

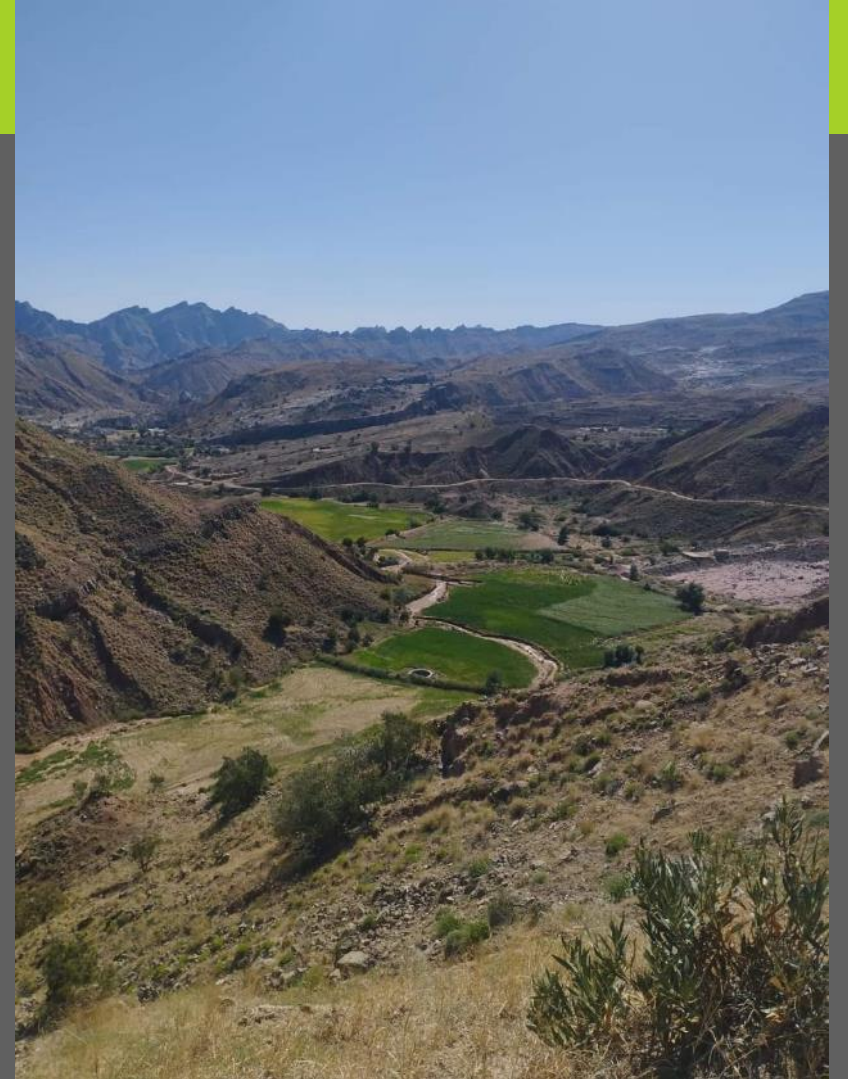
NEWARBI PROJECT UPDATE

FDW17093PK - RVO

16 February 2024

OVERVIEW

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



GENERAL UPDATES

- Visit to Pakistan to prepare APR
 - Visit to Dadu, project partners and Embassy
 - International Symposium by Multan University
- Updated financial report (still) in preparation
- Preparing assignment for FAO on mapping potential (WP4)

**International Seminar (Hybrid Mode) On
"Potential and Opportunities In Spate Irrigation"
January 25, 2024 (Thursday)**

11:00 TO 13:00
PAKISTAN STANDARD TIME

DEPARTMENT OF AGRONOMY
MNS University of Agriculture Multan Punjab, Pakistan

www.mnsuam.edu.pk

Link Below To Join The Webinar

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88270621973?pwd=sHAXSzY1NkVhbnVMeRl4bG93dVw.Kps39pWwNl2xVlI>

Passcode: 393636

Keynote Speaker	Topic	Time
Prof. Dr. Abdul Ghaffar Chairman, Department of Agronomy MNS-UAM, Pakistan	Recitation of Holy Quran Welcome Address	11:00-11:05 AM (PST) 11:05-11:20 AM (PST)
Dr. Khuram Mubeen Associate Professor Agronomy, MNS-UAM Pakistan	Role of MNS University of Agriculture Multan in spate irrigation development and way forward	11:20-11:55 AM (PST)
Mr. Reinier Veldman Agriculture and Water Management Specialist Coordinator SMART Centres and Flood-based InveHood Network MetsWaters, Netherlands	"Spate Irrigation and Research Thesis Topics"	11:55-12:30 PM (PST)
Q & A Session		
Prof. Dr. Ishfaq Ahmad Rajwana Vice-Chancellor, MNS University of Agriculture Multan, Pakistan	Concluding Remarks	12:30-12:45 PM (PST) 12:45-12:55 PM (PST)
Prof. Dr. Shafiqat Saeed Dean, Faculty of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences, MNS-UAM, Pakistan	Vote of Thanks	12:55-13:00 PM (PST)

*PST = Pakistan Standard Time = GMT+5:00



ACTIVITIES WORK PACKAGE 2

Bhag Narri - SPO

- Works in Upper Narri
 - Two remaining works from lower Nari included (delayed due to 2022 floods)
 - Construction started in December – March/April Temporarily on hold due to elections. About 60% of work finished.
- Engaged with the Government of Balochistan on the repairs on flow divider. Plans for improved design + increased budget. New PC-1 developed.
- Training of Barrage Operators planned + Solar sets for Barrage handed out.



ACTIVITIES WORK PACKAGE 2

Nai Gaj - RDF

- Joint meetings with SIDA have been held
- Nai Gaj dam still at a stand still, not clear if and when construction will resume. Rules and allocation will be discussed after completion of the dam.
- Farmers started rebuilding the embankment in Bahawal Jo Ghanda, part project contribution



ACTIVITIES WORK PACKAGE 3

Bhag Narri (SPO)

- Procurement of grain storage options
 - Closed bags, durable and reducing harvest losses
- Support of female vocational school
 - Previously sewing machines
 - Additional cloth provided, uniforms handed out to needy schoolgirls
- Exposure visit to Multan University and Dadu-project area in preparation (after election)
- Preparation of documentary, vendor selected.



ACTIVITIES WORK PACKAGE 3

Nai Gaj (RDF)

- Several trainings and information sessions:
 - Water Treatment, focused on female farmers
 - Livestock Management
Flood resilient animal shelter
 - Poultry training planned, including Sindhi manual
 - Kitchen Garden seeds distributed
 - Handed over solar-run tube well, one more planned
- Ashfaqe was a speaker at the upcoming micro-finance event in Luxemburgh and visited Wageningen



ACTIVITIES WORK PACKAGE 4

- Continued involvement in ADB, FAO and WorldBank programs (Allah Bakhsh, Frank and Karim)
 - Started assignment in Afghanistan and Pakistan on Investment Opportunities.
- 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, also through Embassy.
- Investment Package in preparation for spate irrigation
- Exchange visits planned and in preparation
 1. Farmer to Farmer visit Bhag → Dadu and vv.
 2. Visit of farmers to University of Multan to students and faculty members (Agronomy



ACTIVITIES WORK PACKAGE 4 (CONT'D)

- Preparing additional Practical Notes on past experiences.
- 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

