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Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Wildlife Division)

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New Delhi- 110 003
Dated: 29th January 2022

To,
The Pay and Accounts Officer,
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change,
New Delhi - 110 003.

Sub: Release of Grants-in-Aid (General) for the financial year 2021-22 to the State Government of Himachal Pradesh for the implementation of Externally Aided Project of GoI-UNDP-GEF "Securing livelihoods, conservation, sustainable use and restoration of high range Himalayan ecosystems (SECURE Himalaya) in Himachal Pradesh- reg.

Sir,

I am directed to convey the administrative approval of the Government of India to the implementation of the Externally Aided GoI-UNDP-GEF "Securing livelihoods, conservation, sustainable use and restoration of high range Himalayan ecosystems (SECURE Himalaya) Project in Himachal Pradesh during 2021-22 for **Rs. 1,40,34,952.00 (Rupees One Crore, Forty Lakh, Thirty-Four Thousand, Nine Hundred and Fifty-Two only)** as per details given in the **Annexure I**. The total cost of the scheme will be shared 100% basis by the Government of India.

2. I am also directed to convey the sanction of the President of India to release the payment of **Rs. 1,40,34,952.00 (Rupees One Crore, Forty Lakh, Thirty-Four Thousand, Nine Hundred and Fifty-Two only)**, as Grants-in-Aid (General) for the financial year 2021-22 to the State Government of Himachal Pradesh for the implementation of the approved activities of the above project. The amount will be spent for the implementation of the project for the items of works, mentioned in **ANNEXURE-1**.

3. The funds, being released as mentioned above are provisional and subject to audit by CAG empanelled Chartered Accountant/Firm. Further, the funds would also be subject to adjustments as per the terms and conditions levied at the time of approval of financial assistance for the scheme.

4. The State Government of Himachal Pradesh should ensure that:

- i. All procurement/consultancies are awarded as per GFR 2017; GFR is followed by implementing agency along with the economic instructions issued by the Government of India from time to time.
- ii. The expenditure should be incurred during the financial year 2021-22 on the sanctioned items of work as enumerated in **ANNEXURE I** and no deviation is made without the prior approval of this Ministry.
- iii. The expenditure incurred remains identifiable and quarterly reimbursement claims are forwarded to this Ministry.


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- iv. The expenditure to be incurred conforms to the extant norms/regulations of the Government of India and also to the procurement procedure/guidelines of the UNDP. Otherwise, it will not be reimbursable and remain outstanding against the State Government of Himachal Pradesh.
 - v. Duly audited utilization certificates as per the format [General Financial Rule-239 form (12 C)] along with physical/financial progress reports are furnished to the Ministry for the release of next instalment. Statement of Expenditure, satellite photographs with latitude longitude coordinates before and after completion of work to be obtained and uploaded on the website of the implementing agency as well as of the Ministry for public access.
 - vi. The bank interest accrued (if any), on the amount of Grants-in-Aid (General) is to be accounted as per the provisions in General Financial Rules, 2017.
 - vii. The State Government of Himachal Pradesh will provide quarterly physical and financial progress reports along with Utilization Certificate/s and the Statement of Expenditure to this Ministry.
 - viii. There should not be any overlapping of activities/duplication of work under the project with the activities of ongoing scheme of Central/State Government.
 - ix. All payments are made by bank transfer, where applicable through DBT particularly of labourers, and no cash payment is to be made.
 - x. Evidence of deposit of TDS, in case of contract payment and leviable goods, are obtained along with the UC and compliance of DBT scheme (where applicable), has to be ensured in all payments.
 - xi. In case of employment through contract, copy of PF & ESI contributions of employees shall be obtained, wherever applicable.
 - xii. If the implementing agency does not use the fund for the purpose for which it was given, and it has neither been revalidated for next financial year or adjusted in the Grants-in-Aid (General) of next financial year by this Ministry, in that case, the Implementing Agency has to refund the same with interest.
 - xiii. The Fixed Assets created out of this grant shall not be disposed off without approval of this Ministry.
 - xiv. The members of scheduled caste/tribe communities are involved in all the "Securing livelihoods, conservation, sustainable use and restoration of high range Himalayan ecosystems (SECURE Himalaya) project activities and gender equality is maintained.
5. The sanction shall be subject to the provisions contained in the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972, Wetland (Conservation & Management) Rules, 2017, Forest Conservation Act 1980, Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, Biological Diversity Act, 2002 along with the amendments from time to time and rules framed thereunder.
 6. The funds are subject to terms and conditions contained in the signed Project Document between the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, New Delhi – 110003; UNDP India and accepted by the Government of Himachal Pradesh.
 7. In accordance with the revised procedure the Reserve Bank of India may please be advised to pass on the credit to the Central Accounts Section, Nagpur for transferring the funds to the accounts of Government of Himachal Pradesh and to debit Rs. 1,40,34,952.00 (Rupees One Crore, Forty Lakh, Thirty-Four Thousand, Nine Hundred and Fifty-Two only) to the Account of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Govt. of India, New Delhi.
 8. The expenditure involved is debited to the Major Head '3601' Grants-In-aid to States Governments (Major Head) 3601.06-Centrally Sponsored Schemes (Sub Major Head), 3601.06.102-Externally Aided Projects – Grants for Centrally Sponsored Scheme (Minor Head),

