

Activity code: AB3i

Afforestation and social forestry interventions carried out in vulnerable watershed areas

EXPECTED RESULT R8

Integrated research program to support CKNP development and management implemented

The activities under this result is designed as an integrated research program, whereby ensuring the consistency of the activities towards the result. This has required the identification of one (or several) suitable watersheds, within which all activities have been carried out. The research concept ensured common methodologies and standards applied which will allow comparison with other research location across the HKKH region, whereby supporting the research' sustainability. The research in this project focuses on the establishment of baseline data and analyses relevant for CKNP management planning process and implementation. The research are being carried out in a participatory way, contributing to the "network for scientific management" by improving capacity of KIU and CKNP alike.

Implementing partners: CKNP & WWF



Implementation Period - 45 Months

Focus area - CKNP and Buffer zone

Budget - 29,259,658 PKR

Numbers

- ✿ 151,150 plants planted by CKNP
- ✿ 197,382 plants planted by WWF
- ✿ 348,532 total of plants planted till to date.



RESULTS:

Under this activity 348,532 plants have been planted in different valleys of CKNP and post care requirements provided. Agreement signed with local people for collection of pine seed, assistance provide to purchase of plants/ poles, digging of pits, channels to the plantation area and regular monitoring and liaison is still ongoing.

Follow-up visits of visits of CKNP and WWF staff at their respective areas to assess plantation progress and success rate shows at 80%, which is considered a very good success rate in the high altitude areas.



Highlights

80% success rate of plantation is reported by being considered a high achievement rate in the high-altitude areas of Karakorum.

CKNP

The Central Karakoram National Park (CKNP), in the Northern Area of Pakistan, was declared National Park in 1993. In 2014 the CKNP, thanks to the Seed Project, with official approval of the Management Plan by the Gilgit Baltistan Government, becomes fully operational. It is a mountain area covering over 10,000 km² that includes the world's largest glaciers, outside the Polar Regions. CKNP is the highest National Park all over the world encompassing four peaks over 8,000 m including K2 www.ckn.org



Seed

The SEED (Socio Economic and Environmental Development) Project is carried out in Gilgit- Baltistan by EvK2C-NR, in collaboration with KIU (Karakoram International University) and other partners. The project, fully financed by the Governments of Italy and Pakistan through PIDSA (Pakistan Italian Debt for Development Swap Agreement), aims at an integrative development of CKNP region.

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