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A. Introduction

The World Bank funded Sindh On Farm Water Management (SOFWM) project has focused the issues of agriculture and irrigation sectors in Sindh province of Pakistan by initiating a multi-pronged strategy, the important components of this project are:

- (i) Social Mobilization and Capacity Building
- (ii) High Pay Off Improvement of Irrigation Facilities
- (iii) Productivity Enhancement Program
- (iv) Monitoring and Evaluation
- (v) Project Management Support

1- Social Mobilization Group

Social Mobilization Group (SMG) working under the Social Development Cell SIDA has focused the targets of building the capacity of at least 100 new and old FOs to the extent that they are managing their organizations effectively and operating and maintaining their water distribution system in an equitable and sustainable manner. The above goal is approached through a dedicated team of professionals operating from seven filed stations in Nara, Left Bank and Ghotki Feeder canal Area Water Board. The activity report presents the progress of the SMG-SDC for the month of July 2008.

B. Achievements During the Month

1- Training & Capacity Building

A- Basic Trainings

During the month of **July 2008**, **no basic training Event** could be organized by SMG SO for SMG has successfully consumed 39 basic training units and 540 BoM members of 96 newly formed FOs (65 formed under SOFWMP & 31 NDP) of GFCAWB and LBCAWB have been trained. The details of the basic training held during the month are as follows:

B- Specialized Trainings

During the month of **July 2008 one** specialized trainings organized by SMG staff. So far SMG has organized 50 specialized training events training 750 staff members and 1107 farmer members from 235 FOs of NCAWB, LBCAWB and GFCAWB. The details of the specialized training held in the month of July are as follows:

SMG-SDC organized one day specialized training workshop on “Contract & Environment Management” on 30/07/2008 for FOs of LBCAWB under CBC at Gymkhana Club Hall, Matli Town, District Badin. 19 staff members (SMG 10, AWB 01, FMG 01, SIDA Secretariat 02, Information Kiosk 01, PIAC 03 and M & E Consultants 01) participated in the training, also 20 farmers from 08 FOs under CBC of rehabilitation works participated in the training. Mr. Nazeer Ahmed Memon PC/SDS/DGMT chaired the meeting. The participants also discussed the issues faced in execution of rehabilitation works with the chair and other stakeholders. Mr. Memon assured the participants that the issues identified by them would be resolved soon.

C- Refresher Trainings

During the reporting month SMG-SDC organized **Ten Refresher Training** events at following field stations:

02 Sanghar, **01** Mirpurkhas, **01** Umerkot, **02** Choondko, **01** Kot Ghulam Mohammed, **02** Tando M. Khan and **01** Badin **223 members of 11 FOs** participated in these trainings. So far SMG has organized 409 events, training 6,830 farmer members of 519 FOs of NCAWB, LBCAWB and GFCAWB. The details of the Refresher Trainings held in the month of July 2008 are as follows:

#	Date	Name of FO	Pax	Topic	Field Team
1	3/7/2008	Bijar Minor	23	Abiana Assessment & Collection and Channel Operation & Maintenance	Sanghar
2	9/7/2008	Ali Bahar Wah	17	SWMO-2002 & Financial Management	Tando M. Khan
3	15/7/2008	Tajal Minor	19	Organizational Management, Financial Management and Abiana Assessment & Collection	Choondko
4	17/7/2008	Kathore Minor	22	Organizational Management and Financial Management	Choondko
5	19/7/2008	Bhirro Minor	21	Abiana Assessment & Collection and Conflict Management	Sanghar
6	25/7/2008	Barar Minor	21	IDMTA and Channel Operation & Maintenance	KGM
7	26/7/2008	Murad Minor	25	Election Regulations 2004 and Channel Operation & Maintenance	Tando M. Khan
8	26/7/2008	Karna Minor	24	Abiana Assessment & Collection, Conflict Management and Channel Operation & Maintenance	Umerkot
9	28/7/2008	Morahdi Minor	23	Financial Management	Badin
10	31/7/2008	Kahu Minor & Kahu Veesro Minor	28	Organizational Management and Abiana Assessment & Collection	Mirpurkhas

C. Supportive Activities

The SMG-SDC undertakes different supportive activities along with the training events to support the Farmers Organization (FOs) for their capacity building and on support and networking. The details of the supportive activities carried out during the month are as follows:

i) Gender Mainstreaming / Women Group Formation

1.1- Women Farmers' Identification

The Social Mobilization Group staff has identified **2,243** women farmers so far in the command area of FO managed Minors/Distributaries at NCAWB, LBCAWB and GFCAWB. The SMG staff stationed at different Field Stations compiles these lists and report updates to Project Office on monthly basis. During the reporting month, Field Team Mirpurkhas identified 178 new women farmers in the command of FO Mir Minor, Gorchani Minor, Dubko Minor, Dosso Distry, Palli Distry, Patoyoon Minor, Hingorno Minor, Belharo Distry and Bhurgri Distry.

