

NEWARBI PROJECT UPDATE

FDW17093PK - RVO

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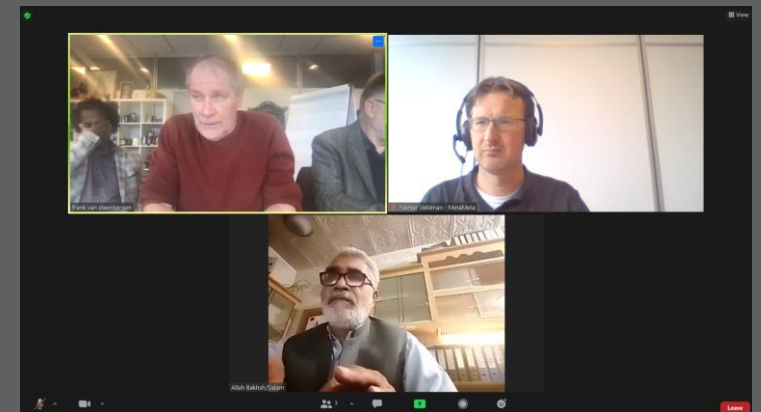
OVERVIEW

- General Updates
- Activities WP₂
- Activities WP₃
- Activities WP₄
- COVID-19 response
- Outlook for coming months



GENERAL UPDATES

- Regular team meetings
- Focus on work in the field
- Visit to Pakistan by Reinier (6 – 15 June 2022)
 - Including Embassy visit
- Revised Plan and Budget for remaining project period
- ToR for the MTR prepared (July/August)
- Progress Report 2 in preparation



PREVIOUS OUTLOOK (MAR 2022)

- WP₂
 - Construction Lower Narri (finalized by Dec 2022)
 - Identification bottlenecks Upper Narri + preparing tender
 - Coordination meeting of JMC/Farmers network, with SIDA.
 - Training on Financial Management for Farmer Network/JMC.
- WP₃
 - Introduction of new fodder varieties (Nai Gaj)
 - Contact with Livestock Dept on specific diseases
 - Construction of Drinking Water ponds
 - Continued introduction of seeds + evaluating results current harvest
 - Farmer Fields Days
 - Demonstration of Kitchen Gardening
 - More Deep Hand pump (Two)
 - Demonstration of Milk Churner by providing to women.



PREVIOUS OUTLOOK (MAR 2022)

- WP₄
 - Expecting feedback EU/FAO proposal
 - Additional Practical Notes + Printing
 - Start Social Investment Package
- COVID-19 Response
 - Finalization of all project activities + reporting
- Project Management
 - Monitoring and Evaluation, incl. Mid-term Evaluation
 - Updating project website
 - Progress Report
 - Update Budget + Planning



Organic Wheat, Bhag Narri

ACTIVITIES WORK PACKAGE 2

Bhag Narri - SPO

- Finishing design of improvements for major bottlenecks (8 structures/canals)
- Tendering of major improvements in lower Bhag Narri
 - Contractor selected, works between August – March 2023
- Preparing tender for upper Narri (construction Dec 22 – Jun 23)
- Support to JMC and Farmer Networks (ongoing)
- Updated map of the system, provided print to government offices.
- Monitoring through IrriWatch
- Irrigation Department is executing their part of co-finance by construction of water distributor for Buldei wah
 - Construction almost complete
 - Conflict solved through government intervention

ACTIVITIES WORK PACKAGE 2

Nai Gaj (RDF)

- Support to JMC and Farmer Networks (3 JMCs + 15 Farmer Networks)
 - Training on Water Management with SIDA
 - Reforms in irrigation system
- Coordination meetings with SIDA, including dialogue with female communities



Newly cultivated area, Bahawal Jo Gandho



Water Management training

ACTIVITIES WORK PACKAGE 3

Bhag Narri (SPO)

- Monitoring of trials with improved seeds
 - Very promising results, comparison with local varieties
 - Local seed procurement of next seasons
 - Organic Wheat, Cluster Bean, Sorghum, Millet, etc.
- Procurement of goods for upcoming activities
 - Milk Churners
 - Sewing Machines (vocational skills centre)
 - Laser land levelling
 - Etc.



