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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 October 2008.

B. Achievements during the Month

1- Training & Capacity Building

A- Basic Trainings

During the month of **October 2008**, **four basic training Events** organized by SMG so for SMG has successfully consumed 44 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.

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
11/10/2008	Badin	30	07	Raj Wah, Morr Minor, Kamaro Minor, Naseer Tail Minor, Padhar Minor, Hadachar Minor and Mithna Minor	Organizational Management And Abiana Assessment & Collection
18/10/2008	Ghotki	36	07	Lundi Minor, Naseer Minor, Rind Minor, Tig Minor, Dilwaro Minor, Band Minor and Sher Ali Minor	Organizational Management And Abiana Assessment & Collection
28/10/2008	Badin	21	07	Raj Wah, Morr Minor, Kamaro Minor, Naseer Tail Minor, Padhar Minor, Hadachar Minor and Mithna Minor	Conflict Management, Financial Management, Project Awareness & Demand Promotion
29/10/2008	Badin	35	07	Raj Wah, Morr Minor, Kamaro Minor, Naseer Tail Minor, Padhar Minor, Hadachar Minor and Mithna Minor	Channel O/M and Irrigation Drainage Management

B- Specialized Trainings

During the month of **October 2008** two specialized trainings 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. The details of the specialized trainings held in the month of October 200/ are as follows:

SMG-SDC organized one day specialized training/workshop on “Contract and Environmental Management” on 16/10/2008 for the BoM members of FO managed channels under rehabilitation works of SOFWMP of GFCAWB at GFCAWB Directorate, Ghotki. 16 staff members (SMG, AWB & PIAC) and 44 farmer members from 17 FOs (Tibbi Minor, Khumbra Minor, Baiji Minor, Nehal Wah, Dahar Minor, Junas Minor, Bakro Minor, Chatto Minor, Dub-I Minor, Sabani Minor, Sangi Minor, Chandia Minor, Langho Minor, Qadirpur-I Minor, Hussaini Minor, Bari Minor and Mehro Link Minor) participated in the training. Director GFCAWB and Mr. Nazeer A. Memon jointly chaired the training/workshop.

SMG also organized one day specialized training on “Financial Management and Abiana Assessment & Collection” for the representatives of FOs of Upper Nara on 25/10/2008 at Field Office SMG-SDC-SIDA, Choondko. 04 staff members (FMG and SMG) and 36 farmers from 07 FOs (Tajjal Minor, Laiwari Minor, Taj Minor, Santrahu Minor, Malook Minor, Saido Minor and Dadu Minor) participated in the training. Mr. Habib Ahmedani Training Coordinator and Mr. Khalid Pirzada delivered session. At the end of training, certificates for successful completion of the training delivered to the participants.

C- Refresher Trainings

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

02 Sanghar, **02** Choondko, **01** Mirpurkhas, **02** Umerkot, **01** Kot Ghulam Mohammed, **01** Tando M. Khan, **02** Ghotki and **01** Badin **294 members of 12 FOs** participated in these trainings. So for SMG has organized 441 events, training 7,567 farmer members of 551 FOs of NCAWB, LBCAWB and GFCAWB. The details of the Refresher Trainings held in the month of October 2008 are as follows:

#	Date	FO	Pax	Topic	Field Team
1	13/10/2008	Hyderi Minor	22	Conflict Management and Abiana Assessment & Collection	Sanghar
2	13/10/2008	Bakro Minor	23	Abiana Assessment & Collection	Ghotki
3	14/10/2008	Pir Bux Minor	16	Financial Management and Abiana Assessment & Collection	Choondko
4	16/10/2008	RD-145 L/S Minor	19	Financial Management and Abiana Assessment &	Choondko

				Collection	
5	20/10/2008	Sadrat-II Distry	45	Conflict Management and Irrigation Management	Sanghar
6	22/10/2008	Gaja Minor	19	Communication Skills & SWMO-2002	TMK
7	24/10/2008	Ahour Minor	21	Conflict Management, Channel O/M and Abiana Assessment & Collection	Umerkot
8	24/10/2008	Korai Minor	27	Organizational Management and Abiana Assessment & Collection	Ghotki
9	25/10/2008	Farsh Distry	42	Conflict Management, Channel O/M and Abiana Assessment & Collection	Umerkot
10	25/10/2008	Hafiza Minor	24	Organizational Management and Abiana Assessment & Collection	Badin
11	28/10/2008	Tagusar Minor	18	Organizational Management and Abiana Assessment & Collection	Mirpurkhas
12	30/10/2008	Barar Minor	18	Organizational Management	KGM

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 17 women groups at Sanghar, Mirpurkhas, Ghotki, Kot Ghulam Mohammed and Choondko, 09 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 reporting

month, no new women farmers' group formed by SMG staff. Although, Field Team Sanghar took efforts for formation of women farmers' group at Sadrat-II Minor and it is expected that the group will be formed during the month of November 2008.

