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Social Mobilization Group (Social Development Cell)
SOFWM Project

Quantitative Monthly Activity Report – Month of April 2009

S #	Activities	Targets	Achievements		%age
			During Reporting Period	Total to Date	
1	Trainings				
a	Basic (for New FOs)	100 FOs	00	74	74%
b	Specialized	100	00	57	57%
c	Refresher	200	11	152	76%
2	Registration of FOs	100	03	81	79%
3	IDMT of Newly Formed FOs	100	00	61	83%
4	Gender Mainstreaming/ Women Group Formation	Un-Limited	00	18	-
5	Conflict Resolution	00	00	19	100%
6	Support to Consultants in Walk Through Surveys	100	00	100	100%
7	FO Re-elections	271	05	205	76%
Additional Activities as Agreed MTR Mission					
8	FO-FO Exposure Visits	50	00	07	14%
9	AWB to AWB Tours	15	00	00	0%
10	SIDA to Other PIDA Tours	06	00	01	17%
11	FO Assemblies at Sub- Division Level	50	00	18	36%
12	International Study Tours	Not Given	00	01	-

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 April 2009.

B. Achievements During the Month

1- Training & Capacity Building

A- Basic Trainings

During the month of **April 2009**, **Four basic training events** organized by SMG, so far SMG has successfully consumed 59 basic training units and 752 BoM members of 141 newly formed FOs (74 formed under SOFWMP & 67 NDP) of GFCAWB and LBCAWB have been trained.

The details of basic trainings organized during the month are as follows:

Date	Venue	No. of Partic.	No. of FOs	Names of FOs	Topics Covered
10/04/2009	Office of Chairman GFCAWB, Ghotki	35	07	Kandi Minor, Janib Wah Minor, Pittafi Minor, Gaji Lower Minor, Gaji Upper Minor, Jindo Minor & Dingro Wah Minor	Financial Mgt, Conflict Management, Project Awareness & Demand Promotion
11/04/2009	Office of Chairman GFCAWB, Ghotki	35	07	Kandi Minor, Janib Wah Minor, Pittafi Minor, Gaji Lower Minor, Gaji Upper Minor, Jindo Minor & Dingro Wah Minor	Channel Operation & Irrigation Drainage Management
24/03/2009	Office of Chairman GFCAWB	36	07	Shah Minor, Mithri Minor, Raiti Minor, Kotri Minor, Mirpur Minor, Ranwti Minor & Piaro Minor	Financial Mgt, Conflict Management, Project Awareness & Demand Promotion
25/03/2009	Office of Chairman GFCAWB	36	07	Shah Minor, Mithri Minor, Raiti Minor, Kotri Minor, Mirpur Minor, Ranwti Minor & Piaro Minor	Channel Operation & Irrigation Drainage Management

B- Specialized Trainings

During the month of **April 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 **Eleven Refresher Training** events at following field stations:

02 Sanghar, **02** Choondko, **01** Kot Ghulam Mohammed, **02** Tando M. Khan, **01** Umerkot, Badin **01** and **02** Ghotki **240 members of 11 FOs** participated in these trainings. So for SMG has organized 509 events, training 9,053 farmer members of 620 FOs of NCAWB, LBCAWB and GFCAWB. The details of the Refresher Trainings held in the month of April 2009 are as follows:

#	Date	FO	Pax	Topic	Field Team
1	10/4/2009	Silore Distry	12	Abiana Assessment & Collection	Kot Ghulam Mohammed
2	13/04/2009	Dub-I Minor	35	Organizational Management and Abiana Assessment & Collection	Ghotki
3	14/04/2009	Kirri Minor	19	Organizational Management, Financial Management and Abiana Assessment & Collection	Choondko
4	18/04/2009	C-Point Minor	23	Rehabilitation Works and Abiana Assessment & Collection	Badin
5	18/04/2009	Malook Minor	21	Organizational Management, Record Keeping and Abiana Assessment & Collection	Choondko
6	18/04/2009	Shorki Minor	23	SWMO-2002 and Communication Skills	Tando Mohd. Khan
7	21/04/2009	Mirpur Forest Minor	29	Organizational Management and Abiana Assessment & Collection	Ghotki
8	23/04/2009	Jagsi Minor	19	Financial Management & Environmental Guidelines	Tando Mohd. Khan
9	27/04/2009	Kangni Minor	18	Organizational Management and Abiana Assessment & Collection	Umerkot
10	27/04/2009	Sarkee Minor	20	IDMTA and Discharge Measurement	Sanghar
11	29/04/2009	Dhaliyar Minor	21	SWMO-2002 and FO Election Regulations 2004	Sanghar

