province. UNDP also agreed to support in revitalizing government established Jawan Marakiz in five districts of the province.
- UNDP has also partnered with Foundation for Integrated Development Action (FIDA) in D.I. Khan, which is working to rehabilitate the community centres and is linking the community with government line departments to promote collective and collaborative action for community development.
- Together with Cursor of Development and Education Pakistan (CODE), UNDP carried out dialogues with religious leaders of KP from across the five schools of thought to discuss mainstreaming of Madrassah students.
- UNDP organized a 'Stakeholders Consultation for Madaris Integration and Development' with the Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training in Islamabad to identify possible areas for collaboration with civil society and donor agencies.
- The programme signed an MoU with Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Information Technology Board (KPITB) for training of 1,200 youth in the highly demanded skills of the future such as cloud computing big data analytics.
- UNDP launched a National Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Bootcamp in Islamabad where 20 young social entrepreneurs were mentored and had a chance to compete for a grant to scale-up their ideas.

PROGRESS TOWARDS PROJECT OUTPUTS



	PLANNED ACTIVITIES	ACHIEVEMENTS
1.1	<p>Create a facilitating environment for informed debate and dialogue on sustainable peace and social cohesion in KP. UNDP will organize 12 participatory dialogues between youth and relevant government and civil society stakeholders on a host of issues pertaining to peace and social cohesion in the province where youth activists will play a lead role. These dialogues will cover a range of topics including (but not limited to) madrassah reforms, educational curriculum, peace on university campuses, peace building from a development prism, and role of media in peacebuilding among others. The dialogues will be organized in collaboration with the provincial Home and Tribal Affairs Department and the Youth Department as the primary partners; relevant secondary partners will be identified according to the topic of discussion. The events will be attended by stakeholders from government, media, academia, Civil Society Organization (CSOs), and youth activists. The findings and</p>	<p>Achievements to date: Of 12 planned Provincial Dialogues the project has carried out 2 Dialogues. The first dialogue was with Parliamentarians from the Provincial Assembly which has inspired a second-generation youth-led policy making intervention which will initiate in November. The second dialogue was with the Youth Department on how to enhance training and awareness among young women on harassment. UNDP aims to support the department coordinate with the Education Department and with local universities to continue to disseminate information to students. A third dialogue is planned for mid-November with the Youth Department, Planning and Development and members of the Provincial Assembly to analysis the Provincial Youth Policy and establish a youth-led accountability mechanism. In KP, 888 young people (355 women and 533 men; including 37 PWDs and 67 belonging from minority groups) where engaged directly. Whereas, 2,103 young people were engaged through social media.</p> <p>Progress Highlights: The project is analysing/consolidating work with young people (dialogues, interactions) and mapping key issues of youth (rural, urban, male, female and the third sex). This is helping the programme to ensure programming is responsive to needs on ground and the inclusion agenda is pursued extensively without compromises.</p> <p>The analysis/information from the point above feeds into sensitization of policymakers and factors into their strategic planning, which the project is supporting.</p> <p>Based on previous dialogues between youth and political parties, UNDP has designed a new intervention to develop the capacities of young parliamentarians in KP to enact and pass youth friendly legislation in the province.</p> <p>Capacity Building of Young Women Leaders on Women, Peace and Security Issues:</p> <p>The programme, in partnership with IFT, selected 20 young females from KP to train them to become community leaders on women, peace and security issues. In the first half of the reporting period, three-day residential workshops were held to train the selected beneficiaries. Various motivational mentors conducted</p>



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<p>1.1 recommendations of these interactive sessions will be shared with the Government of KP for policy action. Interactive sessions will be shared with the Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa for policy action.</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">Young Women Leaders conducting activities under their community-based projects</p> <p>sessions during the workshop to inspire and provide guidance to the young female leaders in training.</p> <p>During this reporting period, the Young Women Leaders (YWLs) developed different projects under the umbrella of women peace and security discourse as part of the six months online mentorship program. These projects are focused on but not limited to the women's and youth's social, educational, economic, political and psychological empowerment. Most of the YWLs did the initial planning, identification of stakeholders and team building during the reported period.</p> <p>The YWLs, through their projects ensured direct engagement of 232 youth (166 women and 66 men; including 30 belonging from minority groups), while 850 were engaged through social media. Below are some of the engagement details of YWLs' initiatives from KP:</p> <p>International Peace Day on Climate Action for Peace</p> <p>UNDP in collaboration with the National Dialogue Forum, organ-</p>



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1.1		<p>ised an event to celebrate the International Peace Day at the Pakistan National Arts Council, Islamabad. This year, UNDP decided to focus on the theme Climate Action for Peace. The day was filled with an interesting mix of activities, including a panel discussion on climate activism, presentation of students (from four provinces) on their personal initiatives to tackle the issue of climate change and student mime performance. The event was graced by the Advisor to Prime Minister on Climate Change, Mr. Malik Amin and Minister for Climate Change, Ms. Zartaj Gul. Through this event, UNDP was able to engage 470 youth with the support of RNE and Government of Japan.</p> <p>Capacity Building & Mentorship in Dialogue, Negotiation, and Leadership for Policy Impact Initiative</p> <p>“Capacity Building & Mentorship in Dialogue, Negotiation, and Leadership for Policy Impact Initiative” is an initiative with youth leaders and activists from KP, Sindh and Baluchistan in partnership with Empowerment Thru Creative Integration (ECI), for youth in deprived and underdeveloped areas to emerge as agents of positive change and development.</p> <p>During reporting period one residential training on leadership, communications and negotiation skills; four online sessions on proposal development, networking skills and social enterprises; four mentoring sessions; and four exposure visits were conducted with 18 young leaders (10 males and 8 females) from KP.</p> <p>These courses helped participants in developing and submitting proposals to address different social issues. They also developed Networking Profiles for various stakeholders who could potentially support their initiatives. Through mentoring and exposure visits, young leaders were able to learn from the experiences of the communities and the organizations. They also got practical knowledge of government policies, impact of the projects in the development of community and the role they can perform for the community.</p> <p>UNDP granted a cost-extension to ECI for continuing its ongoing work with youth activists in KP, Sindh and Balochistan. Under the cost extension, ECI facilitated 52 trained activists from Balochistan, KP, and Sindh in designing and implementing nine social</p>



