

FDW INSPIRE WEBINAR

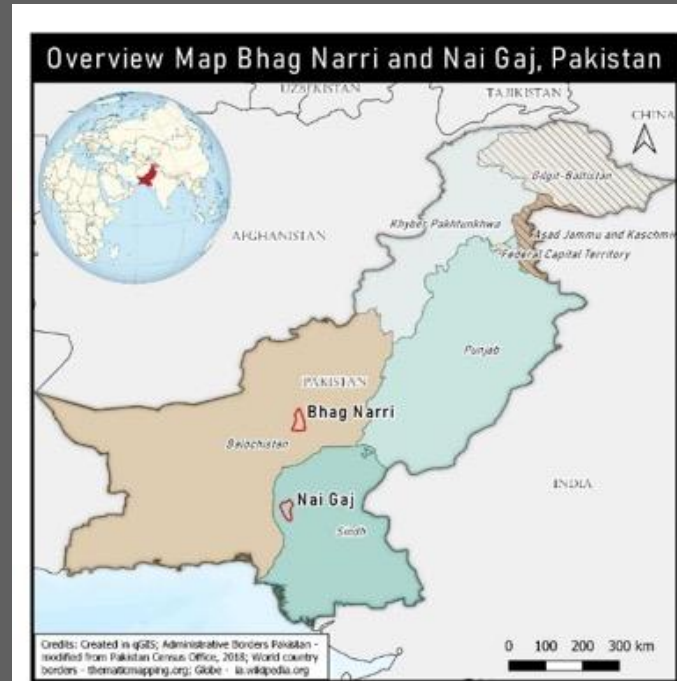
Experiences from:

New Water Rights For Basin Management And Inclusivity In
Spate Irrigated Areas of Pakistan (FDW17093PK)

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BACKGROUND / PROBLEM

- Project: New Water Rights For Basin Management And Inclusivity In Spate Irrigated Areas of Pakistan
- Timeline: Jan 2018 – Nov 2022
- Location: Balochistan and Sindh, Pakistan
- Project partners: RDF, SPO, SIDA and Balochistan Government
- Background:
 - New headworks built in the spate systems/construction of dam
 - Water distribution not aligned with new situation
 - Potential is not used
 - Neglected and underdeveloped areas, with out-migration



Funding Agency



Lead Organisation



Project Partners





Irrigation of fields with flood water



Harvest of Mooth Beans from an intercropped field with sorghum

INTERVENTION / BUSINESS CASE

- Work Packages:
 2. Optimizing the water allocation in the Spate Irrigation Systems
 3. Introduction of Livelihood Opportunities
 4. Out scaling and dissemination of recalibrated water distribution rules and livelihood opportunities
 - Changes to water rights and rules recognized as a priority issue by 4 non-project areas by district/provincial governments and funding parties.
 - Demonstrated new livelihood opportunities being promoted in 4 non-project areas
- Business Case:
 - Introduction of new crops with a focus on organic crops.
 - Position the added value of crops from Spate systems.

SCALING OUTCOMES

- Scaling the approach (WP₄):
 - Closely involved with policy formulation at provincial level
 - Feeding into upcoming projects with ADB, EU/FAO and WorldBank
 - Recognition of the potential of Spate Irrigation
 - Development of resources and training packages
 - Based on experiences from the projects (blogs, video's)
 - Exchange meetings with other regions
 - Development of a Social Investment Package

Aim: prove the business case and viability of cropping in Spate systems



BOTTLENECKS

- Focus on engineering solutions vs. integral 'package approach'
- Working in neglected areas, both in planning as well as in budgeting
- What is the business-case to prove?
- For organic certification: infrastructure for testing and certifying, access to European Market



LESSONS SCALING

- Invest in documentation and case studies
- Long term relations are key → visibility with decision makers
- The specific context has to be understood, to ensure all the (pre-)conditions are considered, and avoiding a blue-print approach.
- Examples and Time!



THANK YOU

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