Harvest of Chick Pea trials



Training on use of inauculant

ACTIVITIES WORK PACKAGE 3

Nai Gaj (RDF)

- Block Plantation (hurray) introduced, including acacia seed distribution
- Fodder grasses introduced
- Livestock vaccination, with livestock department
- Kitchen garden trials, including use of 'waste water' from hand pumps.
- Exposure visit farmers to Tando Jam Agricultural University
- *COVID*
 - *Migrant workers returned to the cities*
 - *Research study by RDF on COVID-19 impact education*



Exposure visit



Livestock vaccination

Meetings with Female Farmers, with SIDA

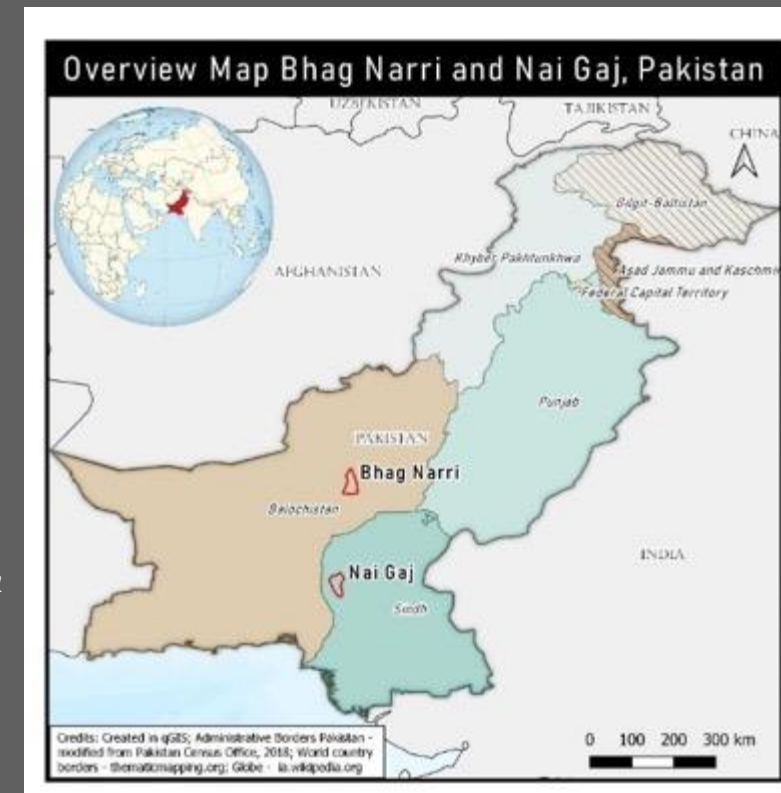


Fetching water, awaiting the new floods



ACTIVITIES WORK PACKAGE 4

- Investment Package in preparation
- Ongoing work and proposals:
 - Sindh
 - Involvement in formulation of ADB project
 - Balochistan
 - EU project Revival of Water Management in Balochistan, MoU with FAO proposal development.
Proposal Prepared (12 million), unfortunately declined
 - 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
 - Photobook, version 2 ready
 - Practical Notes
 - Trees in Spate Irrigation Areas & Fresh vegetables in Spate Areas
 - Drinking Water ponds (translated in Urdu)
 - Livelihood brochures translated (Urdu and Sindhi)

COVID-19 RESPONSE

Finalized

- New reservoirs constructed
- Existing reservoirs enlarged and rehabilitated
- Improvements at hospital implemented
- COVID-kits for educational institutions procured + top-up from Oxfam (5000 bars of soap)

Remaining:

- Shallow wells + pump (contractor has withdrawn)
- Distribution of COVID-kits (schools closed early)



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 - Preparing tender bottlenecks Upper Narri
 - Coordination meeting of JMC/Farmers network, with SIDA.
 - Walk through of system, mapping distribution arrangement
 - Video Reporting
- WP₃
 - Value chain assessment, focus on organic guar
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 - Exchange with Universities + Project to Project
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