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## GLOF II PAKISTAN

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## 1. Introduction

The objective of the progress report of GLOF-II project is to inform and seek guidance and support from the Implementing Partner, provincial line departments and other stakeholders including UNDP management regarding achievements, pace of work, action plans and bottlenecks and constraints arising during the implementation process. The report covers the period from 1<sup>st</sup> September to 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2019.

## 2. Progress update

### a. *Activities and Events*

- *Community mobilization*

Community mobilization and sensitization event was organized in **Utror Valley of Kalam**, Swat on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019. More than 50 community members, Government Officials and children participated in the event. Over 500 plants were planted by community members as contribution to the Government's clean and green campaign. Community suggested project staff to distribute the horticultural/fruit plants in the community, which will be beneficial in terms of livelihood, income generation and beautification of the area.



Plantation Activity and community mobilization, Utror, SWAT

Community awareness raising session was held at **Badsawat in Immit Ishkoman area of Ghizer district** on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2019 where communities faced a GLOF event in 2018. Details about the project goals objectives and activities were shared. Additional Chief Secretary and Director General GBDMA gave insight about the



Community awareness raising session, Badsawat Ghizer

project and shared importance of the project for the communities of Gilgit Baltistan. ACS emphasized on the importance of interventions regarding GLOFs for the people of GB. Communities shared their experiences about GLOF and gave overview of the current situation of the area. Many people were displaced as a result of the disaster from Badsawat glacier. The community emphasized the importance of early warning systems as a good solution to increase response time in case of any disaster.

- *HVRA Studies, Ground Truthing and Monitoring*

A team of officers from GB Government and GLOF-II GB, headed by the Additional CS GB and DG GBDMA conducted monitoring of the ground truthing exercise in **Ghizer district** from 6<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> September 2019. Line departments from GB completed ground truthing survey of 4 valleys.



Ground truthing and monitoring, Ghizer

The team of P&DD, DDMA, UNDP, Water Management Department and Forest Department GB conducted Ground Truthing exercises in Lunkha, Khaplu Nallah and Kurkundus in Ghanche district where the team of PMD visited Lunkha and Khaplu; Kurkundus will be assessed in the up-coming visit of PMD.



Ground truthing and monitoring, Ghizer

Multi-disciplinary teams have completed the assessment/ground-truthing of the valleys in 3 targeted districts of KP. Reports are shared with P&DD KP for review and inputs. GIS maps have been developed by incorporating the inputs and proposed sites for activities to be implemented by concerned line departments of KP.

PMD has completed the assessment of vulnerable valleys in KP and GB, as per the list shared by provincial Governments. PMD is ready to present its findings during the next PSC meeting. List of additional valleys for review has been requested by GBDMA, which has been shared with PMD for assessment through an official letter.



Ground truthing and monitoring, Ghanche

In KP, HVRA activity was completed for the 3 targeted districts by Centre for Disaster Preparedness and Management (CDPM) of the University of Peshawar. Draft report will be shared with PDMA and P&DD KP by end of October 2019.

- *“Adopt a Tree” campaign*

“Adopt a Tree” campaign was inaugurated at Anchan campus of University of Baltistan on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2019. Shakir Shamim, Treasurer UoBS welcomed the honorable guests.

Waseem Ullah Jan, Registrar, UoBS thanked and pledged their full cooperation to GLOF II project. Mr. Iqbal Hassan, Minister for Planning and Development GB addressed the gathering and emphasized the importance of plantation and discussed the role of afforestation for protection of glaciers in Karakorum Range.



Adopt a Tree campaign launch, University of Baltistan

As part of Adopt a Tree inauguration ceremony, Mr. Amanullah Khan Assistant Resident Representative UNDP Pakistan, took oath from the students of UoBS for their pledge to be a part of Adopt a Tree campaign and to share the same idea with their families and friends which was duly signed by the students and handed over to GLOF II team. Based on the pledge the GLOF II team created Adopt a Tree WhatsApp group of UoBS students for future monitoring and coordination.



Adopt a Tree launch at Skardu

At the end of the programme, the honorable Chief Guest Senior Minister Gilgit Baltistan, Haji Akbar Taban thanked UoBS and GLOF II project for their joint venture for the development of Baltistan region. He also emphasized the students to give due priority for the best cause of Adopt A Tree campaign and assured UoBS and GLOF II their full support from the Government of GB.

