

Support to Local Governance in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (LOGO)



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The Rationale

In 2010, the 18th amendment to the Constitution of Pakistan made it mandatory for all provincial governments to establish local governments. Following this amendment, for the first time in Pakistan's history, all four provincial governments passed Local Government Acts. The Provincial Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) held local government elections in May.

Given the higher number of elected councillors and introduction of a new tier of government (councils) at the village level for the first time, the KP Government did not have the full capacity to successfully set up the local government system. It lacked human resources, technical expertise and experience in setting up local governments on a large scale.

Total Budget:	CHF 6 million
Time Frame:	2 years (second phase)
Dates:	2017 - 2019

The first phase of the 'Support to Local Governance Programme' (LOGO) was started in 2014 with the

financial support of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). The programme, which was implemented by Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), aimed to support the KP and Punjab governments in strengthening local governance; revenue generation and promoting state citizen dialogue.

The programme successfully supported the development of important regulatory frameworks for local government, taxation, and prevention of violence against women. The SDC was closely involved in the evaluation of the first phase, which was conducted in March 2016.

Considering the high relevance of the programme to SDC's goals in Pakistan, the SDC decided to contribute in the second phase by earmarking funds for KP. The programme is anchored in the KP Local Government Election and Rural Development Department and all activities are carried out in coordination with the Economic Affairs Division (EAD) of the Ministry of Finance, Revenue, Statistics, Economic Affairs and Privatisation.



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The Objectives

Strengthening the local governance by fostering institutionalized social accountability (i.e. participatory planning and transparent management of public finances, including taxes), reduces the trust deficit that exists between the government and citizens, which in turn plays a key role towards stabilization in a society and promotes sustainable development.

'Support to Local Governance in KP' Programme aims to improve state citizen trust through constructive dialogue, strengthening inclusive, responsive and accountable local governments, reforming taxation and improving participation of the people in political processes. Special attention is being paid to include women, religious minorities and youth by embedding Conflict Sensitive Programme Management (CSPM) principles and gender as crosscutting themes in all result areas.

The programme will support government institutions such as the Local Governance School (which trains elected officials), the Excise, Taxation and Narcotics Control Department and the Right to Information Commission. Significant ownership of the programme by the government and strengthening of government institutions through it will ensure sustainability of results.

This programme is in line with the Sustainable Development Goal 16 that asks governments to promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all, and build effective, accountable, and inclusive institutions at all levels.

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- The Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)
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