UNDP Country Programme 2013-2017
Poverty and Inequality Reduction

Priorities of the Government of Pakistan – 4 “E”s

Education | Extremism | Economy and Energy
Deepening Democracy | Preventing Crisis | Building Sustainable Communities

- Strengthening Institutions Critical to the Federation
- Strengthening Rule of Law
- Community Resilience
- Preventing Armed Violence
- Managing Disaster Risk
- Adapting to Climate Change
- Protecting Critical Ecosystems

Policy Dialogue | Partnerships, Research, Communities of Practice, Advocacy
Communicating Results
UNDP partners with people at all levels of society to help build nations that can withstand crisis, and drive and sustain the kind of growth that improves the quality of life for everyone. On the ground in 177 countries and territories, we offer global perspective and local insight to help empower lives and build resilient nations.

Our focus is helping countries build and share solutions to achieve Poverty Reduction and the Millennium Development Goals, Democratic Governance, Crisis Prevention and Recovery, Environment and Energy for sustainable development. In all our activities, we encourage the protection of human rights, capacity development and the empowerment of women.

Deepening Democracy

To increase the inclusiveness of democratic institutions, we work with the Election Commission of Pakistan to improve the transparency and legitimacy of national and local elections, with an emphasis on the participation of women, the poor and people with disabilities. Providing civic and voter education programmes and conducting hands-on training for polling staff, we are helping ECP manage the way it operates through elections, as well as in the periods between elections.

As the federal and provincial governments, particularly KP and Balochistan, manage the transition to more decentralized government as specified in the 18th Amendment to the Constitution, UNDP is helping improve the effectiveness of the Council of Common Interests and the Inter-Provincial Council. We also work to improve the institutional competence of local governments to improve their responsiveness and accountability, while increasing demand from citizens and their organizations.

We work with Pakistan’s National Assembly and Senate to help them work more effectively and we provide training on Parliamentary rules and procedures. UNDP has supported the foundation of the national and provincial Women’s Parliamentary Caucuses, and we helped establish a think tank in the Senate as a resource for Parliamentarians.

UNDP makes legal services available to communities through legal aid clinics and a Mobile Court that brings justice and the rule of law to even the most remote areas. We support the KP Judicial Academy in providing quality training programmes for the judiciary, prosecution and lawyers. UNDP supported the establishment of a mini forensic science lab to provide training in investigation methods. We equipped the prosecution libraries of seven districts and established the first justice sector research library in Peshawar.

Preventing Crisis

Communities facing natural disasters and armed conflict are particularly vulnerable to poverty and inequality. We work with them to improve their ability to withstand and recover from crises. We also work with disaster management authorities throughout the country to help them prepare for and respond to crises effectively and efficiently.

UNDP helps community organisations rebuild basic infrastructure – such as roads, bridges, culverts and drainage systems – by working with them to identify their priorities and to find solutions that work for them.

In some of the poorest areas of Pakistan, and particularly those affected by crises, UNDP provides training in marketable skills, such as plumbing, woodworking, beadwork, embroidery, beauty treatments, tailoring, auto mechanics and mobile phone repair.

We work to prevent armed conflict by analysing the root causes of conflict and focusing on its specific and immediate sources. Community policing initiatives are helping to increase people’s confidence in their interactions with police.

UNDP puts particular emphasis on integrating vulnerable youth into their communities by ensuring that they have opportunities to participate in community activities and providing training that will provide them with better incomes.

Building Sustainable Communities

We help at risk communities respond to the effects of climate change and other environmental threats. We also work with the Government of Pakistan to integrate climate-resilient and environmentally sustainable policies into development plans and programmes.

In Gilgit and Chitral District UNDP works with communities to increase their understanding of the risks associated with flooding from glacial lakes and helps them monitor and report on glacial lake threats.

At the community level UNDP promotes the sustainable use of natural resources by providing alternatives that can transform communities from resource users to resource managers.