

NEWARBI PROJECT UPDATE

FDW17093PK - RVO

Friday 1 October 2021

OVERVIEW

- General Updates
- Activities WP₂
- Activities WP₃
- Activities WP₄
- Outlook for coming months

GENERAL UPDATES

- Staff updates
 - Additional staff for Dadu field office (gender + field coordinator (Asif Lakhar))
- Regular team meetings
- Focus on work in the field
- Progress report June 2020 - May 2021
- Covid-19 restrictions eased
- Tropical Cyclone → heavy rains



PREVIOUS OUTLOOK (MAY 2021)

- WP₂
 - Costing of major infrastructure
 - Maintenance of small infrastructure with communities/farmers
 - Training for WUA / Farmer Networks
 - Formation of JMC (Nai Gaj) / Equipping of JMC (Bagh Narri)
 - In-depth discussion on Water Distribution Arrangements
- WP₃
 - Set-up of demo plots with new seeds
 - Coaching through Farmer Field Schools for other practices
 - Solar Flour grinder, Acacia plantation, Land levelling ,disease control, etc.
 - Including Gender Mainstreaming and COVID-19 response
 - Evaluate first round of Good Practices



PREVIOUS OUTLOOK (MAY 2021)

- WP₄
 - Developing Green Future Farming Mode
 - Blogs
 - Support base line BWRMP (WB)
 - New version of photo book
- Project Management
 - Prepare Progress Report
 - Narrative / Financial
 - Update Theory of Change + develop graphic
 - Update Sustainability Compact
 - FDW Covid-19

ACTIVITIES WORK PACKAGE 2

- Monitoring of the current flood season
- Engineering surveys + BoQ preparation
- Repair of specific weak spots (Bhawal Jo Gandho), damages caused during 2020 floods



Bhawal Jo Gandho

Tractors contributed by the community



Visit by RDF together with the
Farmer Network

ACTIVITIES WORK PACKAGE 2

- Several training and capacity building activities
 - Leadership in Spate Irrigation
- Support of the Joint Management Committees (JMCs) and Farmer Networks
 - Signing of agreement with JMC (RDF)
- Meetings with officials of the Districts
- Mapping of system, converting maps into soft-copies



ACTIVITIES WORK PACKAGE 3

- Desilting of several drinking reservoirs (SPO)
- Preparation of drinking water schemes + installation of Deep Boreholes at two locations (RDF)
- Set-up of demo plots with new seeds
 - Procurement and distribution of seeds (Mung Bean, Millet and Castor (SPO)
 - Introduction of block plantation method (RDF)
 - Procurement and introduction of hermetic bags, to store seeds
- Meetings to ensure Gender Inclusion, with SIDA staff
- Livestock Vaccination Camps



Seed distribution



Broadcasting method of planting

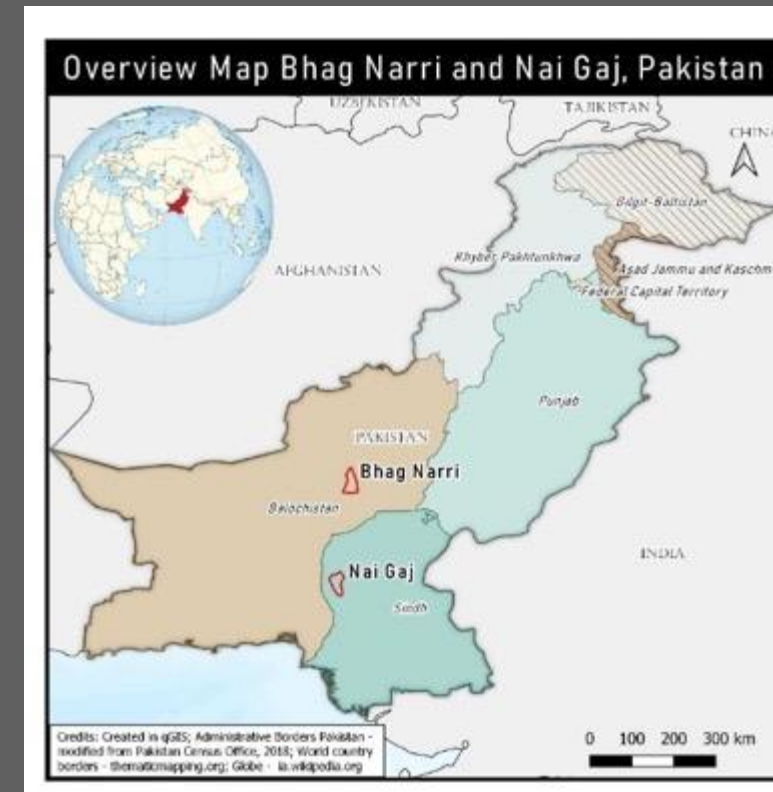


Local vegetable cultivation on the embankment



ACTIVITIES WORK PACKAGE 4

- Ongoing work and proposals:
 - Sindh
 - Contribution to the Sindh Water Policy, Recognition of Spate Irrigation in the policy
 - Involvement in formulation of ADB project
 - Balochistan
 - EU project Revival of Water Management in Balochistan, MoU with FAO proposal development.
Preparation of consortium and proposal
 - Balochistan Integrated Water Resources Management Project (WB), baseline & command area development
 - Punjab
 - Spate Irrigation Project by ADB
 - KPK
 - Spate Irrigation as Climate Change Adaptation



ACTIVITIES WORK PACKAGE 4 (CONT'D)

- Ongoing:
 - Farmer meetings to share progress in project
 - Sharing experiences on
 - Specific Spate platforms/groups in Pakistan and
 - Farmer Network whatsapp groups
 - Meetings with relevant stakeholders to share progress in the project
 - Agriculture Department
 - Govt of Sindh / Balochistan and
 - Irrigation Department / SIDA
 - Development of blogs @ TheWaterChannel
 - Drinking Water
 - Pastoral Frontiers

OUTLOOK (OCTOBER 2021)

- WP₂
 - Continue preparations physical structures Bhag Narri
 - Engineering Survey, BoQ, PC-1, tendering
 - Preparation of field-outlet structures construction
 - Continued support of Farmer Networks and JMCs
 - Documentation of water distribution system
- WP₃
 - Survey of drinking water reservoirs
 - Continuation crop trials and distribution of seeds, for Rabi season
 - Including training on safe storage of seeds
 - Women training on Health and Hygiene
 - Farmer Fields Days
 - Start with Egg Pan fabrication
 - Introduction of field water management practices



OUTLOOK (OCTOBER 2021)

- WP₄
 - Capturing of Farmers' experiences (ongoing)
 - Development of Practical Notes
 - Proposal for EU/FAO project
- Project Management
 - COVID-19 project
 - NOC for Balochistan
 - Prepare implementation of COVID-19 proposal