



GOVERNMENT OF GILGIT-BALTISTAN
PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

DEVELOPMENT INSIGHT

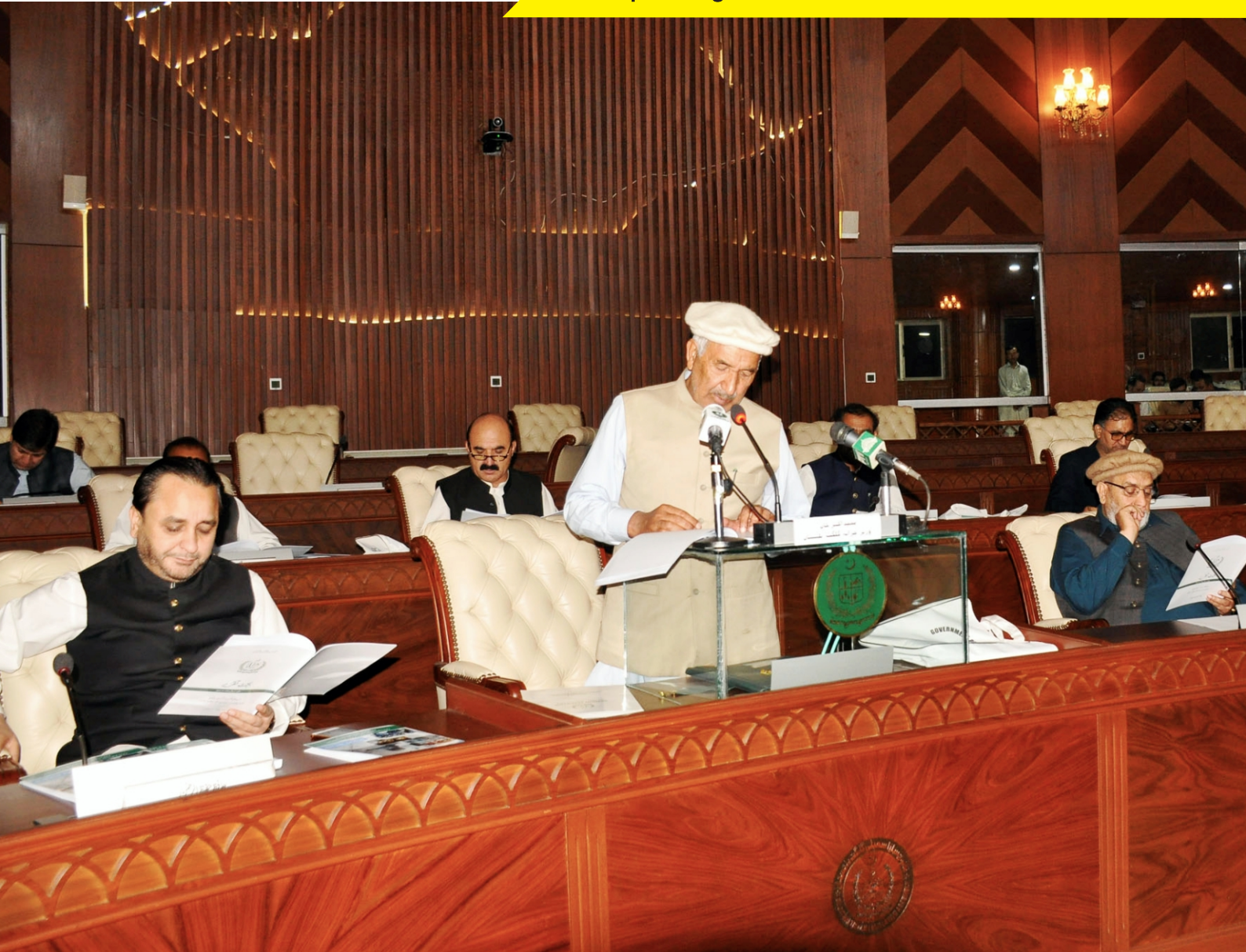
Issue – 2

Bi-annual January - June 2019

Newsletter

Inside this Issue:

- ❖ Pre-Budget Seminar 2019-20
- ❖ GB Assembly approved Budget for Fiscal Year 2019-20
- ❖ PSDP Allocation 2019-20
- ❖ Utilization Status of Funds in 2018-19
- ❖ ICT Based Monitoring & Evaluation System
- ❖ Success Stories
- ❖ Upcoming Events



Visit: www.gilgitbaltistan.gov.pk

Phone: +92-5811-920214 Fax: +92-5811-920215

Issue – 2

Newsletter

Bi-annual January - June 2019

Message of Minister



Government of Gilgit-Baltistan is committed to strengthen and modernize the regions' socio-economic uplift through providing reliable infrastructure, poverty reduction, and improved livelihood of vulnerable segments of the population, and provide quality education and healthcare facilities on equality basis. The fourth successful budget of our government aims to achieve Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) with main focus on poverty alleviation, food security, clean and green environment, and energy generation.

The ADP 2019-20 has been prepared within the policy framework and guidelines of the present

government, whereby those development projects have been included which will help ensuring better service delivery, creation of employment opportunities, encouraging growth and raising the living standards of common man resulting good governance.

I would like to appreciate the endeavors being under taken by P&DD GB to utilize 100 % allocated budget for three years consecutively which is a profound example of professionalism, commitment, and teamwork of all nation building departments.