As a part of Adopt A Tree campaign the honorable dignitaries visited Hussainabad Campus of UoBS where the dignitaries were divided into four different quadrants (Skardu, Ghanche, Shigir & Kharmang) headed by Mr. Taban, planted in their specified quadrants where the students of different departments adopted trees and helped the dignitaries in plantation process. The main objectives of these activities were to create awareness among communities about the importance of plantations as trees not only protect the environment from different pollutants and natural disasters but also combat climate change.

- *National Disaster Management Day Celebrations*

The disaster management day was celebrated by UNDP GLOF II Field Office Skardu in collaboration with GBDMA, P&DD, DDMA and Degree College Skardu with the aim to raise awareness of students regarding the impacts of 2005 Earthquake and its damages. Students were briefed on the importance of National Disaster Management Day and their preparedness to cater for any catastrophic situation. The



National Disaster Mangement Day, Skardu

The programme started with the evacuation drill from classes to the assembly area of the college. The aims and objective of the project and its importance to the area were elaborated. The Senior Minister and the Chief Guest of the event Mr. Haji Akbar Taban discussed the history of 8<sup>th</sup> October 2005 and its impact on the human settlements, lives and infrastructures.

GLOF-II Project arranged an awareness session on International Disaster Day on October 13, 2019 in the **Arkari Valley in Chitral**. More than 300 Local community members participated in the event. Discussions were held on increasing risk of natural hazards and disasters. Role of community and GLOF-II project support in adaptation to the potential disasters in the region, particularly GLOFs were also discussed.



International Disaster Day - 13 October 2019 ,Arkari,

Participants and District administration also appreciated GLOF-II project initiatives and assured all possible support to make the project successful.

- *Glacier Grafting*

'Glacier Grafting' or 'Glacier Farming' is an old, established indigenous technology, to address water scarcity at local level. UoBS being the institution of learning, research and development in Baltistan planned and carried out a pilot project titled "Indigenous Technology of Glacier Grafting: Documentation and Preservation Project" of a 24



Glacier Grafting launch, Kwardu, Skardu

years ago community grafted glacier in **Machulo Gangchhe**. A detailed documentary on glacier grafting prepared by Mr. Liaqat Balti was recently launched that covered the success stories and process of glacier grafting at six sites from Haramosh Gilgit to Kondos end of Baltistan.

Mr. Khadim Hussain, Chairman Grace Foundation from Kuwardo contacted UoBS for glacier grafting in Kuwardo Nullah for a possible partnership. The local community was willing to provide free of cost labor for porters and transportation of ice masses or other required materials at an altitude of about 4,000 meter and above. GLOF-II Project under the activity of documentation and replication of the indigenous knowledge was identified and contacted by the university and local community.



Glacier Grafting launch ceremony, Kuwardo,

Kuwardo is a Union Council with 16 villages each with 40 to 50 households and around 15,000 population. There are two Nullahs (streams) in Kuwardo as the source of snow melted water flow during summer. Nullah-1 is called Nagbroq and is the main source that has small natural spring as the only source for irrigation and drinking water. Upper and lower 8 villages depend on this nullah. Nullah-2 is called Handolongma which is a water source

for another 8 villages. Due to very limited water source, huge areas are barren making water availability for irrigation and drinking difficult. When there is lesser snow in winter these 8 villages suffer drought conditions. If enough water becomes available in Handolongma, over 500 households would benefit from this initiative.

Around 100+ youth participated in the project to transport ice masses and other materials to the selected site. This small initiative with long term impact will improve water supply, agriculture development and balancing the local climate. Activities carried out for the process are as follows:

- Conducted orientation and training of community participants for site selection, and to identify ice-well diggers, drivers and porters for transportation of ice masses from 4 different glacier sites (2 male, 2 female glaciers) and other materials.
- Site Selection Team (5 to 8 persons) trekked for two days expedition to prepare for ice-well on 29th and 30th September 2019.
- Ice-well digging and construction was done by 8 to 10 persons for 3 days on the top of the glacier.
- 6 jeeps set off to designated glacier sites for loading glacier bulk on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2019 and returned on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2019.
- Baskets were prepared for collection of other materials

- Major party set off with ice masses early in the morning around 4:30, arriving at the site at 10 am for ice planting and returned in the evening.
- Media coverage and documentation of whole process in form of videography/ photography, was done by UoBS. The Principal Investigator (PI) of Pilot Project on Glacier Grafting, Dr. Zakir Hussain Zakir (Director Academics) of Baltistan University, led the process as Project Coordinator with logistics support from GLOF II and communities.

