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A six member's delegation comprising of SIDA staff, AWB member & staff and FO representatives visited Punjab Irrigation & Drainage Authority (PIDA) for exposure and experience sharing under SOFWMP from 17/11/2008 to 21/11/2008. The purpose of the delegation was to visit PIDA, AWBs and FOs in the province of Punjab for learning, experience sharing and know the activities carried out under institutional reforms at province of Punjab. The delegation was headed by Maj. (R) Umar Farooq. The delegation was comprised of following following members:

1.	Maj. (R) Umar Farooq	Member LBCAWB/Chairman FO Defence Minor
2.	Mr. Jai Ram	Deputy Director (I & F), SIDA
3.	Mr. Khursheed A. Khokhar	AEN Sub-Division Daharki/Focal Person Rehabilitation Works of SOFWMP, GFCAWB
4.	Mr. Dur Mohammed Sehto	Chairman FO Simni Minor LBCAWB
5.	Mr. Sher Ali Mahar	Chairman FO Bakro Minor LBCAWB
6.	Mr. Rasheed Maher	Coordinator SMG-SDC, SIDA

Day One

The delegation members arrived at Lahore Airport at 12:30 PM from Karachi, PIDA staff welcomed the delegation members at Airport. Soon after, the delegation members visited Secretariat of PIDA at Lahore on 17/11/2008. Mr. Shafiq Ahmed GM (TM) and Mr. Shaiq Hussain Abidi DGM (SM) warmly welcomed the delegation members at PIDA Secretariat, Lahore. They introduced the SIDA delegation with the PIDA team at the Secretariat. Mr. Shafiq Ahmed GM (TM) gave detailed briefing about institutional reforms in the province of Punjab, legal framework, characteristics of participatory irrigation management (PIM), FO formation process, functions of FOs, functions of AWB, status of reforms, current activities of PIDA, Abiana assessment and collection, major achievements, performance and monitoring of FOs, performance evaluation of FOs, main problems in functioning of FOs and lessons learnt. The PIDA team also informed the delegation members that PIDA has prepared detailed MIS of FOs available on PIDA website. The delegation members held discussion with the SIDA staff on PIDA Act 1997, performance evaluation of FOs, autonomy of FOs & AWBs, functioning of FOs and Abiana assessment & collection. The delegation members also shared the functioning of SIDA, AWBs and FOs with the PIDA team.

Day Two

The delegation members visited core office of International Water Management Institute (IWMI) Lahore on 18/11/2008. Mr. Shaiq Hussain Abidi DGM (SM), PIDA accompanied the delegation members. Mr. Asghar Hussain GIS Specialist and Mr. Waqas Ahmed Irrigation Specialist welcomed the delegation at core office IWMI Lahore. After detailed introduction of delegation members and IWMI staff, Mr. Asghar Hussain gave detailed presentation on projects carried out by IWMI in irrigation sector at Pakistan. He also gave detailed briefing about Pahoor High Level Canal (PHLC) and implementation of crop based irrigation operation (CBIO) in the command of PHLC. The PHLC has been remodeled by the IWMI. He informed the delegation members that PHLC irrigates most parts of Swabi District of NWFP. The CBIO technique is being applied for conservation of irrigation water through

efficient management of irrigation water and constant supply of irrigation water through the year as per need. He also informed the delegation that regulations are made on the basis of computerized programming of crop data and requirement of irrigation water at different stages of crop growth. He also shared the experience of IWMI in pilot FO formation in Pakistan. The delegation members held discussion with the IWMI staff regarding FO formation and expansion of activities by IWMI in the province of Sindh. The IWMI staff offered the MIS specially prepared for PHLC to be executed by FOs in the province of Sindh. IWMI staff informed the delegation members that IWMI is planning to extend its research activities in the province of Sindh from January 2009.



