



**SOCIAL MOBILIZATION GROUP
SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT CELL**

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**SINDH ON FARM WATER MANAGEMENT PROJECT
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A. Introduction

The World Bank funded Sindh On Farm Water Management (SOFWM) project has focused the issues of agriculture and irrigation sectors in Sindh province of Pakistan by initiating a multi-pronged strategy, the important components of this project are:

- (i) Social Mobilization and Capacity Building
- (ii) High Pay Off Improvement of Irrigation Facilities
- (iii) Productivity Enhancement Program
- (iv) Monitoring and Evaluation
- (v) Project Management Support

1- Social Mobilization Group

Social Mobilization Group (SMG) working under the Social Development Cell SIDA has focused the targets of building the capacity of at least 100 new and old FOs to the extent that they are managing their organizations effectively and operating and maintaining their water distribution system in an equitable and sustainable manner. The above goal is approached through a dedicated team of professionals operating from seven filed stations in Nara, Left Bank and Ghotki Feeder canal Area Water Board. The activity report presents the progress of the SMG-SDC for the month of July 2009.

B. Achievements During the Month

1- Training & Capacity Building

A- Basic Trainings

During the month of **July 2009**, **no basic training event** organized by SMG, so for SMG has successfully consumed 65 basic training units and 839 BoM members of 158 newly formed FOs (85 formed under SOFWMP & 73 NDP) of GFCAWB and LBCAWB have been trained.

B- Specialized Trainings

During the month of **July 2009** **no specialized training** organized by SMG staff. So far SMG has organized 57 specialized training units training 841 staff members and 1288 farmer members from 309 FOs of NCAWB, LBCAWB and GFCAWB.

C- Refresher Trainings

During the reporting month SMG-SDC organized **Twelve Refresher Training** events at following field stations:

02 Sanghar, **01** Choondko, **01** Kot Ghulam Mohammed, **01** Tando M. Khan, and **01** Badin, **128 members of 06 FOs** participated in these trainings. So for SMG has organized 537 events, training 9,706 farmer members of 651 FOs of NCAWB, LBCAWB and GFCAWB. The details of the Refresher Trainings held in the month of July 2009 are as follows:

#	Date	FO	Pax	Topic	Field Team
1	15/07/2009	Tajal Minor	19	Abiana Assessment & Collection and Record Keeping	Choondko
2	16/07/2009	Daleri Distry	24	Abiana Assessment & Collection	KGM
3	18/07/2009	Jam Wah Minor	23	SWMO-2002 and FO Financial Regulations 2004	TMK
4	24/07/2009	Sadhno-III Minor	18	SWMO-2002 and IDMT Agreement	Sanghar
5	27/07/2009	Wangi Minor	23	Rehabilitation Works	Badin
6	30/07/2009	Bhirri Minor	21	FO Election Regulations 2004 & SWMO-2002	Sanghar
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C. Supportive Activities

The SMG-SDC undertakes different supportive activities along with the training events to support the Farmers Organization (FOs) for their capacity building and on support and networking. The details of the supportive activities carried out during the month are as follows:

i) Gender Mainstreaming / Women Group Formation

1.1- Women Farmers' Identification

The Social Mobilization Group staff has identified **2,259** women farmers so far in the command area of FO managed Minors/Distributaries at NCAWB, LBCAWB and GFCAWB. The SMG staff stationed at different Field Stations compiles these lists and report updates to Project Office on monthly basis. During the reporting month, new women farmers identified by any of the field teams.

1.2 - Membership of Women Farmers in WCAs

So far **921** women farmers have taken membership in WCAs of different FOs in the command of NCAWB, LBCAWB and GFCAWB. During the month, no new women farmers facilitated in getting membership in WCA by the SMG.

1.3- Formation of Women Farmers' Groups

The SMG staff has formed 19 women groups at Sanghar, Mirpurkhas, Ghotki, Kot Ghulam Mohammed and Choondko, 10 of them are in the jurisdiction of Field Team Sanghar, 05 in KGM, 01 in Mirpurkhas, 02 Choondko, and 01 in Ghotki. All these women groups have 266 memberships. During the month, no any new women group formed by the SMG staff.

1.4 -Capacity Building of Women Farmers

During the month, no capacity building event for the women farmers organized by SMG.

