

## ACTIVITY REPORT

### Launching Ceremony of Partnership Fund & GIS Based - DSS

October 9, 2008, Karachi

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A. Presentation-Partnership Fund

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## 1. Background

The Partnership Fund Technical Committee during its second meeting approved ten projects for grant under Partnership Fund. Out of these ten, two project proposals were of Government department whereas eight were submitted by Non-governmental Organizations (NGOs). In order to formally start these projects a ceremony was held on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2008 at Karachi. Besides, the ceremony was also held to highlight the activities of Partnership Fund. Additionally, recently developed Decision Support System web portal was also launched on the occasion. The Decision Support System (DSS) is a computerized information system that will provide GIS based information of natural resources of Indus Ecoregion. The information provided in DSS will be helpful for conservation and organizational decision-making activities.

## 2. Date/Venue

The ceremony was held at a local hotel of Karachi on Thursday the 9<sup>th</sup> October 2008, which was attended by more than 80 peoples representing government officials, civil society and media. Mr. Muhammad Ali Khaskheli, Secretary Planning and Development (P&D) Govt. of Sindh and Dr. Sikandar Mandhro, Member Sindh Assembly were the chief guests of event. A total of 57 persons, representing government departments, civil society and media attended the event.

## 3. PROCEEDINGS

The ceremony started with recitation of Holy Quran by Mr. Safeullah followed by welcome words.

### 3.1 Welcome Remarks

Dr. Ghulam Akbar, Regional Director, Indus for All Programme welcomed to participants and said that the Partnership Fund and Decision Support System are the components of Indus for All programme, which is five-year conservation and



livelihood Programme of WWF-Pakistan. The Programme is currently being implemented in four sites; Keti Bunder and Keenjhar Lake in Thatta, Pai forest in Nawabshah and Chotiari Wetland Complex in Sanghar District. He said that through the call of Partnership Fund we got 60 project proposals from which 10 project proposals have been approved by the Partnership Fund Technical Committee under the chairmanship of Secretary Forest and Wildlife. He informed that the second call of Partnership Fund will be made in coming month and it is expected that project proposals will be submitted by organizations from upper Sindh area. Talking on the approved projects he said that we are confident about the grant recipients that approved grant will be properly utilized for conservation of natural resources.

### **3.2 Briefing on Partnership Fund's Project**

Mr. Nasir Panhwar, Programme Coordinator, Indus for All Programme briefed about overall process of Partnership Fund and also provided details about approved projects. (Annexure-B) During the presentation he said that the thematic areas of the Partnership Fund are conservation of natural resources, to sustain the ecological processes and provision of alternate livelihood support. He said that the Partnership Fund besides allowing partners from government, academic institutions enables NGOs and community based organizations to implement projects within the Indus Ecoregion with the assistance of the Programme's Fund scheme. He further informed that the projects will be implemented in six districts of the province including Khairpur Mirs, Thatta, Badin, Nawabshah, Dadu and Matiari.

### **3.3 Briefing and Launching of GIS Based Decision Support System**

Mr. Rab Nawaz, NRM Coordinator, Indus for All programme, briefed the participants about the development of GIS based Decision Support System through presentation.

At the end of presentation, Mr. Mohammad Ali Khaskheli, Secretary Planning and



development Department Sindh, launched the GIS Based -DSS by pushing the mouse button.

### 3.4 Cheque Handing Over

On this occasion cheques were handed over to the representatives of the partner organizations i.e. Sindh Wildlife Department Sukkur, Sindh Fisheries Department-Inland, Hyderabad, Action for Humanitarian Development Kharo Chhan, Young Samaji Tanzeem Dadu, Indus Development Organization Matiari, Badin Development and Research Organization, Shah Lateef Welfare Association Sakarand Nawabshah, Participatory Development Initiatives, Thatta and Global Welfare and Development Organization, Thatta.

Mr. Mohammad Ali Khaskheli, Secretary Planning and Development Department Govt. of Sindh, Mr. Sikandar Ali Mandhro, Member Provincial Assembly Sindh and Mr. Shoaib Ahmed Siddiqui, Secretary Livestock & Fisheries Department Govt. of Sindh, handed over cheques to the representatives of said organizations.



### 3.5 Remarks by the Chief Guest

Talking on the occasion **Mr. Sikandar Mendhro**, Member provincial Assembly Sindh, said that, there was a time when our deltaic and coastal area was very rich in natural resources and the people were prosperous, but due to the deterioration of the natural resources, the people have become poor. Further he said that, it was during their first tenure of government (1994), they took efforts and passed resolution to establish the Sindh Coastal Development Authority. He however regretted the present position of Authority which did not deliver as per its mandate hence the situation in the coastal areas has further deteriorated. The plantation and other interventions to improve environmental condition of coastal areas have been failed due to negligence. He further emphasized on the promotion of alternate sources of livelihood to encourage conservation of natural resources.

