The background of the image is a wide-angle aerial shot of a densely populated residential area that has been severely inundated by floodwaters. The water covers almost the entire visible area, with only the tops of buildings and trees above the surface. The buildings are mostly small, single-story houses with light-colored roofs. In the distance, more of the same type of housing extends towards the horizon. The overall scene conveys a sense of a major disaster and displacement.

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ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

AWS	Automatic Weather Station
BIWRMDP	Balochistan Integrated Water Resources Management and Development Project
BLEP	Balochistan Livelihood and Entrepreneurship Project
CERC	Contingent Emergency Response Component
E&S	Environment and Social
ECNEC	Executive Committee of the National Economic Council
EFF	Extended Fund Facility
ESCP	Environmental and Social Commitment Plan
ESMF	Environmental and Social Management Framework
ESMP	Environmental and Social Management Plan
ESS	Environmental and Social Standards
FA	Financing Agreement
FPMU	Federal Project Management Unit
FY	Fiscal Year
GRM	Grievance Redress Mechanism
ICT	Information and Communications Technology
IFRAP	Integrated Flood Resilience and Adaptation Project
JPY	Japanese Yen
M&E	Monitoring and Evaluation
MIS	Management Information System
MoPD&SI	Ministry of Planning, Development and Special Initiatives
OP	Operational Policy
P&DD	Planning and Development Department
PC-1	Planning Commission Form 1
PDO	Project Development Objective
PIU	Project Implementing Unit

PKR	Pakistan Rupee
PMD	Pakistan Meteorological Department
PSC	Project Steering Committee
PPSC	Provincial Project Steering Committee
PSIA	Project Supervision and Implementation Assistance
SEA/SH	Sexual Exploitation and Abuse/Sexual Harassment
STEP	Systematic Tracking of Exchanges in Procurement
WB	World Bank
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
GoB	Government of Balochistan
GoP	Government of Pakistan

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The first quarterly progress report for the Integrated Flood Resilience and Adaptation Project (IFRAP) outlines the project's objectives, key stakeholders and progress made on the major components of the project. It also highlights the institutional arrangements, financial and physical progress made for the reported period i.e. January 2024 to June 2024 and outlines a roadmap for effective implementation of the project.

The 2022 floods in Pakistan had far reaching catastrophic and devastating impact, specifically on the provinces of Sindh and Balochistan, affecting 33 million people and causing extensive damage to infrastructure, agriculture, and livelihoods. The floods worsened socio-economic challenges, notably in Balochistan, where the multidimensional poverty rate rose significantly. The agricultural sector, a key GDP contributor, incurred massive losses, affecting livelihoods and food security. Critical infrastructure like irrigation, roads and bridges, education and healthcare facilities, and housing were severely damaged, further impeding access to essential services.

In response to these challenges, the Government of Pakistan (GoP) and the World Bank signed a Financing Agreement amounting to US\$ 213 million for the proposed Integrated Flood Resilience and Adaptation Project (IFRAP). This project is aimed at reviving and enhancing the livelihoods of communities impacted by the 2022 floods and strengthening their adaptive capacity to future extreme flooding events. The project will primarily focus on Balochistan province, which is one of the most affected regions. It aims to address urgent flood recovery and rehabilitation needs in the hardest-hit areas of Balochistan. Furthermore, it focuses on areas identified in the Post Disaster Needs Assessment Report (PDNA) and resilience-strengthening solutions. The Federal Project Management Unit (FPMU) under the Ministry of Planning, Development, and Special Initiatives, Government of Pakistan, oversees the project, ensuring coordination across various ministries, agencies, provincial departments, and project implementation units established to carry out implementation of project components.

The project comprises of six key components, each addressing specific aspects of flood resilience and recovery. Component 1 focuses on rehabilitating essential community infrastructure. Component 2 aims to strengthen hydrometeorological and climate services. Component 3 focuses on reconstructing resilient housing units. Component 4 provides livelihood support and promotes watershed management. Component 5 supports project management, technical assistance, and institutional strengthening, overseen by the Federal Project Management Unit (FPMU). Finally, Component 6 ensures prompt response to eligible crises or emergencies during project implementation.

Despite an initial period of stagnation lasting over a year since approval of PC-1 by CDWP and ECNEC, the project has gained significant momentum following the appointment of a dedicated Project Director and key staff by February 2024. Within a short span of four months, the Federal Project Management Unit (FPMU) has achieved noteworthy milestones, such as establishing the Project Implementation Units (PIUs), obtaining approval for PCs-1, hiring key staff, opening revolving fund assignment accounts, submitting withdrawal applications to the World Bank, obtaining disbursement approvals, Development of Procurement Framework through STEP, Client Connection and developing and approving the Annual Work Plan through Project Steering Committee and the World Bank. The project team has been instrumental in early approval through different approving forums i.e. Central Development Working Party (CDWP), Project Steering Committee (PSC), sub-committees and complying with the pre-requisites for approvals from the Executive Committee of the National Economic Council (ECNEC). These advancements mark the end of the inception and planning phase of the project as it transitions towards the implementation phase.

Moving forward, several critical actions are required to continue the momentum and ensure efficient implementation. These include expediting remaining approvals by competent forums, hiring consultancy firms, finalizing technical specifications and Terms of Reference (TORs), developing Grievance Redress Mechanisms, supporting climate-smart agriculture, and enhancing financial management and monitoring and evaluation

processes. The project's success hinges on all Project Implementation Units (PIUs) implementing the Annual Work Plans within timelines. Close coordination between various ministries, provincial government departments and PIUs is also crucial. Furthermore, regularly updating the federal and provincial Project Steering Committees on progress and incorporating key strategic actions is critical for the project's success.

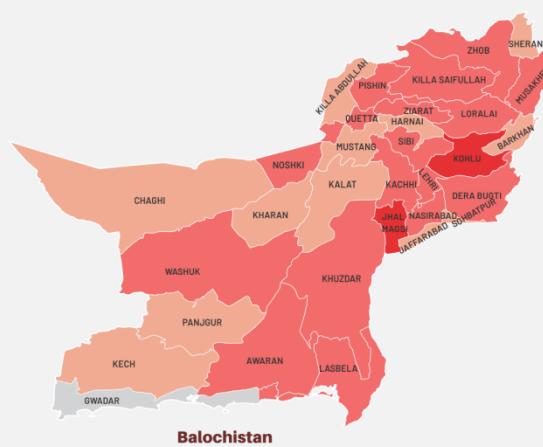
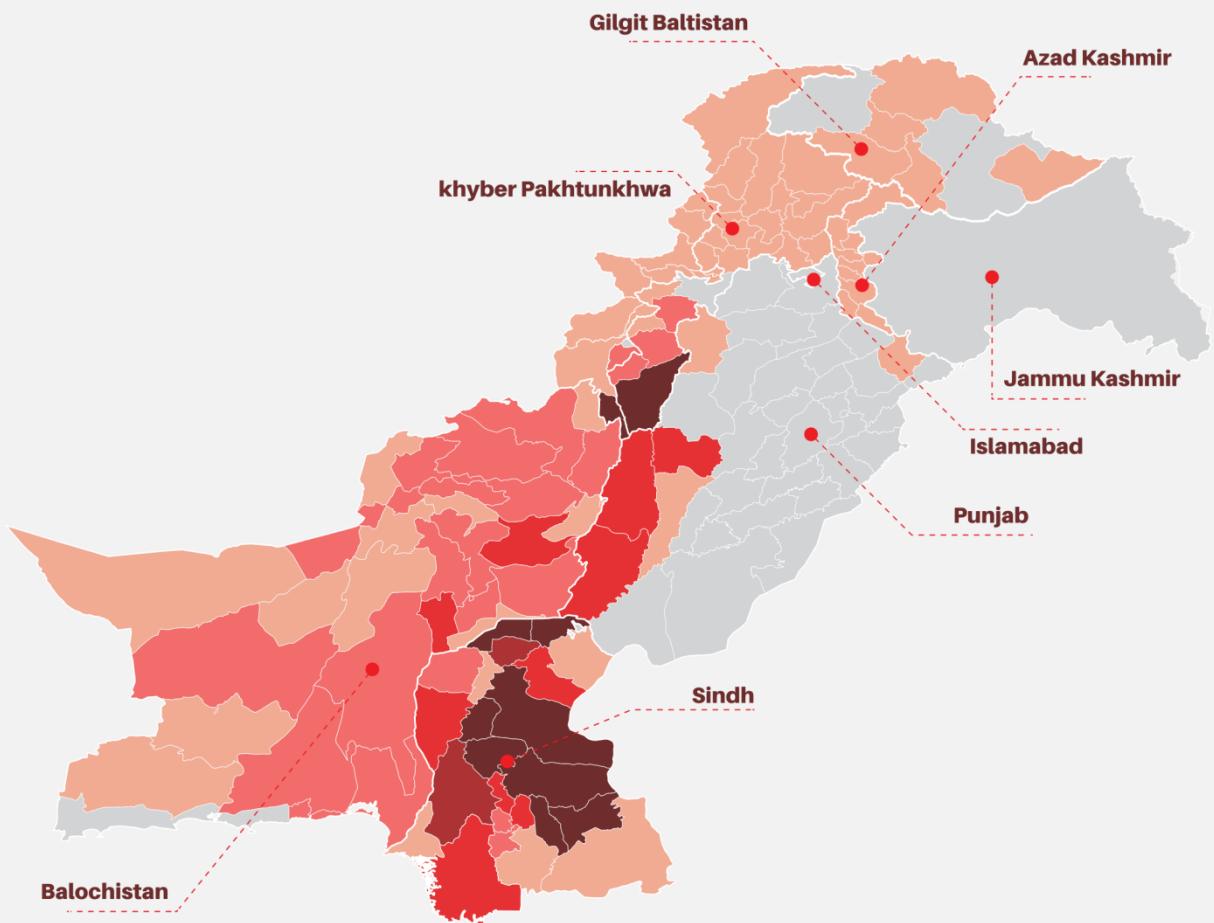
1. PROJECT OVERVIEW

