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Kamyab Jawan: Youth and Social Cohesion Project in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Phase 2

**Biannual Progress Report
October 2018 - March 2019**

Project Duration: Oct 2018 to Sep 2021

PROJECT OUTPUTS

Total Target of Youth
10,524



OUTPUT 1

2,324 youth engaged in Policy making, implementation and monitoring



OUTPUT 2

200 youth empowered with civic education for an inclusive society



OUTPUT 3

8,000 youth economically empowered.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND OUTPUTS

Pakistan currently has the largest generation of young people ever in its history, with about two-thirds of the total population of 207.7m under 30 years of age. According to UNDP's latest National Human Development (2017), "as a section of the populace that is transiting to adulthood, this 'youth bulge' will prove to be either a dividend or a disaster for the country, depending on if Pakistan invests in youth by providing them with quality education, quality employment, and meaningful engagement opportunities."

A large proportion of the young people live in an environment of multidimensional and intersectional vulnerabilities, especially in conflict-affected regions such as Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. Young people not only risk recruitment by extremist groups, but also are subject to structural factors that affect their levels of tolerance, civic participation and radicalisation. UNDP's 'Kamyab Jawan Pakistan' (Successful Youth) Youth Empowerment Programme (YEP) is aimed at reducing young people's vulnerability to violent extremism and radicalisation by creating opportunities for knowledge, skills and leadership development; active citizen and policy engagement; and economic empowerment as means and ends to sustaining peace in Pakistan. The programme supports the implementation of the Government of Pakistan's National Counter Extremism Policy Guidelines (2018), particularly the priority areas (2) civic engagement and (5) reformation, rehabilitation, reintegration and renunciation. The Youth and Social Cohesion Project (YSCP) Phase II in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa is part of this larger multi-donor Programme to mainstream youth as active stakeholders and participants in the national development agenda of Pakistan. *The project outputs include:*

Output 1: Youth engagement in policy making, implementation and monitoring: Future public policies in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa include substantive inputs from youth.

Output 2: Youth civic education for an inclusive society: Vulnerable youth are provided with civic education and skills to facilitate their reintegration into an inclusive society.

Output 3: Youth economic empowerment: Youth's potential to contribute to inclusive and sustainable economic growth harnessed and catalysed.

¹Cordesman, A. H. (2011) 'Pakistan: Violence vs Stability- A National Net Assessment' published by the Center for Strategic and International Studies (source: <https://www.csis.org/analysis/pakistan-violence-vs-stability>).

OVERVIEW OF THE BIANNUAL PROGRESS (OCTOBER 2018-MARCH 2019)

During the current reporting period (October 2018-March 2019), the project engaged directly with around **1,434** youth and engaged a further **15,874** through digital means.

Some of the main highlights of this period include:

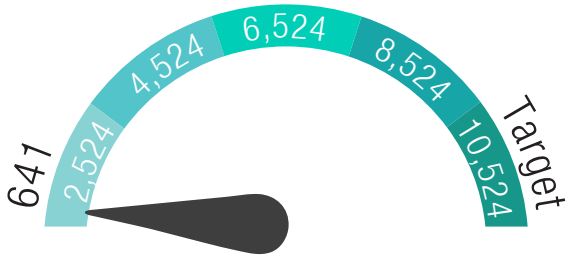
- UNDP developed a policy level partnership with the office of the Special Assistant to the Prime Minister for Youth Affairs and supported the development of the National Youth Development Framework to highlight the importance of addressing the needs and concerns of youth across the spectrum. This partnership was confirmed in a High-Level Meeting with the Prime Minister himself.
- Youth of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa were given an opportunity to discuss policy issues affecting youth directly with parliamentarians in coordination with PILDAT.






- 20 young women leaders from six districts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa in the field of peace and security were trained and mentored to increase their advocacy skills with UNDP and Insan Foundation.
- Together with CODE, UNDP carried out dialogues with religious leaders of KP from across the 5 schools of thought to discuss mainstreaming of Madrassah students.
- UNDP launched a National SDG Bootcamp in Islamabad where 20 young social entrepreneurs were mentored and had a chance to compete for a grant to scale-up their ideas.

- Youth Innovation Challenge was launched at KP and 43 young people with the most relevant and innovative plans to promote and sustain youth engagement in their communities were granted awards of PKR 70,000 per project.
- YEP has initiated the process to develop the country's first ever district/tehsil level Youth Development Index in collaboration with UNDP's Development Policy Unit (DPU), the Prime Minister Office's Youth Wing, and the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS).
- The Programme signed an MoU with Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Information Technology Board for training of 1,200 youth in the highly demanded skills of the future such as cloud computing (Microsoft Azure and Amazon Web Services) and big data analytics.

