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SINDH WATER SECTOR IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**



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**De-Silting of Luck Turko Minor by Farmers Organization,
AEN for FOs Assisting FO**

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A-INTRODUCTION

Sindh Irrigation & Drainage Authority

The SIDA is an organization playing an outstanding role in a major transition process in the irrigation and drainage sector of Sindh. The tasks and responsibilities of SIDA are:

- To supply water from the barrages to the canals. These canals will be operated by Area Water Boards.
- Levy water charges from the Area Water Boards and other water users
- Construct, operate and maintain irrigation, drainage and flood protection infrastructure.

Sindh Water Sector Improvement Project (SWSIP-I)

The Sindh Water Sector Improvement Project (SWSIP-I) is the World Bank funded project. The overarching objective of SWSIP-I is to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the irrigation water distribution in three AWBs (Ghotki, Nara, Left Bank), particularly with respect to measures of reliability, equity and user satisfaction. This would be achieved by:

- a) Deepening and broadening the institutional reforms that are already underway in Sindh,
- b) Improving the irrigation system in systematic way covering key hydraulic infrastructure, main and branch canals, and distributaries and minors, and
- c) Enhancing long-term sustainability of the irrigation system through participatory irrigation management and developing institutions for improving operation and maintenance of the system and cost recovery.

The improved water management would lead to increased agricultural production, employment and income over some about 1.8 million ha or more than 30 percent of the irrigated area in Sindh, and one of the poorest region of the country.

In order to achieve above objectives SDC-Transition planned following activities:

- FO Re-Elections & making FO offices functional
- FO Training & Capacity Building
- Facilitating FOs for conducting their Audits
- Developing FO Business Plans
- Developing Channel O&M Plans

B- SOCIAL MOBILIZATION ACTIVITIES AT GLANCE

1- Institutional Strengthening of Farmers Organizations

1.1- FO Formation:

Overall Status of FO Formation in AWBs is given as under:

AWB	l FOs to be formed	Total Formed	ance to be formed
WB	91	89	02
VB	172	162	10
WB	105	93	12
	368	344	24

LBCAWB:

During the month of October-2014, Social team of LBC-AWB focused on (01) FO Formation.

Shadi Wah Small Minor: Mobilization started on Shadi Wah Small Minor from July-2014, get very positive response from water users, especially Syed Hamid Ali Shah (active Farmer/Grower) supporting our social team in meetings with different water user groups. It is expected that this FO Formation will be completed in November-2014 as reported by field team.

GFCAWB:

GFCAWB have already completed **3** FO Formations out of **5** remaining minors. Details are as under:

1. FO formation is in under process on **Imam Wah**, 75 water course associations formed out of 100 water courses Associations have been formed.
2. FO formation process on **Desert Minor**, is completed, 13 water course associations have been formed out of 13. There is still conflict in GB members regarding meeting of GB for election of BoM.

NCAWB:

As such the target of FO Formation has been reduced from 22 to 10 in NCAWB and it was agreed that 10 new FO Formation will be formed. The staff has started mobilization efforts for new FO formation but no any formation held and reported.

1.2- Assistance in Re-Election

1.2.1- Overall Status of Re-Election of FOs in AWBs till Oct 2014

AWB	Target as of Oct 2014	lections Held during Oct 2014	otal Re-Elections Remaining
WB	42	01	41
VB	55	01	54
WB	39	01	38
	136	03	133

1.2.2- Status of FOs where Re-Elections held during Oct 2014

AWB	Name of FO	D/O Re-Election
GFCAWB	Thatth Minor	29-10-2014
NCAWB	Old Sunthi Minor	27-10-2014
LBCAWB	More Minor	02-10-2014

Up Coming Re-Elections of FOs

Moreover, in **Upper Nara** re-election process on FOs RD-159 L/S and RD-136 are underway and field team SDC Choondko is continuously visiting on these minors. While due to extreme level of community conflicts on FO Pir Bux and Naoabad re-elections on these minor are not possible, while re-election on RD 159 L/s and RD-136 L/S are expected by the end of November 2014.

In **Lower Nara** meetings were held with the Board of management of FO Bareji Minor, Rohro Minor, Shah Bux Minor, Bareji Minor, New Sunthi Minor, Bustan Minor, Thaeem Minor, Chatto Minor and Potho Minor during the month of November by AWB SM Staff to motivate them to initiate the re-election process at the minors, The re-election process is underway on above FOs.