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1.1	 <p data-bbox="185 981 592 1037">Young people raising their concerns during policy dialogue</p>	<p data-bbox="651 439 1457 618">action projects (three in each province) to promote sports, cultural activities, and social and economic empowerment of youth at the grassroots level. Of these, Royal Norwegian Embassy (RNE) supported the implementation of three SAPs by 18 young people (including six females).</p> <p data-bbox="651 663 1457 1290">Group 1 of youth activities organized a theatre performance on young people’s mental health issues in the Jawan Markaz of Qayyum Stadium, Peshawar. The theatre performance aimed at creating awareness about depression and suicidal tendencies among youth. A total of 150 youth including 120 males and 30 females attended the event. Youth Group 2 organized an inclusive sports event in the District Sports Stadium, Bannu. The activity aimed to revive sports and recreational activities in the district, an erstwhile conflict affected area. A total of 80 young men participated in the event and hundreds of locals joined as spectators. Lastly, a folk music event was organized in the Peshawar Jawan Markaz by Youth Group 3. The purpose of the activity was to promote indigenous folk music of KP and to rejuvenate art and cultural activities in an erstwhile conflict affected area (Peshawar). A total of 163 young people participated in the event including 145 males and 18 females. In all above engagement initiatives, 25 PWDs and 35 from minority groups also participated.</p> <p data-bbox="651 1335 1457 1559">The SAPs initiative allowed young people to practically utilize their learned skills (on leadership, negotiations, and communications) by implementing small scale development projects. Moreover, all SAPs in KP were organized in Jawan Markaz of the province which helped in promoting them as hubs of youth-led cultural, recreational, and educational activities.</p> <p data-bbox="651 1603 1457 1895">Other than their planned SAPs, the young leaders also undertook some initiatives using the core skills they learnt from their capacity building and mentoring programme. All the young leaders are taking continuous volunteer initiatives for the betterment of their community under the selected SDGs. A total of 95 young people, including 38 women, 57 men were engaged in all the three provinces. However, 43 young people, including 16 women and 27 men were engaged through these initiatives in KP.</p>



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1.1		<p>Dialogues between Youth and Parliamentarians/ Policymakers</p> <p>PILDAT partnered with UNDP and organized a national level consultative policy dialogue between youth and policymakers on democratic and Peaceful Governance and Sustainable Development in Pakistan. This was organized in Peshawar, KP where 168 people attended the dialogue and 9 youth speakers interacted with representatives of three leading political parties of Pakistan.</p> <p>The dialogue brought together key political parties alongside youth representatives to address youth's issues. Government and opposition leaders reiterated that both were onboard for youth development. Youth speakers highlighted various youth related issues and questioned government's role in: improving gender parity; taking effective actions against extremist ideologies and drug addiction; decreasing discrimination based on ethnicity, class, gender or language; integration of youth of FATA; integration of madrassah graduates in the job market; and in introducing skill anticipation program to cater the demands of the industry and solve the problem of youth unemployment. The parliamentarians responded to the queries and shared the provincial government's planned initiatives for youth.</p> <p>UNDP is also undertaking third generation programming in this area by facilitating and promoting youth informed policy formulation, (possible) legislation, and governance. For this purpose, UNDP has received technical and financial proposals from interested parties for establishing youth forums in the provincial assemblies of KP; holding inter-youth dialogues to identify development challenges faced by youth and selecting vocal young people for youth-parliamentarian dialogues; organizing youth-parliamentarian dialogues to inform about the pressing social and economic challenges faced by young people in Pakistan and to possibly galvanize parliamentarians into taking policy and/or legislative action; and facilitating Youth Forum members in raising young people's issues in their respective assemblies.</p> <p>The project will engage at least 7,000 young people in dialogues and exchange on development challenges in Pakistan and result in the creation of a cohort of more than 40 youth parliamentari-</p>



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1.1		<p>ans who will raise young people’s issues on the floors of their respective legislatures. The project is expected to be launched in the first week of October 2019. The initiative was re-launched after UNDP did not receive quality proposals during the first round of submissions. RNE will fund the KP component of the project.</p> <p>In addition, UNDP has also planned country-wide Provincial Policy Forums and RNE will fund the one that will be held in KP. This initiative aims to identify at least 200 potential youth leaders in each province to engage them for discussion and discourse on the youth policy while seeking their perspective on the provincial youth policies along with their challenges and concerns, over a two-day residential conference. This will provide the aspiring Youth leaders with an opportunity and platform to voice their opinions on the policies related to them directly to the policymakers and implementers and build their capacity through workshops and interactive talks. A provincial youth committee will be formed at the end of the conference which will be tasked with following up on the recommendations and pledges made by the policymakers during the conference. This will ensure youth buy-in and constant involvement in the implementation of the Provincial Youth Policies.</p>
1.2	<p>Develop a rational and empirically informed alternative narrative on peace and social cohesion in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.</p>	<p>Achievements to date: Not achieved. Procurement process in final stages to select partner</p>
1.2 a	<p>Training of Youth Journalists UNDP will train (at least) 200 youth journalists from KP on informed and sensitive reporting on peace and social cohesion issues. UNDP will organize capacity development workshops for at least 200 youth journalists</p>	<p>Progress Highlights: UNDP is soliciting proposals to engage a reputable firm/organization specializing in the capacity development and mentorship of digital and print media journalists in KP. The intervention aims at building the technical capacities of young journalists in effectively utilizing data to produce empirically informed public interest articles/stories/opinion pieces pertaining to development challenges and peacebuilding in KP. The project will specifically target young journalists between the ages of 23 and 35 years and link them with reputable actors in the print and digital media industries through an extensive mentorship programme. Apart from creating a cohort of young journalists in KP, the project can galvanize administrative and policy action by (possibly) amplifying public demand for government accountability and responsiveness. The trained journalists will be required to produce at least 200 articles/opinion pieces/stories etc. on devel-</p>



