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Subject: Minutes of the SFM Project Final Review Meeting

SFM Project's Final Review Meeting was held on 21st December, 2021 at 11 in the Committee Room (3rd floor) of the Ministry of Climate Change, G-5/2, Islamabad under the chairmanship of the Secretary Ministry of Climate Change, GoP, Islamabad.

A copy of approved minutes of the subject mentioned Meeting is attached herewith.

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1. PS to Secretary, Ministry of Climate Change, Islamabad
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Minutes of the SFM Project Final Progress Review Meeting

SFM Project Final Project Progress Review Meeting was held on 21st December 2021 at 12 pm in the Committee Room (3rd floor) of the Ministry of Climate Change, Islamabad. The meeting was chaired by the Federal Secretary, Ministry of Climate Change. Participant's list is attached as Annexure-1.

The meeting started with recitation of the Holy Quran. The Chair, Secretary MoCC, welcomed all participants of the meeting and asked them for brief introduction. The Chair then directed to present the progress of the SFM Project since its inception. The proceedings of the meeting are as below:

NPD, SFM Project, briefed the participants on the project and its deliverables. He elaborated the objective, outcomes and outputs of the Project. He said that the Project has implemented its activities in seven landscapes; two landscapes in KPK (Siran and Kaghan), three landscapes in Punjab (two in scrub forests and one in Chir Pine Forest) and two landscapes in Sindh (Sukkur and Benazir Abad). In addition to this, he also briefed the Chair about the successful interventions carried out by this project and added further that the MoCC has initiated the process for upscaling the project through the Green Climate Fund (GCF) for which the concept proposal has already been submitted. He further added that the Project had adopted a holistic approach of the SFM practices for management of forest at ecosystem level instead of timber or tree management.

NPD SFM Project then asked the NPM to share all the significant achievements made by the project during its implementation period.

NPM, SFM Project, started his presentation with brief description of the work done along with the relevant pictures of the interventions. Following significant achievements were shared with participants:

- Boundary demarcation of state forest land through Survey of Pakistan (Total land = 353,000 acres (118,500 acres in KPK, 205,000 acres in Sindh and 29,500 acres in Punjab); In Sindh = 5000 acres retrieved from encroachers
- Boundary pillars constructed around state forest (450 in KPK, 264 Sindh, 252 Punjab) = total boundary pillars = 966
- Plantation carried out (11,400 acres in Sindh, 14,700 acres in Punjab and 18,700 acres in KPK) = total 44,800 acres
- Numbers of plants produced over 44,800 acres (96,891,732 plants in Sindh, 11,276,011 in Punjab and 8,208,392 in KPK)
- Patrolling paths, tracks and roads rehabilitated in total = 93 km (10 km in Punjab, 53 km in Sindh and 30 km in KPK)
- Fire management centres established (One each in KPK, Sindh and Punjab)
- Land restoration through check dams and water spreading in Sindh and Punjab (2,600 acres in Punjab and 1,800 acres in Sindh)
- Ground water recharge and soil conservation through construction of mini-dams and ponds (14 new ones) and renovated (8) in Punjab
- Identification of High Conservation Value Forests (HCVFs) at the SFM landscapes (21,400 acres in Punjab, 46,300 acres in KPK and 13,200 acres in Sindh)
- Check posts built for forests and wildlife protection and monitoring (6 in Punjab)
- Declaration of Protected Areas for biodiversity conservation and eco-tourism (3 in Punjab and one in KP)

