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For the Month of August 2013**

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A- Institutional Development of Farmers Organization

1. FO Formation:

FO Formations are to be held on RD-104 R/S, Bux Ali and Metahri. The farmers of these minors requested the field team staff SIDA to form the Farmer Organizations on their channels. Field Team Choondko visited these minor for technical record but there were no single paper of any record. In this regard the field team discussed the matter with Manager Customer Relation Nara Canal Area Water Board Mirpurkhas about the record and requested regarding technical record of above mentioned channels may be collected from concerned AWB offices and provided to the field team Choondko. But required technical record not provided so far.

Similarly on Bux Ali Minor and Metahri Minor FO formation is impossible due to enormous conflicts of big land lords (Khadim Hussain Aradin & Bux Ali Aradin) of the area. During current month, son of Khadim Hussain Aradin killed by Bux Ali Aradin group due to internal conflicts which were continuing since four years. While on RD-104 R/S there is no single paper of any record. In the current situation FO formation process cannot be started in Upper Nara.

2. Re-Election:

2.1- NCAWB:

The re-elections at watercourse association level are in process on Faiz minor, Pir Bux minor, RD-136 minor, RD 159 minors. While on RD-205minor, some internal conflict has been raised. At this time re-elections on Kamrao and Naoabad minors could not be held due to conflict among Aradin community. The conflicts between two big influential land lords of the area namely Mr. Khadim Araadin and Mr Bux Ali Aradin are in high point condition. The son of Mr. Khadim Araadin has been killed by the opponent group. The mentioned channels are in the control of Araadin community so currently re-elections cannot be processed.

2.2- LBCAWB:

Field team Badin assigned 42 FOs where channels are selected for rehabilitation works. Out of 42 FOs, re- elections of 24 FOs have already been completed by field team Badin as of August 2013 as per SWMO 2002. Initiatives for remaining FOs have been made on re-elections process. Moreover, Field team Badin also participated and assist the re-election process of 5 FOs channels which still not have been selected for rehabilitation works under WSIP. It is pertinent that due to political involvement on going rehabilitation works, Field Team Badin faced various difficulties in processing of conducting FOs re-election but instead of this the Team tried its level best to resolve various FO conflicts and successfully conducted re-election of 24 FOs and 5 re-election conducted by Field Team Badin non WSIP FOs. So far 29 re-elections conducted by Field Team Badin. During the month of August 2013 re-election of FO Machari Minor was done by AWB and SIDA field staff.

2.3- GFCAWB:

Re-Election process is underway, no any re-election done during the month.

3. FO General Body & BoM Meetings:

3.1- LBCAWB:

The field team regularly attends FO GB, BoM and emergency meeting called by the FOs. FOs hold their BoM/GB meetings regularly all the issues pertaining to channel water distribution and different issues are discussed in their meetings. Field Team Badin attended this month June 2013 conducted 11 BoM meetings and 2 GB meeting under the WSIP activities.

| S# | Date | Name of FO | Purpose of BoM/GB meeting | Venue | Remarks |
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| Left Bank Canal Area Water Board | | | | | |
| 01 | 01/08/2013 | Jakhiji Minor | FO Jakhiji Minor meeting with BoM members | Head regulator at Jakheji Minor , Badin | Field team-B visited the minor along with FO and conducted BoM meeting |
| 02 | 01/08/2013 | Imam Wah Junobi | Meeting with BoM of FO regarding rehabilitation works | At Ottaqu of FO chairman at Tando Ghulam Ali | Field team A conducted BoM meeting and also visited the rehabilitation works |
| 03 | 02/08/2013 | FO Golarchi Distry | Meeting with BoM FO Goalrchi Distry, RE PIC, ARE, and Contractor participated | BoM meeting at FO office at RD 28+000 LBCAWB – Badin | Field team-B Badin conducted BoM meeting |
| 04 | 02/08/2013 | Hafizes Minor | FO Hafeeza Minor meeting with BoM GB members | FO Office Hafeeza Minor, Chanri Disty Phulali Canal | Field team-B visited the minor along with FO and conducted BoM meeting |
| 05 | 05/08/2013 | Gurho | FO Gurho Minor meeting with BoM members | RD-22 at Gurho Minor, Badin | Field team-B visited the minor along with FO and conducted BoM meeting |
| 06 | 05/08/2013 | Pir Kandero Minor | Conducted BoM meeting regarding rehabilitation issues | At ottaqu of FO chairman at RD10+00 | Field team A conducted meeting and also visited rehabilitation works |
| 07 | 06/08/2013 | Ahmed Rajo | BoM & GB members of FO Ahmed Rajo | FO Ahmed Rajo Distributry, | Field team-B attended BoM meeting with FO |

