

## Annual Progress Reporting

**Project title:** Capacity Building of National Irrigated Land Reclamation Fund

**Award ID:** 00058062

**Project ID:** 00071961

**Implementing partner:** Fund Management Department at the Ministry of Finance

**Period covered in this report:** January – December 15, 2010

**Date of last QPR:** September, 2010

**Date of the last Project Board meeting:** December 10, 2010

### Project Performance

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

- 1) 20% of institutional streamlining recommendations are developed;
- 2) 60 Fund's staff trained;
- 3) 3 analysis prepared;
- 4) Draft legal principles for land reclamation prepared;
- 5) 50% reduction in groundwater and soil salinity on 20 ha square land achieved.

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

- 1) For institutional streamlining recommendations developing was organized 3 (1 in Tashkent and 2 in pilot—Syrdarya and Fergana regions) workshops with main stakeholders (90 participants); In result final Programmatic Assessment Report, Strategy with Capacity Building Plan prepared; Simultaneously Capacity Building Workshops (1 in Tashkent and 2 in pilot—Syrdarya and Fergana regions) for key stakeholders (75 participants) involved; In result Final Institutional and Organizational Assessment Report and Capacity Building Plan prepared.
- 2) On application of GIS technology for creation of reclamation cadastre maps and database Management system, as well as on selecting and testing express methods for measurement of soil and water mineralization (4 trainings for 60 participants); Simultaneously in order to provide effective information flow and data management system within National Irrigated Land Reclamation Fund activities developed; Website was developed and draft materials on project activities were prepared for upload into the web page. Laser levelling trainings for from Syrdarya OGME conducted. In result was prepared 17 operators, which can work for laser levelling (for example Implemented land laser levelling of JIRCAS demonstration fields). Study Tour for 10 high level officials conducted and detailed report about outcomes of the trip developed and submitted; In result the delegation received detailed information by visiting US land reclamation organizations at both the national and local levels to understand the interactions between the policy and implementation aspects.
- 3) For analysis preparing International consultant (Development Economist) selected and recruited. Action to evaluate existing project preparation processes started in December.

- 4) International Consultant (Legal Expert in Irrigation and Land Management) selected and recruited. Work for the consultant will start in the beginning of 2011.
- 5) Field works (laser levelling, deep ripping and other improved irrigation technologies) in the pilot demonstration plot (Syrdarya region) conducted for enhancing water use efficiency and land reclamation improving;  
Special chemical laboratory equipments (about 80 000 USD) for enhancing capacity of pilot OGMEs and SANIIRI purchasing. Also for creation information system of OGMEs purchasing software and hardware;

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

PLANNING FOR THE YEAR (state for each Activity in the project)		REPORTING IS TO BE ENTERED ON QUARTERLY BASIS Update on Quality Log / Activity Quality Assessment (report on this Quarter only)					
<b>Activity Result 1: The Institutional Structure of the Irrigated Land Reclamation Fund is streamlined for More Effective and Efficient Operations</b> Start date of the Activity: <u>September 3, 2009</u> End date of the Activity: <u>December 31, 2011</u>							
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
Final Programmatic Assessment Report, Strategy with Capacity Building Plan prepared	Organizational Assessment and Streamlining Report	May 30, 2010	Project Manager	<b>Quarter 1</b> The Organizational Assessment and Streamlining Recommendations prepared  <b>Quarter 2</b> The Final Programmatic Assessment Report, Strategy with Capacity Building Plan prepared	<b>Quarter 2</b> Delay for one month took place in this part of activity due to the prolonged approval process of the LRF	66 535	8/100%
Final Institutional and Organizational Assessment Report and Capacity Building Plan prepared	Institutional and Organizational Strengthening Needs Assessment Report	May 30, 2010	Project Manager	<b>Quarter 1</b> The Institutional and Organizational Strengthening Assessment Report prepared  <b>Quarter 2</b> The Final Institutional and Organizational Assessment Report and Capacity Building Plan prepared. Scientific Information Assistance Working Group established.	On time	41 945	9/ 100%
Number of Fund Management Department personnel trained	Survey to evaluate the quality of training conducted by questionnaires	Quarterly and annually during the second and third year of the project	NTC	<b>Quarter 1</b> According to the filled up questionnaires Fund Management Department (FMD) personnel showed understanding of necessity of institutional improvement.	On time	75 051	9/ 100%
				<b>Quarter 2</b>			

					4 workshops in May (2 - Tashkent, 1 – Gulistan, 1 - Fergana). More than 150 stakeholders were involved in discussion of the Program Assessment and Institutional Strengthening and Capacity Building Plan.  <b>Quarter 3-4</b> Study Tour for 10 high level officials conducted. Delegation received detailed information by visiting US land reclamation organizations.				
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**Activity Result 2: The Fund's capacity to set project priorities based on sound principles of project preparation is enhanced.**  
**Start date of the Activity: Third quarter 2010 End date of the Activity: December 31, 2011**

