NEWARBI PROJECT UPDATE

FDW17093PK - RVO

10 March 2023

OVERVIEW

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



GENERAL UPDATES

- Project visit by RVO
- Midterm Project Review
 - As team reviewing and implementing recommendations
- Updated financial report in preparation &
- Revised Plan and Budget for remaining project period in development
- Progress Report 2 prepared



<u>Bhag Narri - SPO</u>

- Works in Lower Nari
 - Rehabilitation works on Sharkal are completed (15-Nov-22 10-Jan-2023
 - Completion of works on Mouza Babar Sarkarkar completed
- Supported Irrigation Department in the selection of new schemes in the area (for EU-FAO project)
- ToR for design engineer are prepared for the Upper Narri, hiring in process at SPO-NC
- 1 JMC formed at Ghazi Barrage
 - Scope of work developed with concensus of the JMC

<u>Nai Gaj - RDF</u>

- Follow-up on the Nai Gaj dam construction and implication for farmers & water distribution
- Support to the JMC in maintaining the bund and the upgraded canals
- Identify infrastructure hotspots + develop plan to restore



<u>Bhag Narri (SPO)</u>

- Training Events on Health and Hygiene with females (5 events)
- Sewing Machines (20 units) installed at the Social Welfare Centre Bhag
- Setting up trials with for the testing of plant health measures



Training with farmer group



Health and Hygiene Brochure



Health and Hygiene training, held at the Social Welfare Centre

<u>Nai Gaj (RDF)</u>

- Construction of additional water points, with solar pumps.
- Support of the two JMCs with their respective offices
- Market linkage support, especially for organic crops.
- Continuing introduction of new seeds (oil seeds, sorghum)
- Meetings of JMCs with government line departments (livestock, agriculture extension, health dept, education dept.)



Installation of borehole



Harvest of sorghum

- Presentation on the project to the Secretary of Irrigation of Balochistan (Feb 2023)
- Follow up visit as part of 'Water Security' proposal, preparation for WorldBank project
- Meetings with FAO, ADB and WorldBank-teams on upcoming flood-response projects, with elements of spate irrigation and livelihoods.
- Investment Package in preparation for spate irrigation
- Involvement in DRR mission, after floods.



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
 - - Series of blogs around the role of roads
 - Blog 'floods with a benefit', on the role of planting of seeds on remaining moisture
 - Role of laths (field bunds)





OUTLOOK (MARCH 2023)

• WP2

- Construction Lower Narri (finalized by May 2023)
- Preparing tender bottlenecks Upper Narri
- Coordination meeting of JMC/Farmers network, with SIDA.
- Walk through of system, mapping distribution arrangement
- Follow-up of contacts with ADB, FAO and WorldBank

• WP3

- Continued introduction of seeds + evaluating results previous harvest
- Exchange with Universities + Project to Project
- Introduction of hatching pan & milk churner
- Investigate organic value chains



OUTLOOK (MARCH 2023)

• WP4

- Additional Practical Notes + Printing
- Finalize Social Investment Package
- Engage network, following floods
- Project Management
 - Deriving lessons from MTR
 - Financial report
 - Change request, budget & planning (following from MTR)