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1.2 a	<p>from mainstream English, Urdu, and Pashto newspapers in KP. These journalists will be trained on sensitive and empirical reporting on peacebuilding issues in KP. UNDP will leverage its linkages with these trained journalists (and others) to publish at least 50 opinion pieces on youth and peacebuilding in the province. These pieces will pave the way for mainstreaming an empirically informed mainstream media discourse on youth, peace and social cohesion in the province. In addition, UNDP will respond to the prevalence of malicious online content that can influence young people to commit violent acts through a comprehensive and informed positive messaging campaign on social media platforms. This will help in creating an effective counter narrative of peace, tolerance, and inclusiveness to undermine the hateful and myopic discourses that limit young people's world views and steer them towards violence and conflict. The online messaging campaign will</p>	<p>opment challenges faced by youth, peacebuilding, SDGs attainment, and other public interest issues in the province. These articles will be disseminated through social media and traditional channels to strengthen and promote an informed narrative on development and peacebuilding in KP.</p> <p>The RFP was published on September 2019 and the contract for the research is expected to be granted in October 2019.</p> <p>http://www.pk.undp.org/content/pakistan/en/home/operations/procurement0/undp-rfp-2019-353-journalists-training.html</p>



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1.2 a	be complimented with traditional community engagement (community dialogues, street theatre) methods in areas with no or limited access to the internet.	
1.2 b	<p>Digital Research and Positive Messaging Campaign</p> <p>UNDP will undertake a digital research to identify positive influencers for young people who like/follow extremist content on social media platforms (Twitter, Facebook). The research will help develop an empirically informed positive messaging campaign that is tailor-made to target young people who are vulnerable to being influenced by extremist actors operating in the online space.</p>	<p>Progress Highlights: Not achieved. Procurement process in final stages to select research partner.</p> <p>Digital Research and Positive Messaging Campaign</p> <p>UNDP is trying to use innovative approaches to facilitate the discourse on critical skills and to deliver key messages. In this regard, Khalid Malik, a well renowned and influential radio jockey with substantial social media outreach with both rural and urban youth, was hired to reach out to youth with alternate messaging through innovative and conventional means. During the reporting period, he posted three videos on importance of tolerance, respecting women, and seeking help for mental health on his Facebook page which were scripted by the UNDP team. These videos were viewed by 1,300, 68,000 and 51,000 Facebook users, respectively. Further such videos and live online shows with participation from youth are envisioned next.</p> <p>https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=2311721472421162 https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=715518458869895 https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=668869523594711</p> <p>A digital research was planned in 2018 to understand young people's vulnerability to violent extremist narratives in the digital space and, based on the findings, provide recommendations for an alternative narrative campaign to reduce young people's vulnerability to involvement in violence and conflict. Unfortunately, the final draft of the research did not meet the quality criteria and expectations of UNDP leading to cancellation of the vendor's contract.</p> <p>A second research on understanding hyper-masculinity in violent extremist narratives was conceived and advertised in the second quarter of 2019. A suitable partner/consultant has been identified and will be engaged through a Reimbursable Loan Agree-</p>



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1.2 b		<p>ment (RLA) modality after approval from the higher management. The research is aimed at deconstructing extremist narratives which circumscribe women's public roles in society, identify government responses to increased hostility against women's empowerment on social media and digital platforms, and suggest policy responses to curb the same.</p> <p>UNDP is also supporting the Preventing Violent Extremism (PVE), Governance, and Peacebuilding Unit at the UNDP Asia Pacific Office in completing a research on 'Violent Extremist Myths and Masculinities' in three countries of the Region, including Pakistan. The research sheds light on the world views of extremist organizations and actors through an analysis of their foundational myths with a bearing on gender roles and relations. Based on this analysis, the research aims to provide concrete programmatic recommendations to prevent violent extremism in Pakistan.</p> <p>The above-mentioned support is part of programme's ongoing collaboration with UNDP Global on researches highlighting youth and PVE issues in Pakistan. In this regard, UNDP produced a research entitled 'Frontlines: Young People at the Heart of Preventing and Responding to Violent Extremism in Pakistan' for the inter-agency Working Group on Youth and Peacebuilding. The research explores young Pakistanis' perceptions of violent extremism, their views on root causes, and their suggestions for inclusive and effective PVE measures. The research can be accessed on the following link</p> <p>https://www.youth4peace.info/ProgressStudy/CaseStudies</p>
1.3 a	<p>Develop citizens' trust in state institutions by creating avenues for inclusive policy formulation and strengthening vertical linkages (citizen-state).</p> <p>Strategic Internship Placements in Government Bodies</p>	<p>Strategic Internship Placements in Government Bodies</p> <p>Achievement to date: Not completed. Recruitment of 24 interns in final stages.</p> <p>Progress Highlights: The internship placements will be done in two cohorts, comprising 12 interns in each (50% women). Internships will last for a period of three months during which selected youth will be placed in the Home and Tribal Affairs, and Planning and Development departments, along with the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Information Technology Board (KPITB) for a period of 3</p>



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1.3 a	<p>UNDP will create at least 24 internships for fresh university graduates from public sector universities of KP in relevant government bodies including the Home and Tribal Affairs, and Planning and Development departments. This will help in creating entry points for the active involvement of young people in policy formulation and implementation. The initiative will also be in line with United Nations Security Council (UNSC) Resolution 2250 which calls for getting policy inputs from young people at all local, national, regional, and international levels. UNDP will dovetail or synergise the internship initiative with an existing government programme to ensure its sustainability.</p>	<p>months. The interns will be given a stipend of PKR 20,000 under the initiative.</p> <p>UNDP has received a long list of 56 candidates (7 females) for the first batch of 12 internship positions advertised in October 2019. They are expected to be placed in their respective departments by November 2019. During their engagement, the interns will be required to perform daily tasks assigned by their respective supervisors. This will include receiving their concrete inputs to make the government's existing programming more sensitive to the needs of youth.</p> <p>UNDP is engaging National Dialogue Forum, a local organization with experience of training youth for government job placements, to give a two-day orientation to internees on the functions of their host departments and their roles and responsibilities as interns. This will be followed by a three-month mentorship programme where the interns will be linked with experienced mentors advising them on effectively contributing to design and implementation of government policies on young people in KP.</p>
1.3 b	<p>Social Innovation Challenge</p> <p>UNDP will organize design thinking workshops for at least 100 youth with promising social entrepreneurship ideas to strengthen peace and social cohesion at the grassroots level, in line with Goal 16 of the SDGs. UNDP will support the implementation of at</p>	<p>Social Innovation Challenge</p> <p>Achievement to date: 2,472 young people were engaged through 43 Social Innovation Challenges including 866 women, 1,596 men, and 10 transgenders. Out of these, 51 were PWDs and 25 belonged from minority groups.</p> <p>Progress Highlights: To meaningfully engage young people and to empower them through first hand implementation of projects, the Youth Empowerment Programme is running a Youth Innovation Challenge. The Youth Innovation Challenge is a joint innovative initiative between UNDP and the Youth Affairs Department (YAD) of the Government of KP that aims to promote youth</p>



