

# **Balochistan Integrated Water Resources Management and Development Project (BIWRMDP)**

## **Report on**

Formation of Farmer organization (FO) for Luni channel, Balochistan Integrated Water Resources Management and Development Project (BIWRMDP) Nari Basin.

**Guests:**

**No of participants: 120**

**Date: 21/2/2018**

**Venue: Community Hall, Luni village**

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**Project managed by: CAMEOS Consultants, KASIB, ACE, Irrigation , Agriculture , Forest P.H.E , Livestock Department Government of Balochistan.**

## **Proceeding**

The event started with a beautiful recitation of Holy Quran by Mr. shakoorkakar (community development specialist BIWRMDP) after that Mr. Mohammad Arif Khilji (social safeguard specialist welcomed the guests and gave a brief and detailed speech about the project and the basic purposes and functions of the farmer organization (FO) Mr. Mohammad Arif khilji specially thanked Dr. Allahdad Loni for his efforts for today's (FO) formation.

He further added that eleven members amongst all the farmers and all the land lords will be selected to operate this organization. Moreover, Mr. Mohammad Arif khilji explained the responsibilities of this organization. One of the main responsibilities of this organization is that during the construction of the channel if any issue or problem arises, then this organization will immediately solve that issue or problem and ensuring the clearance and eradicating any hurdles for the constructor.

In addition he said that another main reason of the formation of this organization is that the farmers have to ignore and sacrifice their personal benefits and ensure the completion of this project so that the whole community collectively gets the benefits as a whole. He also gave some examples of the benefits of the project i-e, water reaches the lands in lesser time, the quantity of water for the lands will increase, and the

production of land of all the area will increase, allowing every individual of the community to benefit from in one way or another.

He further added that there will be complains during this project. To counter these complains two members of this organization will record the complains of the farmers and forward it to our consultancy. Hence, a committee will be formed who can contact our Deputy Project Director (DPD), Project Director (PD) to counter such complains.

In addition he said that the line departments are also involved in this project i-e Agriculture, Forest, Irrigation, Livestock and Public Health Engineering Department (PHE) are working in different sectors. He further added that this project has started since 2014 and will end at 2022.

Further more, Mr. Sikander Deputy Project Director (DPD) (BIWRMDP) also shared his views about this project. Moreover, he thanked the social team of this project for formatting the FO in such a short notice.

Mr. Khurram baig Assistant Director Agriculture Department also gave his views on the project. He further added that despite the main channels, the small water courses will be constructed by On Farm Water Management (OFWM). The water courses will be constructed by 24% contribution of the famer and 76% contribution of Project (BIWRMDP).

Mr. Saleem Hussain Project Manager Gul Construction Company further added his views about the project and thanked the social team on their efforts and their commitment. He also congratulated the members of farmer organization. Moreover, he also hoped that the construction will be completed on the given time period and there would not be any future problems or complains causing hurdles for the construction.

Moreover, Mr. Abdul Raheem Kasi Environment Specialist (BIWRMDP) shared his views about this project and ensured the farmers of this channel that the camp and benching plant of the constructor will be built far from the village and populated area. Similarly, he added that the constructor will use his heavy machinery far from the populated area. He also ensured the farmers that their people especially their women will not be disturbed by the labors or the constructor.

While addressing the community Mr. Habib Nasar Matching Grant specialist (BIWRMDP) expressed his views about the project that the World Bank wants to introduce new technologies for agriculture and try to convince the local farmers to leave the old fashions ways of farming. He also mentioned that solar energy pumps, trickle system irrigation, laser leveling and land leveling and other new technologies will be introduced to the farmers. Furthermore, he added that this money is allocated to Balochistan by the World Bank for the agriculture purpose.

Dr. Allahdad Luni Chairman farmer Organization Luni channel thanked the whole social team on their efforts for the formation of their FO and for introducing a new technique to solve the farmer's problems. Dr. Allahdad Luni also promised to put all his efforts in solving the problems of the farmers.

At the end of the event the community selected their members of the executive body of their farmer organization (FO) Mr. Mohammad Arif khiji took signatures of these members on a stamp paper and also took signatures of the famers on voluntarily land donation (VLD) through the FO.

The event concluded with a nice dinner for the whole community given by this project (BIWRMDP)

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