3601.06.102.31- Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats (Sub Head), 3601.06.102.31.01- Development of Wildlife Habitats (Detailed Head), 3601.06.102.31.01.31 - Grants-in-Aid- General under Demand No. 27 of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change for the year 2021-22.

9. This issues with the approval of competent authority and with the concurrence of the Integrated Finance Division of this Ministry vide their Dy. No. 141186/JS&FA dated 13.01.2022.

10. This sanction has been noted at S. No. 3 in the register of Grants-in-Aid for the GoI-UNDP-GEF "Securing livelihoods, conservation, sustainable use and restoration of high range Himalayan ecosystems (SECURE Himalaya) project for the financial year 2021-22.

Yours faithfully,


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2. Principal Secretary (Finance Department), Government of Himachal Pradesh, HP Secretariat, Shimla, Himachal Pradesh.
3. PCCF (WL), Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla.
4. Nodal Officer (SECURE Himalaya, Himachal Pradesh) and the Chief Conservator of Forests (CCF), Shimla, Himachal Pradesh.
5. The Accountant General, Government of Himachal Pradesh.
6. The Principal Director of Audit, Scientific Department, AGCR Building, I.P. Estate, New Delhi- 110002.
7. The Plan Finance Division, Ministry of Finance, North Block, New Delhi-110001.
8. IFD, MoEF&CC, New Delhi-110003.
9. The Resident Representative, UNDP India, 55 Lodhi Estate, New Delhi-110003.
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AWP 2021-22, Himachal Pradesh

Planned Activities		Approved Budget [Amount in Rs. (Lakh)]		
		Through Grant-in-Aid General from MoEF&CC	Through Country Support Services from UNDP	Total (GIA+COSS)
Outcome 1: Improved management of high range Himalayan landscapes for conservation of snow leopard and other endangered species and their habitats and sustaining ecosystem services				
Output 1.2: Site specific participatory management plans for Protected Areas, and other Key Biodiversity Areas, including High Conservation Value Forests, Biodiversity Heritage Sites and biological corridors, and sustainable natural resource use areas designed and tested under community governance, management and enforcement regimes.	1.2.3 Improved management of any two identified High Conservation Value Areas (HCVAs) as Conservation/Community Reserve/Community Conserved Areas. This would include: i. Consultations with the communities and facilitations for declaration of identified areas as conservation/community reserve/Community conserved area ii. Initiate process for notification iii. Constitution of Conservation/Community Reserve/CCA management committee iv. Management Planning to be initiated if notified.	240000	-	240000
	1.2.4 State Biodiversity Board project on "Sustainable Livelihood Generation for Conservation of Biological Diversity through Participatory Involvement of Local Communities in Pangti and Lahaul regions of Himachal Pradesh" (3 year Project) -Formation/ Strengthening of the BMCs -Preparation of PBRs -Identification and Notification of BHSs -GI Registration -Biocultural Community Protocols (BCPs) -Contract Farming of RET MAPs	2071000	-	2071000

