

Report on performed activities for Tajikistan NCSG under «IWRM-Fergana» Project

1.State Khodjabakirgan Canal Management Organization was created under Sogd Provincial Administration for Water Resources by the Decree №170 of 10.11.03 and directly under the Ministry for Land Reclamation and Water Resources of the Republic of Tajikistan by the Decree №96 of 21.06.2004 as a result of improvement of organization development.

CMO was registered in justice agencies and Certificate №004-337 “A” of 1 July 2004 was obtained. KhBC MO Statute and its staff list were approved by the Ministry for Land Reclamation and Water Resources of Tajikistan (MLR&WR) under №96 of 21.06.2004.

Financing sources for KhBC MO are:

- State budget allocated by MLR&WR;
 - Mutual payments for water supply services according to concluded agreements with District Administrations for Water Resources, WUAs, dekhkan and individual farms and other water users.
- «IWRM-Fergana» Project is international and interstate project implemented by IWMI and SIC ICWC under SDC sponsorship. The Project is directed at water resources management improvement and transference to hydrographical management principle.

2. On 15.12.2003 Canal Water Committee (CWC) Meeting was held. The following decisions were made:

- Provision on KhBC WC was adopted.
- CWC Chairman, Deputy Chairman and CWC Board Secretary were assigned.
- KhBC WC Board included 7 members and it was approved.
- KhBC WC composed of 25 persons was approved.

Later KhBC WC was reorganized into Union of Canal Water Users (UCWU).

3. Since in 2003-2005 CWC role as a governing body was insignificant due to lack of legal status and experience, KhBC UCWU was registered as Union of agricultural producers-water users of Khodjabakirgansai in justice agencies of the Republic of Tajikistan and Certificate was obtained №004-1612 SD № 0102597 on 21 November 2006.

The Union has a right to establish branches and open representative office in the Republic of Tajikistan as well as abroad to achieve just those aims that required by the Rules. Union founders are:

- Producers' Cooperative Rakhbar Kasimov
- Producers' Cooperative «Khadjabakirgan»
- Producers' Cooperative Pulot Bobokalonov
- Producers' Cooperative Domullo Azizov
- Association of Dekhkan Farms (ADF) Saidkhodja Urukhodjaev
- Producers' Cooperative Abdugafur Samadov

At the present time WUA «Zarafshan» Council, WUA «Todjikabad» and WUA «Madaniyat» from Dj.Rasulov district applied to become Union members.

Main Achievements for IWRM-Fergana Project Phase 3.

1. Planning Process was started in 1999.

Eight month inception phase was started in September 2001 and completed on 30 April 2002. Required documents were prepared at inception phase.

2. Phase II was implemented during 1.05.2002 - 30.04.2005.

- KhBC Management Organization as well as CWC were created.
- KhBC MO was registered in justice agencies.
- Water distribution was improved along KhBC.
- Increase capacity for land and water productivity by 5% and water conservation by 30% was demonstrated.

3. In 2005 National Coordination Support Group was formed under «IWRM-Fergana» Project and composed of eight representatives from key interested ministries and departments of the Republic of Tajikistan. The Government approved NCSG staff and responsibilities.

Coordination meeting was held with NCSG members and NCSG activity directions were defined. The followings were discussed:

- transference to basin principle, state environmental control and water resources distribution.
- introduction of key IWRM principles and mechanism for addressing water allocation conflicts on-site and responsibility sharing between environmental and water bodies.
- WUA establishment and functioning.

4. Round Table on «IWRM-Fergana» Project implementation was held in Sogd province (12.11.2005).

The followings were discussed:

- Assurance of consultative assistance to farmers for addressing problems:
 - a) agro-technical arrangements.
 - b) transference of onfarm land reclamation networks and structures from reorganized collective farms and state farms to newly created WUAs and WUAs being established.
 - c) rational water resources use and prevention of land resources degradation.
 - d) introduction of a single methodology for WUA establishment.
 - e) legal registration of UCWU and order for forming and identifying financing sources for existing and creating WUAs.

5. Working Group and MLR&WR representatives proposed to introduce IWRM principles into water sector development strategy of Tajikistan.

6. Guideline on IWRM was translated at WUA level in Tajikistan for wide-scale on-site use in project of onfarm organization. A respective article on «IWRM-Fergana» Project achievements was prepared and published in newspapers of the Republic of Tajikistan.

