



Sindh Irrigation and Drainage Authority
Activity Report Transition Wing
December 2010

Component-wise Progress Note:

A. Community Development and Capacity Building (SIDA, AWBs, FOs)

- Training proposal for FOs under component A3 for operational management has been approved and schedule has been drafted. Training will start from January 2011 as per PC1 of WSIP.
- To improve the Abiana collection and achieve target, various meetings have been conducted with AWBs and FOs. A series of Abdars trainings in three AWBs was initiated through Training Center SIDA with joint collaboration of Revenue Team. Three Trainings of various sub-divisions of NCAWB were held at Mirpurkhas and Sanghar. The training of remaining sub-division has been planned during December 2010 at Mirpurkhas. The overall 299 Abdars in all AWBs will be trained under WSIP through these series of trainings.
- The overall recovery during December 2010 is nearer to Rs. ----- million in all AWBs. Whereas only in NCAWB Rs 4 million have been recovered during reporting month.
- As of now 354 FOs have been formed and registered out of which 314 FOs have been given the management responsibilities for operation and maintenance of 314 distributaries and minors in three AWBs by signing of the Irrigation, Drainage Management Transfer (IDMT) Agreements. No additional IDMT took place during the month.
- As of December 2010, 282 re-elections out of 419 have been conducted in all AWBs. The focus is being made on the FOs, where rehabilitation works under WSIP-1 has been proposed. During reporting month re-election process on FO Sinjhor, Sathno III and IV minors is completed and re-elections will be conducted during January 2011. As such no any re-election was held during Dec 2010.
- During reporting month 3 FO internal conflicts were resolved by the field teams. The first conflict was arisen at FO Simini Minor on Water Shortage and other was reported at FO Gundhan and Sinjhor on re-election. All conflicts were successfully resolved by field team staff.

- The Complaint Cell has been registering the complaints and trying to resolve the issues. As of November 2010 overall 141 complaints received of which 24 complaints have been resolved.

Media Coverage done for following key Events

Component: B Rehabilitation and Improvement of Irrigation and Drainage System. 170 Distributaries/ Minors, 28 Branch Canals and 7 Main Canals in three AWB

- To date 101 FO channels have been identified. The overall 79 Consultative Meetings, 63 walkthrough surveys and 55 detailed engineering surveys of distributaries/ minors in all three AWBs have been completed. Consultative meetings and walk through survey on remaining Minors/Distributaries is underway.
- RAP/SAP and EMP documents of Package No: 1, 1A, 2, 3, 4, 4A, 5 and 5A have been prepared and are being issued accordingly. Series of meetings and field visits made during the month to finalize RAP/SAP
- Invitation for Bids (IFB) for 8 contract packages (Package 1, 1A, 2, 3, 4, 4A, 5 and 5A) covering 25 Minors/Distributaries of NCAWB was published and bids are opened and also the contracts have been awarded.
- As per tentative plan submitted to World Bank, 5 more individual Community Based Contracts have been awarded to Farmers Organizations and agreements have been signed on 14th December 2010 and 31st December 2010 accordingly.
- RAP/SAP documents of B1 (1) contract package has been developed by PIC and is under review/commented in coordination with EMU staff.
- Strong coordination made with GMO and Procurement Specialist in finalizing documents and moving things forward

Way Forward

- It is expected that the physical implementation of Rehabilitation works will be started during next month. Also the Transition Wing is working on possibility of Community Based Contracts (CBCs) with potential FOs and coordination is ongoing with the World Bank for approval of such contracts. This will give opportunity to people to interact more with community for quality service delivery and transparency in execution.
- Handling of Resettlement as well as environmental issues will be key challenge. The social and field staff is fully capable and trained to handle such matters for smooth execution of works.
- Bid opening of Package 2,3,5 and 5A will be expected during next month. Similarly survey of new channels will be actively in hand during Nov 2010.
- Abiana and re-election matters will be consuming more time of the staff as well as of the managers for better results to sustain reforms programme.
- AWBs and FOs support has to be chalked out under component A2 and A3 for their office rehabilitation, procurement of equipments, vehicles, furniture, etc.

Bottlenecks & Issues

- Salary enhancement of Staff. The proposal is likely to be submitted in next PSC
- Appointment of Staff in AWBs. This has resulted in delay in opening of separate WSIP account in AWBs
- Financial Rules of AWBs have not been yet approved /finalized. This has resulted in no withdrawal/utilization from Abiana amount for some important activities including investment in Abiana recovery process.