

**Information Report**  
**on the works implemented within the Institutional Aspects Block**  
**for the period February-April 2011**

**1. Union of Canal Water Users and Canal Water Committee**

**February**

- February 2, 2011. Kyrgyzstan, Osh province, Karasu district, Shark village. A general meeting of RBMC UWU water users' representatives was held, which was attended by 9 Board members and 40 invitees. The following issues were considered: 1) report of the RBMC UWU Chair for 2010; 2) report of the auditing committee for 2010; 3) report of the arbitration committee for 2010; 4) approval of the work schedule and budget of RBMC UWU for 2011; 5) approval of the RBMC UWU report for 2010.

The meeting participants heard the reports of the works executed by RBMC UWU in 2010, and those of its auditing and arbitration committees.

In particular, RBMC UWU Chair (Mr. B. Berdibekov) noted that at present 18 water users were functioning in the RBMC zone and those were RBMC UWU members, of which 14 WUAs: "Rakhmat", "Guch-Gunan", "Shark Uvam", "Kara Dobo", "Chomo", "Ak-Dobo", "Zhalaldinov", "Sultan-Naz", "Konurat-Yug", "Mongu-Suu", "Maz-Aykal", "Kaldar", "Uch-Alysh", "Zhar-Ooz" and 4 other water users: quarter committees № 2 and 3, territorial council «Amir Temur», «Ak-Tash» JSC and MPA Ltd. Of the existing 14 WUAs, all have been legally registered in law-enforcement bodies and 7 WUAs (50 %) have been hydrographized.

RBMC UWU membership fees collection rate in 2010 came to 51 %, while in 2009 it was 45 %. In whole, in the RBMC zone 40 WUGs were planned to be established, 29 ones have been established in fact, which accounts for 73 %.

During the reporting year, contracts between WUAs and WUG leaders were concluded, which contributed to more efficient operation of the WUGs. As a result, the number of the conflict situations and disputes related to water distribution sharply decreased.

Out of the total area of the RBMC command area of 9700 ha, 1647 ha represent the areas of homestead lands. This is, chiefly, other water users located in the territories of the Osh city and taking water from the Yuzhniy canal.

During the reporting year, water users carried out 5 khashars for cleaning RBMC, 83 khashars for cleaning on-farm canals. Also, a khashar was carried out with the help of other water users for cleaning on-farm canals, where urban water users took active part. Spot inspections of the Uvam canal state were carried out together with the municipal sanitary and epidemiologic station and WUA employees.

In 2010, all 14 WUAs and 4 other water users in the RBMC zone concluded water delivery contracts with RBMC MO. Moreover, 182 farms and 40 small agricultural cooperatives concluded contracts with WUAs, which facilitated WUA water service fees collection. The RBMC UWU office was equipped at the expense of the membership fees.

The process of the getting involved the representatives of local authorities, aksakals, and stakeholders in water governance in the RBMC zone is going on. Meeting in the ayil (village) districts Shark, Mady, Zhoosh, Ak-Tash. 6 aksakals in the field began to assist RBMC UWU in the distribution of irrigation water, two of them even became WUG leaders in the WUA "Mongu-Suu". The conflicts and disputes arisen among water users are settled with the participation of aksakals.

At the initiative of RBMC UWU, a letter to the public administration of the Osh province concerning the reduction of water service fee per 1 m<sup>3</sup> from 0.05 tyiyn down to 0.03 tyiyn. That problem was solved by President of the Kyrgyz Republic: water deliservy service rate was reduced down to the previous year's level.

At the meeting, the RBMC UWU work schedule and budget for 2011 was discussed and unanimously approved.

February 3, 2011. Kyrgyzstan, Osh city, Osh BWMA. A general meeting of AAC UWU water users' representatives was held, which was attended by 9 Board members and 35 invitees (representatives of water users from 6 WUAs, other water users, stakeholders, local authority representatives, etc.), in total 44 people. The following issues were considered: 1) report of the auditing committee for 2010; 2) report of the AAC UWU Chair for 2010; 3) report of the arbitration committee for 2010; 4) approval of the work schedule and budget of AAC UWU for 2011; 5) miscellaneous.