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 **2,245** 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 245 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 **271** re-elections, the re-elections of **205** FOs have been completed by the efforts of SMG staff. The SMG-SDC team has achieved the **76%** of the target of re-election. During the month, 05 FO re-elections conducted by Field Team Mirpurkhas, Umerkot and Ghotki. Field Team Mirpurkhas held re-election of FO Lal Khan Distry on 07/04/2009. Field Team Umerkot held re-election of FO Karna Minor on 17/04/2009. Field Team Sanghar held re-election of FO Dhaliyar Minor on 29/04/2009. Field Team Ghotki held re-election of FO Dub-I Minor on 13/04/2009 and Mirpur Forest Minor on 21/04/2009.

Overall Re-Elections Position Upto April 2009

S#	AWB	Target	Completed	Remaining	Percentage
1	NCAWB	192	162	31	84%
2	LBCAWB	47	16	31	34%
3	GFCAWB	22	22	00	100%
4	Outside AWB	10	06	04	60%
Total		271	206	65	76%

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 members for collection of Abiana. FO Gorchani Minor, Daulatpur Minor, Chowtiary Distry, Heran Distry, Sadrat-II Distry, Mahi Minor, Bhirri Minor, Hyderi Minor, Jamsahib Minor and Duthro-I Minor of NCAWB deposited Rs.774,833 in the account of NCAWB as AWB share for different cropping seasons.

Field Team Sanghar held 02 FOs coordination meetings at sub-division level with AWB staff and Assistant Manager (Transition) SIDA for Abiana collection during the month. It held meeting of FOs of sub-division Jhole and Khadro on 22/04/2009 at the offices of respective sub-divisions. Different issues faced by FOs in collection of Abiana discussed in the meeting.

v) Assistance in Conflict Resolution

During the month, none of the field teams reported internal conflict any of the FOs.

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, Group Leader and SMG staff at Field Office Ghotki held meeting with Mr. Javed Qureshi FTI PIAC GFCAWB on progress review of rehabilitation works under CBC at Ghotki. They reviewed the progress of each channel and suggested joint actions. It was decided that the SMG team, focal persons of GFCAWB and PIAC team will hold meeting on weekly basis and speed up the rehabilitation works under CBC for successful completion of these works within due course of time.

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. GL and SMG staff held meeting with Chairman FO Dahar Minor of GFCAWB on 10/04/2009 and mobilized him to re-start the rehabilitation works on the channel. Chairman FO briefed the staff about the issues faced by him in execution of rehabilitation works. At the end of meeting, the Chairman was mobilized and committed to re-start the rehabilitation works on the channel. SMG staff assured him that they will also help him in resolution of issues at the local level.

The Group Leader and staff also held meeting with Chairman FO Lickpur Minor of GFCAWB on 11/04/2009 regarding rehabilitation works of channel. Chairman FO informed that the contractor has stopped the work since last six months. SMG staff assured him that the matter will be taken up with higher SIDA management, GFCAWB officials and PIAC for re-start of work.

viii) Visit of Managing Director SIDA to NCAWB:

Mr. Ghulam Nabi Mughal Managing Director SIDA visited NCAWB Directorate on 30/04/2009 along with Mr. Moula Bux Mirbahar GM (O) SIDA, Mr. Nazeer A. Memon SDS/DGMT SIDA and Mr. Khadim Memon Team Leader PIAC for review of rehabilitation works, meeting with NCAWB Board Members and FO representatives. MD SIDA held meeting with the Executive Engineers of NCAWB and discussed the issue of water distribution and rotation plan during ongoing Kharif 2009 season. MD SIDA visited FO Kahu Veesro Minor, Kahu Minor and Bareji Distry to review the rehabilitation works carried out by FOs under CBC and NCB in SOFWMP. He held meeting with the FO representatives and farmers on the site and discussed the progress and issues. He also discussed the issue of Abiana with the FO representatives. He also visited sites of rehabilitation works.

