



SOCIAL MOBILIZATION GROUP  
**SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT CELL**

**MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT**

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**SINDH ON FARM WATER MANAGEMENT PROJECT  
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## **A. Introduction**

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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 January 2009.

## B. Achievements During the Month

### 1- Training & Capacity Building

#### A- Basic Trainings

During the month of **January 2009**, **no basic training Event** organized by SMG so for SMG has successfully consumed 46 basic training units and 611 BoM members of 110 newly formed FOs (67 formed under SOFWMP & 43 NDP) of GFCAWB and LBCAWB have been trained.

#### B- Specialized Trainings

During the month of **January 2009 no specialized training** organized by SMG staff. So far SMG has organized 59 specialized training units training 798 staff members and 1294 farmer members from 290 FOs of NCAWB, LBCAWB and GFCAWB.

#### C- Refresher Trainings

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

**02 Sanghar, 02 Choondko, 01 Mirpurkhas, 01 Kot Ghulam Mohammed, 01 Tando M. Khan, Badin 01 and 02 Ghotki 214 members of 09 FOs** participated in these trainings. So for SMG has organized 475 events, training 8,360 farmer members of 586 FOs of NCAWB, LBCAWB and GFCAWB. The details of the Refresher Trainings held in the month of January 2009 are as follows:

#	Date	FO	Pax	Topic	Field Team
1	5/1/2009	Sanhro Distry	20	Conflict Management	Mirpurkhas
2	14/1/2009	Kandar Minor	29	Organizational Management and FO Election Regulations 2004	TMK
3	15/1/2009	Dadu Minor	20	Abiana Assessment & Collection and Financial Management	Choondko
4	19/1/2009	Korai Minor	26	Organizational Management and Abiana Assessment & Collection	Ghotki
5	26/1/2009	Dilshad Distry	45	IDMT Agreement and Discharge Measurement	Sanghar
6	26/1/2009	Luck Turko Minor	18	Abiana Assessment & Collection and Record Keeping	Choondko
7	28/1/2009	Barar Minor	14	Abiana Assessment & Collection	KGM
8	28/1/2009	Bhanery Minor	23	Abiana Assessment & Collection	Badin

9	28/1/2009	Baiji Minor	17	Organizational Management and Abiana Assessment & Collection	Ghotki
10	30/01/2009	Baghdad Minor	25	IDMT Agreement and SWMO-2002	Sanghar

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### **C. Supportive Activities**

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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 **2,245** 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, no 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 18 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, 01 Choondko, and 01 in Ghotki. All these women groups have 215 memberships. During the month, no new women farmers' group formed by any of the SMG field teams.

##### **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. Sumera Bibi	GB Member	FO Saifal Minor	NCAWB
Ms. Pathani Kosh	GB Member	FO Gohram Minor	GFCAWB
Ms. Zareena	BoM Member	FO Rawitiani Minor	NCAWB
Ms. Parveen Leghari	BoM Member	FO Duthro Minor	NCAWB
Ms. Khadija Chandio	BoM Member	FO Santoor Minor	NCAWB
Ms. Soomal Rind	BoM Member	FO Bagi Minor	NCAWB

During the month, no women farmer inducted as GB or BoM member of FO.

#### **ii) Assistance in Re-Election**

As of today, out of **219** re-elections, the re-elections of **189** FOs have been completed by the efforts of SMG staff. The SMG-SDC team has achieved the **88%** of the target of re-election. During the month, Field Team Tando M. Khan took efforts for conduct of re-election of Kandar Minor and successfully completed the re-election of FO Kandar Minor on January 23, 2009. Also the Field Team Ghotki took efforts for re-election of FO Jhangan Minor and successfully completed the re-election of FO Jhangan Minor on January 24, 2009.

#### **Overall Re-Elections Position Upto January 2009**

<b>S#</b>	<b>AWB</b>	<b>Target</b>	<b>Completed</b>	<b>Remaining</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
1	NCAWB	162	152	10	94%
2	LBCAWB	30	16	14	53%
3	GFCAWB	17	17	00	100%
4	Outside AWB	09	06	03	67%
<b>Total</b>		<b>218</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>88%</b>

#### **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 KGM took efforts and held meetings with FO BoM members for collection of Abiana. FO Sarhal Distry, Shah Bux Minor, Theba Minor, Khori Minor and Bhan Minor of NCAWB deposited Rs.116,000 in the account of NCAWB as AWB share for different cropping seasons. Also Field Team Ghotki mobilized FO Borri Lower Minor for collection of Abiana and FO Borri Lower deposited Rs. 8,000 as 60% share of Abiana in the account of GFCAWB.

#### **v) Assistance in Conflict Resolution**

During the month, Field Team Mirpurkhas reported internal conflict of FO Sanhro Distry on location of FO office under rehabilitation works. One of the GB members' group was of the view that FO office should be constructed at head of channel and other group was of the view that it should be constructed

at tail of channel. The field team held two meetings with the BoM and GB members but the matter could not be resolved. The Field Team held GB meeting of FO Sanhro Distry at Project Office Mirpurkhas on 05/01/2009 for secret balloting for selection of location for FO office. The members in majority gave decision for construction of FO office under rehabilitation works at tail area of channel. All the GB members accepted the results and passed a resolution for construction of FO office at tail portion of channel.

