

MINUTES
of the working meeting of the IWRM-FV Project

Tashkent
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July 11, 2012

In attendance were: Dukhovny, V.A., Sokolov, V.I., Umarov, Kh.U., Horst, M.G., Mirzaev, N.N., Saidov, R., Ergashev, I., Alimdjanov, A., Yakubov, Sh., Artemyev, N., Rakhimdjanov, D., and Galustyan, A.

The working meeting chaired by the Co-Director of the IWRM-FV Project from SIC ICWC Mr. V.I. Sokolov considered the progress in the key positions of the General Schedule as of July 11, 2012.

Output A1: Non-pilot WUAs in the project area are upgraded to meet the minimum managerial capacity requirements (up to 22 WUAs are equipped)

Position A1.1. Procurement of the PC sets for WUAs - who better responds to training (innovations) (Artemyev, N., March-May): an equipment purchase tender was organized; equipment was purchased for WUAs in accordance with the Work Schedule (in Kyrgyzstan 6 PCs and 6 printers; in Tajikistan 4 PCs and 4 printers; and in Uzbekistan 12 PCs and 12 printers). The equipment purchased was sent to the sites, and software was installed therein.

The processors for the Fergana TC are going to be installed on site together with monitors that are to be purchased by the Syrdarya-Sokh BISAs instead of the stolen ones.

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

A2.2.1 The first training stage (March-April). In accordance with the work schedule for the current phase, the first stage of trainings for WUA operators and accountants selected in the Andijan and Fergana provinces was conducted to train them in using the software with automated system for financial accounting and bookkeeping for WUAs which was given to the IWRM-FV Project by the RESP II Project. In view of the necessity of further improvement of the software and the decision taken by SDC, training workshops on the introduction of a simpler Excel-based accounting system were held in the Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan WUAs.

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.1 The first training stage (March-April): The training for WUA operators and hydraulic engineers from the three countries was finished.

In connection with the request of the national managers (letter dated 23 June 2012), the Project Managers decided to carry out targeted works in particular WUAs for additional training of WUA workers in using daily planning of water distribution and accounting. Accordingly, SDC was sent a request to allocate additional funds for travel purposes to the SIC ICWC Regional Group.

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-September): The water supply control software was installed in the WUA "Akbarabad" (data were entered and tests started on a routine basis). To ensure operational and uninterrupted execution of works, it is decided to replace the processor of the WUA "Akbarabad" by a new more capable one which was handed over to the Fergana TC.

WUA managers and persons in charge of the Fergana TC must strictly watch over the maintenance of the computer equipment received, update antivirus database on a regular basis, create and use control points on PCs.

Ch. Zikriyaev, D. Rakhimdjanov, Sh. Muminov must strengthen control over:

- implementation of the financial plan, provision of water supply services, and receipt of funds; particular attention should be paid to homestead lands and orchards;
- receipt of payment in kind and recognition of it in accounts;
- receipt of funds allocated for WUAs based on the state-order related tranche.

The Cabinet of Ministers was sent the letter No. 90 dd. 9 April 2012 which said of the legitimation of WUA water supply services. The answer under No. 03/103-105 dd. 26.06.2012 was received. For terminal decision of the issue, a meeting of the SIC ICWC Director Prof. V.A. Dukhovny with the Tax Committee Chair is planned to be held.

Output A3: Basic institutional arrangements for IWRM structures are established.

Position A3.1: Complete the certification of WUAs (Mirzaev, N.N., Malikov, T., Ergashev, I., July-October): completeness of the certification of WUAs in Kyrgyzstan is 100%; in Tajikistan – 72%; in Uzbekistan – 89%.

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). Draft instructions are 60% ready. By the late July, the document prepared will be submitted for review.

Position B1.2: Finalize recommendations on water demand management approach dissemination for trainers, WLC members, and educational institutions. (March-May).). Draft ideology is under improvement according to expert's comments and later will be submitted to the NCSG members for consideration.

Position B1.3: Finalize the instruction on the organization of the transition to the volume-based method of payment for WUA services. (June-August). Draft instructions are 60% ready. By the late July, the document prepared will be submitted for review.

Position B1.4: Finalize the collection of training materials package on the institutional aspects of IWRM. (May-August). Collection of materials and preparation of additional presentations is in progress.

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). When preparing the recommendations, the materials of the previous project phase will be taken as the basis; in particular, the recommendations on the development of the financial and economic mechanism of IWRM which were submitted to the cabinet of Ministers in 2010.

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