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		Through Grant-in-Aid General from MoEF&CC	Through Country Support Services from UNDP	Total (GIA+COSS)
Output 1.3 Alpine meadows and sub-alpine forest restoration plans are developed and introduced to local communities to improve biological connectivity and habitat productivity.	1.3.4 Restoration of degraded/waste/barren lands through plantations of Sea-buckthorn and support sea buckthorn value chain for livelihood improvement	300000	-	300000
	1.3.5 Restoration of degraded/waste/barren lands through plantations of Hazelnut and support Hazelnut value chain for livelihood improvement	500000	-	500000
Output 1.4 Biodiversity participatory monitoring for Snow leopard and associated species is developed, tested and adopted	1.4.1 Population control of feral dogs through sterilization, awareness generation and promotion of responsible dog ownership in Lahaul-Pangi landscapes	-	800000	800000
Output 1.6 Capacity development for key government staff and community members for long-term effective conservation of biodiversity developed and implemented	1.6.1 Training on Capture, handling, transportation & health management of wild animals in trans Himalayan landscapes	200000	-	200000
	1.6.3 Training in sustainable pasture and forest use to forest staff, community groups and other stakeholders.	200000	-	200000
Total of Outcome 1		3511000	800,000	4311000
Outcome 2: Improved and diversified livelihood strategies and improved capacities of community and government institutions for sustainable based NRM and conservation to reduce pressure on fragile ecosystem				
Output 2.2 Pilot projects on sustainable community based natural resources management, and sustainable livelihood activities are supported	2.2.1 Development of Rural community based Homestay and Cultural Tourism model in Lahaul-Pangi landscapes of Himachal Pradesh under SECURE Himalaya Project	1200000	-	1200000
	2.2.2 Promotion of conservation-oriented ecotourism model in Lahaul-Pangi landscapes of Himachal Pradesh under SECURE Himalaya Project	800000	-	800000

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	Through Grant-in-Aid General from MoEF&CC	Through Country Support Services from UNDP	Total (GIA+COSS)
2.2.4 Support to handicraft initiative thorough providing Weaving Machine (Shawl and Carpet Making Machine) to selected beneficiaries in Select Project villages	-	800000	800000
2.2.5 Portable Sale outlet center for Handloom products of trained weaver under SECURE Himalaya project/NTFPs / Traditional Crop producer	-	2000000	2000000
2.2.6 Support to Select farmers to provide polytunnel to raise nurseries for cash crops	-	250000	250000
2.2.7 Dhoop Making Intervention with 20 women/beneficiaries to enhance livelihoods in Sural/ Seichu (Pangi): - Baseline Survey to identify 20 beneficiaries' households initially availability/quantity of aromatic herbs for Dhoop making - Linking the model with existing BMC's constituted by HPSBB - Capacity Building/Training in Sustainable collection, Primary processing, Drying of aromatic herbs, Product Development (Incense sticks/rolls etc), Packaging, Labelling and Branding. - Facilitating beneficiaries in Bank Linkage (Loan and revolving funds) for smooth functioning under SRLM or other government schemes - Formation of landscape level institutions in the form of FPO/Cooperative/Federation - Establishment of a small scale processing/manufacturing/packaging unit - Post interventions impact assessment Survey.	500000	-	500000