MD SIDA held meeting with the members of NCAWB and discussed the functions of AWB. He also discussed the issues of NCAWB with the Board members. Haji Khair M. Bhurgri Chairman NCAWB and other members briefed the MD SIDA about the issues of AWB in detail. MD SIDA also held meeting with more than 40 FO representatives of NCAWB from district Mirprukhas, Sanghar and Umerkot. FO representatives briefed the MD SIDA about the pertaining issues in implementation and execution of irrigation reforms in the command of NCAWB such as rehabilitation works, distribution of water, availability of water at the head regulator, Abiana assessment and collection, etc. MD SIDA assured the FO Chairmen that he will take efforts and try to solve these problems through combined efforts of SIDA, NCAWB and FOs. He also appreciated the performance of FOs.

D. Monthly Meetings

During the month, no any staff meeting could be held due to busy schedule of staff in the field.

F. Problems/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 refresher & basic trainings and conduct of FO re-elections. SMG staff held re-election of 05 FOs in the command of NCAWB and GFCAWB, also they held 11 refresher and 04 basic training events for newly formed FOs of LBCAWB and GFCAWB. As a huge number of FOs have to go through re-election process for 3rd tenure in the command of NCAWB so more and more efforts are being taken by the staff members in this regard. Also SMG staff is taking serious efforts for completion of ongoing rehabilitation works in the command of three AWBs and social mobilization activities are being carried out for timely completion of these works.



Trainings Delivery Status up to April 2008

S #	Title of Trainings	No. of FOs			No. of Participants			Units			Remarks
		SOFWM	NDP	Total	Farmer	Staff	Total	Approved	Consumed	Balance	
1	Basic Trainings	74	67	141	752	0	752	100	59	41	BoM members of newly formed FOs of GFCAWB and LBCAWB trained in these events
2	Specialized Trainings	309	0	309	1288	841	2,129	100	57	43	SMG, WMOs, PIAC & M & E Consultants staff and Farmers trained in these events
3	Refresher Trainings	620	0	620	9,053	0	9,053	200	509	-	The Refresher courses being conducted by Social Mobilization Officers of SMG-SDC
Total		1,003	67	1,040	11,093	841	11,934	400	625	84	

Status of Conflicts Resolved by SMG after MTR to date (April 01, 2009)

#	Name of FO	Nature of Conflict	Status
1	Tando Minor of NCAWB	A conflict arose between two groups of farmers of Tando Minor over the illegal construction of village road bridge over Tando Minor during execution of rehabilitation work.	With the assistance of SMG the conflict was resolved through negotiation and matter reported as resolved.
2	Gohram Minor of GFCAWB	A group of farmers challenged the legal status of elected body of FO and leveled allegations of malpractice in election process against Chairman FO Gohram Minor moving an application. Due to internal conflict, the IDMT could not be signed.	It was decided by BoM members to convene a General Body meeting of FO Gohram Minor on 6/11/2007 for obtaining vote of confidence by the elected BoM members. In the GB meeting 14 GB members showed their confidence in FO BoM and 11 members voted in against the BoM. After the resolution of conflict, SIDA recommended GFCAWB to sign IDMTA with BoM members of FO Gohram Minor and FO signed IDMTA with GFCAWB on 06/03/2008.
3	Likpur Minor of GFCAWB	A group of farmers challenged the legal status of elected body of FO and leveled allegations of malpractice in election process against Chairman FO Likpur Minor by moving an application.	SMG held conflict resolution meetings with BoM and GB members of FO. But both the parties are reluctant to accept any proposal for the resolution of the conflict. RA issued notification for internal recall process and Field Team Ghotki carried internal recall process but one party stopped the process by force and lodged FIRs against each other. Both parties have settled the matter at their social level.
4	Sonan Minor of GFCAWB	A group of farmers challenged the legal status of elected body of FO and leveled allegations of malpractice in election process against Chairman FO Sonan Minor by moving an application.	A fact finding mission was assigned the task to determine the facts of the allegations and work out some amicable solution for the resolution of the conflict in July 2007. With the efforts of SMG, the conflict was resolved and FO entered into IDMTA with GFCAWB.
5	Manik Wah Minor of	A group of farmers challenged the legal status of elected body of FO and leveled allegations of	SMG held meetings with both the groups and started negotiation between both groups. As a result of

