Evaluation Abstract

Title, author and date of the evaluation report:

Environmental Rehabilitation in North West Fr

Methodology used:

The evaluation methodology involved collecting and analyzing available data, judging the quality and relevance of the interventions in the field, comparing with other projects, and discussing interventions and approaches with all project partners.

Questions of the evaluation:

The Evaluation Team sought to assess the following aspects of project planning and implementation:

Extent to which project objectives and its focus on the full involvement of the local population, with particular reference to women, have been met in the three sub-projects;

Concrete results delivered by each sub-project against overall workplans and budgets;

Current status of expenditures against budgetary allocations and disbursement by the EC, the Government of Pakistan and local communities;

Project funds expenditure control, audit, reporting and replenishments mechanism;

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While it is difficult to assess the potential sustainability of community organizations, it is believed that some groups will continue to exist under certain conditions (such as strong and dynamic leadership from within the group); others will either become inactive, or will gradually wither away.

Recommendations:

The project has faced a delay of approximately two to three years in implementation. The [review] Mission thinks that to stop [the project] will waste the investment [and] recommends to complete the project by implementing a sustainability phase, including an emphasis on:

Impact studies;

Institutionalizing the methodology of the project;

Increasing beneficiaries contribution until they will fund all activities by the time the project closes;

Forging linkages with districts; and

Implementing recommendations of consultancy reports.

Lessons Learned:

The Evaluation Report outlines a wide range of lessons learned, some of which are presented below: Capital formation in Community Organization/Village Organization (CO/VO) Funds proved to be a binding, but not necessarily sustainable, factor for communities.

Project support for activities should be gradually decreased during the project's life to increase the