NEWARBI PROJECT UPDATE

FDW17093PK - RVO

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OVERVIEW

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



GENERAL UPDATES

- Midterm Project Review
 - As team prepared management response + implementing recommendations
- Updated financial report in preparation
- Allah Bakhsh working part-time with ADB as Community and Rural Development Specialist (8 months).
 - Emergency Flood Assistance Project / Spate Irrigation in Kacchi Plain
 - Salam has taken op project management with SPO
- Team contributed to photo exhibition for 75 years Netherlands – Pakistan, with the Embassy
- Floods Sindh





FLOODS SINDH

 The main roads and embankments of both Joint Management Committees (JMCs) of Pat Gul Muhammad and Bahwal jo Gando were damaged due to heavy rainfall.

 The JMC of Pat Gul Muhammad Wah took the initiative on a self-help basis and rehabilitated 1.5 kilometers of Gul Muhammad Wah, an estimated cost of around 300,000 to 400,000 for the expenses. As a result, Pat Gul Muhammad Wah is now fully functional.

<u>Bhag Narri - SPO</u>

- Works in Lower Nari
 - The works are completed in Lower Nari
- Works in Upper Narri
 - BoQ has been developed.
 - Tender about to start
 - Two remaining works from lower Nari included (delayed due to 2022 floods)
- 1 JMC formed at Ghazi Barrage
 - Scope of work developed with concensus of the JMC
- Engaged with the Government of Balochistan on the repairs on flow divider.



Widening Buda Wah



Flow divider Budeli Wah, before and after the recent rains

A discussion with the farmers is needed on the needed design

<u>Nai Gaj - RDF</u>

- Joint Management Committee (JMC) of Bahwal jo Gando undertook the rehabilitation of their buns, where they cultivate the same two crops, sorghum bean and cluster bean, on around 3000 acres of land.
- However, due to the limited quantity of rain, the crop was lower than expected. Therefore, the people were only able to cultivate the two mentioned crops.





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

- Crop trials continued
 - New distribution for the current season.
 - Processing results of the past season
- Improved drinking water storage at public points
- Procurement of grain storage options
 - Closed bags, durable and reducing harvest losses
- Organic Value chains (both areas). Internship documented the certification process and involved actors.



Materials for Drinking Water storage procured





Newly planted Sorghum and Mung bean with Guar separately

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

- Joint Management Committee (JMC) held meeting with the government department for the construction of the main roads from Johi to Dadu.
- Both JMCs vaccinated more than 5000 animals with the support of the Livestock Department.



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

- Due to the construction of solar-powered water tanks at Shafi Muhammad Lund and Chhidri Villages, people now have improved access to clean and reliable water sources.
- 300 tree plants were planted at Pat Gul Muhammad and Bahwal jo Gando areas.



- Granted two positions in the ADB ESAP program
 - Frank as International Spate Irrigation Expert
 - Karim as Local Spate Irrigation Expert
 - Opportunity to bring in the topics of importance
- Recent introduction to US-AID, engaged in discussion on possibilities to support.
- Investment Package in preparation for spate irrigation
- Exchange visits planned and in preparation



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





OUTLOOK (SEPTEMBER 2023)

• WP2

- Completing tender bottlenecks Upper Narri
- Training Barrage Operators
- 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 and distribution of hatching pan & hermenutic bags + remaining milk churners
- Follow-up organic value chains certification
- Land Levelling



OUTLOOK (SEPTEMBER 2023)

• WP4

- Additional Practical Notes + Printing
- Finalize Social Investment Package
- Engage network, following floods
- Preparing proposals, esp. US-AID
- Project Management
 - Deriving lessons from MTR, Management Response
 - Financial report
 - Change request for budget & planning (following from MTR) (15-Oct)