



Localizing SDGs

“Multilevel Governance, Policy Coherence and Institutional Development”

Country Example – Sindh, Pakistan

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“Localization” is the process of taking into account national, subnational and local contexts in the achievement of SDGs, from the setting of goals and targets, to determining the means of implementation and using indicators to measure and monitor progress.

In Pakistan’s context, as well as other LMIDCs; the framework delineating goals, targets and indicators can be used as a governance tool for socio-economic transformation.



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- **Political Commitment :**

- *In 2015*, Pakistan signed the international agreement on the 2030 Agenda, committing to achieve 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) between 2016 and 2030.

- **Policy Coherence :**

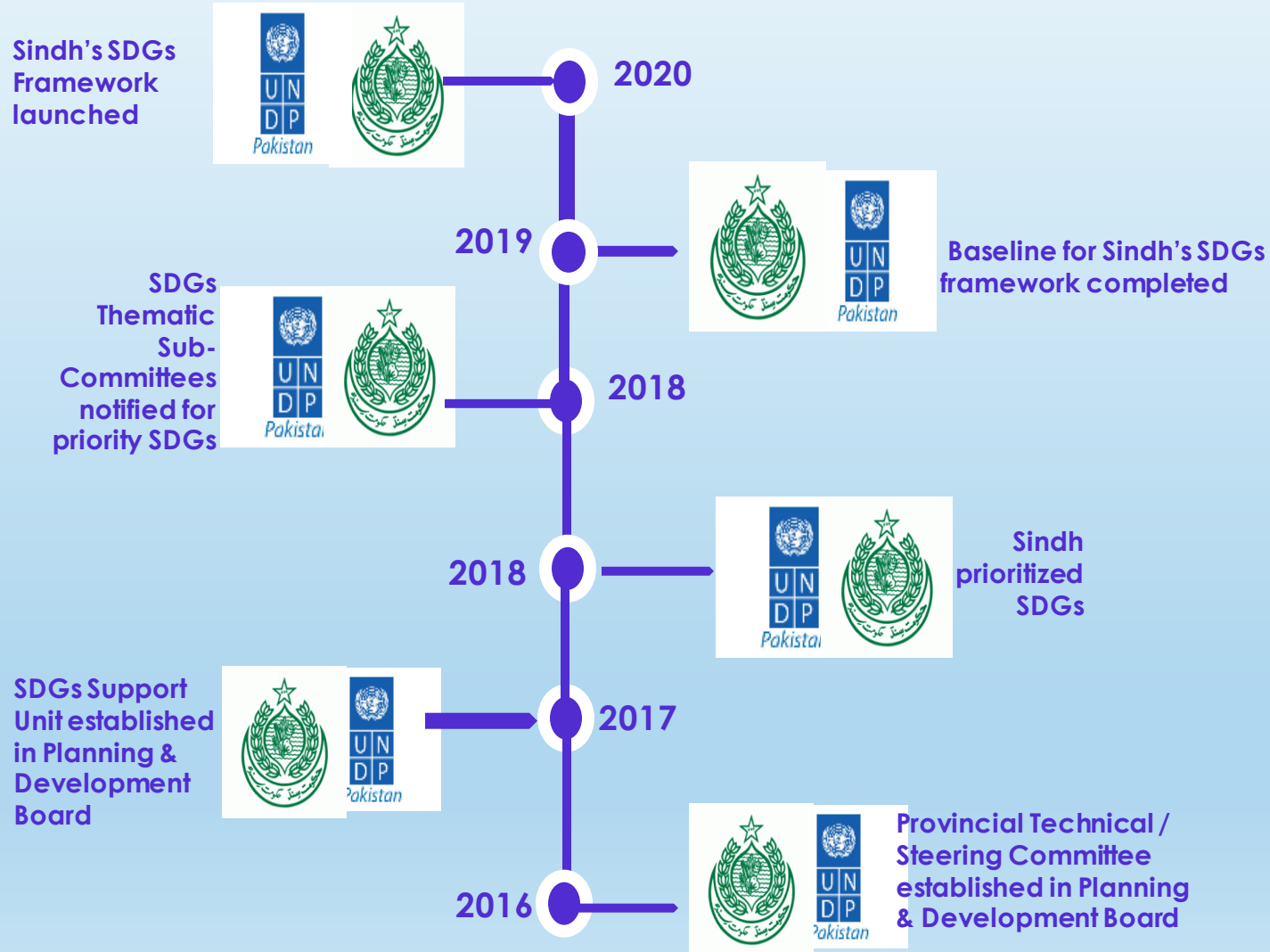
- *In 2016*, Pakistan integrated SDGs into its National Development Agenda through unanimous resolution by the National Assembly of Pakistan.
- *In 2016*, A National Program for Mainstreaming, Acceleration and Policy Support (MAPS) launched at Federal and Provincial Level, with UNDP's Technical Assistance for Implementation.
- *In 2018*, A National SDGs framework was launched envisaging national vision , plan and strategy to localize the full potential of SDGs in the country.