The recent floods in Pakistan, caused by heavy monsoon rains from June 2022 to September 2022, significantly impacted the province of Sindh and Balochistan, affecting 33 million people. Initial estimates by the Post Disaster Needs Assessment (PDNA) report suggested that approximately 8,330 kilometers of roads (about 3.2 percent of total in-service roads) were damaged due to the floods. Moreover, approximately 780,000 houses were destroyed, and more than 1.27 million houses were partially damaged. It was also estimated that around 4,410 million acres of agricultural land had been damaged, and 0.8 million livestock had perished, severely impacting rural livelihoods. Additionally, market access limitations and supply chain disruptions led to a spike in food prices, severe food shortages and inflation. Preliminary estimates suggested that the national poverty rate would increase from 3.7 to 4.0 percentage points, pushing between 8.4 and 9.1 million people into poverty, as a direct consequence of the floods. Similarly, multidimensional poverty was projected to increase by 5.9 percentage points, implying that an additional 1.9 million households would be pushed into non-monetary poverty. Rehabilitation and reconstruction needs were estimated at US\$16.3 billion, excluding further investments to bolster Pakistan's adaptation and resilience against future disasters. The floods also triggered substantial losses to human capital (education and health) with increased incidence of stunting and learning losses, which will have a long-lasting impact on productivity and resilience unless addressed during the rehabilitation phase.¹

The floods had a profound impact on Balochistan, exacerbating the socio-economic challenges and increasing the multidimensional poverty rate by 10.9 percent. The agriculture sector, which accounts for 52 percent of the provincial GDP and 67 percent of the labor force, is the hardest-hit sector.² The floods caused over 500,000 livestock casualties (63 percent of the national total), amounting to production losses of PKR 79,619 million. Livestock losses have negatively impacted livelihoods, as 70 percent of households depend on livestock. In addition, the harvest failure due to the floods during the Kharif season (April to September) resulted in production losses, compromising livelihoods and food security.³ Since June 2022, pre-flood commodity prices have significantly increased, with Balochistan reporting the country's highest food insecurity at 23.4 percent. The damage to 587 primary health facilities in Balochistan (305 destroyed, 282 partially damaged) has further disrupted essential health services⁴. In addition, a multisectoral rapid needs assessment conducted in 515 villages across ten districts of Balochistan found that approximately 2,000 classrooms have been damaged and destroyed⁵.

Monsoon Floods in Pakistan

House damaged in 2022 by district (in thousands)



Keeping in view the catastrophe caused by the 2022 floods and the economic conditions of the country, on August 5, 2022, the Government of Pakistan (GoP) requested technical and financial assistance through the Ministry of Economic Affairs from The World Bank. In January 2023, the Executive Committee of the National Economic Council (ECNEC) approved the Project Concept-1 form (PC-1) for the proposed Integrated Flood Resilience and Adaptation Project (IFRAP). This project aimed at reviving and enhancing the livelihoods of communities impacted by the 2022 floods and strengthening their adaptive capacity to future extreme flooding events. The project will primarily focus on Balochistan province, which is the second most affected region. Further, The Government of Pakistan (GoP) acknowledges the significance of long-term flood resilience and is dedicated to enhancing current initiatives and implementing new strategies to improve resilience. The following table explains the project components, financial allocations and the implementing entities directly reporting to the Federal Project Management Unit.

Project Components	Implementing Entity
Component 1: Community Infrastructure Rehabilitation (US\$ 50 million)	PIU Balochistan Integrated Water Resources Management and Development Project (BIWRMDP) based in Quetta, Balochistan
Component 2: Strengthening Hydromet and Climate Services (US\$ 40 million)	PIU PMD, Aviation Division, Islamabad
Component 3: Resilient Housing Reconstruction and Restoration (US\$ 75 million)	Housing Reconstruction Unit, under the Federal Project Management Unit, MoPD&SI
Component 4: Livelihood Support and Watershed Management (US\$ 40 million)	PIU Balochistan Livelihood and Entrepreneurship Project (BLEP), Quetta, Balochistan
Component 5: Project Management, Technical Assistance, and Institutional Strengthening (US\$ 8 Million)	Federal PMU (FPMU) at Islamabad/ Quetta under the MoPD&SI
Component 6: Contingent Emergency Response (US\$ 00 Million)	GoP

There will be 2 phases of this project:

- Phase 1 commenced in July 2023, upon the approval of the Umbrella PC-1 for the Post Flood Reconstruction Program 2022 and will end in December 2025, with the financing of US\$ 213 Million (equivalent to PKR 46.86 billion).
- Phase 2 will commence in July 2025 and end in December 2028. The financing for this phase is US\$ 187 million.

Despite the approval of the Umbrella PC-1 for the Post Flood Reconstruction Program 2022, the project was stagnant. Significant activities required to set the project in motion included the establishment of FPMU, approvals of PC-1s of project components and subcomponents from the CDWP and ECNEC forums, the opening of assignment accounts, client connections, and other formalities enabling smooth sailing of the overall project.

The appointment of a dedicated Project Director (PD) marked a significant milestone, catalyzing the project's momentum, particularly in securing approvals from the Project Steering Committee meetings (PSC), Central Development Working Party (CDWP), and preparations for the Executive Committee of the National Economic Council (ECNEC) approvals. Since the joining of a dedicated Project Director, the FPMU has been established, and key staff have been recruited and placed. The FPMU team advanced the project's operational phase by ensuring that the Project Implementation Units were functional. This included, but was not limited to, facilitating and opening assignment accounts, client connections, withdrawal applications, and staff recruitments etc. All PIUs are now operational, and staffing has been ensured. The FPMU led the conduct of two project steering committee meetings which leveraged several mandatory approvals, including the Annual Work Plan (AWP), Procurement Plan (PP), Housing Grants Manual, Project Implementation Manual, development and approval of HRU structure, initiation of hiring activities, approval of TORs by the World Bank and necessary procurement approval from the World Bank. In addition, in line with the ECNEC directives, a provincial project steering committee has been notified, and its first meeting is to be organized in June 2024.

The project will deliver Project Management, Technical Assistance, and Institutional Strengthening through The Federal Project Management Unit (FPMU). As per the financing agreement signed between the Government of Pakistan and the World Bank, the FPMU will (a) be housed under MoPD&SI; (b) be responsible for the overall management of the Project, inter-agency coordination, project monitoring, recruitment, budgetary reallocation and cost-revisions and approval of annual work plans and budgets for all Project Implementation Units (PIUs) associated with IFRAP. The FPMU will implement components 3 and 5 of the project.

The Project Implementation Units (PIUs) under this project include the Balochistan Integrated Water Resources Management & Development Project (BIWRMDP), the Balochistan Livelihood & Entrepreneurship Project (BLEP), and the Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD).

The project also includes a Contingent Emergency Response Component (CERC) to enable flexible fund reallocation during project implementation in the event of eligible emergencies. This comprehensive approach aims to provide holistic support and enhance resilience in the face of future flood events.

2. IMPLEMENTATION STATUS

This section provides an overview of the project's components, and the activities planned and progress under each component.

2.1. COMPONENT 01: COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE REHABILITATION (USD 50 Million)

Under the Project Appraisal Document 31- This component will allocate funds for repairing essential community infrastructure in calamity-declared districts of Balochistan that were damaged by floods. The focus will be on irrigation systems, flood protection facilities, water supply schemes, roads, bridges, and small community buildings.

2.1.1. Key Highlights of Component-I

This component will be executed by the Project Implementation Unit (PIU) of the Balochistan Integrated Water Resource Management and Development Project (BIWRMDP), located in Quetta, Balochistan. The Project Implementation Unit (PIU) for the Balochistan Integrated Water Resources Management and Development Project (BIWRMDP) is fully operational with an established office and staff. The necessary institutional and implementation arrangements for this component have been established under IFRAP. The Assignment Account has been opened on 29 February 2024, and the process for the Withdrawal Application for Client Connection commenced. A withdrawal application for 10 million USD has been submitted as well. The Systematic Tracking of Exchanges in Procurement (STEP) account has been created and is now operational to initiate procurement activities. The Annual Work Plan, which covers an 18-month period, has been approved by the project steering committee and the World Bank. Additionally, the Procurement Plan has also received approval from the World Bank.

This component of the project has four (04) subcomponents that include interventions relating to Irrigation, Public Health Engineering, Communications and works, Health and Education. All these subcomponents will be implemented by the BIWRMDP-PIU, and there will be only one specific assignment account to operate all the 04 subcomponents.