Total Youth Achieved to Date



	Target	Achieved
 Output 1	2,324	565
 Output 2	200	56
 Output 3	8,000	20

PROGRESS TOWARDS OUTPUTS



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#	PLANNED ACTIVITIES	ACHIEVEMENTS
1.1	<p>Create a facilitating environment for informed debate and dialogue on sustainable peace and social cohesion in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. UNDP will organize 12 participatory dialogues between youth and relevant government and civil society stakeholders on a host of issues pertaining to peace and social cohesion in the province where youth activists will play a lead role. These dialogues will cover a range of topics including (but not limited to) madrassah reforms, educational curriculum, peace on university campuses, peace building from a development prism, and role of media in peacebuilding among others. The dialogues will be organized in collaboration with the provincial Home and Tribal Affairs Department and the Youth Department as the primary partners; relevant secondary partners will be identified according to the topic of discussion. The events will be attended by stakeholders from government, media, academia, CSOs, and youth activists. The</p>	<p>Achievements to date: 211 funded directly by Norway (An additional 1077 were funded by Govt. of Japan covering Sindh and KP)</p> <p>Progress Highlights: The project is analysing/consolidating work with young people (dialogues, interactions) and mapping key issues of youth (rural, urban, male, female and the third sex). This is helping the programme to ensure programming is responsive to needs on ground and the inclusion agenda is pursued extensively without compromises.</p> <p>The analysis/info from the point above feeds into sensitization of policy makers and factors into their strategic planning, which project is supporting.</p> <p>UNDP is planning a final series of dialogues in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa to be carried out in July/August 2019 in which 200 young people are expected to participate.</p> <p>Based on previous dialogues between youth and political parties, UNDP has designed a new intervention to develop the capacities of young parliamentarians in KP to enact and pass youth friendly legislation in the province. Operational procedures to hire an implementing partner have been initiated.</p> <p>Capacity Building of Young Women Leaders on Women, Peace and Security Issues:</p> <p>The programme in partnership with Insan Foundation Trust, selected 20 young females from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa to train them to become community leaders on ‘women peace and security issues. Three-day residential workshops were held to train the selected beneficiaries in 2 cohorts. Various inspiring mentors conducted sessions during the workshop to inspire and provide guidance to the young female leaders in training. These 20 young women will receive 6 months of mentorship and will be designing and implementing projects in their communities.</p> <p>A post workshop work plan including TORs for mentors and timeline of activities for the six months online mentorship program was developed. The design included follow up in-person sessions with mentors, regular conceptual and learning online sessions with participants and guidance for the execution of individual and collective projects identified by the participants during the workshop.</p>



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1.1	<p>findings and recommendations of these interactive sessions will be shared with the Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa for policy action.</p>	<p>Online post training evaluation analysis of the participants' responses reflected that the overall satisfaction level participants was ranked 4.6 out of 5. 92% of the surveyed participants were of the view that participating workshop enabled them to reflect upon and rethink their project idea.</p> <p>Insan Foundation Trust (IFT) organized one provincial dialogue at KP during reporting period. 105 people (48 female and 57 male) participated these dialogues. Dialogues' participation includes students, political workers, and members of civil society, journalists, lawyers, and entrepreneurs. 80% among these were youth. Participants had interactive discussions with academicians, political workers, parliamentarians and human rights activists. The purpose of the provincial dialogues was to orientate the youth with the concept of women's participation in peace, security and development, encourage young girls, from universities, colleges, communities, and NGOs/CBOs, to participate in the training and mentoring program.</p> <p>Capacity Building & Mentorship in Dialogue, Negotiation, and Leadership for Policy Impact Initiative "Capacity Building & Mentorship in Dialogue, Negotiation, and Leadership for Policy Impact Initiative with Youth Leaders/Activists from KPK, Sindh and Baluchistan" is an initiative of UNDP in partnership with ECI for youth in deprived and underdeveloped areas to emerge as agents of positive change and development. During reporting period one residential training on Leadership, communication and negotiation skills, 04 online sessions, 04 mentoring sessions and 04 exposure visits were conducted with 18 young leaders from KP. (Rest of two each are planned in next quarter.)</p> <p>18 young leaders (10 males & 8 females) from KP attended online courses on Proposal Development, Networking Skills, and Social Enterprises, mentorship courses and exposure visits, this period. The proposal</p>



Young women leader during a training session to enhance their capacity on women peace and security issues



