

Minutes of 5th meeting of Project Steering Committee (PSC) for Sindh Water Sector Improvement Project Phase-I (WSIP-I) held on January 28, 2009 under the Chairmanship of ACS (Dev) P&D Department, GoSindh

The meeting was held in the Committee room of P&D Department, GoSindh, Karachi. List of the participants is attached at **Annex-A**.

2. After welcome remarks from the Chair, the forum confirmed the minutes of previous (4th) meeting held on November 8, 2008 since there were no any comments from any quarter. Giving the status of the project implementation, the Project Coordinator, WSIP informed that although the progress is slow, however, by taking necessary steps/measures things have started moving. He informed that the Project Director WSIP has been appointed and has since joined SIDA, the selection process of 13 Assistant Engineers and 08 Social Organizers has been completed and recommendations have been sent to Chief Minister for his approval. The procurement process for consultancy services i.e. Project Implementation Consultants (PICs) followed by Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E) Consultation is also under final stages and as per road map for both Consultants would be on board by mid of February and March 2009 respectively. He further informed that the compliance of the actions required on the recommendations of recent World Bank Mission and decisions of previous Project Steering Committee meeting was reviewed in 2nd monthly review meeting held on Jan. 22, 2009. SIDA has taking actions and most of actions have been completed, however, MD SIDA was requested to inform the updated position to the forum.

3. Apprising the updated compliance status of the actions as per World Bank's *aide-memoire* the MD SIDA informed that actions on finalization of recruitment of project staff for SIDA has already been initiated and hopefully it would be completed by March 31 and June 30, 2009 as per target dates. For selection of AWBs staff under the project, the draft TORs for Director AWBs have been prepared and sent to PMC/A for clearance, whereas TORs for other / remaining staff of AWBs are under preparation and would be forwarded to PMC/A within 20 days. On the issue of giving autonomy to one AWB, the Chair directed that SIDA may get option from the IPD staff working in the AWB for their services continuity either through SIDA or IPD.

4. Regarding procurement of consultancy services of "Project Implementation Consultants (PICs)", the MD SIDA informed that the combined report prepared by PMC/A has been received by the Review Committee notified by the GoSindh under his chairmanship. The report has been reviewed by the Committee and has been forwarded along with observations of the Committee to the Bank on Jan 24, 2009.

5. The TORs for procurement of consultancy services for "preparation of Regional Master Plan for Left Bank of Indus Delta and Coastal Zone" drafted by SIDA have been modified as per guidelines of the World Bank Mission and have been sent to all concerned project partners including World Bank as well as PMCA on January 15, 2009 for their comments/input. Regarding involvement of local area representatives / NGOs, the PD WSIP informed that consultative workshop / seminar by involving all stakeholders would be arranged in next month to discuss and get feed back before finalization of TORs. The Chair directed that report of World Bank Panel of Experts their recommendations, environmental studies undertaken under NDP/ADP schemes, disaster management authority, study of redesign of LBOD, local NGOs, area peoples, NRSP, IUCN and local administration be consulted. It was pointed out that in compliance to *aide memoire*, IPD has still not submitted "draft TORs for Guddu Barrage Study".

6. MD SIDA further informed that SIDA has forwarded to the World Bank, the draft proposal of Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) and guidelines for identifying the distributaries/minors and awarding and management of community based Contracts (CBCs). As per recommendations of the World Bank Mission, the canal command maps for three AWBs have been prepared and they have marked all 170 distributaries on the maps. He informed that the GIS input would be obtained from PICs when they are on board, since presently SIDA has no such expertise. The packaging/grouping of distributaries / minors have also been prepared in consultation with FOs for two AWBs i.e. Nara Canal (10 packages covering 74 channels) and Ghotki Feeder (06 packages covering 41 channels) and a survey Committee / Team has been notified and they have started walkthrough survey on 1st package of Nara Canal AWB. The 1st survey report of package-1 would be issued by January 31, 2009. It was suggested that RSPs may be involved in the process of social mobilizations process since they have such expertise and experience. MD SIDA committed that proposal for involvement of RSPs in social mobilization process would be submitted with three days.

7. The Secretary Finance Department, GoSindh suggested that for development of GIS, SIDA may consult with difference government offices / organizations at federal as well as provincial level which have such kind of facilities particularly SUPARCO, NPIW etc.

8. Giving the compliance status of the decisions of previous (4th) meeting of PSC, MD SIDA informed that for awareness campaign, a radio program has been started from Jan 5, 2009 initially at four radio station (FMs) in surroundings of district Ghotki, Hyderabad, Kharipur, Mirpurkhas and Sanghar. The Complaint handling system has also been established in SIDA and the telephone toll free facility 0800-12301 has been installed. It would be made properly functional very shortly. For taking steps towards increase in Abiana collection, a group of 9 active FOs (03 in each AWBs) has been formed and necessary support is being given to them including providing of service of one retired Tapedar etc.

9. The Chair desired that GM (Finance) SIDA should have proper record of Abiana Recovery including assessment, target and achievement of each AWB and funding position. The Chair directed that consolidated report/updated status of Abiana recovery of three AWBs and funding position should be provided on regular monthly basis and give full presentation on the matter in next meeting. The forum noted the delay in compliance of the other / remaining decisions of PSC and directed SIDA for compliance immediately particularly (a) preparation/submission of SIDA sustainability proposal / strategy (b) functioning of SIDA Training Cell by complete in all respects including installing all equipment provided under previous (NDP) Project for the purpose, (c) arrangement of SIDA Board meetings on regular basis and visit of ACS (Dev.) to AWBs and (d) submission of QPR / MPR to PCMU P&D regularly.