A draft for the restructuring and strengthening of the PIU BIWRMDP has been prepared to enhance its operational efficiency. The PC-1s for the Irrigation, Public Health Engineering (PHE), Education, Communications and Works (C&W), and Health subcomponents have been approved by the Central Development Working Party (CDWP), although some additional points need to be addressed.

In April this year, the World Bank's Water Team conducted a Combined Implementation Support Mission for the Integrated Flood Resilience and Adaptation Project (IFRAP) and the Balochistan Integrated Water Resources Management & Development Project (BIWRMDP) from April 17 to 25, 2024. The mission was divided into two phases: Phase 1 occurred in Islamabad from April 17 to 19 and Phase 2 took place in Quetta from April 19 to 25. The primary objectives of the mission were as follows:

- Assess the technical aspects related to the implementation of BIWRMDP and IFRAP.
- Follow up on recommendations issued in previous management letters and portfolio reviews.

The mission team comprises of Mr. Yoro Sidibe (Mission Lead & Senior Water Specialist), Mr. Kamran Akbar (Senior Social Development Specialist), Ms. Carolina Dominguez (Senior Water Supply and Sanitation Specialist), Mr. Carlo Amadei (Water Supply and Sanitation Specialist), Mr. Basharat Ahmed Saeed (Water Resources Specialist), Mr. Rehan Hyder (Senior Procurement Specialist), Mr. Babar Naseem Khan (Senior Social Development Specialist) and Ms. Kiran Shahzadi (Program Associate) Islamabad from April 17-19:

The first phase of the mission focused on IFRAP and involved meetings and reviews with the Federal Project Management Unit (FPMU). Key activities included:

- Presentation and overall project review with the Bank Team and FPMU
- Detailed review of FPMU and Housing Reconstruction Unit (HRU) activities
- Evaluation of BIWRMDP PIU activities covering irrigation, water supply, roads, and small community facilities.
- Review of Balochistan Livelihood and Entrepreneurship Program (BLEP) PIU activities, including matching and community grants.



Quetta: April 19-25, 2024:

The second phase of the mission concentrated on BIWRMDP, involving meetings with the Government of Balochistan and Project Implementation Units (PIUs). Key activities included:

- Meetings with the Secretaries of the Irrigation Department and Public Health Engineering Department (PHED).
- Detailed review of BIWRMDP and appraisal of BWSPIP activities.

The mission ensured effective implementation and preparation of water sector projects in Balochistan, addressing both technical and administrative aspects and ensuring alignment with previous recommendations and ongoing reviews.

2.1.1.1. Sub-Component 1.1: Rehabilitation of Irrigation and Flood Control Infrastructure

This subcomponent aims to rehabilitate the Irrigation infrastructure affected by the floods. The sub-PC-1 was processed for subcomponent 1.1: Rehabilitation of irrigation and flood control infrastructure. The PC-1 was approved by the Provincial Development Working Party and the Central Development Working Party for the consideration of ECNEC. However, ECNEC approval is still awaited. Furthermore, the ToR's for the Rehabilitation of Irrigation and Flood Control Infrastructure Engineering Firm hiring has been developed. Given the pending ECNEC approval, project authorization has yet to be issued, while admin approval is contingent on the issuance of the authorization.

2.1.1.2. Sub-Component 1.2: Restoration of Water Supply Schemes

The PC-1 was approved by the Provincial Development Working Party, while the Central Development Working Party considered the PC-1 with the provision of certain conditions. After a series of consultations with the relevant section at the MoPD&SI and provincial stakeholders, including the P&DD Irrigation department and the BIWRMDP team, the preconditions set by the CDWP were met. The hiring of the Restoration of Water Supply Schemes Engineering Firm's ToR's was developed. The revised PC-1 was resubmitted for CDWP consideration, and the CDWP forum approved the revised PC-1 on May 03, 2024.

2.1.1.3. Sub-Component 1.3: Reconstruction and Rehabilitation of Roads & Bridges

This subcomponent focuses on reconstruction and rehabilitation of the roads and bridges damaged by the 2022 floods. The sub-PC-1 was approved by the Provincial Development Working Party (PDWP) and Central Development Working Party for consideration of ECNEC. However, the composition of ECNEC is yet to be notified by the cabinet division. Hence, the approval of ECNEC is awaited. In view of the pending ECNEC approval, project authorization has yet to be issued while admin approval is contingent on the issuance of the authorization. In addition to this, the ToR's for the hiring of the Restoration and Rehabilitation of Roads and Bridges Engineering firm has been approved.

2.1.1.4. Sub-Component 1.4: Restoration of Small Community Facilities (Health, Education)

This sub-component of the project aims to restore small community facilities of health & education. The sub-PC-1 was processed for subcomponent 1.4: Restoration of small community facilities such as health & education. Furthermore, the hiring of the firm for Restoration of Small Community Facilities Engineering has been dealt with by sharing the developed ToR's with the World Bank. The PC-1 for Rehabilitation of Flood Affected School of Balochistan was approved on 03 November 2023 by the Central Development Working Party. The minutes were also issued on 14 December 2024.

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2.1.2. PDO Indicators Achievement Updates

Indicator	Activities under each Indicator	Achievement/Progress
People regaining access to at least one essential service (Number)	Functionalization of school and health facilities.	The hiring of a consultancy firm is in the process.
of which are females (Percentage)		
People with enhanced protection to flood risk (Number)	Flood protection infrastructure restored.	The hiring of a consultancy firm is in the process.
of which are females (Percentage)		

2.1.3. Intermediate Indicators Achievement Updates

Indicator Name	Activities under each Indicator	Achievement/Progress
Land area benefitting from restored irrigation systems (Hectare)	Construction of dam Restoration of Canals	The hiring of a consultancy firm is in process.

Land area with improved protection through rehabilitated flood protection infrastructure (Hectare)	Construction of Flood protection infrastructure	The hiring of a consultancy firm is in process.
Length of roads rehabilitated (Kilometers)	Restoration and rehabilitation of roads and bridges	The hiring of a consultancy firm is in process.
Water Supply Schemes rehabilitated (Number)	Restoration of Water supply schemes	The hiring of a consultancy firm is in process.
Restoration of small community facilities (Number)	Repair and renovation of health facilities Provision of medical and non-medical equipment Provision of medicines Solarization of health facilities Repair and renovation of schools in District Naserabad, Jafferabad, Sohbatpur, Lasbela, & Kachhi	A comprehensive needs assessment of the proposed health facilities' requirements were carried out during the PC-1 development stage. Currently, the PIU is conducting the validation exercise in all the focused HFs. Baseline activity for school identification has been conducted.

2.1.4. Environmental & Social Safeguard Updates

The Environmental and Social Commitment Plan (ESCP), Labor Management Procedures (LMP), Resettlement Policy Framework (RPF), and Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP) have been developed for the Balochistan Integrated Water Resource Management and Development Project (BIWRMDP). The Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF), Environmental and Social Commitment Plan (ESCP), Resettlement Policy Framework (RPF), Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP), and Labor Management Plan (LMP) have all been prepared and submitted.

2.1.5. Grievance Redress Mechanism

The PIU has already an established GRM for their irrigation intervention. The same will be replicated across IFRAP project activities.

Complaint	Applicant Details	Received by / Level	Received Date	Action Taken	Time Taken	Status
Nil						

During the reporting period, no such complaint has been received.

2.1.6. Stakeholder Collaboration

The PIU has been coordinating with stakeholders (Government of Balochistan, Planning & Development Department, Irrigation, Communication & Works, Public Health Engineering, Health & Education Departments, MoPD&SI, FPMU-IFRAP and World Bank etc.).



Progress Review Meeting with Sarfarz Bugti, Chief Minister of Balochistan. (13 February 2024)



Progress review of IFRAP project under ACS Dev, Government of Balochistan. (13 February 2024)

2.2. COMPONENT 02: STRENGTHENING HYDROMET AND CLIMATE SERVICES (USD 40 Million)

Under the Project Appraisal Document 38, this component will enhance the ability of the PMD (Pakistan Meteorological Department) to produce and use Hydromet information for decision-making. Presently, the PMD's coverage in the western part of the country, particularly in Balochistan, is limited. By improving climate and flood forecasting capabilities, including early warning systems to reduce the impacts of climate hazards, this component will benefit not only Balochistan but all of Pakistan. It involves expanding networks across the country with modern technological updates.

2.2.1. Key Highlights Component-II

This component will be executed by the Project Implementation Unit (PIU) under the Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD). The Assignment Account was opened on 05 March 2024 and has already received funds of USD 1.8 million. The Systematic Tracking of Exchanges in Procurement (STEP) Account has been activated and is now operational, and both the Annual Work Plan and Procurement Plan have been approved, leading to the disbursement of Rs 500 million on 29-03-2024. These financial steps were essential for moving forward with procurement and project execution. The procurement process for essential project resources has been actively pursued. The first RFQ for the procurement of IT equipment for the Project Management Unit (PMU) was opened on 09-04-2024, followed by the opening of the RFQ for field vehicles on 03-06-2024. Additionally, the selection of individual consultants was completed by 15-05-2024 in line with World Bank guidelines. The finalization of contracts for the International Panel of Experts on Radar, HPC, and AWS on 07-06-2024 marked another significant step in the project's implementation. The second RFQ for the procurement of IT equipment was subsequently opened on 24-06-2024.

