



PROJECT FACTS – PAKISTAN

Technical Assistance for the Management of Earthquake Early Recovery (TAMEER)

Total Budget:	USD 5,200,000.00 (originally: USD 4,842,724.00)
UNDP Contribution:	USD 2,110,000.00 (originally: USD 1,500,000.00)
Project ID:	00042408
Period:	December 2005 – December 2009
Partners:	Earthquake Reconstruction and Rehabilitation Authority (ERRA), Ministry of Economic Affairs and Statistics, State Earthquake Reconstruction and Rehabilitation Agency (SERRA) – Azad Jammu and Kashmir, Provincial Earthquake Reconstruction and Rehabilitation Agency (PERRA) North-West Frontier Province, UN System, World Bank, Asian Development Bank and donors.

Background

The Government of Pakistan established the Earthquake Reconstruction and Rehabilitation Authority (ERRA) to manage rehabilitation and reconstruction efforts following the earthquake of 8 October 2005. ERRA required capacity development support in order to deliver effectively on its mandate.

The multidimensional nature of rehabilitation and reconstruction work in the affected areas, as well as planning, coordination, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of eleven sectors through a decentralized implementation approach required a considerably greater level of manpower and expertise than was currently available in ERRA. The provincial and district level coordination and implementation institutions were also in need of capacity enhancement. Considerable technical assistance inputs have already been provided by various donors. However, some key sectors with cross-cutting implications have not yet received sufficient attention. These include environment, social protection and urban housing planning, among others.

Project Summary

To implement ERRA strategies effectively in these sectors, technical and management assistance support was provided both at ERRA, as well as at subsidiary levels. The project aimed to support ERRA so that it had the capacity to: a) define its organizational structure, needs for expertise and standard operating procedures; b) prepare resettlement and development plans, and establish systems for monitoring and evaluating the implementation of those plans; and c) establish central coordination mechanisms among the Government, international community and civil society. In addition, TAMEER sought to develop ERRA's skills and specific capacities, especially in the following areas: environmental issues, programme coordination, social protection coordination, disaster risk reduction (DRR), urban planning/reconstruction, resource mobilization, donor-NGO coordination and coordinated dissemination of information through the media.

Activities

Proposed activities aimed to support ERRA, so it has the capacity to:

- Define its organizational structure, need for expertise and standard operating procedures;

Key Objective

- ◆ To strengthen the institutional and programmatic capability of ERRA.

Expected Results

- ◆ Organizational structure, need for expertise and standard operating procedures defined.
- ◆ Rehabilitation and reconstruction plans prepared and systems for monitoring and evaluating the implementation of those plans established.
- ◆ Central coordination and decision-making mechanisms among the government, the international community and civil society established.

- Prepare resettlement and development plans and establish systems for monitoring and evaluating the implementation of those plans;
- Establish central coordination mechanisms among the Government, international community and civil society;
- Provide strategic direction for smooth recovery, rehabilitation and reconstruction;
- Establish effective coordination and decision-making mechanisms among the Government, the international community and civil society;
- Prepare rehabilitation and reconstruction plans for cross-cutting sectors, and establish systems for monitoring and evaluating the implementation of those plans;
- Provide expert advice and oversight in urban reconstruction planning;
- Coordinate effectively with International agencies, donors and stakeholders and adopt a proactive posture in resource mobilization for reconstruction;
- Ensure efficient cyber and telecommunication links for real-time flow of information at all levels of planning, coordination and implementation;
- Establish effective interface with media and other stakeholders for coordinated dissemination of information on all activities relating to rehabilitation and reconstruction; and
- Undertake hazard vulnerability and capacity assessment with a view to developing DRR plans in earthquake-affected areas; strengthening institutional and community capacity to mitigate environmental dangers; and rehabilitating and managing the environmental impact of earthquakes to provide for safe, healthy and viable communities.

Achievements

Capacity development of ERRA and its provincial and district counterparts in the thematic areas of management, environment, social protection, gender mainstreaming, governance and DRR

- Environment assessment workshop held in Mansehra and Muzaffarabad.
- Gender training workshop held for Social Protection Coordinators.
- DRR workshop held at Abbottabad to sensitize staff at district level in DRR.
- Staff of ERRA, PERRA, SERRA and of the District Reconstruction Units trained to incorporate DRR strategies into the recovery, reconstruction and rehabilitation, as well as other developmental activities.
- UNDP supported ERRA in formulating and implementing of its Social Protection Strategy, Environmental Strategy, Livelihood Strategy and DRR Programme.
- Capacity of PERRA, SERRA and District Reconstruction Units enhanced to effectively formulate and implement strategies.
- Essential equipment provided to ensure the operationalization of beneficiary institutions.
- International conference on Earthquake Risk Management held. Outcomes included: increased understanding of disaster risks; conceptualization and consensus-building on key elements for formulating Pakistan's Programme for Disaster Risk Management, and commitments of stakeholders to work towards DRM.
- Environment surveys conducted in 2,411 households of 25 Union Councils.

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Hyogo Framework for Action (HFA) Progress Monitor
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