IQBAL HASSAN

Message of Additional Chief Secretary (Dev)

Planning & Development Department (P&DD) is mandated to provide policy input for the provincial and sectoral development policies. It appraises all development programs/projects prior to implementation in respect of all nation building departments. Formation of provincial Annual Development Program (ADP) is one of the key functions of P&DD to spearhead development activities in the province. The department also liaises with donor agencies and international partners to implement programs in different sectors including health, education, nutrition, and climate change to name a few. The department closely coordinates with the federal government entities especially the Ministry of KAGB, the Planning Commission, the Ministry of Finance, and the Economic Affairs Division (EAD) among others. Moreover, monitoring and evaluation of projects, short, medium, and long-term planning, preparation and compilation of provincial statistics and district development programs all rests with P&DD. Over the years, department has satisfactorily contributed toward mandated functions.

P&DD has continued undertaking strategic level planning over the last three years, including the Chief Minister's Sustainable Development Goals Program, District Development Program, Establishment of development authorities and tourism facilitation to build on these strategies for the uplift of the region.

For effective and transparent monitoring, a dedicated team of technical experts have been hired to ensure timely completion of projects through ICT based monitoring mechanism. Under the initiative, dash board links would be provided to the Chief Minister and Chief Secretary GB to assess the projects implementation process. Further, P&DD is in the process of establishing its website to communicate with the people of the region and to provide information on development matters for researchers, academia, and media interested in development.

The process of formulation of Annual Development Program 2019-20 has been completed amicably. Priorities were taken from all nation building departments, which were later discussed with all stakeholders and parliamentarians. On the basis of fruitful deliberations, priorities were finalized and included in ADP 2019-20, which has unanimously been approved by Gilgit Baltistan Assembly in its session held on 25th June 2019.

Last but not the least, I must appreciate the Knowledge Management Team P&DD, GB for undertaking this assignment. The team at P&DD, GB will continue to strive for the development of the region with dedication and hard work.



Introduction

Planning and Development Department (P&DD) is the lead agency in Gilgit-Baltistan for managing growth and development in order to create a socially, ecologically, and economically sustainable environment to support overall economic development in the region. The department's core activities include preparing and implementing plans, strategies, and policies to ensure integrated and sustainable development outcomes for the region. This newsletter provides a snapshot of P&D Department's activities during January to June 2019.

Saying Welcome and Farewell, and acknowledging those who have made difference are the core values of P&DD, GB

As the department welcomes the new Additional Chief Secretary (Development) Syed Abrar Hussain, we are also saying goodbye to former secretary Mr. Babar Aman Babar.

On 22nd February 2019, Syed Abrar Hussain joined P&DD as Secretary. He is the first ever Additional Chief Secretary (Development), P&DD, GB. We congratulate Mr. Babar Aman Babar on resuming his new assignment in Punjab Planning and Development Board. In addition to being Secretary P&D, Mr. Babar Aman has worked tirelessly throughout his tenure with Government of GB to help, create and shape development paradigms and policies. We would like to express our thanks and we wish Mr. Babar Aman well in his new position.

Departmental Promotions

The department extends gratitude on promotion of Mr. Muhammad Baqir as Chief Economist (BS 20) and Mr. Muhammad Naseem as Deputy Chief (BP19). Heartiest congratulations to Ms. Samina Hyat and Mr. Farman Karim for assuming current charge as Assistant Chiefs.

Experts Hired under the project “ICT Based Monitoring System”

The P&DD is pleased to welcome six new staff members to its team as Civil Engineer, Architectural Engineer, Structural Engineer, Web Design Engineer, Network Administrator, and Software/ Application Engineer. In addition, a Liaison Officer has also been hired under CPEC Support Unit for the coordination of CPEC related activities. They all have brought wealth of experience and knowledge to the department. We welcome all of them and wish them best of luck for their endeavors.

Accelerating growth in future economy (Pre-Budget Seminar 2019-20)



The P&DD and Finance Department arranged an interactive pre- budget seminar on 19th June, 2019 in Chief Minister's Conference Hall GB. It was an informal announcement of the long-term development strategies of GB government. The seminar was attended by parliamentarians, academia, representatives of civil society and media. In the seminar, Chief Minister (CM) went out of his way to explain and offered constructive criticism and suggestions to begin a national debate on the major economic issues of GB.

The CM, GB further added that the GB government has arranged Pre-budget seminar to accommodate the suggestions in budget 2019- 20. The pre- budget seminar has provided everyone with an opportunity to understand the focus of the next Budget and it would be a regular feature for budget preparation in the future.

GB Cabinet and Assembly approved Budget for Fiscal Year 2019-20

The Gilgit Baltistan Assembly passed Gilgit Baltistan budget for fiscal year 2019-20 on 25th June 2019.

The outlay of budget is over Rs. 62.953 billion out of which Rs. 17.435 billion has been earmarked for development and Rs. 45.558 billion for non-development expenditure which includes Rs.6.045 billion wheat subsidy and Rs. 1.800 billion wheat sale proceeds.