The meeting participants heard the reports of the works executed by AAC UWU in 2010, and those of its auditing and arbitration committees.

In particular, the AAC UWU Chair (Mr. T. Dubanaev) made a note of that during the reporting period a series of measures was carried out to improve the water management and governance quality in the AAC zone. During the vegetation period, AAC UWU together with AAC WC and AAC MO conducted meetings every ten days, where the issues associated with the water distribution in the AC zone were considered. Every day the AAC UWU Chair together with the AAC MO Head visited WUAs, became control staff members, and contributed to the solving of water supply problems.

It should be noted that at present relations between water users and WUAs have been improved. Owing to good organization of the WUG operation (in 6 WUAs in the AAC zone 143 WUAs operate to date), the number of various problems has been dramatically reduced, or removed. In 2010, no conflict situations were observed thanks to the explanatory works in the field aimed at the prevention of conflict and controversial issues carried out beforehand.

Spot inspections to detect violations by the owners of small pumping stations and industrial enterprises causing pollution of the canal WPZs were carried out jointly by AAC MO, AAC WC, and WUA representatives.

All the WUA offices in the AAC zone are completely designed and equipped with computers.

The employees of local authorities (ayil districts) and territorial committees are involved in the process of WUA water service fees collection from homestead land owners. As a result, the AAC UWU financial sustainability is increasing as well as its membership composed of other water users and stakeholders is extending. The AAC UWU membership collection rate in 2010 was 60 % against 30 % in 2009.

41 khashars were organized in WUAs, in which over 500 water users took part. 15 khashars were carried out on AAC; the WPZs of AAC and on-farm canals of all WUAs were cleaned out. In general, the activities of AAC UWU, its auditing and arbitration committees during 2010 is regarded to be satisfactory.

At the meeting, they discussed and approved the AAC UWU work schedule and budget for 2011.

February 25 2011. Kyrgyzstan, Osh city, Osh BWMA. A regular meeting of the AAC UWU Board was conducted, which was attended by 7 Board members and 12 invitees. The following issues were considered: 1) sizing up of the AAC MO works in 2010; 2) water service fees collection situation; 3) preparation and conduction of general meetings of WUAs.

It was observed that 2010 was marked by much fewer irrigation water delivery and distribution problems in comparison to the previous years. Some WUAs received even more water than was planned. Therefore, it is worth to highlight the activity of WUA and AAC MO employees in the collection of water supply service fees. All WUAs in the AAC zone paid 100 % of the water services.

Then it was mentioned that to ensure accurate irrigation water allocation the AAC MO employees should, as well, conclude water delivery contracts with six WUAs before the beginning of the vegetation period and make it specified what volume of water small pumping stations, siphons, and watermills take from AAC.

The AAC MO Head made a mention of that year every WUA had to conclude a water delivery contract before March 10 of that year and, at the same time, make an advance payment at the rate of 30 % of the total amount for the water requested for 2011. From March 11 till 31 of that year, water supply on AAC will be stopped to carry out sanitary cleaning and maintenance works in accordance with the schedule.

It was mentioned that from March 3 to 15 of that year, in 6 WUAs in the AAC zone general meetings would be held, where the results of WUA activities in 2010 would be considered.

### March

- March 28, 2011. Kyrgyzstan, Osh province, Karasu district, Shark village. A regular meeting of RBMC UWU Board was held, which was attended by 6 Board members and 3 invitees. The following issues were considered: 1) approval of the work schedule of RBMC UWU for 2011; 2) the results of the reporting back meetings in WUAs of the RBMC zone.

It was noted that in February and March of that year, in all WUAs located in the RBMC zone general meetings were conducted, at which they considered the results of the WUA activities in 2010. Special mention of the good results of the WUAs “Mongu Suu”, “Konurat-Yug”, “Shark Uvam”, and “Kaldar” can be made. Representatives of quarter committees also worked actively.

Notwithstanding this, it is necessary to improve the WUA work further, work with every water user. Water delivery contracts must be fully concluded with RBMC MO, farms, and WUG leaders before the vegetation period. These contracts play a certain role in the enhancement of WUA and RBMC UWU water services fees collection.