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	Through Grant-in-Aid General from MoEF&CC	Through Country Support Services from UNDP	Total (GIA+COSS)	
<p>2.2.8 Dairy development pilot in Pangli Landscape through Value Addition support to Churi & Yak Milk and Products by :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Assessment study/Survey for potential of existing milk products like Ghee, Churpi etc., properties of existing products and areas of improvements and the potential of new products - Mobilizing Identified/new beneficiaries in Dharwas and adjoining Panchayats - Baseline Socioeconomic/income survey of 45 beneficiaries/Households - Formation of landscape level producer groups/co-operatives/cluster level groups - Identification of infrastructure requirements and implementation in convergence with line department schemes - Piloting of one Dairy facility under SECURE in collaboration with Animal Husbandry Department (as per the DPR to be prepared by AH Department/Resource agency) - Supporting the branding and marketing of milk products - Post interventions impact assessment survey 	500000	-	500000	
<p>Output 2.3 New and enhanced value chain products and services providing ecologically sustainable livelihood are developed and implemented by local communities</p>	<p>2.3.1 Comprehensive training on sustainable harvesting, processing and sustainable cultivation of MAP's</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Training on scientific extraction/harvesting of MAPs - covering 30 herb collectors - Training on MAPs primary Processing, packaging and branding - covering 30 herb collectors/traders - Sustainable cultivation practices of MAP's - covering 30 farmers/potential farmers 	400000	-	

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2.3.2 Product Development, Packaging and Branding Support to the Walnut and Hazelnut value chains in Pangri: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Baseline Survey - Atleast 40 Women/Beneficiaries to be organised in SHGs - Capacity Building/Trainings on Product Development (Chocolate's/Energy Bar, Oil, Inshell/Giri Walnut packaged, cookies etc), Packaging and Branding - Facilitating Bank Linkage (Loan and revolving funds) for smooth functioning under SRLM or other government schemes - Establishment of a small scale processing/packaging unit - Establishment of landscape level institutions i.e. FPO/Cooperative/Federations - Promote Hazelnut (Thangi) cultivation as a horticultural crop - Post interventions survey for impact assessment 	500000	-	500000


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2.3.3 Product Development, Packaging and Branding Support to the Sea buck Thorn Pilot in Miyar of Lahaul: - Baseline Survey - Atleast 40 Women/Beneficiaries to be organised in SHGs - Capacity Building/Training in Primary processing, Product Development (Jam, Juice, Dairy Feed, Tea, Pulp, fresh fruit etc), Packaging, Labelling and Branding. - Facilitating Bank Linkage (Loan and revolving funds) for smooth functioning under SRLM or other government schemes - Formation of landscape level institutions in the form of FPO/Cooperative/Federation - Establishment of a small scale processing/packaging unit - Awareness generation and outreach to promote Sea buckthorn cultivation on barren/ community/private land. - Post interventions impact assessment survey.	200000	-	200000	
Total of Outcome 2	3700000	3050000	6750000	
Outcome 3: Enhanced enforcement, monitoring and cooperation to reduce Wildlife Crime and related threats				
Output 3.1 Wildlife Agencies have information on hotspots and pathways of illegal trade to organize targeted operations against wildlife crime.	3.1.2 Providing Deep Search Metal Detectors (DSMD) to detect metal traps and snares to stop poaching: - Training on Operation of Equipments - Four (4) search operations will be carried out by respective Range Officer with his team in each range in and around hotspot villages annually	400000	-	400000
Output 3.2 Law Enforcement Agencies are	3.2.3 Drone Camera for combating illegal wildlife crime in remote areas of Lahaul Landscape	600000	-	600000


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provided with Technical Support and Training to increase capacity for combating Wildlife Crimes	3.2.4 Training of Forest/Police staff on species/wildlife parts identification, filling information into the wildlife crime database using correct nomenclature and reporting of WL crime cases (2 days)	200000	-	200000
Output 3.3 Community based surveillance, monitoring and wildlife crime and conflict prevention system developed and tested	3.3.1 Pilot activity to install fox lights or (what?) to provide to local/migratory pastoralists as wildlife deterrent innovative solution to avoid human-wildlife conflicts	600000	-	600000
	3.3.3 Piloting temporary watcher facility in one village each in Lahaul and Pangi to mitigate Human Wildlife Conflict's through formation of collective by affected Panchayat/Community and hiring temporary watchers/guards during cropping season -Community Consultations -Formation of a collective with community with contribution from community itself -Hiring of temporary watchers/guards based on requirements among the community itself -Providing one time support from SECURE for creating the watcher facility in the fields far from village i.e. temporary watchtower, fox light, torch, walkie-talkie set, Whistle, Smart stick etc.	600000	-	600000
	3.3.5 Piloting of ANIDERS as animal deterrents innovative solutions in two selected high conflict areas in project landscape	200000	-	200000