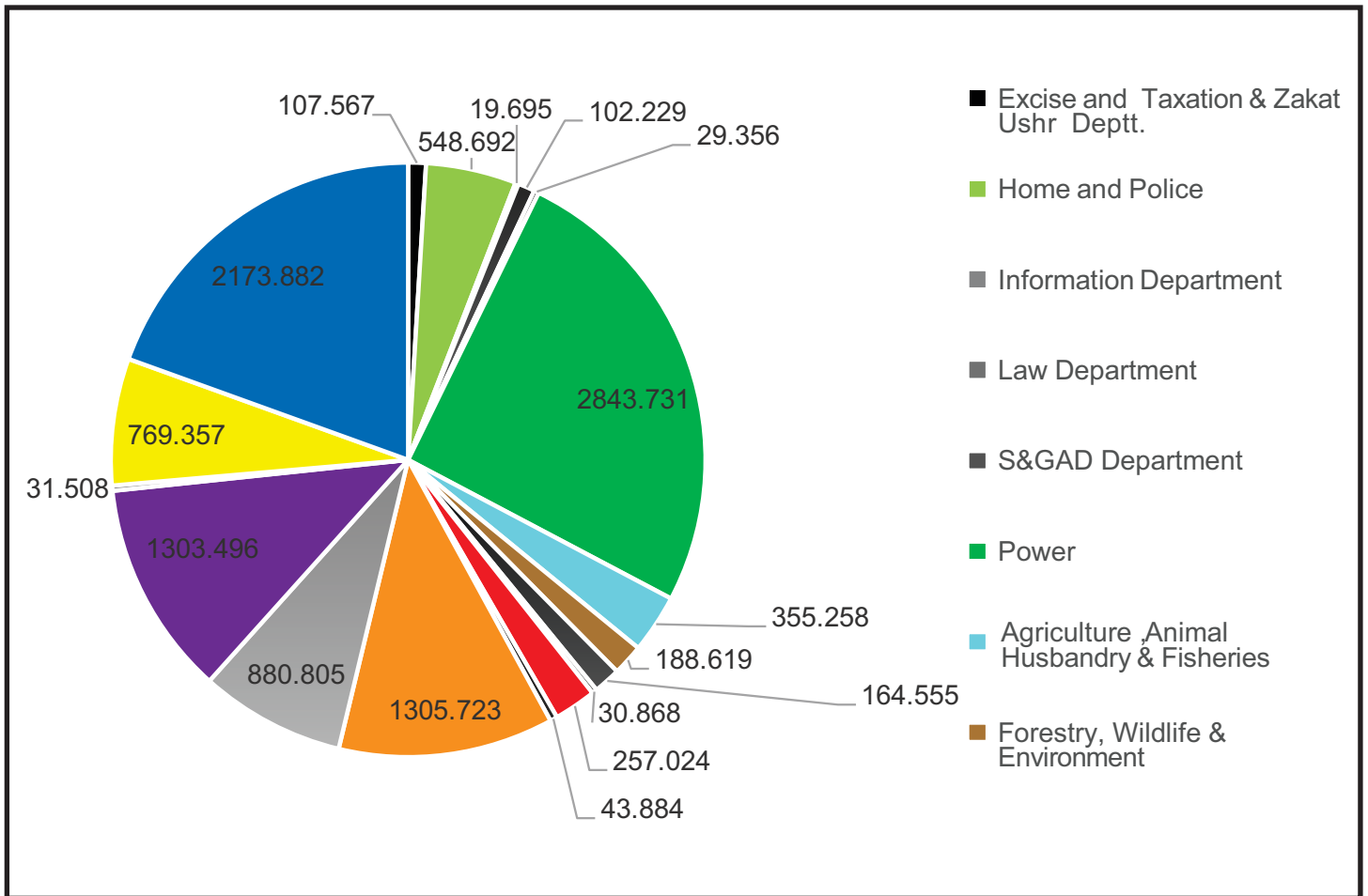


The total size of Annual Development Programme (ADP) 2019-20 is Rs. 17.435 billion, which includes Rs. 2.435 billion allocations of federal PSDP projects being executed in GB under various ministries and Rs. 15 billion for GB annual development plan.

ADP 2019-20 comprises of 1824 schemes/projects out of which 367 schemes are targeted for completion by June 2020. The Programme lays emphasis on five major sectors i.e. Energy, Transport & Communication, Health, Education, and Tourism. Realizing the importance of energy sector, Rs. 2991.245 of total budget has been allocated for enhancing electricity generation. Four KfW funded hydro-power projects in Hunza-Nagar and two projects in Baltistan region will be started. From the federal PSDP work on 20 MW Hanzel and 34.5 MW Harpo Power Projects are under implementation.

Works and Infrastructure development sector has been allocated Rs. 13050.250 million. The major focus of works sector is transport and communication, rural and urban development, irrigation, and physical planning & housing. Urban development is being given top priority in the current ADP. In addition to Gilgit Development Authority (GDA), Skardu Development Authority (SDA) has been made functional. Survey of Gilgit Shandur expressway has been initiated by National Highway Authority. Projects for public parks, libraries, open spaces, and recreational centers in both largest urban centers are planned to facilitate general masses.