In **GFCAWB**, during the month meetings were held with the Board of management Nihal Wah, Lund Minor, Gaji Lower, Langho Minor, Chatto Minor, Chandia Minor and Nara Minor are under process.

In **LBCAWB** the social team of SIDA and AWB took joint efforts to hold meetings with General Body of FO Bulri Distry, Ali Wah Large, Kamaro Distry, Dokia Wah, Murad, Sorhadi, Bhawali and Golarchi Distry regarding re-election of FOs.

The resources limitation to AWBs' field staff including Mobility/Transportation and allowances are the major cause of slow pace of work as reported by AWB Social team was found. Moreover, Revised PC1 has been approved; additional positions of social mobilization in AWBs, which will be advertised and recruited accordingly.

1.3- FO Meetings

The Social Development Cell of SIDA is actively involved in growth and development of AWBs, FOs, Social Development, Social mobilization, FO training and capacity building. The cell is also monitor and supervises all social activities being carried out by AWBs in project area. In this regard Social Mobilization staff of SIDA & AWB jointly assist FOs in organizing General Body and Board of Management meetings as per provisions of (SWMO)-2002 as well. During the reporting months, more than 20 GB and 10 BoM meetings were held by the FOs. Other administrative issues discussed regarding water distribution, Abiana assessment & collection and de-silting as well. These meetings were held at FO offices.

S. No:	Date	Name of FO	G.B / BOM Meeting	Venue	Agenda / Remarks
A Nara Canal Area Water Board					
01	1/10/2014	Luck Turko	GB	At village Godho khan	Collection of Abiana
02	2/10/2014	Kiriri Minor	GB	At village Pir Bux Sahito	Water shortage
03	9/10/2014	RD-203 L/S	BoM	At FO office	Record keeping
04	10/10/2014	Faiz	BoM	At missali Goath	Record keeping
05	15/10/2014	Luck Turko	BoM	At village Ali Gohar Sahito	Desilting of the channel
06	23/10/2014	Choondko	GB	At FO office	Meeting with Assistant Manager Transition SIDA
07	24/10/2014	Sorah	BoM	Head of Channel	Collection of Abiana
08	30/10/2014	Hingorno	GB	FO office	Abiana Collection
09	14/10/2014	Ashabo	BOM	FO office	Re Election & Abiana
10	22/10/2014	Bhan	BOM	FO office	Abiana Collection
11	09/10/2014	Kandiara	BOM	FO office	Abiana Collection
12	02/10/2014	Khori	BOM	Vill:Haji Mohammad Lghari	Re Election of FO
13	10/10/2014	Rind	BOM	At Sinjhorro	Abiana Collection
14	15/10/2014	Duthro-11	BOM	FO office	Abiana Collection
B Left Bank Canal Area Water Board					
15	02/10/2014	Mor Minor	BoM	FO office	Meeting was conducted for re-election and re-election done.
16	02/10/2014	Sorhadi Branch	GB	FO office	Conducted GB meeting with FO Regarding re-election process
17	13/10/2014	Hafeeza Minor	BOM	FO Office	Mobilizing FOs for conducting their financial Audit & Preparing Business plans of FOs
18	13/10/2014	Dokia Wah	BOM	FO Office	Conducted meeting for re-election process and stared the re-election process

S. No:	Date	Name of FO	G.B / BOM Meeting	Venue	Agenda / Remarks
19	15/10/2014	Jam Wah	BOM	FO Chairman otack	Mobilizing FOs for conducting their financial Audit & Preparing Business plans of FOs
20	15/10/2014	Peer kandro	BOM	FO Office	Mobilizing FOs for conducting their financial Audit & and functioning the FO offices
21	16/10/2014	Shah Wah	BOM	FO Office	Conducted meeting with BoM for functioning the FO offices and for abiana collection and O&M plans
22	16/10/2014	Golarchi Distry	BOM	FO Office	Mobilizing and guided FOs for conducting their re-election and collect abiana and for guided them for O&M plan
23	20/10/2014	Khoski Minor	BOM	FO Office	Conducted BoM mobilizing FOs for conducting their financial audits, preparing business plans of FOs, facilitating FOs for conducting their
24	20/10/2014	Mor Minor	BOM	FO Office	Re-elections, organizing trainings and capacity building events & developing their O&M plan

