

Partnership Fund – Progress Report 2008

Partnership Fund is an additional and vital component of the Indus for All Programme. The Partnership Fund was established to address nature conservation issues of sites other than the four focused sites of the Programme (Keti Bunder, Keenjher Lake, Chotiari Wetland Complex and Pai Forest). It is designed to enable partners from government, civil society and academia to implement nature conservation project with the financial assistance from the Fund. Projects granted under Partnership Fund should address four major themes of Indus Ecoregion Conservation Programme.

Following are the details of the activities undertaken and achievements of Partnership Fund as per the work plan for the year 2008.

Call for Proposals

In year 2008 two calls for proposals were planned. It aims to inform all potential grantees through media and to provide chance to apply for grant to program's stakeholders. The first call for proposals was made in April 2008 against which a very good response was received. A total of sixty grant applications in shape of the project proposals were received. The second call for proposals was planned in August 2008 but it was eventually given on 2nd November 2008. This was due to the unexpected time spent in processing the large number of project proposals received in response to first call. In response to second call 118 project proposals have been received, these includes five proposals from academia, three from the government departments and 110 from NGOs. The proposal received after second call, are under process. The process includes review by Project Review Committee, incorporating PRC recommendation and finally submission to Partnership Fund Technical Committee for grant decision.



**Call for Proposal under
Partnership Fund for Nature
Conservation**



The 'Indus for All Programme' is an initiative of WWF – Pakistan to implement the first five years of 50 years Vision of Indus Ecoregion Programme. The Indus Ecoregion Programme is developed to overcome the threats to biodiversity by addressing poverty-environment nexus through following objectives;

- Maintenance of viable populations of **species**.
- Representation of all distinct **natural habitats** within protected areas network with sizes large enough to be resilient to large scale disturbances and long term challenges.
- Maintenance of **ecological and evolutionary processes**.
- Strive for **sustainable use of natural resource** for conservation of biodiversity besides provision of livelihood support to people.

Under Partnership Fund which is a separate segment of the Indus for All Programme, grants are available for the projects focused on and reflect the above core objectives of Indus Eco-region Conservation Plan. Maximum grant available for a project is rupees three (3) million whereas grant recipient is required to share at least 20% of the total cost of the project. Duration of the project should not exceed 3 years period. The financial support for Indus for All Programme -Partnership Fund has been provided by the **Royal Netherlands Embassy (RNE)**.

The relevant government departments, registered NGOs/CBOs and academic institutions are invited to apply for grant on a designed project proposal form. Project proposal form, introductory brochure and guidelines can be downloaded from the website: www.foreverindus.org and www.wwf-pk.org or can be obtained upon request from Manager Partnership Fund, WWF Pakistan, 606, Fortune Centre, PECHS Block - 6 Shahra-e-Faisal Karachi, Phone: 021-4544791-2 Fax: 021-4544790.

**The project proposal is required to submitted to Manager-Partnership Fund lastly by
22nd May 2008**

Proposals Review by Projects Review Committee

The proposals received for funding undergo a review by a Project Review Committee (PRC). The PRC scrutinize the project if they are in line with fund's policy, technically sound and suggest for improvement if require. This committee has been formed and the composition has been approved during first meeting of the Partnership Fund Technical Committee held on 25th April 2008. There are six members in PRC; one member is from PFTC two members are from WWF- Pakistan whereas three are from Indus for All Programme staff. Prior to the meetings of the Technical Committee, two meetings of the PRC were held as per the plan during this year. The PRC reviewed a total of 35 project proposals and recommended 17 project proposals for consideration of grant by the PFTC and SGP- SC.

Meetings of Partnership Fund Technical Committee

The PFTC will work as a central decision making body of the Partnership Fund. The PFTC comprised a total of sixteen members. They are from Government of Sindh, Civil Society Organizations, academia and officials from small grant programs of different national and international organizations. The Committee is formed and notified by the Indus Eco-region Steering Committee (IESC). PFTC approves the project proposals and awards the qualifying projects on the recommendation of the PRC.

During year 2008 two meetings of the PFTC were held. The first meeting was convened on 25th April 2008 during which members of Technical Committee were provided orientation on the operational procedures for the Partnership Fund and their consultation was sought to finalize the fund's policy and procedure.