Economic Transformation Initiative (ETIGB), costing Rs. 17 billion is being planned to be expanded to all the remaining districts of GB. Rs. 3.4 billion will be spent through this donor-funded program for poverty alleviation and ensuring food security in current fiscal year



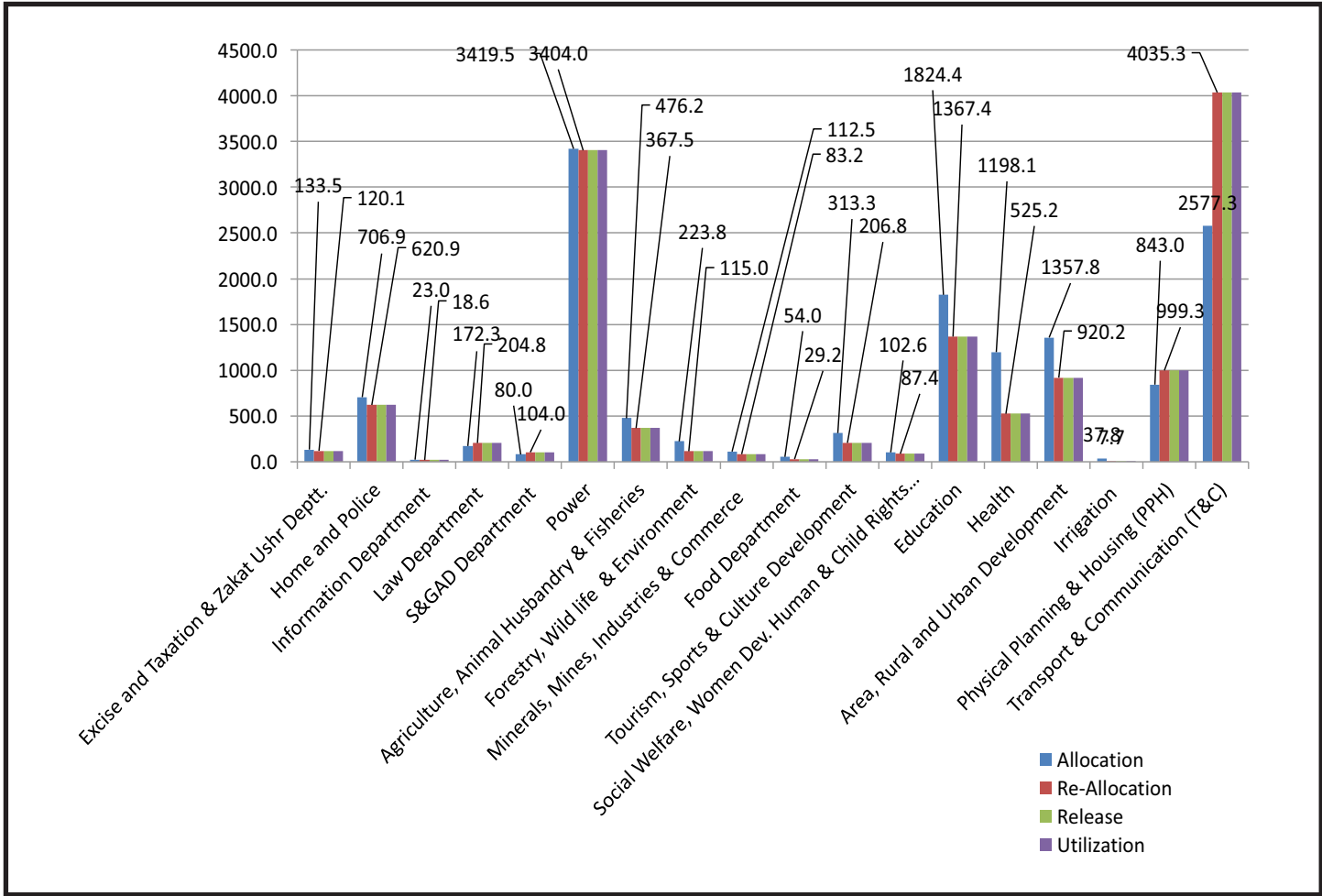
Public-Sector Development Programme (PSDP) Allocation 2019-20

Federal government has allocated Rs. 17.435 billion for development of Gilgit-Baltistan for current Financial Year 2019-20, out of which Rs.15 billion is block allocation for GB ADP and Rs. 2.435 billion for on-going and new projects in the PSDP.

