

**Activity Report for the Month of January 2013**

**A- Institutional Development of Farmers Organization**

**1. FO Formation:**

During the month of January 2013 one new FO at Islam Minor in GFCAWB has been registered with RA SIDA. Moreover, the work in Upper Nara on RD-104 R/S, Bux Ali and Metahri Minors is underway.

**2. Re-Election:**

During the month of January 2013, the joint coordination of SIDA/AWB Social Staff, five re-elections have been conducted in NCAWB. i.e.

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| 1. RD-116 minor    | 12-01-2013 |
| 2. RD-118 minor    | 13-01-2013 |
| 3. FO Dingri minor | 16-01-2013 |
| 4. FO Taj Minor    | 18-01-2013 |
| 5. RD-203 minor    | 24-01-2013 |

Moreover, the re-election process on FO Sangrar Minor at GFCAWB and Sadrat-1 Minor in NCAWB is underway. No any re-election done in LBCAWB during the month.

**3. FO Meetings:**

During the month of Members of the Field team Ghotki formally met with FO Sangrar Minor, Salhani Minor, Kamal Wah, Naseer Minor, Bori Lower, Dub II, Tig Minor, Saeedpur Minor, Nauraja Minor, Mubarakpur Minor, Rohri Forest, Jam wah, Nara Minor and Lund Minor during visits. The purpose of these visits was to check and verify the ongoing rehabilitation works at the mentioned FO channels.

**3.1. General Body Meetings of FO:**

During the month of January 2013, following GB Meetings were held with FOs by SDC-Team

- GFCAWB:** GB Meetings were held on FO Sangrar and Nara Minor  
**LBCAWB:** GB Meetings were held on Kazia Old, Ahmed Rajo,  
**NCAWB:** GB Meetings were held on FO Bhiro Minor, FO Sadrat-1 Minor, FO RD-116 Minor, FO RD-118 Minor, FO RD-203 minor, FO Taj Minor, FO Dingri Minor, FO Bhan Minor

**3.2. Board of Management Meetings of FOs:**

During the month of January 2013, following BoM Meetings held with FOs by SDC-Team

- GFCAWB:** BoM meetings were held on FOs Kamal wah, Lund Minor, Bori Lower Minor, Tig Minor, Rohri Forest, Mubarakpur Minor were held at GFCAWB.
- LBCAWB:** BoM Meetings with FO Ali Baher Distry, Jarki Distry held in LBCAWB
- NCAWB:** BoM Meetings with FO Sarki Minor, Rind Minor, Bhirro Minor, Pharharo Minor, RD-196 Minor, RD-205 Minor, Bhan Minor, Ashabo Minor, Khahi Minor, Darelo Minor, Kunri Distributary

#### **4. Conflict Resolution:**

- GFCAWB:** Efforts to resolve Kamal wah issue kept on during the month of January 2013 too. It is reported that members of FO Kamal wah are reluctant to sign the IPCs. No internal FO conflict was reported either.
- LBCAWB:** During the month of the Jan 2013, two conflicts of FO Bhawli and Ahmed Raju were successfully resolved through the consultation meeting with FOs.
- NCAWB:** During Jan 2013, four technical conflicts on rehabilitation works were reported at FO Bhiro Minor, Ashabo Minor, Khahi Distry and Hingorno Minor. The field team through various consultation meetings with PIC & Contractors resolved the issues.

#### **5. Hands on Support:**

- GFCAWB:** Field team is continuously taking efforts for the assistance, guidance and coordination with FOs within its jurisdiction, not only those FOs which are selected under WSIP-I for rehabilitation works but also those FOs which are not part of WSIP-I rehabilitation works. At the same time, field team Ghotki is in coordination with AWB on professional grounds.
- LBCAWB:** Field team Badin conducted meeting with Assistant Executive Engineer Tando Bagho Sub Division on demand of FO Khoski Minor for handing over the 100 form and D-statement of Minor. Post rehabilitation support to FO Khoski Minor was given to FO Khoski Minor in term of updating of record keeping, maintain of FO Office etc.
- NCAWB:** During current month, Field Team Choondko assist FO Pir Bux , Dingri, Luck Turko, Taj, Faiz and Kiriri Minor in writing of official letters to SIDA and PIC regarding replacement of motors and reification of the outlets.

