



[Expanded Fund Window (EFW)]

**ANNUAL PROGRAMME<sup>1</sup> NARRATIVE PROGRESS REPORT**

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<p><b>Programme No:</b> 00070809 <b>MDTF Office Atlas No:</b> <b>Programme Title:</b> Joint Programme on Environment - JP Component-4 Sustainable Urbanization</p>	<p><b>Participating Organization(s):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• UN HABITAT</li><li>• UNHCR</li><li>• UNDP</li></ul>

<sup>1</sup> The term “programme” is used for programmes, joint programmes and projects.

<sup>2</sup> E.g. Priority Area for the Peacebuilding Fund; Thematic Window for the Millennium Development Goals Fund (MDG-F); etc.

<p><b>Implementing Partners:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ministry of Environment</li> <li>• Local Government</li> <li>• Housing &amp; Planning Commission</li> <li>• Provincial Authorities</li> <li>• Municipal authorities</li> <li>• Academic sector</li> <li>• Pakistan Census Organization</li> <li>• Statistics Division</li> <li>• National Institute of Population Studies</li> </ul>	<p><b>Programme Budget (from the Fund): EFW 1st Tranche (USD 160,000 to JPC-4)</b>  <i>For Joint Programme provide breakdown by UN Organization</i></p> <p>UN HABITAT: USD 100,000  UNDP: USD 40,000  UNHCR: USD 20,000</p>
<p><b>Programme Duration (in months): 36</b>  <u>Start date</u><sup>3</sup>: December 2009  <u>End date</u>: December 2010</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Original end date: December 2009</i></li> <li>• <i>Revised end date, if applicable</i></li> </ul> <p><i>Programme Activity started in January 2010, in progress</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Operational Closure Date</i><sup>4</sup>, <i>if applicable:</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Budget Revisions/Extensions:</b>  <i>List budget revisions and extensions, with approval dates, if applicable</i></p>	

<sup>3</sup> The start date is the date of the first transfer of funds from the MDTF Office as Administrative Agent.

<sup>4</sup> All activities for which a Participating Organization is responsible under an approved MDTF programme have been completed. Agencies to advise the MDTF Office.

## **NARRATIVE REPORT**

### **I. Purpose:**

Programme Vision to “*build capacity to provide an effective and sustained improvement in urban poor living conditions, including urban issues relating to climate change (as a contribution to achieving MDG7D)*”. This project under JPC-4 aims at improving the state of service delivery and planning support system in informal settlements in three secondary cities. This will directly contribute to the poverty alleviation goal of the country and enhance the capacity of municipal authorities to better manage the areas that accommodate deprived population that accounts for half of its population (based on national average).

### **Project and Objectives**

**Objective 1:** To improve lives and living conditions of the urban poor population in selected secondary cities of Pakistan through the collection of data, preparation of participatory urban plans, reinforcement of municipality capacities and implementation of demonstrative projects reducing urban poor vulnerability.

**Output 1:** Baseline data on critical urban issues produced for each of the 8 targeted cities, including: (a) Data segregated by sex and age on social, economic and environmental issues collected and analyzed; (b) Eight urban profiles produced and discussed with citizens and stakeholders and; (c) Eight urban observatories settled, equipped and staff trained.

### **Explain how the Programme relates to the Strategic (UN) Planning Framework guiding the operations of the Fund.**

This JPC would adopt a rights-based approach while being aligned directly with the National Environment Policy, National Perspective Plans, Vision 2030, National MDGs targets, the Medium Term Development Framework, United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF), Poverty Reduction Strategy Papers, national targeted programmes and provincial and district level plans and programmes to preserve natural resources sustainably.

The project will also contribute towards the National Housing Policy by articulating ways of improving the supply of housing (land, services and shelter) for the poor and vulnerable by (i) making relevant information available in time and in content suitable for the purpose, and (ii) demonstrating public-private-community partnership in managing urban growth in Pakistan. Further, the project objectives are in line with that of National Environmental Policy, National Conservation Strategy, National Transport Policy and others, and will help Pakistan meets its obligation towards attainment of goals under MDG. As significant numbers of refugees live in urban places, this project will also directly help them to assimilate in the larger society through improved access to services.

