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

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<p><b>Programme No:</b>  <b>MDTF Office Atlas No:</b> 00070807  <b>Programme Title:</b> Joint Programme          Environment Component-2 (Access to Safe          Drinking Water and Improved Sanitation)  <b>Project Name:</b> Gender Mainstreaming in WASH          Sector</p>	<p><b>Participating Organization(s):</b>          UN-HABITAT</p>
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<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><i>Implementing Partners:</i></b></p> <p><i>National counterpart:</i> Ministry of Environment, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education.</p>	<p><b><i>Programme Budget (from the Fund):</i></b>  <i>For Joint Programme provide breakdown by UN Organization</i></p> <p>UN HABITAT : USD 848,000</p>
<p><b><i>Programme Duration (in months):</i></b></p> <p><u>Start date</u><sup>3</sup>: 01<sup>st</sup> Oct 2009  <u>End date</u>: 30<sup>th</sup> Sept 2010</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Original end date</i></li> <li>• <i>Revised end date, if applicable</i></li> <li>• <i>Operational Closure Date</i><sup>4</sup>, <i>if applicable:</i></li> </ul> <p><u>Budget Revisions/Extensions:</u>  <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**

The main objectives of the programme are:

- To identify and clarify issues related to women's access to water in urban informal settlements;
- To improve the capacities of the local authority to provide access to water for women in informal settlements and empowering women in the decision-making process through gender responsive community based approaches;.
- The project contributes towards achievement of Output 1 of Joint Programme Component 2 of Joint Programme Environment i.e. Enhanced access to improved drinking water and sanitation services and
- UNDAF cross-cutting gender aligning with National Plan of Action for Women to “Enhance women's power and decision making role within the family and community” and outcome 1 (Improved living conditions through environmental management for sustainable development) in the area III **Environment** in line with National Environment Action Plan outcome “To initiate actions and programmes for achieving a state of the environment that safeguards public health, promotes sustainable livelihoods, and enhances quality of life of the people.”

### **II. Resources**

*Financial Resources:*

Timely transfer of funds (848,000 USD) to UN-HABITAT helped in taking a good start for the project.

*Human Resources:*

National Staff:

- 1 Project Manager (Programme)
- 3 Programme Coordinators (Programme)
- 1 WASH BCC Specialist (Programme)

**International Staff:**

- 1 Water Expert (Programme)
- 1 Country Programme Manager (Operations)
- 1 Programme Manager Officer (Operations)

### **III. Implementation and Monitoring Arrangements**

1. Monitoring is being done by the UN-HABITAT office in Islamabad and by the UN-HABITAT regional office in Fukuoka, assisted by water and sanitation staff from the Water for Asian Cities Programme. From the Government side, Monitoring is being done by the Ministry of Environment. Monitoring of the project activities will take place throughout its implementation and will be done against the project document (activities, logical framework, time frame, budget, etc.) and agreements reached with local partners.

2. The United Nations Human Settlement Programme (UN-HABITAT) is responsible for project implementation as well as for its coordination and administration. The project is being implemented within the frame work of One UN Programme in Pakistan by coordinating with other UN Agencies particularly with UNICEF and UNIFEM. At the national level, the project has been coordinated and agreed with the Ministry of Environment and at provincial level. UN-HABITAT is establishing partnership with water authority and Non Government Organizations (NGOs). The project is being implemented with wider participation of local communities in the planning, provision and management of water and sanitation services. Similarly, it will also ensure accountability of WATSAN service providers and other stakeholders for its sustainable operation and management.
3. This project also demonstrates mechanism of “South to South Cooperation”. Lesson learnt and best practices from India, Nepal and Bangladesh are being replicated and prominent experts from South Asia are being utilized to transfer the knowledge and skill. UN-HABITAT is bringing all its technical knowledge of its currently ongoing programme “Water for Asian Cities (WAC) Programme”. The WAC programme is very much specialized in urban water governance, pro-poor service delivery, gender mainstreaming and implementation of fast track community based water and sanitation project.