Conservator Wildlife, Govt. of Sindh, presenting project before the PFTC, 12 August 2008, Karachi

Second meeting of the Partnership Fund Technical Committee was held on 12th August 2008 to review and approve the proposals received in response to first call. During the

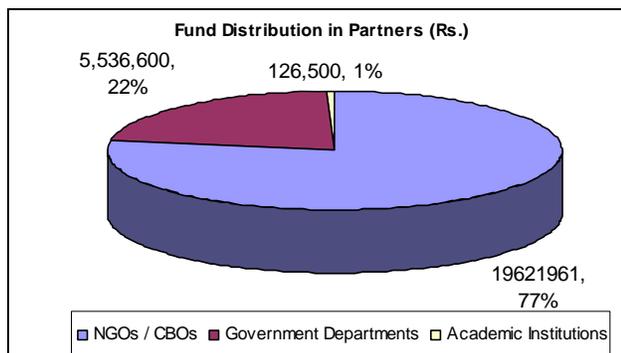
meeting, a total of 13 project proposals were presented before the PFTC, out of which ten projects were approved, one project was deferred and two projects were rejected by the Committee.

MoU with Scientific Committee of WWF-Small Grant Programme

WWF – Pakistan is running Small Grant Programme (SGP) since last 22 years. Under SGP funds are provided up to 0.2 million. Consisting twenty two members a Scientific Committee is the governing body for Small Grant Programme. With the inception of Partnership Fund a link has been developed with SGP- SC in order to benefit from their experience and also to share responsibility, especially for the project to be granted in upper Indus Basin. Thus a MoU has been signed between Partnership Fund and SGP – SC in September 2008. Under this MoU, Partnership Fund will provided rupees three million on yearly basis to Scientific Committee whereas the committee will grant projects requesting financial support up to rupees one million. The SC during it's 74th meeting held on 18 September 2008, approved two projects out of four for grant under Partnership Fund.

Funds Disbursement

The PFTC in its second meeting, held on 12 August 2008, at Karachi approved grant for the ten projects whereas three projects requesting grant below one million have been approved by the Scientific Committee



of WWF- Small Grant Programme during its meeting held on 18 September 2008. As mentioned earlier the SC is authorized to approve grants of below one million amounts, under the MoU signed between WWF- Small Grant Programme and the Indus for All Programme- Partnership Fund.

As per the policy, funds are disbursed to project implementing organizations on quarterly basis. In the first instant, a total of 5.36 million rupees have been released to 10 partner organizations. Out of these thirteen projects, one project is executed by academic institute, three projects are being implemented by governmental departments and nine projects are being executed by NGOs. Details of thirteen projects are given in Table – 3.

Stakeholders Orientation on Partnership Fund

In order to provide understanding on policy and procedure of Partnership Fund to stakeholders, two orientation workshops were conducted during 2008. The first workshop was held at Hyderabad, just after the first call for proposal, i.e. on 6th May 2008 that was attended by seventy six representatives of government departments, NGOs/CBOs and academic institutions. In order to disseminate information to potential grant applicant of upper Sindh Province, second workshop was held at Khairpur Mir's just after the second call for proposals. The workshop was attended by 197 representatives of line department, NGOs and academic from eight districts. In addition to above workshops, two site level meetings for partner organizations (especially CBOs and academia) were also held in first week of November 2008. A total of 411 persons participated in these orientation sessions. (Table -1)



Table -1: Total participants in orientation sessions

Date	Venue, City	Participants
6 May 2008	Civic Society Club, Hyderabad	76
7 November 08	Taluka Municipal Hall, Sanghar	53
8 November 08	Quid-e-Awam University, Nawabshah	85
18 November 08	Shah Abdul Latif University, Khairpur	197
Total		411

Livelihoods Rehabilitation in Keti Bander Project

Using the Partnership Fund a project has been implemented during June 2007 – May 2008, as a special case whereas grants activities of Partnership Fund were started in April 2008. In particular, a natural disaster struck inhabitants, at one of the Programme site – Keti Bunder that compelled demand for immediate use of funds for emergency relief and rehabilitation purpose. Consequently the ‘Livelihood Rehabilitation in Keti Bunder Project’ was approved and implemented during in a year period. The goal of project was to rebuild the lives of Keti Bundar residences struck by the natural monsoon related disaster of June 2007. Intervention details of the project are as follows.