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1.1		<p>development online course helped participants to develop and submit proposals to address different social issues. Based on learning from online sessions all the 18 young leaders (10 males & 8 females) developed their proposals to provide solution to the identified problem. To submit proposal and mobilize resources for the project implementation, they developed Networking Profiles for social causes, identified different stakeholders who can support their initiatives.</p> <p>Mentoring and Exposure visits provided the young leaders to learn from the experiences of the visited organizations' experiences, and their communities. It provided them practical knowledge of Governmental policies, impacts of the projects in the development of community and the role they can perform for community. Trained youth leaders from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa will implement three social impact projects in the province. The actual number of beneficiaries reached through these interventions will be shared in the 2019 annual report.</p> <p>Dialogues between Youth and Parliamentarians/ Policymakers PILDAT partnered with UNDP organized a national level consultative policy dialogue between Youth and Parliamentarians/Policymakers on Democratic and Peaceful Governance and Sustainable Development in Pakistan at the Peshawar city of KP, 168 people attended dialogues and 9 youth speakers interacted with representatives from 3 leading political parties of Pakistan.</p> <p>(Overall a series of total 5 consultative policy dialogues between Youth and Parliamentarians/Policymakers are completed including 04 provincial dialogues (held in previous quarter) and a national level dialogue.). An overview of the participation is given below:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="757 1222 2092 1458"> <tr> <td>Provincial dialogue Khyber Pakhtunkhwa</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Political parties representation 20 (13 male & 7 female)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Youth Speakers 09</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total Participation 168</td> </tr> </table>	Provincial dialogue Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	Political parties representation 20 (13 male & 7 female)	Youth Speakers 09	Total Participation 168
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1.1		<p>This dialogue brought together parliamentarians/ policymakers from government and key opposition parties (represented in the Provincial Assemblies and the Parliament) to constructively engage with youth, seeking to identify and prioritize Pakistan’s challenges for improving democratic governance and sustainable development from young people’s perspectives. The dialogue brought together key political parties alongside youth representatives to address youth’s issues. Government and Opposition leaders reiterated that both are on board for youth development.</p> <p>Youth Speakers highlighted various youth related pressing issues and questioned political figures about their/government’s role in improving gender parity; in effective actions against extremist ideologies; decreasing discrimination based on ethnicity, class, gender or language; actions against drug addiction; integration of FATA youth; integration of Madrassah curriculum and in introducing skill anticipation program to cater the demands of the industry and solve the problem of unemployment in youth. The parliamentarians responded to the queries and shared the provincial government’s planned initiatives for youth. The Government is also very keen to revisit curriculum to match job market while each initiative of the Government includes a focus on job creation for young people.</p> <p>Key recommendations by the Youth Speakers/participants for the Federal Government:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Government should work on integrated skills anticipation program • Efforts to integrate Madrassa graduates into the job market • Proper legislation should for the rights of Transgenders • A comprehensive Policy of Education, Employment & Engagement for Youth across Pakistan • Facilitate youth’s ownership and stake in democracy by making it compulsory for educational institutions to bring youth delegations to Parliament & Provincial Assemblies • Encourage Youth entrepreneurship in areas that can strengthen Pakistan’s Exports & Economy • Devise a long-term plan for Human Resource Development • Initiate reforms to encourage women economic participation • Initiate Career Counselling Services in Education Institutes • Launch institutional campaign to discourage violent extremism especially in KP <p>Social Media Analysis of Youth dialogue with policy makers</p> <p>The dialogue and its key messages did not remain confined to dialogue participants only but were also</p>



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1.1	Develop a rational and empirically informed alternative narrative on peace and social cohesion in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.	<p>shared widely through print, electronic and social media. While many newspapers and TV channels were represented at the dialogue for its coverage, the dialogue was tweeted live on social media by @Pildat and @UND-Pakistan using the #KamyabJawan hashtag. Following is the analysis of social media outreach of the Peshawar dialogue:</p> <p>Total No. of Tweets: 21</p> <p>Total No. of impressions for all tweets: 14,855</p> <p>Total Engagement on tweets (Likes and Retweets): 1019</p> <p>Proposals for Phase II of the policy dialogues initiative with youth have been received (call for proposals closed on 20th June 2019). Building on Phase I, the intervention aims to engage more than 7,000 young people in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Balochistan, and Sindh in policy dialogues and discussions around key issues faced by young people. More than 2,000 youth from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (funded by RNE) are expected to participate in this initiative.</p>

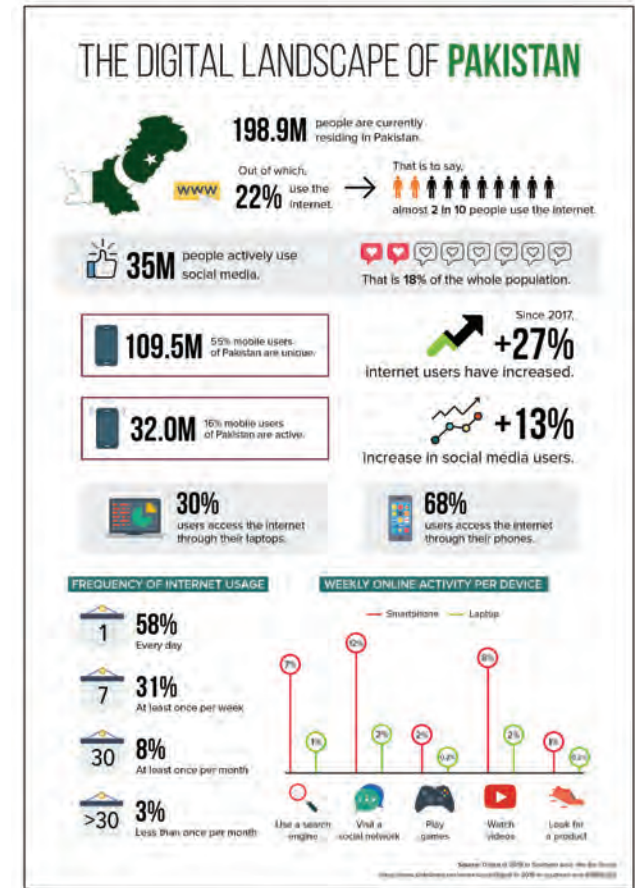


2 Young girls from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa discussing issues faced by the youth during youth caravan dialogues