Mr. Mohammad Ali Khaskhli, Secretary Planning and Development department Sindh, sharing his views said that Sindh is facing numerous environmental and developmental challenges and hence needs holistic approach to address the growing challenges. Further he said there is an immense scope of work in Sindh that yet to be undertaken. He appreciated the WWF-Pakistan for provision of funding 10 projects across the province which is meant especially for conservation of biodiversity and generally for environment protection. He hoped that the projects would be implemented with sincerity and dedication by the grant recipients.

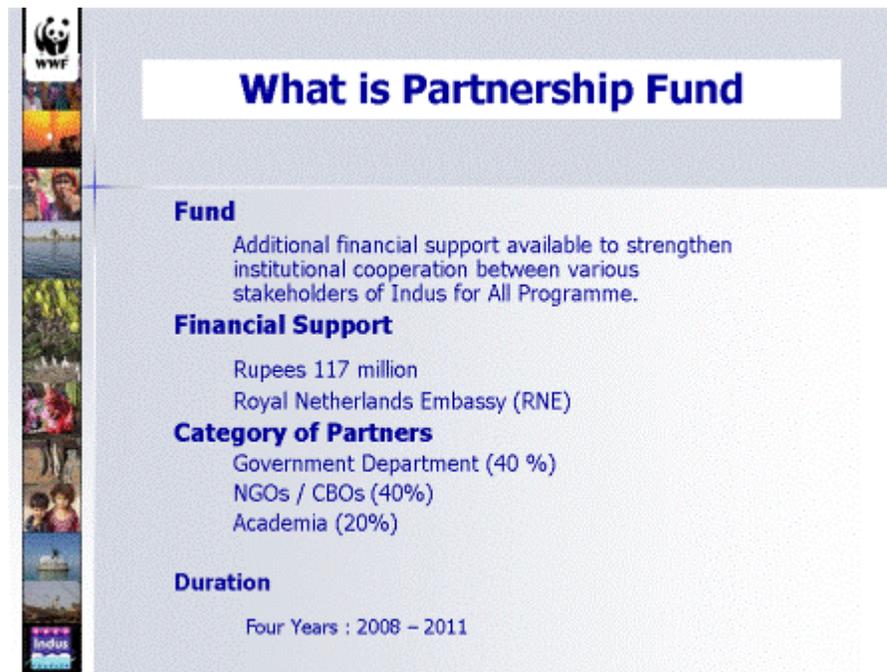
### 3.6 Vote of Thanks

Mr. Aftab Akhund, Manager, Partnership Fund, said thanks to all participants, chief guest and notables who have spared their time and attended the ceremony.



**Representatives of Grant Recipients Organizations with Chief Guests**

**Annexure - A**  
(Presentation- Partnership Fund)





## Objectives

- **Enable line departments and civil society organizations to leverage existing resources to raise additional public funding.**
- **Provide incremental financing or seed money for on-going projects to incorporate lessons from poverty-environment linkages studies in their strategies or to initiate new activities.**
- **Expand support-base for the Indus for All Programme amongst academia, district governments, businesses and industries.**
- **Ensure synergies at micro, meso and macro levels for maximum impact of Indus for All Programme on decision-making, policy-formulation, planning and interventions to secure sustainable livelihoods for the poorest-of-the-poor.**



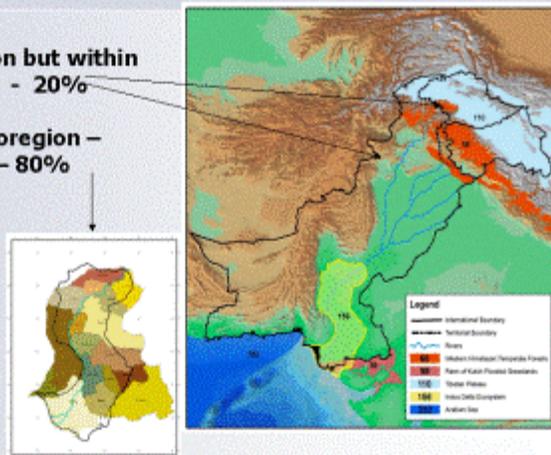
## Thematic Areas

- **Conservation of species**
  - Conservation of under threat extinct and/or endemic flora and fauna species, e.g. Gaviel, Otter, Hog deer, Hilsa (Palla fish), Lohero, Kandi, Houbra Bustard, etc.
- **Conservation of natural habitats**
  - Conservation and protection of forests (riverine, mangroves), desert and wetlands (coastal & freshwater)
- **Ecological and evolutionary processes**
  - Conservation of mangrove forests as nursery for fish and shrimp
  - Stabilization of soil through protection of riverine forest
  - Conservation of wetlands to support migratory wild fowl
- **Livelihood support for natural resource conservation**
  - Create alternate livelihood to reduce pressure on natural resources.

