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Generating Global Environmental Benefits Project (GGEB)

Minutes of the Project Steering Committee Meeting of “Generating Global Environmental Benefits (GGEB) Project” Held on 27th January, 2022 at Ministry of Climate Change (MoCC), Islamabad

The Project Steering Committee (PSC) meeting of GGEB project was held on January 27, 2022 under the chairmanship of Mr. Suleyman Khan, Joint Secretary (Admn)/NPD-GGEB, Ministry of Climate Change (MoCC), Islamabad. The list of participants is attached as **Annex A**.

2. The meeting commenced with the recitation of Holy Quran followed by a brief introduction of the participants.

3. Mr. Muhammad Suleyman Khan, Joint Secretary (Admn)-MoCC/NPD-GGEB presented a brief overview of the project and highlighted the overall goals and achievements of the GGEB project. He then invited Dr. Saleem Janjua, NPC-GGEB project to present a brief progress of GGEB project for 2021 and workplan for 2022 (till Q1). The agenda items were then discussed in detail and the decisions made therein are recorded in the succeeding paragraphs.

Agenda Item No 1: Presentation about GGEB’s Progress (Activity-based & Financial) for 2021

4. Since this was the last PSC meeting of GGEB Project, Dr. Saleem Janjua, NPC-GGEB project gave a detailed presentation and shared the overall progress of the GGEB project for the last three years. Dr. Saleem Janjua explained that the project is funded by UNDP & GEF, which is being implemented by the Ministry of Climate Change (MoCC), Islamabad. He further added that the objective of the said Project is two-fold in its focus; one related to environmental information, and the other to employ this information for improved decision-making in Punjab & Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) provinces. Dr. Saleem Janjua, NPC-GGEB project apprised the PSC participants that GGEB Project has three inter-related outcomes: Outcome 1: regular availability of consistent and reliable environmental data; Outcome 2: a coordinated and robust environmental information management system; and Outcome 3: enhanced commitment and capacity for sustainable development planning and legislation. He further elaborated that in accordance with the Results & Resources Framework (RRF) and approved AWP (2019-2021), GGEB project executed various activities for accomplishing the three intended outcomes of the project. The progress made in 2019-2021 under the GGEB project was then discussed in detail, which is briefly summed hereafter:

- For Target 1.1, review of the current system of generation, collection, and compilation of environmental information in different selected Pakistani departments was conducted, a need assessment exercise was carried out for Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) for the development and access of environmental information system, and a brief review of various environmental information management systems (EIMSS) across the globe for exploring best practices was carried out. Repository of Pakistan (Punjab, ICT, KP) environmental data (air,

water, land) for environmental information management system (EIMS) was also developed.

- For Target 1.2, focal persons for GGEB project were nominated from Punjab (Chief - Environment & Climate Change, P&D Board, Lahore), KP (Chief Economist, P&D Department, Peshawar), Sindh (Chief – Environment & Climate Change, P&D Board, Karachi), Balochistan (DG – EPA, Quetta) and PBS (Deputy Director General). GGEB project created an innovative dashboard (beta version) for selected environment related projects of MoCC for summarizing and reporting data and ultimately allowing users to make informed decisions based on reliable and up-to-date information. Furthermore, a study for identification of environmental indicators for EIMS establishment was carried out thus to ensure quality and reliability of the prospective EIMS.
- For Target 1.3, close coordination was made with Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) to understand data collection and compendium publication process. A study to review compendiums of environmental statistics, identify frailties in data collection, quality assurance protocols and suggest plan for content enhancement is currently being carried out.
- For Target 2.1, GGEB project designed technical, institutional and IT frameworks for the establishment of Environmental Information Management System (EIMS). For operationalization of Environmental Information Management System, the GGEB project is working in collaboration with Pak-EPA.
- For Target 2.2, GGEB project established linkages with the relevant departments (P&D Board-Punjab, P&D Dept-KP, PBS, EPA-KP, Pak-EPA) and academia.
- For Target 2.3, GGEB project is extending support to Pak-EPA for publication of Pakistan’s State of Environment Report. The draft report is currently with Pak EPA. Once finalized and approved by the Pak EPA, GGEB Project will support in editing and formatting the report by Feb-2022.
- For Target 2.4, template to produce Environmental Profile/State of Environment (SOE) of Punjab & KP for feeding EIMS were prepared. In this regard, focused group discussions were also arranged with relevant stakeholders wherein consensus was built that GGEB Project will prepare and finalize Guidelines for State of Environment Report for Punjab in collaboration with P&D Board, Government of Punjab as well as Guidelines for State of Environment Report for KP in collaboration with KP-EPA, Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa by Feb-2022.
- For Target 2.5, 4 reports related to UNCBD, UNFCCC, UNCCD and NDCs have been prepared and a Policy Framework based on the review of country reporting, identification of frailties in the reporting and suggesting the way forward for its improvement is being prepared (will be completed by Feb-2022).
- For Target 2.6, a conceptual framework for establishing the linkages between selected universities/relevant organizations and the GGEB project was developed. In consonance with the conceptual framework, a LoA (Letter of Agreement) was signed with University of Peshawar. As a step ahead, 12 research reports are being prepared on environment/EIMS related topics, which will be finalized by Feb-2022.
- For Target 3.1, numerous capacity building activities (Seminars, lectures, workshops, trainings, etc.) have been carried out on environment/EIMS related topics by engaging relevant stakeholders (Government officials, academia, NGOs/CSOs, public, media, etc.).
- For Target 3.3, GGEB project organized two visits of media representatives. More, onsite visits couldn’t be arranged due to COVID-19 Pandemic. GGEB Project followed adaptive management and against this target, different knowledge products (factsheets, reports, documentaries, etc.) were developed with an intent to sensitize public on environment related issues. GGEB project