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<p>1.3 b</p>	<p>least 50 of these ideas under a Youth Social Innovation Challenge. Furthermore, UNDP will leverage its linkages with local newspapers and TV channels to provide at least provincial level coverage to some of these initiatives.</p>	<p>engagement and ownership in ensuring peace and promoting social cohesion in their communities in line with the KP Youth Policy. The challenge seeks to engage directly with youth in the target areas to devise plans in innovative and creative ways with a focus on activities that strengthen social cohesion, peace and tolerance in vulnerable communities.</p> <p>In the first phase, 43 young people with the most relevant and innovative plans to promote and sustain youth engagement in their communities were granted awards of PKR 70,000 per project. These projects include STEAM workshops for children, career counselling for college students, teacher training on psycho social support, awareness sessions, digitals skills training, sports events for differently abled amongst many other interesting, innovative and constructive projects. During the reporting period, 23 young changemakers completed their projects and received the project completion letters, the remaining projects are in the final stages of completion. So far, 2,472 youth (866 women, 1,596 men, 10 transgenders- including 51 PWDs, 25 belonging from minority groups) have been engaged while 52 (15 women, 37 men) have found employment (part time and full time).</p> <p>Based on the success of the first phase of Youth Innovation Challenge, the second phase was launched in the reporting period. Applications for innovative projects under the themes: i) Pro Youth Legislation, ii) Interfaith Harmony and iii) Sports, Arts and Culture were sought. Extensive social media and on-ground outreach was conducted, as a result more than 2,800 application were received. These applications were evaluated in two stages and a total of 46 applicants (including 23 males, 17 females and 6 transgenders) have been shortlisted from KP. A mentorship and training workshop is planned for second week of October, after which the first tranche of the grant amount will be handed over to the awardees for their projects. Building on from the lessons learnt from the first phase of the challenge, a dedicated mentor will be assigned to sub group of the participants. These mentors will be chosen from the best performing participants of the first phase of challenge. Not only will this enhance the capacity of the previous cohort of changemakers but also provide continuous individual support and guidance to the new cohort. Moreover, during the first challenge one of key gaps identified was that the</p>



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	 <p data-bbox="185 790 584 819">Students during a STEAM workshop</p>	<p data-bbox="651 439 1461 689">communications and presentation skills of the participants. The ideas were great, however they lacked the skills to effectively pitch them. Therefore, in the training workshop of the second phase, they will also be trained on these skills. This will ensure that they are able to effectively pitch their projects and enterprises to other donors and investors and add to the sustainability aspect of the initiatives.</p> <p data-bbox="651 734 1461 913">Moving forward UNDP is planning to launch the pilot for innovation challenge in the Newly Merged Districts (NMD) of KP. The team is currently undertaking meetings with relevant stakeholders and existing partners in NMDs in order to adapt the challenge to the on-ground situation.</p>
<p data-bbox="172 976 210 1034">1.3 C</p>	<p data-bbox="252 976 520 1034">Youth Development Index</p> <p data-bbox="252 1048 584 1747">UNDP will work with academic and researchers from reputable academic institutes of higher learning to develop a comprehensive district level Youth Development Index for KP. The final index will be used to develop and implement an advocacy strategy to galvanize key players in the government (elected and bureaucracy) to take effective policy level and administrative steps to address specific development gaps of the concerned districts.</p>	<p data-bbox="651 976 1273 1003">Progress Highlights: Youth Development Index</p> <p data-bbox="651 1043 1461 1590">UNDP has initiated the process to develop the country's first ever district/tehsil level Youth Development Index (YDI) in collaboration with UNDP's Development Policy Unit (DPU), the Prime Minister Office's Youth Wing, and the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS). Under this partnership, Youth Empowerment Programme and DPU will provide technical support to PBS which will be tasked to design the survey and data collection tool. Initial meetings with PBS and PMO's Youth Wing started in December 2018. The programme has provided extensive technical inputs into the survey data collection tool in collaboration with DPU. Support has been provided to the government on this and resources are being mobilized to launch the index. High level meetings have been held and commitment for launching a NYDI has been made by the government. Government is also pursuing submission of PC 1 for funding this intervention.</p> <p data-bbox="651 1635 1461 2002">UNDP and PMO's Youth Wing (represented by the Special Adviser to Prime Minister on Youth) has held a final meeting with the Federal Minister of Planning and Development to release funds for the YDI survey. The final decision in this regard will be communicated in the coming weeks. However, on the programme level, UNDP plans to initiate this index with the available data of beneficiaries from different programme interventions in October 2019. For this, youth engaged in different programme interventions will be sent YDI survey questionnaire via SMS and emails. However, those who lack digital means will be accessed via robocalls and</p>