The World Bank opened the Client Connection Account on 11-03-2024, with a corresponding bank account opened on 21-03-2024.

The PC-1 for this component was approved by the ECNEC on 19 July 2023. PMD, as the parent department, is making utmost efforts for smooth project operations. The PMD team is implementing the project in line with the World Bank's guidelines. Following the initial setup, several key milestones were achieved to facilitate the smooth operation of Component II. The loan agreement for the project was signed on 03-07-2023. Subsequently, administrative approval from the Aviation Division was secured on 06-09-2023. These approvals marked crucial steps towards the formal initiation of project activities, on 18-10-2023, a formal request for re-appropriation was made to the Ministry of Planning, Development & Special Initiatives (MOPD&SI) to allocate the necessary funds for project activities. This was followed by the approval of a Technical Supplementary Grant (TSG) for Rs 500 million on 19-02-2024, ensuring the availability of funds for critical project operations.

2.2.2. PDO Indicator Achievement Updates

Indicator	Activities under each Indicator	Achievement/Progress
People with enhanced protection to flood risk (Number)	Establishment of monitoring and Early warning systems and dissemination to stakeholders	Technical specifications and TORs of early warning systems have been prepared.
of which are females (Percentage)	Social surveys and Community awareness drives	Flood-prone districts have been identified regarding riverine, torrential, and flash floods.
Increase in weather forecast lead time of PMD (Days)	Procurement & installation of 300 AWS, 05 Weather Surveillance Radars and 03 Mobile Radars Procurement & Installation of High-Performance Computing System (>220 TFLOP) Acquisition and Deployment of Weather Forecast Models	Strengthened Monitoring Network Enhanced Early Warning System Numerical Weather Prediction with improved spatial-temporal Resolution and improved Nowcasting/Forecasting

2.2.3. Intermediate Indicator Achievement Updates

Indicator	Activities under each Indicator	Achievement/Progress
Weather radars installed and operationalized (Number)	Site selection has been completed.	Technical specifications and TORs of RADARs have been prepared and ready for vetting by the International Panel of Experts (IPEs).
Automatic Weather Stations (AWS) installed and operationalized (Number)	Site selection has been completed.	Technical specifications and TORs of AWSs have been prepared and ready for wetting by the International Panel of Experts (IPEs).
Hydrological modelling based early warning system established for hill torrents in Balochistan (Yes/No)	A Vulnerability assessment has been completed for the hill torrent of Balochistan.	Installation of AWS and RADARs for data acquisition and processing to develop Tailored flood forecasts through High Performance Computer.

2.2.4. Environmental & Social Safeguard Updates

An Environmental & Social Safeguard expert has been recruited, and the staff will be hired. Assessments related to Environmental & Social Safeguard will commence thereafter.

2.2.5. Grievance Redress Mechanism Updates

The GRM (Grievance Redress Mechanism) related to PMD (Pakistan Meteorological Department) activities primarily addresses environmental and social aspects. The activities include the installation of Automatic Weather Stations, Weather Radars, and Warning Systems. Grievances may arise from land use issues, social aspects, environmental concerns, and technical malfunctions. The mechanism will be developed considering the nature

and scope of the work. An initial assessment of environmental and social safeguards will identify areas of concern that need to be focused on and managed accordingly.

2.2.6. Stakeholder Collaboration

The PIU has been effectively coordinating with various stakeholders, including PMD, MoPD&SI, FPMU-IFRAP and the World Bank.

2.3. COMPONENT 03: RESILIENT HOUSING RECONSTRUCTION AND RESTORATION (USD 75 Million)

Under Project Appraisal Document 41: This component will fund (i) grants for the reconstruction of resilient housing units that were damaged by floods and (ii) institutional strengthening and technical assistance to support the reconstruction efforts. Implementation will follow an area-based approach, targeting the most severely affected districts for housing grant support in close collaboration with other development partners. Given Balochistan's susceptibility to various disasters, including floods, droughts, and earthquakes, the reconstructed housing will be designed to resist multiple hazards.

2.3.1. Key Highlights of Component-III

This component will be implemented by the FPMU through a dedicated Housing Reconstruction Unit (HRU). The HRU has been established, with the recruitment process completed and key positions filled. The approval process for the Assignment Account dedicated to Housing Grants is currently underway at the Finance Division. However, as per the Disbursement & Financial Information Letter (DFIL), only one account provision was provided while HRU implementation would need two separate accounts, one for the operational cost and the other for the housing grants disbursement. Considering the lack of provision, deliberations were made with the World Bank and the Economic Affairs Division (EAD) to open a second account; however, given the legal complexities, it has been agreed that there will be only one account operating for the HRU to manage both the operational cost as well as the housing grants disbursements. Moreover, temporary procurement approvals are being processed via the FPMU Systematic Tracking of Exchange in Procurement (STEP)/ email system. The STEP Account setup has been requested from the World Bank and is currently in process. The Annual Work Plan has been approved, featuring an 18-month work plan and procurement plan endorsed by the project steering committee.

Further, the Sindh Peoples Housing Initiative for Flood Affectees (SPHF) has successfully commenced the implementation. In this regard, the Housing and Reconstruction Unit (HRU) organized a five-day learning visit to gain valuable insights from the successful implementation of the Sindh Peoples Housing Initiative for Flood Affectees (SPHF). The visit aimed to draw lessons for the Integrated Flood Resilience and Adaptation Project (IFRAP). The primary goal was to learn from SPHF's experience in housing reconstruction and disaster resilience, focusing on community engagement, technical implementation, and project management, including the operational dynamics of SPHF's MIS, procurement processes, environmental and social safeguards, and financial management. During the visit, key activities included an introductory meeting with the SPHF team, field visits to the National Rural Support Programme (NRSP) office in Hyderabad, project sites in Tando Allah Yar, and engagement with Village Reconstruction Committees (VRCs). Detailed discussions were held on MIS, procurement, environmental and social safeguards, infrastructure, and disaster risk reduction features. A comprehensive review of the MIS system and internal team meetings for reflections and planning were conducted, culminating in a final meeting with the World Bank team to discuss key takeaways and the way forward.

Key insights included the importance of a robust MIS system for tracking project progress and ensuring data accuracy, effective community involvement through VRCs, and the need for compliance with environmental and social safeguards through structured training programs and regular reporting. Transparent procurement processes and robust financial management practices were deemed essential for project integrity. Disaster resilience was enhanced using locally sourced resilient materials, strategic design features, and community empowerment in construction. Recommendations included adopting SPHF's implementation guidelines, digitizing all project data, forming technical working groups to develop reconstruction guidelines, strengthening land ownership plans, and utilizing social media to improve project communication and outreach. The learning visit provided the HRU team with valuable insights into effective project management, community engagement, and disaster resilience strategies, emphasizing the significance of collaborative efforts and knowledge-sharing in advancing humanitarian initiatives and building resilient communities.

The updated Project Concept-1 (PC-1) was successfully submitted to ECNEC and received approval, marking a significant step forward in the project's progress. To further strengthen the Housing Reconstruction Unit (HRU), a Program Specialist for Housing was onboarded at the Federal Project Management Unit (FPMU), providing essential support to the HRU.

2.3.2. PDO Indicator Achievement Updates

Indicator	Activities under each Indicator	Achievement/Progress
People regaining access to at least one essential service (Number) of which are females (Percentage)	Housing units reconstructed/ upgraded	Hiring of PIPs in process to conduct initial assessment

2.3.3. Intermediate Indicator Achievement Updates

Indicator	Activities under each Indicator	Achievement/Progress
Housing Units restored/reconstructed (Number) of which female headed households and households with vulnerable women (Percentage)	Disbursement of Financial Assistance Housing units reconstructed for fully damaged houses	Hiring of PIPs in process to conduct initial assessment

2.3.4. Environmental & Social Safeguard Updates

The hiring of the required expert related to Social Safeguard and Environment has been completed. Once the Project Implementation Partner (PIP) is onboarded, assessments related to environmental and social safeguards will be carried out.

2.3.5. Grievance Redress Mechanism Updates

The team is developing the Terms of Reference (TORs) to hire a consultancy firm to manage HRU's Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM). Given the community centered nature of Component-III, grievances may arise regarding validation, selection, execution, and other aspects during implementation. Therefore, it is essential to hire a firm that will support HRU in effectively managing the GRM.

2.3.6. Stakeholder Collaboration

Coordination with all relevant stakeholders, both internal and external, has commenced. The HRU team visited the SPHF to enhance their knowledge regarding the construction of houses for flood affected individuals. The HRU also made efforts to coordinate with the Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA) to sign an MoU for sharing knowledge, expertise, and to avoid any duplication during the implementation of IFRAP component 3 activities.



Progress Review Meeting with Mir Ali Mardan Domki, Chief Minister of Balochistan. Presentation by Mr. Asfand Yar Khan, Project Director of FPMU IFRAP Project.

