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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 February 2009.

B. Achievements During the Month

1- Training & Capacity Building

A- Basic Trainings

During the month of **February 2009**, **two basic training events** organized by SMG, so far SMG has successfully consumed 50 basic training units and 673 BoM members of 126 newly formed FOs (72 formed under SOFWMP & 54 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
26/02/2009	BRDS Hall Badin	29	07	Akri Minor, Khureri Minor, Karo Ali Bahar, Domar Minor, Humira Minor, Jamali Minor & Manik Wah Minor	Organizational Management and Abiana Assessment & Collection
28/02/2009	Gymkhana Hall Matli	31	07	Jarki Minor, Dubni Minor, Lundo Wah Minor, Imam Wah Junubi Minor, Murad Distry, Sher Wah Large Minor & Ahsan Minor	Organizational Management and Abiana Assessment & Collection

B- Specialized Trainings

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

02 Sanghar, **02** Choondko, **01** Mirpurkhas, **01** Kot Ghulam Mohammed, **01** Tando M. Khan, Umerkot **02**, Badin **01** and **01** Ghotki **230 members of 11 FOs** participated in these trainings. So far SMG has organized 486 events, training 8,590 farmer members of 597 FOs of NCAWB, LBCAWB and GFCAWB. The

details of the Refresher Trainings held in the month of February 2009 are as follows:

#	Date	FO	Pax	Topic	Field Team
1	13/2/2009	Potho Minor	19	Abiana Assessment & Collection	KGM
2	17/2/2009	Bhirri Minor	16	Abiana Assessment & Collection and IDMT Agreement	Sanghar
3	17/2/2009	Dingri Minor	17	Financial Management and Record Keeping	Choondko
4	18/2/2009	Samaro Distry	20	Channel O/M and Abiana Assessment & Collection	Umerkot
5	20/2/2009	Kangni Minor	14	Channel O/M and Abiana Assessment & Collection	Umerkot
6	21/2/2009	Dingro Minor	27	Abiana Assessment & Collection	Ghotki
7	21/2/2009	Taj Minor	22	Abiana Assessment & Collection and Record Keeping	Choondko
8	24/2/2009	Lal Khan Distry	21	Abiana Assessment & Collection and SWMO-2002	Mirpurkhas
9	25/2/2009	Wangi Minor	23	Rehabilitation Works	Badin
10	25/2/2009	Dodo Minor	23	Financial Management and Abiana Assessment & Collection	TMK
11	26/2/2009	Dhilyar Minor	28	Sindh Water Management Ordinance - 2002	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 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 **218** re-elections, the re-elections of **190** 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, no FO re-election conducted by any of the teams.

Overall Re-Elections Position Upto February 2009

S#	AWB	Target	Completed	Remaining	Percentage
1	NCAWB	162	153	09	94%
2	LBCAWB	30	16	14	53%
3	GFCAWB	17	17	00	100%
4	Outside AWB	09	06	03	67%
Total		218	192	26	88%

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 Duthro Minor, Shah Bux Minor, Theba Minor, Palli Distry, Mari Minor and Patoyoon Minor of NCAWB deposited Rs.117,300 in the account of NCAWB as AWB share for different cropping seasons. Also Field Team Ghotki mobilized FO Korai Minor for collection of Abiana and Korai Minor deposited Rs. 50,000 as 60% share of Abiana in the account of GFCAWB.

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, 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.