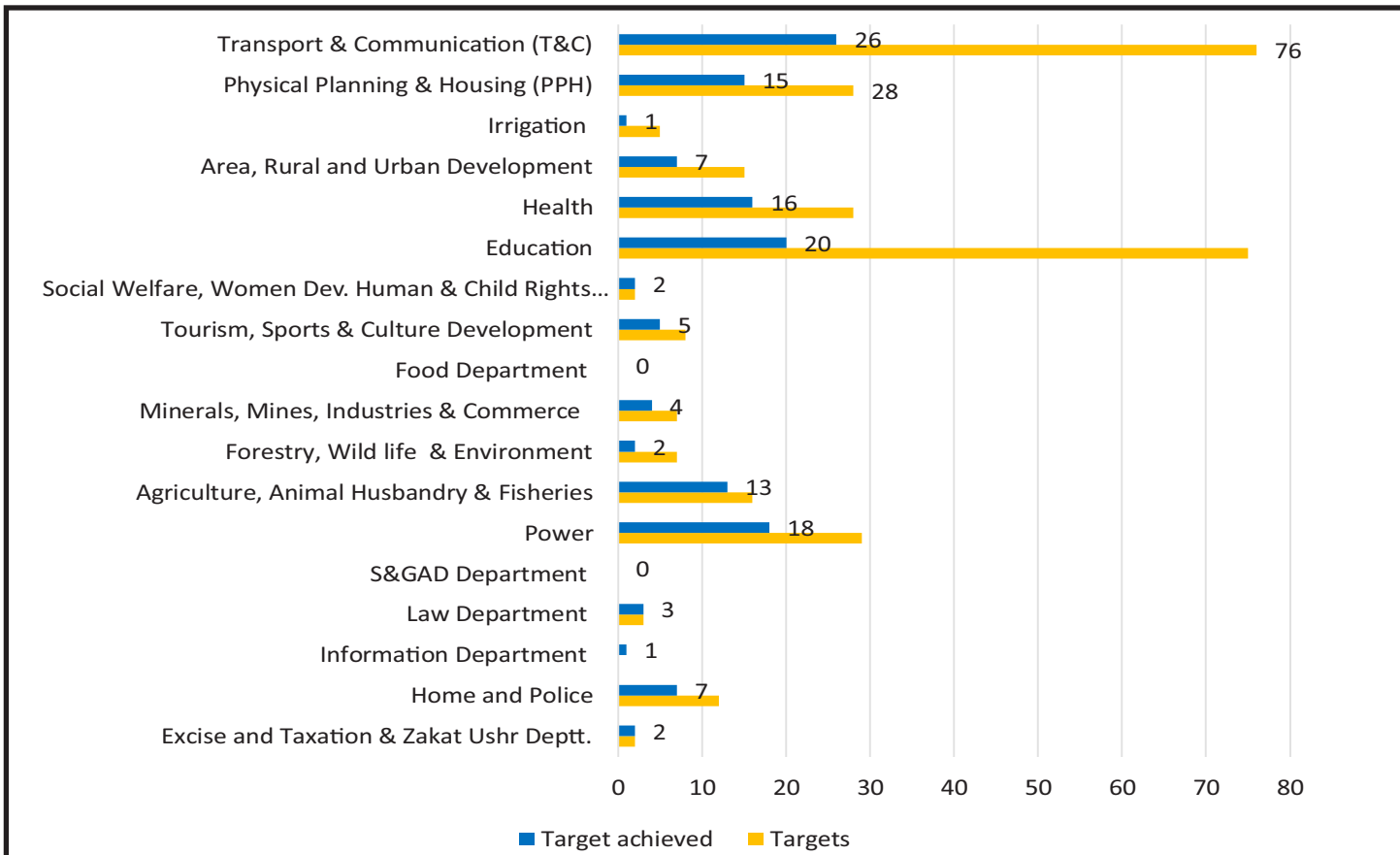
As per PSDP, Rs. 50 million has been allocated for 26-MW hydropower project Shagharthang Skardu, Rs.125 million for 4-MW hydropower project, Thak Chillas, Rs. 300 million for establishment of cardiac hospital in Gilgit, Rs.300 million for the upgradation of road from Konodas to Naltar Air Force Base, Rs.40 million for establishment of Polytechnic Institute for Boys Skardu, Rs. 200 million for the 16 MW hydropower project at Naltar, Rs. 460 million for the 20 MW hydropower project at Hanzel in Gilgit, Rs. 400 million for the 34.5 MW hydropower project at Harpo, Rs.110 million for the 32.5 MW hydropower project Attaabad Hunza, Rs.50 million for 30 MW hydropower project at Ghwari, Ghanche, Rs.100 million for the Regional Grid Station Ph-I in GB, and Rs.300 million for sanitation & sewerage Ph-II in Gilgit.

Sector Wise Status of Allocation and Utilization of ADP 2018-19

The graph shows the allocation and utilization of funds in 2018-19 by all sectors. Some departments have utilized all allocated funds while those departments which could not utilize allocated funds were diverted from slow moving projects/sectors to fast moving projects/sectors. For example, T&C Sector has managed to utilize all allocated funds in 2018-19.



Status of Targeted Schemes in ADP 2018-19



ADP 2018-19 consists of 1141 schemes. Out of that, 409 schemes were targeted to be completed by ending June 2019. However, only 153 schemes could be completed till June 2019 due to delay in release of funds coupled with some other reasons.

Project Approval Status by Development Forums for Year 2018-19

In year 2018-19, various development forums approved 294 schemes in total. In summary, Chief Minister GB chaired 02 GBDWP meetings where in four schemes worth Rs. 2917.270 million were approved. The Chief Secretary GB, chaired five GBDDWP - II meetings and approved 81 schemes costing Rs.10816.103 million, while ACS(Dev) / Secretary P&DD GB chaired 11 meetings of GBDDWP-I and approved 209 projects with cost of Rs. 6530.216 million.

ICT Based Monitoring & Evaluation System

The P&DD has taken an initiative to deploy and maintain an integrated solution that enables enhanced reporting, analysis and visualization for managing/monitoring the development portfolio of its Annual Development Program (ADP) through an ICT based automation system.

To this effect, required human resource had been hired. Hence, to acquire on hands practical experience to the newly employed professionals an exposure visit was arranged to P&DD, Government of Punjab, P&DD AJK and the Planning Commission of Pakistan, Islamabad for orientation of the officers regarding M & E System invoked in respective Departments/Provinces, to establish a successful M&E system in GB.

INITIATIVES

GB in CPEC



Sister Cities / Provinces

GILGIT-BALTISTAN DELEGATION VISITING XINJIANG UYGUR AUTONOMOUS REGION OF CHINA

Pursuant to the Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region China and Government of Gilgit-Baltistan Framework Agreement, a GB government delegation visited Kashgar during June 23 – 27, 2019.