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1.2 a	<p>Training of Youth Journalists</p> <p>UNDP will train (at least) 200 youth journalists from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa on informed and sensitive reporting on peace and social cohesion issues. UNDP will organize capacity development workshops for at least 200 youth journalists from mainstream English, Urdu, and Pashto newspapers in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. These journalists will be trained on sensitive and empirical reporting on peacebuilding issues in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. UNDP will leverage its linkages with these trained journalists (and others) to publish at least 50 opinion pieces on youth and peacebuilding in the province. These pieces will pave the way for mainstreaming an empirically informed mainstream media discourse on youth, peace and social cohesion in the province. In addition, UNDP will respond to the prevalence of malicious online content that can influence young people to commit violent acts through a comprehensive and informed positive messaging</p>	<p>Progress Highlights: Following the development of the project’s strategic communication strategy, the alternative messaging campaign was to be informed by an in-depth empirical research to identify sources/triggers of hate speech for young people in the digital space. Unfortunately, the final draft of the baseline research did not meet the quality standards and expectations of UNDP resulting in contract cancellation with the vendor. Based on lessons learned from YEP’s past engagement, mapping of alternative messaging initiatives by other partners (to avoid replication of efforts), and shifts in the nature and intensity of extremist narratives in the digital space, YEP plans to conduct a research on the prevalence of hyper-masculine narratives on integrated social media and the digital spaces. Based on the findings of the research, an alternative messaging initiative will be launched to promote tolerance and inclusivity among youth in Pakistan (including Khyber Pakhtunkhwa). The ToRs of the research have been developed and submitted to higher management for feedback and approval. The RFP is expected to be advertised in July 2019 with the research activities starting in August.</p> <p>Furthermore, based on the findings of the unpublished research conducted in 2018, UNDP has engaged RJ Khalid Malik (as a youth influencer) to develop and disseminate short video messages to promote values of peace, tolerance, gender equality, and inclusiveness among youth in Pakistan (including Khyber Pakhtunkhwa).</p> <p>The ToRs to ‘Build Capacities of Young Journalists from Digital and Mainstream Media in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa on Evidence Based Reporting and Informed Narrative Building on Youth Development, SDGs, and</p>





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1.2 a	<p>campaign on social media platforms. This will help in creating an effective counter narrative of peace, tolerance, and inclusiveness to undermine the hateful and myopic discourses that limit young people’s world views and steer them towards violence and conflict. The online messaging campaign will be complimented with traditional community engagement (community dialogues, street theatre) methods in areas with no or limited access to the internet.</p>	<p>Sustainable Peace’ have been developed and shared with the management for approval. The initiative is expected to be launched in August 2019. The planned alternative messaging initiative will be synergized with this media capacity-building, content development and deployment activity.</p>
1.2 b	<p>Digital Research and Positive Messaging Campaign UNDP will undertake a digital research to identify positive influencers for young people who like/follow extremist content on social media platforms (Twitter, Facebook). The research will help develop an empirically informed positive messaging campaign that is tailor made to target young people who are vulnerable to being influenced by extremist actors operating in the online space.</p>	<p>Progress Highlights: Digital Research and Positive Messaging Campaign</p> <p>The digital research contract will be advertised in the second quarter of 2019. A research firm was engaged to undertake the digital research and positive messaging campaign in the last quarter of 2018 through a direct contract. This modality was used due to the ‘sensitive’ nature of the inquiry and strict government oversight of rights-based organizations, including those involved in digital research and internet freedom advocacy. The final product submitted by the organization did not meet the standards and expectations of UNDP. UNDP will re-advertise the contract to engage a civil society organization or research firm with experience of undertaking networks and discourse analysis, data mining, and in-depth interviews with online actors. The findings of the research will inform a positive messaging campaign to reduce young people’s vulnerability to involvement in violence and conflict on social media platforms.</p> <p>Currently the projects partners/individuals including Insan Foundation, ECI, Innovation Challenge, VSO and PILDAT are using social media like Twitter, Facebook for informed positive messages of their work to their target young people.</p>



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1.3	<p>Develop citizens' trust in state institutions by creating avenues for inclusive policy formulation and strengthening vertical linkages (citizen-state).</p>	<p>Strategic Internship Placements in Government Bodies</p> <p>Achievements to date: Programmed 24</p> <p>Progress Highlights: UNDP's planned SDG bootcamps will provide a platform to the program for creating at least 24 internships for fresh university graduates from public sector universities of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa in relevant government bodies including the Home and Tribal Affairs and Planning and Development departments. This will help in creating entry points for the active involvement of young people in policy formulation and implementation. The initiative will also be in line with UNSC Resolution 2250 which calls for getting policy inputs from young people at all local, national, regional, and international levels. UNDP will dovetail or synergise the internship initiative with an existing government programme to ensure its sustainability. Some internships may even come in from the innovation challenge modality.</p>
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<p>1.3 b</p>	<p>Social Innovation Challenge UNDP will organize design thinking workshops for at least 100 youth with promising social entrepreneurship ideas to strengthen peace and social cohesion at the grassroots level, in line with Goal 16 of the SDGs. UNDP will support the implementation of at least 50 of these ideas under a Youth Social Innovation Challenge. Furthermore, UNDP will leverage its linkages with local newspapers and TV channels to provide at least provincial level coverage to some of these initiatives.</p>	<p>Social Innovation Challenge</p> <p>Achievements to date: 43 (1047 were engaged through 43 Social Innovation Challenges)</p> <p>Progress Highlights: To meaningfully engage young people and to empower them through first hand implementation of projects, the Youth Empowerment Programme is running a Youth Innovation Challenge. The Youth Innovation Challenge is a joint innovative initiative between UNDP and the Youth Affairs Department (YAD) of the KP Govt. that aims to promote youth engagement and ownership in ensuring peace and promoting social cohesion in their communities in line with the KP Youth Policy. The challenge seeks to engage directly with youth in the target areas to devise plans in innovative and creative ways with a focus on activities that strengthen social cohesion, peace and tolerance in vulnerable communities.</p> <p>In the first phase 43 young people with the most relevant and innovative plans to promote and sustain youth engagement in their communities were granted awards of PKR 70,000 per project. These projects include STEAM workshops for kids, career counselling for college students, teacher training on psycho social support, awareness sessions, digital skills training, sports events for differently abled amongst many other interesting, innovative and constructive projects. During reporting period, through implementation of these projects on sports, awareness programmes and other initiatives overall 1047 young people including 494 women, 553 men and 60 persons with disabilities were directly engaged. Below graphs reflects the participation in different events.</p> <p>An awardee of the KP Innovation Challenge organised a sports event for youth living with disabilities, with</p>