1.5-Participation in FO:

The SMG through social mobilization process is encouraging women farmers to come forward and become member of General Body and Board of Management of FO. Capacity building programs of women groups formed is already initiated. It is a great success of SMG that following women farmers have been inducted in Farmers Organizations (FOs) as:

Ms. Parveen Leghari	V. Chairman	FO Duthro-I Minor	NCAWB
Ms. Sumia Naz	V. Chairman	FO RD-205 R/S	NCAWB
Ms. Zareena	BoM Member	FO Rawitiani Minor	NCAWB

Ms. Khadija Chandio	BoM Member	FO Santoor Minor	NCAWB
Ms. Soomal Rind	BoM Member	FO Bagi Minor	NCAWB
Ms. Sumera Bibi	GB Member	FO Saifal Minor	NCAWB
Ms. Pathani Kosh	GB Member	FO Gohram Minor	GFCAWB

ii) Assistance in Re-Election

As of today, out of **334** re-elections, the re-elections of **227** FOs have been completed by the efforts of SMG staff. The SMG-SDC team has achieved the **68%** of the target of re-election. During the month, 10 FO re-elections conducted by Field Team Choondko, Sanghar, Badin, Umerkot and Ghotki. Field Team Choondko held re-election of FO Gendahu Minor of NCAWB on 06/07/2009, FO Phariaro Minor on 17/07/2009 and Akanwaro Minor on 23/07/2009. Field Team Sanghar held re-election of FO Hydri Minor of NCAWB on 24/07/2009 and Bhirri Minor on 31/07/. Field Team Umerkot held re-election of FO Kandiaro Minor of NCAWB on 16/07/2009 and Ahour Minor on 18/07/2009. Field Team Ghotki held re-election of FO Nara Minor of GFCAWB on 17/07/2009 and FO Chandia Minor on 22/07/2009. Field Team Badin held re-election of FO Vehnai Minor of LBCAWB on 30/07/2009.

Overall Re-Elections Position Upto July 2009

S#	AWB	Target	Completed	Remaining	Percentage
1	NCAWB	226	178	48	79%
2	LBCAWB	63	17	46	27%
3	GFCAWB	35	26	09	74%
4	Outside AWB	10	06	04	60%
Total		334	227	107	68%

iv) Support to FOs in Abiana Assessment & Collection

During the reporting month, all the Field Teams of SMG mobilized FOs for depositing of Abiana (water charges) to AWB. Field Team Mirpurkhas and Sanghar took efforts and held meetings with FO BoM and GB members for collection of Abiana. FO Heran Distry, Sandhno-II Minor, Baqar Distry, Gurki Minor, Doulatpur Minor and Sarhal Distry of NCAWB deposited Rs.244,573 in the account of NCAWB as AWB share for different cropping seasons. Also Field Team Ghotki mobilized BoM and GB members of FO Qadirpur Minor, Tibbi Minor and Hussain Minor who deposited Rs. 81,000 in the account of GFCAWB as 60% AWB share for different cropping seasons.

v) Assistance in Conflict Resolution

During the month, the tail end farmers Mr. M. Nadeem and others of sub-minors Dahti, Samroti and hota of Akuto Distry filed a constitutional petition No: D-381 of 2009 Vs. Govt. of Sindh and others in the Hon. Sindh High Court, Circuit Court Hyderabad. The petitioners have prayed from the honorable court to order to include above mentioned sub-minors of Akuto Distry in FO and order for fresh elections as the legal tenure of FO has been expired. The first hearing in the petition held on 09/07/2009, SIDA officials appeared in the honorable court through the Legal Advisor. The second hearing in the same petition held on 23/07/2009, the SIDA officials with para wise comments appeared in the court through Legal Advisor but the petitioners did not appear. So the date in office was decided by the honorable court.

Field Team Mirpurkhas reported that Mr. Sajan Lashari & others farmers of tail end watercourse no: 249/1T of Sanhro Distry filed FC suit No. 119/2009 is filed in the Court of 1st Senior Civil Judge Mirpurkhas v/s Govt. of Sindh & others. The petitioners have prayed the honorable court to order for re-election of FO, stoppage of water course tempering and ensure water availability at the tail end of Sanhro Distry. The first hearing in the case held on 23/07/2009, the honorable court announced next hearing in the case to be held on 18/08/2009.

vi) Support to Consultants of SOFWM-Project

During the month, the members of Field Teams at NCAWB, LBCAWB and GFCAWB facilitated FOs in coordination with PIA Consultants for on going rehabilitation/ improvement works of Minors/Distributaries under Phase-II & III under SOFWMP in providing technical support in execution, billing and record keeping. SMG is providing support to PIAC and M & E consultants on day to day basis in implementation of rehabilitation works and environmental monitoring.

vii) Support to FOs in Rehabilitation/Improvement Works under CBC

SMG staff in the command of NCAWB, GFCAWB and LBCAWB provided support to FOs in execution of rehabilitation works in year 2 and 3 of rehabilitation works under SOFWMP. SMG staff provided support to FOs in preparation of bills for rehabilitation works carried out and preparation of bills under CBC.

