

Annual Progress Reporting

Project title: Integrated Water Resources Management and Water Efficiency Plan for Zarafshan River Basin

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Implementing partner: Ministry of Agriculture and Water Resources of the Republic of Uzbekistan

Period covered in this report: January – December 2010

Date of last QPR: September 2010

Date of the last Project Board meeting: November 10, 2010

Project Performance

1. Please list the annual targets for the reporting year as set out in the project document and/or AWP:

Target 1:

1) 25 % of legislative recommendations and draft principles are developed; 2). 60 water management institutions' staff trained

Target 2:

1) Working Group for drinking water and sanitation established at the Basin level; 2) A detailed analysis on current status of Water Communal Services and Utilities within the Zarafshan River Basin conducted

Target 3:

1) Working Group for balanced water resources distribution established at the Basin level. 2) A detailed analysis on current status of water resources management in Uzbekistan in whole and in Zarafshan River Basin

Please specify below what has been the progress towards the above indicated targets during the reporting period:

Achievements on Target 1:

Modernized National Water Legislation.

The project has developed 3 legal regulatory acts as 25% of legislative recommendations and draft principles in accordance with changes made in current Water Law:

- 1) Draft Order of Water Use
- 2) Draft Regulation of the order for special water use permission
- 3) Draft Regulation on establishment of Water Protection Zone around Water Bodies

As part of capacity building the project trained 60 water management staff on above 3 legal regulatory documents were conducted training workshops.

Two roundtables with the participation of local administration representatives, city and regional representatives of the nature protection offices, communal services, industry, Karmana-Konimeh Irrigation System Authority (ISA) and Water Users Association and etc to discuss the possibility of gradual implementation of the principles of integrated water resources management at the basin level and agree on project priorities

The discussion was conducted with representatives of Ministry of Agriculture and Water Resources and Central Asian Water Research Institute (SANIIRI) to discuss the content of 2 legal regulatory acts with participation of International Consultant. Comments and recommendations towards improving these by-laws have been discussed and accepted by the MAWR.

Results achieved in the framework of the given activity, will have significant support to the planned activities in 2011.

Achievements on Target 2:

Integrated Strategy for Water Supply and Sanitation of the Zarafshan Basin

On the basis of the recommendation and proposals received at the round tables organized during October-November, the project has identified circle of persons, representatives of the organizations to participate in the working group on water and sanitation at the basin level.

The project has carried out analysis on the current status of drinking water and sanitation in the Zarafshan river basin. The results shows that the project will need to pay attention to more complete disclosure of the reasons of the pre-bankruptcy state of the municipal services and to develop practical recommendations for the establishment of the mechanism ensuring stable operation of these services.

Achievements on Target 3:

IWRM and Water Efficiency Plan for Zarafshan River Basin

During the last quarter the project has discussed with relevant organizations and agencies range of issues related to the joint activities within the working group which will assist in the preparation of the detailed project reports for each of the subcomponents and the further development of sectoral strategies. The results of the work will be discussed at the meetings of advisory groups that will be created in various areas under the component.

A technical report was prepared based on the requirements of the international consultant, who in turn developed an analytical report, which assesses the current situation in Uzbekistan in the planning, management, use and protection of water resources in the context of the implementation of IWRM principles and provides an analysis of international experience regarding the development and implementation of IWRM in other countries.

2. Implementation / Quality Log (to be completed by Project Managers)

PLANNING FOR THE YEAR				REPORTING IS TO BE ENTERED ON QUARTERLY BASIS Update on Quality Log / Activity Quality Assessment (report on this Quarter only)			
Activity Result 1: Modernized National Water Legislation Start date of the Activity: January 4, 2010 End Date of the Activity: 30 November 2013 ¹							
Quality criteria (i.e how/with what indicators the quality of the activity result will be measured?)	Quality method (what method will be used for this criteria?)	Due Date	Responsible person in the project	Actual progress made/ User perspective	Timeliness (were the achievements reached within the planned timeframe)	Resources Usage (were the achievements reached within the planned budget)	Quality rating (from 1 to 9) and % of completion
To support work of interagency Technical Working Groups towards improving of water legislation This quality criteria refers to the following target under this activity result: 25 % of legislative recommendations and draft principles are developed;	Three regulatory acts developed have been discussed and agreed with all key stakeholders	September 30, 2010	Project Manager	The project has developed three regulatory documents and provides assistance to MAWR in discussions of these documents with stakeholders.	According to timeframe indicated in AWP the documents were developed in time	The expenditures on this activity are not exceeded planned amount	7/100