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| | | | Distributry | Golarchi sub division, Guni Canal LBCAWB – Badin | |
| 08 | 07/08/2013 | Jarki Minor | FO Jarki Minor meeting with BoM & GB members | FO Office Jarki Minor , | Field team-B visited the minor along with FO and conducted G.B meeting |
| 09 | 07/08/2013 | Dokia Wah | Conducted BoM meeting regarding rehabilitation works | At FO office | Field team A conducted BoM meeting and visited rehabilitation works PIC staff members also join |
| 10 | 13/08/2013 | Jam Wah | FO Jam Wah meeting with GB members | FO Chairman ottaqu, Badin | Field team-B visited the minor along with FO and conducted BoM meeting |
| 11 | 13/08/2013 | Jam Wah | FO Jam Wah meeting with BoM members | FO Chairman ottaqu, Badin | Field team-B visited the minor along with FO and conducted BoM meeting |
| 12 | 13/08/2013 | Hafizes Minor | FO Hafeeza Minor meeting with BoM members | FO Office Hafeeza Minor, Chanri Disty Phulali Canal | Field team-B visited the minor along with FO and conducted G.B & BoM meeting |
| 13 | 15/08/2013 | Kunbharo Minor | Meeting with BoM of FO regarding rehabilitation works and maintain the social records | At FO office | Field team A conducted BoM meeting and visited rehaibilation works |
| 14 | 15/08/2013 | Gunj Bahar | FO Gunj Bahar meeting with BoM members | Gunj Bahar Head regulator, Badin | Field team-B visited the minor along with FO and conducted BoM meeting |
| 15 | 16/08/2013 | Vehnai & Kamaro | BoM Meeting with FO Vehnai & Ghar Kadhan | FO Vehnai & Ghar Kadhan LBCAWB – Badin. | Field team-B visited FO Vehnai & Ghar Kadhan meeting with BoM |

3.2- NCAWB:

In FO meetings mainly rehabilitation work issues / progress were discussed in the meetings. The Abiana collection, water regulation, record keeping and re-election matters and planning for trainings and capacity building were also the part of agendas of the BOM meetings.

General Body Meetings of FO:

During the month of August 2013 following two general body meetings were held in NCAWB:

1. General body meeting of FO RD-203 L/S held on 30-08-2013 at FO office.
2. General body meeting of FO RD 214 L/S minor held on 30-08-2013 at FO office.

The main agenda of the meetings were to discuss Abiana collection issues and record keeping in the offices of FOs. General body members and other active farmers of the channel participated in these meetings.

Board of Management Meetings of FOs:

Board of Management Meetings of Following FOs of NCAWB were held during the month of August 2013.

1. FO Sorah minor on 26 August 2013 at FO office
2. FO RD-203 minor on 27 August 2013 at FO office
3. FO Malook minor on 31 August 2013 at FO office
4. FO Hingorno Minor on 30 August 2013 at FO office
5. FO Bhan minor on 15 August 2013 at FO office
6. FO Juma Distry on 19 August 2013 at Phulahdion.
7. FO Dosso Distry on 12 August 2013 at FO office
8. FO Khori minor 7 August 2013 at FO office
9. FO Duthro-11 minor on 12 August 2013 at FO office
10. FO Rind minor on 19 August 2013 at FO office
11. FO Sinjhor minor on 23 August 2013 at FO office

3.3- GFCAWB:

Members of the Field team Ghotki visited the FO Channels Nauraja Minor, Rohri Forest Minor, Lund Minor, Naseer Minor, Saeedpur Minor, Tig Minor, Bori Lower Minor, Dub II Minor, Kalwali Minor on different days. The purpose of these visits was to check and verify the ongoing Rehabilitation works at the mentioned FO channels. The officials of the SIDA field team Ghotki participated in the field visits, met with the members and representatives of the FOs and visited the channels also.

Final IPC for FO Channels Lund Minor and Naseer Minor has been moved. Field team members also visited Jam wah, Nara Minor, Salhani Forest Minor, Mubarakpur Minor where works have been completed.

General Body Meeting held by FO Nauraja Minor on August 19, 2013 at Village Nauraja. Board of Management (BoM) Meetings held with 02 FOs Saeedpur Minor at FO Office and Rohri Forest Minor on August 15, 2013 and August 26, 2013 respectively.