The main event of Glacier Grafting was organized on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2019 near Grace Foundation School, Mantazirabad Kuwardo. The event was graced by Mr. Iqbal Hassan, Minister Planning and Development GB as Chief Guest and other dignitaries included Additional Chief Secretary Development GB, Secretary Works GB, Chief Conservator Forest Wildlife and Parks GB, Conservator Forest Wildlife and Parks Baltistan, Assistant Resident Representative UNDP, Technical Specialist UNDP, DG Rescue 1122 KPK, Director MET, PMD KPK, GLOF II Team of GB, KP and Islamabad and the team of P&DD GB.



Mr. Iqbal Hassan, Minister P&D

The event started with the recitation of some verses from Holy Quran by the student followed by Naat e Rasool (P.B.U.H) Maqbool and welcome address from Khadim Hussain, founder and CEO of Grace Foundation.

Assistant Resident Representative UNDP Mr. Amanullah Khan highlighted the impact of climate change and the drought situation in Kuwardo and discussed that the local indigenous knowledge needs to be documented and shared for scientific studies and researches so that the impact of climate change may be addressed appropriately.



Students and communities for Glacier Grafting

Furthermore, Mr. Abduvakkos Abdurahmanov, Technical Specialist UNDP, appreciated and encouraged the partnership of UoBS and community of Kuwardo. Another segment of the event was female education and inclusion of females in mainstream development agenda which was highlighted by a school student in her speech, where female education was declared as the change agent in the community of Kuwardo as the community is facing shortage of education facilities.



The additional Chief Secretary GB, Syed Abrar Hussain highlighted the key points from the speech of the student and assured them to provide the community Girls High School after consultation with the Chief Secretary GB. The event ended with the vote of thanks by a local school teacher, Dilawar Hussain.



Mr. Syed Abrar Hussain, ACS GB

Three activities were launched simultaneously:

- Clean-up Campaign from the Women Organization of Kuwardo and almost 300 women participated this event and cleaned the 2 Mohallas of Kuwardo community which catered for almost 400 households. The UNDP GLOF II Project provided dustbins and other hygiene items like masks, gloves, recyclable bags and hand washes. Furthermore, the same will be sustained with the help of WOs by providing small support from GLOF II on the request of members of WOs.
- Under the Glacier Grafting Ice Masses were transported to the identified Glacier Grafting location with the help of above mentioned 100 volunteers from community on 11th October, 2019 and the same was grafted at the identified place following all the cordial formalities. For the said activity all the logistics and other facilitations were provided by the GLOF II as per the plan shared.
- Third event, Adopt A Tree campaign was inaugurated by the dignitaries and planted 16 plants which were adopted by the female students of Grace Foundation School and volunteers of WAFA Foundation Kuwardo.

- *Skardu GLOF II Office Inauguration*

Minister Planning and development Mr. Iqbal Hassan inaugurated field office Skardu. ACS, Syed Abrar Hussain, Secretary P&DD GB, Khadim Hussain Saleem, Secretary Works GB, Syed Akhtar Rizvi, Secretary Education GB, Farid Ahmad, DG GBDMA and Chief Economist P&DD, Muhammad Baqir, Amanullah Khan, Assistant Resident Representative, UNDP Pakistan, Abduvakkos Abdurahmanov, Technical Specialist, UNDP, DG 1122 KP and Representative of MET Department KP attended the event. Provincial Project Coordinator UNDP GLOF II GB briefed the Minister regarding operations and thanked P&DD for their support for establishment of GLOF II Skardu Field Office.



Mr. Iqbal Hassan, Minister P&D GB inaugurating Skardu office

- *Chitral GLOF II Office Set-up*

GLOF-II Project Chitral office repair and maintenance work was initiated based on UNDSS security assessment report. Office furniture is procured and delivered to Chitral. Security measures were taken complying to the recommendations by UNDSS.

- *Journalist Exposure visit*

Under environment and climate change unit of UNDP, a journalist exposure visit was conducted to Chitral from 18-22<sup>nd</sup> October where over 15 journalists from KP were given awareness training on issues of climate change and disaster risk reduction, including GLOF II interventions and taken to GLOF I and potential GLOF II project sites for exposure to the needs of the local populations. Community members also participated in the training and awareness raising sessions on Day 1.

