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QUARTERLY TECHNICAL PROGRESS REPORT

IMPROVEMENT OF CKNP MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AS MODEL OF MOUNTAIN ECOSYSTEMS IN NORTHERN PAKISTAN APRIL - JULY 2018



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3. LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

CKNP	Central Karakorum National Park
DNP	Deosai National Park
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
GBFWED	Gilgit-Baltistan Forest, Wildlife and Environment Department
GB	Gilgit-Baltistan
IUCN	International Union for Conservation of Nature
KIU	Karakorum International University
LPGA	Local Project Advisory Group
UNDP	United National Development Programme
WWF	World Wide Fund for Nature

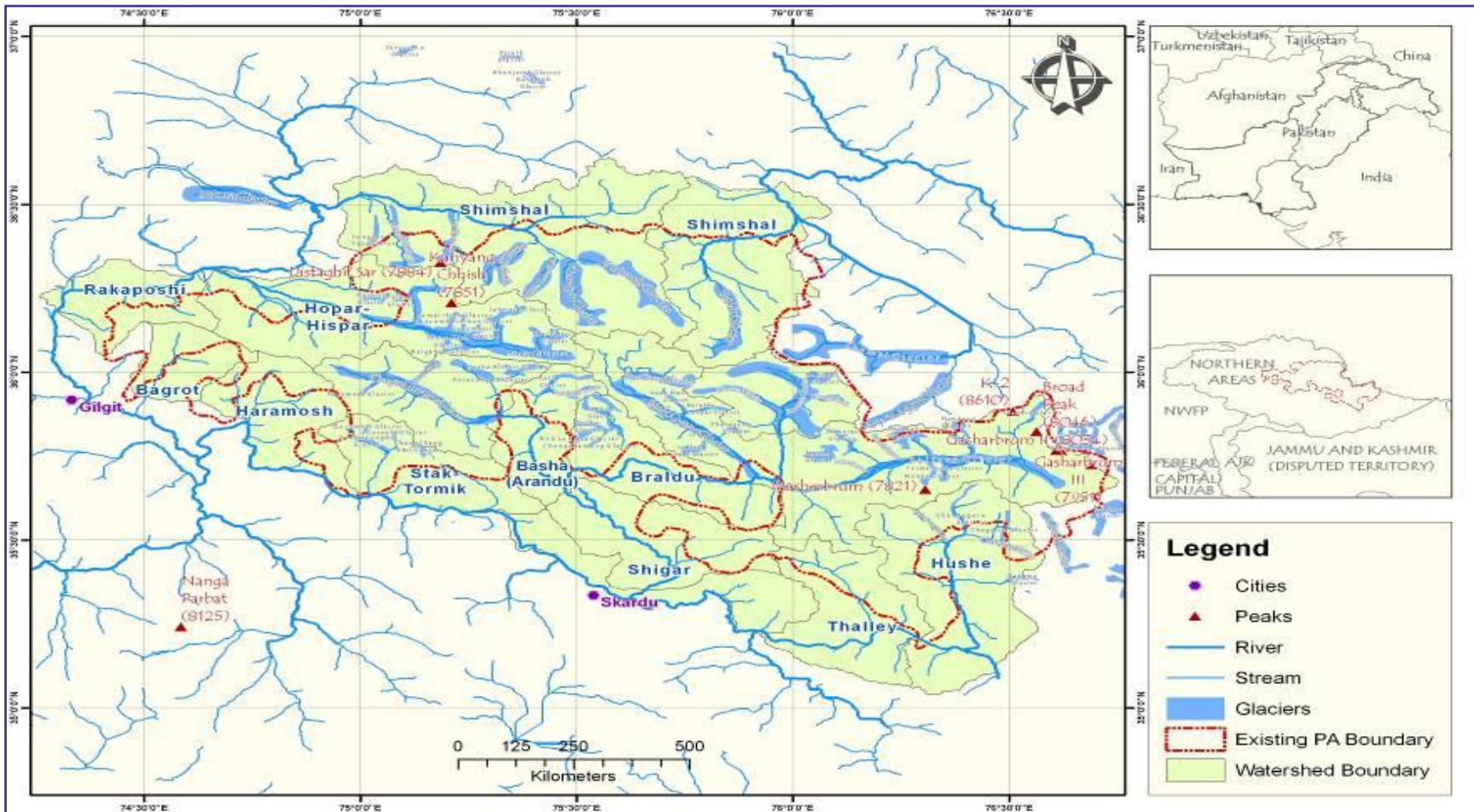
4. PROJECT SUMMARY:

Project Name:	Improvement of CKNP Management system as model of mountain ecosystems in Northern Pakistan
Funded by:	UNDP-Pakistan
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5. REPORTING CONTEXT:

The present report gives a brief account of the progress of UNDP-Pakistan funded CKNP/DNP project during April – July 26, 2018. It also elaborates on some constraints faced and strategies adopted by the project team.