also reviewed the Pakistan Climate Change Act, 2017 and prepared a draft Amended Climate Change Bill, 2021.

- For Target 3.4, two press briefings were arranged and three Op-Eds were published targeting political fraternity thus to sensitize them on environment so that political commitment for environment protection is enhanced.

5. The discussion on RRF and progress/achievements of GEB project were well received by the participants. Dr. Saleem Janjua apprised the PSC members that the project has completed almost all key activities against the approved AWP-2021 and has achieved a delivery of 65% in 2021.

Decision #1: The Project Steering Committee (PSC) appreciated & approved the GEB progress for 2021.

Agenda Item 2: GGEB Work Plan for Q-1 of 2022 & Project Operational Closure

6. Following the presentation on GGEB project's progress for 2019-2021 by Dr. Saleem Janjua, NPC-GGEB project, a brief overview of Work Plan (WP) for Q-1 of 2022 was also given by NPC-GGEB project which is summarized hereafter:

- Outcome-2 focuses on establishing a coordinated and robust environmental information management system. Key proposed activities under this outcome are: “operationalize (hardware, software, etc.) and populate Environmental Information Management System (EIMS) with datasets; finalize State of Environment Report for Pakistan for populating EIMS; finalize MEAs-related policy framework for EIMS; finalize the on-going support activities with universities for environmental data required for EIMS & closure of partnership activities with youth/interns for EIMS related environmental data”.

- Outcome-3 intends to enhance commitment and capacities of stakeholders for sustainable development planning and legislation, focusing on environmental information & management. Key proposed activities that will be performed under this outcome include: “arrange training workshop for stakeholders on effective use of EIMS; arrange training workshop for officials of MoCC/Pak-EPA for EIMS updation and maintenance; finalize datasets of Punjab related to environmental data for feeding Environmental Information Management System (EIMS); finalize datasets of KP related to environmental data for feeding Environmental Information Management System (EIMS); conduct public opinion survey to gauge public perception/feedback on EIMS & thus enhance its utility for environmental sustainability in Pakistan & finalize knowledge products related to EIMS”.

Decision #2: The Project Steering Committee approved the proposed AWP & Budget 2022 (Total amount US\$175,670; GEF US\$150,670 & TRAC US\$ 25,000) for GGEB Project.

7. In the end of his presentation, Dr. Saleem Janjua (NPC-GGEB) mentioned that GGEB Project will be operationally closed by March, 2022. He elaborated the key project operational closure activities. These include Terminal Evaluation & Audit of GGEB Project that are currently being carried out. As suggested by Mr. Rana Naeem, ECCU, UNDP-CO, the GGEB Project will also write letters to all project stakeholders informing them about the project operational closure by March 2022, and key project achievements made by the Project. Handing over/taking over of Project assets will also be settled as per the procedures. Dr. Janjua apprised the PSC members that advance funds for 4th Quarter-2021 were not released; therefore UNDP-CO has been requested to release funds under AWP-2022 on urgent basis so that GGEB project may complete/finalize all programme activities, settle pending financial liabilities,

and thus ensure a smooth project closure by March-2022.