Amir Hamza, Youth Innovation Challenge winner, training young kids on critical life skills



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1.3 b		<p>focus on young girls. More than 100 youth (70% women/girls) participated world outside their homes. Initially 20 youth with disabilities were planned to be engaged for the sport event because of limited funded youth innovation challenge, but later more than 60 youth were engaged after securing public and private partnerships for creating more and bigger impact. The projects on Sports festivals for differently abled and awareness sessions for young girls have been selected by the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Government for scale up. During the reporting period, several of the projects were also covered by the local channels and newspapers. Based on the success of the first round of the Social Innovation Challenge (funded in Phase I), UNDP is about to roll-out the second phase based on lessons learned from the first challenge to reach. The use of sport and culture to promote cross-culture interaction will be encouraged in the next round of the innovation challenge launched in Q2.</p>
1.3 c	<p>Youth Development Index UNDP will work with academic and researchers from reputable academic institutes of higher learning to develop a comprehensive district level YDI for Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. The final index will be used to develop and implement an advocacy strategy to galvanize</p>	<p>Progress Highlights: Youth Development Index YEP has initiated the process to develop the country's first ever district/tehsil level Youth Development Index in collaboration with UNDP's Development Policy Unit (DPU), the Prime Minister Office's Youth Wing, and the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS). Under this partnership, YEP and DPU will provide technical support to PBS which will be tasked to design the survey and data collection tool. Initial meetings with PBS and PMO's Youth Wing started in December 2018. YEP has provided extensive technical inputs into the survey data collection tool in collaboration with DPU. Support has been provided to the government on this and resources are being mobilized to launch the index. High level meetings have been held and commitment for launching a NYDI has been made by the government. Government is also pursuing submission of PC 1 for funding</p>



Differently abled youth play Bocce Ball at the Peshawar organized by Youth Innovation Challenge Winner



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1.3 c	<p>key players in the government (elected and bureaucracy) to take effective policy level and administrative steps to address specific development gaps of the concerned districts.</p>	<p>this intervention.</p> <p>The government has set revised timelines place for the Youth Development Index (YDI). The Prime Minister has formally approved the National Youth Development Programme (NYDP) and Framework under which PKR 100 billion have been earmarked for SME lending, 1 billion for SME Lending subsidies, and 10 billion for other programme activities. As part of the NYDP, YDI is now being planned in the year 2020 as a mid-term programme objective that would contribute to long-term programme objective of advocating and lobbying for pro-youth legislation. PMO discussions with Ministry of Planning, Development & Reforms are ongoing in this regard.</p> <p>YEP has developed a questionnaire for a pilot YDI (managed by UNDP) to be launched with the pool of YEP beneficiaries under all of the programme interventions areas (Education, Engagement and Employment. An agreement has been signed with Viamo, a firm specializing in big data, communications, and monitoring and evaluation to disseminate the questionnaire through internet, robo-call, and SMS. YEP partners are in the process of uploading beneficiary data on a single database shared this month. YEP team will undertake a final review of the YDI questions (structured around the three Es) and share them with the programme beneficiaries by August 2019.</p>
1.4	<p>Build the capacity of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Government to roll-out and implement coordinated strategies for youth, peace, and development in the province. UNDP will provide the required technical support to finalize and/or implement these strategies in ways that create synergies with other government departments, CSOs, and relevant programmes and projects being implemented by UNDP. In this regard, the Project will primarily focus on the</p>	<p>Achievement to date: 6 Community Centres established (Co-funded by Govt. of Japan in PK) Once the Jawan Marakiz are established by the Govt of KP, UNDP will support the government through a CSO in the revitalization based on a sustainable model i.e. community group formation, volunteer network setting up and carrying out youth engagement activities. These will also facilitate connecting young people to local government for more sustained linkage building and dialogue between duty bearers and target audiences.</p> <p>Progress Highlights: YEP has signed a Letter of Agreement with the Youth Directorate, Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa to develop and sustain youth friendly public spaces in the province. Under the agreement, the Directorate has taken formal ownership of the Musa Zai Community Centre in District Dera Ismail Khan which was established by UNDP during the first phase of YEP (Youth and Social Cohesion Project). Furthermore, during a meeting held with the Provincial Minister of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa for Tourism, Culture, Sports, Archaeology, and Youth Affairs UNDP agreed to support the Directorate of Youth Affairs in</p>