Director NCAWB held progress review meeting of rehabilitation works at Directorate of NCAWB Mirpurkhas on 21/02/2009. SIDA, NCAWB and PIAC officials, contractors and FO representatives under rehabilitation works participated in the meeting. SMG staff coordinated with FO representatives for participation in the meeting. Progress of each channel's rehabilitation works reviewed in the meeting. It was also decided in the meeting that rehabilitation works of the channels may be completed in the month of March 2009. FO representatives presented their issues and problems in the execution of rehabilitation works.

viii) IDMT Agreement Signing Ceremony @ Ghotki:

An Irrigation and Drainage Management Transfer (IDMT) Agreement Signing Ceremony of 24 Farmers Organizations (FOs) formed under SOFWMP and NDP (15 under SOFWMP and 09 NDP) of Ghotki Feeder Canal Area Water

Board (GFCAWB) held at Directorate of Ghotki Feeder Canal AWB, Ghotki on 07/02/2009. Prof. Aijaz A. Qureshi General Manager (Transition) SIDA was the chief guest of the occasion and Mr. Abdul Rab Pittafi Chairman GFCAWB chaired the ceremony and handed over management of 24 irrigation channels to concerned Farmers Organizations (FOs) under Sindh Water Management Ordinance (SWMO)-2002. Mr. Murtaza Kalwar Executive Engineer Ghotki Division of GFCAWB represented the Director GFCAWB who is signing authority of IDMT agreement on behalf of GFCAWB, Mr. Nazeer Ahmed Memon SDS/DGMT SIDA, Mr. Ihsan Leghari PD WSIP-I, Mr. Abdullah Ruk Naib-Nazim District Ghotki, Mr. Riaz Ahmed Dayo Executive District Officer (Agriculture) District Government Ghotki, Mr. Ishtiaq Kalhoro Executive Engineer SCARP, Mr. Ghulam Mustafa Ujjan Group Leader SMG, Mr. Anwar Siyal AEN Sub-Division Panno Akil GFCAWB, Mr. Khursheed Ahmed Khokhar AEN Sub-Division Daharki GFCAWB, Mr. Fazal-Ullah Phulpoto AEN Sub-Division Ghotki GFCAWB, Mr. Akhtar Mangi AEN Sub-Division Yaro Lund GFCAWB, Mr. Sher Mohammed Mahar Chairman FOC GFCAWB, notables of the area, FO representatives, farmers, journalist from print and electronic media, etc. participated in the ceremony. Total number of participants was more than 200. SIDA & GFCAWB officials and farmers' representatives delivered speeches in the ceremony. At the end of ceremony, Prof. Aijaz A. Qureshi and Mr. Abdul Rab Pittafi jointly handed over the IDMT agreements to representatives of 24 FOs. The names of FOs signed IDMT Agreements and management handed over are Lund Minor, Dub-II Minor, Saeedpur Minor, Kalwali Minor, Kheeraj Minor, Noreja Minor, Pir Wah Minor, Agro Minor, Bakro Minor, Garkano Minor, Jam Wah Minor, Sangrar Minor, Jarwar Minor, Kamal Wah Minor, Rohri Forest Minor, Narli Minor, Chandia Minor, Dilwaro Minor, Naseer Minor, Sher Ali Minor, Bandh Minor, Lundi Minor, Rind Minor and Tig Minor.

D. Monthly Meetings

During the month, SMG held FTI Progress and Review meeting on 14/02/2009 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 January 2009. 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.

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 and basic trainings during the month of February 2009. SMG also held IDMT agreement signing of 24 FOs of GFCAWB during the month at Directorate of GFCAWB, Ghotki, it is expected that these FOs will try to maintain the channels at their own and distribute irrigation water to their members equitably. SMG staff is suffering badly due to non-reimbursement of operational expenses (POL and Office) and TA/DAs since last nine months, therefore they are facing difficulties in execution of field activities. Higher SIDA management may take the notice of the issue and take necessary actions so that staff may work in the field without difficulties.

Annex-1

Trainings Delivery Status up to February 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	72	54	126	673	0	673	100	50	50	BoM members of newly formed FOs of GFCAWB and LBCAWB trained in these events
2	Specialized Trainings	290	0	290	1294	798	2,092	100	57	43	SMG, WMOs, PIAC & M & E Consultants staff and Farmers trained in these events
3	Refresher Trainings	597	0	597	8,590	0	8,590	200	486	-	The Refresher courses being conducted by Social Mobilization Officers of SMG-SDC
Total		959	54	1,013	10,557	798	11,355	400	593	93	