



Sindh Irrigation and Drainage Authority
Activity Report Transition Wing
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Component-wise Progress Note:

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

Recruitment of Staff

- All the key staff including PD WSIP & Directors, GMs are on board. In SIDA out of 73 positions, 53 filled. Interviews have been done for remaining positions by PMC/A.
- In AWBs, out of 112 Positions, 38 filled and remaining 71 positions mainly support staff is to be filled soon.

Capacity Building, Institutional Development and Social Activities

- As of now 355 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. Initiative has been taken to sign remaining IDMTs at GFCAWB. As such no additional IDMT took place during the month. 128 FO channels have been included for WSIP works so far.
- Out of 463 re-elections, 317 re-elections of FOs have been completed in all three AWBs. During the month of December, 6 (six) re-elections were conducted through SDC and AWB social mobilization staff.
- A comprehensive training plan for training of FOs on Channel O&M, Contract Management & Organizational management under Component-A is under implementation. The overall 47 FOs (WSIP Channels) have been trained so far under WSIP. During March 2012 series Five Trainings were held at Ghotki (GFC) and Choondko (NC).
- Procurement of vehicles and equipments done for SIDA and AWBs. For FOs procurement process has been initiated
- The overall Abiana Recovery position in three AWBs is 50%. During Dec
- Financial Rules of AWBs are under notification

- Business Rules and Staffing regulations of SIDA drafted and discussed in SIDA Board. The rules will be notified accordingly.
- Business Plan for SIDA and AWBs has been initiated for Nara AWB. Business Plan has been drafted. Matter for transfer of administrative control of Nara staff to AWB has been initiated and separate budget line for direct release to SIDA/AWB has also been initiated
- Communication strategy has been finalized and Media and Civil Society, farmers participation is ensured in public bidding and project activities. TV program and appearances is being made.
- The Complaint Cell has been registering the complaints and trying to resolve the issues. As of December 2011 overall 249 complaints received of which 55 complaints have been resolved. The complaints have been forwarded to concerned AWB.

**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 128 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.
- Invitation for Bids (IFB) for 3 contract packages (Package 45, 45/A, 45/B) covering 6 Minors/Distributaries of LBCAWB was published and bids are opened on 28th Dec 2011 and the contracts will be awarded accordingly.
- Strong coordination made with GMO and Procurement Specialist in finalizing documents and moving things forward

Component-C: Management Plans for Major Irrigation and Drainage Infrastructure

PREPARATION OF A REGIONAL PLAN FOR LEFT BANK OF INDUS, DELTA AND COASTAL ZONE OF THE LOWER INDUS RIVER BASIN

The Louis Berger Group/Indus Associated Consultants has been assigned the preparation of a Regional Plan for the Left bank of the Indus River from Guddu Barrage to the Delta and Coastal Zone. Phase I of this four phase project is dedicated to identification of issues and problems associated with the impacts of spreading water logging and salinity; institutional breakdown for management of water delivery, drainage, floods and disasters; environmental problems and resultant growing poverty and deteriorating livelihoods among the growing population.

- The objective of the study is to prepare a regional master plan for addressing the flooding issues and providing proper drainage system
- The study has been carried out by consultants in participatory and extensive stakeholders' consultation process in four phases.
- Final report of Phase-1 has been finalized and presented in the PSC meeting for approval and go-ahead was given by PSC for Phase-II.
- Phase-II is under process and guidance has been given to consultants during recent visit of WB mission. The recent event of flood 2011 has also been documented by the consultants.
- Local workshops have been arranged at District level and AWB Level. A National Workshop on Phase-II study is expected to be held during mid of January 2011

Way Forward

- The physical implementation of Rehabilitation works on 79 Channels are ongoing. The Field Staff (Institutional Specialists and AENs) of Social Development Cell-Transition Wing is being provided working necessary institutional and technical support to Community Based Contracts (CBCs)
- Handling of Resettlement as well as environmental issues is 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 NC-29/B will be expected during next month.
- 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
- 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.