2.4. COMPONENT 04: LIVELIHOOD SUPPORT AND WATERSHED MANAGEMENT (USD 40 Million)

Under Project Appraisal Document 44- This component is designed to fund Livelihood Grants for smallholder farmers and agribusinesses to boost agricultural and livestock-based livelihoods, as well as for communities involved in watershed restoration. The grants aim to revive and improve productive, inclusive, and resilient natural resource-based livelihoods, while also rehabilitating degraded watersheds to enhance flood resilience. The objective is to foster climate smart agricultural practices, support value chain development, and enhance livelihood opportunities. Specifically, the component will support three types of complementary grant schemes: (i) matching grants to advance agriculture-based livelihood, (ii) Grants to livestock-based livelihoods, and (iii) community grants focused on watershed restoration.

2.4.1. Key Highlights of Component-IV

This component will be executed by the Project Implementation Unit (PIU) of Balochistan Livelihood & Entrepreneurship Project. The PIU will execute the livelihood support and watershed management component as delineated in the FA, PAD and PC-1. Hence, the component's implementation was assigned to BLEP as per the project design and the financing agreement signed between the government of Pakistan and the World Bank. The Assignment Account was opened on 16 February 2024, receiving USD 10 million in the PIU account. The Systematic Tracking of Exchange in Tracking (STEP) Account has been approved and activated. Additionally, the Annual Work Plan and the Procurement Plan have been both approved.

The PC-1 for this component was approved by the Provincial Development Working Party and Central Development Working Party for the consideration of ECNEC. However, the composition of the ECNEC is yet to be notified by the Cabinet Division. Therefore, the ECNEC approval is awaited. Given the pending ECNEC approval, the project authorization has yet to be issued, while admin approval is contingent upon issuance of the authorization.

The activities under this component will be seamlessly integrated into BLEP's well-established Management Information System (MIS), ensuring efficient tracking and management of project progress. The use of an existing MIS framework allows for better coordination and oversight of project activities.

The Project Implementation Unit (PIU) for Component IV has been fully established and is currently operating under the existing Project Management Unit (PMIU) of the Balochistan Livelihood & Entrepreneurship Project (BLEP).

The Annual Work Plan and the Procurement Plan for Component IV have both been approved, providing a clear roadmap for the implementation of project activities. These plans are crucial for guiding the execution of key tasks and ensuring alignment with the project's objectives.

2.4.2. PDO Indicators Achievement Updates

Indicator	Activities under each Indicator	Achievement/Progress
Households with improved livelihoods Number	High Tunnel System Installed Animal Shelters constructed Provision of veterinary services	The hiring of a PIP firm is in the process to conduct an initial assessment.
Percentage of which female-headed households and households with vulnerable women (%)	Total mixed ration Introducing new and indigenous breeds for fattening Introduction of fodder crops	

2.4.3. Intermediate Indicator Achievement Updates

Indicator	Activities under each Indicator	Achievement/Progress
Watershed area under climate-resilient practices	Seed storage units established Water ponds established Wetlands restored Plantation & habitat improved Canal system, streams, and Soil/Sand dunes stabilized	
Households receiving livelihood support (Number)	Provision of High Tunnel Systems with Drip Irrigation System Construction of animal shelters Veterinary services Introducing new and indigenous breeds for fattening Introduction of fodder crops	

	Seed storage units established	
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2.4.4. Environmental & Social Safeguard Updates

The ESCP (Environmental and Social Commitment Plan) and SEP (Stakeholder Engagement Plan) have been developed. The ESMF (Environmental and Social Management Framework) is currently under discussion and will be finalized next month by the Bank.

2.4.5. Grievance Redress Mechanism

The BLED has already developed a comprehensive GRM system, which will be replicated in the IFRAP project activities. This is to address issues that may arise during project execution.

2.4.6. Stakeholder Collaboration

The project team has been coordinating with various stakeholders such as the Planning & Development Department, FPMU-IFRAP, and the World Bank. The project has also initiated coordination at the field level to initiate the project activities. This includes prioritizing project beneficiaries as per the activities designed and approved under the PC-1.

2.5. COMPONENT 5: PROJECT MANAGEMENT, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, AND INSTITUTIONAL STRENGTHENING (USD 08 Million)

Under Project Appraisal Document 47- This component will lead the project management and technical assistance and the scope will include (i) project management support for the Federal Project Management Unit (FPMU) and the Provincial PIUs, including a pool of technical experts to assist the PIUs; (ii) technical assistance for monitoring and evaluation, Project Supervision and Implementation Assistance (PSIA), the development of SoP2, which encompasses river basin planning studies, basin-level flood modeling, resilient infrastructure planning and design, dam safety studies, and the creation of community flood resilience plans; and (iii) institutional strengthening efforts, such as an internship program, capacity building initiatives, and the drafting of a Water Act.

2.5.1. Key Highlights of Component-V

The project design encompasses Project Management, Technical Assistance, and Institutional Strengthening to be delivered through The Federal Project Management Unit. As per the financing agreement signed between the Government of Pakistan and the World Bank, the FPMU will (a) be housed under MOPD&SI; (b) be responsible

for the overall management of the Project, inter-agency coordination, project monitoring, recruitment, budgetary reallocation and cost-revisions and approval of annual work plans and budgets for all Project Implementation Units (PIUs) associated with IFRAP and the implementation of Components 3 and 5 of the Project. The PIUs include the Balochistan Integrated Water Resources Management & Development Project (BIWRMDP), the Balochistan Livelihood & Entrepreneurship Project (BLEP), and the Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD).

The Federal Project Management Unit (FPMU) has been established, and key staff have been recruited and placed. The Assignment Account has been opened on 03 April 2024. The Withdrawal Application for Client Connection has been completed, and a withdrawal application for USD 01 million is being processed by the World Bank. The Systematic Tracking of Exchange Procurement (STEP) Account has been processed and activated. The Annual Work Plan and the Procurement Plan have been approved. The appointment of the Project Director (PD) marked a significant milestone, catalyzing the project's momentum, particularly in securing approvals from the Central

Development Working Party (CDWP) and the Executive Committee of the National Economic Council (ECNEC). Moreover, the Project Steering Committee meetings were held in February 2024. The committee approved the Annual Work Plan & Procurement Plan of all components & subcomponents on 02 February 2024 and constituted a sub-committee to review the HRU structure. On 9th February 2024, the Steering Committee approved the HRU structure & initiation of the hiring process for HRU. Further, the committee also approved the HRU Grant Implementation Manual.

Further development of a comprehensive Management Information System (MIS) is currently underway. In collaboration with the HRU team, the Terms of Reference (ToR's) have been finalized to develop both the MIS system and a corresponding mobile application specifically designed for the Housing & Reconstruction Unit (HRU). The M&E Firm's ToR's have also been finalized for further action.

The PC-1 for this component was approved by the Central Development Working Party on May 03, 2024, however, the minutes are awaited.

2.5.2. Intermediate Indicator Achievement Updates

Indicator	Activities under each Indicator	Achievement/Progress
Community flood resilience plans prepared (Number)	Compliance with Resilient Building Practices	Development of TORs is underway, which will be submitted to the World Bank for approval.
River basin planning studies conducted (Number)	Conducting studies	Development of TORs is underway, which will be submitted to the World Bank for approval.
Citizens' Engagement Strategy developed and rolled out (Text)	Onboarding PSIA process develop the strategy	Hiring of PSIA firm is in process.
Registered grievances satisfactorily resolved in line with the GRM (Percentage)	Onboarding consultancy firm to manage grievances satisfactorily	Hiring of Grievance Redressal consultancy firm is in process.

2.5.3. Environmental & Social Safeguard Updates

The Environmental and Social Safeguard specialists of FPMU have been supporting the HRU in establishing ESMF, ESCP, LMP, RPF, and SEP.

2.5.4. Grievance Redress Mechanism Updates

The FPMU M&E team will coordinate with all other PIUs and HRU to render details of grievances, their status, and taken actions. Further, the firm that will be hired for HRU will further support FPMU in managing grievances related to FPMU activities.

No. of Complaints	Applicant Details	Received by / Level	Received Date	Action Taken	Time Taken	Status
01	Name – S. N. – Candidate for Communication Specialist FPMU	FPMU / World Bank	14 th May 2024	The complaint was declared as a 'Grievance' on STEP. On 15 th May 2024, FPMU requested submission of the complainant's missing documents as per CV to determine eligibility as per TORs as she did not meet eligibility criteria. The complainant later withdrew complaint on 16 th May 2024 as the complainant did not meet the eligibility criteria for the position of Communication Specialist. The grievance stands addressed.	2 days	Resolved

2.5.5. Stakeholder Collaboration

The Federal Project Management Unit (FPMU) demonstrated relentless dedication in finalizing the PC-I documents for each component. Throughout this process, they engaged in thorough consultations with all relevant stakeholders (BIWRDMP, PMD, HRU, BLED, Planning & Development Department, Government of Balochistan, MoPD&SI, World Bank, IOM) to ensure collaboration, coordination & comprehensive alignment, and approval. The conduct of two project Steering Committee meetings and several progress review meeting under Secretary Planning MoPD&SI and Secretary Economic Affairs Division (EAD) and conduct of four World Bank Missions during the reported period. This collaborative effort has been instrumental in advancing the project's objectives efficiently and effectively.

