SOCIAL MOBILIZATION GROUP

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT CELL

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SINDH ON FARM WATER MANAGEMENT PROJECT
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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 2009.

B. Achievements During the Month

1- Training & Capacity Building

A- Basic Trainings

During the month of **October 2009, no basic training event** organized by SMG, so for SMG has successfully consumed 65 basic training units and 839 BoM members of 158 newly formed FOs (85 formed under SOFWMP & 73 NDP) of GFCAWB and LBCAWB have been trained.

B- Specialized Trainings

During the month of **October 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 **Two Refresher Training** events at following field stations:

Field Team Sanghar held **01** Refresher Training event and **01** by Field Team Choondko, **45 members of 02 FOs** participated in these events. So for SMG has organized 550 events, training 9,988 farmer members of 664 FOs of NCAWB, LBCAWB and GFCAWB. The details of the Refresher Trainings held in the month of October 2009 are as follows:

#	Date	FO	Pax	Topic	Field Team
1	8/10/2009	Tajal Minor	18	Financial & Organizational Management	Choondko
2	15/09/2009	Baghdad Minor	27	FO Election Regulations 2004 & SWMO-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 **2,259** 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, 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 19 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, 02 Choondko, and 01 in Ghotki. All these women groups have 266 memberships. During the month, no any new women group formed by the SMG staff.

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. Parveen Leghari	V. Chairman	FO Duthro-I Minor	NCAWB
Ms. Sumia Naz	V. Chairman	FO RD-205 R/S	NCAWB
Ms. Zareena	BoM Member	FO Rawitiani Minor	NCAWB
Ms. Khadija Chandio	BoM Member	FO Santoor Minor	NCAWB
Ms. Soomal Rind	BoM Member	FO Bagi Minor	NCAWB
Ms. Sumera Bibi	GB Member	FO Saifal Minor	NCAWB
Ms. Pathani Kosh	GB Member	FO Gohram Minor	GFCAWB

ii) Assistance in Re-Election

As of today, out of **335** re-elections, the re-elections of **246** FOs have been completed by the efforts of SMG staff. The SMG-SDC team has achieved the **73%** of the target of re-election. During the month, 05 FO re-elections conducted by Field Team Choondko, Sanghar and Ghotki. Field Team Choondko held re-election of FO Saido Minor of NCAWB on 21/10/2009. Field Team Sanghar held re-election of FO Baghdad Minor of NCAWB on 15/10/2009. Field Team Ghotki held re-election of FO Qadirpur-II Minor of GFCAWB on 11/10/2009, FO Dub-II Minor on 23/10/2009 and FO Ranwti Minor on 28/10/2009.

Overall Re-Elections Position Upto October 2009

S#	AWB	Target	Completed	Remaining	Percentage
1	NCAWB	226	186	40	82%
2	LBCAWB	63	18	45	29%
3	GFCAWB	36	36	00	100%
4	Outside AWB	10	06	04	60%
Total		**335**	**246**	**89**	**73%**

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. All the Field Teams took efforts and held meetings with FO BoM and GB members for collection of Abiana.

v) Assistance in Conflict Resolution

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

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. SMG is providing support to PIAC and M & E consultants on day to day basis in implementation of rehabilitation works and environmental monitoring.

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.

