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Islamabad, 20 August 2018 – The Annual Report 2017 showcases the work of the UN agencies in Pakistan under the Delivering as One framework.

“By embracing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as the country’s own development goals, the Government of Pakistan has committed to leaving no one behind – and to reaching those farthest behind, first. 2017 was a year of bringing these goals closer to reality. The UN in Pakistan worked ‘as one’ to support the localization of the SDGs at the federal, provincial and local levels. Adapting the 2030 Agenda from the global to the local level means responding to people’s real needs. It means ensuring that our work improves the lives and prospects of everyone, everywhere”, said Mr. Neil Buhne, the Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator of the United Nations in Pakistan.

Some of the results and key highlights from the Report are as follows:

- 1.4 million people gained access to safe sanitation as UN support continued for the Pakistan Approach to Total Sanitation (PATS Plus)
- Learning opportunities multiplied for the disadvantaged – 51,000 children engaged in co-curricular activities, while 26,000 enrolled in *Alternative Learning Programmes* in Karachi’s slums and rural Punjab, Sindh and Balochistan
- We strengthened capacities among police, prosecutors, judges and court staff, including through community policing and through 17,000 hours of eLearning. A computerized Results Management System (RMS) made electoral processes more efficient as almost 2200 data entry operators were trained for Elections 2018, while the Prison Management Information System (PMIS) enhanced the transparency of prison operations. We supported measure to improve the safety of journalists.



- The Cleantech Programme aided 84 start-ups, entrepreneurs and SMEs – including women-led teams – pioneering clean technology innovations
- Pakistan now has 52 Emergency Storage Facilities (ESFs) dramatically reducing the time between a disaster and when assistance reaches people. The number of schools prepared for a disaster increased with 19,600 children benefitting from a Child Protection in Emergencies (CPiE) approach in KP and (former) FATA
- Training of 8,500 people on Community-based Disaster Risk Management (CBDRM) in Sindh, Balochistan and KP built local capacity to mitigate, prepare for, respond to, and rebound from disasters
- Aided by UN advocacy, Home-based Workers' Policies emerged in Punjab, Sindh and KP. Thousands of Punjab's and Sindh's garment workers were empowered by skills development and job placements. 19 prominent companies signed up to the Women's Empowerment Principles
- Strong new policy frameworks, such as a National Food Security Policy, National Dietary Guidelines and (former) FATA's Multi-Sectoral Nutrition Strategy.
- Improved infant and young child feeding (IYCF) practices are taking root following counselling for 153,700 women in KP and FATA. In tandem, a Stunting Prevention Pilot is breaking the intergenerational cycle of stunting in FATA, Balochistan and Sindh, offering hope to reduce the costs from stunting to the future of millions of children.
- UN agencies promoted refugees' access to justice, offering legal assistance to 47,000 refugees; collecting data on undocumented Afghans' needs; monitoring border flows; encouraging registration; and advocating for progress on a National Refugee Law
- We also continued an innovative drive to register births with mobile technology; and safeguarded livelihoods by aiding 195,200 professionals to implement Livestock Emergency Guidelines

“On behalf of the UN family in Pakistan, I would like to thank our Government counterparts at all levels, our civil society and development partners and, most of all, the people of Pakistan,” added Mr. Neil Buhne.

The report can be accessed at www.un.org.pk

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