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	<p>finalization and roll-out of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa’s provincial youth policy 2016. After finalization, the proposed project will identify synergies with other provincial strategies that have a significant role for youth, including the provincial Rule of Law (RoL) and PVE strategies. The Initiative will then support relevant departments (tasked with implementing these policies) to mainstream youth in line with their respective frameworks,</p>	<p>revitalizing government established Jawan Marakiz in five districts of the province. The revitalization will include extensive youth mobilization, in coordination with the local government officials, for sustained and structured use of community centres as safe and open public spaces for youth engagement. Furthermore, UNDP is assisting the government to develop the Jawan Marakiz as a one stop shop for youth who are interested in getting basic information about education, employment, and engagement related activities in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.</p> <p>In addition to the formal government led community centres UNDP is encouraging youth to use existing community spaces for youth-led activities. This is being encouraged in the second round of the Youth Innovation Challenge which has been designed in Quarter 1 and will be rolled out in Quarter 2 in coordination with the Provincial Governments of Sindh and KP.</p> <p>These interventions would be co-funded with the Government of Japan.</p>
<p>2.1</p>	<p>Create pathways for the constructive engagement and social reintegration of Madrasah students. UNDP will partner with a reputable civil society organization with demonstrable experience of working with religious seminaries to draw up a comprehensive Madrassah Engagement Strategy through consultations with representatives of different seminary registration bodies (Wafaqs) and the provincial Ministry of Religious Affairs. The implementation strategy which will be endorsed by the said actors</p>	<p>Achievements to date: 56 (An additional 31 were funded by Govt. of Japan)</p> <p>Progress Highlights: The programme in collaboration with CODE Pakistan, partnered to develop a collectively owned implementation plan to engage Madaris students in Sindh and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. The implementation plan was developed through a series of consultations with Madrassah representatives from the five educational boards (Wafaqs) which govern the educational affairs of more than 30,000 religious seminaries in Pakistan. In Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, the programme consulted with 56 representatives from religious seminaries to get their views on the possible entry points for engaging young people in Madaris through social and economic activities. During the</p>



One young participant expressing his views on Madrassah systems in Pakistan



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2.1	<p>may include interventions like interaction between students from different seminaries, introduction of a critical skills thinking module etc.</p>	<p>consultations, the Madrassah stakeholders also provided detailed overview of the administrative and institutional challenges they face with regards to mainstreaming of religious seminaries in Pakistan.</p> <p>The final draft of the implementation plan will be submitted in April 2019. UNDP is now planning to organize a series of policy level and downstream activities to mainstream young people studying in religious seminaries in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa in line with the Government of Pakistan's National Action Plan (NAP), the National Internal Security Policy (NISP), the National Countering Violent Extremism Guidelines, and the recent announcement by the Government of Pakistan to mainstream religious seminaries in Pakistan through institutional reforms (registration and funding) and teaching of mainstream subjects to promote employability of Madrassah students.</p> <p>UNDP will build on the implementation plan produced following Provincial and National stakeholders' consultations for mainstreaming of Madrassah students in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Sindh to support the Government of Pakistan's future engagement with young people studying in religious seminaries. Specifically, UNDP plans to undertake downstream social and economic engagement work with Madrassah students in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa by providing livelihood and critical skills, organizing co-curricular activities, and promoting inter-madrassah and madrassah-university interaction.</p>
2.2	<p>Create pathways for the constructive engagement and social reintegration of young people in conflict with the law. In response to a request by the Home and Tribal Affairs Department, UNDP will provide livelihood skills trainings to 200 young people in conflict with the law (given access issues to prisons, it is likely that the youth will be on parole and/or probation at the time of the training). These trainings will be supplemented with psychosocial counselling sessions</p>	<p>Achievement to date: Programmed 20</p> <p>Progress Highlights: In 2018, UNDP conducted a research on the state of reintegration and rehabilitation interventions in Pakistan. This research has informed the development of a project intervention for the holistic social and economic reintegration of 100 young parolees in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa through the provision of livelihood skills, psychological counselling, and high-level advocacy for transformative reforms in prisons and parole systems.</p> <p>In June 2019, YEP will start working with 200 youthful offenders in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa to facilitate their social and economic rehabilitation and reintegration. The youthful offenders include 100 young inmates (aged 15 to 29 years) and 100 young people under parole and/or probation in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. YEP has designed a holistic integration programme for this vulnerable group of youth which includes market responsive skills trainings, psychological counselling and mentorship, possible job placement, and social</p>