A general body meeting for the third tenure election was held at FO Hussaini Minor on August 29, 2013. Election for the third tenure could not be held due to communities' conflict within FO.

4. Conflict Resolution:

4.1- RD-205 R/S

In current month conflict raised on RD-205 R/S minor on FO re-election. Re-election process was started in the month of July 2013. And re elections on watercourses level were completed by election committee. The date for re election of BOM was fixed on 6th August 2013, but Ex- FO chairman didn't want re-election and gave lame excuse for clearing of Abiana. Basically he doesn't want to leave FO chairmanship and raised objection on WCAs formation. Returning officer (RO) assured about clearance of Abiana within three month but Ex- chairman misbehaved RO and field team Choondko. He gave threat of High court and refused to give WCAs forms of their communities. Due to this situation re-election could not held. At this time field team Choondko and Returning Officer are trying to resolve the conflict and to motivate to newly elected general body members for clearing of Abiana

4.2- Pharharo

Some Khatedars of Pharharo minor tried to install illegal pipes in delivery tank of the pump house and excavated illegal watercourses on Inspection path (IP) of the minor. During SIDA field team Choondko and SDO Nara lift subdivision visit on the minor about 500 feet illegal watercourses was excavated. We informed to FO chairman about that illegal watercourses. FO chairman and some other members came on site, Khatedars misbehaved to FO chairman and their members. They threaten to SDO and FO chairman. SDO Nara lift subdivision contacted to Police for help. On next day that illegal watercourses was filled by FO and AWB.

4.3- FO Dosso Distry

At FO Dosso Distry in the General Body meeting it was this decided that FO office will be made near the police station Phulehdinyoon, the location was also appreciated by CRE. At the location FO office some one from Murree community said that it is his plot and he stopped the work but actually the plot was of Mr. Amanullah shar. With our efforts and with the coordination of FO this problem was resolved and work was started for FO office. But the work of FO office is going on very slowly and contractor should take immediate action to complete this work soon because it is already too late.

During the month of August 2013, in LBCAWB the conflict of Jakheji, Ahmed Rajo & Gurho, Sorhadi, Pir Kadero, Kunbharo Minor successfully resolved. The Field Team visited minor head to tail with FO Chairman, ARE PIC & Contractor & resolved all the issue

5. Hands on Support

During current month, Field Team Choondko assisted FO Choondko and FO Dingri minors in letter head and Abiana receipt printing. Field team Umerkot assisted the representatives of FO Juma minor in corresponding with SIDA, PIC and NCAWB to include the Singh minor in rehabilitation works. Singh minor is the sub system of FO Juma Distry and is the part of FO Juma Distry, which not proposed for rehabilitation work in BOQ. But after the continue efforts of FO and assistance to FO by field team Umerkot the Singh minor was included in rehabilitation works. Now the work on Singh minor has been completed and remaining work on Juma Distry is in progress. Field team Sanghar assisted FO Khori, Rind and Sinjhoru minors in Abiana collection and record keeping.

6- Other Activities in AWBs

6.1- De-silting on channels through self help basis

During current month Pir Bux minor, RD-214 and some tail portion of Dingri minor had been de-silted by FOs through self help basis and the rain cuts were filled. During rains some cuts occurred and silt deposited in the channels. According FO representative about 100 farmers worked on Pir Bux minor for two days, 80 persons worked on RD-214 minor for two days and about 20 persons worked on Dingri minor for two days. The de silting work of above three channels were successfully completed by the FOs on self help basis.

Similarly desilting on Santrao minor in under way by Area Water Board (AWB) with machines, because Santrao minor has taken over by area water board on the proposal of Regulatory Authority (RA).

6.2- Installation of Sign boards on FO offices.

During current month sign board were installed on FO offices of Kamrao minor, Malook minor, Pir Bux minor, Choondko minor, RD-205 minor, RD-203 minor, RD-214 minor ,RD-196 minor , Pharharo minor and Dingri minor. These FO offices were constructed during rehabilitation works under Water Sector Improvement Project (WSIP-1).

SIDA field team Choondko assisted to FOs for installation of FO sign boards on their offices. Beside this six FO office sign boards are still pending for installation.

Now FOs are conducting their General Body (GB) and Board of Management BoM) meetings in their FO offices.

6.3- Refresher Trainings.

Field team Choondko conducted Refresher Trainings at FO RD-203 L/S and RD-214 L/S on 29th August 2013 on the subject of Irrigation and Drainage Management Transfer Agreement (IDMTA) in the FO offices.