The key implementation strategies are:

- Focus on informal urban settlements with special emphasis on women and children;
  - Bottom-up approach by maximum participation of community;
  - Awareness and capacity building on gender mainstreaming at all levels;
  - Partnership and networking with all concerned stakeholders;
  - Advocacy and mass communication for behaviour changes;
  - South to South partnership and collaboration.
4. Due to the size of the project, the evaluation will be an internal assessment (or self-evaluation) conducted by individuals reporting to the UN-HABITAT office and to the Ministry of Environment. As the project has recently started, there is no evaluation report to share
  5. A tri-partite evaluation meeting will be conducted after nine months of implementation with the participation of Government / provincial authorities, donor and UN-HABITAT.
  6. Quarterly progress reports will be prepared by UN-HABITAT and implementing partners to document and measure progress. A final project termination report will be prepared once the project activities are completed. Lessons learned will be documented as part of the project evaluation.
  7. UN HABITATs procurement procedures are being utilized under guidance of Regional Office in Fukoka and Head quarters in Nairobi. No variances in standard procedures have been observed during the reporting period.

#### **IV. Results**

- The Project is being implemented as per plan; However a slight late start as well as prevailing security situation in Pakistan are continuous challenge.
- Summary of Programme progress in relation to planned outcomes and outputs:

<b>Activities</b>	<b>Results/Progress</b>
Improving the capacities of the local authority to provide access to water and sanitation for women in selected informal settlements	30 x personnel from local authorities were trained in Gender Mainstreaming in WASH through three regional and one National Workshop.
Identification and clarification of issues related to women's access to water and sanitation in selected informal settlements	Activity has been initiated in 2009; a situational analysis has completed with involvement of CSOs, Federal Government and Provincial Government officials. Situational analysis focused on the Water and sanitation needs in cities of Pakistan and highlighted the Watsan condition in informal settlements. Findings of the situational analysis were presented in National Workshop on Gender mainstreaming in WASH on 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2009 in Islamabad. The 2010 plan for subsequent stages of this activity is on the way.
Develop and agree local action plans with relevant stakeholders, water and environmental sanitation for urban poor in selected informal settlements	Local Action plans have been facilitated in four selected cities of Pakistan which include Islamabad, Rawalpindi, Muzaffarabad and Hyderabad. These action plans would be evaluated and UN-HABITAT will award funding for implementing these action plans as demonstration projects. Two more cities would be selected in 2010
Implement projects that improve access of men and women to potable water and improved sanitation in selected urban slums	Through a request for proposal four demonstration projects in cities of Hyderabad, Rawalpindi, Islamabad and Muzaffarabad are being awarded to local NGO implementing partners. Projects of Improving hygiene in Schools in Sindh province were successfully implemented.

## V. Future Work Plan

The project will be implemented in six cities of Pakistan by the end of 2010.

Activity	Implementation period: 12 months											
	2009			2010								
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1.1.1 Conduct poverty mapping, gender assessment and need identification												
1.1.2 Conduct a stakeholder analysis												
1.1.3 Disseminate poverty mapping and gender assessment												
2.1.1 Conduct community action planning processes												
2.1.2 Identify implementation options and alternative technologies												
2.1.3 Reach agreements and responsibilities of stakeholders and implementers												
2.2.1 Orientate on Gender mainstreaming and WATSAN services to key officials												
2.3.1 Conduct ToT and training to water and sanitation staffs and community leaders												
2.4.1 Prepare full WATSAN projects with technical details & impl. mechanisms												
2.4.2 Implement one or more water and Sanitation project in each Province												
2.4.3 Establish transparent and participatory project monitoring and evaluation												
2.4.4 Establish management, operation and maintenance systems												
2.5.1 Conduct water monitoring programme & household water purification campaign												
2.6.1 Campaign on Community Led Total Sanitation Campaign												
2.6.2 Train household members on household level waste management techniques												
2.6.3 Prepare and launch information campaigns for improved access to WATSAN												
2.7.1 Conduct awareness programme on menstrual hygiene management												
3.1.1 Review the existing water and sanitation policies												
3.1.2 Compile lessons learned from demonstration projects												