PLANNING FOR THE YEAR				REPORTING IS TO BE ENTERED ON QUARTERLY BASIS Update on Quality Log / Activity Quality Assessment (report on this Quarter only)			
Activity Result 2: Integrated Strategy for Water Supply and Sanitation of the Zarafshan Basin Start date of the Activity: 1 May 2010 End Date of the Activity: 30 May 2013 ²							
Quality criteria (i.e how/with what indicators the quality of the activity result will be measured?)	Quality method (what method will be used for this criteria?)	Due Date	Responsible person in the project	Actual progress made/ User perspective	Timeliness (were the achievements reached within the planned timeframe)	Resources Usage (were the achievements reached within the planned budget)	Quality rating (from 1 to 9) and % of completion
A Basin Working Group created for drinking water and sanitation This quality criteria refers to the following target under this activity result: Working Group for drinking water and sanitation established at the Basin level; A detailed analysis on current status of Water Communal Services and Utilities within the Zarafshan River Basin	The structure of the Basin Working Group defined and agreed by relevant institutions	September 30, 2010	Project Manager	At the meetings with key stakeholders during October-November the structure of Basin level working group has been defined The report developed and accepted by UNDP	This Activity was planned for Quarter 3. It was postponed till the missions of the International Consultant	The expenditures on this activity are not exceeded planned amount	8/100
	The final draft developed is to be discussed with PM	October 30, 2010	Project Manager		Quarter 4	The expenditures for this activity are not exceeded	9/100

¹ In the project document the date of completion of this component was set as 11th September, 2011. In accordance with updated RRF that was approved by the Project Board the new date of completion is 30th November 2013

² The old date was 30th March, 2011

conducted	and International Consultant prior to submitting to UNDP					planned amount	
This quality criteria refers to the following target under this activity result A detailed analysis on current status of Water Communal Services and Utilities within the Zarafshan River Basin conducted							

REPORTING IS TO BE ENTERED ON QUARTERLY BASIS
Update on Quality Log / Activity Quality Assessment (report on this Quarter only)

PLANNING FOR THE YEAR							
Activity Result 3: IWRM and Water Efficiency Plan for Zarafshan River Basin							
Start date of the Activity: January 25, 2010	End Date of the Activity: 30 th November 2013 ³						
Quality criteria (i.e how/with what indicators the quality of the activity result will be measured?)	Quality method (what method will be used for this criteria?)	Due Date	Responsible person in the project	Actual progress made/ User perspective	Timeliness (were the achievements reached within the planned timeframe)	Resources Usage (were the achievements reached within the planned budget)	Quality rating (from 1 to 9) and % of completion
A Basin Working Group created will include irrigation water use efficiency This quality criteria refers to the following target under this activity result: <i>Detailed Project Report on water resources management developed</i>	The structure of the Basin Working Groups defined and agreed by relevant institutions	Sept. 27, 2010	Project Manager	At the meetings with key stakeholders during October-November the structure of Basin level working group has been defined	Delay in the activity by three weeks due to delay in the mission of IC	The expenditures for this activity are not exceeded planned amount	8/100
A detailed analysis on current status of water resources management in Uzbekistan, including Zarafshan River Basin conducted This quality criteria refers to the following target under this activity result: <i>A detailed analysis on current status of water resources management in Uzbekistan in whole and in Zarafshan River Basin conducted</i>	The Report agreed with UNDP and International Consultant	November 15, 2010	Project Manager	Report is submitted and approved by UNDP	Quarter 4	The expenditures for this activity are not exceeded planned amount	9/100

³ The old data was 15th of December 2011

3. Issues

- a) Please specify the issues that were raised during the reporting period to the attention of the Project Board. Describe the steps taken to solve those (Management response in ATLAS).

Recent experience showed that the concept of IWRM is not enough clear to stakeholders, and consequently there is lack of understanding of project goals and objectives. One of the main reasons for that is the fact that in development of the project document was involved one group while in the First Project Board Meetings other group of people has participated. The project addressed this problem and was suggested to bring to the management's attention of the relevant Ministries and Departments to appoint a permanent representative to the Project Board. Taking into account the fact that appointed personals of the Project Board are high-ranking officials and are not able participate in each meetings. Thus, recommended to the project to pay special attention on the strengthening of the project coordination with the personals of the Project Board, through the joint activities of the technical working group will conduct frequently.