2.6. COMPONENT 6: CONTINGENT EMERGENCY RESPONSE (USD 00 Million)

This component ensures the availability of prompt responses to any eligible crisis or emergency as required. Following a significant natural disaster or emergency, the Government of Pakistan (GoP) may ask the Bank to redirect project funds to aid in response and reconstruction efforts. Funding for this component will be allocated as necessary. The GoP will also develop a Contingency Emergency Response Component (CERC) Operations Manual, which will outline comprehensive guidelines and instructions for activating the CERC and utilizing funds. This will include criteria for activation, permissible expenses, and specific implementation procedures. Detailed CERC ToR's have been developed to engage a consultant to devise a mechanism for triggering the CERC in the event of a crisis.

3. PROCUREMENT HIGHLIGHTS AS PER FINANCING AGREEMENT

The World Bank has approved the Procurement Plan of all PIUs & FPMU. The procurement teams have commenced the procurement activities under their respective components. The procurement activities currently include a range of categories, the **non-consulting Services** category, the **Consultant Services** category, and the **Goods** category.

Details of component-wise procurement as per the procurement plan are as follows:

Component I- Community Infrastructure Rehabilitation

Procurement of Non-Consulting Services					
S. No.	Reference No. / Description	Category	Method	Progress Update	Activity Status
01	Hiring of Design and Supervision Consultants (Irrigation Infrastructure)	Non-Consulting Services	Cash flow	Pending/ In process	Pending/ In process
02	Hiring of Design and Supervision Consultants (Water Supply Infrastructure)	Non-Consulting Services	Cash flow	Pending/ In process	Pending/ In process
03	Hiring of Design and Supervision Consultants (Road Infrastructure)	Non-Consulting Services	Cash flow	Pending/ In process	Pending/ In process

Component-II: Strengthening Hydromet and Climate Services

Procurement of Individual Consultants					
S. No.	Reference No. / Description	Category	Method	Progress Update	Activity Status
01	PK-PMD-414730-CS-INDV / Deputy Project Director	Consultant Services	Open National	Mr. Mahr Sahibzad Khan, DG PMD, is working on additional charge. The position paper of regular incumbent is under approval in MOPD&SI.	Pending/ In process
02	PK-PMD-414799-CS-INDV / Meteorological Observation Systems Specialist	Consultant Services	Limited International	Draft contracts shared with the consultants.	Pending/ In process
03	PK-PMD-414800-CS-INDV / HPC Specialist	Consultant Services	Limited International	Draft contracts shared with the consultants.	Pending/ In process
04	PK-PMD-427793-CS-INDV / Meteorological Business Consultant	Consultant Services	Limited International	Draft contracts shared with the consultants.	Pending/ In process
05	PK-PMD-414733-CS-INDV / Project Coordinator	Consultant Services	Open - National	Procurement completed and contract signed on 15th May 2024.	Completed
06	PK-PMD-414786-CS-INDV / Senior Agrometeorology Associate	Consultant Services	Open - National	Procurement completed and contract signed on 15th May 2024.	Completed
07	PK-PMD-414787-CS-INDV / Contract Management Expert	Consultant Services	Open - National	Procurement completed and contract signed on 20th May 2024 and will Join on 3rd June 2024.	Completed
08	PK-PMD-414785-CS-INDV / Senior Meteorology Associate	Consultant Services	Open - National	Procurement completed and contract signed on 15th May 2024.	Completed

09	PK-PMD-414739-CS-INDV / Financial Management Specialist	Consultant Services	Open - National	Procurement completed and contract signed on 20th May 2024.	Completed
10	PK-PMD-414793-CSINDV / Software Engineer	Consultant Services	Open - National	Procurement completed and contract signed on 15th May 2024.	Completed
11	PK-PMD-414794-CSINDV / Radar Specialist	Consultant Services	Limited - International	Procurement completed and contract signed on 15th May 2024.	Completed
12	PK-PMD-414737-CS-INDV / Senior Consultant Hydrology	Consultant Services	Open - National	Procurement completed and contract signed on 20th May 2024 and will Join on 3rd June 2024.	Completed
13	PK-PMD-414790-CS-INDV / Civil Engineer	Consultant Services	Open - National	Procurement completed and contract signed on 15th May 2024.	Completed
14	PK-PMD-414738-CSINDV / Procurement Specialist	Consultant Services	Open - National	NOL Pending	Pending/ In process
15	PK-PMD-414740-CS-INDV / Social Safeguard Expert	Consultant Services	Open - National	Procurement completed and contract signed on 20th May 2024 and will Join on 3rd June 2024.	Completed
16	PK-PMD-414791-CS-INDV / Electronic Engineer	Consultant Services		Procurement completed and contract signed on 15th May 2024.	Completed
Procurement of Goods					
S. No.	Reference No. / Description	Category	Method	Progress Update	Activity Status
01	PK-PMD-427799-GORFQ / Procurement of Office Equipment	Goods	Open - National	RFQ Floated, Last date of submission: 3rd June 2024.	Pending/ In process

02	PK-PMD-414807-GO-RFQ / Request for Quotation -Supply of Office Containers-Lot1, IT equipment for PMU Staff Lot-2, Office Furniture Lot-3	Goods	Open - National	IT Equipment has been received, payment under process.	Completed
03	PK-PMD-427787-GORFQ / Procurement of Furniture PMD-PIU	Goods	Open - National	Market assessment completed, and Office Prototypes are under review.	Pending/ In process
04	PK-PMD-429268-GO-RFQ / Procurement of IT Equipment	Goods	Open - National	Procurement Plan activity not yet approved.	Not yet initiated
05	PK-PMD-427777-GORFQ / Revamping and uplifting of PMD-PIU Office	Goods	Open - National	Building allocated, BOQs for revamping in process.	Pending/ In process

Component-III: Resilient Housing Reconstruction and Restoration

Procurement of Non-Consulting Services					
S. No.	Reference No / Description	Category	Method	Progress Update	Activity Status
01	PK-FPMU MOPDSI - 428761-NC-RFQ / Hiring of Firm for engaging the services of support staff management for FPMU - IFRAP	Non-consulting Services	Request for Quotations	Submitted	Under Review
02	PK-FPMU MOPDSI - 424203-NC-RFB / Procurement of Project Implementation Partners (PIPs) for Housing Reconstruction and Restoration in Balochistan (Total Lots: 09)	Non-consulting Services	Request for Bids	In Process	Cleared
Procurement of Individual Consultants					
S. No.	Reference No / Description	Category	Method	Progress Update	Activity Status
01	PK-FPMU MOPDSI 412077-CS-INDV / Selection of Project Director (HRU)	Consultant Services	Individual Consultant Selection	Signed	Completed
02	PK-FPMU MOPDSI - 425730-CS-INDV / Selection of Financial Management Specialist - HRU	Consultant Services	Individual Consultant Selection	Signed	Completed
03	PK-FPMU MOPDSI 412090-CS-INDV / Selection of Procurement Specialist -HRU	Consultant Services	Individual Consultant Selection	Signed	Completed

04	PK-FPMU MOPDSI - 412091-CS-INDV / Selection of Financial Management Specialist - HRU	Consultant Services	Individual Consultant Selection	Signed	Completed
05	PK-FPMU MOPDSI 413349-CS-INDV / Selection of Infrastructure Specialist - HRU	Consultant Services	Individual Consultant Selection	Signed	Completed
06	PK-FPMU MOPDSI - 413338-CS-INDV / Selection of Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist - HRU	Consultant Services	Individual Consultant Selection	Signed	Completed
07	PK-FPMU MOPDSI - 412087-CS-INDV / Selection of Senior Manager Program and Operations (COO)	Consultant Services	Individual Consultant Selection	Signed	Completed
08	PK-FPMU MOPDSI - 412457-CS-INDV / Selection of Gender Specialist	Consultant Services	Individual Consultant Selection	Signed	Completed
09	PK-FPMU MOPDSI - 413341-CS-INDV / Selection of Disaster Management Specialist - HRU	Consultant Services	Individual Consultant Selection	Signed	Completed
10	PK-FPMU MOPDSI 413347-CS-INDV / Selection of MIS/Technologist/ICT Specialist - HRU	Consultant Services	Individual Consultant Selection	Signed	Completed
11	PK-FPMU MOPDSI - 413345-CS-INDV / Selection of Contract Management Specialist - HRU	Consultant Services	Individual Consultant Selection	Signed	Completed
12	PK-FPMU MOPDSI - 412459-CS-INDV / Selection of Social Safeguard Specialist	Consultant Services	Individual Consultant Selection	Signed	Completed

13	PK-FPMU MOPDSI 412458-CS-INDV / Selection of Environmental Safeguard Specialist	Consultant Services	Individual Consultant Selection	Signed	Completed
Procurement of Goods					
S. No.	Reference No / Description	Category	Method	Progress Update	Activity Status
01	PK-FPMU MOPDSI - 429866-GO-RFB / Procurement of Design, Supply with Installation and Post Management Services of Management Information Systems (MIS) for HRU	Goods	Request for Bids	Submitted	Under Review
02	PK-FPMU MOPDSI - 427689-GO-RFQ / Procurement of IT Equipment for HRU	Goods	Request for Quotations	Under Implementation	Contract Awarded
03	PK-FPMU MOPDSI 423164-GO-RFQ / Purchase of Furniture for HRU - PIU - IFRAP Quetta.	Goods	Request for Quotations	Contract Awarded	In Process

