

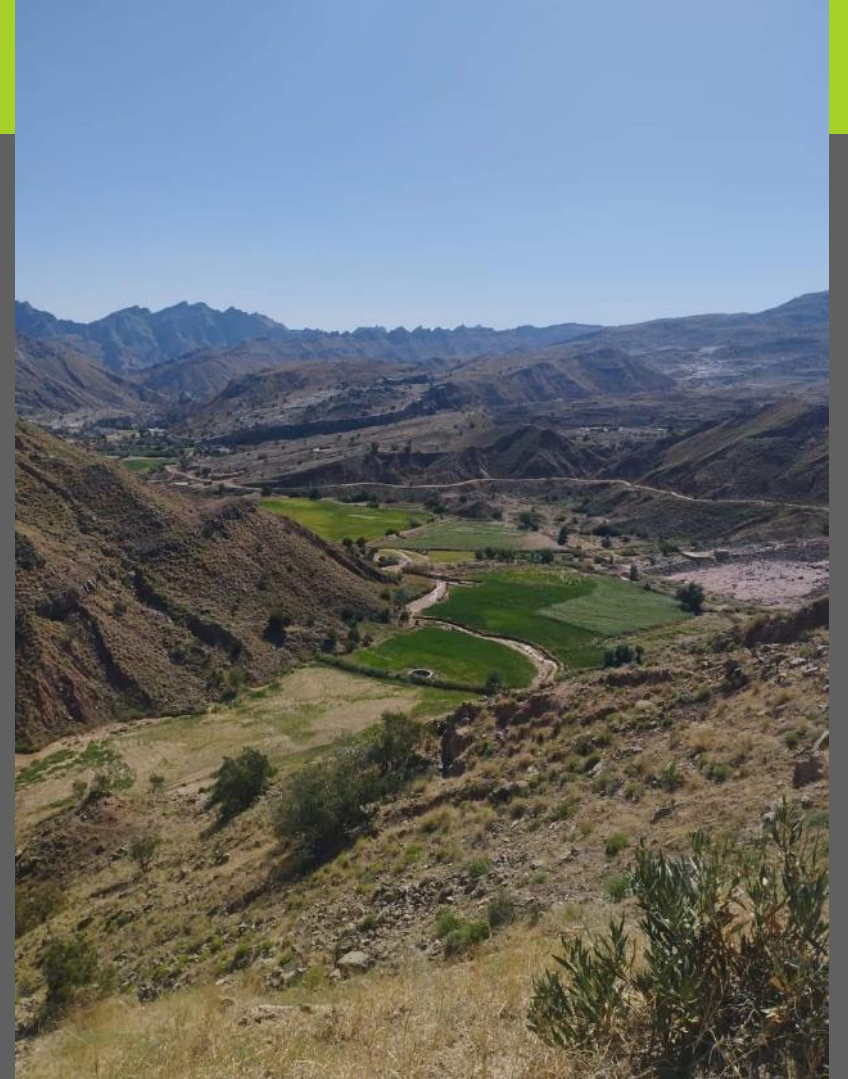
# NEWARBI PROJECT UPDATE

FDW17093PK - RVO

24 May 2024

# OVERVIEW

- General Updates
- Activities WP<sub>2</sub>
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# GENERAL UPDATES

- Updated financial report & budget (still) in preparation
- Awarded assignment for FAO on mapping potential in Pakistan and Afghanistan (WP4)
  - Inception Workshop in Quetta 28 & 29 Feb
- Visit of two RDF colleagues (Arshad and Ghulam) to Wageningen, sustainable energy/infrastructure



# ACTIVITIES WORK PACKAGE 2

## Bhag Narri - SPO

- Works in Upper Narri
  - Construction started in December – March/April  
Temporarily on hold due to rainfall.  
Now continuing again until end of May
- Engaged with the Government of Balochistan on the repairs on flow divider. Plans for improved design + increased budget. New PC-1 developed.
- Vendor selected for mapping of the system, with changes.
- Joint meeting with JMC and channel committees



# ACTIVITIES WORK PACKAGE 2

## Nai Gaj - RDF

- Joint meetings with SIDA have been held
- Farmers started rebuilding the embankment in Bahawal Jo Ghanda, part project contribution
- District Seminar on the Potential and Challenges of Nai Gaj System.
- Other networking events with Universities under discussion



# ACTIVITIES WORK PACKAGE 3

## Bhag Narri (SPO)

- Procurement of grain storage options
  - Closed bags, durable and reducing harvest losses
- 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:
  - Pickle Making for women, as income
  - Livestock exchange with Bhag
- Exchange visit to Bhag Nari
  - Seeds
  - Livestock
  - Spate Infrastructure
  - Water ponds





Visit to Ghazi Dam



Livestock from Bhag



Hygiene Manual



Sharing of seeds



# 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.
  - Two proposal to FAO for Water Harvesting and Capacity Building
- Recent introduction to US-AID, engaged in discussion on possibilities to support, also through Embassy.
- Investment Package in preparation for spate irrigation
- Exchange visit planned and in preparation
  1. 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.
  - Jujube Crop Management
  - Shallow wells
  - Hermeneutic bags (storage options)
- 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



# PLANNED ACTIVITIES

- WP<sub>2</sub>
  - Completing of infrastructure in Bhag
  - Flow divider follow-up
  - JMC meeting in Bhag
  - Nai Gaj dam discussions
- WP<sub>3</sub>
  - Exchange visit to Nai Gaj and Multan University
  - Documentation (video and practical notes)
- WP<sub>4</sub>
  - Stakeholder conference (Bhag), Oct/Nov
  - Proposals on Spate Irrigation/hill torrents
- WP<sub>5</sub>
  - Initiating end-line survey