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		<p>call centres. This process will be facilitated by our already onboard partner for digital monitoring.</p>
<p>1.4</p>	<p>Build the capacity of the KP Government to roll out and implement coordinated strategies for youth, peace, and development in the province. UNDP will provide the required technical support to finalize and/or implement these strategies in ways that create synergies with other government departments, CSOs, and relevant programmes and projects being implemented by UNDP. In this regard, the project will primarily focus on the finalization and roll out of KP's provincial youth policy 2016. After finalization, the proposed project will identify synergies with other provincial strategies that have a significant role for youth, including the provincial Rule of Law (RoL) and Preventing Violent Extremism strategies. The initiative will then support relevant departments (tasked with implementing these policies) to mainstream youth in line with their respective frameworks.</p>	<p>Achievement to date: Six Community Centres established (Co-funded by Government of Japan in KP) which are being managed by 10 CBOs comprising 120 young people (60 women & 60 men)</p> <p>Progress Highlights: As part of the roll-out of the KP Youth Policy the Youth Department has requested UNDP to support the operationalization of the Jawan Marakiz to ensure it's objective of setting up youth friendly public spaces at the district level in the province.</p> <p>UNDP has signed a Letter of Agreement with the Youth Directorate, Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa to develop and sustain youth friendly public spaces in the province. Under the agreement, the Directorate has taken formal ownership of the Musa Zai Community Centre in District Dera Ismail Khan which was established by UNDP during the first phase of YEP (Youth and Social Cohesion Project).</p> <p>UNDP also agreed to support the Directorate of Youth Affairs in revitalizing government established Jawan Marakiz in five districts of the province. These centers have been set up in Peshawar, Mardan, D.I. Khan (UNDP structure), Bannu, and Abbotabad. UNDP has conducted the technical and financial evaluations to select a reputable firm for developing a sustainable youth-led model for operationalizing these government established Jawan Marakiz. This initiative will help in engaging 5,000 young people in sports, cultural activities, debates and educational events, and linking them to Youth Directorate and relevant government line departments. It will also help in establishing youth volunteer committees to oversee the management of Jawan Marakiz. The firm is already on board and activities to operationalize the centres will start in October 2019.</p> <p>UNDP is also concluding its work with communities in rural D.I. Khan under the first phase of the Youth Empowerment Programme by organizing them into effective Community Based Organizations (CBOs) and linking them with government line departments to promote collective and collaborative action for</p>



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1.4		<p>community development. A total of 120 young men and women (50%) have been organized in 10 CBOs (50% women CBOs). Beside CBOs, 5 community centre management committees (comprising 5 members each) have been formed to monitor and supervise the repairing and maintenance work at the centres and to ensure proper utilization of these centres. For the youth group formation under the umbrella of each CBO, 40 women and 40 men youth have been identified.</p> <p>The other five centers are located in remote rural areas with poor access and uncertain security situation; the Government has therefore communicated (to UNDP) its inability to formally adopt these centers. UNDP is presently working on developing a youth volunteer led model to sustain these community centers as part of a larger initiative to promote community led development in UNDP intervention areas in D.I. Khan through collective mobilization and engagement with district government authorities. This involves linking village level CBOs with government line departments in D.I.Khan and building their capacities to work collectively with the local government authorities for community development.</p> <p>It is important to note that these areas were identified in consultation with the district governments of Bannu and D.I. Khan and the Home and Tribal Affairs Department, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa to serve as hubs of youth led cultural, recreational, and development activities in erstwhile conflict affected areas.</p> <p>The CBOs have been capacitated on holding regular elections, budgeting, networking (with government stakeholders), identifying development issues, and collective action for development. Total 39 women and 56 men participated in the capacity building events. The project is entering its second phase whereby these CBOs will be formally linked with district government line departments.</p> <p>The project is being implemented by the FIDA a local NGO based in D.I. Khan. The organization is committed to ensuring the sustainability of the initiative because of its strong independent linkages with local communities in programmes's target areas, which were established through implementation of multiple projects with UNDP and other donor agencies. Furthermore, the communities are supporting the intervention to develop sustain-</p>



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		<p>able linkages with local government departments to resolve their development issues through networking and collective action.</p>
<p>2.1</p>	<p>Create pathways for the constructive engagement and social reintegration of Madrassah students. UNDP will partner with a reputable CSO with demonstrable experience of working with religious seminaries to draw up a comprehensive Madrassah Engagement Strategy through consultations with representatives of different seminary registration bodies (Wafaqs) and the provincial Ministry of Religious Affairs. The implementation strategy which will be endorsed by the said actors may include interventions like interaction between students from different seminaries, introduction of a critical skills thinking module etc.</p>	<p>Achievement to date: 63</p> <p>Progress Highlights: Building on the UNDP’s engagement with Madaris in 2018-19 to develop a collectively owned implementation plan for empowering young people in seminaries, UNDP organized a ‘Stakeholders Consultation for Madaris Integration and Development’ with the Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training in Islamabad. The consultation was held in the Conference Room of the Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Training on September 12, 2019. The consultation was attended by more than 30 colleagues representing bi-lateral and multi-lateral donor agencies, CSOs working with Madaris, and government departments directly involved in the Madrassah mainstreaming process.</p> <p>The Minister provided a detailed overview of the Government of Pakistan’s ongoing initiative to mainstream Madaris and identified possible areas for collaboration with civil society and donor agencies. The event also allowed donors and civil society partners to ask questions about the mainstreaming process and offer support.</p> <p>The stakeholders’ consultation emanated from a detailed article (https://www.dawn.com/news/1500025/madrassah-re-forms-breaking-the-cycle) on madrassah mainstreaming written by Dr. Moeed Yusuf (UNDP Consultant), a renowned academic and researcher on peacebuilding issues, under a strategic communications initiative by UNDP. The article paved way for organizing the said consultation in collaboration with the Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Training.</p> <p>UNDP is now developing a strategy paper based on the deliberations in the stakeholders’ consultation. The strategy paper will be shared with the Ministry of Federal Education and Profession Training to inform its ongoing work with Madaris in Pakistan.</p> <p>UNDP has strengthened its relationship with the Ministry; a MoU is being signed to support the Madrassah mainstreaming initia-</p>



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		<p>tive and provide technical support pertaining to strategic communications and skills development (among others). The consultation has paved way for organizing downstream social and economic engagement activities with selected Madaris in KP which will be initiated in December 2019. These will serve as a scalable blueprint for the Government of Pakistan’s institutional adoption under its ongoing Madrassah mainstreaming initiative.</p> <p>It is important to note that the above mentioned downstream activities with selected Madaris in the province were expected to begin in the second quarter of 2019; however, due to the sensitivities attached to the initiative and the government’s reluctance to involve civil society organizations at very early stages of its Madrassah mainstreaming efforts, the Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Training requested UNDP to delay its downstream work with Madaris until a formal approval is given by the government.</p>
2.2	<p>Create pathways for the constructive engagement and social reintegration of young people in conflict with the law. In response to a request by the Home and Tribal Affairs Department, UNDP will provide livelihood skills trainings to 200 young people in conflict with the law (given access issues to prisons, it is likely that the youth will be on parole and/or probation at the time of the training). These trainings will be supplemented with psychosocial counselling sessions to ensure their effective social and economic reintegration in the society.</p>	<p>Achievement to date: Programmed 200</p> <p>Progress Highlights: In 2018, UNDP conducted a research on the state of reintegration and rehabilitation interventions in Pakistan. This research has informed the development of a project intervention for the holistic social and economic reintegration of 100 young parolees in KP through the provision of livelihood skills, psychological counselling, and high-level advocacy for transformative reforms in prisons and parole systems.</p> <p>UNDP advertised an RFP to promote the social and economic rehabilitation of young prisoners in Sindh and KP in the second quarter of 2019. The RFP was developed in collaboration with UNDP’s Strengthening Rule of Law (SRL) and Decentralization, Human Rights, and Local Government (DHL) projects to incorporate lessons learned during the implementation of the former’s work with prisoners and law enforcement agencies in KP and the latter’s ongoing reintegration and rehabilitation work with radicalized youth in district Swat (of KP). Unfortunately, the proposals received were not in line with the ToRs and failed to meet the quality standards and expectations of UNDP.</p> <p>Based on lessons learned, UNDP is now re-advertising the proposed intervention under two separate bids. In this regard,</p>