Improving livelihood resources

Since the project was aims to improve livelihood of effected communities, support has been provided by repairing nineteen boats, damaged during the cycle. These were own by fishermen of the four villages of Hajamro Creek. For selection of damaged boats mainly those owners were given preference who can't afford the repair cost. After having their boats repaired the fish catch activity of more than ninety fishermen has been restored that was suspended after cycle. Making these boats operational has improved the economic status of about ninety families, as their family heads are again engaged in fishing activity.

In addition to boat repair, three (3) cold storage tanks are also provided to three CBOs of creeks viz. HMDC of Hajamro creek, Maroara Welfare Development Organization, Turchan Creek and Fishermen Rural Development Organization (FRDO), Village Bhoori of Khobhar Creek. These cold storage tanks are used by the poor fishermen in order to store more fish and stay longer in the sea.

Provision of houses to poor

In addition to boat repair, thirty (30) thatched hut houses are constructed in four villages namely Tippan, Kharyoon, Phirt, Siddique Dablo of Hajamro Creek. These houses have been handed over to poor families giving preference to widows and orphans. These families now have shelter to save their women and children that was damaged due to cyclone.



Image: Thatched house provided to thirty families

Water Supply Scheme for three villages

Four fixed potable fiber water tanks have been provided in all four villages of Hajamro creek. To fill these tanks a tanker-boat having capacity of 16,000 liters have been provided to the local CBO (Hajamro Mahool Dost Committee) of Hajamro Ceek. Water tanker boat used to fetch water from Keti Bunder town. The cost of the fuel and other operational expenses are being met from the sale of water to the communities. Previously the communities those are living in these villages used collect water either for drinking or washing purpose from the Keti Bunder town that is the only source of potable water which cost a lot. After the provision of these potable water tanks in these villages the communities have water at their door step with nominal cost.



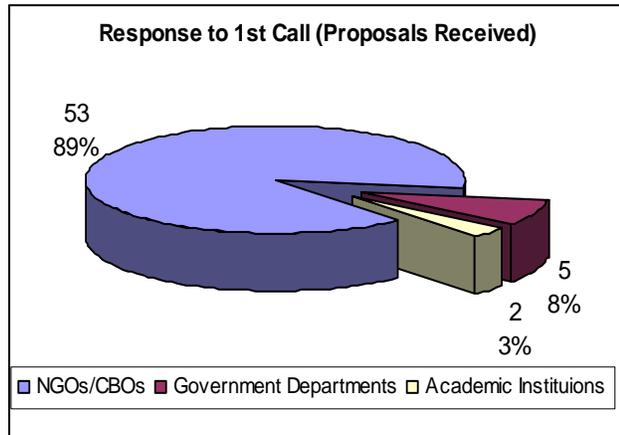
Image: Tanker Boat having capacity of 16000 liters

Provision of electricity through wind turbines

The 5-wind turbines have been installed in the different villages of inland and creeks such as village Mero Dablo, Bhoori and Tippan. All the five wind turbines are providing one energy saver bulb electricity to about 100 house holds and they are paying Rs.50/- per month as electricity bill. That collected money is being used for the operation & maintenance of the wind turbines. Previously the communities were using kerosene oil lights those cost around Rs. 800 to 1000 per month per household and in addition they were facing different health implications. But now they are willingly contributes Rs.50 per month and enjoying their life. With the provision of light certain socio economic activities have been started during the night time, such as social gathering between the male members whereas female are found busy in the economic activity that is helping their male members to repair of fishing nets, grading of shrimps/prawns and hand embroidery etc.

First Round of Project Funding: Facts & Figures

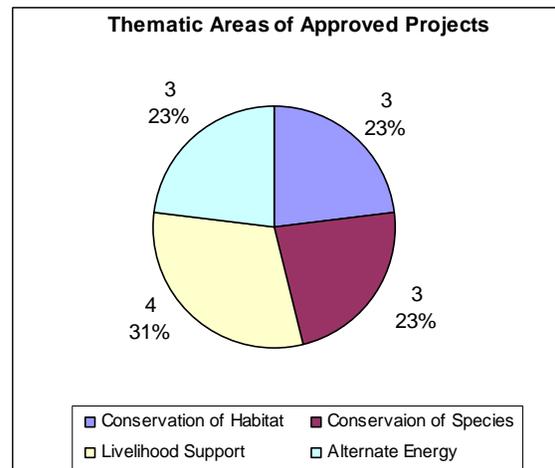
In response to first call for proposals under Partnership Fund good response was given by NGOs & CBOs. A total of 60 project proposals were received in response to call. Out of these sixty project proposals, fifty-three were submitted by NGOs/CBOS, five by Government line departments and two were submitted by Academic Institutions. After initial scrutiny by Partnership Fund Secretariat, it was found that 25 proposals (all were of NGOs) are incomplete as these were not fulfilling the basic policy and guidelines.



