

Achievements for May-December, 2005

Result 4 «Policy improvements/changes at national level»

National Coordination and Support Groups (NCSG) have been established including representatives of Departments for Water Resources, Agriculture, Environment, Finances, Law Bodies and other stakeholders, under the direction of three National Authorities on Water Resources. National Coordinators of the Project are responsible for these groups. The establishment of these groups was completed by the end of August 2005 (with small backward in Kyrgyzstan because of reasons uncontrolled by the project) and ToR were agreed for their activities.

4.1 Organize trainings and workshops on experience sharing, study tours and exchange visits on IWRM for senior policy levels

- Introductory workshop was held on 19 October for three NCSGs.
- Later, Kyrgyzstan HCSG met in Osh for further introduction to field staff and local managers and discussed all aspects and project progress.
- IWMI is carrying out negotiations with two possible places out of the country for visit – Spain and Japan. JICA Project Advisor agreed to cooperate with places in Japan. Relations with the Ministry for Agriculture, Water Resources and Forestry in Japan are being established.

4.2 Prepare and disseminate policy briefs for senior water policy levels and information brochures, leaflets, maintaining website pages, newspaper articles etc. for raising general public awareness

The progress was not achieved. But Kyrgyzstan NCSG Coordinator prepared the document on WUA development in Kyrgyzstan which could become a policy booklet.

4.3 Transition to full management by CMOs/UCWUs at pilot canals by the end of Project Phase

The Concept “Ten-step transition to Management” was approved and allocated among stakeholders. As the preference was given to Kyrgyzstan, several Meetings were held with involvement of National Coordinator and NCSG were improved during development process. The rest countries are waiting for beginning the process. Two versions of draft ‘Agreement on joint governance of canal between regional basin organizations and Union of Water Users are on the agenda and discussions on selecting and improving the final document are being held.

4.4 «Technical Upgrading at national level; National plan for up-grading prepared by NCSG».

The progress was not achieved in that direction.