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PROGRESS REPORT TRANSITION WING

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General

The Transition wing of SIDA is headed by GM Transition and consists of following key Cells/Sections of SIDA:

Cell/Unit	Headed by	Recruitment Status	Current professional staff Strength under WSIP
Social Development Cell	Social Development Specialist	Recruited	20 (including field staff). More than 15 are working.
Media and Communication Cell	Communication Specialist	Recruited	01 support staff/Assistant is provided from contingency
Human Resource Development Section	Manager HRD	Recruited	02 support staff is provided from contingency. AM HRD is vacant
Revenue Team/Section	Manager Revenue	Recruited	03 support staff is provided
Training Centre	Being looked after by Institutional Specialist/Training Coordinator	Proposal for nucleus staff is prepared	01 support staff is provided. A post of Manager Training or Training Coordinator is required to be created under component E
Complaint Cell	Being looked after by Assistant Manager Transition	NA (The Media Cell will takeover in future after its strengthening)	01 support staff member is attached with cell

Above units/cells are instrumental in undertaking activities that have been reported for SIDA as well as Sindh Water Sector Improvement Project (WSIP-1). In addition to above units, there is an office of GMT supported by Assistant Manager Transition guiding and supervising the wing's activities. Activities are normally undertaken based on the work plans, supported by monthly travel plans in order to facilitate the staff in undertaking field visits to achieve objectives.

The activities under the WSIP project have now gained momentum and key focus areas are capacity building, community development and rehabilitation of farmer and AWB managed channels as well as consultation (phase 1) on Preparation of Regional Plan to Deal with Floods & Drainage Issues on Left Bank of Indus River and Designing Measures for Improvement of the Indus Delta and the Coastal Zone and Monitoring and Evaluation. The procurement process under component-A and B has already been started. The major breakthrough was bid openings of office rehabilitation works under component A and civil works contracts of B2- rehabilitation of FO managed channels/Distributaries/Minors and field based small and effective training programmes of revenue staff (Abdars, etc) of AWBs during reporting month as well as AWB's bold and timely

decision on raising water charges for commercial consumers from Rs 1/1000 gallon to Rs. 10/1000 gallon.

Internal review meetings within the transition wing and other sister wings and units and regular consultation and guidance from MD and PD WSIP Office, PCMU/PMCA and partnership with FOs, AWB and PIC, Regional Master Plan Consultants and M&E consultants have developed confidence among the team members for effective implementation of WSIP. The Media and civil society interaction and positive response has further promoted SIDA and WSIP objectives and encouraged the teams of SIDA for better service delivery. The visit of Chairman SIDA/Minister IPD in the SIDA Office Hyderabad during the reporting month remained very fruitful and many issues of organizational development and proposed physical interventions under WSIP and local projects were discussed. SIDA consultants also presented their reports and tasks.

All three AWBs held their Board meeting during October 2010. Many members from Academia have participated first time and they took interest. GMT as member of the Board participated in all Board meetings. The PSC of WSIP was also held during current month. GMT also attended same along-with MD SIDA and GMF and GMO. Regulatory authority affairs with regard to arbitration and complaints have been addressed accordingly

Component-wise Progress Note:

A. Community Development and Capacity Building (SIDA, AWBs, FOs)

- The rules of Business of SIDA have been prepared by PIC WSIP in consultation with SIDA. The first draft was placed before SIDA Board and as per decision revised version was submitted to then Chairman SIDA on 19-07-2010 for further orders. The same rules have now been submitted to present Chairman during reporting month. Response is awaited
- SIDA Staffing Rules and staff performance management system have also been prepared and comments for improving have been received from various offices (PCMU, PMC/A). PIC will now be requested for some improvements in both documents. Both final documents would be submitted in next SIDA Board meeting for approval.
- Performance Review of Staff on interim format initiated and discussed
- Training proposal for FOs under component A3 for operational management has been approved and schedule has been drafted. Training will start from November 2010 as per PC1of WSIP.
- To improve the Abiana collection and achieve target, various meetings have been conducted with AWBs and FOs. A series of Abdars trainings in three AWBs is initiated through Training Center SIDA with joint collaboration of Revenue Team. The first training was held at NCAWB Mirpurkhas on 26th Oct 2010, where 22 Abdars of two sub-divisions participated. All Board members took part in closing/certificate distribution ceremony. The overall 299 Abdars in all AWBs will be trained under WSIP through these series of trainings. The next trainings will be held at Sanghar during 1st quarter of the next month.

- Abiana recovery process improved. Mini Abiana moot/workshop held and consultation done on Abiana strategy in Left Bank and Ghotki Feeder Canal AWB. Notices issued to defaulters including FOs and defaulter govt. agencies.
- The Abiana recovery receipts are being centralized in all AWBs. Contact with Pakistan Security Printing Corporation made during the month. The initiatives for renewal of agreements with commercial water users have been taken and rates have been revised by all AWBs. The newly rates for commercial users has been raised to Rs. 10/ 1000 gallons.
- The overall recovery during October 2010 in nearer to Rs. 6 million in all AWBs. Whereas only in NCAWB Rs 5 million have been recovered during reporting month.
- Plan for community consultation for Regional Plan for Left Bank of Indus drafted by M/s Louis Berger was reviewed and commented. Stakeholders' consultation is underway. Community level consultation and District level workshop are in progress by Master Plan consultants.
- As of now 354 FOs have been formed and registered out of which 314 FOs have been given the management responsibilities for operation and maintenance of 314 distributaries and minors in three AWBs by signing of the Irrigation, Drainage Management Transfer (IDMT) Agreements. No additional IDMT took place during the month
- As of October 2010, 282 re-elections out of 419 have been conducted in all AWB. The focus is being made on the FOs, where rehabilitation works under WSIP-1 has been proposed. During reporting month 4 re-elections of FO Hassan Ali, Minor, Kumbharo Minor, Ali Baher Minor of LBC and FO Kunri Distry of NC AWB were conducted by field teams SIDA.
- The Complaint Cell has been registering the complaints and trying to resolve the issues. As of October 2010 overall 138 complaints received of which 21 complaints have been resolved