The remaining thirty five were sent to PRC for review, as per the set procedure. And PRC recommended seventeen proposals, out of these 35 for consideration to grant by the approval authorities, i.e. PFTC and SC. Of these seventeen, four were of the grant request up to one million hence forwarded to SC and thirteen were presented to PFTC. The PFTC approved ten projects and SC approved two projects. In total thirteen projects were granted in first round of funding. The thematic areas of twelve approved projects are portrayed in following graph, whereas the project target geographical area are mentioned table-2.

Table – 2: Target Area

Area	Projects
Thatta -- Coastal	2
-- Lake	2
Badin (Forest)	2
Kotri- Sujawal (River)	1
Matiari (Forest)	1
Dadu (10 Villages)	1
Nawabshah (Forest)	1
Khairpur (Nara Canal)	1
Karachi – Coastal area	1
Punjab (Upper Indus Basin)	1
Total	13



**Table - 3
Details of Funded Projects**

No.	Project Title	Project Developer	Thematic Area	Target Area	Partnership Fund	Executor's Share	Total Budget
1	Distribution, Status and Management of Smooth coated otter (<i>Lutrogale perspicillata</i>) in Indus Eco-region	Sindh Wildlife Department, Govt. of Sindh Sukkur	Conservation of Species	Nara, Khairpur	3,000,000	1,300,000	4,300,000
2	Assess the status of <i>Tenulosa illisha</i> (Palla) and the causes responsible for its decline in its natural habitat	Fisheries Department Govt. of Sindh	Conservation of Species	Kotri – Sujjawal (Indus river)	2,396,600	1,156,900	3,553,500
3	Promote Alternate Energy for Sustainable Conservation of Indus Delta Ecoregion	Action for Humanitarian Development	Alternate Energy	Kharo Chhan Thatta	1,741,215	746,235	2,487,450
4	Alternative Energy Project-Dadu	Young Samaji Tanzeem Johi,	Alternate Energy	Dadu (10 Villages)	1,916,178	821,398	2,737,576
5	Forest Protection Project through Forest Protection Committees	Indus Development Organization	Conservation of Habitat	Matitari Forest	2,999,200	2,190,750	5,189,950
6	Rehabilitation of Booharki Forest	Badin Development & Research organization	Conservation of Habitat	Booharki Forest, Badin	2,609,500	1,092,500	3,702,000
7	Development and Promotion of Biogas Technologies for Meeting Domestic Fuel Needs of Rural Areas	Shah Lateef Welfare Association, Nawabshah	Alternate Energy	Villages of Pai Forests	2,829,000	1,100,550	3,929,550
8	Community Based Natural Resource Management Project	Participatory Development Initiatives	Livelihood, Conservation of Habitat	Kharo Chhan Thatta	2,965,850	1,307,550	4,273,400
9	Creating Sustainable Environment through Promotion of Awareness & Energy Efficient Technologies	Global Welfare and Development Organization	Alternate Energy	Villages of Keenjhar Lake	1,707,618	731,794	2,439,412
10	Rehabilitation of Fishermen Community and Keenjhar Lake through Participatory Approach	Keenjhar Fishermen Welfare Society	Livelihood support	Keenjhar Lake	2,259,000	1,002,800	3,261,800
11	Livelihood support to vulnerable communities	Sindh Rural Support Programme	Livelihood support	Jubhoo Lagoodn, Jati, Thatta	594,400	127,600	722,000

12	Effect of water quality on the availability, size and growth of Indian major Carp 'Labeo rohita' in selected natural waters for sustainable fisheries in Punjab	University of Veterinary & Animal Sciences, Lahore	Conservation of Species	Punjab (Selected Fishing grounds)	126,500	55,500	182,000
13	Bioavailability and characterization of heavy metals in Mangroves ecosystem	PCSIR (Dr. Sarwat Ismail)	Conservation of Habitat	Coastal areas of Karachi	140,000	60,000	200,000
Total					25,285,061	11,693,577	36,978,638