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		<p>proposals against an RFP to rehabilitate young prisoners in Sindh have been received and are being evaluated. The intervention is funded by the Government of Japan.</p> <p>UNDP will issue a Call for Proposals to engage a firm for a project to rehabilitate 200 young prisoners/probationers in KP in late 2019. The project will be implemented in KP and strengthen and improve existing institutional mechanisms to facilitate the social and economic engagement of young people in conflict with the law. The project is expected to be launched in November 2019.</p>
<p>3.1</p>	<p>Create opportunities for economic empowerment of youth in KP through innovative, sustainable and culturally sensitive interventions. Increasing skills of young entrepreneurs UNDP will provide digital skills trainings to at least 3,000 young men and women from KP. The trainings, undertaken in collaboration with the KPITB and a reputable private sector partner, will benefit young women (at least half of the beneficiaries will be young women) who will be capacitated to initiate homebased business ventures in the online realm. This will help in breaking barriers to women's active participation in the economic domain, especially in the conservative parts of the province.</p>	<p>Achievement to date: Programmed 2,700</p> <p>Progress Highlights: Innovation will be the cornerstone of all project interventions aimed at promoting youth-led inclusive and sustainable economic growth in KP whereby the project will support young social entrepreneurs with ground breaking ideas to promote peace, tolerance, and social cohesion in KP in line with Goal 16 (just, peaceful, and inclusive societies) of the SDGs. In this regard, the programme through groundwork identified the most appropriate partners in the government, that have the mandate to train youth on technical skills to find gainful employment in the industry. The programme signed an MoU with KPITB for training 1,200 youth in the highly demanded skills of the future such as cloud computing including Amazon Web Services (AWS) and Microsoft Azure, and big data analytics.</p> <p>The programme started the process of identifying and contracting a training partner that could help train 1,200 youth in KP. In this respect, a Request for Proposals was floated to encourage quality training firms to submit proposals to help conduct the training of youth in these highly demanded skills. After a competitive and rigorous procurement process, an internationally renowned and leading IT firm in Pakistan, Abacus Consulting (Private) Limited, was contracted to rollout the training programme across the province in June 2019. Being Pakistan's only authorized AWS training provider coupled with over 20 years of experience in providing trainings on IT skills, Abacus Consulting will enable young men and women gain highly demanded skills of the future to work in the industry domestically as well as abroad. The training activity includes identification of youth for</p>



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 <p data-bbox="236 757 539 788">Project launch in KP House</p>	<p data-bbox="651 439 1461 542">the training, conducting the training, providing mentoring services and connecting youth with industry employers and offering placement in the industry.</p> <p data-bbox="651 586 1461 1397">The project kickoff meeting was held in June 2019 and the inception report, training plan and training curriculum were submitted by the partner with plans for the rapid rollout of the training programme. The training officially began in September 2019. The training includes mentoring support during the training period to help participants take exams and obtain certification, while mentoring after the training is being provided to help women gain skills to earn a living from the comfort of their homes. The 1,200 trained youth will also be able to offer their services through short freelancing assignments on renowned online platforms with the help of the training firm. UNDP will also leverage its linkages with private sector entities in KP to generate employment opportunities for promising young people who have excelled under the training component. The partner will organize a Digital Talent Expo to show case the talent of the trained youth from KP. The talent expo will aim to connect the newly trained job seekers with companies in the local and international market who are seeking fresh talent in these fields to offer job placements. Being a proactive partner, the KPITB is reinvigorating its contacts with Pakistani diaspora abroad who have IT based businesses to secure placements for the youth being trained under this programme.</p> <p data-bbox="651 1442 1461 1993">UNDP is currently training 1,500 young women in four districts of KP and four districts of Sindh on marketable digital skills that can be used to initiate home-based digital livelihoods and e-commerce businesses. The digital skills training is using a blended learning approach with e-learning through online courses (freelancing, digital literacy, digital marketing and e-commerce management) developed by our government partner Ignite, complemented by classroom sessions through ECI, a partner with expertise in building capacities of individuals and institutes using the same online content. UNDP intends to expand into other districts of the province KP with funds from the Royal Norwegian Embassy to train another 1,500 young women on the same. The trainings will be followed by mentoring sessions to ensure that the trainees successfully translate their knowledge into practice through home-based and e-commerce businesses or freelancing.</p>