At the meeting, the RBMC UWU work schedule for 2011 was considered and approved unanimously by the Board members.

### April

April 23, 2011. Uzbekistan, Fergana province, Kuva district, SFMC UWU office. A regular meeting of the SFMC UWU Board was conducted, which was attended by 7 Board members. The following issues were considered: 1) progress of the implementation of the Interim Phase 5 of the IWRM-FV Project; 2) analysis of the water allocation in the canal zone by SFMC UWU together with SFMC MO; 3) activation of the SFMC UWU work with local authorities (makhalla committees, kishlak councils).

It was mentioned at the meeting that the SFMC UWU purpose was not only to improve water management in the SFMC zone, but also to secure equitable water distribution and uniform water supply along the canal by involving even broader sections of the community.

In the SFMC zone, SFMC UWU specialists carry out monitoring of the WUA activities, proceeding from which relevant decisions are to be taken. The monitoring results are submitted to the SFMC UWU office on a monthly basis.

In view of operative solution of the problems related to water distribution, conservation of ecological balance in the canal zone, drinking water supply to the community, which arise in the field, actions of SFMC UWU in cooperation with makhalla committees and kishlak councils are activated.

## **2. Water & Land Commission (WLC)**

### March

March 2, 2011. Uzbekistan, Fergana province, Kuva district, Kuva district khokimiyat (administration) office. A meeting of the Kuva district WLC was conducted, which was attended by the WLC Chair, the Kuva District Khokim Mr. A. Madaminov, WLC members, managers of WUAs and farms, and chairs of the makhalla committees of the Kuva district: 217 people in total.

The following issues were considered: 1) execution of the Kuva district WLC resolutions in 2010; 2) consideration of the Kuva district WLC actions plan for 2011; 3) achievements by the IWRM-

FD Project in the SFMC zone and Project actions plan for 2011; 4) specified government order to reduce the level of water shortage impact on crop capacity during the vegetation period of 2011; 5) state of affairs related to the optimization of the WUA territories, material and technical support, and human resources of the WUAs in the Kuva district.

It was noted that the Kuva district WLC was established in 2010, and for the rest of the it operated on an experimental basis. 3 WLC meetings were conducted in 2010. The resolutions taken by the meetings were executed in full. In particular, they failed to be provide the majority of WUAs with necessary hardware and equipment as well as sufficient number of specialists and complete payment for water services.

At the meeting, the WLC actions plan for 2011 was discussed and approved unanimously by the meeting participants.

Then, the Project National Manager Mr. A. Kholikov reported in detail the results of the IWRM-FD Project implementation in the SFMC zone in 2010. Also, the meeting participants got acquainted with the Project actions plan for 2011 in the SFMC zone.

Further, participants were informed of the resolution of the Government meeting dated February 20, 2011 chaired by the Prime Minister Sh. Mirziyoev and familiarize themselves with all items of the government instruction concerning the expected water shortage in the water sources of the Republic. Also, they were informed of possible consequences of water deficit in the Kuva district and required measures to mitigate that during the vegetation period of 2011.

It was noted that in 2010 the total number of farms in the Kuva district was 713 units, and after the optimization by the beginning of this year their number came to 612. As a result, it becomes necessary to optimize the size of the WUAs in the SFMC zone as well as take decisions related to that issue at general meetings of the WUAs.

### **3. Capacity building**

#### **March**

- The Regional Group prepared “Manual for the Implementation of IWRM (Institutional Aspects)”, Volumes 1 and 2.  
It is distributed among the decision makers of the three republics: Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, and Uzbekistan. In addition, this Manual is put on the SIC ICWC website [www.cawater-info.net](http://www.cawater-info.net).
- Local project executors prepared and distributed among water users and stakeholders bulletins of the UCWU/CWC/CMO activity and work experience:
  - 1) Bulletin of the Aravan Akbura Canal Union of Water Users, 20 copies.
  - 2) Bulletin of the Right Bank Main Canal Union of Water Users, 20 copies.

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