

PROJECT BRIEF

Project Name	Punjab Planning and Policy Support Programme (P3SP)
GS Number	7113
Scheme ID	01372102086
Total Cost	Rs. 200 million
Allocation for FY2021-22	Rs. 200 million
Gestation Period	One Year (July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022)
Sponsoring Agency	Planning and Development Board
Implementation Agency	Planning and Development Board
Execution Agency	Urban Sector Planning & Management Services Unit (Pvt) Limited (The Urban Unit)

BACKGROUND

Lack of updated spatial data and evidence-based decision-making still remains a barrier to effective policy and planning solutions. The disintegrated development efforts and lack of regional and local planning focus have aggravated policy ineffectiveness in Punjab. Currently planning in Punjab is supplemented with existing data sets but there is a need to utilize these data sets for regular and in a uniform manner. Thereby creating a strong need for capacities and systems catering to priorities of each department and region.

The programme is aimed at supporting P&D Board in evidence-based decision making and policy planning. Under Distribution of Business Among Department in Punjab Government's Rules of Business 2011, P&D Board is required to be catalyst for different departments/sectors to improve the pace and quality of economic development. Additionally, P&D Board is required to undertake capacity building of government departments, agencies and functionaries for good governance.

The Urban Unit will be supporting P&D Board in updating existing spatial data, performing evidence-based local & regional planning and capacity building of Departments to support in achieving the objectives of Punjab Growth Strategy 2023 and Punjab Spatial Strategy 2047.

RATIONALE

The Urban Unit has large data repository comprising of a variety of GIS layers and digitized socio-economic data sets. The data can be utilized to enhance analytical lens of Government of the Punjab in planning and policy making processes. Due to lack of awareness on use of geo spatial data in government, it is crucial for Urban Unit to conduct capacity-building and developing systems and providing data support at the local and regional level.

KEY COMPONENTS

The programme will be a support mechanism for sectoral, regional and local planning of Punjab along with conducting capacity building programs to embed the same in the planning process across Punjab to ensure vertical and horizontal integration of local and regional planning systems. It will ensure availability of updated data repository and systematic and transparent assessment tools for evidence-based planning by policy makers and planners leading to efficient and equitable use of resources, knowledge enhancement and improved socio-economic development in Punjab. There are three components of the program which include the following:

1. Spatial Decision Support System

- Data and analysis access through central dashboard for key departments
- Development of Spatial Decision Support Systems for key sectors

2. Local & Regional Planning Support

- Support in developing Regional Economic Development Plans for each region
- Identification of key projects for each region

3. Capacity Building

- P&D Board and departmental capacity strengthening for usage of new technologies and tools
- Sector Specific training modules

FINANCING MECHANISM

The duration of the project will be 12 months. This shall commence from date of approval in FY2021-22 till June 30, 2022. The project shall be finance by P&D Board through ODP of ADP FY2021-22 for total cost of Rs. 200 million only. A provision for the same has already been made by P&D Board. The said programme shall be overseen by RP Section in P&D Board.