The delegation of Government of Gilgit-Baltistan was received by Mr. Zhang Zhusheng, Deputy Director General of Xinjiang Foreign Affairs Office at Khunjakrab Border on 23rd June 2019.

The main aim of this official undertaking was to exchange views on border and security management,

people to people exchanges, commercial contacts and other matters of common interests. A joint meeting, in this regard, was conducted between delegation from Government of Gilgit-Baltistan and senior officials of Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region on June 24, 2019.



The Government of Gilgit-Baltistan, in order to make the visit meaningful, shared agenda points with Xinjiang Government through Embassy of China in Islamabad. Consequently, both sides agreed upon following points during the joint meeting in Kashgar:

- GB Government has nominated/ notified members for Establishing Joint Working Group for implementation of the MoU signed between Xinjiang and GB in March 2017.
- GB Government would take up the case through Federal Government with the Central Government of People's Republic of China to update / review the Border Agreement signed during November 3-4, 1985 so as to facilitate border pass holders travelling via Khunjarab Border.
- GB Government would establish its Quarantine Facilities to support export of fresh fruit and other agriculture produce to China. A delegation from Xinjiang to visit GB to inspect such facilities established by the GB Government.
- Both the sides would continue exchanges and cooperation in health, education, agriculture, police trainings, and other areas of poverty alleviation / socio-economic development ventures.
- Regular meetings of JWG and Sub JWGs shall be convened to keeping an on-going interaction between the two regions.
- BOI GB to arrange interactions with relevant stakeholders for trade and investment by Xinjiang companies in GB.
- Measures would be taken for exchange of teachers, professors, and students from GB to XJ and XJ to GB.

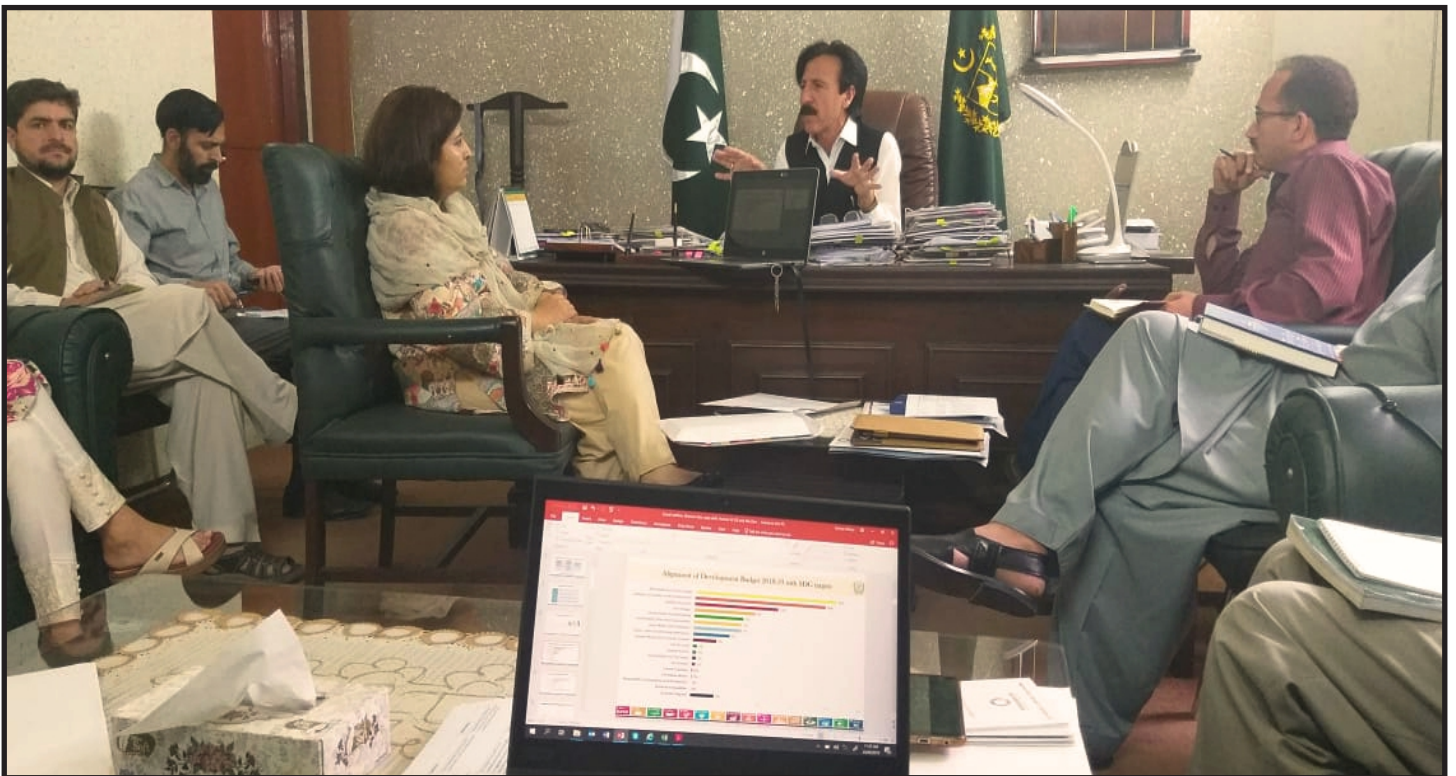
FOLLOWING PROJECTS SUBMITTED FOR SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UNDER CPEC:

