

MINUTES
of the Working Meeting of the IWRM-FV Project

Tashkent
Time: 13:30

November 2, 2012

In attendance were: Dukhovny, V.A., Sokolov, V.I., Horst, M.G., Mirzaev, N.N., Alimdjanov, A., Yakubov, Sh., Muminov, Sh., Saidov, R., Ergashev, I., Solodkiy, G.F., and Galustyan, A.

At the beginning of the meeting, the Co-Director of the IWRM-FV Project from SIC ICWC Mr. V.I. Sokolov mentioned that there were only two months left before the end of the Project. The major part of the project works had been completed; the second stage of training workshops remained according to the plan. During the trip, all the necessary information (on water and economic indexes) must be gained additionally for preparing final reports on the report positions and, accordingly, final report of the Project. The deadline for the submission of the reports is 15 December.

Then. The working meeting chaired by Mr. V.I. Sokolov considered the progress in the key positions of the General Schedule as of October 2, 2012.

Output A2: Basic level institutions and respective water management authorities are provided with updated tools and knowledge aimed to strengthen functionality of – and communication between – the institutions (up to 43 WUAs covered).

Position A2.1. Improve the skills of WUA employees in the assessment and analysis of basic financial and economic performance parameters and their compliance with established indicators. (Muminov, Sh., Zikriyaev, Ch., March-November).

Position A2.3. Improve the skills of WUA employees in the issues related to the seasonal planning of water use and water distribution to farms' offtakes in linkage with the plan of water distribution from the main canal (by means of EXCEL-based software). (Ergashev, I., Alimdjanov, A., March-November).

Position A2.4. Improve the skills of WUA workers in the prompt entering required adjustments to the water distribution plan (by means of EXCEL-based software) depending on current conditions (water resources availability, weather conditions). (Ergashev, I., Alimdjanov, A., Yakubov, Sh., March-November). – The works related to the collection of materials for the project sections have been started. The report is to be submitted to the project managers for consideration within the time fixed in the plan.

Position A2.2. Conduct training dealing with the WUA's financial and bookkeeping issues for selected WUAs. (Muminov, Sh., Zikriyaev, Ch., March-October).

A2.2.2 The second training stage. The second stage of the trainings for WUA operators and accountants in the Andijan and Fergana provinces is planned to be conducted on 9-10 November 2012; in the Osh province, on 13 November 2012; and in the Sogd province, on 16 November 2012. Examination questions were prepared for DB operators and accountants; specialists are planned to be certified. The assessment of training impact (analysis in the form of monitoring tables) will be presented upon the completion of the workshop.

Position A2.4a. Conduct training in the water use and water distribution within WUA contours. (Ergashev, I., Alimdjanov, A., Yakubov, Sh., March-October).

A2.4a.2 The second training stage (September-October): The second stage of the trainings for the operators and hydraulic engineers in Osh province WUAs is planned to be conducted on 30 October; in Andijan province WUAs, on 5 November; in Fergana province WUAs, on 6 November; the date for holding in Sogd province WUAs is 14 November 2012.

Examination questions were prepared for DB operators and accountants; specialists are planned to be certified. The assessment of training impact (analysis in the form of monitoring tables) will be presented upon the completion of the workshop.

Position A2.5. Complete practical testing and debugging of the software for water delivery control in the WUA "Akbarabad". (Solodkiy, G.F., Alimdjanov, A., April-November): GIS interface and UDAW-software-level report formation software have additionally been included. The final version of the software is planned to be handed over to the WUA "Akbarabad" during the period of 12-15 November 2012.

Output A3: Basic institutional arrangements for IWRM structures are established

Position A3.1. Complete the certification of WUAs (in form of WUA passport). (Mirzaev, N., Malikov, T., Ergashev, I., July-October): data are specified and appropriate updates are entered: WUA certification level in Kyrgyzstan is 100%; in Tajikistan, 100%; and in Uzbekistan, 97%.

Output B1: The consolidated and documented project experience is approved by an editorial commission. (Mirzaev, N.N.).

Position B1.1: Finalize the instructions how to deal with local governmental (self-administration) bodies with the view of strengthening the organizational and financial capacities of WUAs (May-August).

Position B1.2: Finalize recommendations on water demand management approach dissemination for trainers, WLC members, and educational institutions (March-May).

Position B1.3: Finalize the instruction on the organization of the transition to the volume-based method of payment for WUA services (June-August).

Position B1.4: Finalize the collection of training materials package on the institutional aspects of IWRM (May-August).

The documents prepared have been submitted to SDC and the latter handed those over to the drafting commission experts for consideration and conclusion. On November 2, a meeting attended by SDC representatives, members of the drafting committee, and Project Regional Group experts was held, at which experts communicated their comments and suggestions concerning the materials they had been presented. Some proposals in the documents would have to be improved in future; however, the major comments of the experts will be considered and the docs will accordingly be corrected. The final versions of the docs with the amendments accepted have to be submitted to the drafting commission before 20 November. In general, the experts noted that necessary, useful, and required job had been done. The docs are advisable to be translated into the local languages in order to ensure perception and understanding. The training materials (collection of presentations) for trainers should be given in electronic format.

Position B1.5: Summarize recommendations for decision makers concerning the measures aimed at strengthening the financial viability of IWRM structures. (March-November, with the involvement of Sh. Muminov and Ch. Zikriyaev): the proposals have been agreed by the project management and submitted to NCSG and SDC members for comments.

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