Ghotki Feeder Canal AWB

During the reporting month SM Teams of SIDA/AWB visited the FO Channels and conducted meeting with BOM of Nihal Wah, Lund Minor, Gajji Lower, Langho Minor, Chatto Minor, Likpur Minor, Masu Minor, Chandia Minor, Nara Minor and Sonan Minor regarding re-election of FOs. Moreover, FO Saeedpur Minor, Nauraja Minor and Sangrar Minor visited as the part of Exit Strategy. Gaps in the performance of FOs and issues were widely discussed, such as Regular Meetings of their General Bodies (GBs) and Boards of Management (BoMs), seeking the due share of Irrigation Water for their respective Channels (Distributaries & Minors) from the Parent Channels (Main Canals / Branch Canals) & getting support of GFCAWB in this matter, Equal & Equitable distribution of irrigation water among and across the growers of the respective channel, special attention to the Tail Reach etc. Meetings with FOs took place also in order to strengthening them in terms of Organizational and Financial Record Keeping. Discussions were also made regarding Financial Audit of FOs and preparation of their Annual

Business Plans.

1.4- Assistance in Conflict Resolution

During the month, the SDC Field Team Umerkot facilitated along with Mr. Zaid Sipio remained successful to resolve the conflict between the farmers of Boilo minor on the issue of re-election process. The field team assisted both groups and motivated & mobilized to sit together to resolve this issue finally he succeeded to resolve issue and GB meeting for re-election will call in coming month.

At FO Bhan minor there was an issue regarding abiana collection. SDC Field team visited the FO and conducted the BOM meeting to resolve the matter. With the efforts of SDC field team, the matter was resolved and on same day 22nd of October the amount RS.85694/= was deposited in NCAWB Account.

In GFCAWB, re-Election on FO Makai Minor was announced on 22 October 2014 but due to internal community conflict on eleventh hour, the election committee postponed the re-election of FO Makai Minor.

In LBCAWB no any FO conflict reported during the month

1.5- Registration / Re-Registration of FOs and WCAs

During the reporting month no any new FO registered with RA SIDA. However, six FOs i.e. RD-115 R/S, RD-150 L/S, RD-214 L/S, Kangri Minor, Saifal Minor and Boilo Minor have been re-registered.

Moreover, no any WCA registration file has been received from OFWM Department.

1.6- Updating of Registration Data and FO Profiles

SDC is continuously engaged in updating the FO registration data and FO Profiles. Previously, the FO profiles were updated during 2009 later on it wasn't deemed as continued process. However SDC realized the need & importance and has resumed it again.

1.7- Preparation of Comments on various reports, presentations and Compliance Status

During the reporting quarter SDC was actively involved in preparing feedback/comments for various M&E reports (FO Performance Evaluation etc.).

1.8- Assist in Land Acquisition Matters of B1 Component

SDC is also involved in land acquisition matters of B1 Component. Initially focused on NC-01 contract and during reporting months mainly focus made on NC-02 contract. One of the Institutional Specialist (IS) of SDC had been given an additional assignment to look after the

matters of land acquisition and provide support and assistance in resolution of community issues of land acquisition. The (IS) is actively pursuing the matters under the guidance of SDS with DPD, Director NCAWB, Manager Revenue and Consultants. During the reporting month, SDC received Resettlement Action Plan of LBC-01, GFC-01 and NC-03 and are under review. SDS also provided comments on all three RAP documents.

1.9- Assist in Abiana Collection

During the reporting month, all the Field Teams of SM mobilized FOs for depositing of Abiana (water charges) to AWB. The Field Teams held 12 special meetings with the FOs for collection of Abiana from the members and deposit in the account of AWB as 60% share. In the result of these meetings, FO Doso Distry Deposited dues of Rabi 2013, 14 FO Khai, FO Tagusar Minor, FO Jageer FO Rohro Minor, FO Hathongo Minor, and FO Hingorno Minor, FO FO, Kangni Minor. FO, FO Boilo Minor, FO Lal Khan, FO Kahu minor FO Bagi Minor collected from the members and deposited in the account of AWB, The remaining FOs are in the process of collection of Abiana from the farmer members and deposit to AWB.

