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Public Policy – A Sustainable Development Policy Program

Mid Term Report

LEAD Pakistan was granted US 40,000 from the Special Opportunities and Investment Fund in January 2008. The fund aimed at positioning LEAD Pakistan to build on its strengths and raise resources for policy-oriented sustainable development interventions and projects. Most of the work in the public policy arena was developed around the theme of Climate Change. The initial months involved setting the stage and building our own capacity, niche and outreach in the arena of Climate Change and Public Policy. All the activities that have been initiated or carried out have a single purpose in mind – to bring about some policy change through a multi-stakeholder approach. With over six months after the project has been approved, the following is a summary of the activities that have been carried out with support from SOIF:

- A Public Policy expert has been appointed and a basic outline of the program has been developed. The same outline has been shared with all the departments within LEAD Pakistan and an Action Plan has been chalked out in terms of how to integrate this element within our current and future ongoing programs and projects. The same document has been circulated to various constituencies for comments and feedback. The response from more than a dozen quarters has been received for incorporation in the main document.
- Inhouse consultative workshops have been carried out at various tiers within LEAD to bring staff on board and inculcate a sense of ownership. Feedback from peers has also been incorporated in the document. The same program has been taken to the LEAD Pakistan board for approval.
- Based on the Public Policy outline, a program is being developed for LEAD to focus on three main themes: Climate Change, Environmental Management Services and Grassroot Social Capital Formation. The basic framework has been drafted and is currently being discusses within LEAD Pakistan for its fit (based on our capacity) with all our previous and future avenues of work.
- Climate Change as an issue has been taken up in the Public Policy arena. Background paper on the issue was drafted and shared in a series of consultative workshops in four major cities of Pakistan – Islamabad, Peshawar, Lahore and Karachi.
- To inculcate a sense of networking amongst Fellows and Associates, National Network on Climate Change (a forum of almost 9 key organizations working on Climate Change issues at various levels) and Knowledge Network on Climate Change (an e-mail based forum with more than 230 members who are active in discussion on issues related to Climate Change) has been launched.
- A LEAD Advisory Board has been set up to guide us in our endeavors on Public Policy in Climate Change. The advisory board consists of eminent names from the academia, government, NGO and private sector. The seven member board includes names such as Dr. Ishfaq Ahmad (Minister of State and Chairman, Global Change Impact Study Center

(GCISC), Government of Pakistan; a distinguished scientist with strong international linkages with institutions that are spearheading global research on climate change trends and its impact in various regions and sectors), Malik Amin Aslam (Former State Minister for Environment; specialist on climate change, specifically international negotiations, carbon trading and CDMs), Dr. Shams Kassim Lakha (Former President AKU; Caretaker Federal Minister for Education, Science and Technology; head of committee that authored Pakistan's environmental legislation and later spearheaded the development of national environment quality standards), Dr. Amir Mohammed (Rector, FAST National University; Former Education Minister and Vice Chancellor of Faisalabad Agriculture University; serves on several international committees and boards dealing with global change, including APN), Syed Ayub Qutub (head of a nonprofit, PIEDAR; principal author of Pakistan's National Conservation Strategy; leading expert on Pakistan's environmental issues and field based action research; former member of LEAD Pakistan's Board of Governors (1997-2003), Dr. Adil Najam (Professor, Global Public Policy, Boston University; an expert on communications for sustainable development; one of 13 principal authors of IPCC report that received 2007 Nobel Peace Prize; the only Pakistani in that team of almost 3000 distinguished scholars and scientists) and Amina Saiyid (Head of Oxford University Press that works closely in the development and printing of textbooks taught at various levels in different parts of Pakistan; the first female to head a multinational in the country; Member, Board of Governors of LEAD Pakistan).