4. Project risks

- a) Please provide update on any changes with regard to the above indicated risks (e.g. risk occurred; no change and etc.). Specify the responses taken for each of those.

1. Lack of understanding of IWRM concepts may lead to unwillingness to cooperate among key stakeholders and other related organizations.
2. Lack of capacity of National Implementing Agency (Ministry of Agriculture and Water Resources) to promote real IWRM planning and possible intentions to implement IWRM as a means of one Ministry gaining power at the expense of other stakeholders.

Measures towards risks mitigation

1. The project through its PR and training activities will address these concerns in proper way. Intersectoral Technical Working Groups at national and basin levels will be regularly trained on the IWRM concepts.
2. The project will pay special attention to the matters of identifying, followed by justifying the advantages that National Implementing Agency could benefit from, if proper IWRM Plan considering interests of all water users, will be adopted. For instance via strategies developed under subcomponent 3.8 (Strategy for improving agricultural productivity and water use efficiency within the basin) and 3.9 (Strategy for improving the surface water delivery system and irrigation and drainage network) the project will enhance the position of the national implementing agency by justifying necessity of more adequate financing of the water sector for sustainable operation. Currently the water sector suffers from the lack of resources allocated through the state budget. On the other hand, the financial mechanism of IWRM plan will allow the Ministry of Agriculture and Water Resources use their available finance resources in the way what will promote saving of energy in pumping irrigation. In addition, the modernised water law will support the Ministry of Agriculture and Water Resources in promoting efficient water management policy. These advantages need to be properly explained to the National Implementing Agency.

- a) Please identify risks (if any) you anticipate for the next Quarters:

The same as above

5. Financial management

Current AWP budget:	145 785 USD
Current expenditure (broken down by donor)	145 785 USD
UNDP TRAC	122 704,68 USD
SDC funds	23 080,32 USD
Current delivery rate:	100 %
Expected delivery by end of the year:	145 785 (in USD)

6. Required steps for the next Quarter (if any?)

For next year following activities and tasks have been planned to achieve:

Component 1. Modernized Water Legislation

The activities works towards developing of the legal and institutional framework for IWRM will be continued that include:

- Establish of inter-sectoral consultative group;
- Review, analysis, and exposure to International Experience in National and International Water Law with international assistance;
- Assemble of all relevant legislation and make decision on scope of new water legislation.

Component 2. Integrated Strategy for Water Supply and Sanitation of the Zarafshan Basin

Within this component the pilot project on drinking water will be propose & commence and implement according to pilot criteria developed.

Component 3. IWRM and Water Efficiency Plan for Zarafshan River Basin. Within this component the activities defined under following subcomponents will be started:

3.3 (Strategy for improving environmental access to water); 3.4 (Strategy for improving information management within the basin); 3.5 (Strategy for Education, Communication and Outreach), 3.8 (Strategy for improving agricultural productivity and water use efficiency within the basin); 3.9 (Strategy for improving the surface water delivery system and irrigation and drainage network); 3.10 (Strategy for energy sector water use, improving energy efficiency for reducing costs of water pumping and green house gas emissions); 3.11 (Strategy for Industrial Water Use Efficiency and Measures for Improving Industrial Growth through IWRM); 3.12 (Pilot Projects that demonstrate key concepts for implementing IWRM).

Please specify below any adjustments (revisions) required under the approved AWP/project document in terms of project activities or budget adjustments, if applicable (e.g. due to low delivery)

Prepared by: _____ (Project Manager, name and title)

Cleared by: _____ Head of Programme Unit 28 Aek 2010

Cleared by: _____ National Project Coordinator (during mid-year and annual review reporting)

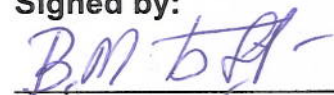
Checklist to be completed by the Programme focal point:

Before completing this checklist, programme focal point has to visit the Executive Snapshot/Programme & Project Management > Overview of Awards > Select Award ID > Click on "View the Progress Report for this Award."

- Yes No Quality Log/Progress report is updated in ATLAS
- Yes No Risk logs is updated in ATLAS by Project Manager and management response is updated by Programme Officer / programme focal point
- Yes No Issues logs is updated in ATLAS
- Yes No Lessons learned are reflected appropriately (offline in the programme files)
- Yes No N/A Budget revision is approved (if applicable)

If for some boxes, "No" was checked, please provide justification:

Signed by:



Programme focal point