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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 August 2008.

B. Achievements During the Month

1- Training & Capacity Building

A- Basic Trainings

During the month of **August 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.

B- Specialized Trainings

During the month of **August 2008 one** specialized trainings organized by SMG staff. So far SMG has organized 55 specialized training units training 760 staff members and 1135 farmer members from 240 FOs of NCAWB, LBCAWB and GFCAWB. The details of the specialized training held in the month of August 200/ are as follows:

SMG-SDC organized one day specialized training event on “Role of Women in Irrigation Sector” on 30/08/2008 for the members of Women Farmers Groups of Sanghar at Taluka Council Hall, Taluka Sanghar, District Sanghar. 10 staff members (SMG, SIDA, WMO & PIAC) and 28 women farmers from 05 FOs participated in the training. Mr. M. Hashim Leghari Managing Director SIDA and Nazeer Ahmed Memon DGMT also participated in the training. MD SIDA also held a discussion with the women farmers regarding their issues and problems, he also addressed to the participants of the training. MD SIDA distributed certificates to the participants of the training at the end.

C- Refresher Trainings

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

02 Sanghar, **01** Mirpurkhas, **01** Umerkot, **02** Choondko, **01** Kot Ghulam Mohammed, **02** Tando M. Khan, **02** Ghotki and **01** Badin **264 members of 12 FOs** participated in these trainings. So for SMG has organized 421 events, training 7,094 farmer members of 531 FOs of NCAWB, LBCAWB and GFCAWB. The details of the Refresher Trainings held in the month of August 2008 are as follows:

#	Date	FO	Pax	Topic	Field Team
1	11/8/2008	Baqar Distry	25	Conflict Management & Channel O/M	Sanghar
2	12/8/2008	RD-145 L/S Minor	22	IDMTA & Record Keeping	Choondko
3	18/8/2008	Jhole Minor	13	IDMTA & Channel O/M	Sanghar
4	18/8/2008	Salani Minor	26	Organizational Management and Abiana Assessment & Collection	Ghotki
5	19/8/2008	Dajhero Minor	19	Channel O/M and Abiana Assessment & Collection	KGM
6	19/8/2008	Bahadur Wah	21	SWMO-2002 and Abiana Assessment & Collection	Tando M. Khan
7	21/8/2008	Vehnai Minor	27	Organizational Management and Abiana Assessment & Collection	Badin
8	21/8/2008	Sarhari Distry	24	Channel O/M and Abiana Assessment & Collection	Umerkot
9	23/8/2008	Sangi Minor	30	Organizational Management and Abiana Assessment & Collection	Ghotki
10	23/8/2008	Kathore Minor	19	Financial Management and Abiana Assessment & Collection	Choondko
11	28/8/2008	Kheersari Minor	18	SWMO-2002 and Abiana Assessment & Collection	Tando M. Khan
12	30/8/2008	Saifal Minor	20	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 **2,245** 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 Ghotki identified 02 new women farmers in the command of FO Bori Lower Minor of GFCAWB.

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, SMG organized specialized training for the members of women farmers groups at Sanghar, the details are already mentioned above.

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, no women farmer inducted as GB or BoM member of FO.

ii) Assistance in Re-Election

As of today, out of **206** re-elections, the re-elections of **188** 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, Field Team Mirpurkhas held the re-election of FO Denghan Distry for third tenure. Also Field Team Ghotki held the re-election of Sabani Minor on 26/08/2008 for second tenure.

Overall Re-Elections Position Upto August 2008

S#	AWB	Target	Completed	Remaining	Percentage
1	NCAWB	162	152	10	94%
2	LBCAWB	20	15	05	75%
3	GFCAWB	15	15	00	100%
4	Outside AWB	09	06	03	67%
Total		206	188	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 and Sanghar took efforts and held meetings with FO BoM members for collection of Abiana. FO Rohro Minor, Sadhno-II Minor, Smathry Distry, Hyderi Minor, Rind Minor, Lal Khan Distry, Sarhal Distry, Theba Minor and Shah Bux Minor of NCAWB deposited Rs.209,000 in the account of NCAWB as AWB share for different cropping seasons.

