



## Press Release

The Centre for Peace and Development Initiatives (CPDI) and GIZ under the Participatory Local Governance Programme (PLG) are jointly implementing the project “Localization of SDGs through Participatory Development Planning by Tehsil Local Governments in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province” to support the Local Government, Election, and Rural Development Department (LGE&RDD) Khyber Pakhtunkhwa in further strengthening local governance planning function.

The overall objective of the project is to support and build the capacity of the selected 25 City/Tehsil Local Governments (falling within Mardan, Peshawar, Kohat, Swat, and Mansehra districts in KP) in the formulation of 25 SDG-oriented tehsil development medium-term plans based on the needs, suggestions, and aspirations of the citizens of the area. These plans will be further digitized and integrated with a digital system for local ADP.

CPDI arranged the 3rd Collaborative Session on the Project “Localization of SDGs through PDP by TLGs in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa” on January 4, 2024, at Serena Hotel, Peshawar. Mr. Fazal Akbar Additional Secretary (Development) LGE&RDD, senior officials of other departments of KP government, GIZ – Participatory Local Governance, and elected representatives as well as municipal officials of the selected City/Tehsil Local Governments attended the session. Additional Secretary Local Government in his opening remarks appreciated the initiative of Localization of SDGs through Participatory Development Planning by Tehsil Local Governments in KP Province, under the GIZ - PLG Program of GIZ, and advised the elected representatives to derive maximum benefit from the project.

Mr. Moazzam Ali Janjua, Project Manager, CPDI shared the objectives, outputs, and the present status of the project “Localization of SDGs through PDP by TLGs in KP”.

Mr. Abid Shahzad Awan, Consultant CPDI gave a brief overview of the methodology for formulation of SDGs Oriented Tehsil Mid-Term-Development-Plans and the role of elected representatives and devolved offices.

Mr. Sajjad Muhammad, Advisor Good Governance, PLG explained the contextualization and importance of localization of SDGs vis-à-vis the associated developmental needs at the lowest possible level.

Syed Sabir Ali Shah, SDGs Unit, P&D Department KP)SDGs dilated upon the National and Provincial level, Localization of SDGs, and Inclusivity. He was of the view that for setting a baseline at the Tehsil level, the KP Bureau of Statistics might be engaged.

Mr. Atif Muhammad, Programme Component Manager, PLG while concluding the session thanked all the participants. He appreciated the keen interest expressed by Mr. Fazal Akbar Additional Secretary

(Development) Local Government Development Local Government, Election and Rural Development Department, KP throughout the session. He suggested that field activity be designed in consultation with the LG Department.

#### **About CPDI**

Centre for Peace and Development Initiatives (CPDI) is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting peace, development, and good governance. With expertise in advocacy and governance, CPDI strives to bring about positive change in Pakistan.

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