

Objectives | The partnership fund is established to achieve the following objectives:



Who can apply for funding?

- Relevant line departments of the **provincial government** such as, the Forest and Wildlife Department, Sindh Fisheries & Livestock Department, Sindh Coastal Dev. Authority, Sindh Irrigation and Drainage Authority, the provincial EPA and the provincial Planning and Development department.
- **Registered NGOs** are also invited to apply for project funding on the basis of their experience of project design, implementation and reputation in the target area.
- **Research and Academic institutions** such as universities, training institutes and environmental research institutes working in Indus eco-region.



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Our Mission

- WWF - Pakistan aims to conserve nature and ecological processes by:
- Preserving genetic, species and ecosystem diversity
 - Ensuring that the use of renewable natural resources is sustainable, both now and in the longer term
 - Promoting actions to reduce pollution and the wasteful exploitation and consumption of resources and energy

Vision of the Indus Ecoregion Programme

“Mankind coexists with nature in complete harmony and biodiversity flourishes in its respective habitat.”

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Indus for All Programme Partnership Fund



Indus for All Programme

Indus Eco-region Conservation Programme, a joint initiative of WWF-Pakistan and the Government of Sindh provides a unique platform for addressing poverty-environment linkages through sustainable natural resource management in the Indus Eco-region. With an ambitious long-term (2005-2055) vision for biodiversity conservation and livelihood improvement - the Indus Eco-region Conservation Programme is based on a 50 years Indus Eco-region Conservation Plan. The Indus Eco-region lies in the southern part of Pakistan in Sindh province and harbors a diverse range of biodiversity from deltaic habitats in the south, riverine ecosystems along the River Indus and desert areas in the periphery. Covering approximately two-thirds of Sindh province, Indus Eco-region partly or fully covers 18 districts of Sindh province.

The six-year Indus for All Programme (July 2006-June 2012) is first phase of the 50-year Indus Eco-region Programme. The programme aims to achieve following four objectives:

- Community based natural resource management in four priority areas (Keti Bundar, Keenjhar Lake, Pai Forest and Chotiari Reservoir) contributes to improved livelihoods.
- Improved natural resources and livelihoods through mainstreaming of poverty-environment linkages at policy, planning and decision making levels.
- Improved institutional capacity and awareness for sustainable environmental management at various levels.
- Improved alignment and collaboration for stakeholder interventions.

The four programme objectives are designed to develop NRM management plans, livelihood plans, best management practices plan and poverty-environment nexus studies and education and awareness building initiatives for stakeholders. Through analysis of linkages at micro, meso and macro levels, WWF aims to enhance understanding and implementation of sustainable resource use for poverty reduction - this premise is central to the concept and design of the Indus for All Programme.

Partnership Fund

To address those focal areas and issues that contribute to the long-term vision for the Indus Eco-region, WWF-Pakistan has launched the Indus for All Programme-Partnership Fund with generous support from the Royal Netherlands Embassy. The Partnership Fund has been established to enable better alignment and collaboration for stakeholders interventions in the Indus for All Programme. It allows for the implementation of strategic initiatives by partners for the duration of Indus for All Programme, particularly those that accelerate and strengthen institutional cooperation by identifying and filling the gaps for implementation of the Indus Eco-region Conservation Plan.

Partnership Fund will contribute significantly to other existing initiatives in the Indus Eco-region focused on biodiversity conservation and sustainable livelihoods. Accessing funding has always been a constraint for government line departments because of the competing demands on government budgetary allocations. Given this situation and the indispensability of the presence of government initiatives on the ground, the necessity was felt for securing additional funding for conservation initiatives and research that would enhance and add value to the work of the Indus for All Programme. In addition to Govt department, local NGOs and academic institutions played an important role in building 50-year vision of conservation for Indus Eco-region. These organizations are equal partners and will access the fund to augment Govt efforts for natural resources management. Consequently, the avenues for institutional networking would provide a greater likelihood for the programme's long-term success and firm commitment. The Partnership Fund seeks to continue and enhance implementation of the Indus for All Programme through securing such partnerships on ground.