- Provision of Biomedical Gadgets And Ambulances For Health Sector Gilgit-Baltistan, (Cost Rs.943.800 Million)
- Establishment of 15 Bedded Burn Centre at DHQ Hospital, Gilgit (Cost. 150.000m)
- Smart Classrooms, (Estimated Cost, Rs. 112.872 Million)
- Provision of Missing Facilities in Educational Institutions in GB, (Cost Rs. 1511.271 Million)

- Teaching Equipment for Schools in Rural Areas, (Cost Rs. 772.865 Million)
- Demonstration Stations for Vertical Farming, (Cost Rs. 270 Million)
- Storage, Processing and Packaging System for the Produce of Gilgit-Baltistan, (Cost Rs. 700 million)
- Establishment of Pack House and Cool Chain System in Gilgit Region (Cost Rs. 354 Million)
- Promotion of Aquaculture for Socio Economic Development and Food Security in Gilgit-Baltistan (Cost Rs. 120 Million)
- Production & Improvement of Seed & Planting Material by Strengthening R&D Stations in Gilgit Baltistan, (Cost Rs. 96 Million)
- Installation of Drip Irrigation System for Fruit Orchards in Water Deficient Areas of Gilgit-Baltistan, (Cost Rs. 260 Mil)
- Prepaid Smart Electricity Meters in Gilgit-Baltistan, (Cost Rs. 5354.806 Million)
- Union Council Based Poverty Reduction Project (UCBPRP), Cost Rs. 3500 Million
- Rehabilitation and Installation of Water Purification Plants, Cost Rs. 125 Million

Sustainable Development Goals Support Unit

Activities carried out by Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Support Unit in P&DD.



● Goal-wise mapping of ADP 2018-19

SDGs Support Unit mapped ADP 2018-19 to highlight the SDGs localization in budgetary frameworks and to shed light on low funded SDGs Goals which needs consideration while preparing ADPs in future.

● Notification of SDGS Steering Committee

A Steering committee on SDGs stands constituted in GB to provide overall policy, strategic direction and to review approved Annual Work Plans. The steering committee comprises of members from secretaries of line departments, Heads of civil society organizations, academia and media. First meeting of Steering committee was held under the chairmanship of Additional Chief Secretary (ACS) on 11th Feb 2019.

- **Notification of Focal Persons**

SDGs Unit has requested line departments to nominate well conversant Focal Persons for SDGs to facilitate coordination and timely implementation of SDGs targets.

- **Communication Material on SDGs**

Communication and advocacy material were designed to raise awareness on SDGs in GB

- **Social Media**

Communicating and raising awareness about SDGs and the progress in localization of SDGs in GB through social media such as Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

(Facebook: @SDGsGilgitbaltistan, Twitter: @SDGs_GB, Instagram: @sdgs_gb)

- **Orientation session with Assembly members**

An Orientation session was conducted to sensitize the members on SDGs

- **Advocacy and awareness sessions with line departments**

SDG Unit is currently conducting sessions with line departments for orientation of the relevant staff on SDGs, share findings of Mapping Exercise and establish baseline on relevant SDG indicators. Preliminary exercise to set baseline on SDGs with line departments has been completed.

- **Session with P&DD Officials**

A briefing session was organized to all P&D officials on May 11, 2019 to share the findings of Mapping Exercise. The session was chaired by ACS (Dev)/P&DD) and all section chiefs, Assistant Chiefs and Research Officers and allied staff of attached units in P&DD attended the session.

GB- Child Labor Survey

A Child Protection Rolling Work Plan between GoGB and UNICEF Pakistan agreed from January 2019 for the period till December 2020 is underway. Chief Secretary GB signed the document on behalf of GoGB in a meeting of GB officials and UNICEF staff in GB House Islamabad.

Full Roll Out GBCLS survey in entire GB as envisaged has successfully completed with support of GB administration, district administration, P&DD, GB core committee, and field teams. In GB, the survey has been completed while in rest of the country, the survey is under process. This was first ever in GB that the survey was successfully conducted in Darel and Tangir tehsils of district Diamer.



President Dr. Arif Alvi addressing the participants of National Launch of Child Labour Survey at Serena Hotel, Islamabad on March 25, 2019.

Economic Transformation Initiative

Economic Transformation Initiative (ETI) completed its 3-full year of program operations in June 2019. In these three years, more than Rs. 2 billion have been invested in the rural infrastructure and agriculture sectors of Gilgit-Baltistan. Summary of the progress and current activities are as below:

Activity	Target	Under Progress	Completed
Irrigation Channels		309 km	160 km
Land Development	50,000 acres	31,510 acres	7,155 acres
Farm-to-Market Roads	400 km	257 km	116 km
Bridges	220m	232 m	-
Village Producer Groups	220	57	2
No. of Youth trained in Construction traits	400	-	228
Rural enterprises accessing business development services	100	25	17
Persons trained in income-generating activities or business management	1,550	941	7,544



National Disasters Risk Management Fund

National Disasters Risk Management Fund (NDRMF) is working for reducing socio-economic and fiscal vulnerability of the country and its population to natural hazards by prioritizing and financing investments in disaster risk reduction and preparedness that have high economic benefits, taking into account climate change, as well as disaster risks and their impact. For that purpose, Gilgit-Baltistan Disaster Risk Management Coordination Committee has been constituted for identification of potential projects. GB government has arranged six meetings with NDRMF and 4 potential projects have been identified and submitted to NDRF for funding. Procedurally, there is 70: 30 funding ratio, meaning NDRMF will finance 70% of total project cost, whereas 30% have to be borne by relevant governments/agencies

Collaboration with UN-Habitat, Pakistan

UN-Habitat focuses on housing, land and settlement planning with the approach to provide life-saving shelter, WASH and community infrastructure for addressing disaster risk in an institutionalized and sustainable manner through consolidation of inclusive Community Based Disaster Risk Management (CBDRM) and School Based Disaster Risk Management (SBDRM) methodologies.