#### **6- Visits**

##### **6.1 Visit of World Bank Social Mission to FO Duthro-1 Minor**

On 4th January 2013, Ms Samina Salam Senior Social Development Specialist World Bank visited FO Duthro-1 Minor along with Ms Farzana Abbasi SDS SIDA, Mr. Masroor A. Shahwani Training Coordinator SIDA, Mr. Pervez Ahmed Bambhan Assistant Manager Transition SIDA and Mr. Hizbullah Mangrio Communication Specialist SIDA and representatives of M&E and PIC. The representatives of FO Duthro-1 minor and Mr. Shahnawaz Umrani Institutional Specialist SIDA welcomed the delegation. After that Ms Samina inaugurated the raised platform, constructed by World Food Program. Mr. Habib Baig representative of FO gave a detail presentation about the socio economic condition of the area, and performance and activities of Farmer

Organization Duthro-1 minor. Ms. Samina asked various questions from participants about role and responsibility of FOs and methodology of work of the FOs. She asked about role of Watercourse Associations. The participants replied her in detail. In the last Ms Samina highly appreciated the active role and performance of FOs in participatory irrigation management.

## **6.2 Visit of World Bank Social Mission at FO Kandiaro & FO Ashabo minor**

The visit of FO Kandiaro and FO Ashabo minors by Ms.Samina (Social Development Specialist) from World Bank was held on 5th of January 2013. The other participants were GMT-SIDA & CRE-PIC etc. First of all they visited at the minor of FO Kandiaro minor. She appreciated the work done at FO Kandiaro minor. It was further discussed that FO is capable to do good work at the minor. It is said to be the great achievement of FO to complete the CBC work. Then we visited the FO Office of FO Kandiaro minor and it was good. In the meeting of FO Kandiaro minor, it was discussed that FO is willing to carry out more works? The BOM said that they are ready to take more works to show their capabilities. But they need the training before to carry out the work with smoothly and successfully. Then FO Ashabo was visited. The minor was made excellent and it was highly appreciated by the visitors. . Mr. Cheema discussed the problems faced during the rehabilitation work. The main Problems faced were floods which caused due to heavy rains and delay in the payments. He said that the procedure of payment for CBCs should be simple.

## **6.3 Visit of SDS SIDA to FO Boilo minor and FO Karna minor**

Ms. Farzana Abbasi Social Development Specialist SIDA, visited FO Boilo and FO Karna minors along with the field team members Mr. Shahnawaz Umrani FRO, and Mr. Abdul Wassay Sheikh Assistant Engineer for FO Mirpurkhas. The main purpose of the visit was to observe the rehabilitation works carried out in CBC contract under WSIP-1 project, and conduct meeting with representatives of FO to discuss the rehabilitation work issues. The team members visited Boilo minor and observed the works from head to tail. Social Development Specialist SIDA appreciated the efforts of FO and SIDA field team Mirpurkhas to complete the works successfully. She observed the community infrastructures like washing ghats, foot bridges and head regulator structures. She met local community and asked about the impact of work. The local people highly appreciated the works done at site. The SDS met with representatives of FO Boilo minor and discussed about rehabilitation works. The members of FO informed that such work has never been done on the minor by government or any other organization. First time such qualitative rehabilitation work was executed on the minor. After rehabilitation works, the water distribution has been improved from head to tail, and especially the tail ender farmers are very happy and get their due share of water now.

After visiting Boilo minor the team members proceeded to FO Karna minor and visited the ongoing works of FO office building, the construction work upto roof level has been completed. Mr. Fateh Mohammad Palli Chairman FO Karna minor informed that due to late payment of bills the work has been delayed. The SDS SIDA said that the work of FO office should be completed as soon as possible. Mr. Dur Mohammad Palli Treasurer FO Karna minor informed that the work will be completed within 15 days. After that the SDS SIDA visited the rehabilitation works at Karna minor along with field team Mirpurkhas and representative of FO.

The SDS SIDA asked from the representatives of FO to concretely explain the impact of rehabilitation works. The representatives of FO replied that rehabilitation works have brought a positive change in water distribution which has resulted in increasing cultivation. Now the tail

end cultivators are getting their due share of water. Before the rehabilitation work there was great shortage of water at tail end.

The representatives of FO Karna minor said that the GOS cheque of 4th IPC of FO Karna minor is not released so far, so it may be released soon as the remaining work of FO office may be completed as soon as possible. The SDS SIDA assured that she will pursue the matter to get the cheque issued as soon as possible.

#### **6.4 Field Visit of Rajwah Distry & Durang Minor on 1st Jan 2013**

Field team A visited the minor for joint verification of IPC# 02 along with BoM of FO and PIC staff members. First we have jointly taken the measurements of structures VRB, FB and head regulator. Field team A briefly describe the each item of work to BoM of FO. field team and farmers also checked the quality of works. Field team and PIC staff cheked the x-sections of earth work there was difference in levels and few quality issues of structure works after checking the IPC field team and PIC RE return back the IPC to contractor staff for re-submit.

