

# Khairpur Budget Reflecting Citizens' needs

## Background

Pre-budget consultation is a process that takes place at a grass root level in a district. The goal behind any pre-budget consultative process is to bring together various members of the district so they can discuss their needs and requirements to be included in the next district budget.

Located in the province of Sindh, people of Khairpur District came together on May 16, 2017 to discuss the upcoming district budget 2017-18. The district based civil society "Sustainable Development Program for Poor" with the assistance of Centre for Peace and Development Initiatives (CPDI) mobilized shopkeepers, journalists, students, elders, women and entrepreneurs to propose their needs for the district budget 2017-2018. Local elected representatives were also invited in the consultation. The pre-budget consultation was organized under European Union support for "Democratic Local Governance for Development in Pakistan."

## What happened next?

Recently, an online news website<sup>1</sup> reported detailed information on the upcoming Khairpur budget 2017-2018. In the report some 1330.72538 million rupees have been dedicated to the district. Out of the total budget, Rs. 859,000,000 have been allocated to development schemes in the district. Out of the development budget Rs. 95,000,000 have been allocated to the needs that were highlighted in the pre-budget consultation.

The report claims that following schemes have been incorporated in the district budget 2017-2018:

- 1. M & R /Construction of development of water supply schemes/RO plants
- 1. Construction M & R of mini water supply schemes
- 1. Supply/Installation of hand pumps
- 1. Construction / M & R water supply pipe lines/overhead tank/underground water tank/ tube well boring/ mini water supply and machinery etc.

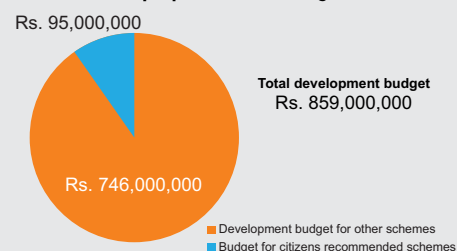
## During Pre-Budget Consultation

A total of 24 people participated in the pre-budget consultation including 4 women. Though the participants do not represent the whole district, however, the citizens put forth recommendations for next district budget under water and sanitation and education heads.

Following recommendations were proposed by the citizens' of Khairpur:

- 1. New pipelines for water supply in Khairpur
- 1. Projects to preserve water in Khairpur
- 1. Appointment of teachers in education institutions
- 1. Provision of basic facilities in government schools in Khairpur

11 % of the total development budget of district Khairpur is allocated to the needs proposed in Pre-Budget Consultation



<sup>1</sup> CT report, "District council approves budget of Rs1330.725m." Customs Today. Monday , July 13, 2017. Accessed on 6th November 2017, <http://www.customstoday.com.pk/district-council-approves-budget-of-rs1330-725m/>