## II. Resources

### *Financial Resources:*

This project preparation initiated after support of USD 160,000 made available through EFW 2009 tranche to three participating agencies including UN HABITAT, UNHCR, and UNDP and seeking additional funding from One Fund support (MDG-F, Dutch etc.) to close the funding gap in completing a set of activities of preparing the urban profiles in these cities. The urban profiles will provide a basis for designing new intervention in the shape of demonstration projects.

### *Human Resources:*

An International Consultant was hired to prepare the project document.

## III. Implementation and Monitoring Arrangements

### **Implementation Arrangement:**

The JPC-4 will adopt a bottom-up community driven participatory approach in all phases of project implementation. It will emphasize on local level capacity development and empowerment, low cost but effective service delivery, and sustainable infrastructure and institutional development. Sustainability is at the core of the One UN JP and it is also reflected in this project through institutional strengthening of municipalities. The project will be implemented with wide participation of local communities in the planning, provision and management of demonstrative projects. In addition, implementation mechanisms and experiences will be discussed through local consultations and workshops and results recorded. The project intention is to build up the local capacity allowing replication of the same exercise in other cities. Demonstration projects also intent to show improved alternatives that can be replicated by other sectors in the society. As the key implementing strategy, the programme will focus on:

- Urban settlements and slums with special emphasis on women and children;
- Bottom-up community driven participatory development approach for service delivery;
- Improvement in urban mobility with policies intervention and implementation of demonstration models
- Establishing and enhancing community-based project monitoring
- Alliance building and partnership;
- Advocacy;
- Capacity building of partners.
- Provide details on the procurement procedures utilized and explain variances in standard procedures.
- Provide details on the monitoring system(s) that are being used and how you identify and incorporate lessons learned into the ongoing project.
- Report on any assessments, evaluations or studies undertaken.

### **Monitoring Arrangements:**

Participating UN Agencies will be involved in rigorous monitoring of activities in the field during the implementation. The participating agencies will use their existing M&E expertise or through 3<sup>rd</sup> party monitoring arrangement. Being part of One UN, the overall M&E framework refers to the outcomes,

and their underlying outputs. Measurable (quantitative and qualitative) indicators facilitate the monitoring of progress. The framework also provides suitable targets and baselines for each indicator.

In many cases, baseline data for output indicators could not be obtained during the planning phase. However, where needed, baselines will be established during the implementation phase by undergoing rapid baseline surveys in focused geographical areas.

#### IV. Results

The broader sustainable urbanization project, within which this subproject will be housed, aims to work in eight Secondary cities: *Larkana* (Sindh), *Manshera* and *Daggar* (NWFP), *Sialkot* (Punjab), *Kech* (Balochistan), *Gilgit* (Gilgit-Baltistan), *Muzaffarabad* (AJK), Khyber Agency (FATA) but due to the limited funding the proposed project will focus first on 3 secondary cities. Subject to detailed discussion with Provinces the first three cities will be Larkana or Gilgit, Muzaffarabad and Manshera.

#### V. Future Work Plan

##### Annual Work Plan 2010

Activity	Implementation period: 12 months											
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
<b>Output-1 Activity 1.1 Preparing urban profiles</b>												
1.1 Conduct consultations to define the urban profile												
1.2 Prepare methodology for data collection												
1.3 Collect data in 3 secondary cities;												
1.4 Conduct analysis and prepare draft profiles												
1.5 Conduct consultations discuss findings												
1.6 Prepare final urban profiles and do printings												
1.7 Prepare ToRs for urban observatories												
1.8 Agree and set up 3 urban observatories												
1.9 Conduct training to urban observatory staff												
1.10 Conduct workshop for urban obs												

#### VI. Performance Indicators (optional)<sup>5</sup>

**Indicator:** City profile of 8 cities

**Baseline:** At present these cities do not have profile that not only shows current situation but also describe the dynamics of growth from institutional perspective.

<sup>5</sup> E.g. for the UNDG Iraq Trust Fund and the MDG-F.