

PROJECT PROFILE

Rs. in million

NAME OF THE PROJECT		Sindh On-Farm Water Management Project			
		COST	UTILIZATION UPTO----- August, 2008		
			Upto July 08	During Aug: 08	Total
DONOR	IDA Credit # 3905-PAK	3544.750 (US\$ 61.2)	2395.297	16.755	2412.052
GoS		356.920	366.112	0.712	366.824
OTHER SOURCE (Farmer's share)		1015.570	--	--	--
TOTAL		4917.240	2761.409	17.468	2778.877
Allocation 2008 - 09		FPA	270.000		
		GOS	50.000	Releases upto Aug	
DATE OF LOAN APPROVAL		27-07-2004			
DATE OF LOAN EFFECTIVENESS		26-08-2004			
DATE OF LOAN CLOSING		31-12-2008 31-12-2009 (Requested)			
PROJECT TARGETS		COST (Rs. In million)	ACHIEVEMENT		
			Upto July 2008	During August,08	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve 4000 water courses . • Establishment of about 100 sustainable Farmer Organizations (FOs) + Project Management Support • Construction of 300 water storage tanks + Productivity enhancement • Improvement of 100 distributory/minor canals • Improvement / rehabilitation of 25 branch canals • Training / Capacity Building 12500 Nos 		2964.00	4355	--	
		187.00	78 completed 21 4/process	1	
		288.00	146. Completed 205 4/improvement	3 --	
		498.00	0 completed 10 4/ process	--	
		214.00	0 completed 6 4/ process	--	
		260.00	2225	0	
<p>Status/Bottleneck/Issues: An internal review meeting of World Bank finance Sindh On Farm Water Management was held on 22-07-2008 under the Chairmanship of Chief Economist P&D. The position and decision taken are reflected as under:</p>					

1) Delays under distributaries and minors improvement components. With the project closing date approaching fast, the civil works on only 9 distributaries have been completed and works for the remaining 89 distributaries and minors are under execution. FOs are facing formidable challenges in managing their affairs, and interacting with agencies. Lack of supervision by the Project Implementation Assistance Consultants [PIAC], and difficulties associated with coordination between Sindh Irrigation Drainage Authority, Area Water Boards [AWBs] and PIAC are the factors for weak performance.

2) The environmental safeguard requirements regarding tree plantation and silt disposal have not been met. Since June 2008, the project started the re-plantation program, which is now progressing well. There is a good prospect of meeting the tree re-plantation requirements.

3) The project may need 6-9 months of extension in its closing date to complete the remaining works.

Situation has been improved. Out of 100 overall 13 contracts have been completed on minors and distributaries and on branch canal 5 contracts [out of 6 have been completed. The improvement works on 42 channels is at advanced stage of completion. Coordination and monitoring has been improved and field supervision staff in PIAC has been fielded.

Compensatory tree plantation also underway as per environmental safeguard policies. So far more than 8000 trees have been planted other environmental requirements are also being addressed.

One of the main reasons for grant of extension is that the time wasted due to the delay caused in the implementation activities at early stage of the project. Up to 1 quarter of 2007 the progress was only 12% which has now increased approximately to 60%.

Implementation arrangement envisaged in the project contained a pivotal role of FOs to be employer in NCB and contractors in CBCs. Due to limited technical capacity it took much time to understand project intervention.

Lack of supervision by Project Implementation Assistance Consultants.

Lack of support by AWB staff due to their other operational duties.

Difficulties associated with coordination between SIDA and AWBs.

Implementation operation now has been accelerated with induction of new Managing Director SIDA.

4) PIAC, AWA and SIDA to follow the service standards for contract management and monitor them fortnightly. PIAC was to provide all of the required additional site supervision staff by June 30, 2008

The service standards are being strictly followed and payment of all contracts [CBC and MCB] is being made almost on time and there is no handling delay in any payment bill. At present in SIDA Office, there is not a single bill pending and the process is being monitored effectively. The additional site supervision staff [9] has been deployed and mobilized by PIAC from August 1, 2008

5) DGAEWM to complete the selection of firms to supply the laser equipment and selection of farmers / operations eligible to purchase the laser equipment by September 15, 2008

6) AEWM Department and SIDA both need to closely monitor the implementation progress on tree re-plantation schemes.

Action is actively underway, so far more than 8000 trees have been planted by SIDA on various distributaries and minors. The overall target upto next planting season [March 2009] is fixed more than 100,000 Trees. A task force on tree plantation is established for implementing and monitoring the plantation program.