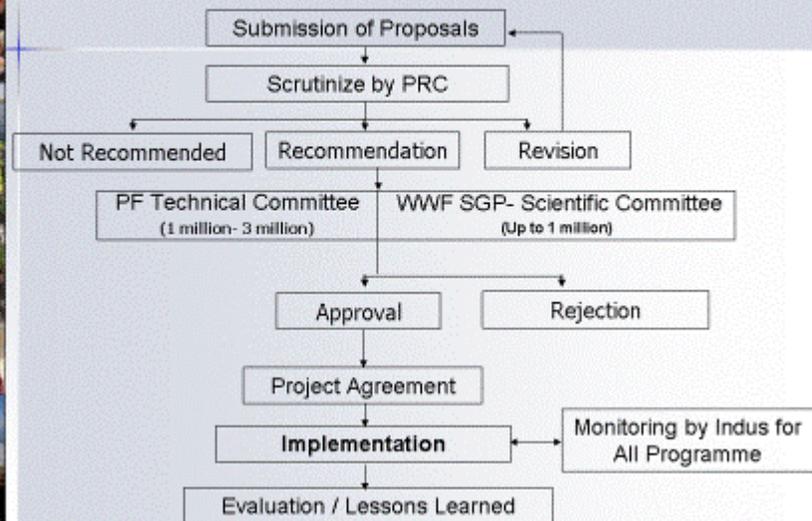


## Geographical Coverage

- Outside Ecoregion but within Indus Basin - 20%
- Within Indus Ecoregion – & Priority Sites – 80%



## Procedure





## Partnership Fund Technical Committee

- **Chairperson** : Secretary Forests & Wildlife, Govt. of Sindh
- **Secretary** : Regional Director, WWF (Indus for All Programme)

**Government .... 6**  
**Civil Society ..... 6**  
**Academia ..... 3**  
**Total Members : 15**



## PRC Recommendations

- 60 project proposals received in response to first call
- 35 project proposals were reviewed by PRC
- PRC recommended 17 proposals for final decision
  - 13 Project proposals for PF Technical Committee
  - 04 Project proposals for SGP-Scientific Committee



## Decision of Committees

- Out of 13 project proposals, Partnership Fund Technical Committee approved 10 project proposals
- Out of 4 project proposals, WWF SGP – Scientific Committee approved 01 project proposal



## Geographical Area & Thematic Area of Approved Projects

Area		Theme
Thatta	-- Coastal	2
	-- Lake	2
Badin (Forest)		2
Kotri- Sujawal (River)		1
Matiari (Forest)		1
Dadu (Villages)		1
Nawabshah (Forest)		1
Khairpur (Nara Canal)		1
<b>Total</b>		<b>11</b>

Conservation of Habitat	2
Conservation of Species	2
Alternate Energy	4
Livelihood Support	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>



## Details of Project

**Project Title:** Distribution, status and management of smooth coated otter (*Lutrogale perspicillata*)

**Grant Recipient:** Sindh Wildlife Department, Govt. of Sindh

**Project Theme:** Conservation of Species

**Key Objectives:** -Determine status, distribution, habitat and threats  
-GIS based distribution and habitat mapping  
-Develop participatory conservation plan

**Project Location:** Nara Canal & Probable habitat in Indus

**Project Budget (Rs):**

Total	PF Contribution	Partner's Contribution
<b>4.3 mill</b>	<b>3.0 mill</b>	<b>1.3 mill</b>



## Details of Project

**Project Title:** Assess the status of *tenuulosa ilisha* (Palla) and the causes responsible for its decline in natural habitat

**Grant Recipient:** Sindh Fisheries Department

**Project Theme:** Conservation of Species

**Key Objectives:** -Assess the over all status of Palla Fish  
-Identify the conservation needs  
- Suggest for alternate livelihood for dependent communities

**Project Location:** Indus River (Kotri Barrage – Sujjawal)

**Project Budget (Rs.):**

Total	PF Contribution	Partner's Contribution
<b>3.55 mill</b>	<b>2.39 mill</b>	<b>1.16 mill</b>



## Details of Project

**Project Title:** Provision of Alternate Energy  
**Grant Recipient:** Young Samaji Tanzeem, Dadu  
**Project Theme:** Alternate Energy  
**Key Objectives:** - Provision of 60 bio gas plants  
- Organize communities of 15 villages  
- Awareness raising of communities on environment protection  
**Project Location:** 15 Villages of Dadu & Johi  
**Project Budget (Rs):**