vii) IDMT Agreement Signing Ceremony of FOs of LBCAWB

SIDA and Left Bank Canal Area Water Board (LBCAWB) jointly held Irrigation and Drainage Management Transfer (IDMT) agreement signing ceremony of 31 FOs (Old Kazia Minor, Ganj Bahar Minor, Bohro Minor, Hadachar Minor, Mithna Minor, Kamaro Minor, Raj Wah, Mor Minor, Padhar Minor, Naseer Tail Minor, Murad Distry, Peer Kandero Minor, Ahsan Minor, Lundo Minor, Jarki Minor, Hamirah Minor, Jamali Minor, Karo Ali Bahar Minor, Akri Minor, Domhar Minor, Khureri Minor, Manik Wah Distry, Sher Wah Large Minor, Dubni Minor, Imam Wah Janobi Minor, Naseer Minor, Naseer Minor (Ex- Sultani), Ali Wah Large Distry, Bulri Distry, Khanooth Minor and Golarchi Distry) on 31/10/2009 at Hotel Indus, Hyderabad. Syed Murad Ali Shah Chairman SIDA/ Minister Irrigation & Power, Govt. of Sindh was expected to participate as Chief Guest of the ceremony but due to his important/urgent meeting with the Chief Minister, Govt. of Sindh could not participate. Mr. Muhammad Mithal Abbasi Managing Director SIDA chaired the ceremony. Mr. Khalil Bhurgri Chairman LBCAWB, Haji Khair M. Bhurgri Chairman NCAWB, Mr. Abdul Rab Pittafi Chairman GFCAWB, Mr. Manzoor A. Sheikh Chief Engineer Kotri Barrage, Mr. Moula Bux Talpur Member SIDA Board from Kotri Barrage, Syed Ali Gohar Shah Member SIDA Board from Sukkur Barrage, Mr. Salam Memon Project Coordinator PCMU WSIP, Mr. Ehsan Leghari Project Director WSIP, Mr. Nazeer A. Memon General Manager Transition, Mr. Moula Bux Mirbahar General Manager Operation, Mr. Anwar Memon General Manager Finance, Dr. Mumtaz A. Suhag General Manager R&D, Haji M. Khan Nizamani Director LBCAWB, Mr. Yili Dadja Team Leader PMCA, Mr. John Taylor Sociologist, Dr. Fateh M. Mari Director M&E PCMU WSIP, Mr. G. Mustafa Dahri Director NCAWB, Mr. Abdul Rasheed Khoso Director GFCAWB, Agha Zafarullah Durrani DG-AE&WM, IPD officials, SIDA officials, AWB officials and members, journalists, CSO members and large number of FO representatives participated in the ceremony.

Mr. Muhammad Mithal Abbasi, Mr. Manzoor A. Shiekh, Mr. Khalil Bhurgri, Mr. Ehsan Leghari, Mr. Nazeer A. Memon, Mr. Moula Bux Talpur, Syed Ali Gohar Shah, Mr. Abdul Rab Pittafi, Mr. Zahid Hussain Bhurgri, Mr. Omar Farooq Ahmed Khan, Mr. Imtiaz Khawaja, Mr. M. Nawaz Memon and Mr. Abdul Majeed Nizamani held speeches. At the end of the ceremony Mr. Muhammad Mithal Abbasi, Mr. Manzoor A. Shiekh, Mr. Khalil Bhurgri and Haji M. Khan Nizamani handed over the management of 31 channels to FO representatives under IDMT agreement.

viii) GFCAWB Board Meeting

The meeting of GFCAWB held on 16/10/2009 at the Directorate of GFCAWB, Ghotki. Mr. Abdul Rab Pittafi Chairman GFCAWB chaired the meeting. The members of GFCAWB participated in the meeting including Mr. Nazeer A. Memon GMT SIDA. Mr. Mohammed Mithal Abbasi Managing Director SIDA participated in the meeting as special guests. Mr. Ihsan Leghari Project Director WSIP-I SIDA, Mr. Mustafa Ujjan Social Development Specialist/DGMT SIDA, Mr. Ghulam Hyder Qureshi Deputy Director PCMU, WSIP-I, Govt. of Sindh, Mr. Jairam Das Secretary/DGM (Capital Works) SIDA, Mr. Imtiaz Ali Samoo Procurement Specialist SIDA, Mr. Rasheed Mahar Manager Social Mobilization SIDA, Mr. John Taylor representative of Project Implementation Consultants (PIC), Mr. Amanullah

Qureshi PIC, Mr. Bhai Khan Lakho Executive Engineer Ghotki Division, Executive Engineers, Assistant Executive Engineers, Sub-Engineers of GFCAWB and FO representatives also participated in the meeting as guests in the meeting.

Mr. Muhammad Ehsan Leghari gave detailed briefing to the board members of GFCAWB about the Water Sector Improvement Project (WSIP) and its components in detail. He also informed the members that the priorities for rehabilitation works and other activities under WSIP in the command of GFCAWB will be prioritized by board. Mr. Muhammad Mithal Abbas in his address said that he and SIDA will support GFCAWB for different activities under WSIP. He also said that he will take efforts for strengthening of GFCAWB.