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2.2	<p>to ensure their effective social and economic reintegration in society. UNDP, Home and Tribal Affairs Department, Y/H Plans Youth In conflict</p>	<p>and family reintegration after release from prison and/or during parole/probation.</p> <p>The RFP evaluation for the reintegration and rehabilitation of young people in jails and under parole/probation was concluded in June. Unfortunately, the proposals submitted did not meet the quality criteria of UNDP. The RFP will be re-advertised in July 2019 under a call for proposals to encourage key NGOs working in the sector to apply. UNDP will also qualitatively revise the ToRs to ensure maximum participation by relevant organizations.</p>
3.1	<p>Create opportunities for economic empowerment of youth in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa through innovative, sustainable and culturally sensitive interventions. Increasing skills of young entrepreneurs</p> <p>UNDP will provide digital skills trainings to at least 3,000 young men and women from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. The trainings, undertaken in collaboration with the KPITB and a reputable private sector partner, will benefit young women (at least half of the beneficiaries will be young women) who will be capacitated to initiate homebased business ventures in the online realm. This will help in breaking barriers to women's active participation in the economic domain, especially in the conservative parts of</p>	<p>Achievement to date: Programmed 1200</p> <p>Progress Highlights: Innovation will be the cornerstone of all Project interventions aimed at promoting youth led inclusive and sustainable economic growth in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa whereby the proposed Project will support young social entrepreneurs with ground breaking ideas to promote peace, tolerance, and social cohesion in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa in line with Goal 16 (just, peaceful, and inclusive societies) of the SDGs. In this regards the programme through groundwork identified the most appropriate partners in the Government, that have the mandate to train youth on technical skills to find gainful employment in the industry. The Programme signed an MoU with Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Information Technology Board for training of 1,200 youth in the highly demanded skills of the future such as cloud computing (Microsoft Azure and Amazon Web Services) and big data analytics. In this respect, a Request for Proposals was floated to encourage quality training firms to submit proposals to help conduct the training of youth in these highly demanded skills. The training activity includes identification of youth for the training, doing a training needs assessment, conducting the training, providing mentoring services and connecting youth with industry employers and offering placement in the industry. The 1,200 trained youth will also be able to offer their services through short freelancing assignments on renowned online platforms with the help of the training firm. The RFP is expected to be concluded in May 2019 to award the contract to the training firm. UNDP will also leverage its linkages with private sector entities in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa to generate employment opportunities promising young people who have excelled under the training component.</p> <p>The programme started the process of identification and contracting an ICT training partner that could help train 200 youth in the first phase on the highly demanded frontier technology IT skills which includes cloud</p>



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		<p>ly renowned Pakistani IT firm was selected to rollout the training programme across the province which will enable young men and women gain highly demanded skills of the future to work in the industry domestically as well as abroad. The training also includes handholding support and mentoring which will enable women gain skills to earn a living from the comfort of their homes.</p> <p>A kick off meeting with the ICT Training firm has been scheduled for early July. Once the activity kicks off officially, the partner will submit an inception report with plans for the rapid rollout of the training programme. Identification of youth for the training will begin soon after which will be a rigorous process to ensure that the right candidates are selected who could benefit the most from the training. The training on the ground will commence soon after with hand holding support and mentoring to be provided to the youth by the firm. A job fair will also be held at the end of training to help place youth in the industry.</p>
3.2	<p>Create a supply chain of social entrepreneurs through sustained engagement with talented youth in reputable higher educational institutes in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. UNDP will expand its partnership with academia in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa by exploring innovative pathways for students’ active involvement in the 2030 Agenda; for this purpose, a total of 100 SDG workshops will be organized in selected educational institutions of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa to promote innovative business solutions to resolve real life SDG challenges: a total of 5,000 young men and women are expected to participate in these SDG workshops. UNDP</p>	<p>Achievement to date: 20</p> <p>Progress Highlights: The programme organized a National SDG Bootcamp in Islamabad to support youth led social enterprises. Applications were invited from aspiring entrepreneurs with businesses ideas that had a social impact particularly achieving an SDG. The applications were analysed and a total of 20 applicants were shortlisted out of a total of 300. The shortlisted participants were then given a crash course of 5 days in various subjects to assist them in solidifying their business ideas into viable enterprises. The course covered topics like market research, business valuation, and pitching idea to investors etc. After the training course the start-ups were assisted to pitch their ideas in front of a panel of judges and the top 3 were awarded a cash prize. The winning social entrepreneur Ali Rehman Khan was awarded a grant of PKR50,000 to implement a project which uses</p>



Deaf Tawk, winners of National SDG Bootcamp, during one of the interactive sessions of the training camp



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3.2	will also provide funding for 50 promising projects.	<p>computing on two distinct platforms and data analytics leading to professional certification in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa in partnership with the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Information Technology Board. An international innovative nozzle to reduce water usage.</p> <p>The top prize winners were also nominated for a start-up summit organized by UNDP in Vietnam where they won top prize and have been invited to compete in Europe at a Global Social Enterprise platform. Following this successful event, UNDP plans to scale-up this initiative in 2019 by rolling out bootcamps for both youth with business ideas and those who have existing start-ups to support them in the scale-up process in collaboration with the Prime Minister's Office, HEC and relevant BIC. https://sdgbootcamp.pk/</p> <p>YEP has developed ToRs for a Call for Proposals to engage a long-term partner to help conduct the workshops across KP. The workshops will be held with the help of the firm to encourage youth to come forward and present their ideas to solve the most pressing challenges for development through using the social enterprise models. Due primarily to the high number of workshops to be conducted the long term engagement modality is being used.</p>

LESSONS LEARNED

1. Using an innovative dialogue format and encouraging the presence of media to observe youth dialogues with key stakeholders helped in ensuring power actors' more direct responses to the issues highlighted by youth.
2. Social media groups like, WhatsApp groups, SLACK are very good source to keep the young leaders connected with both; the organization and other young leaders. This tool not only served as a channel for routine communication among young leaders but also became a source of motivation.
3. The young leaders are willing to provide their volunteer services for their community; as they have volunteered in engaging youth through youth innovation challenge projects. They can be engaged in volunteer initiatives if they are provided with guidance/supervision
4. Onboarding strong partners has not only helped reaching the excluded and marginalized youth but has also contributed to incremental planning which will be beneficial for 2019