- **Institutional Development :**

- Parliamentary Taskforces on SDGs in the National and Provincial Parliaments
- A Sub-Committee of National Economic Council (NEC) for SDGs at the National level.
- A Project Board at the national level
- Provincial Steering / Technical Committees in all provinces
- SDGs Support Units at Federal and Provincial level.



Localizing SDGs in Sindh , Pakistan



Government of Sindh, as part of the national initiative on SDGs, signed on to the Agenda 2030 in 2016, and has initiated its efforts to support the mainstreaming, localization, and implementation of SDGs in collaboration with **UNDP Pakistan**.

Name: Support Project for Implementation of SDGs in Sindh
Location: SDGs Support Unit Sindh, Planning & Development Board, Government of Sindh
Project Duration: March 2016 - June 2023
Total cost of project: PKR 596 million (50/50 cost sharing between UNDP and Government of Sindh)



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- **Prioritization of SDGs:** Prioritization was taken as a necessary element to achieve progress on SDGs due to the country's finite resources, institutional capacities and urgency for action in various sectors. Sindh's SDGs Prioritization is based on:
 - Severity of development issues and challenges
 - Resource availability
 - Sindh's economic and social endowments
 - Value for money, and magnitude of impact, in line with Sindh Vision 2025
 - Multi-layered Nest Methodology
 - Consultation with Stakeholders
- **Development of SDGs Frameworks:**
 - Sindh developed its SDGs Framework to serve as a roadmap for mainstreaming and localization of SDGs; and to enable institutions and stakeholders to achieve the immediate, medium-term and long-term prioritized SDGs.
 - The frameworks are also purposed as a resource for development partners, civil society, academia and other stakeholders involved in implementation & monitoring of SDGs.





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Mainstreaming Acceleration and Policy Support [MAPS for SDGs]

3 Financing for SDGs
Financing flows increasingly aligned with 2030 Agenda

4 Innovative Action
Building synergies, PPP, implementation of pilots

2 Reporting
SDGs monitoring and reporting strengthened

1 Laying the groundwork
Plans, policies, and resource allocation aligned with 2030 Agenda

Four Pillars

Vertical Policy Coherence: Institutional coordinating mechanisms to foster partnerships and coordination across levels

NEC SUBCOMMITTEE ON SDGS
Project Board for National Initiatives on SDGs under Secretary, Ministry of Planning, Development and Reforms

National SDGs Unit (Planning Commission)

Provincial Technical Committee under Chairperson, P&D Board

Provincial SDGs Unit (in each Planning and Development Department)

Core Group on SDGs
Thematic Sub-Committees

Federal Parliamentary Task Force on SDGs

Provincial level Parliamentary Task Force on SDGs

Horizontal Policy Coherence: Formal partnerships and coordination across sectoral line ministries and agencies

Institutional Structures and Coordination Mechanism



Localizing SDGs and Challenges

- Localizing the goals, targets and indicators at the National, Provincial and most importantly, at the District / Taluka is a key element requiring consideration of local context.
- For example, SDGs Target 6.1 which demands *safely managed access for all to safe drinking water* – and is measured through SDG 6.1.1. tracking “*the proportion of population that is using an improved drinking water source, that is*
 - a) *located on the premises (piped)*
 - b) *available when needed*
 - c) *free of fecal and chemical contamination*”
- Geography of certain areas; e.g., Islamkot prove particularly challenging for such an intervention, where population resides in remote small pockets, making the accomplishment of the SDGs target unsustainable due to involved Capex and Opex costs.
- **Solution:** RO Plants for Safe Drinking water within 30min round trip for residents; and localization of the relevant SDGs indicator.

6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION



Governments need assistance of development partners to translate / localize Agenda 2030, cover resource gaps, feasibility, and evolve / innovate sustainable solutions



Steps for deepening Localization in Sindh, Pakistan

- Instituting SDGs Framework at the lowest tier of governance (local government)
- Innovative solutions for domestic resource mobilization
- Promoting Public Private Partnerships to attract private capital and expertise
- Development of Urban Planning Capacities and SDGs Compliant Master Plans
- Evolving robust Data Management System for monitoring and reporting progress on SDGs

A Society-wide campaign to build the momentum on SDGs
[Government, Citizens, Civil Society, Corporate / Business Sector]





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Q&A

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