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The FATA Governance Project is a technical assistance project to support the Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa to peacefully integrate the erstwhile Federally Administered Tribal Areas through the extension of civilian governance institutions and socio-economic development.

- **Result 1:** Increased KP Government capacity to plan, communicate and implement fundamental governance and rule of law reforms as part of the integration process;

- **Result 2:** Elected local government system established. Capacity of urban governments strengthened to perform their role effectively;

- **Result 3:** A socio-economic development plan for the new seven districts, including a robust economic management regime, implemented;

**QUICK FACTS**

- **Duration:** 2018–2022
- **Implementing Partner:** Government of KP, Federal Government, Institute of Management and Sciences, Peshawar
- **Funding partners:** DFID UK and USAID.
- **Location:** Newly Merged Districts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa
- **Annual budget (2019):** US$ 10,222,202
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**Result 4:** State-citizen relationship strengthened through enhanced engagement of the population and civil society with the reforms process and local government;

**What has the project already achieved?**

While this project started in 2018, since 2015 UNDP has been the leading technical assistance provider to the reform and integration process.

- UNDP provided technical assistance to the Sartaj Aziz Committee on FATA Reforms through the establishment of a Strategic Support Unit (SSU) at Ministry of SAFRON.
- UNDP provided the Committee on FATA Reforms with the evidence base for informed decision-making on the critical reforms such as feasibility assessments of the proposed rule of law, administration, and local government.
- UNDP provided the cabinet and national assembly with legislative options for the merger, supporting the extension of the judiciary and the 25th Constitutional Amendment.
- UNDP provided high-level technical support to the provincial cabinet through the Strategic Support Unit in the KP Chief Minister’s office, as well as several integration support units as per demand at the Peshawar and District-level.
- UNDP promoted consensus on the reform agenda through extensive multi-stakeholder engagement with political leadership, civil society, experts, and youth. UNDP also channelled public feedback from focus groups, a hotline and media monitoring directly to the key decision-makers.
- UNDP supported civil society and youth participation in the reform process through dozens of civil society events, talk shows, TV documentaries, and social media campaigns.
- UNDP engaged a team of sectoral experts and leading economists to undertake a socio-economic planning process. The plan is slated to receive one trillion rupees over a decade.

**What’s next?**

- Training of key government officials to increase their capacity for reforms implementation
- Support for local government elections and strengthening of social service delivery.
- Public financial management reforms to support the transformation of district-level governance in the new seven districts.
- Deployment of key experts to support the ACS Government of KP in the reforms process and integration of FATA Secretariat into the KP government.
- Implementation of a socio-economic development plan and enhanced economic management through extension of the economic data regime.
- Public outreach and engagement with key stakeholders to inform, educate and manage expectations in support of a peaceful integration process.