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	<p>Digital Youth Summit</p> <p>UNDP supported KPITB and the World Bank to organise the Digital Youth Summit (DYS) 2019, a technology focused conference that takes place annually in Peshawar. Since its inception in 2014, DYS has quickly become one of the premier tech conferences in Pakistan - differentiated by its focus on youth empowerment, its ability to attract high-profile domestic and international attendees and speakers, and its unique venue, Peshawar, which is one of the oldest living cities in the world.</p> <p>The summit aims to bring together “The next generation of digital innovators in Pakistan” and attracts three audiences: tech industry leaders from Pakistan and abroad, the nascent startup community, and young people looking to network, learn and be inspired. The summit therefore draws participants from the private sector, investors, government, civil society, youth groups and academia.</p> <p>This year’s DYS was filled with a rich set of panel discussions, speakers and activities. The panel discussions ranged from media and its impact to dig data and how to make use of the boom in the support available to entrepreneurs. Through the DYS, UNDP was able to engage 515 youth in a conference that would allow them to explore new opportunities.</p>
 <p data-bbox="220 1767 555 1798">Panel discussion during ND2C</p>	<p>National Design Conference</p> <p>UNDP supported the National Design Conference (ND2C) held at Serena Hotel, Islamabad. The ND2C is an annual conference aimed at promoting designing amongst the youth of Pakistan. The two-day event was filled with a diverse set of speakers, both from within Pakistan and abroad. UNDP specifically sponsored two activities: The Live Design Challenge and a panel discussion on the challenges faced by freelancers in Pakistan.</p> <p>As creative freelancing is one of the potential digital skills we will be training youth in KP under this activity, we wanted to do a stakeholder consultation with experienced freelancer to understand the constraints they faced and what policy measures need to be put in place to enhance their chance of success in this upcoming field.</p>



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		<p>In addition, the Live Design Challenge provided us with an opportunity to engage young designers to think about the challenges faced by grassroots innovators in KP and get them to design a promotional campaign to reach out to young rural innovators and to help them in their journey of turning their skills into business ventures. Furthermore, the conference provided the opportunity to the young designers from all the provinces including KP, to display their work and connect to various firms and established designers in the field.</p> <p>Through ND2C, UNDP was able to engage approximately 470 youth with the support of RNE and Government of Japan.</p>
3.2	<p>Create a supply chain of social entrepreneurs through sustained engagement with talented youth in reputable higher educational institutes in KP. UNDP will expand its partnership with academia in KP by exploring innovative pathways for students' active involvement in the 2030 Agenda; for this purpose, a total of 100 SDGs workshops will be organized in selected educational institutions of KP to promote innovative business solutions to resolve real life SDG challenges: a total of 5,000 young men and women are expected to participate in these SDG workshops. UNDP will also provide funding for 50 promising projects.</p>	<p>Achievement to date: 20</p> <p>Progress Highlights: The programme organized a National SDGs Bootcamp in Islamabad to support youth-led social enterprises. Applications were invited from aspiring entrepreneurs with businesses ideas that had a social impact particularly for achieving an SDG. The applications were analysed, and 20 applicants were shortlisted out of a total of 300. The shortlisted participants were then given a crash course of five days in various subjects to assist them in solidifying their business ideas into viable enterprises. The course covered topics like market research, business valuation, and pitching idea to investors etc. After the training course, the start-ups were assisted to pitch their ideas in front of a panel of judges and the top three were awarded a cash prize. The winning social enterprises were awarded a grant of PKR 50,000 to implement their projects.</p> <p>The winners were also nominated for a start-up summit organized by UNDP in Vietnam where they won top prize and have been invited to participate at the SLUSH, a leading event showcasing top start-ups around the globe in Finland. Subsequent to the participation in the summit, Deaftawk, one of the winners of the SDGs bootcamp, managed to secure a funding of over USD 100,000 and a place in the accelerator programme at the Asia Accelerator. Following this successful event, UNDP plans to scale-up this initiative in 2019 by rolling out bootcamps for both youth with business ideas and those who have existing start-ups, to support them in the scale-up process in collabora-</p>



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3.2		<p>tion with the Prime Minister’s Office, HEC and relevant BIC. https://sdgbootcamp.pk/. The programme has also been able to generate interest from a large-scale telecom operator, which is now looking to support UNDP in scaling up the signature SDGs bootcamp initiative.</p> <p>Given that the initial bootcamps supported by UNDP were relatively Urban focused, UNDP is also looking to increase its reach, so as to bring opportunities to the rural youth. In order to better understand how entrepreneurship skills of the rural youth can be honed, UNDP conducted a Design Sprint. In the Sprint, UNDP explored how rural young innovators can be reached and the types of support that can be provided to them. It was an interesting four-day exercise, where prototypes were tested and hypotheses were proven or disproved.</p> <p>By the end of the Design Sprint, UNDP was able to brand a new programme called the Jugaar Funkar, which is still being tested for viability and a further design research has been commissioned to ensure appropriate design of the programme in the local context.</p> <p>Under this programme, UNDP aims to reach the rural everyday hackers who are able to perform their everyday tasks efficiently due to some hack they have developed. UNDP aims to develop their skills through an accelerated bootcamp, conducted in a location that is within easy distance of their residences. After the completion of the bootcamp, these individuals will also be mentored, aided in applying for funding and given opportunities to interact with investors. It is hoped that through proper outreach more youths in the rural areas of KP will be reached and can be included in the formal employment sector. UNDP is already in conversations with the Higher Education Commission to explore possibilities of collaboration with the Offices of Research, Innovation and Commercialization in local universities in KP to use their space as an incubation lab for aspiring grassroots entrepreneurs.</p>

LESSONS LEARNED

- 1 Using an innovative dialogue format and encouraging the presence of media to observe youth dialogues with key stakeholders helped in ensuring power actors' more direct responses to the issues highlighted by youth.
- 2 Government ownership of the Youth Empowerment Programme under its Kamyab Jawan initiative is promising; UNDP needs to build on this strong foundation by identifying key areas for technical support and utilizing these linkages to mobilize additional resources to support the government in implementing its vision for the youth of Pakistan.
- 3 UNDP has made considerable headway in supporting the government's ongoing Madrassah mainstreaming work under the Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Training- the upcoming downstream project with Madrassah students will be aligned with and build on the broader governmental framework on seminaries to ensure institutional adoption and scale-up.
- 4 UNDP's work with prisons and probationers in KP is expected to face significant challenges due to poor institutional capacities, vested interests in maintaining an outdated and retributive prisons system, and societal stigma against the reintegration of prisoners and youth associated with a life of crime. A holistic intervention addressing all these challenges will be implemented through a reputable and experienced implementing partner with complete government ownership.
- 5 Social media groups like, WhatsApp groups, SLACK are very good source to keep the young leaders connected with both- the organization and other young leaders. This tool not only served as a channel for routine communication among young leaders but also became a source of motivation.
- 6 The young leaders are willing to provide their volunteer services for their community; as they have volunteered in engaging youth through youth innovation challenge projects. They can be engaged in volunteer initiatives if they are provided with guidance/supervision.
- 7 Onboarding strong partners has not only helped reaching the excluded and marginalized youth but has also contributed to incremental planning which will be beneficial for the next year.
- 8 It is paramount to ensure the right type of candidates are selected for trainings as only those trainees that are genuinely interested and committed will successfully use the newly acquired skills in their future work.
- 9 Outreach campaign needs to be tailored to target the appropriate youth for each programme intervention. To increase women participation, specific women interest groups and universities/colleges should be targeted.

