

CRISIS PREVENTION AND RECOVERY

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PROJECT BRIEF



Stabilisation and Inclusive Development Programme (SIDP)

Pakistan is a country bestowed with young (64% of population under the age of 30) and entrepreneurial population that holds immense potential as a catalyst for economic development. Nevertheless, the country has not yet fully realised the potential of youth for economic growth and development.

The country is facing significant challenges including limited employment/business opportunities for vulnerable groups, limitation of women to few roles and jobs, gender barriers, fragmented economy, weak institutions, and socio-economic instability.

UNDP has been supporting the government and people of Pakistan in overcoming these challenges by promoting economic growth opportunities through its two flagship initiatives, which benefitted 1.2 million individuals including 50% women.

Building on the gains of those initiatives, the Stabilisation and Inclusive Development

QUICK FACTS

Duration: 2015–2027

Total resources mobilised (2015-23): USD 70 million

Annual budget (2023): USD 8.9 million

Funding partners: United States Agency for International Development (USAID), Government of Japan, Global Affairs Canada, Foreign & Commonwealth Office UK, European Union (EU), Sindh Education Foundation, Jazz, and the United Nation's Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF)

Implementing partners: Government (Civil Secretariat), UN partners agencies, private sector, academia and civil society

Location: All Pakistan – most of the implementation is currently focused in the province of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Sindh.

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Programme (SIDP) aims to contribute to the economic development of vulnerable groups particularly youth, women, and people with disabilities, through skills development, access to meaningful employment and catalyzing the medium, small and micro-enterprise (MSME) sector.

The programme focuses on strengthening the business enabling environment by providing technical support to public institutions and private sector for job-rich economic development. Additionally, SIDP equips vulnerable groups with necessary skills to remove barriers to education and promote socially cohesive societies that contribute to their resilience.

Programme outputs:

- I. Creation of **economic empowerment** opportunities through the provision of market-based skills and access to meaningful employment.
- II. Strengthening **business enabling environment** through technical support to public institutions, and
- III. **Equipping vulnerable groups**, especially youth, to remove barriers that limit their access to education, and promote socially cohesive societies contributing to their resilience.

What have we achieved since inception of the programme?

Since its inception in 2015, the programme has contributed to creating equitable economic opportunities for vulnerable population, improved their access to basic services and reduced barriers to quality education. With youth, women, people of disabilities and vulnerable households at the center of all assistance, the programme has also built capacity of key government institutions to develop gender inclusive economic growth policies and business enabling environment (BEE).



Highlights of achievements since 2015 are as follows:

1. Economic Empowerment

- A total of 169,787 working days were created through rehabilitation of community physical infrastructure schemes and cash for work initiatives.
- Provided vocational and digital skills training and apprenticeship to 46,088 individuals (40% women) to strengthen their ability and support establishment of small-scale businesses.
- Supported MFIs to extend their services to merged areas by imparting financial literacy training to 3000 individuals (50% women) and supported Akhuwat Islamic Microfinance to extend interest free loans to 2,509 SMEs.
- Business Incubation Training imparted to 901 beneficiaries, with grant support provided to 490 entrepreneurs to establish new and scale up innovative businesses.
- SDGs bootcamp conducted for 402 social entrepreneurs (72% women) from across Pakistan.
- Supported 40 value chains in acquiring ISO quality assurance certifications, human and financial systems improvement, inter-provincial exposure visits and market linkages.
- Rehabilitated 90 economic infrastructure schemes through the provision of temporary employment opportunities in the

newly merged districts of Khyber, North Waziristan and South Waziristan.

- 40% women inclusion ensured in all economic growth-related interventions.

2. Technical Assistance:

- Established Planning Support Unit (PSU) to provide critical technical support to different sections of Planning and Development Department (P&DD) of the Government of KP to improve planning and implementation of economic growth-related development initiatives.
- An Economic Cooperation and Development Forum formed to help bringing together key public & private sector stakeholders/experts for inclusive economic growth in private sector in the NMDs.
- Supported SMEDA through creation of five common facility centers to promote businesses of SMEs in sectors like honey production, food processing, handicraft and



apparels.

3) Education, Social Cohesion and Resilience:

- Rehabilitated 800 public/ community physical infrastructure schemes benefitting 906,157 (49% women) individuals. CPIs included water supply schemes, link roads,
- Rehabilitated 898 schools, 864 in the return areas of the newly merged districts, 34

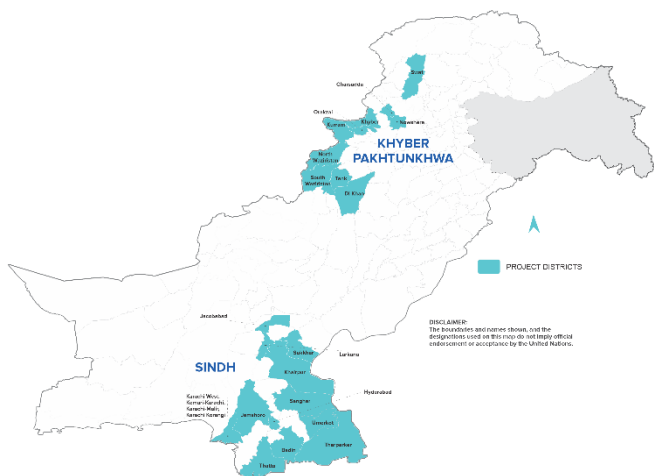
schools in KP's TDPs hosting areas benefitting 265,181 (65% girls) students.

- Trained 2,003 teachers (1,356 women), on pedagogy, student engagement and psychosocial support.
- Provided learning materials and teaching kits to 755 schools.



- Provided furniture to 376 schools.
- Furniture and equipment provided to 16 selected district Education Department offices.
- Trained 57 Education Department officials in improved teaching and learning, planning, management, monitoring and supervision of schools in the newly merged districts of KP.
- All the activities under education component benefitted approximately 65% women/girls.
- Conducted 150 training workshops on disaster risk reduction (DRR) for communities.
- Formed 988 (40% women) Community Organizations (COs) comprising of 24,700 members to mobilize and engage communities in local recovery.
- Organised 148 social cohesion events including events engaging 6,727 youth to promote social cohesion and peace building.
- Raised health and hygiene awareness amongst 6,166 individuals including 55% women in Khyber, North Waziristan, and South Waziristan districts.

Where we work



What's next?

During 2023 to 2027, UNDP's SIDP will focus on engaging private sector for generating economic development opportunities. SIDP will further conduct wider consultations for maximizing the impact of economic revitalization activities with all stakeholders including provincial governments, UN agencies and development partners.

- SIDP will support women economic empowerment by contributing to the growth of women-owned businesses in urban and rural areas. Until 2027, SIDP will reach out to 490,590 individuals and entrepreneurs (50%

women) and assist them through home-grown and innovative solutions for economic growth. Women specific activities such as establishment of common facility centres (CFCs), SDG Bootcamps, and women facilitation desks in designated commercial banks will ensure women engagement in the programmatic activities for economic growth.

- SIDP will identify partnership opportunities within the Government system to link economic growth opportunities with private sector and build capacity **of the public Institutions** in development of gender responsive economic growth frameworks.
- SIDP will contribute to strengthening resilience among 641,415 women and youth by improving accessing to education, formation of youth groups for engagement in social cohesion interventions including social dialogues and sports events.