With efforts of field team Choondko, FO Luck Turko minor has assessed and started abiana collection of Kharif season 2014. At this time they have collected fifty thousand. FO Chairman told that at the end of October abiana collection of Kharif season would be completed and abiana would be deposited in the first week of November 2014. Field team Umerkot and Sanghar assisted FO Doso, FO Kunri Distry, FO Bhan Minor, FO Juma Distry, FO Ashabo Minor, FO Rind, FO Sinjhor & FO Kandiaro minor regarding the Abiana Collection. It was decided that FOs will try to deposit some amount of Abiana in AWB Account. Due to cotton, onion and rice crop FOs has good opportunity to collect the abiana from farmers.

1.10- De-Silting of Luck Turko Minor

Field team Choondko did many meeting with FO BoM regarding implementation of Channel Operation and Maintenance (O&M) plan. In this connection FO BOM meeting held at Luck Turko minor on October 15, 2014 on the agenda of desilting. FO Board of Management (BoM) informed that silt has been deposited in the channel and also supply of the water has been reduced and it need desilting. FO Chairman collected the money from the khatedars and desilting was started from 2th RD to tail. FO hired two excavators' machines for six days.

The detail of working hours of the machines and cost is as under.

Date	Excavator-1	Excavator-2	Total hrs	Cost
16/10/2014	18	18	36	75600
17/10/2014	19	14	33	69300
18/10/2014	17	16	33	69300
19/10/2014	15	17	32	67200
20/10/2014	18	18	36	75600
21/10/2014	13	17	30	6300
Total	100	100	200	420,000

1.11- Visit Reports of SIDA/AWB Officials

1.11.1- Visit of Assistant Manager Transition, SIDA

Assistant Manager Transition Mr. Pervez Ahmed Banbhan visited field office upper Nara Choondko on October 23, 2014. He did meeting with field staff and discussed about office agreement, field issues and checked some office record. After field staff meeting he visited Farmer Organization Choondko minor and participated in general body meeting.

Meeting started with recitation of Holy Quran and proceeded by Institutional Specialist and Assistant Engineer for FOs. After introduction of the participants, FO Chairman welcomed to the Assistant Manager Transition and gave detail presentation on institutional reform in irrigation sector. He told after signing of Irrigation & Drainage Management Transfer Agreement (IDMTA), Area water board didn't cooperate with FO and not handed over technical record. He appreciated reform in irrigation sector. Before FO there were lot of problem and issues especially on water turn and distribution of water. At this time there is no water distribution problem among khatedars. After rehabilitation works water shortage has been reduced and crop cultivation increased due to repair and maintenance of the pump house and minor.

Assistant Manager Transition Mr. Pervez Ahmed Banbhan told that FO formation was started in 2002-01 under National Drainage Program (NDP). This participatory Irrigation Management (PIM) system is already working in foreign countries. The main objective of this system was to delegate power to khatedars on gross root level. FO may play their role and responsibilities according to Sindh Water Management Ordinance 2002(SWMO-2002). FO may assess their crop cultivation and collect abiana and deposited 60% in AWB through cross cheque and ensure equitable distribution water among all the khatedars. The aim of FO is equal distribution of water, repair maintenance of channel, collection of abiana and conflict resolution. At last he thanked to all the participants.

1.11.2- Visit at FO Doso regarding Water Shortage in the Tail

Field Team Umerkot at Mirpurkhas visited FO Doso Distry on 30th of October 2014 regarding the matter of shortage of water in the tail. The team observed that there was availability of water in the tail and also got information from the available farmers in the tail. They said that they are feeling better in the presence of FO on Doso Distry but when it was suspended they felt more trouble at that time. The team members met with Mr.Mujib-ul-Rehman Pathan (w/c 28AR). He said that water is reached in the tail but rotation plan not provided to FO. So we remain unaware about the rotation plan, and feel reluctant to give fertilizer to our crops, because sometimes water doesn't reach at time which is main problem for all of. After than the team members met with Mr.Wahid Bux Kapri (w/c 32L).He said that water level is little bit improved since last few months but this is not sufficient for us and hopefully farmers will get water on regular basis with the efforts of FO Doso Distry. Field team umerkot already arranged general body meeting on 5th of November at FO Office Phulehdinyoon to discuss the water shortage issue in detail.

1.11.3- Visit at Makhi Complex NC-02 and meeting with Land owners

The work of new aligned Khipro and Mithrao Canals from 0 to 5 RDs is in progress. And the land where above work is in progress is private land of local farmers and falling in land acquisition process.

