

## 4 IMPLEMENTATION ARRANGEMENTS

### 4.1 Financing Agreement

In order to implement this action, it is envisaged to conclude a financing agreement with the Islamic Republic of Pakistan

### 4.2 Indicative Implementation Period

The indicative operational implementation period of this action, during which the activities described in section 3 will be carried out and the corresponding contracts and agreements implemented, is 72 months from the date of entry into force of the financing agreement.

Extensions of the implementation period may be agreed by the Commission's responsible authorising officer by amending this Financing Decision and the relevant contracts and agreements.

### 4.3 Implementation of the Budget Support Component [For Budget Support only]

NA

### 4.4 Implementation Modalities

The Commission will ensure that the EU appropriate rules and procedures for providing financing to third parties are respected, including review procedures, where appropriate, and compliance of the action with EU restrictive measures.

#### 4.4.1 Direct Management (Grants)

##### **Grants: (direct management)**

##### **(a) Purpose of the grant(s)**

Outputs 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, and 2.1 described in section 3 will be implemented through a grant.

##### **(b) Type of applicants targeted**

Applicants must be non-profit making legal entities (non governmental organisation, public sector operator, local authority) established in an eligible country as stipulated by NDICI-GE.

##### **(c) Justification of a direct grant**

Under the responsibility of the Commission's authorising officer responsible, the recourse to an award of a grant without a call for proposals is justified because of the Declaration of Crisis of 17 October 2022 as referred to in Article 2(21) of the Financial Regulation and in accordance with Article 195 (a) of the same Regulation.

The action has specific characteristics requiring a specific type of beneficiary for its technical competence, specialisation or administrative power or nature of the action with regard to Article 27(3) NDICI-Global Europe Regulation.

- Long-term presence and commitment, resulting into an in-depth understanding of community needs developed over more than 10 years of work in the region of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, and a clear institutional mandate to remain present even in the light of uncertainty and insecurity;
- Strong political capital being a partner of choice for governments and stakeholders at all levels, with the proven ability to bring together government actors and local communities and provide support towards achievement of national and regional priorities;
- Relevant technical, financial and administrative competencies to design, implement, manage and monitor large scale and high-quality economic programmes, comprised of various elements at