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3.3.6 To construct improved Corral Pens in Adhwaris/Pasture lands in Lahaul-Pangi landscape: 1) Baseline survey of HWC in pilot areas 2) Consultation with communities for the participatory model (Labour and construction cost to be borne by the communities) 3) Supply of raw material and supervision for construction of Corral Pens 4) Assessment of Post corral impacts	2000000	-	2000000
3.3.7 Piloting of smart sticks for patrolling with frontline staff of FD to reduce human wildlife conflicts	400000	-	400000
3.3.9 Training to Forest/Line Department and PRI's on Human wildlife conflict in high altitude range lands: Causes & Management	200000	-	200000
Output 3.4 Mechanisms for partnerships on inter-state and transboundary cooperation for tackling wildlife crime and improving species conservation in Himalayan ecosystem are developed and implemented	200000	-	200000
Total of Outcome 3	5400000	0	5400000
Outcome 4: Lessons learned by the project through participatory M&E, including gender mainstreaming practices, are used to fight poaching and IWT and promote community-based conservation at the national and international levels			

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		Through Grant-in-Aid General from MoEF&CC	Through Country Support Services from UNDP	Total (GIA+COSS)
Output 4.2 Communication and gender strategies and awareness campaigns to increase awareness on conservation, sustainable resource use and reduction of wildlife crime, and mainstream gender in promotion of community-based conservation developed and implemented at national, state and local levels	4.2.2 Designing/Publication and dissemination of bilingual booklet on sustainable collection, harvesting and cultivation protocols on select Medicinal and Aromatic plant species prepared/compiled by WII	-	100000	100000
	4.2.3 Designing/Publication and dissemination of bilingual booklet on species specific Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)/Guidelines for Human Wildlife Conflicts prepared/compiled by WWF	-	100000	100000
	4.2.4 Celebration of National and International Days relevant to SECURE i.e. Snow Leopard Day/wildlife awareness programme involving school children. Competitions for school children's i.e. Quiz, Painting, Declamation contest etc.	-	200000	200000
	4.2.6 Participatory Training/Fellowship Programme in Film making and Photography	-	400000	400000
	4.2.7 Printing/Publication of final reports of the assignment's/awareness (IEC) material and their further dissemination at landscape and state level	-	200000	200000
	4.2.8 Exposure- Learning visits/Participation in National/International Conventions/Conferences/Events relevant to SECURE i.e. UNFCCC, CBD, Basel Convention etc	-	100000	100000
	Total of Outcome 4	0	1100000	1100000
	Outcome 5: Project Management			
Project Management	Project Staff for State Level Project Management Unit and Landscape Level Project Management Units	-	4200000	4200000


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Procurement of Office Equipments: All in one Desktop (1) for SPMU Laptops for Project Associate/Community Mobilisers (3) Office Table Chair	-	100000	100000
Office Space hiring and furnishing for SPMU	-	300000	300000
Operational Expenses for Landscape Project Vehicle (Fuel, Maintenance etc)	100000	-	100000
Salary of office assistant for SPMU	143952	-	143952
Driver on outsourcing (for Landscape project vehicle)	180000	-	180000
Hiring of Taxi on (As and When required basis for project related activities only) for Pangli landscape	100000	-	100000
Travel for SPMU (Vehicle hiring)	100000	-	100000
Interstate or any other travel to be managed by UNDP CO	-	300000	300000
SPSC/SLTC/LLPMC meetings	200000	-	200000
Printing and Stationery	200000	-	200000
Contingency	400000	-	400000
Total of outcome 5	1423952	4900000	6323952
Grand Total (Outcome 1-5)	14034952	9850000	23884952



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