

Project Evaluation Series

Evaluation of the “Project for the restoration of livelihoods in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Tribal Districts”

Project code: UNJP/PAK/148/UNJ

Management response

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Recommendation 1. 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.	Accepted	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.	FAOPAK	2021	Yes
Recommendation 2. 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.	Accepted	Government entities are not responsible for the maintenance of on farm irrigation infrastructure. FAO project team was planning to work with the water user association of farmers, 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.	FAOPAK	Continuous	Yes

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<p>Recommendation 3.</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>	Partially accepted	<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>	FAOPAK	Continuous	Yes
<p>Recommendation 4.</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>	Accepted	<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 inequalities in the future projects focusing on improving nutrition and increasing livelihood opportunities.</p>	FAOPAK	Continuous	Yes

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