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
Ms. Farzana Khalid	GB Member	FO Nabisar Minor	NCAWB
Ms. Pathani Laghari	GB Member	FO Bareji Minor	NCAWB

ii) Assistance in Re-Election

As of today, out of **215** 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, no FO re-election conducted by any of the field teams.

Overall Re-Elections Position Upto October 2008

S#	AWB	Target	Completed	Remaining	Percentage
1	NCAWB	162	152	10	94%
2	LBCAWB	28	15	13	53.17%
3	GFCAWB	16	16	00	100%
4	Outside AWB	09	06	03	67%
Total		215	189	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 Mir Minor, Gorchani Minor, Khori Minor, Bareji Distry, Tagusar Minor, Chahu Minor, Jageer Minor, Sadhno-II, Minor, Smathry Distry, Rohro Minor & Chowtiary Distry of NCAWB deposited Rs.393,667 in the account of NCAWB as AWB share for different cropping seasons.

v) Assistance in Conflict Resolution

During the month, no any conflict reported by any of the field team.

vi) Support to Consultants of SOFWMP-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 by inviting them in Rehabilitation Progress and Review meeting convened by the Director NCAWB/Project Manager Rehabilitation Works under SOFWMP at directorate of NCAWB Mirpurkhas on 22/10/2008. The representatives of 16 FOs participated in the meeting and discussed progress of works and issues faced by them during execution of these works. Director NCAWB assured them for necessary help for resolution of their issues.

Also Group Leader SMG held meetings with FO representatives of 07 chronic channels in terms of rehabilitation works declared by PIAC. He held meeting with representatives of FO Sher Khan Minor and Malhir Minor of GFCAWB. Likewise he held meeting with representatives of FO Wangi Minor, Dhahdharko Minor, Bhaneri Minor, Shah Bukhari Minor and Mehra Minor of LBCAWB. The purpose of these meetings was to mobilize the FO representatives to restart the rehabilitation works and accelerate them so that these contracts may be completed in the month of December 2008. These meetings remained very fruitful and 06 FOs agreed to restart the rehabilitation works.

viii) FO Assemblies at Sub-Division Level:

SMG has organized 16 FO Assemblies at Sub-Division level in the command of GFCAWB, LBCAWB and NCAWB so far under SOFWMP. During the month, the Field Team Sanghar organized FO Assembly of sub-division Bakhoro of NCAWB. The Assembly was organized at Field Office SMG-SDC, Sanghar. Mr. Niaz Memon Assistant Executive Engineer Sub-Division Bakhoro and Mr. Mustafa Ujjan Group Leader SMG jointly chaired FO

Assembly. The sub-divisional such as Canal Assistant, Aabdars and Daroghas also participated in the event. Representatives of FO Baghdad Minor, Heran Distry, Smathry Distry, Sadhno-II Minor and Baqar Distry participated in the Assembly. A total of 35 SIDA officials, AWB staff members and FO representatives participated in the Assembly. The FO representatives shared their issues and problems with AEN and his staff. AEN assured the FO representatives that all these issues will be solved by his team. The AEN also presented the current situation of the sub-division in terms of irrigation water availability and Abiana collection. AEN requested the FO representatives that the Abiana collection status of sub-division Bakhoro is not satisfactory so FO representatives take interest in Abiana recovery from their members within one month. AEN also assured the FO representatives that he and his staff will provided required help to FOs in collection of Abiana dues from their members.

ix) Awareness Workshop:

SMG-SDC held an awareness workshop on irrigation reforms and participatory irrigation management for farmers and FO representatives at Union Council Taraee-33, Taluka Saleh Pat, District Sukkur on 27/10/2008. Mr. Mohammed Hashim Leghari Managing Director SIDA chaired the workshop. Mr. Ghulam Mustafa Dahri Director Nara Canal Area Water Board, Syed Gulzar Shah Executive Engineer Thar Division NCAWB, Mr. Nazeer Ahmed Memon SDS/DGMT SIDA, Mr. Samo Khan Bhanbhro Taluka Nazim Saleh Pat, Mr. Ghulam Mustafa Ujjan Group Leader SMG, Mr. Ghulam Mustafa Panhiyar AEN Nara Lift sub-division, Mr. Aftab Khoso AEN Saleh Pat, notables of the area, FO representatives, farmers, CSO activists, political workers, journalist from print and electronic media, etc. participated in the ceremony. Total participation in the workshop was more than 200.

