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| **Outcome: Increased effectiveness and accountability of governance mechanisms** | | | | | |
| **Management Response:** The SDGs project, overall, has done well in relation to the magnitude and complexity of the challenge on which it embarked, although improvements in approaches are possible in view of project experience and the country contextas outlined in the project evaluation. The recommendations are agreed to.The following key actions need to be undertaken and completed by the timeline below. | | | | | |
| **Recommendations** | **Key Action(s)** | **Time Frame** | **Responsibility** | **Tracking\*** | |
| **Comments** | **Status** |
| Modify the theory of change to align the project with UNDP’s and the government’s comparative advantage and resources. The modified Theory of Change should be built on project achievements and considering project limitations. | Review the project Theory of Change in consultation with concerned government counterparts and project monitoring and evaluation colleagues. | August 2021 | UNDP Country Office, SDG units | To be synced with extension of PC-1 in 2021 | To be initiated. |
| Broaden institutionalization across the line departments and deepen it at the district level with increasing efficiency and greater equity | Revised pro-doc and subsequent Annual Work Plans will reflect engagement with line departments and districts on key priorities identified in the SDG frameworks | August 2021- | UNDP Country Office, SDG unit | To be synced with extension of PC-1 in 2021 | Initiated |
| AJK and GB would need to develop their own specific approaches for SDG implementation, as in the case of other provinces | Consultations with GB and AJK Planning Departments for designing region specific PC-1 | January 2022 | UNDP Country Office, Planning and Development Department AJK, and Planning and Development Department GB. | Discussions already underway with GB. Subsequent discussions with AJK to be initiated | Initiated |
| Ministry of Finance and provincial finance departments need to be engaged more effectively. | Consultations with Ministry of Finance to explore partnerships/collaboration on SDG budgeting, costing and financing. | January 2021 | UNDP Country Office, Ministry of Planning Development and Special Initiative, and Ministry of Finance | Ministry of Finance, Controller General of Accounts Office already engaged on expenditure tracking. Broader engagement to be initiated and discussed | To be initiated |
| Ministry of Information and provincial information departments. large-scale outreach and awareness raising. | Consultations with Ministry of Information on SDG communication strategy and identify initiatives around SDG awareness and advocacy. | June 2021 | UNDP Country Office, Ministry of Planning Development and Special Initiative and Ministry of Information | SDG units developed communication strategy for SDGs awareness and advocacy. Implementation to be initiated | Initiated |
| Develop additional partnerships within the UN system and the private and non-profit sectors | Key action 1: - In consultation with RCO revive SDG taskforce comprising of UN agencies.  2: - Revisit private sector engagement strategy and use it to inform private sector engagement | June 2020 | UNDP Country Office, RCO, SDG units | Discussions with RCO underway to revive SDG Taskforce.  Private sector engagement to be discussed at SDG coordination meeting | Initiated |
| Strengthen/review project capacities including communication, Monitoring and Evaluation, wherever needed, rationalize and build these capacities | Consultation with SDG units and government focal points on project HR structure and update/implement it | December 2021 | UNDP Country Office, Ministry of Planning Development and Special Initiative, Provincial Planning and Development Departments, SDG Unit Project Managers. | To be synced with extension of PC-1 in 2021 | To be initiated |