The FATA Recovery Programme

Over 300,000 families had been displaced in the Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA) by the end of 2014. UNDP supported the FATA Secretariat in the development of a Sustainable Return and Rehabilitation (R&R) Strategy to ensure that displaced people returning home could rebuild their lives and livelihoods in an enabling environment; rehabilitated infrastructure, good governance and re-established law and order. The Strategy was launched in 2015 and UNDP is now working with the FATA Secretariat and other stakeholders to support implementation.

QUICK FACTS

Duration: 2015–2018
Implementing partner: FATA Secretariat
Funding partners: The government of the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland, the government of Japan, the United States Agency for International Development and UNDP
Location: Federally Administered Tribal Areas, Pakistan
Annual budget (2016): USD 32 million

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Objectives

- Put recovery and reforms governance mechanisms in place to ensure durable returns and long-term stabilization of FATA
- Empower 72,000 citizens to promote and actively participate in the rehabilitation process
- Increase access to basic social services in IDP return areas to meet increased demand of a target population of 70,000 people
- Improve the livelihoods of 15,000 people
- In 2016, UNDP will work to reach over 2 million people in FATA’s return areas.

Expected results

- The creation of a recovery governance mechanism called the Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Unit (RRU).
- Support for 1,200 community structures through social mobilization, providing 500 community grants. In addition, UNDP will support outreach campaigns and citizen-led peace building initiatives across FATA, emphasizing women empowerment, youth engagement and community space rehabilitation.
- 700+ small- and medium-sized infrastructure schemes across FATA, including the rehabilitation of 280 schools and 170 community schemes. Other schemes include health facilities, water supplies, road links, irrigation and electrical lines and plants.
- Livelihood activities adapted to returning populations’ skills and education levels. 15,000 people will receive targeted livelihood support. UNDP will train 4,600 individuals in business management skills and 2,000 in vocational skills. In addition, it will arrange for 450 apprenticeships and provide 1,000 business grants.
- A Rule of Law Reforms Unit to analyse and develop roadmaps addressing issues related to prosecution, the Levies, local governance, municipal services, land settlement and the role of FATA’s Additional Political Agent.
- The creation of the Governor’s Strategic Support Unit (GSSU) to help the Governor and the FATA Secretariat deliver key government priorities by providing additional problem-solving and analytical capacity while establishing effective monitoring and performance management routines.

What’s next

- In 2016 and beyond, UNDP will look to expand and consolidate recovery efforts by focusing on improved governance to ensure equitable access to basic services across FATA, continuing to support the implementation of reforms in sectors such as the Rule of Law and by promoting longer-term inclusive economic growth.