### ***b. Recruitment of staff***

In September, 2019, the Ministry of Climate Change (Implementing Partner) initiated review of the implementation arrangements, for which a technical team from MoCC and UNDP was appointed. Hence, recruitments in progress and new recruitments were on hold, pending decision by parties on implementation arrangements. Status of recruitments for the positions under the project is as follows:

- Administration and Finance Officer (AFO), M&E Assistants (KP and GB): written assessments finalized, and process ready for interviews.
- 8 positions of drivers and 5 positions of office assistants was advertised on UNDP portal against which applications have been received.
- Following resignation of the National Project Manager in September, UNDP has not advertised the position pending decision on implementation arrangements.

### ***c. Procurement of goods and services***

- *Procurement of DERC equipment*

Procurement of Emergency Response Cell equipment for the 15 target districts is finalized and purchase orders issued to 4 vendors for delivery of equipment to the agreed sites. Sample of each item is retained at Provincial Disaster Management Authorities (KP and GB) for quality assurance. Supplies of equipment to the provinces will be completed by end of November 2019.

Governments of KP and GB have requested equipment, beyond amounts approved in AWP 2019. The project budget has provision for more funding in future years. No objection will be obtained from GCF and Project Steering Committee (PSC) to reallocate funds into current year, so that remaining amounts can be procured.



Samples of the Rescue and Relief Items retained at Warehouse.

- *Procurement of vehicles*

Request for issuing prior permission for procurement of project vehicles has not yet been approved by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. As an interim arrangement UNDP has agreed to use existing vehicles on loan basis till the time new vehicles are procured. A total of 7 vehicles are being transferred to the project offices; two to PMU Islamabad, two vehicles for KP (PIU and FO) and three to GB (PIU and FO).

- *Procurement of consultancy services*

Bids against First batch of consultancies have been received, pending evaluation by bid evaluation panels, including:

- Consultancy for a National Technical Expert (NTE) Climate Change for GLOF-II project
- Gender Mainstreaming Consultant to review, update and scrutinize Gender Strategy and formulate Gender Action Plan for GLOF-II
- Consultancy for development of Environmental and Social Safeguards policies and procedures for GLOF-II project and mainstreaming those into project activities
- Preparation of Website for GLOF-II project, UNDP
- Knowledge, Aptitude and Practices (KAP) Studies as well as documenting local/indigenous knowledge for 15 districts in KP and GB
- Stakeholders' Needs and Capacity Assessments at Federal, Provincial, District and Community Levels
- Preparation of Pre-Implementation Documentary on Impacts of climate change and GLOFs under the GLOF-II project

TORs, IC notices and RFPs for second batch of consultancy services have been approved by MoCC and after internal review all four consultancies were advertised on UNDP procurement portal, including:

- Safeguards Specialist (1 consultant)
- Conduct bio-engineering feasibility studies (KP-1 consultant)

- Conduct bio-engineering feasibility studies (GB-1 consultant)
- Conduct forestry surveys of project sites (forest, rangelands, biodiversity) (Firm with 4 consultants)

TORs, IC notices and RFPs for third batch of consultancy services have been submitted to MoCC after incorporating comments from MoCC and Global Change Impact Studies Centre (GCISC) and submitted for approval to MoCC, including:

- Study and explore significant glaciers for ecotourism (1 expert)
  - Climate Change Adaptation Action Plans (3 experts)
  - Glaciologist (1)
  - Climatologist/meteorologist (1)
  - Agriculture expert (1)
  - Development of digital Library and Knowledge Repository
- *Letters of Agreements with KP and GB Governments*

Under the signed LoA, 1st tranche of agreed amount has been transferred to P&DD KP account at Bank of Khyber, KP. Responsible parties have also requested P&DD KP for release of funds for efficient and effective implementation of the activities. First tranche of funds released to line departments (PDMA and OFWM) from P&DD KP. EPA has yet to open the bank account as NOC from Finance Department is still in progress.

Account has been opened for GB government and 1<sup>st</sup> tranche of funds transferred. Project account has also been opened for GBDMA.

### **3. Official/working meetings**

#### ***a. Technical Meetings between MoCC and UNDP on implementation progress and modalities***

In September 2019, the Ministry of Climate Change (Implementing Partner) initiated review of the implementation arrangements and progress, for which a technical team from MoCC and UNDP was appointed. Four meetings of the technical team were held, and proposals were submitted to the Ministry of Climate Change on a way forward on 23 September 2019. The proposals covered services which are currently being provided by UNDP, namely Human Resources Services, Financial Support Services, Procurement of goods and services, Administration and Logistics Services. Given contractual implications beyond the duration of the current LoA signed between MoCC and UNDP, representatives of MoCC requested that all recruitments and procurements be temporarily put on hold, pending decision by parties on implementation arrangements.

