



SOCIAL MOBILIZATION GROUP  
**SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT CELL**

**MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT**

**DECEMBER 2008**

SINDH ON FARM WATER MANAGEMENT PROJECT  
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## **A. Introduction**

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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 December 2008.

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## B. Achievements During the Month

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### 1- Training & Capacity Building

#### A- Basic Trainings

During the month of **December 2008**, **no basic training Event** organized by SMG so for SMG has successfully consumed 46 basic training units and 611 BoM members of 110 newly formed FOs (67 formed under SOFWMP & 43 NDP) of GFCAWB and LBCAWB have been trained.

#### B- Specialized Trainings

During the month of **December 2008** **no** specialized trainings organized by SMG staff. So far SMG has organized 59 specialized training units training 798 staff members and 1294 farmer members from 290 FOs of NCAWB, LBCAWB and GFCAWB.

#### C- Refresher Trainings

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

**02** Sanghar, **02** Choondko, **03** Mirpurkhas, **01** Umerkot, **01** Kot Ghulam Mohammed, **01** Tando M. Khan, **02** Ghotki and **01** Badin **276 members of 13 FOs** participated in these trainings. So for SMG has organized 452 events, training 8,123 farmer members of 576 FOs of NCAWB, LBCAWB and GFCAWB. The details of the Refresher Trainings held in the month of December 2008 are as follows:

#	Date	FO	Pax	Topic	Field Team
12	12/12/2008	Bago Wah Minor	17	Organizational Management and Abiana Assessment & Collection	Ghotki
6	14/12/2008	Pir Bux Minor	15	Abiana Assessment & Collection and IDMTA	Sanghar
1	16/12/2008	Khori Minor	30	Organizational Management and Channel O/M	Mirpurkhas
4	16/12/2008	Bhan Minor	17	Abiana Assessment & Collection and Channel O/M	KGM
9	17/12/2008	Santrahu Minor	21	Financial Management and Record Keeping	Choondko
8	18/12/2008	Dodo Minor	24	Abiana Assessment & Collection and Environmental Management	Tando M. Khan
10	18/12/2008	RD-145 Minor	16	Financial Management and Abiana Assessment & Collection	Choondko

11	18/12/2008	Gamoori Minor	18	Abiana Assessment & Collection, Conflict Management and Channel O/M	Umerkot
2	19/12/2008	Gorchani Minor	22	Conflict Management and Channel O/M	Mirpurkhas
7	20/12/2008	Sadhno-II Minor	22	SWMO-2002 and IDMTA	Sanghar
3	22/12/2008	Daulatpur Minor	20	Financial Management and Channel O/M	Mirpurkhas
5	23/12/2008	Chakri Minor	33	Abiana Assessment & Collection and Record Keeping	Badin
13	29/12/2008	Gohram Minor	21	Abiana Assessment & Collection	Ghotki

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### **C. Supportive Activities**

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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, no new women farmers identified by any of the field teams.

##### **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. Ms. Shakeela Leghari and Field Team Sanghar took efforts and formed women farmers group on Daro Bazar Minor during the month of December 2008.

## 1.4 -Capacity Building of Women Farmers

During the month, no capacity building event for the women farmers organized by SMG.

## 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 **215** re-elections, the re-elections of **189** FOs have been completed by the efforts of SMG staff. The SMG-SDC team has achieved the **88%** of the target of re-election. During the month, no FO re-election conducted by any of the field teams.

### Overall Re-Elections Position Upto December 2008

S#	AWB	Target	Completed	Remaining	Percentage
1	NCAWB	162	152	10	94%
2	LBCAWB	28	15	13	53.17%
3	GFCAWB	16	16	00	100%
4	Outside AWB	09	06	03	67%
<b>Total</b>		<b>215</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>88%</b>

### 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 Gorchani Minor, Baqar Distry and Heran Distry of NCAWB deposited Rs.221,000 in the account of NCAWB as AWB share for different cropping seasons.

#### **v) Assistance in Conflict Resolution**

During the month, Field Team Sanghar took efforts and resolved the internal conflict of FO Smathry Distry. It was reported that the GB members of FO Smathry Distry wanted to bring internal recall move against the BoM members due to their internal conflicts. The field team members took efforts and held meetings with both the parties and at the end resolved the internal conflicts of FO GB and BoM members.

#### **vi) Support to Consultants of SOFWMP-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. During the month, Field Team all the field teams of SMG provided active support to PIAC consultants in rehabilitation works carried out on channels under SOFWMP.

#### **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 FOs in preparation of bills for rehabilitation works carried out and preparation of bills under CBC.

#### **viii) Visit of SOFWMP Implementation Review Mission:**

During the reporting month, the World Bank's implementation review mission of SOFWMP comprised of Mr. Tumaardavaa Bayarsaihan (Senior Rural Development Specialist and Task Leader SOFWMP), Miss Uzma Sadaf (Sr. Procurement Specialist), Mr. Ihsan (Consultant Irrigation), etc. visited province of Sindh from 18/12/2008 to 21/12/2008. The mission members held meetings with the officials of Govt. of Sindh and SIDA to review the progress of SOFWMP. The mission members also held meeting with selected representatives of FOs under rehabilitation works on the issues. The objective of these meetings was to grant extension and form the strategy for resolution of issues faced by FOs.

The mission members also visited Manik Wah from its head to tail in the command of LBCAWB. They also visited rehabilitation works carried out by the contractor under NCB of SOFWMP. They also held meeting with GB members of FO Manik Wah to discuss the issues and progress of rehabilitation works carried out in NCB.

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### **D. Monthly Meetings**

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During the month, SMG could not hold any of staff meeting due to busy schedule and Eid holidays.

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### **F. Problems/Issues**

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The field staff of SMG is facing different issues during the execution of SOFWMP activities such as 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.

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### **G. Conclusion**

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During the month, SMG staff focused refresher training events only because it was the wheat crop cultivation season throughout Sindh province. Also rainfalls occurred throughout the province so farmers were mostly busy. The SOFWMP implementation review mission members visited the province of Sindh and held meetings with GoS officials, SIDA officials, AWB officials and FO representatives to discuss the progress and issues of rehabilitation works. They also discussed the need for extension of SOFWMP for successful completion of ongoing works. The FO representatives urged the mission members that extension may be granted so that rehabilitation works may be completed in smooth way. The extension will also give an opportunity to SIDA in completion of SOFWMP activities.

## Annex-1

**Trainings Delivery Status up to December 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	67	43	110	611	0	611	100	46	54	BoM members of newly formed FOs of GFCAWB and LBCAWB trained in these events
2	Specialized Trainings	290	0	290	1294	798	2092	100	57	43	SMG, WMOs, PIAC & M & E Consultants staff and Farmers trained in these events
3	Refresher Trainings	576	0	576	8,123	0	8,123	200	465	-	The Refresher courses being conducted by Social Mobilization Officers of SMG-SDC
<b>Total</b>		<b>933</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>976</b>	<b>10,028</b>	<b>798</b>	<b>10,826</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>568</b>	<b>97</b>	