1.2 - Membership of Women Farmers in WCAs

So far **921** women farmers have taken membership in WCAs of different FOs in the command of NCAWB, LBCAWB and GFCAWB. During the month, no new women farmers facilitated in getting membership in WCA by the SMG.

1.3- Formation of Women Farmers' Groups

The SMG staff has formed 17 women groups at Sanghar, Mirpurkhas, Ghotki, Kot Ghulam Mohammed and Choondko, 09 of them are in the jurisdiction of Field Team Sanghar, 05 in KGM, 01 in Mirpurkhas, 01 Choondko, and 01 in Ghotki. All these women groups have 215 memberships. During the reporting month, no new women farmers' group formed by SMG staff.

1.4 -Capacity Building of Women Farmers

During the month, capacity building event for women farmers organized by SMG staff.

1.5-Participation in FO:

The SMG through social mobilization process is encouraging women farmers to come forward and become member of General Body and Board of Management of FO. Capacity building programs of women groups formed is already initiated. It is a great success of SMG that following women farmers have been inducted in Farmers Organizations (FOs) as:

Ms. Sumera Bibi	GB Member	FO Saifal Minor	NCAWB
Ms. Pathani Kosh	GB Member	FO Gohram Minor	GFCAWB
Ms. Zareena	BoM Member	FO Rawitiani Minor	NCAWB
Ms. Parveen Leghari	BoM Member	FO Duthro Minor	NCAWB
Ms. Khadija Chandio	BoM Member	FO Santoor Minor	NCAWB
Ms. Soomal Rind	BoM Member	FO Bagi Minor	NCAWB

During the month, Field Team KGM took efforts and went successful in induction of Ms. Soomal Rind as BoM member of FO Bagi Minor.

ii) Assistance in Re-Election

As of today, out of **203** re-elections, the re-elections of **187** FOs have been completed by the efforts of SMG staff. The SMG-SDC team has achieved the **91%** of the target of re-election. During the month, no FO re-election could be held by SMG staff.

Overall Re-Elections Position Upto July 2008

S#	AWB	Target	Completed	Remaining	Percentage
1	NCAWB	162	152	10	94%
2	LBCAWB	20	15	05	75%
3	GFCAWB	14	14	00	100%
4	Outside AWB	09	06	03	67%
Total		205	187	18	91%

iv) Support to FOs in Abiana Assessment & Collection

During the reporting month, all the Field Teams of SMG mobilized FOs for depositing of Abiana (water charges) to AWB. Field Team Mirpurkhas, Sanghar and Ghotki took efforts and held meetings with FO BoM members for collection of Abiana. FO Kahu Minor, Mir Minor, Chowtiary Distry and Baqar Distry of NCAWB deposited Rs.200,000 in the account of NCAWB as AWB share for different cropping seasons. Also FO Bari Minor of GFCAWB deposited Rs.12,000 as 60% share of AWB in the account of GFCAWB.

v) Assistance in Conflict Resolution

During the month, no any conflict reported by any of the field team.

vi) Support to Consultants of SOFWM-Project

During the month, the members of Field Teams at NCAWB, LBCAWB and GFCAWB facilitated FOs in coordination with PIA Consultants for on going rehabilitation/ improvement works of Minors/Distributaries under Phase-II & III under SOFWMP in providing technical support in execution, billing and record keeping.

vii) Support to FOs in Rehabilitation/Improvement Works under CBC

SMG staff in the command of NCAWB, GFCAWB and LBCAWB provided support to FOs in execution of rehabilitation works in year 2 and 3 of rehabilitation works under SOFWMP. SMG staff provided support to FO Dangan Distry, Kahu Minor, Liary Minor, Hyderi Minor, Jamsahib Minor, Theba Minor, Kahu Veesro Minor, Shah Bux Minor, Hathongo Minor, Simni Minor, Saido Minor, Duthro Minor, Mahi Minor, Kunro, Puran Feeder, Sanhro Distry, Bareji Distry, Manik Wah, Mehrab Minor, Wangi Minor, Bhaneri Minor, Chatto Minor, Dub-I Minor, Khumbra Minor, Tail Minor and Kunro Minor at NCAWB, GFCAWB & LBCAWB in preparation of first milestone bill under CBC of rehabilitation works.

