



**GOVERNMENT OF SINDH
PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT BOARD
PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT
(SDG-I Section)**

**MINUTES OF THE PRE-PDWP MEETING HELD ON 10.08.2026 AT 02:00 PM
(MONDAY), PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD, PLANNING AND
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Agenda No.	ADP 2026-27	District / Location	Name of Scheme
1	—	Hyderabad K.N Shah Sukkur Khairpur Larkana Qambar Shahdadt Qasimabad Sehwan Kamber	Sindh Flood Resilience Project (SFRP) Approved Cost. Rs. — million. Considered Cost. Rs. 45870 million.

The Chair welcomed the participants to the meeting and, after a brief round of introductions, invited the Sponsoring Agency to brief the forum on the proposed project. The Representative of PIU-SFERP briefed the forum on the proposed “Sindh Flood Resilience Project (SFRP) – P&DD Component”. The Representative of PIU-SFERP apprised the forum that the proposed project forms part of the World Bank’s funding commitment, comprising an IDA loan of Rs. 41,700.00 million (USD 150.00 million) and GoS counterpart contribution of Rs. 4,170.00 million (USD 15.00 million), making the total estimated cost Rs. 45,870.00 million (USD 165.00 million). The applicable USD/PKR exchange rate shall be finalized at the time of project approval in accordance with Planning Commission guidelines.

2. The project is proposed to be implemented in Hyderabad (Qasimabad), Sehwan, K.N. Shah, Larkana, Qambar-Shahdadt, and Khairpur. The Project Director SFERP informed the forum that the primary objective of the project is to shift the approach from disaster rehabilitation towards long-term resilience. The proposed project comprises the three components i.e. Component 1: Strengthening Municipal Resilience, Service Delivery Systems, and Priority Climate-Resilient Infrastructure; Component 2: Strengthening Emergency Preparedness, Disaster Response Systems, and Institutional Resilience; and Component 3: Project Management, Implementation Support, Monitoring, Learning, and Adaptive Management.

3. The following key observations/queries were raised before the forum based on the proposed concept note:

4. **Institutional Roles:** The roles and responsibilities of the PIU, Local Government Department, PDMA, and Rescue 1122 should be clearly defined, along with appropriate coordination and implementation arrangements and mode of execution.

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5. **Project Scope and Prioritization:** A clear project scope, phased implementation plan, and objective criteria for prioritizing investments within the proposed budget should be established.
 6. **City Selection and Needs Assessment:** Transparent criteria for selection of project cities should be provided, supported by quantitative and city-specific baseline data to justify the proposed interventions.
 7. **Duplication and Coordination Mechanism:** The concept note does not explain how duplication with ongoing or mandated functions of the Local Government Department, PDMA, and Rescue 1122 will be avoided. The project should clearly demonstrate complementarity with existing programs and define coordination mechanisms among implementing agencies.
 8. **Feasibility and Economic Justification:** A formal feasibility study should be undertaken, along with an indicative economic and financial assessment to justify the proposed investment of Rs. 45.87 billion (USD 165 million). Further with coordination of all relevant departments, it would be ensured that there would be no duplications of work.
 9. The Chair further enquired whether any feasibility study or detailed needs assessment had been carried out for the proposed project.
 10. The Chief SDGs emphasized that NoCs/endorsements from the relevant departments, including the Local Government Department, PHED, Rescue 1122, and other concerned agencies, should be obtained before proceeding further. It was highlighted that such consultation was necessary to ensure smooth implementation, avoid duplication of functions, and prevent disputes regarding institutional mandates during project execution. The project implementation modality should accordingly be designed in consultation with the concerned departments. Furthermore, clear arrangements for operation and maintenance (O&M) of completed sub-projects should be incorporated to ensure sustainability and continued public service delivery after completion.
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14. The Representative of PIU-SFERP apprised the forum that the Sindh Flood Resilience Project (SFRP) is a Government of Sindh initiative designed to strengthen climate adaptation, flood resilience, and disaster risk mitigation across vulnerable secondary cities and towns. By adopting an integrated urban systems approach, the project pairs strategic infrastructure investments, such as climate-resilient roads, public service networks, and improved urban drainage, with core governance, institutional, and digital reforms. At its foundation, SFRP enhances the capacity of local Municipal Committees, Town Corporations, and sanitation service providers to implement gender-responsive, climate-informed urban planning and long-term asset management.

15. To drive evidence-based decision-making, the project establishes unified, GIS-integrated digital municipal management platforms for municipalities and the Planning & Development Department (P&DD). These systems streamline budgeting, performance monitoring, and asset tracking alongside real-time flood risk data. Finally, building on earlier emergency initiatives, SFRP fortifies province-wide disaster management and emergency response by modernizing and expanding Rescue 1122 services, ensuring communities remain protected and prepared against future climate hazards.

16. The Project Director, SFERP, apprised the forum that the project was currently at the Concept Note stage and that the relevant technical departments would be consulted in detail during the preparation of the project.

17. The Representative of PIU-SFERP agreed that all relevant departments would be taken on board. The project scope and costs would be reviewed and prioritized according to the importance and criticality of the proposed interventions, while ensuring that duplication with existing departmental functions and ongoing schemes is avoided.

Decisions:

- i. After detailed discussion, following decisions were taken by the forum:
- ii. The Pre-PDWP Forum cleared the Concept Note, subject to compliance of observations and discussions of meeting.
- iii. PIU-SFERP shall clearly define the roles and responsibilities of the PIU, Local

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- Government Department, PDMA, Rescue 1122, PHED, and other relevant departments, and obtain their NoCs/endorsements before proceeding further.
- iv. The project scope, interventions, and costs shall be reviewed and prioritized according to importance and criticality, with a clear phasing and implementation framework within the proposed budget.
 - v. The project shall ensure complementarity with existing schemes and departmental mandates, with appropriate implementation and coordination mechanisms to avoid duplication or overlapping functions.
 - vi. A formal feasibility study and detailed needs assessment may also be conducted.
 - vii. The project will incorporate clear arrangements for operation and maintenance (O&M) of completed infrastructure and services, ensuring institutional ownership, sustainability, and continued public service delivery.
 - viii. PIU-SFERP will submit draft summary to Foreign Aid / SDGs I Section for seeking concept note / project initiation approval from Hon. Chief Minister Sindh.

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2	Assistant Chief SDG-1, Assistant Chief		
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4	Ghulam Asghar Kanasro, Project Director		
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