#### **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. During the month, Field Team all the field teams of SMG provided active support to PIAC consultants in rehabilitation works carried out on channels under SOFWMP.

#### **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. Also Field Team Badin and Tando M. Khan held meeting of Chairmen of channels under CBC at LBCAWB with Direct / Project Manager rehabilitation works LBCAWB at directorate of LBCAWB, Hyderabad on 12/01/2009 and 20/01/2009 to discuss the issues faced by FOs in rehabilitation works under CBC and get them resolved through staff of LBCAWB. Mr. Mustafa Ujjan Group Leader SMG also participated in these meetings. The Director LBCAWB committed with the Chairman to process all the pending and new bills within week.

Like wise the Field Team Mirpurkhas, Umerkot, KGM, Sanghar and Choondko invited all the Chairmen of channels under CBC at NCAWB to participate in the meeting held by Director / Project Manager NCAWB on 15/01/2009 to review the progress of rehabilitation works carried out on channels of NCAWB. Mr. Mustafa Ujjan GL and Mr. Rasheed Mahar Coordinator SMG also participated in the meeting. The Director NCAWB asked all the FO Chairmen and contractors to speed up the rehabilitation work for earlier completion.

#### **viii) FO Assemblies at Sub-Division Level:**

SMG has so far organized 18 FO Assemblies at sub-division level in the command of three AWBs, during the month Field Team Sanghar held the FO Assembly of sub-division Sanghar on 20/1/2009 at Field Office Sanghar. A total of 39 participants from SIDA and 04 FOs (Bughti Minor, Toori Minor, Dilshad Distry and Dhilyar Minor) participated in the assembly. Mr. Rasheed

Mahar Coordinator SMG chaired the assembly. Assistant Executive Engineer, Sub-Division Sanghar NCAWB committed and confirmed to participate in the assembly but at last time informed the SMG staff that he is busy in his official duties and will not participate. Canal Assistant sub-division Sanghar represented the AWB staff. FOs represented progress on Abiana assessment and collection, rehabilitation works, operation and maintenance, etc. They also shared their issues and problems in channel operation and maintenance. Canal Assistant note down all the issues and committed to the forum that the issues will be conveyed to AEN for earlier resolution.

**ix) Walk Through Survey of FO Managed Channels under WSIP-I:**

During the month, SDC identified list of FO managed channels under package 1 of WSIP-I for rehabilitation works. SDC also notified a Walk Through Survey Committee comprised of SIDA staff from all the wings and AWB staff to cover gender, technical, environmental and social assessment. The committee members held pre-walk through consultative meetings with General Body members of FO Boilo Minor, Kandiaro Minor, Karna Minor, Kunri Distry, Darelo Minor, Ashabo Minor and Khahi Distry on 16-17/01/2009. The committee members along with the nominated members of FOs and AWB staff conducted walk through survey of these channels from 19/01/2009 to 22/01/2009. The nominated members of FOs identified the scope of work for rehabilitation of channels under WSIP-I.

**x) Task Force for Rehabilitation Works under SOFWMP:**

During the month, the Task Force notified by SDC as per decision made in the World Bank's last implementation review mission held 04 meetings to identify the factors causing delay in completion of rehabilitation works under NCB and CBC of SOFWMP. The committee members after detailed meetings and data analysis prepared a comprehensive report mentioning problems, bottlenecks, issues, suggestions and guidelines to speed up the rehabilitation works, which is being presented to SIDA management for onward submission to the World Bank.

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**D. Monthly Meetings**

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During the month, SMG held FTI Progress and Review meeting on 05/01/2009 at SDC, SIDA Hyderabad. All the Field Team Incharges participated in the meeting. Mr. Nazeer A. Memon SDS/DGMT chaired the meeting and Mr. Mustafa Ujjan Group Leader SMG-SDC conducted the proceedings of the meeting. The FTIs presented achievements of their field teams during the month of December 2008. It was decided the remaining targets and activities of SOFWMP be completed during Jan – Jun 2009. The FTIs also discussed issues and problems faced by them in execution of SOFWMP activities.

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## **F. Problems/Issues**

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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.

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## **G. Conclusion**

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During the month, SMG staff focused on refresher trainings more. During the month, SDC also selected package 1 of FO managed channels for rehabilitation works under WSIP-I. A Walk Through Survey Committee notified by SDC, which held meetings with GB members of selected channels. Also it conducted walk through survey of these channels along with nominated members of FOs and AWB staff. SMG has prepared comprehensive workplan for January – June 2009 to complete all the remaining activities of SOFWMP. It is expected that the quantum of the activities under SOFWMP by the field staff in next five months will be more.

## Annex-1

**Trainings Delivery Status up to January 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	67	43	110	611	0	611	100	46	54	BoM members of newly formed FOs of GFCAWB and LBCAWB trained in these events
2	Specialized Trainings	290	0	290	1294	798	2092	100	57	43	SMG, WMOs, PIAC & M & E Consultants staff and Farmers trained in these events
3	Refresher Trainings	586	0	586	8,360	0	8,360	200	475	-	The Refresher courses being conducted by Social Mobilization Officers of SMG-SDC
<b>Total</b>		<b>943</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>986</b>	<b>10,265</b>	<b>798</b>	<b>11,063</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>578</b>	<b>97</b>	