KEY CHALLENGES

- The capacity of government departments poses some limitations
- Lack of local data to contextualize district specific programming
- Political factors and Sensitivity around work with madrassas
- Social Entrepreneurship in Pakistan: The Road Less Traveled
- Lack of understanding of social impact frameworks by social ventures
- Extended monitoring & evaluation of all the beneficiaries
- The commitment of Employers/Partner Organizations for employment after training requires careful screening / selection of students. Also challenge to complete batch size
- Identification of multiple partner organizations for the trainings

KEY INITIATIVES FOR NEXT QUARTER

- First Federal level Project Review Board
- Supporting the launch of the National Youth Development Framework and facilitating development partner interaction with the Federal/Provincial Governments on the NYDF
- Finalizing key contracting processes for youth employment and youth engagement activities
- Launch the consolidated youth database for project monitoring and measuring youth perception
- Launch of the second round of the Youth Innovation Challenge in KP
- Launch agreements and training of trainers for critical skills component
- Initiation of new key contracts

ANNEX 1: BI-ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORTING

ESTIMATED BUDGET EXPENDITURE

PLANNED ACTIVITIES	TOTAL AVAILABLE BUDGET USD (A)	EXPENDITURES OCT 2018- 31 MAR 2019		
		DISBURSEMENTS USD (B)	SIGNED COMMITMENTS USD (C)	TOTAL USD (D=B+C)
Output 1: Future public policies in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa include substantive inputs from youth	263,857	15,840	-	15,840
Output 2: Vulnerable youth are provided with civic education and skills to facilitate their reintegration into an inclusive society.	145,846	10,586	-	10,586
Output 3: Youth's potential to contribute to inclusive and sustainable economic growth harnessed and catalyzed	245,655	37,210	4,304	41,514
Technical Assistance	191,989	14,400	-	14,400
General operating and other direct costs	77,888	4,491	-	4,491
Overheads The organization's indirect administrative costs related to the implementation of the project (GMS)	74,019	6,605	-	6,605
TOTAL USD	999,254	89,132	4,304	93,436
TOTAL NOK	8,540,620	761,811	36,783	798,594

Exchange rate: 1 USD = 8.547 NOK

UN Operational Rates of Exchange for the month of March 2019

ANNEX 2: COMMUNICATIONS AND VISIBILITY



NA to notify Young Parliamentarians Forum soon: Speaker

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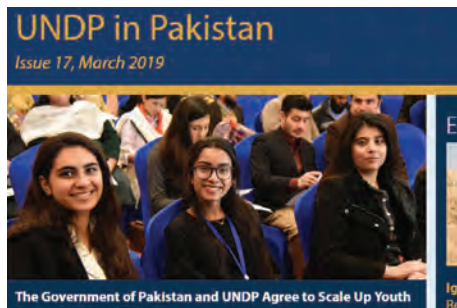
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The Government of Pakistan and the United Nations Development Programme agree to scale up youth empowerment initiatives

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Feb 20, 2019



Development Matters UNDP in Pakistan

UNDP's Newsletter

Mar 17, 2019



Sports for Inclusive Development of Youth With Disabilities

A Report



UNDP Pakistan and Kashf Foundation partner to train and mentor 8,000 youth on entrepreneurship

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Jan 09, 2019



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ANNEX 3: HUMAN INTEREST STORIES

EMPOWERMENT AND INCLUSION OF YOUNG GIRLS AND WOMEN WITH DISABILITIES

Women who are disabled and economically weak face a three-part discrimination; being women, being disabled and then coming from lower economic strata of the society. Ms. Afshan Afridi a Disable Women has began an initiative whereby she is giving different awareness sessions, seminars and conferences on the issue of Women with disabilities and drawing possible solutions from these interactive sessions. Afshan on Women's Day on the 8th March 2019 arranged a program in collaboration with Toyota Khyber, UNDP, ARPD of KPK and 4 Wheelers. As part of the program E-Qurans were distributed to visually impaired girls.

She participated in a Book Workshop on disability, sexuality and gender in Asia at Katmandu Nepal from the 21st till the 22nd of March 2019. The National Association of the Physically Disabled in Nepal, the Norwegian center for human rights (NCHR) University of Oslo (Faculty of Law) and Wuhan East Lake Institute for Social Advancement China organized this event.

Afshan has already when working on legislation, advocacy and awareness but the 5-Day training on leadership has helped her develop a plan whereby she is now networking on a higher level with Government Officials and Politicians to be able to make a greater impact.

This initiative has left an impact and whilst there was no facility for disabled individuals at first today the KPK Assembly Jirga Hall has installed a ramp for wheelchairs, this has been done on the orders of the Deputy Speaker KPK Assembly. Which has highlighted the need to facilitate Disabled Individuals and all other Officials of different departments have taken notice.

"Afshan hasn't let her disability come in the way and she's encouraging us in the same way, we can't see but we can hear, and the E-Quran is an encouragement for us to never stop growing and learning."
(Participant of the ceremony)