8. Honorable Mr. Suleyman Khan, Joint Secretary (Admn)/NPD-GGEB, Ministry of Climate Change (MoCC), thanked NPC-GGEB for detailed presentation on GGEB's progress and remarked that the GGEB project is a small UNDP/GEF funded project, yet it has excellently carried out activities in a coordinated manner and should conclude the project with the same diligence, strong implementation, and in collaboration with the relevant departments. He advised that work carried out by GGEB Project should be shared with IT department of MoCC who should then upload it on MoCC webpage so that a centralized knowledge archive is established and project efforts are conserved for the benefit of public at large. Knowledge generated should be translated to Urdu for easy understanding of masses. He also advised that lessons learnt should be shared with relevant stakeholders through a workshop at project closure. Mr. Suleyman Khan, Joint Secretary (Admn)/NPD-GGEB then opened the floor for remarks of participants.

9. Mr. M. Sohail, Programme Analyst, ECCU-UNDP responded to NPC-GGEB comment (Para 7/n) and assured that, in principle, activities under GGEB Workplan (WP) of 2022 are approved from UNDP side and WP-2022 will be signed upon receipt of Itemized Cost Estimate (ICE) form by GGEB Project. Mr. Rana Naeem, Programme Associate, ECCU-UNDP also reiterated that project activities in Workplan-2022 are appropriate in nature. He further apprised PSC participants that Terminal Evaluation report of GGEB Project is in final stage which will be completed by Feb-2022. GGEB Project is the first project under NIM Modality, and its Audit has successfully concluded with few minor observations. He appreciated the team of GGEB project, under the dynamic leadership of Dr. Saleem Janjua, for their dedicated efforts throughout 3 years that have led to the achievement of intended project outcomes.

10. Mr. Mahboob Elahi, former DG-MoCC stressed on the fact that knowledge produced should also be linked with SDGs and shared with public at large. Mr. Irshad Ramay congratulated the GGEB Project management especially Dr. Saleem Janjua on successful achievement of project activities and remarked that EIMS should also be available to universities/institutions. NPC-GGEB project apprised that this is already part of the plan. Mr. Mumtaz Hussain, Environmental Expert appreciated the scope of GGEB Project and remarked that EIMS is an imperative intervention to ensure provision of consolidated data. GGEB Project has established it for ICT, KP, Punjab and it should be extended to other provinces as well. All suggestions were noted by GGEB team.

Decision #3: GGEB Project in the last 3 years (2019-2021) has made excellent progress with respect to technical studies, capacity building activities and most importantly development of EIMS. All knowledge generated should be shared with relevant stakeholders.

11. Lastly, the meeting concluded with a vote of thanks from the Chair.

ANNEXURE-A

Attendance Sheet - Project Steering Committee Meeting “Generating Global Environmental Benefits (GGEB) Project”

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S.No	Name	Designation	Department
01	Mr. Muhammad Suleyman Khan	Joint Secretary (Admn)/NPD-GGEB	Ministry of Climate Change
02	Mr. Mohammad Sohail	Programme Analyst	ECCU-UNDP
03	Mr. Rana Muhammad Naeem	Programme Associate	ECCU-UNDP
04	Ms. Pirah Aftab	Section Officer	Economic Affairs Division (EAD)
05	Mr. Haseeb Ur Rehman	Statistical officer	Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS), Islamabad
06	Dr. Saleem Janjua	National Project Coordinator (GGEB)	UNDP/ Ministry of Climate Change
07	Mr. Mahboob Elahi	Former DG (Env)/ Technical Expert	GGEB – Project
08	Mr. Ishad Ramay	Coordinator	National Cleaner Production Centre
09	Mr. Mumtaz Hussain	Environment Expert	GGEB – Project
10	Mr. Imran Khan	Assistant Director –IT	Ministry of Climate Change
11	Mr. Lutfullah Khalid	Assistant Project Officer	GGEB-MoCC/UNDP
12	Ms. Numra Asif	Programme Assistant	GGEB-MoCC/UNDP
13	Mr. Shahzad Zakir	Admin & Finance Assistant	GGEB-MoCC/UNDP
14	Mr. Mian Muhammad Majid Ali	Technical Head	IT Expert
15	Mr. Jawad Ahmad	Senior Software Developer	IT Expert

ANNEXURE-B

Pictures- Project Steering Committee Meeting “Generating Global Environmental Benefits (GGEb) Project”

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