

CRBIP-III: Stakeholder Dialogue on Social Impacts

Summary of Action Recommendations

A multi-stakeholder dialogue on the social impacts of the Chashma Right Bank Irrigation Project (CRBIP), Stage III was held in Dera Ismail Khan and project areas during March 4-7, 2002. See Attachment A for schedule details for the four days and Attachment B for a list of participants at the workshop on March 6-7, 2002. For details of the stakeholder design and the process by which it was arrived at see the Discussion Paper produced for the Stakeholder Dialogue prepared by the Consensus Building Institute (February 2002).¹

The discussion during the workshop was both intense and wide-ranging. Concerns were identified on a wide range of issues regarding the social impacts of the project; from the concerns of specific communities (e.g., Jhok Katherey Wali's flood protection design) to broad issues such as the applicability of donor policies regarding resettlement on this project and the validity of the project design. The primary focus of the workshop was on seeking productive ways to address the four key issue areas highlighted in the discussion paper with the goal of coming to action recommendations on at least some of these points.

This note records the solutions that were suggested and on which consensus did begin to emerge. It should be made clear, however, that there were a number of issues on which agreement was not forthcoming at this stage.

Following general discussion of each issue, participants were asked to identify solutions by focusing on a) **what** should be done, b) **how** it should be done, c) **who** should do it, and d) **when** it should be done. The emerging consensus is presented below. Each element was discussed in plenary, first during the issue area discussion and again during the final session. The contents in the table below were read out by the facilitator, participants were asked to add, subtract, edit the wording, accept or reject; once finalized the language on the flip-chart was again read out by the facilitators to make sure it was acceptable.²

¹ The discussion paper and all comments received on it were distributed in advance to participants of the stakeholder dialogue. The discussion paper identified five key groups of stakeholders: a) communities in project area, b) project organizations, c) civil society organizations, d) provincial and other government organizations, and e) funding agencies. It also identified five key areas of social impact concerns: a) flooding and resettlement, b) land acquisition, c) compensation, d) livelihoods disruption, and e) information and institutional cooperation. Six representatives from each of the stakeholder groups were invited to attend the workshop and the agenda covered the five key areas highlighted in the report. Given that the communities in the project area are the key stakeholders, the field visits were included to get maximum feedback from them. Similarly, during their preliminary research, the facilitation team sought intense interaction with community groups in the project area to get a sense of their key concerns. The workshop itself was multilingual with all participants asked to speak in the language they were most comfortable in.

² All stakeholder representatives participated actively in framing these recommendations. However, at the end of the meeting, Mr. Khadim Hussain of ActionAid (Pakistan) – speaking on behalf of Mr. Mushtaq Gadi (Sungi), Mr. Ahsan Wagha (Damaan) and Mr. Lund (Hirak/Pakistan NGO Forum nominee) – stated that while they had participated in the stakeholder process and will continue to remain involved on CRBIP issues, they were not satisfied with the measures suggested since their most pressing concerns were not covered and “simply because it is too early to make judgment.” When asked, they said that while they did not disagree with the measures agreed to, they did not consider them to be enough and did not have confidence in the commitment of other stakeholders to implement.