Mr. Yar M. Bhanbhro Chairman FO RD-145 Minor, Mir Akhtar Talpur Chairman FO RD-214 Minor and Mr. Turab Ali Aradin Secretary FO Simni Minor in their speeches appreciated the SIDA for making arrangements of IDMT Agreement signing ceremony, they also pointed out issues faced by the FOs and farmers in Nara Lift and Saleh Pat Sub-Divisions. Mr. Samo Khan Bhanbhro Taluka Nazim Saleh Pat assured the forum that local government will try to help FOs in resolving their problems also it will take up the issues with elected representatives from area. Mr. Mustafa Ujjan Group Leader in detailed focused the background of irrigation reforms in his speech. Mr. Nazeer Ahmed Memon SDS/DGMT SIDA appreciated the efforts of FOs and ensured for active support from SIDA in improvement of these channels. Mr. Ghulam Mustafa Dahri Director NCAWB assured the FO representatives that the issues pointed out by the farmer speakers such as remodeling of Nara, failure of electricity and declaration of Upper Nara Division will be taken on priority and documentation will be made for recommendation to Govt. of Sindh.

Mr. Mohammed Hashim Leghari MD SIDA in his presidential speech congratulated the FO representatives signing IDMT agreement in the ceremony. He also advised them that participatory irrigation management is

not a new concept in the history of Sindh. He also assured that SIDA and AWB staff will provide support to FOs in water distribution, management of channels and investment under different schemes and projects. He also said that the issues pointed out by the farmers such as lining of these channels, rehabilitation works, etc. will be addressed by SIDA on priority basis.

At the end of the workshop, Mr. M. Hashim Leghari handed over the Irrigation and Drainage Management Transfer (IDMT) agreements signed by AWB and FO representatives to representatives of 14 FOs of sub-division Saleh Pat, 04 FOs of sub-division Nara Lift and 01 FO of sub-division KGM.

ix) Discharge Measurement of Main Nara and Off Taking Canals:

It was decided in 44th meeting of Board of NCAWB held on 15/10/2008 that there is shortage of irrigation water in Nara Canal so Director and Executive Engineers will measure discharge of main Nara Canal and its off taking canals such as Twin Jamrao, Old Jamrao, Mithrao and Thar canal on 20/10/2008 so that the irrigation water may be distributed among off taking canals accordingly. It was also decided by the board members that SMG will also be present on the spot during discharge measurement. Mr. Mustafa Ujjan and SMG staff remained present during the discharge measurement.

D. Monthly Meetings

During the month, SMG could not hold any staff meeting due to tough activity schedule.

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.

G. Conclusion

During the month, SMG staff accelerated the SOFWMP activities such as Specialized Trainings, Basic Trainings, Refresher Trainings, FO Assemblies and Rehabilitation Works. As most of the cash crops are matured and are being marketed so SMG staff are mobilizing more to FO representatives through different activities for collection of Abiana dues from the farmer members so that Abiana recovery position by FOs may be improved. SMG staff also mobilized the FO representatives who have been declared chronic in terms of rehabilitation works to accelerate the rehabilitation works in the month of November 2008 and be completed by the end of December 2008.

Also, 19 FOs of NCAWB signed IDMT agreement with NCAWB and management of these channels handed over to FO representatives at Saleh Pat during the month, which was due since long.

Annex-1

Trainings Delivery Status up to October 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	67	43	110	611	0	611	100	44	56	BoM members of newly formed FOs of GFCAWB and LBCAWB trained in these events
2	Specialized Trainings	290	0	290	1294	798	2092	100	59	41	SMG, WMOs, PIAC & M & E Consultants staff and Farmers trained in these events
3	Refresher Trainings	551	0	539	7,567	0	7,567	200	441	-	The Refresher courses being conducted by Social Mobilization Officers of SMG-SDC
Total		908	43	951	9,472	798	10,270	400	544	97	