The delegation members also visited Institute of On Farm Water Management Punjab at Thokar Niaz Baig, Lahore. Mr. Nazir Hussain Javaid Director Institute of On Farm Water Management Punjab warmly welcomed the participants at the institute. The delegation members introduced themselves to the Director and his team. The Director gave detailed briefing to the delegation members about the activities of institute. The institute focuses on training of farmers and officials of Agriculture Department, Govt. of Punjab. The Director informed the members that Govt. of Punjab has achieved 103% of the target of lining of watercourses under NPIW. He also informed the delegation members about the modern agricultural techniques and equipment used by the farmers in the province of Punjab. The delegation members also held question/answer session with the Director regarding lining of watercourses, availability of agricultural inputs, seeds, crop yields, water management and marketing of agricultural produce. They also shared their experiences of irrigation reforms, agricultural practices, etc.



Day Three

The delegation members visited Upper Gugera Division of Lower Chunab Canal Area Water Board (LCCAWB) East on 19/11/2008. Mr. Shakeel Ahmed Toor Executive Engineer, Mirza Abdul Qayoom AEN and staff welcomed the delegation members at RD-220 of Upper Gugera Canal. Mr. Shakeel Ahmed Toor in detailed briefed the delegation members about the rehabilitation works carried out on Upper Gugera canal in Part-A. He also showed the members cross regulator and fall structure constructed under rehabilitation works. He also informed the delegation members about the lining work carried out under rehabilitation works of Higher Canal Distray off taking from RD-220. The delegation members held discussion with the XEN and his staff about designing, estimates and execution of works under rehabilitation works. The delegation members also visited nearest Irrigation Rest House of the canal with the officials.



The delegation members also visited office of FO Shahkot Distray in the way to Faisalabad. Malik Amjad Khan President FO and MC members warmly welcomed the delegation members in FO office. The delegation members viewed the record of FO Shahkot Minor and held informal meeting with FO President and MC members on a cup of tea as it was not a scheduled event, so left the FO office in 15 minutes.

The delegation members visited Secretariat of LCCAWB (E) at Faisalabad in after noon, Mr. Shafiq Ahmed GM (TM) PIDA, Mr. M. Arif Zahid Vice Chairman LCCAWB (E), Mr. Sarfraz Ali Bhatti member, Mr. Mohammed Yousif member, Mr. Sarwar Tarar member, Raja Khaliq member, Mian Manzoor Ahmed member, Mr. Suhail Abbas Shamsi Manager (Operation), Mr. Saeed Ahmed Manager (SM) and other staff members warmly welcomed the delegation members at the Secretariat. Mr. Suhail Abbas Shamsi Manager (Operation) gave detailed briefing about LCCAWB (E), which was pilot AWB in Punjab. There are 85 FOs formed and there are 32 Irrigation Management Transfer (IMT) units in the command of LCCAWB (E). He also briefed the delegation members about composition of AWB members, Abiana recovery of FOs, achievements of FOs, cells of AWB, meetings of AWB, committees (appellate and standing) formed under AWB and performance of FOs. The delegation members did lunch with the AWB members and officials at the Secretariat.



The delegation members also visited Farmers Organization (FO) Nasrana Distributary, Tehsil and District Faisalabad. Hafiz Attaullah FO President and other MC members warmly welcomed the delegation members at FO Office, Thikriwala. After discussion by the delegation members and hosts, Hafiz Attaullah gave detailed briefing about FO Nasrana Distray. The length of Distray is 35.85 miles and comprised of 175 outlets having 80,890 acres CCA. Total Abiana assessment for Kharif and Rabi seasons is Rs.10 million and recovery rate of FO is 96%. The delegation members also discussed issues faced by FO in water regulation, conflict resolution and Abiana recovery. The farmer delegation members shared their experiences with the FO GB members Nasrana Distray regarding water regulation, Abiana assessment & collection and rehabilitation works carried out by FOs in NCB and CBC under SOFWMP. The delegation members also discussed the idea/possibility of corporate farming by FO Nasrana Distray. At the end of meeting Maj. (R) Umar Farooq thanked the FO MC Members and PIDA officials for arranging and hosting such a valuable meeting.



