



2nd Provincial Technical Committee Meeting

Meeting Minutes Highlights (Brief Version for Website)

Date/time	22 nd December 2017
Venue	Committee Room, P&D Department
Participants	<p><u>Planning & Development Board</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Ms. Shereen Narejo, Secretary Planning2. Ms. Rehana Ghulam Ali Memon Member (Development)/Provincial coordinator on SDGs3. Mr. Naeem uz Zafar Chief Economist <p><u>Line Departments</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">4. Mr. Laeeq Ahmed Secretary, Population Welfare Department5. Akthar Hussain Bugti Secretary, Rehabilitation Department6. Mr. Haroon Khan Secretary, Women Development Department7. Mr. Agha Khalid Additional Secretary Industries and Commerce Department8. Ms. Rubina Asif Additional Secretary, Law Department9. Ms. Iffat Malik Additional Secretary, Forest and Wildlife Department10. Mr. Mukthiar Ahmed Deputy Secretary, Labor Department11. Mr. Mohammad Azam Channa Director Planning & Monitoring, Agriculture Department12. Mr. Mohsin Ahmed Sheikh Additional Director (Development), Health Department13. Dr. Fauzia Khan Head Curriculum wing, Sindh Education and Literacy Department14. Mr. Khalid Karim Khan Additional Director, Food Department15. Mr. Faheem Junejo Director, Local Government Department16. Mr. Abdul Samad Director PU, Social Welfare Department17. Mr. Ashfaq Ali Shah Director, Population Welfare Department18. Mr. Waqar Hussain Phulpoto Additional Director General, Sindh EPA/Environment and Coastal Development Department19. Mr. Riaz Hussain Sahito Deputy Secretary, Public Health Engineering and Rural Development Department20. Mr. Mehfooz Qazi Director, Alternative Energy, Energy Department21. Mr. Ali Ahmed Channa Director, Bureau of Statistics Department22. Mr. Muhammad Karim Jafri Deputy Director, Sindh Bureau of Statistics <p><u>Divisional Commissioners</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">23. Nadeem Memon Deputy commissioner, Umerkot

24. Mr. Karim Raza
Superintendent Engineer
Works and Services Department
25. Anwar Panwar
Assistant Deputy commissioner, Larkana
26. Mr. Mohammad Waseem
Deputy commissioner, Shaheed Benzairabad
27. Mr. Ashok Kumar
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28. Mr. Zafar ul Hassan
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29. Mr. Shakeel Ahmed
Assistant Country Director, Development Policy unit
30. Mr. Umer Malik
Policy Analyst

SDG Support Unit Sindh

31. Mr. Ahmed Hasan
Monitoring and Evaluation Officer
32. Mr. Sajjad Ali
Admin and Finance Officer

Key Discussions

1. **Appointment of Focal SDG Person from each district:** Consultation at departmental level as well as divisional level workshops have been carried out in March and April for localizing and mainstreaming SDGs. SDG unit intends to engage 6 divisional commissioners in the provincial technical committee or can alternatively involve them on rotation basis. Mr. Shakeel Ahmed, UNDP Assistant Country Director suggested that focal person for SDGs from each district should be appointed as similar arrangements are being piloted in Punjab.
2. **Sindh Growth Strategy:** Mr. Naeem uz Nafar, Chief Economist, Planning and Development Board informed the participants that consultative meetings have been held with World Bank and process for embedding and factoring SDGs in growth strategy is currently underway.
3. **Capacity Building of Statistical cells:** During 2017, capacity building workshop for statistical cells including Bureau of Statistics has been carried out through UNESCAP in Islamabad, however SDG unit would prefer if future trainings for this purpose are held in Sindh at district and provincial level. Mr. Shakeel Ahmed, UNDP Assistant Country director suggested building capacity of bureau of statistics through SDG support unit as similar kind of arrangement is in place at Federal level. Shereen Narejo, Secretary Planning endorsing this point stated that focus should be emphasized on organizational strengthening of bureau of statistics, instead of only capacity building initiatives on SDGs data protocols and guidelines.
4. **Think Thanks and Cluster groups:** Mr. Shakeel Ahmed, Assistant Country Director, UNDP updated the participants that think tanks are a technical arm of each cluster which can provide support in carrying out analysis, research and studies on SDGs in each cluster. In Punjab, one think tank per cluster have been engaged, In Sindh, proposal which were invited from think tanks have been on the high side in terms of cost, so more brainstorming needs to be carried out in finding alternate cost-effective models which might comprise of sub-committees for each cluster in specific areas, which then could come together into overall cluster.
5. **Online Dashboard for SDG tracking:** Consultative meeting with MEC cell has been undertaken in 2017 thorough overview of their dashboard which mainly focuses on financial tracking. SDG unit will start working on establishing on-line dashboard in 2017 which will integrate tracking and reporting mechanisms against each goal, target and indicator. Shakeel Ahmed, Assistant Country Director, UNDP, suggested that synergies need to be forged with PIFRA for mapping public investment and expenditure related to SDGs
6. **Nomination of focal persons for SDGs:** Ms. Rehan Memon Member (Development) and Project Coordinator for SDGs-Sindh, highlighted that focal person for SDGs are nominated from line departments but due to transfer of individuals, SDG unit face difficulty in dealing with a new person on a constant basis. She requested secretaries to nominate focal person from each department immediately.
7. **Sharing of Sectoral Policies with SDG support unit:** Fahim Junejo, Director Projects, Public Health Engineering commented that water and sanitation policies have approved by Chief Minister. The draft of the policies was initiated by local government and public health engineering. He requested SDG support unit to provide critical review of these policies considering their integration with SDGs. Additionally, Mr. Junejo recommended that a regular mechanism need to be created which would ensure that policies are reviewed by SDG unit before submission onward to Chief Minister

8. Addressing data and baseline gaps: Representative from Population welfare department suggested either using MICS, DHIS and facility based data sources. Preferably it was suggested that DHS data should be used as it will be updated by end of 2018. Mr. Umar Malik, Policy Analyst UNDP updated that data gap analysis report which will be uploaded on planning and commission website clearly highlights available data against each SDG goal and target and sources of data as derived from either MICS, PSLM or Institutional database. However, this was a national level exercise, and in continuation of it, district/provincial level consultations will be carried out in Sindh to identify data gaps and mechanisms will be established to fill in gaps through authentic data-sources.

9. Financial Sustainability of Schemes: Secretary Rehabilitation Department commented that robust financing mechanism needs to be developed to sustain schemes after their completion so that progress is achieved on SDGs

Actions

1. The work-plan was principally approved by the participants; however, they were given time till Tuesday to share their inputs/suggestions with SDG support unit.
2. Line departments to share data on SDG alignment proforma with SDG unit immediately
3. Public health engineering department will share recently approved water and sanitation policies for Sindh with SDG support unit for critical review in context of their integration with SDGs
4. SDG unit will coordinate with line departments for plugging in the data gaps at provincial/district level through review of gap analysis study conducted at federal level
5. Secretaries to nominate SDG focal person from each department
6. Forest and wild-life department has been separated from Environment department, so notification needs to be issued
7. Draft of Sindh climate change policy will be shared with UNDP by Environment Department
8. Meeting minutes will be drafted and shared with all the PTC members