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Geographic Distribution of Annual Development Plans (Punjab)

Project:	Budget Research and Advocacy for Democratic Accountability
Last date to apply:	17 Jan 2023 12:00 AM
Submission to:	hr@cpdi-pakistan.org along with proposal, CV and Cover Letter

About CPDI:

Centre for Peace and Development Initiatives (CPDI) is an independent, non-partisan and a not-for-profit civil society organization, working on the issues of peace and development since 2003. It is registered under Section 42 of the Companies Ordinance, 1984 (XLVII of 1984). It was established by a group of concerned citizens who realized that there was a need to approach the issue of peace and development in an integrated manner. CPDI seeks to inform and influence public policies and civil society initiatives through research-based advocacy and capacity building in order to promote citizenship, build peace and achieve inclusive and sustainable development. Areas of special sectoral focus include promotion of peace and tolerance; rule of law; local governance; transparency and access to information; budget watch; media development; electoral reforms; legislative strengthening and democratic development.

A. Background:

There is no set pattern followed in development budget allocations at federal and provincial level. CPDI, in some of the recent reports, have unearthed that big chunk of development budget is allocated to the capitals, both provincial and federal, and periphery districts remained deprived of the necessary resource allocations. This gives rise to deprivation amongst the people of these districts. The transparency and accountability demand that some sort of formula and policy should be devised for such allocations, and it should be strictly adhered to. Another problem with allocation of district budget is that it is changed mid-year and ironically there is no rule that can stop government in doing that. The constitutional articles 84/124 give cover to federal and provincial governments to abandon the approved projects, conceive new projects mid-year or increase or decrease budget allocations for development scheme without seeking approval of the legislature. The only thing required from the government is to get supplementary budget passed from the parliament at the end of the year.

This study will provide answer to the following question:

- This study will address these and similar issues and will try to strengthen the culture of transparency in budget making process.
- This study will highlight the trend of change in allocations of development budget during the financial year

- This study will determine the departments and districts that are major beneficiaries and adversaries?

C. Report Writing

- a. Compiling all the results in one report
- b. Recommendations

Qualification

1. At least Master's degree in relevant discipline with more than eight years of experience of budget analysis and budget advocacy
2. Excellent understanding of budgetary issues including budget cycle, resource allocations and budget transparency
3. Excellent writing and presentation skills
4. Capability of in-depth budget analysis

Timeline for Completion of the Assignment

5. Maximum 24 days from the signing of the contract.
6. Assignment Person days: 12 days