Component IV: Livelihood Support and Watershed Management

Procurement of Non-Consulting Services					
S. No.	Reference No / Description	Category	Method	Progress Update	Activity Status
01	Livelihood Training for related Assets / Cash for Work	Non-consulting Services	Request for Bids	Invitation to providers extended on 15 th February 2024	Completed
Procurement of Individual Consultants					
S. No.	Reference No / Description	Category	Method	Progress Update	Activity Status
01	Hiring of Monitoring and Evaluation Expert	Consultant Services	Individual Consultant Selection	Under Implementation	Pending/ In process
02	Community engagement, beneficiary identification and Common Interest Group Creations	Consultant Services	Least Cost Based Selection	Request for Proposals Issued on 4 th May 2024	Pending/ In process
03	Monitoring and Evaluation Expert	Consultant Services	Individual Consultant Selection	Expression of Interest issued on 4 th May 2024	Pending/ In process
04	Social Safeguard Expert	Consultant Services	Individual Consultant Selection	Expression of Interest issued on 4 th May 2024	Pending/ In process
05	Environment Expert	Consultant Services	Individual Consultant Selection	Expression of Interest issued on 4 th May 2024	Pending/ In process
06	Agriculture Expert	Consultant Services	Individual Consultant Selection	Expression of Interest issued on 4 th May 2024	Pending/ In process
Procurement of Goods					
S. No.	Reference No / Description	Category	Method	Progress Update	Activity Status
01	Procurement of Office Equipment & Accessories	Goods	Request for Quotations	Contract signed and completed on 10 th May 2024	Completed
02	Procurement of Office Furniture	Goods	Request for Quotations	Contract signed and completed on 10 th May 2024	Completed

Component-V: Project Management, Technical Assistance, and Institutional Strengthening

Procurement of Individual Consultants					
S. No.	Reference No / Description	Category	Method	Process Status	Activity Status
01	PK-FPMU MOPDSI -429997CS-INDV / Selection of Individual Consultant for Technical Support in Project Design and Preparation	Consultant Services	Individual Consultant Selection	Submitted	Under Review by World Bank
02	PK-FPMU MOPDSI -429904CS-CQS / Procurement of Consulting Firm for Preparation of National Housing Policy-2025	Consultant Services	Consultant Qualification Selection	Submitted	Under Review by World Bank
03	PK-FPMU MOPDSI -412455CS-INDV / Selection of Sr Strategy & Operations Specialist	Consultant Services	Individual Consultant Selection	Signed	Completed
04	PK-FPMU MOPDSI -412453-CS-INDV / Selection of Communication Specialist	Consultant Services	Individual Consultant Selection	Signed	Completed
05	PK-FPMU MOPDSI -413328CS-INDV / Selection of MIS/Technologist/ICT Specialist - FPMU	Consultant Services	Individual Consultant Selection	Signed	Completed
06	PK-FPMU MOPDSI -419342CS-INDV / Selection of Financial Management Specialist - FPMU	Consultant Services	Individual Consultant Selection	Signed	Completed
07	PK-FPMU MOPDSI -424757-CS-INDV / Selection of Procurement Specialist for FPMU	Consultant Services	Individual Consultant Selection	Under Implementation	Pending/ In process
08	PK-FPMU MOPDSI 425731-CS-INDV / Selection of Monitoring & Evaluation Specialist - FPMU	Consultant Services	Individual Consultant Selection	Signed	Completed
09	PK-FPMU MOPDSI -412093CS-CQS / Selection of Internal Audit Firm	Consultant Services	Consultant Qualification Selection	Under Implementation	Pending/ In process
10	PK-FPMU MOPDSI -413331CS-INDV / Selection of Program Specialist - Hydromet (FPMU)	Consultant Services	Individual Consultant Selection	Under Implementation	Pending/ In process

11	PK-FPMU MOPDSI -412479-CS-INDV / Selection of Program Specialist- Housing Reconstruction (FPMU)	Consultant Services	Individual Consultant Selection	Under Implementation	Completed
12	PK-FPMU MOPDSI -412461CS-INDV / Selection of Program Specialist - Infrastructure (FPMU)	Consultant Services	Individual Consultant Selection	Signed	Completed
13	PK-FPMU MOPDSI -412483CS-INDV / Selection of Program Specialist (Livelihood)	Consultant Services	Individual Consultant Selection	Signed	Completed
Procurement of Goods					
S. No.	Reference No / Description	Category	Method	Process Status	Activity Status
01	PK-FPMU MOPDSI -427661GO-RFQ / Supply, Fixing and Installation of Workstations & Revamping of FPMU Office Islamabad	Goods	Request for Quotations	Contract Awarded	Completed
02	PK-FPMU MOPDSI -423035-GO-RFQ / Purchase of Furniture for FPMU - IFRAP Islamabad Office	Goods	Request for Quotations	Contract Awarded	Completed
03	PK-FPMU MOPDSI -427680-GO-RFQ / Procurement of Office equipment for FPMU	Goods	Request for Quotations	Under Implementation	Pending/ In process
04	PK-FPMU MOPDSI -423042GO-RFQ / Purchase of IT Equipment	Goods	Request for Quotations	Under Implementation	Pending/ In process

4. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

The Financial Information Management System is currently under review by the World Bank. Concurrently, the process of hiring an audit firm has been initiated to provide necessary oversight and verification of financial activities. This hiring process is presently in the procurement phase.

The financial expenses (figures) from inception till April 2024 have been highlighted as follows.

Particulars	Available Budget FY 2023-2025	Expenses January to June, 2024	Remaining Balance	Remaining Balance
	PKR	PKR	PKR	USD
	27,494,858,572	66,403,098	27,493,408,074	98,190,743

* The first disbursement for the project was approved in March. Consequently, no significant financial progress was recorded during the current reporting period. However, as accounts for almost all the Project Implementation Units (PIUs) have now been opened, substantial financial progress is anticipated in the upcoming quarters.

Status of withdrawal of applications (from Inception to date)

Withdrawal Applications	Date of submission to the bank	Amount requested	Date of approval/ disbursement by the bank	Amount approved/ released	Amount withheld
		PKR (Approx)		PKR (Approx)	PKR
1 st Withdrawal application (Comp 4: Livelihood) DA-D	27-Feb-24	2,878,514,348	5-Mar-24	2,878,514,348	-
1 st Withdrawal application (Comp 2: Hydromet & Climate Services) DA-B	26-Mar-24	488,700,000	29-Mar-24	488,700,000	-
1 st Withdrawal application (Comp 1: Community Infrastructure Rehabilitation) DA-C	19-Apr-24	2,534,000,000	10-May-24	2,534,000,000	-
1 st Withdrawal application (Comp 5: Prog Mgt, TA and Inst. Strengthening) DA-A	25-Apr-24	289,600,000	7-May-24	289,600,000	-

Expenditure and forecast from Project Assignment Account:

Description	Target as per Quarterly Work Plan				Budget 2023-25	
	FY 2023-2024					
	Q-1	Q-2	Q-3	Q-4		
Component 1: Community Infrastructure Rehabilitation						
Sub-component 1.1: Rehabilitation of Irrigation and Flood Control Infrastructure						
	-	-	29,770,000	297,282,000	2,157,874,903	
Sub-component 1.2: Restoration of Water Supply Schemes						
	-	-	-	6,830,000	950,479,369	
Sub-component 1.3: Reconstruction and Rehabilitation of Roads and Bridges						
	-	-	-	19,012,190	2,946,815,403	
Sub-component 1.4: Restoration of Small Community Facilities						
	-	-	6,018,000	1,120,331,069	2,157,763,144	
Total			35,788,000	1,443,455,259	8,212,932,818	

Component 2: Strengthening Hydro-met and Climate Services					
Sub-component 2.1: Modernization of the Observation Infrastructure, Data Management, and Forecasting Systems					
	-	-	-	295,000,000	5,812,000,000
Sub-component 2.2: Provision of Technical Assistance, Institutional Strengthening, and Capacity Building					
	-	-	-	204,030,506	477,538,001

Total	-	-	-	499,030,506	6,289,538,001
Component 3: Resilient Housing Reconstruction and Restoration					
Sub-Component 3.1: Beneficiary-driven Housing Reconstruction Grants					
	-	-	-	-	9,800,000,000
Sub-component 3.2: Provision of Technical Assistance and Institutional Strengthening					
	-	-	795,755	323,357,755	1,271,585,695
Total	-	-	795,755	323,357,755	11,071,585,695
Component 4: Livelihood Support and Watershed Management					
	-	-	-	119,442,500	3,582,249,833
Total	-	-	-	119,442,500	3,582,249,833
Component 5: Technical Assistance and Institutional Strengthening					
	-	-	28,100,000	254,425,000	745,665,000
Total	-	-	28,100,000	254,425,000	745,665,000
Component 6: Contingent Emergency Response					
	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-
Grand Total			64,683,755	2,639,711,020	29,901,971,347

5. RESULTS FRAMEWORK & MONITORING

Under Project Appraisal Document - The Federal Project Management Unit (FPMU) will oversee the project's monitoring and evaluation (M&E) and handle regular reporting to the World Bank. This responsibility will be supported by an M&E consultancy and a third-party verification agent. The FPMU will (i) gather and report project performance data, including physical and financial progress, and (ii) provide regular updates on intermediate project results and progress towards higher-level outcomes. Additionally, the relevant Project Implementation Units (PIUs) will support the FPMU by supplying necessary information. The project will also fund the collection of baseline data. Throughout the project's implementation, the PIUs will prepare bi-annual progress reports using the indicators defined in the Results Framework.