Recommendations for Action

What	How	Who	When
Issue Area: Compensation			
More public transparency in the process of valuation and disbursement.	Local display of lists of affectees, holdings and award at public places (such as Union Council offices, schools, mosques, etc. for each distributary).	Monitoring at local level by Nazims. Also include representatives of affectees and NGOs in monitoring committees.	Starting now till completion of the compensation process (expected December 2002). Do simultaneously with award.
Creation of Information Points for regular dissemination of relevant project information to communities.	Multi-sectoral information to be made available at locations throughout the project area (e.g., Zila Council offices; hut at head of each distributary, etc.).	Project Director to coordinate. Information to be also provided and posted by Revenue Department, Provincial Irrigation Departments, On-Farm Water Management, etc.	Ongoing.
Broaden the categories of assets for which compensation is provided.	Use flexibility allowed in Sections 23 and 24 of the Land Acquisition Act.	WAPDA CE office, Land Acquisition Collector, Land Revenue Department.	From immediately to completion of the compensation process (expected December 2002).
Issue Area: Flooding and Resettlement			
Consider extension of distributaries in Punjab to old inundation canal command.	After broad community consultation. Also make Riverine belt a focus on the PIME study.	???	???
Issue Area: Livelihood Disruption			
Conduct investigations into economic, social and physical integration of livelihoods based on hill torrent irrigation with economies generated from canal irrigation.	Technical, socio-economic and participatory-action research studies; for the purpose of integrating West Bank livelihoods into project framework and towards considering Rodh Kohi water as a resource rather than a nuisance.	Asian Development Bank to facilitate. [Research to be non-biased and independent].	???
Provision of additional bridges, culverts etc. where canal infrastructure causes serious severance.	Identifying community consensus (via participatory processes such as social mapping). Provision of funds from WAPDA to provincial agencies (1 additional bridge per distributary approved).	CRBIP-III to initiate and take lead; Provincial agencies, affected communities.	From now onwards; with construction to be done during closure season.

Issue Area: Information and Institutional Cooperation

<p>Enhance and operationalize multi-tiered Irrigation Coordination Committees (at canal, province [and other] levels.</p>	<p>Committees to focus on both banks of canal and make provision for meaningful community inputs. Provide clear and reliable means for communities to provide inputs into the committee's agenda and for disseminating its results to project populations.</p>	<p>Include representation from WAPDA, Provincial Irrigation Departments, Provincial Agriculture Departments (OFWM), Rodh Kohi officials, local representatives (possibly peasant members of Union Councils), etc. Convened by Project Director's office.</p>	<p>Regular, publicized schedule of meetings (monthly).</p>
<p>The results of this stakeholder meeting and any other stakeholder interaction to be made public; widely and in an easily accessible fashion.</p>	<p>Through the Information points (above); amongst other (? ?).</p>	<p>Project Director's office. Others (? ?).</p>	<p>As soon as possible</p>
<p>Facilitation of improved cooperation between NHA and CRBIP-III.</p>	<p>Seek assistance from Federal Government and from financing agencies of both projects.</p>	<p>Asian Development Bank Special Mission.</p>	<p>As soon as possible.</p>

Note 1: The sense of the meeting was also that there is a need to expand the categories of assets for compensation and for finding the means to restoring the livelihoods of project affectees (both in relation to the compensation issue). However, the mechanism for doing so was not immediately clear in the context of the Land Acquisition Act as it stands.

Note 2: It should be noted that not every issue was concluded in equal detail. We present only the details that were discussed and were agreed to by the stakeholders. Cases where the stakeholders present could not work out details of how, who or when regarding a certain action, are marked by question marks. The table uses the language generated at the stakeholder dialogue itself. The facilitators have only undertaken some editorial cleanup for clarity.

ATTACHMENT A

CRBIP-III Stakeholder Dialogue: Schedule of Activities

Monday, March 4 (4.30 - 6.00 PM)

- ❖ Presentation of the process of preparing the Social Assessment
- ❖ Main findings of the Social Assessment
- ❖ Presentation of the proposed design of the workshop process

Tuesday, March 5 (8.00 AM – 5.00 PM)

- ❖ Visit to Ali RCC's PCPL production plant, DI Khan Tehsil (arranged by OFWM)
- ❖ Visit to a lined watercourse and meeting with President, WUA; DI Khan Tehsil (arranged by OFWM)
- ❖ Road side stop to see precision land leveling of farmland (arranged by OFWM)
- ❖ Visit to a unlined watercourse, Taunsa Tehsil (arranged by OFWM)
- ❖ Visit to Jhok Katherey Wali (requested by facilitators)
- ❖ Parra Rabait (requested by facilitators)
- ❖ Meeting at Distributary 41 (arranged by OFWM)
- ❖ Meeting at Government high school, Sokar (arranged by NGOs)
- ❖ Meeting at Distributary 34 (arranged by NGOs)