D. Monthly Meetings

During the month, the meeting of Field Team Incharges of SMG-SDC held in the office of General Manager (Transition) SIDA on 08/07/2009. Prof. Aijaz A. Qureshi GMT chaired the meeting and Mr. Mustafa Ujjan GL SMG-SDC conducted the proceedings of the meetings. All the FTIs and concerned staff participated in the meeting. The special agenda of the meeting was preparation of voter lists for SIDA and AWB elections and boost up FO re-elections. FTIs also presented their progress for the month of June 2009. They also shared issues with the SIDA management.

F. Problems/Issues

The SMG staff is following issues in the implementation of activities under SOFWM Project:

Program Issues:

Political Interference in FO Re-election Process:

As mentioned above that 334 FOs have to go through re-election process for 2nd and 3rd tenure and with a change of political government at the federal and provincial level political involvement is increasing and causing hurdles in the re-election process. It has been reported by the SMG staff that they are receiving threats from different quarters for favor to their politically affiliated farmers in the re-election process. Staff is trying its best to keep themselves away from the pressure but the re-election process of FOs have been stopped by the Ministers, MNAs and MPAs i.e. Farsh Distry, Boilo Minor, Chahu Minor etc.

Shortage of Irrigation Water:

FO Chairmen and representatives from NCAWB, GFCAWB and LBCAWB are approaching and communicating issue of shortage of irrigation water, low gauges and rotation to Field Offices and Project Office SMG. More complaints are received from GFCAWB and LBCAWB that the AWB staff specially Directors, Executive Engineers and Assistant Executive Engineers are not cooperating with the FOs. The AWB staff is implementing rotation plans without consultation and intimation to FOs. The rotation plans are not provided to FOs in well advance, also the channels are closed before closing date mentioned in the rotation plan. Also AWB officials are not giving irrigation water to the channels as per design discharge, due to which FO representatives face difficulties in ensuring the due design discharge at the tail ends of Distributaries and Minors.

Administrative/Financial Issues:

The field staff of SMG is facing different issues during the execution of SOFWMP activities such as timely non-reimbursement of expenses and TA/DA. SIDA authorities provided four wheel vehicles to SMG staff members in the month of March 2006, the condition of tyres of these vehicles is very poor and need to be replaced with new ones. Also the vehicles need general repair and maintenance on urgent basis. SMG staff did not receive reimbursement of operational expenses (POL & Office) and TA/DAs since last nine months. Therefore, they are facing difficulties in execution of field activities.

G. Conclusion

During the month, SMG staff focused more on conduct of FO re-elections in the command of three AWBs, as a large number of FO re-elections are due. During

the month of July, heavy rainfalls occurred in the command of NCAWB and LBCAWB so farmers were busy with their agricultural fields, also the cotton crop is mature so farmers focus was on cotton picking. Therefore, SMG could not hold more refresher and specialized trainings during the month. The current Monsoon rainfalls have a very positive effect on growth of crops in the command of NCAWB and LBCAWB. The rainfalls have also reduced the irrigation water shortages in the tail end areas.

Annex-1

Trainings Delivery Status up to July 2009

S #	Title of Trainings	No. of FOs			No. of Participants			Units			Remarks
		SOFWM	NDP	Total	Farmer	Staff	Total	Approved	Consumed	Balance	
1	Basic Trainings	85	73	158	839	0	839	100	65	35	BoM members of newly formed FOs of GFCAWB and LBCAWB trained in these events
2	Specialized Trainings	309	0	309	1,288	841	2,129	100	57	43	SMG, WMOs, PIAC & M & E Consultants staff and Farmers trained in these events
3	Refresher Trainings	651	0	651	9,706	0	9,706	200	537	-	The Refresher courses being conducted by Social Mobilization Officers of SMG-SDC
Total		1,045	73	1,118	11,833	841	12,674	400	659	78	