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## Implementation and progress: improved river environment









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Name of Division

Project Title: Nepal: Priority River Basins Flood Risk Management Project

Date of Project Commitment: 28 September 2020

Project Cost and Funding: \$63.0 million - (OCR \$40 million, Grant \$10.0 million, Govt \$13.0 million)





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### NBS – Estuaries and Coast

Managing tidal storage and sediment processes – example Bangladesh Beels

Mud flat and mangroves to reduce storm surge

Sand and shingle management on coast - beach recharge and dune preservation rather than walls



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### PAK: Proposed Sindh Coastal Resilience Project

Project cost (Expected) \$100 million

Impacts/ Outcomes • Improved freshwater availability and environmental conditions

- Improved protection against natural hazards
- Resilience to future climate changes and variability

Solutions / Focus on the physical 'building blocks' of resilience in Sujawal, Thatta, and Badin districts:

- Integrated flood risk management schemes strengthened including revival of natural waterways and storage ponds
- Natural coastal defenses enhanced including plantation of mangroves and saline-tolerant species
- Strategic action planning established for coastal zone strengthened









### Feasibility Study 2016 Protection options against 2012 flood 1-in-50 year event



# Priority Project

## Master Plan

Whole river basin is protected at Historical Maximum Level (2012 March.Flood, Approx.1 in 50 year return period)

Important Protected Area is protected at Historical Maximum Level (2012 March.Flood, Approx.1 in 50 year return period)







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### Study areas

| Features      | Abra              | Buayan -        | Tagum -         |
|---------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
|               |                   | Malungon        | Libuganon       |
| Location      | Cordillera, Luzon | South Cotabato, | Davao el Norte, |
|               |                   | Mindanao        | Mindanao        |
| Population    | 487,651           | 433,353         | 713,169         |
| Natural state | Average - High    | Low- Average    | Low-Average     |
| river         |                   |                 |                 |
| Forest area   | 52%               | 5.6%            | 43%             |







- High-risk locations in relatively large cities (with around 300,000 inhabitants)
- Multiple hazards flooding from river and coast and by stormwater run-off

### **Proposed NBS interventions (specific measures)**

### Buayan-Malungon: Room for the river

- Creating room for the river by *removing obstacles* such as the Old Buayan bridge and embankments to reduce flood damages and *reduce waterborne diseases*
- Designing natural by-pass from Maribulan River to Buayan River mouth to reduce flooding and increase natural values of downstream river (e.g., recreational wetland area, wildlife sanctuary)
- **Restoring mangrove forests** to reduce impact of coastal flooding and provide *spawning ground for fish*

- Tagum-Libuganon: Wetlands for enhanced water retention
  - Reviving the Ising river with *wetland areas as buffer zones* to increase water retention and reduce flood risk
  - Providing co-benefits of water purification, sediment trapping, and recreational opportunities
- Abra: Smart quarrying strategy
  - Providing alternative to hard infrastructure by facilitating desired morphological river development through indicating smart quarrying locations
  - Creating job opportunities for local community A





### Thank you very much for your attention

### Any questions/issues for discussion



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