Total	PF Contribution	Partner's Contribution
<b>2.7 mill</b>	<b>1.9 mill</b>	<b>0.82</b>



## Details of Project

**Project Title:** Promote Alternate Energy for Sustainable Conservation of Indus Delta  
**Grant Recipient:** Action for Humanitarian Development  
**Project Theme:** Alternate Energy  
**Key Objectives:** - Provision of 5 wind mills in 5 villages  
- Organize communities of 5 villages  
- Awareness raising on conservation of coastal habitats and plants  
**Project Location:** Kharo Chhan, Thatta  
**Project Budget (Rs):**

Total	PF Contribution	Partner's Contribution
<b>2.48 mill</b>	<b>1.74 mill</b>	<b>0.75 mill</b>



## Details of Project

**Project Title:** Rehabilitation of Booharki Forest, Badin

**Grant Recipient:** Badin Development & Research Organization

**Project Theme:** Conservation of Habitat

**Key Objectives:**

- Revive forest management system in Booharki Forest
- Awareness raising of communities on natural resource management

**Project Location:** Booharki Forest, Badin

**Project Budget (Rs):**

Total	PF Contribution	Partner's Contribution
<b>3.7 mill</b>	<b>2.6 mill</b>	<b>1.09 mill</b>



## Details of Project

**Project Title:** Forest Protection through forest protection committees

**Grant Recipient:** Indus Development Organization, Hyderabad

**Project Theme:** Conservation of Habitat

**Key Objectives:**

- Establish protected forest zones in project area
- Increase forest cover by 1000 acres plantation
- Introduce concept of apiculture

**Project Location:** Matiari Forest

**Project Budget (Rs):**

Total	PF Contribution	Partner's Contribution
<b>5.1 mill</b>	<b>2.99 mill</b>	<b>2.19 mill</b>



## Details of Project

**Project Title:** Community Based Natural Resource Management

**Grant Recipient:** Participatory Development Initiatives

**Project Theme:** Livelihood support

**Key Objectives:**

- Introduce community based management of mangrove forest in Kharo Chhan
- Introduce community based fisheries management in Kharo Chhan
- Provide alternate livelihood

**Project Location:** Kharo Chhan , Thatta

**Project Budget (Rs):**

Total	PF Contribution	Partner's Contribution
<b>4.2 mill</b>	<b>2.9 mill</b>	<b>1.3 mill</b>



## Details of Project

**Project Title:** Promotion of Bio-gas Technology for meeting domestic need of rural area

**Grant Recipient:** Shah Latif Welfare Association, Nawabshah

**Project Theme:** Alternate Energy

**Key Objectives:**

- Promote bio gas technology to reduce use of forest wood
- Install 20 Bio gas plants in 20 villages
- Awareness raising of women and youth for using renewable technology

**Project Location:** 20 Villages of Pai Forest

**Project Budget (Rs):**

Total	PF Contribution	Partner's Contribution
<b>3.9 Million</b>	<b>2.8 Million</b>	<b>1.1 Million</b>



## Details of Project

**Project Title:** Rehabilitation of Fishermen Community of Keejhar Lake

**Grant Recipient:** Keenjhar Fishermen Welfare Society, Thatta

**Project Theme:** Livelihood Support

**Key Objectives:**

- Improve livelihood resources of fishermen communities by releasing 200,000 oversized fish seed in Keenjhar
- Awareness among fishermen communities to refrain from undersized fishing and illegal hunting

**Project Location:** Keenjhar Lake

**Project Budget (Rs):**

Total	PF Contribution	Partner's Contribution
<b>3.26 mill</b>	<b>2.25 mill</b>	<b>1.00 mill</b>



## Details of Project

**Project Title:** Creating sustainable environment through energy efficient technologies

**Grant Recipient:** Global Welfare & Development Organization

**Project Theme:** Alternate Energy

**Key Objectives:**

- Provision of 5 wind turbines in 5 villages
- Awareness raising of communities of 5 villages on environment protection

**Project Location:** 5 Villages of Keejhar Lake

**Project Budget (Rs):**

Total	PF Contribution	Partner's Contribution
<b>2.4 mill</b>	<b>1.7 mill</b>	<b>0.73 mill</b>



## Details of Project

**Project Title:** Livelihood support to vulnerable communities of Jubho Lagoon, Jati Thatt

**Grant Recipient:** Sindh Rural Support Programme

**Project Theme:** Livelihood support

**Key Objectives:** Describe the socio-economic conditions of local communities and map the existing boundaries of lagoon

- Support lagoon villages in their livelihood like drinking water and link the communities with potential donors

**Project Location:** Jubho Lagoon, Jati Thatta

**Project Budget (Rs):**

Total	PF Contribution	Partner's Contribution
0.722 mill	0.594	0.127 mill



*Thanks*