Mr. Shahnawaz Umrani Institutional Specialist SIDA is actively looking the land acquisition matters and coordinating and supporting the PIC as well as NCAWB staff in this regard.

Many time community conflicts raised at site, but the staff of NCAWB, social team of PIC and Institutional Specialist SIDA got efforts and motivated the community members to continue the work, and with the continue efforts work remained in progress smoothly. And work at Mithrao and Khipro Canals are in progress. the lands falling in land acquisition process at Mithrao Canal, belong to various khatedars, which include some in service man of armed forces have intervened and get the work stopped on 20 October 2014. So Institutional Specialist SIDA along with Resident Engineer PIC, inspector works SIDA and social team of PIC visited the site on 23 October 2014 and conducted a meeting with land owners. The land owners demanded immediate compensation of their lands because they have expressed their apprehensions that work is about to be completed but their compensation are yet to be released. It was informed the farmers that we are pursuing the matter on high priority but due to slow process of matter at DC office, section 6 of land acquisition act not issued yet. The Resident Engineer PIC NC-02 contacted with Director NCAWB and XEN Thar Division and discussed the matter. The Director NCAWB said that very soon, a meeting will be conducted with DC Sanghar to resolve the matter of land acquisition. After detail discussion the land owners became agree, and allowed to continue work at site.

1.12- Hands on Support

The Farmers' Organizations (FOs) are essential institutions for the empowerment, poverty alleviation and advancement of farmers and the rural poor. Governments and development agencies can create more appropriate and sustainable agriculture and rural development policies and programs, to identify and benefit small and poor farmers more effectively, by working with, supporting and involving FOs in the planning, design and implementation of agricultural and rural policies and programs, and by supporting them in implementing farmers' own agendas.

During the month of October 2014, Field Team Choondko assisted FOs Choondko, Luck Turko, Kiriri, Sorah and Faiz regarding corresponding in different offices. Field team Umerkot is providing hands on support to FO Ashabo minor regarding election at watercourses. Field team faced some problems among the communities and due to these problems the process was delayed but with continuous efforts without any conflict the process of election at all the watercourses is underway and at most of the watercourses this process has been completed.

1.13- Capacity Building of FOs

Refresher training held on Choondko minor in NCAWB was held on October 23, 2014. The training was focused on Sindh Water Management Ordinance (SWMO)-2002 and Role and Responsibilities of FO. General Body members and active khatedars participated in the event.

The training was conducted by Mr. Waqar Hussain Khokhar Institutional Specialist SIDA and Mr. Kosar Ali Mangi, AEN for FOs and also delivered the lecture.

The detail is given below table.

S#	FO	Date	Subject	No. of Participants	Venue	Resource persons
01	Choondko	23/10/2014	SWMO-2002 Role & responsibilities of FOs	30	FO office	Waqar Hussain Khokhar, Kousar Ali Mangi

2- Conclusion

During the reporting period, the field teams of social mobilization mostly focused on to achieve the assigned targets of re-election of farmer's organization for this purpose met with the representatives of farmers organization. They assist and facilitated to the FOs in term of their internal & external conflict and Abiana assessment & collection. Apart of this social mobilization teams had also taken the efforts to conduct GB & BoM meetings to activate the FOs. The social team is giving their full inputs to achieve their targets of social Mobilization by focused on FO Audit and Preparation of Channel O&M Plans.

3- Recommendations

- In SDC SIDA field offices there is no any provision of Office Boy and Office Assistant. Such staff should be provided in office
- New Computers, Printers and Scanners should be provided to Field Offices
- Internet facility should be provided to field offices.

PICTORIAL VIEW OF SOCIAL ACTIVITIES UNDER WSIP



Pictorial View of Re-Election of FO Thatt Minor, GFCAWB



Election Committee of FO Thatt Minor Announce the Nomination of BoM



Mr. Mushtaq Ali Buriro AM(SM) during the briefing on role and responsibilities of Farmer Organization (FO)



GB members of FO Thatt Minor gave vote of confidence new selected BoM with hand raising



Group Photo of New selected BoM of FO Thatt Minor receiving notification from Returning Officer Dr. Shoukat Ali

Social Activities



Desilting of Luck Turko Minor by Farmers Organization

