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UNICEF WASH Chief visits UET Peshawar

Peshawar Nov 3: A delegation led by Mr. Kitika Goyol, Chief of WASH (Water, Sanitation and Hygiene) section UNICEF and WASH Specialist Mr. Sajad Akbar visited UET Peshawar and met with Pro-Vice Chancellor, Prof Dr. Noor Muhammad and the experts of National Institute of Urban Infrastructure Planning (NIUIP), a center of excellence established at UET Peshawar, here the other day. The purpose of visit was to apprise the senior management about an agreement signed earlier between UNICEF and NIUIP in the areas of WASH in Emergencies, Water quality surveillance and innovative sanitation facilities.

Kitika Goyol said, water, sanitation and hygiene were critically important areas for sustainable development. The agreement signed with NIUIP therefore, fits well towards achieving the goal and working through its key components. It included the capacity building of professionals in the field of urban planning through introducing WASH as part of the postgraduate curriculum. He further said, safe drinking water was the basic human right, despite 90% of water was accessible to the communities, 60% of that was contaminated. Therefore, it was important to carry out the water quality surveillance research in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and FATA and develop a systematic data bank. "UNICEF will also provide field exposure to the professionals and scientists to carry out field research in developing the scientific data base", adding, "UNICEF will also support the Institute to hold competitions among the youth and select the innovative, cost effective and culturally suitable sanitation ideas by involving the communities under the agreement".

Prof Dr. Noor Muhammad said, NIUIP, established in 2010 had established various linkages with Government and key development agencies operational in urban planning and management. He assured that NIUIP with a diverse team of experts and Ph.D.'s was centrally placed to drive various major community projects for achieving sustainable development in the province. Dr. Rashid Rehan, Director NIUIP and Dr. Sagheer Aslam, Professor Civil Engineering also apprised the meeting with specifics of WASH project.