7. 6 work meetings were held along pilot KhBC. Irrigation water availability equitability, sustainability and improvement, pumping station operation, energy supply, drinking water supply and environmental security were discussed.

Water distribution conflicts between CMO and water users were practically stopped due to IWRM system introduction along KhBC.

8. In 2006 regular meetings and round tables were organized between NCSG members. Steps for implementation of IWRM principles for 2007-2025 were developed.

Training workshops on «IWRM-Fergana» Project implementation were conducted on 18-19.07.2006, 13-14.09.06, 31.10.2006, 22.11.2006, 9.12.2006.

A number of meetings, discussions and observations were made at 20 pilot farms and other dekhkan farms of ADF Zarafshan. Training workshop «Using biological method for crop pest control and water accounting farms» was held on 25.07.06 together with ASDP-NAU representatives in dekhkan farm «Pongoz» in Asht district.

9. NCSG members assisted in preparing draft Act on WUAs and amending Water Code as well as in conducting workshops on WUA issues with participation of ADB International Consultant on 22.11.2006 in Dushanbe.

Article «To resources economically» of 11 October 2006 was published on the republican public newspaper.

Assistance was provided in developing UCWU Statute and Certificate 004-1612 was obtained and approved by Sogd Provincial Administration for Justice on 12.11.06.

Assistance was provided in preparing Act on WUAs. This Act was approved by the Decree №243 of 15.11.2006 of Machlisi Milli, Machlisi Oli of the Republic of Tajikistan.

10. MLR&WR of Tajikistan supported KhBC MO sustainable functioning at the expense of 52361 somoni or 15491 USD allocated from budget for 2006.

11. «Preparation of IWRM National Plan in the Republic of Tajikistan» was held together with NGO Tajik NIIG&M on 28-29.04.06. The workshop was held with participation of the Ministry to discuss establishment of WUA Support Unit at the Ministry in the republic provinces and districts on 12.04.06. The workshop was held with participation of provincial and district representatives to discuss implementation of IWRM principles on 13-14.09.06 in Dushanbe.

12. Consultations were conducted with the Ministry for Agriculture and Environment, Energy and Industry, Domestic Sector to develop legal and normative regulations on IWRM implementation.

In 2007 NCSG new composition for Tajikistan was agreed with interested ministries and departments and approved by the Government.

NCSG members always discuss “IWRM-Fergana” Project implementation with interested departments through round tables, workshops, web-site and publications in republican newspapers.

IWRM-Fergana achievements and implementation were reviewed at the meeting of Scientific and Technological Council at MLR&WR of Tajikistan and registered at Protocol, which was submitted to lower organizations.

13. Round table was held on 7 May 2007 in Dushanbe. All stakeholders took part. Agreement on joint governance between MLR&WR of Tajikistan and Union of agricultural producers, KhBC water users was reviewed. It is one of the most important factors in implementing IWRM achievements.

14. The workshop «Main Results of «IWRM-Fergana» project implementation in the Republic of Tajikistan» was held on 19-20.07.07 in Khodjent.

15. The training workshop «Dissemination of “IWRM-Fergana” Project experience» was held on-site on 28-29 August 2007 in Dushanbe. Representatives from WUA Support Units and ministerial subdivisions as well as NCSG members took part in it.

16. The republican scientific and practical conference “Integrated water resources management in the Republic of Tajikistan” was held on 31.10.2007 in Dushanbe in pursuance of the Decree №777 of the Tajik Government of 29.12.2006. Respective Resolution on Project implementation was adopted at the conference.

Article «We manage water ourselves» №34(19588) of 22.08.2007 was published in the republican newspaper to implement “IWRM-Fergana” Project. The same was made in newspaper of the Ministry.

17. NCSG members prepared the strategy for water sector development, where all IWRM aspects were taken into account, according to Tajikistan MLR&WR Decree № 121 of 26.06.2006 on the strategy for water sector development in Tajikistan.

Taking into account positive experience and «IWRM-Fergana» Project achievements Tajikistan MLR&WR requested to up-scale project experience to other sites during Phase IV. Such sites are main canal Chubek in Parkhar district, Yavano Obikiy canal in Yavan district and Big Gissar canal in Gissar district.

Work Plan for 2008-2010 was prepared to address short-term objectives.