

PROGRESS OF THE PROJECT “ REDUCING RISKS AND VULNERABILITIES FROM GLACIAL LAKE OUTBURST FLOODS IN NORTHERN PAKISTAN (GLOF)”

Project Goal

The goal of the project is ‘to enhance the adaptive capacity to prevent climate change-induced GLOF disasters in Pakistan’

Objectives

The project is aimed to achieve the following two objectives:

- i. To develop the human and technical capacity of public institutions to understand and address immediate GLOF risks for vulnerable communities in Northern Pakistan
- ii. To enable vulnerable local communities in Northern Pakistan to better understand and respond to GLOF risks and thereby adapt to growing climate change pressures

Project Outcomes

- i. Policy Recommendations & Institutional Strengthening
- ii. Strengthening Knowledge and Information about GLOF
- iii. Demonstration of community-based GLOF risk management
- iv. Documentation, analysis and application of lessons learnt

Timeframe and Project Budget

Timeline:	4 years
Planned date of start:	May 2011
Effective date of start:	15 Nov 2011
Delay in implementation:	6 months
Planned date of completion:	April 2015
Total Allocated Resources:	US\$7.6 m
UNDP Share:	US\$.5 m
Adaptation Fund:	US\$ 3.6 m
Government’s in-kind contribution:	US\$ 3.5 m

Institutional issues/teething problems

The GLOF project was signed on behalf of the Government of Pakistan on 30 June, 2011 by the erstwhile Ministry of Environment as the implementing entity, Economic Affairs Division and the United Nations Development Program. The project could not take off in practical terms till the recruitment of the National Project Manager and the Admin and Finance Assistant in late October, 2011. As such more than three months of project's crucial time was lost due to institutional issues pertaining to the implementing entity till the creation of the New Ministry of National Disaster Management in late October, 2011. Later, in April 2012, only the nomenclature of the aforementioned Ministry was changed to the Ministry of Climate Change.

Progress

Despite of the aforementioned challenges, the project has achieved the following milestones till date:

- Inception Workshop of the project was held in Gilgit from 15-17 November 2011
- Detailed consultative meetings with key stakeholders and communities were done during Inception Phase & detailed Inception Report was developed and submitted to Adaptation Fund.
- A Project Orientation Workshop at Peshawar was held on 27th January 2012
- First meeting of the Project Steering Committee was held on 5th March and Annual work plan for 2012 was approved
- A short project documentary titled “Lurking Mountain Tsunamis” was developed during 1st half of April 2012 and shared with multi stakeholders on various occasions
- Media Launch of the project was held on 16th April in Islamabad
- Orientation Workshop at Chitral was held on 26th April 2012
- National Project Manager, Deputy Secretary Development from M/o Climate Change & 2 Staff members from UNDP attended a regional workshop on GLOF & Climate Change during March 2012 at Kathmandu, Nepal
- Interviews of field staff at Chitral were conducted on 27th April 2012
- First formal Introductory Meeting with Chitral Community at Bindogol Valley (Drongagh, Gohkir & Shogram villages) was held on 28th April 2012
- Interviews for field staff of Gilgit were conducted at Islamabad on 4th May 2012
- The formal Letter of Agreement (LoA) was signed with Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD) on 10th May 2012
- PMD Team conducted a field visit and installed meteorological observatory at Bagrot valley during last week of May 2012

- PMD is in process of conducting Risk Assessment, Establishment of Early Warning System and Updating of GLOF Lake Inventory
- Detailed formal meeting with Bagrot Community was held on 23rd May 2012
- Capacity Needs Assessment Workshop at Gilgit was conducted on 24th May 2012
- A Capacity Need Assessment Workshop for the key stakeholders and partners was organized at Islamabad on 13th June 2012.
- An Awareness Raising Workshop for multi-stakeholders including Government officials, NGO representatives, media persons and students was organized on 14th June 2012 at Islamabad
- GLOF related Information Education and Communication (IEC) material including posters, brochures & knowledge sheets etc. were developed and disseminated during various activities of the project.