In this regard, GB government through P&DD, GB has submitted projects worth Rs. 1.000 Billion for financial support from UN-HABITAT Pakistan,

focusing on educational institutions particularly girls' schools for retrofitting and repairing, availability of land for construction of new buildings together with water and sanitation facilities, furniture boundary walls, computer and other labs in High Schools.



Glacial Lake Outburst Flood (GLOF II)

The project is expanding coverage of GLOF-I Project's interventions in ten districts in Gilgit-Baltistan with the following two outputs;

- a. Strengthened sub-national institutional capacities to plan and implement climate change resilient development pathways.
- a. Community-based Early Warning Systems (EWS) and long-term measures are up-scaled to increase communities' adaptive capacity.

GLOF II Project Launch in Gilgit Baltistan

The project launch in Gilgit Baltistan was attended by senior officials from the Government of Gilgit-Baltistan, civil society, academia, representatives of communities and media. Project activities, targets and implementation arrangements were shared in detail with key stakeholders.

Letter of Agreement Signing Ceremony with Gilgit Baltistan

The letter of agreement (LoA) for GB was signed between Additional Chief Secretary (Development) Gilgit-Baltistan and Mr. Ignacio Artaza, Resident Representative, UNDP Pakistan.

The LoA aims to strengthen coordination between the two parties and facilitate the implementation of activities as approved by the Project Steering Committee.



Installation of Early warning system in Hussuaini, Gojal Hunza.

In view of the emergency owing to surging of Shishper Glacier and formation of glacial lake at Hassan Abad, in upper Hunza, the GB DMA and district administration approached UNDP to provide support in installation of Early Warning System (EWS) under GLOF II project.



Stakeholders visit to Shisper, Hussaini Gojal, Ghulkin, Passu and Batura Glaciers, May 20th -24th, 2019

CIVIL REGISTRATION AND VITAL STATISTICS

Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (CRVS) is the mechanism of collecting information by civil registration system on the frequency of occurrence of specified and defined vital events births, deaths, cause of deaths, marriage, migration, its compiling, processing, analyzing, evaluating, presenting and disseminating these data in some statistical form. The significance of improvement of CRVS has recently been emphasized round the globe. CRVS data is critical to support the functioning of National Health System and for a number of other government functions.



- Focal Person CRVS in P&DD, GB notified
- Provincial Steering Committee (PSC) on CRVS notified
- Focal Persons for technical group of 6 thematic areas, notified
- Facilitated organization of one-day orientation seminar on “Strengthening Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (CRVS) in Gilgit with technical support of M/O PD&R Islamabad and UNICEF Pakistan.
- One-day Consultative Workshop on CRVS conducted by P&DD, GB, which was attended by all relevant stakeholders, recommendations on thematic areas were finalized through extensive deliberations. Accordingly, report was prepared and transmitted to TSU-CRVS Ministry of PD&R Islamabad
- Delegation of GB government headed by Secretary Health Department GB participated in International Summit on CRVS held in Islamabad on 27-29th November 2018 in Serena Hotel Islamabad.
- For preparation of cross border development proposal under SAARC development fund (Institutional Strengthening of CRVS) for developing integrated models of “state of the art CRVS model district” in each province, GB Govt has nominated two districts i.e. Diamer and Ghizer for quick CRVS Need Assessment Study
- Facilitated SDGs unit M/o PDR consultant to perform the assessment of CRVS & SDGs in GB from 4-7th February 2019. Arranged meetings/field visits with relevant stakeholders.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Convene various development fora meetings for approving projects to accelerate development process.
- Inauguration of Planning & Development Department, Camp Office in Skardu, Baltistan Division.
- Inauguration of GLOF-II Project Sub-office in Skardu, Baltistan Division.
- Conducting Provincial Steering Committee Meetings of GBCLS and CRVS.
- Participation in 9th JCC (CPEC) and 2nd Forum meeting of Sister Provinces/ Cities.
- Signing of Mou Between GOGB & NDRMF.
- Trend Analysis of Socio-economic indicators from 2010 onwards based on Pakistan Demographic Health Survey (PDHS), National Nutrition Survey (NNS).
- Review of social sector strategies for formulation of SDG framework in GB.
- Desk review and consultations on GB SDG framework, Mapping of ADP 2019-20 with SDGs and Data Gap Analysis on SDG indicators.
- Hiring Consultant for development project “Gilgit-Baltistan Union Council Based Poverty Reduction Programme (UCBPRP PH-I)” through EoI.
- Advocacy on Role of Civil Society Alliance in Improvement of Nutrition and Consultative Activities for nutrition sensitization in Diamer, Ghanche, Hunza, Ghizer and Gilgit.
- Review of ADP 2019-20
- Establishment of full fledged statistical cell in P&DD, GB