6. LOCATION MAP OF CENTRAL KARAKURAM NATIONAL PARK



7. Progress against Deliverables (Pre Project Inception)

Develop a detailed Implementation strategy

Detailed implementation strategy covering the result and resource based framework, detailed work plan for both phase-I and II, monitoring plan, communication strategy etc was develop in consultation with UNDP project team in April and May 2016. (Annex-1)

Hiring of Project Staff and Consultants

To implement the project in field, the following staff and consultants have been hired through proper channel by following the WWF-Pakistan's HR policy.

Staff:

1. Senior Natural Resources Management Expert
2. Project Coordinator
3. Monitoring & Evaluation Officer

Consultants:

4. Social Mobilization
5. Climate Change Adaptation Specialist
6. Livelihood Development Specialist
7. Agri-water Management Specialist

Develop Village/Valley profile and tentative list of village/valley wise intervention

The detail demographics of the villages/valleys was developed for the selected villages/valleys of the project areas and the tentative list of interventions to be carried out in the villages has been developed in collaboration with the other stakeholders. (Annex 2 & 3)

Project Inception Workshop

Activity Result 3.0: Project communities mobilized for implementation and ownership for project interventions developed

3.0 (a) Organize the Inception Workshop and form local level project advisory group (LPAG)

Project Inception workshop was organized by UNDP in collaboration with WWF-Pakistan, EvK2CNR on 16th May, 2018 and the project was formally started. The main objectives of the inception workshop were to understand and take ownership of the project's goals and objectives, and to exercise opportunities, issues so that the practicable measures related to the protected areas conservation and management be recommended.



The second sub-activity under this activity result was to develop ToRs (Annex-4) for the LPAG and get it notified by Secretary Forest, Wildlife and Environment Department of Government of Gilgit-Baltistan. ToRs have been developed and WWF-Pakistan, Regional Office Gilgit-Baltistan has been selected as secretariat for the LPAG in Phase-I of the project.

To notify the Local Project Advisory Group, a letter has been initiated with draft notification to Secretary, Forest, Wildlife and Environment Department Gilgit-Baltistan. On the verbal instructions of the Secretary first LPAG meeting was organized on July 9, 2018 at WWF-Pakistan, Regional office Gilgit-Baltistan.

The meeting was chaired by Mr. Yaqub Ali Khan, Conservator, Parks & Wildlife Department, Gilgit-Baltistan. Participants from Karakorum International University, Baltistan University, Agriculture, Livestock, Environmental Protection Agency, EV-K2-CNR, Tourism and CKNP attended the meeting. For details please see the minutes of the meeting (Annex-5)

3.0 (b): Organize mobilization meetings (in coordination with EvK2CNR and UNDP) for the selection of villages/sites neighboring CKNP and DNP and sign ToPs for the implementation and ownership of project interventions

Initial meeting for the mobilizing communities have been conduct throughout the project areas and most of the communities have been through resolutions (Annex-6), have assured of collaboration, taking ownership, sustainability of the project activities. ToPs (Annex-7) have also been signed with majority of the communities for the joint implementation of project interventions.



Outcomes of the Mobilization meeting:

The communities have welcomed the participatory implementation approach of the project. After successful dialogues, the community organizations through resolutions have assured the cooperation, coordination and collaboration with the project team (WWF, UNDP, CKNP, EV-K2-CNR, Wildlife Department and other relevant partners in implementation of CKNP project.

Activity Result 3.1: Assessment Report on impacts of climate change on biodiversity and livelihoods

Activity Result 3.2: Current and alternative income options for local communities assessed

Activity Result 3.3: Report on indoor air pollution and associated environmental, climate and health implications of woodfire

Action 3.4(a): Conduct feasibility study for selection of 10 sites/villages for agricultural water management interventions

Literature has been reviewed for developing questionnaires related activity result 3.1, 3.2, 3.3 and 3.4 (a) and questionnaires (Annex-8) have been developed to conduct the below studies.

- 1) Impact of climate change on biodiversity and livelihoods
- 2) Current and alternative income generation
- 3) Indoor air pollution and associated environmental climate and health implication of wood fire.

The teams lead by the Climate change, livelihood and NRM Expert, Project Coordinator and research students from Karakoram International University and universities have been engaged to collect relevant data both from the field and through questionnaire based surveys from the selected villages/valleys around CKNP and DNP.

8. Quarterly Work plan

Work plan for the 3rd quarter (Annex-9) as per the approved RRF has been developed by the project team and shared with the National Project Manager of UNDP. The activities mentioned will be covered between July-September 2018.

9. Annexes

- 1. Inception Workshop Report**
- 2. Village Profiling**
- 3. Village Wise List of Interventions**
- 4. ToRs of LPAG**
- 5. Minutes of LPAG Meeting**
- 6. Community Resolutions**
- 7. ToPs**
- 8. Survey Questionnaire**
- 9. 3rd quarter work plan**