

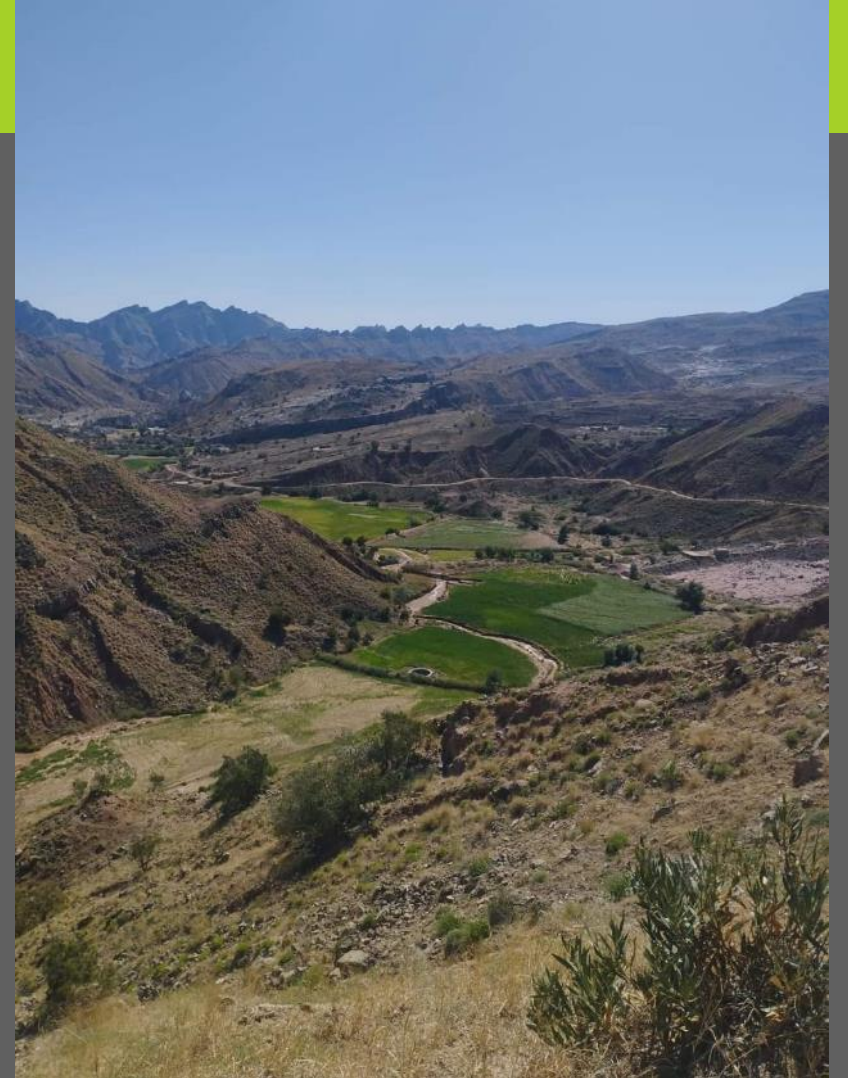
NEWARBI PROJECT UPDATE

FDW17093PK - RVO

20 September 2024

OVERVIEW

- General Updates
- Activities WP₂
- Activities WP₃
- Activities WP₄



GENERAL UPDATES

- Changes in team RDF
 - Ashfaque
 - Arshad, new (interim) Executive Director
 - Manzoor Ali Laghari, joined field team
- Flooding in Sindh – flash floods during monsoon 2024
- Link with RVO DRR project – stakeholder dialogues (Ashfaque)
- Security in Balochistan



ACTIVITIES WORK PACKAGE 2

Bhag Narri - SPO

- Works in Upper Narri
 - Completed the Bala Nari rehabilitation work
- Flow divider – Govt of Balochistan
- Vendor selected for mapping of the system, with changes.
- Joint meeting with JMC and channel committees planned for November (end of project)



ACTIVITIES WORK PACKAGE 2

Nai Gaj - RDF

- Construction of the embankment in Bahawal Jo Ghanda, part project contribution.
 - Cost about 5 million PKR
 - Project supported for the main bund
 - Local bunds are responsibility of farmers
 - Supporting 20.000 acres, 40 villages
- Seminar on Spate Irrigation in Dadu – Potential and Challenges



ACTIVITIES WORK PACKAGE 3

Bhag Narri (SPO)

- Established earthen water ponds in five villages
- Conducted an exposure visit to our project area in Sindh
- Organized a visit to Multan University with farmers and attended a seminar on spate irrigation arranged by the university.
- Farmers visited the seed market, and one farmer procured 1,000 kg of chickpeas for the coming season.
- Distribution of grain storage options
 - Closed bags, durable and reducing harvest losses



ACTIVITIES WORK PACKAGE 3

Nai Gaj (RDF)

- Several trainings and information sessions:
 - Pickle Making for women, as income (2 events)
 - Livestock exchange with Bhag
 - Poultry Training (2 events)
- Exchange visit to Dadu, by Bhag farmers
 - Solar water scheme
 - Meeting with farmer organization
 - Model farmers shed
 - Pickle making practices
- Additional solar system (Talbani lund)





Visit to Multan University



Livestock from Bhag



Group picture in Dadu



Shed for farmers

ACTIVITIES WORK PACKAGE 4

- Arranged a dialogue on flood management in Quetta, which was also attended by Dr. Frank
- Met with PDMA officials and discussed various activities with Dr. Frank
- Continued involvement in ADB, FAO and WorldBank programs (Allah Bakhsh, Frank and Karim)
 - Continue assignment in Afghanistan and Pakistan on Investment Opportunities.
 - Proposal to FAO for Capacity Building granted
- Recent introduction to US-AID, engaged in discussion on possibilities to support, also through Embassy.



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

- WP₂
 - Flow divider follow-up, with Balochistan government
 - JMC meeting in Bhag
 - Nai Gaj dam discussions
- WP₃
 - Documentation (video and practical notes)
- WP₄
 - Stakeholder conference (Bhag), Oct/Nov
 - Proposals on Spate Irrigation/hill torrents
- WP₅
 - Initiating end-line survey