In these trainings General Body members participated. After Refresher training Questions and answer sessions held.

6.4 Workshop of M&E at NCAWB Mirpurkhas:

Workshop of M&E was held on 21-08-2013 at Meeting Hall NCAWB Mirpurkhas. In this workshop GMT-SIDA, Director NCAWB, Rana Ashiq Hussain and Ibrahim from M&E and some others participated. SIDA Field team at Mirpurkhas and Social staff of NCAWB Mirpurkhas also participated.

Issues Discussed

1. Lack of awareness
2. Lack of Technical Record
3. No Institutionalization
4. Limited record and register keeping
5. Issues of recognizing FOs as a legal entity
6. Lack of measurement of water and its flow
7. Limited effort in investing maintenance of I&D structures
8. Assessment and Collection of Abiana
9. Lack of Budget
10. Critical water shortage in the tail

Recommendations:

1. Installation of Gauges at each outlet.
2. Provision of office building with necessary equipment.
3. Provide some technical water measurement instrument to FOs

Actions Proposed:

1. Number of Social staff should be increased.
2. Training should be given on target group, not general.
3. On job training.
4. Related record should be given to FOs from sub divisions and NCAWB.
5. Water maintenance and rotation techniques should be introduced at FOs
6. Training should be given in detail on Abiana Collection.

B- TECHNICAL

Rehabilitation Works Status

The overall 101 channels were selected under WSIP-1. 42 in NCAWB, 42 in LBCAWB and 14 in GFCAWB under WSIP-1 project.

NCAWB: 1. Total 42 channels of NCAWB were selected for rehabilitation works under WSIP-1 project. Eleven contracts / packages (NCB) were awarded in Nara Canal Area Water Board, in which 36 channels were selected for rehabilitation works. And 6 other Channels were selected in CBC contracts.

The rehabilitation works of six CBC contract channels have been completed. Out of 11 NCB contracts, rehabilitation works on 10 contracts have been completed and channels were handed over to FOs. The works on remaining one contract package number 29-B are in progress at NCAWB. Out of three channels of package number 29-B, the work has been completed on Hingorno minor and channel was handed over to FO. Now, the works are in progress on only Dosso Distry and Juma Distry.

LBCAWB: The primary focus of Badin team under WSIP is on those FOs i.e (42 FOs of 18 packages 1 CBC), which were selected under rehabilitation works carried out under WSIP to provide them institutional and technical support and the remaining FOs will be covered through AWB social mobilization staff.

C- PROJECT IMPACT

1. Water Distribution

Water distribution in the channels under rehabilitation works WSIP has been improved. The cry from tail reach farmers has remarkably decreased.

2. Cropping Intensity

Since water reach has improved, therefore it definitely has positive impact on production, but this subject need thorough and comprehensive research survey to find out the actual figures of cropping intensity.

D- ISSUES

1. Water Distribution

In LBCAWB, after rehabilitation works water delivery improved on various FOs such as Khoski, Beero Veeran, Kunbharo Minor, Akri, Dokia wah, Shah Wah, Rajwah Durang, Ahmed Rajho, Garhari and Padher Minors but in the month of July 2013 majority of FOs Such as FO Khunbharo Minor, Murad Distry, Sher Wah Large, Ali Bahar, Shah Wah, Khoski Minor, Imam Wah Junobi, Jakheji Minor, Kazia old, Gunj Bahar are facing acute water shortage at minors. Most of the FOs are deprived due to water shortage and FOs of the view that this is artificial water shortage by AWB staff even they have no water for drinking purpose.

2- Mobility:

- Old jeeps and Bikes are available for Field Teams procured under SOFWMP, which needs major repair or change

3- Office Issues:

- Required new Computers, Printers and Scanner for field offices

E- CONCLUSION

The overall project objects are improving efficiency of infrastructure of irrigation system and strengthening institutions which are working under reforms and reduced water shortage at level of various channels and make efficient.

For the promotion of success of institutional reforms major stake holders are working collectively. One of the major stake holders being a water user, FOs are actively participating in rehabilitation works such as conducting consultative meetings, attending orientation workshops, participating in walk through surveys to acquire the initial data of the channels, the encroachments. Identification of several community infrastructures like FO offices, Buffalo wallows, Washing Ghats, Foot Bridges, Village road Bridges etc. and also keep check on the quality and quantities of ongoing rehabilitation works through participatory irrigation management as signing and verify the Interim Payment Certificate along with AWB officials, Consultants and SIDA officials.

Pictorial View of Activities during the Month of August 2013