During the reporting period, significant progress has been made in laying the groundwork for the project's success. All necessary planning activities have been effectively initiated, ensuring the project is well-prepared for the implementation phase. A key development has been onboarding a Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Specialist. Additionally, the process of hiring a third-party M&E firm is currently underway. This firm will be crucial in conducting thorough evaluations and providing independent assessments of the project's implementation and impact. Their involvement will help to ensure that the project remains on track and meets its intended goals. Once project implementation begins, the gathered information will be critical for populating the Project Results Framework. This framework is an essential tool for measuring the project's performance, identifying areas for improvement, and demonstrating the impact of the project's interventions.

Project Development Objective Indicators						
S. No.	Indicator Name	Baseline	End Target	Cumulative Progress		
1	Households with improved livelihoods (Number)	0	80,000	To be monitored	implementation	upon
2	of which female-headed households and households with vulnerable women (Percentage)	0	40	To be monitored	implementation	upon
3	People regaining access to at least one essential service (Number)	0	1,500,000	To be monitored	implementation	upon
4	of which are females (Percentage)	0	50	To be monitored	implementation	upon
5	People with enhanced flood risk protection (Number)	0	1,800,000	To be monitored	implementation	upon
6	of which are females (Percentage)	0	50	To be monitored	implementation	upon
7	Increase in weather forecast lead time of PMD (Days)	3	5	To be monitored	implementation	upon

Intermediate Results Indicators					
S. No.	Indicator Name	Baseline	End Target	Cumulative Progress	
1	Land area benefitting from restored irrigation systems (Hectare (Ha))	0	50,000	To be monitored	upon implementation
2	Land area with improved protection through rehabilitated flood protection infrastructure (Hectare (Ha))	0	50,000	To be monitored	upon implementation
3	Length of roads rehabilitated (Kilometers)	0	20	To be monitored	upon implementation
4	Rehabilitated water supply schemes (Number)	0	40	To be monitored	upon implementation
5	Restored small community facilities (Number)	0	40	To be monitored	upon implementation
6	Weather radars installed and operationalized (Number)	0	4	To be monitored	upon implementation
7	Automatic Weather Stations (AWS) installed and operationalized (Number)	0	300	To be monitored	upon implementation
8	Hydrological modelling based early warning system established for hill torrents in Balochistan (Yes/No)	No	Yes	To be monitored	upon implementation
9	Housing units restored/reconstructed (Number)	0	35,100	To be monitored	upon implementation
10	of which female headed households and households with vulnerable women (Percentage)	0	25	To be monitored	upon implementation
11	Watershed area under climate-resilient practices (Hectare)	0	20,000	To be monitored	upon implementation
12	Households receiving livelihood support (Number)	0	80,000	To be monitored	upon implementation
13	Community flood resilience plans prepared (Number)	0	20	To be monitored	upon implementation
14	River basin planning studies (Number)	0	3	To be monitored	upon implementation
15	Citizens' Engagement Strategy developed and rolled out (Text)	Citizens' Engagement Strategy not developed.	Citizens' Engagement Strategy developed and rolled out	To be monitored	upon implementation
16	Registered grievances satisfactorily resolved in line with the GRM (Percentage)	0	100	To be monitored	upon implementation

6. THE WAY FORWARD

The Integrated Flood Resilience and Adaptation Project (IFRAP) has recently experienced a significant surge in momentum, marked by notable achievements and progress in various components. To sustain the momentum from the inception phase and to ensure that the project continues its path towards building resilience in flood-affected communities in Balochistan, several critical actions must be taken across all components.

Firstly, the project necessitates several key approvals across components. The table below provides an overview of the key approvals still pending from relevant competent forums.

Component/Subcomponent	Department/ PIU	PC-1 Status (Approving Forum)	Authorization by Planning Commission	Administrative Approval
Umbrella PC 1		ECNEC Approved	Issued	Issued (M/o Planning Development & Special Initiatives)
Comp 1.1: Rehabilitation of irrigation and flood control infrastructure.	Irrigation/ BIWRMDP	ECNEC Awaited	Pending/ In process	Pending (P&DD Government of Balochistan)
Comp 1.2: Restoration of water supply schemes.	Public Health Engineering/ BIWRMDP	CDWP Approved on May 3, 24. Minutes Awaited	Pending	Pending (P&DD Government of Balochistan)
Comp 1.3: Reconstruction and rehabilitation of roads and bridges	Construction & Works/ BIWRMDP	ECNEC Awaited	Pending	Pending (P&DD Government of Balochistan)
Comp 1.4: Restoration of small community facilities a) Health	BIWRMDP/ BHCIP	CDWP Approved	Issued	Pending (P&DD Government of Balochistan)
Comp 1.4: Restoration of small community facilities b) Education	BIWRMDP/ BHCIP	CDWP Approved	Issued	Pending (P&DD Government of Balochistan)
Comp 2: Strengthening Hydromet and Climate Services	PMD	ECNEC Approved	Issued	Issued (M/o Aviation, Islamabad)
Comp 3: Resilient Housing Reconstruction and Restoration	HRU	ECNEC (Summary Approval Awaited)	Pending	Pending (M/o Planning Development & Special Initiatives)

Comp 4: Livelihood Support and Watershed Management	BLEP	ECNEC Awaited	Pending	Pending (P&DD Government of Balochistan)
Comp 5: Project Management, Technical Assistance, and Institutional Strengthening	FMPU	CDWP Approved on May 3, 24. Minutes Awaited	Pending	Pending (M/o Planning Development & Special Initiatives)

Within each component, a comprehensive set of actions is necessary for the project's advancement and eventual success, as outlined below:

Component 1 - Community Infrastructure Rehabilitation: For this component, expediting the ECNEC approval process is paramount to secure project authorization and administrative approval. This involves prioritizing the hiring of consultancy firms for initial assessments and detailed designs, along with initiating procurement processes for construction materials and services necessary for infrastructure restoration, including irrigation systems, flood control measures, water supply schemes, roads, and community facilities.

Component 2 - Strengthening Hydromet and Climate Services: Finalizing technical specifications and terms of reference (TORs) for weather radars and automatic weather stations is imperative. Concurrently, initiating procurement to enhance early warning capabilities and recruiting experts for environmental and social safeguards are crucial priorities. Establishing a comprehensive Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM) is also essential.

Component 3 - Resilient Housing Reconstruction and Restoration: Under Component 3, expediting the approval process for the housing grants assignment account and finalizing procurement for Project Implementation Partners (PIPs) are pivotal steps. It is also essential to implement lessons learned from previous initiatives like the Sindh Peoples Housing Initiative for Flood Affectees (SPHF) to ensure effective housing reconstruction. Moreover, developing a robust Management Information System (MIS) and engaging consultancy firms to manage the GRM and support implementation are essential.

Component 4 - Livelihood Support and Watershed Management: For this component, expediting the hiring of a PIP firm for initial assessments is crucial. Additionally, initiating procurement for climate-smart agricultural practices and developing detailed plans to support smallholder farmers and agribusinesses are necessary for sustainable livelihoods and watershed management.

Component 5 - 5-Project Management, Technical Assistance, and Institutional Strengthening: Finalizing a comprehensive MIS system is essential for effective project oversight. Similarly, initiating the hiring process for a third-party Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) firm and securing approvals for the Annual Work Plan and Procurement Plan is critical for project management. Recruiting experts for technical studies and capacity-building initiatives, including an internship program, will further strengthen institutional capacity.

Component 6 - Contingent Emergency Response: For the last component, developing a CERC Operations Manual and engaging a consultant to devise a mechanism for triggering emergency funds are indispensable to ensure prompt responses to eligible crises or emergencies during project implementation.

Financial Management: Completing the World Bank's review of the Financial Information Management System and expediting the hiring of an audit firm for oversight are crucial for the project's successful implementation.

Monitoring and Evaluation: Onboarding a M&E consultancy firm, ensuring regular reporting on project performance, and utilizing the Project Results Framework to measure performance and identify areas for improvement are crucial for effective monitoring and evaluation.

These concerted actions are crucial to ensure efficient progress and successful achievement of the project's objectives, supporting recovery and building resilience in flood-affected communities of Balochistan. By expediting approvals, hiring consultancy firms, finalizing technical specifications, and strengthening project management and financial oversight, the project can effectively address the multifaceted challenges posed by the 2022 floods. The project's subsequent success hinges on all PIUs effectively implementing the Annual Work Plans. The Federal Project Management Unit will coordinate with all stakeholders to ensure implementation of activities as per the Annual Work Plan approved by the project Steering Committee. Close coordination between the FPMU, provincial PIUs, various ministries, provincial government departments, and relevant agencies is crucial to align efforts, foster synergies, and prevent overlaps or gaps in activities. Regular updates to the federal and provincial Steering Committees on progress, challenges, and adjustments, and incorporating their strategic guidance are essential for accountability and swift decision-making. In line with the Financing Agreement, this progress report will also be presented to the Steering Committee. By maintaining a collaborative environment and alignment with the Annual Work Plans, the project will not only rehabilitate essential infrastructure and livelihoods but also enhance institutional capacity and foster long-term resilience in the region, ultimately improving the lives of those affected by the floods.