Partnership Fund will be awarded for

Projects focused on and reflect the core objectives of Indus Eco-region Conservation Plan. Projects addressing directly and indirectly to following themes of conservation will be funded:

- Maintenance of a viable population of species..
- Representation of all distinct natural habitats within protected networks with a size large enough to be resilient to large scale disturbances and long term challenges.
- Maintenance of ecological and evolutionary processes.
- Promoting for sustainable natural resource use that contribute to conversation and healthy livelihood.

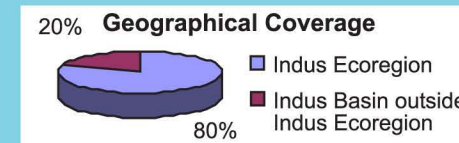
Types of project which will be eligible for Partnership Fund grant

- Conservation of endangered species.
- Natural resource management
- Participatory forest management and conservation
- Rehabilitation of degraded ecosystems
- Management and up-gradation of protected areas
- Environmental awareness
- Development of sustainable fisheries
- Improving water use efficiency
- Provision of alternate energy
- Research related to conservation of nature
- Environment related advocacy (such as water pollution)
- Protection / rehabilitation and management of Ramsar sites
- Creating and strengthening community livelihoods
- Securing water for environment (water quantity and quality)
- Establishing energy plantations and fodder reserves
- Livestock improvement through range management
- Increase access to water and sanitation facilities
- Range land management
- Value addition in fishing sector



Geographical Coverage

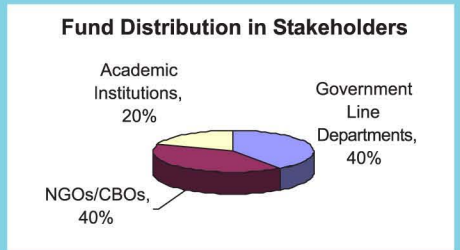
Partnership Fund is available to grant projects within whole Indus Eco-region. However, out of total fund available in a year, 80% fund will be disbursed for projects that fall within Indus Eco-region and 20% for upper part of the Indus basin beyond the boundaries of Indus Eco-region.



Funding Procedure:

The proposals received for funding will be reviewed by a Project Review Committee (PRC). A Partnership Fund Technical Committee comprising members from Government of Sindh, civil society organizations, academia and small grant programmes of different national and international organizations, will approve the project proposals for grant of award. Two meetings of the PRC will be conducted in a year to review the new project proposals and progress of on-going projects. **The grant recipient will ensure 30% contribution of the total cost of the project in-kind or cash.**

Of the total financial support available in a year, it is initially proposed that 40% of funding will be granted to government line departments, 40% to NGOs/CBOs and 20% to academic and research institutions.



How to Apply?

Departments / NGOs / Academic institutions will apply for grant on Partnership Fund designated Project Proposal Form. The Project Proposal Form along with grant-guidelines can be obtained upon request from Manager – Partnership Fund, WWF-Pakistan Karachi or downloaded from the website: www.foreverindus.org and www.wwf-pk.org. The Project proposals with covering letter would be submitted to Manager-Partnership Fund of Indus for All Programme.

Project Cost & Duration

The upper limit of project cost is rupees 3 million and duration of the project should not exceed 2 years period.

Additional Principles for Environmental Protection

Besides project implementation, the grant recipients are expected to ensure their commitment for environmental protection by following additional principles. Some of the general principles are described below, whereas area-specific and/or project-specific principles would be spelled out during the project proposal development.

- Ensure hygiene conditions in the project area
- Promote ban on the use of polythene bags in the project location
- Promote ban on illegal hunting, bird shooting and harmful fishing practices
- Enhance gender participation in decision making and co-management of natural resources
- Educate and aware general public about environment related civil rights
- Enrolment of children in schools
- Promotion of alternate energy sources