

Sindh Water Sector Improvement Project (WSIP-1)

Activity Report of Transition Wing

As of January 2010

General

The activities under the WSIP project are gradually gaining momentum and key focus areas are capacity building, community development, rehabilitation of farmer and AWB managed channels. Internal review meetings within the transition wing and other sister wings and units and regular consultation with PD WSIP Office, PCMU/PMCA and partnership with FOs, AWB and PIC have developed confidence among the team members for effective implementation of WSIP. The organizational and long delayed issues with regard to performance management, HR System, training and Business rules have been taken into hand. The experience gained from implementation of SOFWM Project would be the key success pointer during implementation. Luckily, SIDA and PIC as well as AWBs carry many of the team members, who have directly been involved in SOFWM Project, knowing success and failures. The Field teams have been established through SDC and the HR unit has been activated under the supervision of Manager.

The SIDA Board and AWBs are now fully on board and they know the project. Key project documents (PAD, PC1s) have been shared with them and many presentations and briefings and field visits have been made in the project area. As such no formal meetings of SIDA Board and AWB held during Jan 2010. The SIDA Board farmer member M/S Ali Gohar Shah died on 22 Jan 2010. His death has been a huge loss to his family as well as to SIDA as he was very active member in the Board and reform process. The consultation with AWBs is regularly taking place for all components. Their WSIP specific accounts are being opened separately as per project conditions. The Abiana recovery has been improved as compared to last month and during month more than Rs 9.85 million has been recovered in all AWB..

The Walkthrough surveys process was monitored closely and Bank Consultant also took opportunity of participating in the Walkthrough surveys. This was something new that did not happen in the recently concluded SOFWM Project. It was very effective and WTS process gained improvement after suggestions from visiting members of the senior management of SIDA, PIC and Bank consultant and fellow. The next World Bank mission is likely to visit the project area during Feb 2010. In Nara things have gone high with regard to component B1 and B2. Total 28 channels have been surveyed for first year and award is expected during current financial year. The Ghotki channels identified and survey is likely to be completed during Feb 2010. The environmental concerns in WTS have been addressed and data collection process improved after the feedback from PCMU and EMU.

Component-wise Progress Note:

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

- Training proposal for financing through Dutch Trust Fund finalized and sent to WB for approval.
- Research study on Abiana identified and sent to PCMU
- For election of SIDA Board farmer's member voter list and tentative schedule prepared and submitted to members of the election committee.
- FO reelection plan developed and reelections target identified.
- Joint visit made by SIDA and PPAF in SCAD/LBOD area for redressal of grievances of community affected due to damage of culvert bridge
- During the month of January 2010, the staff conducted two re-election of (i) FO Matli Minor and (ii) Khore Wah in the command area of LBCAWB.
- During the reporting month one newly formed FO under SOFWMP by the WMOs of DG-AEWM Sangro Distry (Sangro + Chahu Minor) was registered for 1st tenure as per provisions of SWMO-2002 and files for registration of two FOs were submitted by the field staff of SDC.
- Draft EOI for hiring the services of social contractors for the Social Mobilization and Capacity Building activities was prepared by SDC.
- 04 FOs of NCAWB, GFCAWB and LBCAWB were identified and notified for computerization of record on pilot basis. The SDC staff is taking efforts for computerization with concerned FOs.
- FO database system has been developed through M/S Verges Systems. The system has been tested and presented to SIDA officials. SDC staff is being trained by the contractor firm for onward activities and data entry.
- The updated status of FO conflicts and court cases has been prepared by the SDC.
- On 27th Jan 2010, GMT along with PD WSIP, GMF and PIC Team attended a workshop on Component-A activities i.e. Organizational Structure, SIDA Rules & Regulations, SIDA Financial Management System, AWB Business Planning and Training Plans.
- On 28th Jan 2010, attended meeting was held at PIC office with Guy Jones Team leader PIC and Mr. John Tailor, PIC regarding development on component A of the Project . The meeting was attended by PD, GMT and SDS from SIDA side.
- Many complaints were received and registered in SIDA complaint cell.

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

- GMT, PD WSIP and PIC Team and XEN Thar Division visited site on 26th Jan 2010 to Mithrao and Khipro Canals of NCAWB. The team visited Makhi Weir Complex, Lower Nara Canal, Mithrao Canal and Khipro Canal for rehabilitation of the main and branch canals.
- During the month of Jan 2010, a workshop was jointly organized by SDC-Transition wing SIDA and PIC on orientation of walk through survey teams. The members of walk through survey such as SIDA field staff, PIC and AWB staff participated in the workshop. The PIC staff gave presentations on engineering, socio-economic and environmental aspects to the walk through teams. The Managing Director SIDA headed the workshop, also Project Director WSIP-I also participated. The participants also reviewed the activity of walk through survey and gave their suggestions for the improvement. The participants also shared their experiences and constraints during the walk through surveys.
- During the month of Jan 10, WTS teams completed walk through survey of 13 Minors/Distributaries of NCAWB. PIC, SIDA, AWB staff members and nominated members of FO participated in these WTSs.
- Social and environmental survey of Mithrao and Jamrao packages (total 10 channels) was held during the reporting month.
- The Detailed Engineering Survey (DES) of 12 Minors/Distributaries of Mithrao and Upper Nara packages of NCAWB completed in the month of January 2010.
- Package of 06 Minors/Distributaries of GFCAWB identified and notified for pre-walk through consultative meetings, walk through surveys and detailed engineering surveys during the month of Jan 2010.
- Mr. Muhammad Ehsan the World Bank's consultant visited Upper Nara and Sukkur Barrage during January 18-21, 2010 for participation in walk through surveys(on malook minor) , detailed engineering survey (FO RD 196) , and study on safety assessment of Sukkur Barrage He also held meetings with the SIDA, PIC and AWB staff to review the on going activities. He also visited Sukkur Barrage for safety assessment of Sukkur Barrage and held meetings with the IPD and SIDA staff regarding the matter. GMT, SDS and DTL PIC were accompanied with him during ETS followed by PD and GMO on Sukkur Barrage visit.
- Support provided to PIC for getting technical record of channels from concerned AWBs.
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Way Forward

- Further meeting on survey planning and contract packaging and identification of lining channels and channels under Left Bank under WSIP is scheduled in Feb 2010
- Workshop to discuss Abiana strategy is planned in the month of Feb/March 2010
- Workshop with stakeholder (fora) would be arranged
- Workshop on SIDA rules, performance management system
- Walkthrough survey for remaining FOs channels in Ghotki planned in Feb 2010.

Bottlenecks & Issues

- Salary enhancement of Assistant Engineers and Drivers. So far no headway
- Mobility and repair of old bikes and jeeps. So far no headway

Meetings / Visits of General Manager Transition

External Meetings / Visits of General Manager Transition

S#	Date	Subject	Remarks
1	Jan 2010	Field visit upper Nara and Ghotki	
2		Walk Through Survey of Upper Nara with world Bank Consultants.	
3		Field visits LBCAWB	
4		Video Conference at Karachi.	
5		Field visit Nara Canal AWB.	
6		7 th Monthly Review Meeting WSIP-I at Karachi	
7		RAC-WSIP meeting	
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