ix) FO Office Inaugurations

The FO offices have been constructed under rehabilitation works of Distributaries/Minors in SOFWMP. In this regard, Mr. Muhammad Mithal Abbasi Managing Director SIDA inaugurated FO office Bakro Minor on 16/10/2009. FO office inauguration ceremony was chaired by Mr. Mohammed Mithal Abbasi Managing Director SIDA. Mr. Nazeer A. Memon GMT SIDA, Mr. Abdul Rasheed Khoso Director GFCAWB, Mr. Mustafa Ujjan Social Development Specialist/DGMT SIDA, Mr. Ghulam Hyder Qureshi Deputy Director PCMU, WSIP-I, Govt. of Sindh, Mr. Jairam Das Secretary/DGM (Capital Works) SIDA, Mr. Imtiaz Ali Samoo Procurement Specialist SIDA, Mr. Rasheed Mahar Manager Social Mobilization SIDA, Mr. Bhai Khan Lakho Executive Engineer Ghotki Division, Mr. Anwar Siyal AEN, Mr. Khursheed Khokhar, GFCAWB officials/staff, BoM members of FO Bakro Minor and large number of farmers also participated in the ceremony. Mr. Mohammed Mithal Abbasi inaugurated FO office and visited inside the office. He very much appreciated the FO office building and construction work carried out by FO. FO Chairman gave detailed briefing about the activities of FO. Mr. Muhammad Mithal Abbasi, Mr. Nazir A. Memon and Mr. Abdul Rasheed Khoso delivered speeches and appreciated the efforts of FO.

Mr. Nazir A. Memon inaugurated newly constructed FO office of Nehal Wah on 17/10/2009 located near Daharki Town. Mr. Mustafa Ujjan Social Development Specialist/DGMT SIDA, Mr. Ghulam Hyder Qureshi Deputy Director PCMU, WSIP-I, Govt. of Sindh, Mr. Jairam Das Secretary/DGM (Capital Works) SIDA, Mr. Imtiaz Ali Samoo Procurement Specialist SIDA, Mr. Rasheed Mahar Manager Social Mobilization SIDA, Mr. Khursheed Khokhar, GFCAWB officials/staff, BoM members of FO Nehal Wah, Chairmen of FO Piyaro Minor, Malhir Minor, Raiti Minor and large number of farmers also participated in the ceremony. Mr. Nazir A. Memon inaugurated FO office and visited inside the office. He very much appreciated the FO office building and construction work carried out by FO.

Mr. Nazir A. Memon, Mr. Mustafa Ujjan, Mr. Ghulam Hyder Qureshi, Mr. Khursheed Khokhar and Mian Abdul Manan delivered speeches. Mr. Nazir A. Memon also held discussions with the farmers regarding rehabilitation works, issues and construction of FO office.

x) FO Assembly

FO Assembly of representatives of FOs of Jamrao Division, AWB officials/staff and SIDA officials held on 13/11/2009 at Committee Room of Directorate of NCAWB, Mirpurkhas. Mr. Sohail Ahmed Rind Executive Engineer Jamrao Division and Mr. Mustafa Ujjan Social Development Specialist jointly chaired the meeting. Representatives of 38 FOs of Jamrao Division participated in FO Assembly. Also Assistant Executive Engineers and other support staff of Jamrao Division participated in the Assembly. Mr. Rasheed Mahar Manager Social Mobilization and Gender also participated in the Assembly. The forum discussed the situation of water availability for up coming Rabi 2009-10 season, Abiana collection status of FO managed channels, issues and problems. The forum also agreed and formed Water Allocation Committee (WAC) of Jamrao Division as per the provisions of SWMO-2002. The nominations for WAC were finalized and it was decided that WAC will hold meeting before start of Rabi 2009-10 season and prepare rotation plan, which will be circulated to all the concerned FO representatives.

D. Monthly Meetings

During the month, no staff meeting could be held due to busy schedule.

F. Problems/Issues

The SMG staff is following issues in the implementation of activities under SOFWM Project:

Administrative/Financial 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, the pace of activities of SMG remained slow but held FO re-elections, FO assembly, IDMT agreement ceremony of FOs of LBCAWB and FO office inauguration of GFCAWB. As the activities of SMG under SOFWMP will end in the month of December 2009, therefore the focus of activities by the SMG staff is on documentation of achievements of SMG during last five years. The targets for remaining two months has been revised so that the targets of SMG may be achieved before end of project duration.

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**	85	73	158	839	0	839	100	65	35	BoM members of newly formed FOs of GFCAWB and LBCAWB trained in these events
2	**Specialized Trainings**	309	0	309	1,288	841	2,129	100	57	43	SMG, WMOs, PIAC & M & E Consultants staff and Farmers trained in these events
3	**Refresher Trainings**	664	0	664	9,988	0	9,988	200	550	-	The Refresher courses being conducted by Social Mobilization Officers of SMG-SDC
Total		**1,058**	**73**	**1,131**	**12,115**	**841**	**12,956**	**400**	**672**	**78**	