

Afghanistan

Improvement Plan

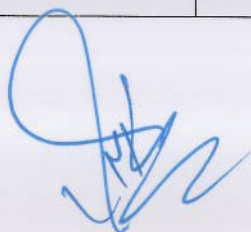
Thematic window: Environment and Climate Change

**Programme Title: Strengthened Approach for the Integration
of Sustainable Environmental
Management in Afghanistan (SAISEM)**

c) File for the Joint Programme Improvement Plan

After the interim evaluation is complete, the phase of incorporating its recommendations shall begin. This file is to be used as the basis for establishing an improvement plan for the joint programme, which will bring together all the recommendations, actions to be carried out by programme management.

Evaluation Recommendation No. 1 The outputs and indicators for Outcome 1 should be reviewed taking into account that Afghanistan already has a national environment policy and that environment is already identified in government policy and strategy documents as a cross cutting issue. The review should also consider allocating some resources to target activities for addressing environment issues in urban areas, with specific focus on water resources, sanitation and pollution.						
Response from the Joint Programme Management						
Key actions	Time frame	Person responsible	Follow-up		Secretariat	
National Environmental Council is functional and sustained as the institutional platform for coordination in Government (as per article 11 of environment law).	3rd Quarter	UNDP/NEPA	Comments Through the consolidation of National Environmental Advisory council increased frequent discussions on regulatory matters of environment will take place.	Status	Comments	Status



Environment Policy and Guideline approved for implementation. Expanded network of environment focal points in all government ministries established as outreach of NEPA			EM guideline endorsement Technical Capacity of key ministries focal points will be developed in the sector of environmental management.			
NEPA organization strategy (Strategic Plan) and business plan completed and subsequently, organization capacity development plan prepared.	3 rd Q	UNDP/NEPA	Strengthening of NEPA as an institution to complete its mandate			
Institutional support to NEPA to monitor water quality in the urban areas.	2nd Quarter	UNDP/NEPA	Lack of water quality monitoring toolkits and department at NEPA is a challenge. JP is supporting NEPA to provide water quality monitoring training. This kind of institutional support will strengthen NEPA to monitor water quality in urban areas.			



Evaluation Recommendation No. 2

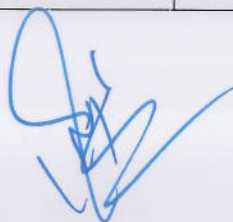
The project should review its strategies for achieving outcomes. More specifically, the review should focus on strategies that help to increase social awareness of sustainable environment, and building strategic capacity of government counterparts in a manner that strengthens national ownership and sustainability of results. This could include sponsorship for qualification-based training for line ministry staff, as well as train the trainer courses. In addition, the review should seek to align the project strategy with the UNCT's Integrated Strategic Framework that is being developed.

Response from the Joint Programme Management

Key actions	Time frame	Person responsible	Follow-up		Secretariat	
			Comments	Status	Comments	Status
<p>National environment advocacy campaign conducted through introduction of the new environment guidelines and policies.</p> <p>National workshop on environment guidelines completed through training of all environment focal points in all government ministries.</p> <p>Social and public awareness materials produced and disseminated.</p> <p>Support NEPA to develop and operationalise their website as a tool for national and international level advocacy, education & awareness for environmental</p>	2-4 th Q	UNDP/NEPA	Part of Social and public awareness to raise the general awareness about the importance of environment management (through radio, TV, publications, awareness materials and events)			

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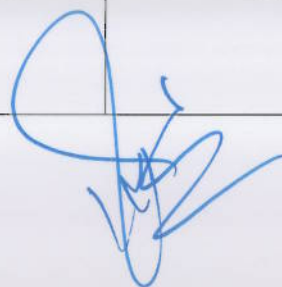
management.						
School environment teachers trained and environment art competition in selected schools in Kabul Province completed.	2nd – 4th Quarter	UNDP/NEPA	Training of school teachers on environment mainstreaming. This is a part of training of trainers to achieve a multiplication effect of the awareness message.	On Going		
Status of Environment and Natural Resource Report prepared as an institutional tool for monitoring and impact assessment.	3 rd Q		Report will be produced in collaboration with JP partners,			
Training of MAIL staff in development of conservation of natural resources and environment protection awareness materials, to be used in direct contact with communities and in mass media.		FAO/MAIL	Capacity Development of MAIL Staff	On Going		



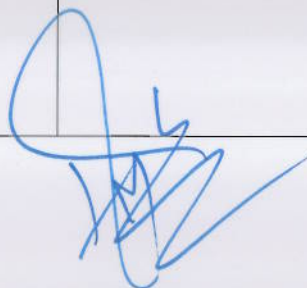
Training of Govt. staff in conservation of natural resources concepts, tools and activities		FAO/MAIL	Capacity development of MAIL staff	On Going		
Evaluation Recommendation No. 4 The project should review its strategies for achieving Outcome 2 and approaches for mainstreaming environment at local levels. The project focus should be reoriented towards the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developing a structured advocacy and communication strategy for awareness-raising. Target local-level capacity building, including developing Community-based Natural Resources Management Plans. Developing technology transfer initiatives, such as introduction of drip irrigation techniques. 						
Response from the Joint Programme Management						
Key actions	Time frame	Person responsible	Follow-up	Status	Comments	Status
Environment considerations mainstreamed into DDPs, PDP and PSP process.	2nd – 3rd Quarter	UNDP-NABDP/ASGP projects	Comments National Area Based Development Programme (NABDP) and Afghanistan Sub-National Governance (ASGP) Programmes of UNDP will integrate environmental concerns and considerations into DDP, PDP and PSP			



			Process.			
Successful community-based environment management and sustainable development experiences documented (including those done under UNDP and FAO initiatives).	2nd – 4 th Quarter	UNDP/FAO				
Development of a structured advocacy and communication strategy of Joint Program in Afghanistan.	2nd Q	Joint program +RCO	JP structured advocacy is planned.	JP structured advocacy of other countries are available (To be started)		
The programme will work with the local counterparts to extend the nationalrangeland management plan, being developed by MAIL, to a local community-based management plan.	2nd, 3rd ,4th- Q	FAO/MAIL				
Increased support to local counterparts and local community in rangeland and forestry restoration, and sustainable use of natural resources.	2nd, 3 rd , 4th Q	FAO/MAIL				
In a technology transfer initiative, the programme imported	2nd, 3 rd , 4th Q	FAO/MAIL		Ongoing		



high productivity rangeland seeds of Agropyron desertorum, from USA, and Kocia prostata from Spain. The two species did very well in Ghor and Herat provinces and were used for seed multiplication, and are currently used in rangeland restoration intervention in both Herat and Ghor. The project will continue to train counterpart as well as the local community in seed multiplication and range restoration techniques towards sustainable use of natural resources, poverty reduction and enhancing food security.						
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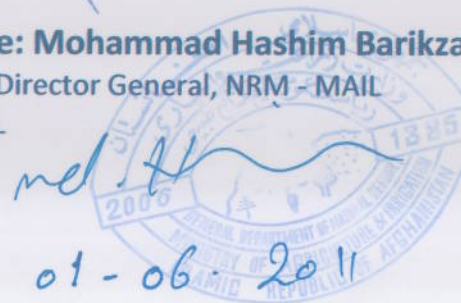
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