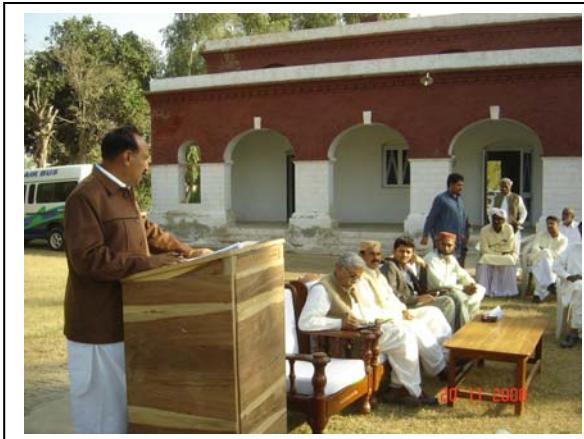
Day Four

The delegation members visited University of Agriculture Faisalabad (UAF) on 20/11/2008 and held meeting with Dr. Iqrar Ahmed Khan Vice Chancellor UAF and Syndicate members in the office of VC. Dr. Iqrar Ahmed Khan warmly welcomed the delegation members at UAF. After meeting with VC, the members visited different faculties of University. The University is comprised of 200 faculties. The delegation members also visited Central Library of UAF, which is having maximum relevant books and computer laboratories. The delegation members visited Water Management Research Center (WMRC) of UAF. Dr. Niaz Ahmed Rai Director WMRC welcomed the delegation members at WMRC. After brief introduction of members, Dr. Niaz Ahmed Rai gave detailed briefing about the activities of WMRC in irrigation water conservation and enhancing crop yields through sowing on raised beds and multiple seed planter. WMRC has been given research component by the LCCAWB (E & W). WMRC is working on irrigation water conservation as pilot with three FOs. Dr. Niaz Ahmed Rai also briefed the members about different methods of irrigation for conservation of water and enhancing crop yields. The delegation members showed their interest in raised bed sowing through multiple seed planter. The Director also informed the members about coordination and linkages of WMRC with other international agencies. Dr. Niaz Ahmed Rai also showed different machines prepared and designed by WMRC for conservation of irrigation water such as sprinkler system, multiple seed planter, etc. At the end, Maj. (R) Umar Farooq thanked Dr. Niaz Ahmed Rai for giving such a good briefing, he also thanked PIDA for organizing such a good event.



The delegation members visited office of FO Killianwala Distray, Tehsil Tandianwala, District Faisalabad. Maj. (R) M. Akram President FO Killianwala Distray and MC members warmly welcomed the delegation members at FO Office. Maj. (R) M. Akram gave detailed briefing about performance of FO Killianwala Distray. The length of Killianwala Distray is 152 RDs and there are 148 watercourses having 67,000 acres CCA. The General Body of FO Killianwala is comprised of 147 members (WCs). FO has recruited 24 staff members from its Abiana share such as Sub-Engineer, Darogha, Patwari, Office Assistant, Computer Operator, Beldars, Cook, Watchman, etc. The total assessment of FO for Kharif and Rabi seasons in a year is Rs.8.80 millions. FO President informed that FO has resolved 175 conflicts without referring any case to appellate bench, courts and Police. Mian Sattar President FO Mungi Distray, Mr. Yaqoob Khan President FO Bhail Distray and Rana Tawheed President

FO Siana Distry also gave briefing about their FOs. Mr. Sher Ali Mahar delegation member appreciated the efforts of FO Killianwala Distry and others and asked the FO representatives to form network of FOs at Pakistan level having participation from four provinces to strengthen the institutional reforms in Pakistan, discuss and share experiences and advocacy on agricultural issues. The idea was very much appreciated by the FO representatives present in the meeting. Maj. (R) Umar Farooq at the end, appreciated the efforts taken by the FOs of Punjab province and shared experiences of institutional reforms in the province of Sindh. He also invited the FO representatives to visit SIDA, AWBs and FOs of Sindh province to see the achievements.



Day Five

The delegation members visited PIDA Secretariat Lahore on 21/11/2008 for a short time span and held meeting with Mr. Shafiq Ahmed GM (TM) and Mr. Shaiq Hussain Abidi DGM (SM). The delegation members thanked PIDA officials for arranging such a nice and productive visit schedule. They also thanked very much to Mr. Shaiq Hussain Abidi DGM (SM) for wonderful arrangements. The delegation members left for Karachi through Aero plane on the same day.