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 Dengan 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, Tail Minor and Kunro Minor at NCAWB, GFCAWB & LBCAWB in preparation of first milestone bill under CBC of rehabilitation works.

Managing Director SIDA held meeting with the Chairmen, Directors, Consultants and Contractors of the chronic channels in terms of rehabilitation works on 26/08/2008. These include CBC and NCB both. Managing Director listened to the representatives of the concerned channels and ordered to the concerned for earlier resolution.

viii) Tree Plantation:

During the month, SMG organized tree plantation campaign on the channels under rehabilitation works. The M & E Consultants reported environmental non compliances and tree cutting during the rehabilitation works carried on Heran Distry, Lal Khan Distry, Gorchani Minor, Potho Minor, Akuto Minor and Bagi Minor, therefore, the FOs had to plant two trees in place of one tree cut down. SMG also started tree plantation campaign on remaining channels under rehabilitation works of year 2 and 3. SMG held tree plantation

campaigns on 7th, 11th and 23rd of the month in the command of NCAWB. Mr. Jawed Afzal Environmental Specialist, World Bank Islamabad also participated in tree plantation campaign on 11th August, 2008. GMT, DGMT, GL, SIDA officials and NCAWB officials also accompanied him. He monitored compensatory trees planted on Gorchani Minor, Tando Minor, Baghi Minor and Silore Minor. Also GMT and other SIDA officials planted trees under rehabilitation works at Bhirri Minor, Ghundan Minor, Liary Minor and Tail Minor on 23rd August 2008. So far SMG has planted more than 3,000 trees on different channels of NCAWB.

ix) FO Assemblies at Sub-Division Level:

SMG has organized 14 FO Assemblies at Sub-Division level in the command of GFCAWB, LBCAWB and NCAWB so far. During the month, the SMG staff organized 01 FO Assembly event, SMG organized FO Assembly of sub-division Khipro of NCAWB. There are 15 FOs in the command of sub-division, which are been provided hands on support by three field teams Mirpurkhas, Sanghar and Umerkot. The Assembly was organized at Gymkhana Hall, Khipro. Assistant Executive Engineer Sub-Division Khipro his staff members such as Canal Assistant, Aabdars and Daroghas participated in the Assembly. Representatives of FO Jageer Minor, Daro Bazar Minor, Sadhno-III Minor, Sadhno-IV Minor, Lal Khan Distry, Khori Minor, Theba Minor, Shah Bux Minor, Sarhal Distry, Hathongo Minor and Tagusar Minor participated in the Assembly. Coordinator SMG, FTI Mirpurkhas, FTI Sanghar and FTI Umerkot along with their staff participated in the Assembly. A total of 45 SIDA officials, AWB staff members and FO representatives participated in the Assembly. The FO representatives shared their issues and problems with AEN and his staff. The AEN also presented the current situation of the sub-division. AEN assured the FO representatives that all these issues will be solved by his team.

x) Court Case:

During the month, the Board of Management members of FO Sarhal Distry filed CP no: 222/2008 in Sindh High Court, Hyderabad Bench Haji M. Akram Vs. Govt. of Sindh. As the FO BoM was suspended by the RA-SIDA and ordered for conduct of fresh re-election. Therefore, the suspended body filed constitutional petition for interim injunction in the court. Mr. Mustafa Ujjan GL SMG appeared in the hearing on behalf of SIDA management with para wise comments in the Sindh High Court, Hyderabad Bench through Advocate General, Govt. of Sindh on 28/08/2008.

xi) Visit of Chairman SIDA/ Minister IPD:

During the month, Honorable Jaam Saifullah Khan Dharejo Chairman SIDA/ Minister IPD visited NCAWB on August 02, 2008. He held meeting with NCAWB members, NCAWB officials, FO representatives, farmers, elected representatives and notables at Circuit House, Mirpurkhas. During the meeting, the members of members of NCAWB namely Mr. Zahid Hussain Bhurgri, Mr. Yar M. Baloch and Ch. Maqbool Ahmed along with Chairmen of

FOs Mr. Yaqoob Mangrio, Mr. Aijaz Panhwar, Pir Akbar Bodla, Ch. Anwar, Mr. Anwar Rajar, Mr. Pir Dino Chandio and others welcomed the Chairman SIDA/ Minister IPD in the command of NCAWB and appraised him about fundamental issues being faced by the farming community of the area. During meeting, Pir Aftab Hussain Shah Jeelani Member National Assembly of Pakistan and Mir Hayat Talpur Member Provincial Assembly, Sindh also put forward their suggestions to improve the water availability and distribution in the network. It was decided that SIDA, NCAWB and elected representatives of the area will jointly prepare a strategy to resolve the water issues on long term basis.

xii) Visit of Asian Development Bank Mission to NCAWB:

A two member mission comprised of Mr. Arnold Cauchois mission leader and rural development specialist and Mr. Thomas Panella water resources management specialist and mission member visited Mirpurkhas and Sanghar on August 03, 2008 to ascertain the existing situation of the irrigation and drainage infrastructure and its future requirements. During their visit, they held meetings with the Director NCAWB, members NCAWB and visited FO managed channels under rehabilitation works Belharo Distry and Kahu Veero Minor. They also held meetings with the tenants and small farmers regarding the performance of FO and FO managed system. They also visited the rehabilitation works carried out on Dim Branch Canal, District Sanghar on the same the day.

D. Monthly Meetings

During the month, SMG held monthly FTI progress and review meeting at Social Development Cell, SIDA Hyderabad on 08/08/2008. Mr. Nazeer A. Memon SDS/DGMT chaired the meeting. FTIs presented progress of their field teams for the month of July 2008. They also presented progress and issues faced by SMG staff members in execution of field activities. Mr. Nazeer A. Memon also discussed the issues and problems faced by AWB staff and FOs in Abiana assessment and collection. He also discussed the remedial measures to resolve the problems and issues of Abiana assessment and collection.

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. As it was the monsoon season so SMG mobilized the FOs to plant trees along the irrigation channels managed by FOs. In this regard, it took efforts for plantation of compensatory trees along the channels where the trees were cut down during the rehabilitation works. So SMG successfully planted trees through FOs at least two for one tree cut down. Also SMG staff took efforts for plantation of trees under rehabilitation works of channels in year 2, 3 & 4. Also SMG will be focusing more in the upcoming months for collection of Abiana as the yield of cash crops will come into the market.

Annex-1

Trainings Delivery Status up to August 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	240	0	240	1135	760	1895	100	55	45	SMG, WMOs, PIAC & M & E Consultants staff and Farmers trained in these events
3	Refresher Trainings	531	0	531	7,094	0	7,094	200	421	-	The Refresher courses being conducted by Social Mobilization Officers of SMG-SDC
Total		836	31	867	8,769	760	9,529	400	515	106	

**Social Mobilization Group - Communication
Progress Report as of August 2008**

S#	Activity	Target	Achievement	Percentage	Progress
1	Information Kiosks	03	03	100%	Three Information Kiosks have been established, each in Area Water Board. The staff has been deputed and regularly the technical literature and information related SIDA and Agriculture Department is disseminated to stakeholders.
2	Awareness Workshops	35	17	49%	17 workshops have been organized in all AWBs.
3	News Letter	-	02	-	Recently during August 2008, a news letter of SIDA has been developed and disseminate to all concerned quarters
4	Website	-	-	-	A separate portion for information kiosks on Sindh On Farm Water Management Website i.e. www.sofwmp.org has been developed to provide technical information of Irrigation & Agriculture to all stakeholders. (copy enclosed)