Activity Report

Chairman, Planning and Development Board-Sindh’s Visit to SDGs Support Unit-Sindh

9th August 2017
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Activity Snapshot

**Date:** 9th August 2017

**Time:** 12 hrs to 12:40 hrs

**Venue:** SDGs Support Unit Office - Sindh

**Purpose:** General tour of the office prior to inauguration and overview of next steps

| Visitor(s) | 1. Mr. Muhammad Waseem, chairman, Planning and Development Board, Government of Sindh  
            | 2. Mr. Muhammad Ali Khoso, Additional Secretary, Planning and Development Board, Government of Sindh  
            | 3. Ms. Rehana Ghulam Ali Memon, Member (Development), Planning and Development Board, Government of Sindh |

**Core Discussion Points**

- The project has taken several critical steps in the form of Core Group formation and is now working on Cluster Groups, which will take the work on SDGs framework development further ahead.

- There are challenges related to acquiring necessary data to establish baseline and coordinate with line departments of the government.

- Information about the project’s progress so far, i.e. Core Group meeting minutes and pertinent notifications of activities undertaken by the SDGs Support Unit-Sindh need to be shared and exhibited. A website can be a useful platform to showcase updates and progress.
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<td><strong>Tour of SDGs Support Unit office</strong></td>
<td>Chairman was given a brief tour of the office premises. He found the office to be a fine establishment with appropriate branding of SDGs.</td>
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<td><strong>02</strong></td>
<td><strong>Meeting with SDGs Support Unit Team</strong></td>
<td>Chairman met with the SDGs Support Unit’s team, which, presently comprises Ms. Mobeen Ajaib, Project Manager, and Ms. Niveen Qadri, Communication Officer. Chairman was briefed that 02 additional members will join in late August.</td>
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<td><strong>03</strong></td>
<td><strong>Discussion on Project’s progress towards SDGs mainstreaming</strong></td>
<td>Member (Development), P&amp;D Board-Sindh, serving as the Project Coordinator for SDGs Support Unit, inform the Chairman of the key activities that have been undertaken so far to support SDGs implementation in Sindh: 1. Approval of PC-1 for Support Project for SDGs in Sindh in March 2016 at a cost of Rs. 594m with a provision of 50:50 cost sharing between Gos and UNDP 2. Establishment of office of SDGs Support Unit in May 2017 in the premises of Union Council Based Poverty Reduction Program 3. Release of first tranche in February 2017 of Rs. 80m at the disposal of UNDP 4. Parliamentary Task Force constituted by the Provincial Assembly of Sindh under the convenership of Pir Mujeeb-ul-Haq, MPA and 09 other MPAs in February 2017 5. Provincial Technical Committee (PTC) headed by Chairman P&amp;D Board established to oversee implementation of SDGs. 1st meeting: 13-01-2017 6. Core Group Formation to oversee formulation of SDGs framework with review of final list of indicators, baseline target and priorities. 1st meeting held on 6-7-2017 7. Consultative workshops at the Provincial level for localization and mainstreaming of existing PC-1s 8. Sensitization of District Stakeholders through 06 divisional workshops 9. Government of Sindh Schemes for Sustainable Development: 2016-2017: 571 schemes, Rs. 14.264b and 2017-2018: 541 new schemes, Rs. 56.270b</td>
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<td><strong>04</strong></td>
<td><strong>Discussion on Project’s next steps in mainstreaming SDGs</strong></td>
<td>Project Manager, SDGs Support Unit-Sindh informed the Chairman, P&amp;D Board-Sindh about the next steps in mainstreaming SDGs: 1. Cluster Groups to be finalized based on the input received from the Core Group followed by notification undertaken. Meeting will be convened for all 4 cluster groups. 2. Engage think tanks/experts to conduct workshop on Provincial level SDGs prioritization and Framework development for Sindh in close coordination with Core Group and Cluster Groups.</td>
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3. Partnership will be established with **Sindh Bureau of Statistics** to jointly work on validating and adding the data gaps and setting up **baseline data**, where the baseline can established/compute (where the data is currently available).

4. Data mapping to be undertaken to initiate development of **online SDGs Dashboard**.

5. Related training / **capacity building interventions for Bureau of Statistics** staff will be undertaken.

6. Develop **policy note** outlining recommendations on how to increase resource allocation to priority SDGs as part of the Provincial Finance Commission (PFC) awards.

7. Media and Social Media will be engaged for **awareness raising** about SDGs among general public.

PM also informed the Chairman, P&D Board-Sindh about the following challenges that have emerged:

- Data availability to establish baseline
- Localization of SDGs
- Coordination with stakeholders
- Resource mobilization for SDGs
- Capacity gaps of line departments and at the district level

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Annex – Photos

Picture 1 Chairman P&D Board-Sindh with Additional Secretary, P&D and Member P&D visiting SDGs Support Unit-Sindh

Picture 2 Chairman P&D Board-Sindh with Additional Secretary, P&D and Member P&D visiting SDGs Support Unit-Sindh
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Picture 3 Chairman P&D Board - Sindh with Additional Secretary, P&D and Member P&D taking a tour of the SDGs Support Unit’s office premises

Picture 4 Chairman P&D Board - Sindh with Additional Secretary, P&D and Member P&D meeting SDGs Support Unit’s team
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Picture 5 Member (Development), P&D/Project Coordinator, SDGs Support Unit sharing brief updates about project’s progress with Chairman P&D-Sindh and Additional Secretary, P&D-Sindh.

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