At the request of Secretary, MoCC plan for expediting project implementation until the end of 2019 was shared with the Ministry.

***b. GLOF-II presentation to the Senate Standing Committee on Climate Change***

On 30 September 2019, at the invitation of MoCC, GLOF-II project representative delivered a presentation on GLOF-II project progress to the Senate Standing Committee on Climate Change. GLOF-II Project representative briefed the members regarding the ongoing, completed and planned activities for the last quarter. Presentation of the project activities were followed by the questions and answer session.

***c. Meeting with Pakistan Metrological Department (PMD)***

Meeting between UNDP and PMD staff was held on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2019. The sides exchanged views on the completion of the initial assessments of vulnerable valleys by PMD and its status. On behalf of GBDMA, UNDP also requested PMD to conduct assessments of additional valleys, which was shared with PMD during the meeting. UNDP also inquired about the status of the LoA between UNDP and PMD, and the team was assured that the approval is expected shortly for which PMD will follow-up with the competent authority.

***d. Meetings with Provincial Stakeholders***

- *Meeting with DC Ghizer and Line departments*

GLOF II Gilgit staff and P&DD Team headed by the Additional Chief Secretary Gilgit Baltistan had a detailed meeting with Deputy commissioner Ghizer and Relevant stakeholders in district Ghizer. Briefing was given on project goals and objectives, and roles and responsibilities of different stakeholders were discussed. AWP for the year 2019 was also discussed along with



Meeting with DC Ghizer and line departments

updated progress on the project activities. Deputy commissioner Ghizer Mr. Dildar Ahmed Malik stressed the need of inclusion of additional sites in PMD assessment as the hazard scenario of the district has significantly changed during last year. ACS Gilgit Baltistan directed GBDMA to send a letter to project for including additional sites as recommended by DDMAAs.

- *Meeting with Commissioner Baltistan Division*

On 13th September , 2019 the GLOF team met the Commissioner Baltistan Division and briefed him on the intervention of GLOF II in Baltistan and on the assessment conducted by the PMD in different valleys of Kharmang and Ghanche. Request for the 1st Divisional level coordination meeting was put forth and the Commissioner proposed 25th September, 2019 as suitable date for coordination meeting and direct the AD GBDMA (Focal Person from GBDMA) to provide full support to the project, and execute project activities so that the vulnerability of the community of Baltistan may be reduced.

- *Meeting with DFO, Wildlife and Parks Baltistan*

Field Officer GLOF II Baltistan and Admin & Finance Assistant Skardu met with DFO Wildlife and Parks Baltistan to discuss the upcoming Adopt a Tree Campaign during the visit of UNDP Mission for inauguration of GLOF II Project Field Office Skardu. It was decided that initial plantation during mission visit at University of Baltistan Skardu will be conducted with extended plantation done in the planting season 2020. Conservator Forest Baltistan showed his full support in this regard.

- *Meeting with University of Baltistan and Wafa Foundation*

Meeting with the University of Baltistan was conducted to finalize the activities of 9th and 10th October, 2019 and Adopt a Tree campaign, plantation and glacier grafting activities were finalized. It was discussed that a team of BoUS with selected community members will be visiting Kuwardo Broq for selection of site for glacier grafting and the entire activity will be documented by the technical person of UoBS and the final documentary will be shared with all stakeholders.



Meeting with UoBS and Wafa Foundation

It was decided that Wafa Foundation will organize the event of glacier grafting and UoBS and UNDP will assist them in all aspects.

- *Divisional Coordination Meeting – Baltistan Division, GB*

Divisional Coordination Meeting was held on 11<sup>th</sup> October, 2019 at 11:00 hours at commissioner office conference hall under the chairmanship of Commissioner Baltistan Division. The meeting discussed roles and responsibilities of provincial line departments



Divisional Coordination Meeting

in execution of project interventions (P/DDMAs, Forest Department, Agriculture Department, etc.) and coordination (P&DD). It was also discussed, that Commissioner's office will ensure proper coordination at Division level to overcome gaps in effective implementation of activities.