- 50 officials from the Government of Punjab's various departments underwent training on how to weave Climate Change in their ongoing policies, projects and programmes. The training was co-hosted by PRMP and the participants were senior officials drawn from various departments like P&D, Environment Department, and others. Discussions are also underway to train another group from the Punjab government and to look at replication of such training in other provinces of Pakistan.
- LEAD Pakistan partnered with the British High Commission (BHC) to conduct a scoping study on Pakistan's Options for Adaptation to and Mitigation of Climate Change Effects. For this purpose, a series of stakeholder consultations were conducted in four major cities of Pakistan: Islamabad, Karachi, Lahore and Peshawar. The consultations generated data and discussion for the scoping study of stakeholders hailing from the government, media, industry, academia and civil society. Based on the consultations, a scoping study report titled Changing Climates: Pakistan's Options for Adaptation and Mitigation has been developed and shared with all stakeholders who were a part of the consultative process.
- A lecture on "Environment, Development and Security: The Case of Climate Change" was organized with Dr. Adil Najam, Professor at the Boston University, USA as the guest speaker. There were about 100 attendees from government offices, NGOs, universities, corporations, research institutes, and academia. Dr. Najam's informative lecture focused on climate change and its impacts on the environment, human security and sustainable development.
- On the occasion of the World Biodiversity Day, LEAD Pakistan organized a roundtable on Climate Change: The Impact on Biodiversity and Agriculture, in collaboration with UNESCO, UNDP, the Ministry of Environment and the Planning Commission (Government of Pakistan). The roundtable was widely attended by over 150 individuals from a cross section of development practitioners, policy makers, officials from the Ministry of Environment, the Planning Commission, the National Highways Authority, academia as

well as students. The panelists included senior governmental officials, policy makers and heads of international development organizations.

- Background Paper on Climate Change in the Islamic world was developed and a training program around the theme was designed and delivered. The training involved
- A six days training program on Climate Change: Adaptation Challenges in OIC Countries organized by LEAD Pakistan and COMSTech. It was attended by policy-makers, public and private sector professionals, activists and students from OIC member countries including Bangladesh, China, Nigeria and Tunisia. LEAD developed a training curriculum and invited a mix of renowned national and international experts working on cutting-edge of climate change issues as resource persons for the training. Participants were given the opportunity to present country-specific issues, challenges and responses to climate change for sharing of best practices within the OIC region. A report on the training was also prepared.
- In March 2008, the Leadership Development Programme on Climate Change – The Leadership Journey – was launched. The programme is designed in such a way that during the course it will link Public Policy and Climate Change through various face-to-face training, distance learning training and LEAD Associate Projects. It will aim to reach out to mid-career professionals from various sectors and build their capacities to understand the issue, link it with their ongoing work and take practical actions to mitigate or adapt towards Climate Change and provide linkages with Policy Planning and Review.
- At the event of the 23rd Annual General Meeting and Conference of the Pakistan Society of Development Economics, LEAD Pakistan organized a panel on “The Impact of Climate Change”. The panel included representation from the Pakistan Institute for Environment-Development Action Research, I-Set, the Global Change Impact Study Center, and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).
- A presentation on Climate Change and Disaster Management was delivered by LEAD Pakistan during Social Mobilization Training organized by the Earthquake Reconstruction and Rehabilitation Authority (ERRA). The training’s main focus was on disaster risk reduction in which one session was to determine the link between disasters and climate change. The training was attended by members and employees of ERRA.
- The Institute for Social and Environment Transition (ISET) joined hands with International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) and LEAD Pakistan to hold a roundtable on Climate Change: Adaptation Research, Policy and Development Approaches in Pakistan and Afghanistan. The roundtable, involved key stakeholders in Asia to discuss the unique challenges and opportunities in the Pakistani and Afghani context given the high vulnerability of Pakistan and Afghanistan to climate variability.
- Terms of Reference for two researches has been developed. These focus on Public Policy and Climate Change. These research TORs are being circulated for feedback and will be commissioned in the last quarter. Stakeholder’s dialogues are also planned for both the research studies.
- Fellows and Associates from various cohorts have been involved in the process. Dina Khan (Cohort 12) is spearheading the Climate Change and Public Policy program. Amjad Zafar Khan (Cohort 10) is looking after integrating Public Policy in Health AND

Environment projects and initiatives within LEAD. Shahid Lutfi (Cohort 10), Mahmood Nasir (Cohort 5), Naseer Memon (Cohort 8), Manjurul Hanan (Cohort 10), Saadullah Ayaz (Cohort 12), Arslan Zaidi (Cohort 13), Ayesha Shaukat (Cohort 13), Hyder Sher (Cohort 12) and Usman Qazi (Cohort 8) have been involved in the discussion, program development, training design and delivery.

- In addition, updates have been developed for most of these activities. LEAD's website also contains details of these activities as well as relevant presentations, schedules and updates.
- A Climate Change website has been developed and hosted which contains information and useful contents related to the various activities that were carried out by LEAD Pakistan in the year 2008. The website is hosted on the LEAD server and is updated regularly.
- In conducting all these activities mentioned above, LEAD Pakistan was able to gather support (financial as well as technical) from a good number of organizations and institutions. LEAD was able to forge partnership from British High Commission, COMSATS, UNESCO, UNDP, FAO, IDRC, ISET, IUCN, various ministries including Ministry of Environment and the Planning Commission.