#### **6.5 Field Visit and BoM meeting of FO Khanote Minor on 9th Jan 2013.**

Field team A visited the minor along with BoM of FO for rehabilitation works. PIC staff members and contractor staff also join us. The purpose of visit was to check the outlets and other structures works and brief the issues regarding FO representatives. Field team checked the steel and shuttering work of Foot bridges and VRB and also checked the quality of work. Field team also conducted the BoM meeting in meeting field team brief the farmers regarding scope of work and BoQ items. At Khanote minor almost 5 outlets were completed and 2 FB and 1 VRB work was in progress.



#### **6.6 Field Visit of FO Dokia Wah for joint verification of IPC#04 on 13th Jan 2013.**

Field team A visited FO dokia Wah along with BoM of FO for verification of IPC #04. PIC staff members also join us. The purpose of visit was to take the joint measurements of work done. Field team A taken the measurements of outlets work and FB and VRB works. We have also checked the earth work and jungle clearance. Field team A briefly describe the each item of works to farmers. BoM of FO was satisfied from the each items of work and verified the IPC.



#### **6.7 Field Visit of FO Rajwah Distry & Durang Minor**

Field Visit of FO Rajwah Distry & Durang Minor for Joint verification of IPC# 02 on 16th Jan 2013  
Field team A visited FO Rajwah Distry & Durang minor along with BoM of FO for verification of IPC# 02. PIC staff members also join us. The purpose of visit was to take the joint measurements of work done. Field team A taken the measurements of FB and VRB works. We have also checked the earth work and jungle clearance. Field team A briefly describe the each item of

work as per BoQ to farmers. BoM of FO was satisfied from the each items of work and verified the IPC.

### 6.8 Field Visit of SDS (SIDA) and GB meeting at Khanote Minor on 17th Jan 2013

A field visit and BoM of Khanote minor held on 17th January 2013. Social development Specialist Madam Farzana along with Field Team A Badin and PIC RE Mr. Ghazanfar Kaka visited the minor from head to tail and then conducted the meeting with farmers of FO Khanote Minor.



The purpose of meeting was to resolve outlets issue and tree cutting issue and also to review the rehabilitation works. SDS started the meeting and asked from the BoM of FO regarding rehabilitation works FO chairman Mr. Rajab Ali Shah off the view that FO actively participating in the rehabilitation works and they also received only copies of design reports and contract agreement.

FO chairman also said to SDS that they do not have knowledge of estimates and rates of items of work SDS replied to farmers that after submit ion of 1s IPC you will know the estimates and quantities of each items which are constructed. SDS also asked from the farmers why farmers stopped the work of 1R outlet at RD 0+700 farmers said to SDS that we will then allow the construction of that outlet if contractor and PIC staff members should lined the other outlet which is near to 1R outlet SDS brief the farmers that this outlet is not in scope of work and SDS also suggest to farmers that for lining the outlet they can contact with water management officers farmers are agreed and said that we will discuss with other farmers regarding 1 R outlet and then give permission in written within 2 days for constructing the outlet.



FO chairman and other farmers also discuss the tree cutting issue with SDS and said that we will make committee regarding tree cutting issue and soon we will conduct GB meeting regarding tree cutting issue and that committee will be responsible for tree cutting.

#### 6. Assistance in Abiana Collection:

Matter was thoroughly discussed in meetings with FOs.

## B- TECHNICAL

### 1- Rehabilitation Works

**GFCAWB:** Rehabilitation works are going on at 18 FO channels in Ghotki.

**Sindh Water Sector Improvement Project**

**NCAWB:** Total 11 contracts were awarded in Nara Canal Area Water Board, in which 42 channels were selected for rehabilitation works. Out of 42 channels 36 were selected for NCB contract and 6 were selected for CBC contracts. The rehabilitation works have been completed at Upper Nara. Only few remaining works of package number 24-A are in progress in upper Nara.

**LBCAWB:** The work on overall 42 FOs of 18 packages and One CBC are underway under WSIP.

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**C- PROJECT IMPACT**

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**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.

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**D- ISSUES**

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**1- Field Issues:**

The vehicles and bikes available in field were procured under SOFWM Project during 2005 and the condition is so worst. New vehicles should be provided in field.

**2- Office Issues:**

No any Office Boy and Office Assistant available in field offices. There are also old computers and printers and no internet facility.