

Note and Agenda

CARE Component 1: Meeting of the Sectoral Focal Persons **28th November 2024, Islamabad, Pakistan**

1. About CARE Component 1

The Climate Adaptation and Resilience (CARE) for South Asia Project aims to contribute to an enabling environment for climate-resilient policies and investments in the region. CARE for South Asia, supported by the World Bank, is being co-implemented by the Regional Integrated Multi-Hazard Early Warning System (RIMES, for Component 1) and the Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC, for Component 2).

CARE Component 1, focused on promoting evidence-based climate-smart decision-making, involves climate risk-informing plans and decisions in South Asia, through web-based and data-driven regional Resilience Data and Analytics Services (RDAS), and decision-support systems (DSSs) for selected sectors of agriculture, disaster risk management, livestock, planning, transport, and water in Bangladesh, Nepal, and Pakistan.

Component 1 also includes the capacity development of sectoral stakeholders to use these systems and their products, and support to the South Asia Hydromet Forum (SAHF), for a holistic approach to user-centric generation and application of climate information in plans and decisions. SAHF is a convergence of National Meteorological and Hydrological Services (NMHSs; PMD in Pakistan) for sharing of knowledge, building capacity, and aligning national-level technical assistance with regional engagement.

In Pakistan, CARE Component 1 is focused on the development of climate-informed DSSs, viz.:

- a) Climate-Informed Planning and Development (CLIM-PLANNED) DSS for the Ministry of Planning, Development, and Special Initiatives (MoPDSI)
- b) Agro-Advisory System (ADVISE) for Punjab Agriculture Department (PAD)
- c) ADVISE for Balochistan Agriculture and Cooperatives Department (BACD)

CARE Component 1 in Pakistan also includes capacity building of the above partner government institutions, and their allied/attached offices/stakeholders, in using the RDAS and the afore-mentioned DSSs and their data/information products. CARE Component 1 further contributes to the capacity building of PMD.

2. Objectives and expected outputs

Partner government institutions in CARE are represented by officially designated Sectoral Focal Points (SFPs). Under CARE's purview, these SFPs are consulted regularly to review the project implementation progress, share experiences, and provide recommendations for guiding project implementation.

The latest SFP meeting was held in Islamabad on 3rd July 2024. This SFP meeting builds on the project implementation progress and stakeholders' recommendations shared/discussed during the SFP meeting held in July 2024 and the following months during the pilot testing stage.

This meeting of SFPs in CARE Component 1, in Pakistan, is aimed at:

- Sharing the overall project implementation progress in Pakistan and presenting a clear work plan for providing handholding support to partners government institutions in operating, maintaining, and sustaining the DSSs, and in documenting utilization of information products
- Sharing the latest version of the RDAS, CLIM-PLANNED, and ADVISE DSSs to demonstrate system enhancements per stakeholders' feedback, and obtain further insights from stakeholders on the system usability and full operationalization
- Collating and confirming key action points for final deployment and sustainability of the systems

3. Agenda

Opening Session	
09:00 AM – 09:10 AM	<p>Welcome Remarks</p> <p><i>Lt. Gen. (Retd) Nadeem Ahmed</i> <i>National Advisor for CARE Component 1, RIMES</i></p>
09:10 AM – 09:20 AM	<p>Remarks from the World Bank</p> <p><i>Mr. Bilal Khalid,</i> <i>Disaster Risk Management Specialist, WB</i></p>
09:20 AM – 09:30 AM	<p>Introductions and Acknowledgement of Participants</p> <p><i>To be facilitated by RIMES</i></p>
Implementation Progress	
09:30 AM - 09:40 AM	<p>Overview of the Meeting</p> <p><i>RIMES</i></p>
9:40 AM – 10:00	<p>Group photo and refreshments</p>
10:00 AM – 10:15 AM	<p>CARE Component 1 Implementation Progress</p> <p><i>RIMES</i></p>

10:15 – 11:45	<p>Demonstration of the Web-based Climate-informed Tools under CARE Component 1, and Discussion/feedback from SFPs/stakeholders and attached/allied offices of key partner government institutions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RDAS • CLIM-PLANNED • ADVISE for Pubjab and Balochistan <p><i>RIMES</i></p>
11:45 – 12:30	Feedback from stakeholders

12:30 – 12:50	Handover modalities and implementation, and handholding support
Concluding Session	
12:50 PM – 01:10 PM	<p>Wrap-Up and Way Forward</p> <p><i>(Key action points from the meeting, system-wise, will be presented by RIMES, for confirmation by SFPs/Stakeholders)</i></p>
01:10 PM – 01:20 PM	<p>Vote of Thanks</p> <p><i>Ms. Ruby Rose Policarpio</i> <i>CARE Component 1 Project Director, RIMES</i></p>
01:20 PM – 02:30 PM	Lunch

4. Organizer and Key Contact

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