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BUDGET INFORMATION				
12. Amounts concerned	Budget line(s) (article, item): 14 02 01 31 (NDICI South and East Asia)  Total estimated cost: EUR 5 000 000  Total amount of EU budget contribution EUR 5 000 000			
MANAGEMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION				
13. Type of financing	Indirect management with the entity(ies) to be selected in accordance with the criteria set out in section 4.4.4.			

## 1.2 Summary of the Action

Despite significant strides over the last two decades, equal representation and participation of women and socially marginalised groups in Pakistan's political and public life is lagging. As a party to international conventions, particularly the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women, the country has taken a number of affirmative steps to improve women's representation as voters and candidates, e.g. reserving seats for women in all legislatures (17%) and local government (33%), awarding at least 5% party tickets on general seats to women and setting mandatory minimum women voters' turnout (10%). While progress has been achieved, meaningful participation and representation of women in all their diversity remains challenging due to a number of socio-cultural, economic and political barriers. There is a need for a next generation of reforms to support more women turning up to vote, contesting elections and joining political parties. This is particularly relevant in the context of Pakistan's growing vulnerability to climate change and the 2022 flood recovery context, where women should be at the centre of decision-making processes that affect their lives and their communities and drive greater prioritisation of women's and socially marginalised groups' issues in policy development.

The action aims to ensure women's full and effective participation and equal opportunities at all levels of decision-making in political and public life in Pakistan (impact). This would be done by strengthening enabling conditions for the participation of women and socially marginalised groups in democratic and governance processes (outcome 1), ensuring women adopt behaviours and attitudes for equal participation and leadership as voters, aspiring leaders, contestants, local councillors and parliamentarians (outcome 2) and incorporating affirmative measures for increased and effective women's participation and representation in the institutional and legislative frameworks (outcome 3).

The action targets the Provinces of Balochistan, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Sindh and includes activities at the federal level. It builds on a transformative, intersectional approach, addressing both demand and supply sides.

On the demand side, where nearly 10 million women are still missing from electoral rolls, the action will contribute to close this gap in selected (10-15) districts. Civic and voter education campaigns will be conducted to ensure that registered women, persons with disability, religious and ethnic minorities and members of the transgender community have increased and effective electoral participation. To further provide an enabling environment, the action will contribute to strengthen mechanisms to reduce violence and counter dis/misinformation against women during the electoral process. Violence in digital space against women and marginalised groups will be monitored and curtailed.

Alongside mitigating the obstacles to equal rights of participation, the agency and leadership of women will be strengthened. The action will focus on capacity development of aspiring women leaders, in the formal and informal arena of politics, local councillors and parliamentarians through an extensive mentorship programme as well as their engagement with local civil society. The action will also aim to engage and strengthen (or establish, where needed)