	LBCAWB	malpractice in election process against Chairman FO Manik Wah Minor by moving an application.	negotiation, the complainant did not insist on his complaint hence the matter resolved.
6	Matli Minor of LBCAWB	A group of farmers challenged the legal status of elected boy of FO and leveled allegations of malpractice in election process against Chairman FO Matli Minor by moving an application.	SMG negotiated with both the groups and an internal recall process was initiated resulting newly elected BoM having the support of 19 GB members out of 26 total GB members. Hence, the conflict stands resolved.
7	Theba Minor of NCAWB	A complaint application was filed against the Chairman of FO for his alleged mis-conduct and irregularities in affairs of FO by a group of farmers of Theba Minor. FO Chairman in reaction took the matter in the court of law for relief.	SMG took efforts to resolve the conflict by holding meetings with both the groups, finally the application was taken back by the complainants and they agreed to work with each other.
8	KGM Minor of NCAWB	04 BoM members of FO KGM Minor moved an application to stop the payments of rehabilitation works due to non compliance of financial rules in maintaining the account of rehabilitation work by Chairman and Treasurer FO KGM Minor.	SMG contacted both the groups and convened 03 GB and BoM meetings for resolution of the conflict but the Chairman and Treasurer FO failed to provide details of accounts of rehabilitation works before the GB of FO. The conflict could not be resolved yet. The payments to FO for rehabilitation works have been stopped. The GB members processed internal recall process and removed the Chairman from his office and elected new Chairman. But the Ex- Chairman filed a civil suit in the court of 2 nd Senior Civil Judge, Mirpurkhas against the decision of GB. The court case is in process of hearings. Ex-Chairman also filed an application of contempt of course against newly elected FO representatives, SIDA and AWB staff members in the same court. The matter is in the court.
9	Mubarak Wah of LBCAWB	A group of farmers and GB members wanted to make change in Board of Management of FO Mubarak Wah so they moved an application to SIDA for internal recall process.	Field Team Tando Mohammed Khan held meetings with complainants and BoM members for negotiations and settlement of issue. The GB members unanimously changed the BoM members in GB meeting held on 23/4/2008.
10	Hyderi Minor of NCAWB	The Chairman FO Hyderi Minor Mr. Khuda Bux Chakrani resigned from chairmanship due to non-	Field Team Sanghar discussed the matter with Chairman and GB members. The GB members held GB meeting of

		cooperation by the BoM and GB members in execution of rehabilitation/improvement works under SOFWMP. Chairman moved his resignation to higher SIDA and NCAWB officials.	FO on 10/05/2008 to discuss the matter and unanimously requested Chairman to withdraw from resignation. They also assured the Chairman for full cooperation and help to Chairman.
11	FO Sarhal Distry of NCAWB	The Regulatory Authority (RA) – SIDA on complaints of farmers of Sarhal Distry against FO suspended the body of FO Sarhal Distry. The EX-BoM members filed Constitutional Petition No: 222/2008 Haji M. Akram Vs. Govt. of Sindh at Sindh High Court Hyderabad Bench against the decision of RA.	SIDA officials appeared in Hon. Sindh High Court Hyderabad Bench through its Legal Advisor and submitted para wise comments. The Hon. Court after hearing both the parties gave decision in favor of RA-SIDA and validated its decision.
12	FO Sadrat-II Distry of NCAWB	Field Team Sanghar reported the internal conflict of FO Sadrat-II Distry. It is reported by the Field Team that the channels is under rehabilitation/improvement work and contract is NCB. The BoM members were not satisfied with the earth work carried by the contractor but in between the FO Chairman signed the bills of contractor for payment. Due to that, the BoM members did complain to Taluka Naib-Nazim Sanghar who is also the farmer of Sadrat-II Distry, Anti-Corruption Establishment Sanghar and other authorities for poor quality work carried by the contractor. The GB members initiated no confidence move against FO Chairman.	Field Team Sanghar held meeting of GB members to resolve the conflict on 18/06/2008 at Chak-46. The GB members took following decisions to resolve the matter: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The bill will be discussed in GB meeting for justification before signing by FO BoM. • The BoM members will jointly sign the bill. • The Taluka Naib-Nazim and BoM members will visit the channel every week to review the rehabilitation works. • GB meeting will be called fortnightly and all the financial and Abiana record would be provided in the meeting.
13	FO Gorahdi Minor of LBCAWB	Field Team Badin reported conflict among members of FO Gorahdi Minor on election of Treasurer.	Field Team Badin took efforts and held meetings of FO BoM and GB members and at last it held election for the post of Treasurer FO Gorahdi Minor on 18/11/2008.
14	FO Sanhro Distry of NCAWB	An internal conflict reported among the GB members of FO Sanhro Distry on selection of site for construction of FO office under rehabilitation works. One of the GB members' group was of the	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

		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.	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.
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