10. On query from the Chair, regarding execution of works on Ghora Bari Scheme, the MD SIDA informed that physical remaining NDP works would be re-started within two days and it would be completed by end of March 2009.

11. At the end of the meeting Chair again expressed his concern over slow implementation of the project activities and directed that all project partners particularly SIDA being lead implementing agency has to play their role and responsibilities to get the project implementation on faster track without further delay since project has already been delayed. In this regard MD SIDA and new PD WSIP assured that they will take all possible measures to get implementation on faster tracks.

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12. SIDA to take the following actions to get the recommendations of *aide memoire* as well as decisions of PSC completed on the agreed target dates:

- i) Submit draft TORs for appointment of MD SIDA **by Feb 5, 2009.**
- ii) Submit time frame **by February 5, 2009** for completion of selection process of support staff (3rd tier) of SIDA Secretariat.
- iii) Prepare draft TORs for staff of AWBs and submit to PMC/A **by February 20, 2009.**
- iv) Arrange consultative workshop / seminar in **next month** by involving all stakeholders to discuss draft TORs for procurement of consultancy services for “preparation of Regional Master Plan for Left Bank of Indus Delta and Coastal Zone” and finalize the TORs accordingly **by end of February 2009.**
- v) Finalize / modify draft proposal prepared by SIDA for Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) and guidelines for (i) identifying the distributaries/minors and (ii) awarding and management of community based Contracts (CBCs) based on the comments/inputs received by SIDA from project partners.
- vi) Submit survey / walkthrough report **by January 31, 2009.**
- vii) Submit proposal for involvement of RSPs in social mobilization process under WSIP as well as SOFWM Project within three days i.e. **by February 2, 2009.**
- viii) SIDA to consult with difference government offices / organizations at Federal as well as Provincial level which have facilities for development of GIS particularly SUPARCO and NPIW etc.
- ix) IPD will submit draft TORs for Guddu Barrage to PMC/A as agreed/recommended in the *aide-memoire*.
- x) SIDA to get the complaint handling system operational properly by using of toll free telephone facility as soon as possible and will inform PCMU in **two week’s time.**
- xi) Submit Abiana recovery position of each AWBs on **regular monthly basis** showing targets as well as achievement etc.
- xii) Submit **by February 25, 2009** Proposal / strategy for sustainability of SIDA in accordance with the program design under which SIDA was supposed to be self sustainable within 7-10 years after its establishment.
- xiii) MD SIDA/PD WSIP to ensure for providing of all assets to Training Cell SIDA and get it functional in all respects and submit report within **a week’s time.**
- xiv) MD SIDA being member/secretary of the Board to make sure for arrangement of SIDA Board meetings on **regular basis.**
- xv) MD SIDA will make arrangements for visit of ACS (Dev.) to AWBs in **1st week of Feb. 2009.**
- xvi) Project Implementation activity report would be submitted by SIDA to PCMU as well as P&D Department on **by 10th of every month** on the prescribed proforma circulated by P&D Department dated January 4, 2009.
- xvii) SIDA to get the physical remaining NDP works on Ghora Bari Scheme fully completed by **March 30, 2009.**
- xviii) GM (Finance) would give full presentation on his portfolio/financial position in the next meeting

13. The meeting ended with a vote from and to the Chair.

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List of the Participants of the 5th meeting of PSC, WSIP held on January 28, 2009

- i. Mr. Nazar Hussain Mahar, Additional Chief Secretary (Dev), P&D Department in Chair
- ii. Mr. Fazlullah. Pechooho, Secretary, Finance Department, GoSindh
- iii. Mr. Mushtaq Ali Memon, Secretary Forest & Wildlife Department, GoSindh
- iv. Mr. Rasheed Alam, Secretary PHE Department, GoSindh
- v. Syed Mazhar Ali Shah, Additional, Secretary Irrigation & Power Department, GoSindh
- vi. Mr. Rafio Bashir Shah, Additional Secretary (Dev.) Finance Department, GoSindh
- vii. Mr. Fazal A. Nizamani, Senior Chief (W&P) P&D Department, GoSindh
- viii. Mr. Fazal-e-Akbar Afridi, Deputy Chief, Planning Commission, GoPakistan
- ix. Dr. Salam Memon, Project Coordinator, PCMU P&D, WSIP
- x. Mr. Shamsul Haq Memon, Consultants
- xi. Mr. Ghulam Abbas Leghari, Managing Director SIDA
- xii. Mr. Muhammad Ehasan Leghari, Project Director, WSIP, SIDA
- xiii. Professor Aijaz Ahmed Qureshi, General Manager (Transition), SIDA
- xiv. Mr. Moula Bux Mirbahar, General Manager (Operation), SIDA
- xv. Mr. Anwar Hussain Memon, General Manager (Finance), SIDA
- xvi. Mr. Nazeer Ahmed Memon, Social Development Specialist, SIDA
- xvii. Mr. Faizullah Khatri, Assistant Chief (W&P) P&D Department, GoSindh
- xviii. Hafiz Zarrar Siddiqui, Section Officer Forest Department GoSindh
- xix. Mr. S.M. Yahya, Deputy Director, EPA, Sindh
- xx. Mr. Abdul Waqar, Section Officer (C-iv) S&GAD, GoSindh
- xxi. Mr. Ali Anwar Chandio, Deputy Director, EMU, SIDA
- xxii. Mr. Ghulam Hyder Qureshi, Sociologist, PCMU, WSIP