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Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Plus Programme

Background & Project Overview

The SDGs Plus Programme is a second-generation initiative that builds on the foundation laid by the National Initiative for SDGs (2016–2023), jointly implemented by the Government of Pakistan and UNDP.

It focuses on strengthening whole-of-government policy integration, developing resilient institutional capacities, expanding partnerships with the private and non-government sectors, and mobilizing innovative financing mechanisms. In parallel, the initiative promotes innovation and inclusive approaches to place Pakistan on a more stable and forward-looking path toward achieving the SDGs.

It is grounded in an integrated framework built around three strategic objectives, positioning national and sub-national governments as central drivers of the SDG agenda. As a result, the programme ensures sustained political ownership and deepens commitment to coordinated, cross-sectoral development solutions.

Quick Facts

Duration
2024–2030

Implementing Partners
UNDP Pakistan with Provincial Government of Sindh, Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Federal and Provincial Assemblies, Bureau of Statistics, private sector, and academia

Funding Partners
Sindh, Punjab, and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) Provincial Planning and Development Departments, UNDP

Location
Sindh, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, and Punjab

Total Budget
US$15 million

Objectives

- Mitigate challenges around policy and governance, including support for regional equalization in the least developed areas, particularly those most affected by the 2022 floods; building capacity for transformative governance, reforms, and digitalization; and optimally aligning Public Sector Development Plans (PSDPs) and Annual Development Plans (ADPs) with priority SDGs.
- Support the mobilization of innovative Financing for Development.
- Mainstream Gender, Inclusion, and Innovation in national, sub-national, and local development processes and solutions.

Impact

The SDGs Plus Programme strengthened government capability to plan, budget, and track priority SDGs through strengthened data systems, integrated planning tools, and capacity-building across provinces. It also advanced SDG- and climate-aligned financing by equipping institutions and private sector partners to structure and attract investment for transformative development solutions.

Key Interventions

Policy and Governance

Strengthening integrated policy frameworks and institutional capacities for inclusive, SDG-aligned development at federal and provincial levels. In 2025, the Pakistan SDGs Policy Dialogue for Action improved whole-of-government alignment across planning, budgeting, and data systems. Sectoral SDG Policy Briefs in Punjab supported evidence-based decision-making, while Provincial SDGs Task Forces and Parliamentary Engagement Frameworks improved oversight, including Punjab's SDG Accord as a legislative vision. The programme is now supporting SDG reprioritization in Punjab and Sindh to focus resources on high-impact targets.

Data, Digitalization & Monitoring

Improving Pakistan's SDG data and monitoring ecosystem through digital integration and improved data governance. In 2025, SDG alignment was embedded in Punjab's real-time monitoring systems and Sindh's Provincial MIS, while the PC-1 SDG Integration Checklist institutionalized SDG-linked project design. Capacity building improved the use of data for planning and reporting. UNDP also advanced AI-enabled SDG mapping and monitoring through partnerships with government and the private sector.

Financing for Development

Advancing SDG financing by building public sector capacity, mobilizing private capital, and advancing integrated financing strategies. National training on blended finance and PPPs improved investment readiness, while support to government produced a USD 2 billion pipeline of SDG-aligned, investment-ready projects for global engagement. Building on this, UNDP is developing bankable project pipelines and provincial pitchbooks toward Pakistan's first National SDG Investment Fair. In Punjab, implementation of the Integrated National Financing Framework (INFF) is advancing reforms to align public and private financing with SDGs.

Gender Equality & Inclusion

Promoting gender equality through integration of gender-responsive policies, data, and planning systems across governance structures. In Sindh, gender indicators were embedded into SDG frameworks, while capacity-building improved gender-responsive budgeting. Punjab's Gender Advocacy Plan 2025 advanced women's economic and digital inclusion. Across provinces, advocacy campaigns supported social norm change, while in KP, research on women's leadership informed governance reforms and the Gender Equality Seal promoted inclusive workplace practices.

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