#### ***e. Meetings with communities***

- *Coordination Meeting with the Community of Kuwardo and University of Baltistan Skardu*

Series of community mobilization and coordination meetings were held in September in GB. First meeting took place on 7th September, 2019 with the Director Academics UoBS, Skardu and discussed the intervention of UNDP GLOF-II Project in Baltistan Division and Astore for areas of possible collaboration.



Coordination Meeting with community, Kuwardo

It was decided that the UoBS will provide all possible support to the GLOF II project and in collaboration with Wafa Foundation Kuwardo, will initiate project of Glacier Grafting in Kuwardo village. Mobilization meeting was arranged with the community of Kuwardo on 29th September 2019 and 7<sup>th</sup> October to discuss and finalize the Glacier Grafting, Adopt a Tree and Cleanup Campaign from the Females of Kuwardo Village



#### **4. Monitoring and Evaluation**

- *Non-completion of baseline assessments*

UNDP entered into a Funded Activity Agreement (FAA) with GCF for the GLOF-II project in May, 2017, and the FAA has become effective in July, 2017. Under the FAA, the project was due to submit an "Inception Report (including assessment of baselines), within six (6) months after the Effective Date", i.e by January, 2018. Since the project was approved by ECNEC in February, 2018 and first disbursement issued by GCF to UNDP only in April, 2018, submission of the Inception Report and the baselines was set to 31 December, 2018.

The GLOF-II project conducted its Inception Workshop in July, 2018 and submitted its Inception Report as planned to GCF in December, 2018. However, the report did not

contain baseline assessments as those could not be initiated and completed as planned. Procurement processes were initiated but could not be completed due to review of project implementation arrangements initiated by Ministry of Climate Change between October 2018 – March 2019.

GCF noted this non-compliance during its review of the Inception Report and Annual Project Report. Since activities could only be resumed at the end of March, 2019, UNDP communicated to GCF the dates of completion of baseline assessments as October, 2019. As of the time of submission of this progress report, baseline assessments will not be completed as reported to GCF, as consultancies for carrying out the assessments have not been contracted out. The following needs to be urgently submitted to GCF, with the consent of the Project Steering Committee:

- A formal request for extension of timelines for submission of baseline assessments
- A formal request for extension of project implementation timelines, to compensate for current and past delays in project implementation
- *Preparation of Agenda and Working Paper for 4th Project Steering Committee*

After receiving the formal notification from MoCC for the 4<sup>th</sup> PSC meeting, PMU prepared the working paper, proposed agenda and submitted to MoCC for approval. However, due to unforeseen circumstances the 4th PSC meeting was postponed till further notice and all PSC members were informed accordingly.

- *Data management and scanning of all files*

PMU team has developed a file tracking sheet to track and maintain all files and communication between UNDP and project stakeholders. In addition, all files including file notes and annexed documents are scanned for record keeping as hard and soft copies. Team reviewed, updated and organized GLOF-II Project Documentation Master Sheet in chronological order.

## **5. Challenges and support needed**

1. Procurement of goods and services
  - a. Batch 1: Evaluation of technical proposals of ICs and RFPs received against the advertised 7 consultancies has been pending. The new dates for the bid evaluation have been set to 11 November, 2019.
  - b. Batch 2: Following approval of MoCC, it has been advertised. Panel will be established, and evaluation of bids will be held in November.
  - c. Batch 3: Approval of TORs is awaited from MoCC.
2. Discussions between UNDP and MOCC on implementation modalities need to be finalized so that full-scale implementation can be resumed.



## **6. Future Plans**

1. Complete discussions between UNDP and MoCC on proposed changes in implementation arrangements.
2. Proposed list of project valleys will be finalized, based on ground truthing and assessments by multi-disciplinary provincial teams and submitted to PSC for approval.
3. Initial feasibility assessments for installation of EWS and ground truthing of glaciers and lakes by PMD is completed and report will be shared by PMD by end of October.
4. Initiate work on community mobilization and formation of CBDRM Committees.
5. Finalize the Communications Strategy and Action Plan
6. Finalize the trainings plan, awareness raising plan and initiate trainings and awareness sessions for stakeholders.
7. Complete the remaining recruitments and operationalize the project offices;
8. Complete the procurement process for the first and second batch of consultancies;
9. Get approvals of the third batch of consultancies and initiate the procurement process.
10. Get approval of work plan for MoCC's component and request MoCC to initiate implementation.