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 (shared with RVO)
 + implementing recommendations
- Updated financial report (still) in preparation
- Embassy hosting another photo exhibition in Karachi in November, team preparing presence.
- Visit of Frank to Quetta and Islamabad took place.
- Participated in Wetskills Challenge, team provided input





<u>Bhag Narri - SPO</u>

- Works in Upper Narri
 - BoQ has been developed.
 - Tender has been published
 - Two remaining works from lower Nari included (delayed due to 2022 floods)
 - Construction to start in December March/April
- Engaged with the Government of Balochistan on the repairs on flow divider.
- New field inlets used during recent floods
- Training of Barrage Operators + Solar sets for Barrage in procurement





Field inlet during construction and in use

<u>Nai Gaj - RDF</u>

- Joint meetings with SIDA have been held
- Within District Dadu, inclusion of the area in program for resilient water management
- Nai Gaj dam still at a stand still, not clear if and when construction will resume.
- Monsoon rains were significant this year, some water has been diverted to the field for a second crop.
- Difference between the two Wahs, in the extend to which they were able to maintain infrastructure -> differences in success of crops
- Discussion on support to maintain the bund





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

- Crop trials continued
 - New distribution for the current season.
 - Processing results of the past season
- Procurement of grain storage options
 - Closed bags, durable and reducing harvest losses
- Support of female vocational school
 - Previously sewing machines
 - Additional cloth planned
- Preparing video clips for Farmer to Farmer sharing

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

- Several trainings and information sessions:
 - Water Treatment, focused on female farmers
 - Livestock Management
 - Meeting to link farmers with the Livestock Department
 - Livestock vaccination continued (1200+ animals in the past months)
 - Poultry training planned, including Sindhi manual
 - Kitchen Garden seeds distributed
 - Preparing another solar-run tube well
- Ashfaque is a speaker at the upcoming micro-finance event in Luxemburgh





- Continued involvement in ADB, FAO and WorldBank programs
- Direct discussions with Government of Balochistan on spate irrigation program throughout the Province starting with investment under Emergency Flood Action Programme of Government of Balochistan
- 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
 - 1. Farmer to Farmer visit Bhag \rightarrow Dadu and vv.
 - 2. Visit of farmers to University of Multan to students and faculty members (Agronomy



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