- Ungulate Centres for propagation and reintroduction of ungulates established (2 in Sindh and 1 in Punjab)
- Establishment of partridge breeding centres for promotion of sport hunting (1 in Punjab and 1 in Sindh)
- Eco-tourism sites developed (2 in Punjab, 2 in KP and 1 in Sindh)
- Fruit Orchards established (12 acres in Punjab, 23 acres in KPK and 719 acres in Sindh) = total 754 acres
- Micro Hydel Power Plants Constructed (2 in KPK)
- Biogas plants established to reduce pressure on natural forests and provide local communities with alternate energy (37 in Sindh)
- Local communities provided with alternate energy Gas cylinders and stoves were distributed (600 stoves in Punjab, 60 gas cylinders in Sindh and 30 in KPK)
- Mud efficient stoves prepared by local communities (4556 mud stoves in Sindh)
- Facilitated provincial forest and wildlife department in preparation of management plans for the project landscapes (3 in Punjab, 2 in KPK and 2 in Sindh)
- Renovation, refunctioning of forest school and revision of school curriculum (Miani school in Sindh)
- Renovation and construction of forest huts used as forest management tools (3 in KPK, 2 in Sindh and 2 in Punjab)
- Sustainable GPS monitoring systems installed for protection and monitoring of forest (1 each in KPK and Punjab).
- Different events and trainings arranged by SFM project in Sindh, Punjab and KPK to sensitize the officials and communities' members on the concepts of SFM, biodiversity and carbon forestry (120 events and trainings and 4088 persons official and communities benefitted from these trainings)
- Surveys on different components of biodiversity conducted (3 in Punjab, 2 in KPK and 2 in Sindh)
- Forest Management Policy for Sindh, SFM chapter in Punjab Forest Policy and Protected Areas Act for Punjab and Rules for game reserves and CBOs
- Carbon stock assessment exercises carried out on 189,800 acres (33,000 in Punjab, 79,200 acres in KPK and 77,600 acres in Sindh)
- Total carbon benefits achieved by SFM Project are 10,296,385 tCO₂ over a period of 30 years
 - carbon benefits from conservation activities are estimated 5,522,767 tCO₂
 - carbon benefits from reforestation and restoration are estimated 4,658,340 tCO₂ over 30 years
 - carbon benefits from adaptation activities are estimated as 115,278 tCO₂ over 10 years

The NPD while responding to a question of the Chair about duplication of activities of other projects with SFM Project said that MoCC took all the measures to avoid duplication of activities. The coordinates of activities were recorded and reported to avoid duplication of activities by different projects.

The NPD explained that the project was able to successfully demonstrate interventions adopted and replicated by provincial forest and wildlife departments. The following activities are adopted by provincial government through Annual Development Programme (ADP):

- a. Carrying out boundary demarcation of forest land through Survey of Pakistan (550 million PKRs in Sindh, 900 million PKRs in KP)
- b. Establishment of fire management centers (60 million PKRs in KP)

- c. Conservation and Management of Biodiversity in Suleman Range Sherani Area (100 PKRs million)
- d. Development of Takht-e-Suleman National Park D.I Khan (50 million PKRs)
- e. Implementation of Chinji National Park Management plan (109 million PKRs in Punjab)
- f. Establishment of partridge breeding enclosure at Buner (10 million PKRs)
- g. Livelihood improvement through Non-timber Forest Products activities (200 million PKRs)

The NPD also explained that Mid-Term Review (MTR) exercise was conducted during 2019 while the Terminal Evaluation (TE) exercise is being conducted. All the stakeholders have held meetings with consultants and field visits are conducted in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Punjab and Sindh. He also said that monitoring of the project activities is regularly conducted by MoCC, UNDP, PMU, and provincial secretaries and PPDs (Provincial Project Directors).

During presentation about the financial progress right from beginning to the year 2021, the Chair asked that why low delivery has been observed during 2020 compared to other years. NPD, SFM Project, explained that it was due to inordinate delays in release of funds to the Project because of some procedural issues. He further explained that there was direct implementation modality (DIM), national implementation modality (NIM) and project cycle operations manual (PCOM). This project was implemented on PCOM modality in its first four years while in the last year the modality was shifted from PCOM to NIM. He further explained that PCOM was an effective modality because of better control of the government agencies at federal and provincial level.

It was also explained to participants that a concept note had been submitted to GCF for upscaling of SFM Project and is likely to be completed by June 2022. For the six months (January 2022 to June 2022), MoCC has made an interim arrangement to continue present set up with bare minimum staff in order to avoid wastage of time in re-procurement of the essential items and hiring of the staff for the new project to be funded by GCF.

Mr. Amanullah Khan, ARR UNDP, appreciated the progress achieved by project during its implementation period. He thanked MoCC and SFM project team for successful implementation of this project in forestry sector of the country.

The Chair highly appreciated the work done by the project and congratulated the project team for doing such a commendable work in all project sites.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to and from the Chair.

Annex-I: SFM Project Final Progress Review Meeting's list of participants

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