Media Coverage done for following key Events

- Nara Canal Area Water Board meeting was held on 26th of October 2010 at Conference Hall of Area Water Board Mirpurkhas. During this meeting Board members discussed water rates for commercial users, Abiana recovery and other issues. It was decided that the rates of commercial users would be increased from 1 Rs. 1000 Gallon to 10 Rs per 1000 Gallons. This was widely covered by newspapers and media channels.
- The meeting of Ghotki Feeder Canal Area water Board was held on 23rd October 2010 at Area Water Board Office Ghotki. During meeting Board members discussed various issues of AWB and decided to increase the water rates for Commercial Users. Media coverage made
- The meeting of Left Bank Canals Area Water Board was held on 13th October 2010 at Area Water Boards Hyderabad Camp office. During this meeting board members discussed Abiana recovery and water rates for commercial users.

- BID opening ceremony was held on 19th October at SIDA secretariat Hyderabad, During this ceremony package of 11 canals rehabilitation works open. On this Occasion PCMU, Transparency International, Civil Society & Media People were also present
- Fo Kunri Distry re-election was held on 15th October 2010 at Junejo Farm Kunri, The General Body meeting was conducted by Ch. Abdul Latif Gill Returning officer for re-election of FO Kunri Distry along with Mr. Shah Nawaz Junejo and Ghulam Akbar Dars as member of the election committee for re election of FO Kunri Distri. The General Body Members of Kunri Distry elected Mir Mozam Talpur as Chairman, Mr. Ghulam Muhammad Rind as Vce Cairman, Mr. Asif Gill as Secretary, Mr. Jan Muhammad Chandio as Treasure, Mr Noushad Khaskheli & Mr Dost Ali Rind as Member of Board of Management.
- Chairman SIDA and Minister for Irrigation & Power Department Mr. Jam Saifullah Dharejo visited SIDA secretariat on 12th October 2010. During visit Mr. Jam Saifullah Dharejo presided over a meeting with SIDA management. The Minister / Chairman SIDA directed the officers to maximize the recovery Targets of Abiana and to get the system computerized.

**Component: B Rehabilitation and Improvement of Irrigation and Drainage System. 170
Distributaries/ Minors, 28 Branch Canals and 7 Main Canals in three AWB**

- To date 79 FO channels have been identified. Consultative Meetings, walkthrough surveys and detailed engineering survey of 44 distributaries/ minors of all three AWBs have been completed. Consultative meeting of another 11 distributaries & minors of GFCAWB and NCAWB have been completed. While Engineering Survey is underway. 21 More channels are being identified and will be communicated to PIC for further survey.
- All RAP/SAP and EMP documents have been prepared and are being issued accordingly. Series of meetings and field visits made during the month to finalize RAP/SAP
- Meeting held by GMT on 29th October 2010 to address the issues of resettlement. The meeting was participated by PCMU, PIC and SIDA representatives. Road map developed for handling resettlement matters on first four packages of Nara Canal AWB whose bid opened during reporting month.
- Invitation For Bids (IFB) for 4 contract packages (Package 1,1A, 4 & 4A) covering 11 distributaries of NCAWB was published. Bid opened on 19th October 2010 in transparent manner with participation of all stakeholders including by TIP and PMC/A.
- IFB for (4) four contract packages (Package 2, 3, 5 & 5A) covering 17 channels in NCAWB has been published. The bid opening date for these packages is fixed on 29th Nov 2010
- As per tentative plan submitted to World Bank, Overall 44 channels (11 contract packages) are likely to be awarded by Dec 2010.

- RAP/SAP documents of B1 (1) contract package has been developed by PIC and is under review/commented in coordination with EMU staff.
- Strong coordination made with GMO and Procurement Specialist in finalizing documents and moving things forward

Way Forward

- It is expected that the physical implementation of Rehabilitation works will be started during next month. This will give opportunity to people to interact more with community for quality service delivery and transparency in execution.
- Handling of Resettlement as well as environmental issues will be key challenge. The social and field staff is fully capable and trained to handle such matters for smooth execution of works.
- Bid opening of Package 2,3,5 and 5A will be expected during next month. Similarly survey of new channels will be actively in hand during Nov 2010.
- Abiana and re-election matters will be consuming more time of the staff as well as of the managers for better results to sustain reforms programme.
- AWBs and FOs support has to be chalked out under component A2 and A3 for their office rehabilitation, procurement of equipments, vehicles, furniture, etc.

Bottlenecks & Issues

- Salary enhancement of Staff. The proposal is likely to be submitted in next PSC
- Mobility and repair of field old bikes and jeeps. This is very important keeping in view of the start of physical works
- Appointment of Staff in AWBs. This has resulted in delay in opening of separate WSIP account in AWBs
- Financial Rules of AWBs have not been yet approved /finalized. This has resulted in no withdrawal/utilization from Abiana amount for some important activities including investment in Abiana recovery process.
- With the induction of current GMF, SAO and ALO, financial and logistic management have improved a lot under overall guidance of BoM and MD SIDA. The field offices POL matters have to be resolved locally as the field staff can not afford paying from their pocket.
- There is quorum issue in arranging SIDA Board meeting. SIDA Elections were suspended and the new dates have to be given.



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