KEY CHALLENGES

- One of the major challenges includes capacity of government departments to implement policies and execute programmes, which poses some limitations for executing the planned interventions.
- Furthermore, there is a lack of local data, which hinders in effectively contextualizing district specific programming.
- The work around madrassas is subject to political factors and cultural sensitivities, which delays the project activities.
- Social entrepreneurship is also a relatively new concept in Pakistan. Those who are initiating social ventures generally lack the understanding of social impact frameworks.
- Given the scale and timelines, extended monitoring and evaluation of all the beneficiaries can also be challenging.
- Identifying multiple partner organizations for ensuring quality trainings across various districts of the province can also be a challenge.
- Ensuring employers/partner organizations hold to their commitment of providing employment after trainings.

KEY INITIATIVES FOR THE NEXT QUARTER

- UNDP will engage at least 7,000 young people in dialogues on development challenges in Pakistan, which will result in the creation of a cohort of more than 40 youth parliamentarians.
- Training of 200 journalists in collaboration with a reputable firm/organization to create a cohort of young journalists in KP.
- Initiating the activities for the research, 'Gender Dimensions of Hyper-masculine Narratives in Mainstream and Digital Media and Policy Responses in Pakistan.'
- First batch of interns will be placed in the Home and Tribal Affairs, and Planning and Development departments.
- A mentorship workshop will be held for selected applicants of Youth Innovation Challenge (Phase 2) in Peshawar.
- Activities to operationalize the Jawan Marakiz in KP will start in the next quarter.
- Downstream social and economic engagement activities with selected Madaris in KP will also be initiated.
- UNDP will engage a firm to rehabilitate 200 young prisoners/probationers in KP.

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORTING

PLANNED ACTIVITIES	TOTAL AVAILABLE BUDGET	EXPENDITURES OCT 2018- 31 SEPT 2019		
	USD (A)	DISBURSEMENTS USD (B)	SIGNED COMMITMENTS USD (C)	TOTAL USD (D=B+C)
Output 1 Future public policies in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa include substantive inputs from youth	263,857	43,727	79,230	122,956
Output 2 Vulnerable youth are provided with civic education and skills to facilitate their reintegration into an inclusive society.	145,846	5,972	5,764	11,735
Output 3 Youth's potential to contribute to inclusive and sustainable economic growth harnessed and catalyzed	245,655	39,706	55,936	95,642
Technical Assistance	191,989	97,072	-	97,072
General operating and other direct costs	77,888	25,345	-	25,345
Overheads The organization's indirect administrative costs related to the implementation of the project	74,019	14,621	-	14,621
TOTAL IN USD	999,254	226,442	140,929	367,372
TOTAL IN NOK	8,960,306	2,030,507	1,263,713	3,294,220

Exchange rate: 1 USD = 8.976 NOK

UN Operational Rates of Exchange for the month of September

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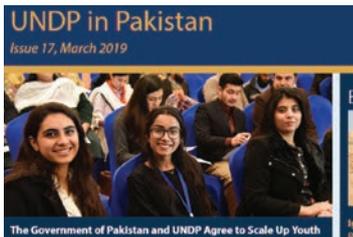
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KPITB and UNDP launch 'Advanced Digital Skills Training Programme' for K-P's youth

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'Learning from the Grassroots': Developing Pathways for Youth Engagement in Religious Seminars of Pakistan

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SUCCESS STORY

YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE ARRIVED IN THE POLICY CIRCLE – WHAT NEXT?

Being the largest chunk of Pakistan's population (64%), young people are seen as agents of change – a group which if given the opportunity can re-shape the future of the country. It is indeed a hopeful scenario especially as youth development is consistently featuring high on the government's agenda and is a unanimous priority for different political parties in Pakistan.

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) realizes this demographic dividend is a unique opportunity and the Youth Empowerment Programme is making intensive efforts to invest in the agency of young people and in facilitating their active linkages with the policy makers. In partnership with PILDAT young people were brought face to face with policy makers at provincial and national level to catalyze youth-led critical discourse with the following objectives:

- a Build confidence and agency among young people and enable them to articulate their concerns in an effective manner
- b Sensitize policy makers and provide them with an opportunity to meaningfully engage



with and attend to youth voices across the country

- c Facilitate networking/linkages between young people and policy makers for continued engagement and subsequent policy actions advancing youth development agenda

Witnessing the discourse in Punjab, Sindh, KP, Balochistan and the federal capital spanned across 2018 - it became apparent that the demands of young people across the country resonated with each other. The young lot sought adequate opportunities for quality education, support for agency building, guidance for and access to gainful employment, an ear to attend to their issues/feedback and

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a place on the decision-making table. Shared frustrations of youth across Pakistan included bans on student unions, obsolete curriculum, lack of support and guidance for self-employment and inadequate attention to mainstream vulnerable groups (women, gender minorities, religious minorities, disabled young people etc.).

While the programme has played an instrumental role in enabling young people to arrive in the policy circles – much is still left to be done. How can such engagement and interface between young people and policy makers be sustained? How should mechanisms for accountability against policy commitments made be established and monitored? How to bring in media, academia, civil society and private sector to the discussion for multi-stakeholder, diverse partnerships enabling optimal youth engagement and policy actions? How

Young People have arrived in the policy circle – what next?

can youth be capacitated and positioned to ensure youth centric and responsive decision making takes place? What can be feedback loops to realistically ascertain the extent of youth's centrality and participation in the policy making processes impacting them?

UNDP continues to support both young people and policy makers for bridging the gaps. However, ownership by the government along with a will for change coupled with young women and men taking charge themselves is required for young people to truly influence policies and decisions.

In the words of Robert Kennedy: **“This world demands the qualities of youth: not a time of life but a state of mind, a temper of the will, a quality of imagination, a predominance of courage over timidity, of the appetite for adventure over the love of ease.”**