The Field Team Umerkot got GB members agreed for selection of site for construction of FO Office under rehabilitation works of FO Kangni Minor and

Samaro Distry. Both the FO offices are under construction at the site and expected to be completed very soon.

viii) FO-FO Exposure Visit:

So far SMG has organized 07 FO-FO Exposure visits in the command of NCAWB and GFCAWB. During the month, SMG organized one event, the details of these event are as follows:

#	Date	Name of Host FO	Name of Sub-Division & AWB	No. of Visiting FOs	No. of Visitors					Name of Visiting FOs
					FOs	AWB	SIDA	PIAC	Total	
1	19/07/08	Hyderi Minor	District Sanghar, NCAWB	06	26	01	02	01	30	Bhirri Minor, Tail Minor, Liary Minor, Sadrat-II Minor & Jamsahib Minor

Coordinator Project Office participated in all these events. The Host FOs gave briefing to the visitors about organization & financial aspects and rehabilitation works carried out on the channel. Also the hosts took the visitors on the rehabilitation works' site for review of rehabilitation works carried out. Also the visitors gave brief presentation of performance of their FOs.

ix) FO Assemblies at Sub-Division Level:

SMG has organized 12 FO Assemblies at Sub-Division level in the command of GFCAWB, LBCAWB and NCAWB. During the month, the SMG staff organized 05 FO Assembly events, the details of the events are as follows:

#	Date	Name of Sub-Division & AWB	Venue	No. of FOs	No. of Participants					Name of FOs Participated
					FOs	AWB	SIDA	PIAC	Total	
1	29/07/08	Panno Akil of GFCAWB	AEN Office Sub-Panno Akil @ Panno Akil Town	06	28	15	06	1	50	Salani Minor, Sabani Minor, Junas Minor, Baiji Minor, Korai Minor & Mahesro Minor

The aim of organizing the assembly was to gather the FO representatives of sub-division Panno Akil and AWB staff to discuss and share the day to day issues and problems of FOs related to AWB for solution. Mr. Shams-Ud-Din Soomro AEN Sub-Division Panno Akil of GFCAWB participated in the assembly along with his team. Mr. Rasheed Mahar Coordinator Project Office also participated in the assembly. AEN assured the FO representatives and SIDA officials to resolve the issues identified by the FO representatives.

x) Court Case:

The farmers of Mahesro Minor objected the FO formation of Mahesro Minor and requested Regulatory Authority (RA) for fresh election. The Managing Director being the representative of RA conducted inquiry of the matter through SMG and ordered for initiation of internal recall process of FO Mahesro Minor. The BoM members of FO Mahesro Minor filed a suit in the court of 2nd Senior Civil Judge, Sukkur against the notification of internal recall by the Managing Director. The hearing of the case is scheduled on August 05, 2008. SIDA management will file para wise comments in the court through Legal Advisor SIDA.

D. Monthly Meetings

During the month, SMG held monthly SMG staff progress and review meeting at Training Cell, SIDA, Hyderabad on 07/07/2008. Mr. Nazeer A. Memon SDS/DGMT chaired in the meeting. The staff presented progress of their field teams for the month of June 2008. The staff members presented progress and issues faced by SMG staff members. Mr. Nazeer A. Memon also discussed different activities to be carried out by the SMG in addition to the routine activities. At the end of the meeting, Mr. Mustafa Ujjan Group Leader SMG in detail discussed the SOPs of Refresher Training, FO Assembly and FO-FO Exposure visits.

F. Problems/Issues

The field staff of SMG is facing different issues during the execution of SOFWMP activities such timely non-reimbursement of expenses and TA/DA. SIDA authorities provided four wheel vehicles to SMG staff members in the month of March 2006, the condition of tyres of these vehicles is very poor and need to be replaced with new ones. Also the vehicles need general repair and maintenance on urgent basis.

G. Conclusion

During the month, the field team took efforts for capacity building of Farmers' Organizations (FOs) in the command of three AWBs. Although, it was very difficult for the farmers to spare time because it is the peak of Kharif season and most of the farmers were engaged in sowing of crops specially in the command of GFCAWB and LBCAWB. Therefore, the pace of activities of SMG remained slow during the month. It is expected that the pace of activities would be enhanced in the up coming month.

Annex-1

Trainings Delivery Status up to July 2008

S #	Title of Trainings	No. of FOs			No. of Participants			Units			Remarks
		SOFWM	NDP	Total	Farmer	Staff	Total	Approved	Consumed	Balance	
1	Basic Trainings	65	31	96	540	0	540	100	39	61	BoM members of newly formed FOs of GFCAWB and LBCAWB trained in these events
2	Specialized Trainings	235	0	235	1107	750	1857	100	54	46	SMG, WMOs, PIAC & M & E Consultants staff and Farmers trained in these events
3	Refresher Trainings	519	0	519	6,830	0	6,830	200	409	-	The Refresher courses being conducted by Social Mobilization Officers of SMG-SDC
Total		819	31	850	8,477	750	9,227	400	502	107	