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 ensure that they have opportunities to participate in community activities and providing training on Parliamentary rules and procedures. UNDP has supported 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.

Three Priority Provinces and Areas
Balochistan
Federally Administered Tribal Areas
Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

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.