Wednesday, March 6 (9.00 AM – 5.00 PM)

- ❖ Greetings & Setting the Rules for Dialogue
- ❖ Self Introductions
- ❖ Expectations and Opening Statements
- ❖ Discussion on Acquisition and Compensation
- ❖ Discussion on Flooding and Re-settlement
- ❖ Wrap-up for Day-1

Thursday, March 7 (9.00 AM – 3.30 PM)

- ❖ Review of Deliberations of Day 1
- ❖ Discussion on Livelihoods Disruption
- ❖ Discussion on Information and Institutional Cooperation
- ❖ Recommendations for Action

ATTACHMENT B

CRBIP-III Stakeholder Dialogue: Workshop Participants

Communities in Project Related Areas

1. Mr. Abdur Rashid Khan, Taunsa Tehsil (OFWM nominee)*
2. Mr. M. Iqbal Khosa, farmer Taunsa Tehsil (OFWM nominee)*
3. Mr. M. Munir, Distributary 15, Taunsa Tehsil (NGO nominee)*
4. Mr. Shafi Qaisrani, Tibbi Qaisrani (NGO nominee)*
5. Mr. Abdul Razaq, Jhok Kathery Waali, Taunsa Tehsil (NGO nominee)*
6. Mr. Allah Wasaia, Jhok Laisra South, Taunsa Tehsil (NGO nominee)

Project Organizations

1. Mr. Mohammad Ayub, CRBIP-III, WAPDA, DI Khan
2. Mr. Pieter Bleichrodt, Project Management Consultancy, CRBIP-III, Lahore
3. Mr. Fehmi Cakmak, Tekser Company*/ Mr. Jan Twarowski, PIME Studies, CRBIP-III, DI Khan
4. Mr. Charles F. Leonhardt, CRBIP-III, HARZA, DI Khan
5. Mr. M. Tariq Masood, CRBIP-III, WAPDA, DI Khan
6. Mr. Baqir Rizvi, Land Acquisition Collector, CRBIP-III, Taunsa

Civil Society Organizations

1. Mr. Mushtaq Gadi, SUNGI Development Foundation, Islamabad
2. Mr. Khadim Hussain, Action Aid, Islamabad
3. Mr. Zafar Lund, Hirrak Development Center, Shahdun Lund, DG Khan
4. Mr. M. Nauman, Creed Alliance, Karachi*
5. Mr. Kazim Shah, National Rural Support Program, DG Khan
6. Dr. Ahsan Wagha, Damaan, Taunsa/Islamabad*

Provincial and Other Government Organizations

1. Ch. M. Ashraf, PCMU, Punjab Irrigation Department, Lahore
2. Mr. Basharat Javed, OFWM, Punjab, Taunsa*/ Ch. Abdul Ghafoor, PCMU, Punjab, DI Khan**
3. Mr. Olass Khan, NWFP Agriculture Department, DI Khan*
4. Mr. Ijaz Khattak, OFWM, NWFP, DI Khan*/ Mr. Zahid Abbas, PCMU, NWFP, Peshawar**
5. Dr. Bagh Ali Shahid, Punjab Irrigation Department, DG Khan
6. Mr. M. Shuaib, National Highway Authority, DI Khan

Financing Agencies

1. Mr. Robert Dobias, ADB, Manila, Philippines
2. Mr. Baum, KfW, Germany
3. Mr. Katsuji Matsunami, ADB, Manila, Philippines
4. Mr. Takashi Matsuo, ADB, Manila, Philippines
5. Mian Shoukat Shafi, ADB-PRM, Islamabad
6. Ms. J. Thom, KfW, Germany

Facilitators

Dr. Adil Najam
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* Participated on March 06, 2002 only

** Participated on March 07, 2002 only