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
Number of specialists of the Fund Management Department, Project Design Institutes and other relevant institutions trained	Questionnaire	Continuous	NTC	<b>Quarter 4</b> International Consultant: Development Economist and National Consultant: Programs & Projects Development & Assessment Specialist selected; Detailed Analysis of Current Irrigated Land Reclamation Financing Practice conducted.	<b>Quarter 4</b> Delay for 1.5 months took place in this part of activity due to a reselection of second candidate. Baseline Information gathered.	6 233	6/ 20%

**Activity Result 3: Legislation Governing Land Degradation from Improper Irrigation Practices is Updated and Modernized**  
**Start date of the Activity: Fourth quarter 2010 End date of the Activity: December 31, 2011**

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
Number of draft or final legal analyses, principals or draft	Analysis accepted by the government	Quarterly and annually	Project Manager	<b>Quarter 4</b> International Consultant: Legal	<b>Quarter 4</b> In process	6 233	6/ 10%

Legislative documents developed.	through Implementing Agency	Expert in Irrigation & Land Management selected;						
<b>Activity Result 4: Pilot projects that demonstrate the relationship between effective land reclamation activities and improvements in land quality are conducted</b>								
<b>Start date of the Activity: Second quarter 2010 End date of the Activity: November, 30, 2011</b>								
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	
Field pilot demonstrates relationship between best practice and reduced soil erosion and/or reduced soil and ground water salinity levels.	2010. 20 ha with a 50% reduction in groundwater and soil salinity; 2011. 20 ha with a 50% reduction in groundwater and soil salinity	November 2011	NTC	<b>Quarter 2</b> 2 demo plots (with definition of scope of work: laser leveling, deep reaping and etc.) in Syr Darya and Fergana Region Conducted. <b>Quarter 3-4</b> field works (laser levelling, deep ripping and other improved irrigation technologies) in the pilot demonstration plot (Syrdarya region) conducted;	<b>Quarter 4</b> Due to shortage of diesel fuel, the project faces a delay for about two months in this part of activity, and consequently field works in DP Fergana region have been carried over to the 2 <sup>nd</sup> quarter of Y2011	18 000	5/50%	
Automation pilot analyzes results more quickly than the current practices and results are used for decision making in the annual project funding cycles.	Reduced time required for data processing and countermeasures formulation compare to existing practices	Annually	NTC	<b>Quarter 2</b> List of necessary equipment for OGME laboratory prepared. <b>Quarter 4</b> Special equipment has been purchased An algorithm with divisions and GIS administrator of Syrdarya OGME as model for further development of an Information and Data Management System in other OGMEs built.	Procurement completed, delivery in process	100 130	8/80%	
Number of hectares using improved irrigation practices resulting in reduced groundwater and soil salinity levels.	Compare to control field increasing of yield and reducing of water consumption.	Annually	Project Manager	<b>Quarter 2</b> Initial surveys (water and soil salinity measurement) on demo plots conducted.	<b>Quarter 4</b> Due to shortage of diesel fuel, the project faces a delay for about two months in this part of activity, and consequently	18 000	7/70%	

				<p><b>Quarter 3-4</b> 17 operators from Syrdarya ameliorative expedition's staff trained to use laser leveling equipment.</p>	<p>field works in DP Fergana region have been carried over to the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of Y2011</p>		
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### 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).

Due to shortage of diesel fuel, the project faces a delay for about two months in pilot area activities, and consequently field works in DP Fergana region have been carried over to the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of Y2011. To prevent negative consequences of this situation all works (laser leveling and combine drainage) in the demonstration plot in the Ferghana region included in the work program of the Fund.

### 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.

No substantial risks were identified during reporting period.

- a) Please identify any risks you anticipate for the next Quarter:

### 5. Financial management

Current AWP budget:	<u>USD 332 127</u>
Current expenditure (broken down by donor)	<u>USD 332 127</u>
Current delivery rate:	<u>98 %</u>
Expected delivery by end of the year:	<u>USD 325 649</u>


### 7. Required steps for the next Year (if any?)

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)

In connection with the force-major circumstances caused by a long absence of diesel fuel in the country, delays in works on preparation of a demonstration site in Fergana region, planned under the 4<sup>th</sup> component of the project took place. Considering this, for maintenance of timely preparation of this demonstration site, according to last decision of the Project Board all provided works on a laser leveling of the field and building of the combined drainage have been included in the list of objects of the Government program of ameliorative improvement for 2011. However project completion in 2011 won't allow carrying out all complex of a necessary cycle of supervision for an environmental-ameliorative and social and economic estimation of design offers. Besides, this reduction of the budget of the project for 42 thousand dollars will complicate the completion of the works on geo-information database control system creation OGME, with opening of an information portal of FMD and MAWR, which were began in 2010.

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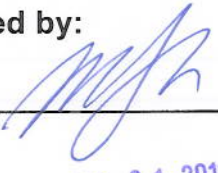
**Checklist to be completed by the Programme focal point:**

To fill 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
- Yes**  **No**  **N/A** Budget revision is approved (if applicable)

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

**Signed by:**

  
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Programme focal point

25. 01. 2011