

**Project Evaluation Series**

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# **Evaluation of the “Project the project for the Restoration of Livelihoods in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Tribal Districts”**

**Project code: UNJP/PAK/148/UNJ**

**Follow-up report**

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<p><b>Recommendation 1.</b></p> <p>Project management team should improve/update project design on the basis of thorough analysis of the development and operation context, and integrate lessons learned from previous implementation experience.</p>	<b>Accepted</b>	Project management team worked closely with the other participating UN agencies to design the second phase for this project. Second phase design was planned based on the lessons learned from this project, to build further on the achievements and conducting thorough analyses of the context to better match project activities and meet the local challenges. Second phase of the project was however cancelled by the donor.		Advancing	As explained earlier, the 2nd Phase of the Project fully incorporated the lessons learnt; however, this phase (2nd) then was not realize.
<p><b>Recommendation 2.</b></p> <p>To ensure long-term sustainability, the project's irrigation rehabilitation schemes need to be supported by well-designed management, operation and maintenance systems that promote efficiency gains and sustainability of the irrigation networks.</p>	<b>Accepted</b>	Government entities are not responsible for the maintenance of on farm irrigation infrastructure. FAO project team was planning to work with the water user associations of farmers, to improve their management and operational capacity that could ensure continued maintenance of the rehabilitated canals after completion of project. This plan however unfortunately could not be materialized because of the donor decision to cancel funding of the project phase 2. FAO team will explore possibility of continuing working with these communities in the framework of new projects if funding secured.		Advancing	Formation and capacity building of water users associations were planned in the second phase, but after the termination of phase-2, FAO has planned to realize it under its new projects which are becoming operational now in KP.

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<p><b>Recommendation 3.</b></p> <p>The project strategy should focus on strengthening sustainable enterprise development and enhanced livelihoods opportunities through value chain development and market-led initiatives, by complementing productivity enhancement with interventions focusing on improved input linkages, better storage and processing, and analysis of marketing options.</p>	<b>Partially accepted</b>	<p>This project was designed to help the subsistence farmers who recently returned home after long period of displacement. Agriculture value chain development activities were planned by FAO team for the second phase of the project. FAO already developed good experience in improving storage of agriculture commodities, processing, packaging, labeling and marketing in the other ongoing projects. It was planned to use those experiences in the next phase of this project.</p>		Good	<p>After the closure of the DFID (now FCDO) funded project, the initiated work of enterprises development through VC and market led interventions was taken over and accomplished by the other FAO project, THAZA, with the financial assistance of USAID.</p>
<p><b>Recommendation 4.</b></p> <p>The project team should develop targeted interventions that take into account gender-related inequalities, particularly in the areas of improving nutrition and enhancing livelihood opportunities among female beneficiaries.</p>	<b>Accepted</b>	<p>Addressing gender inequalities in the geographic locations where this project worked is of high importance. Women participation in the labor force is extremely limited and contribution of women to economy is limited by cultural norms and barriers. This project prioritized targeting and assisting women beneficiaries in the field activities. FAO team is working closely with UNWOMEN in the design of the new projects to address gender</p>		Good	<p>Gender Specialist hired. New projects included exclusive activities targeting women, especially in horticulture and nutrition (THAZA, GRASP and USAID funded livelihood support). Gender-related targeted interventions like establishing seed potato plots, onion plots and grape vineyards</p>

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		inequalities in the future projects focusing on improving nutrition and increasing livelihood opportunities.			and, tunnels were exclusively implemented with women grantees thus improving their incomes and control over finances and farm specific assets.

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