

Strengthening the Association of Local Governments and their Members for Enhanced Governance and Effective Development Outcomes in Pakistan



CLGF-EC Grant agreement: 20 January 2017 – 19 January 2020

Timeframe: 36 months

Coverage: Balochistan, KPK, Sindh and Punjab

In January 2017 the Commonwealth Local Government Forum (CLGF) in partnership with the Local Councils Association of the Punjab (LCAP) signed a grant agreement with the EU Delegation of Pakistan for a 3 year project to support the institutionalisation of the Local Councils Associations (LCAs) in the four provinces of Pakistan: Balochistan, KPK, Sindh and Punjab so as to support and enhance the contribution of local governments to governance and development in Pakistan.

Specific objectives:

- To strengthen the institutional and operational capacity of the national and provincial LCAs to better support and represent their member local governments
- To improve the capacity of local governments to effectively perform their role as actors in local development at the territorial level

The project will work with:

- LCAs of Balochistan, KPK, Sindh and Punjab
- Association for Development and Local Governance (ADLG)
- 10 District councils (to be selected through a transparent process in the 2nd year)

The project will work with each of the LCAs to:

- Raise awareness of the aims and objectives of the association;
- Consult members to identify their priorities for the LCA;
- Develop and validate a strategic plan setting out a three year vision and targets for the Association;
- Revise the constitution and statutes as necessary;
- Hold two LCA General Meetings;
- Develop and implement an operational plan and budget for implementation of the vision and the strategic plan;
- Develop, validate and implement a membership strategy, including a plan to work towards financial sustainability by the end of the 36 month project;
- Strengthen communication with membership;
- Build the capacity of membership on the Territorial Approach to Development;
- Develop some knowledge products setting out examples of good practice, including the role of elected leaders

For each of the LCAs the project has funding for:

- 1 LCA Technical coordinator
- 1 Driver or Guard
- 1 Workshop for key members to contribute to the LCA strategic plan
- 1 Workshop for members on the Territorial Approach to Development
- 2 LCA General meeting
- Board and Executive committee meetings
- 1 Provincial position paper
- 1 Tool for councillors (aligned to need identified at provincial level)

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- Website Development
- A vehicle
- Office space
- Office furniture and supplies

The Project will work with the ADLG to:

- Develop a strategic plan setting out a three year vision and targets for the Association;
- Revise the constitution and statutes as necessary;
- Ensure good coordination with Provincial LCAs;
- Hold two national conferences on the role of local government in Pakistan
- Develop and implement an advocacy and communications strategy for the Association
- Raise awareness on with key target actors (Development partners, national ministries, CSOs, etc) on the role and strengths and challenges of local government
- Draw out lessons from provincial LCAs and develop knowledge product(s)
- Link with and draw on regional and global local government associations and networks

For the ADLG the project has funding for:

- 1 Strategic Policy Coordinator
- 1 driver/guard
- 1 Workshop for key members to contribute to the ADLG strategic plan
- ADLG executive committee meetings
- 2 National Conferences on local government
- Board and Executive committee meetings
- 2 National position papers
- 1 Publication on the role of LCAs
- 1 toolkit of the Territorial Approach to Development
- Website Development
- A vehicle
- Office furniture and supplies

In year 2 and 3 of the project some pilot work in planned to support the trial of the Territorial Approach to Development in 10 pilot district councils. This will be undertaken in coordination with the LCAs, both for implantation and lesson learning and dissemination.

The project will work with each pilot council to:

- Ensure elected local government leaders have increased understanding of their roles and responsibilities within local government system;
- Build capacity of the council to play a full role in territorial development;
- successfully demonstrate the use of the Territorial Approach to Development approach in their councils;

For each council the project has funding for:

- 3 councils level stakeholder workshops (1 day each)
- Some pilot work on Territorial Approach to Development as agreed in workshop

Following the successful completion of the pilot work a short study is planned to gather the key learning.